

COUNTY CANDIDATES PRESENT CASES TO CLINTON AUDIENCE

Voters Gather At School Auditorium To Hear Office-Seekers Press Claims In Third Appearance of Campaign. Old-Age Pensions and Extra Pay For Legislators Engage Attention of Aspirants For Seats In House of Representatives.

Clinton provided the forum Tuesday morning for the county candidates who this week started on their bi-annual trek seeking the suffrage of the voters. The meeting was held in the Florida Street school auditorium with James L. Browning presiding during the first part and Dr. F. K. Shealy the latter part. The invocation was made by J. Leroy Burns of Laurens.

The predominating topic among the house candidates was old age pensions, practically all of them being in favor of adequate provisions being made for the aged and infirm. None of them, however, called for a special session of the legislature to handle the problem now that payments to beneficiaries have been reduced. In other sections of the state there have been demands made on the governor to call a special session of the legislature.

The meeting was devoid of fireworks but two of the candidates for reelection who are present members of the house, Messrs. Milam and Wasson, became somewhat vehement in answer to another house candidate, L. A. Austell, who, in a previous meeting, berated them for not staying at the Jefferson hotel while attending sessions of the house in Columbia.

The campaign party swung into action Monday morning when they appeared at Centerpoint. Monday night they spoke at Clinton Mills. Tuesday night they appeared at Goldville, Wednesday morning at Cross Hill, Wednesday night at Lydia Mills. This morning they will speak at Hickory Tavern and tonight at Watts Mills. The Friday morning meeting at Poplar Springs will close the official activities of the party for the week.

Unopposed Candidates Lead

J. Leroy Burns, unopposed candidate for reelection as county superintendent of education, was the first speaker. He stated that his record is open to the public. Said he made only one promise to the voters four years ago and that was to perform the duties of the office in an efficient manner. Will always be helpful, loyal and courteous to the people of the county.

D. Roy Simpson, who is without opposition in the race for reelection as treasurer, expressed appreciation for the support received four years ago. The financial affairs of the county, he said, are in excellent condition. The county for the past several years, he said, has not had to borrow money for operating expenses.

Clerk of Court

Victor R. Fleming, of Laurens, said he had had a youthful ambition to serve the county in the office of clerk of court and asked the people to help him achieve that ambition. He is a Laurens county boy, he said, a graduate of Clemson college, and has taught four years in the Laurens schools. He has prepared himself to carry out the duties of the office, he said, and promised efficiency and courtesy to those who use its facilities. No book company, he said, would have a monopoly on the business of the office, but will put it on a competitive basis in order to save money for the taxpayers.

C. A. Power recounted his former years of service in the clerk's office, the probate judge's office and as postmaster at Laurens, saying that he has a record that is probably unexcelled in South Carolina. He said he was always prompt in recording papers in the clerk's office. Books of the office, he stated, were in perfect condition when his term ended. He said he also served with the same efficiency in the office of probate judge and the post office. He said he is now offering the same type of service if elected to the clerk's office. He recalled his interest in and service to veterans of the Civil, Spanish and World wars, all given freely without charge. Said he was recently elected an honorary member of the J. J. McSwain camp of Spanish-American war veterans. He praised the work being done by the three institutions of the city—Thornwell orphanage, Presbyterian college and the State Training School. He stated that he will give his full time to the office and render the best service of which he is capable.

John D. Davis, incumbent, stated that he appreciated his appointment to the office and has tried to be fair in service rendered since he assumed the office. The work of the office, he said, has more than doubled in recent years, and this has prevented his getting out and mingling with and shaking hands with the people. He stated he felt the people would prefer that he look after the duties of the office rather than neglect them by making an intensive campaign. The office, he said, is being run just

as efficiently as in any previous administration. One of his opponents, he said, has served many years in public office and he thinks that someone else is entitled to honors in the county. Mr. Davis stated that all he wants is to complete the present unexpired term of the late Thos. W. Bennett and be reelected for one term of his own. Then he will be ready to step down and out. It is not humanly possible, he said, to give one-day service on recording of papers in the office, since the volume of business is so great, but they are recorded in the order received. The service of the office, he said, is courteous, fair and impartial.

House of Representatives

Joe P. Terry, resident of the Clinton Mills, stated that the textile industry of the county needs a representative in the legislature. He feels that he knows the needs of the working people, and will fight for them. Has worked in grocery stores and mills for 20 years. Is in favor of old-age pension of \$30 a month. He stated the money for old-age pensions has been appropriated but doesn't know where it has gone. Thinks teachers should get adequate pay, and is for good roads, schools and lower taxes. He said he is opposed to a sales tax since it will add a burden on the working people. He said a sales tax bill most likely would be introduced at the next session of the legislature and that he will fight vigorously against it. He is also opposed to extra pay for legislators and will oppose any move to add to it at the end of the session. When he paid his entry fee, he stated, he knew the salary of the office was only \$400 a session, and that is all he expects to be paid. However, he said, if the extra pay bill is passed, he will accept the money. He is not bridled by any one, he said, except the working people and will look after their interests, but will not neglect other matters. Mr. Terry said he won't wait four or five weeks, until people are on the verge of starvation, to come to their relief, but will see that assistance is brought immediately when needed. He referred to the differences in the work-relief pay scale between the North and the South. PWA labor, he said, is worth just as much here as in Northern states, and is in favor of putting wages between the sections on an equal basis.

Robert C. Wasson, incumbent, stated that he served three years as a school teacher before entering legislative service. He is now in business in the Hickory Tavern community, he said, and is a graduate of Presbyterian college. He thanked the voters for their support two years ago when he was elected to the house on the first ballot, and considered it a vote of confidence. He had endeavored, he said, to live and work so as not to have that confidence misplaced. He has always been interested in education, he said, and served on education committees in the legislature, assisted in lengthening state-supported school term to eight months, and increasing and adjusting teachers' pay. He thinks the rental school book system can be easily worked into a free textbook system and will work toward that end. He said he is in favor of the old-age pension plan as now followed in the state, but that it can be improved. Has also worked for progressive labor legislation. Is interested in county affairs and has worked to make the county offices more efficient in their operation and service rendered, and will continue to lend his efforts along that line. The state, he said, is facing a deficit for next year. He is in favor of reducing the appropriation bill rather than adding new taxes. The state, he said, is not obligated to furnish a college education to children of the state, and is in favor of reducing appropriations to state educational institutions. Mr. Wasson also would divert part of the revenue from the gasoline tax, now given wholly to the highway department, to assist in favor of homestead exemption. Stated that he has been criticized for meeting general appropriations. Is not living at the Jefferson hotel when in Columbia attending sessions of the legislature. Refuses to stay in a place where he will be surrounded by liquor. Decried what he stated was the unfair criticism of another candidate.

L. A. Austell stated that he came to the county six years ago. If elected he will be the representative of all the people. There should be an investigation of the county demonstration office, he said. There is much dissatisfaction among farmers, since some are allowed to plant only 2½ acres to the plow, while others are

School Bond Issue Election Tuesday

Qualified Electors of District To Vote On Question of Issuing \$65,000 in Bonds.

A bond issue election for Hunter school district No. 5 will be held Tuesday, Aug. 23, when the question of issuing and selling \$65,000 in coupon bonds will be submitted to qualified electors of the district.

According to an advertisement in today's paper, by the trustees of the district, giving legal notice of the election, it is proposed to issue the bonds the proceeds of which will be used to erect new buildings, additions to present buildings, and to buy needed equipment for the Clinton schools.

The election will be held in the high school building, and W. R. Anderson, Jr., Frank E. Miller and W. S. Denson have been appointed as managers to conduct the election. The polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 4 p. m.

According to opinion of R. E. Babb, county attorney, furnished to the trustees, the legal requirements for voting in the election are as follows:

"In order to vote the person offering to vote must produce a registration certificate from the county board of registration issued after the 1st day of January, 1938, and at least 30 days prior to the holding of the election. He must also make proof of payment of poll tax for the last year same was assessed against him, payable more than 30 days prior to the election, and he must have paid the same at least 30 days prior to the holding of the election. Persons not liable for the payment of poll tax are not required to make such proof of payment. He must be a resident of the district. The following persons are liable for the payment of poll tax: All males between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, except those incapable of earning a support from being maimed or from other cause, shall be deemed taxable polls."

Many New Horses For Clinton Show

Entry Blanks Reveal "Horse Population" of County Increasing At Rapid Rate.

That the number of horses in Laurens county has increased at a rapid rate in the past year is revealed by the return of entry blanks for the annual Laurens county horse show to be staged at Johnson field, Clinton, on the night of August 26.

Of approximately fifty horses to be entered, members of the committee state, about 25 have never before been in the show, and of that number about 20 are horses purchased during the past year. This indicates the rapidly growing interest in horses among Laurens county people and augurs well for the success of the show next week.

Besides the two new features added to the show this year, the showing of saddle horses in pairs and harness riding, the committee in charge will construct a regulation riding ring on the field which will show the animals to better advantage since most of them have been trained under such conditions.

With good weather conditions prevailing, it is expected that the show this year will be the best in the experience of the Clinton Lions club, sponsor of the event.

May Lower The Tax Brackets

Senator Harrison Says That Business Trends Will Decide Issue.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Senator Harrison (D-Miss) said today that unless there was a pick-up in business before congress meets it might be necessary to lower income tax exemptions and increase the levies in the middle brackets.

Harrison is chairman of the senate finance committee. An upturn in business, he said, probably would increase government revenues so that the revisions would be unnecessary.

Harrison added in an interview that he believed there would be no necessity of revising the undistributed profits tax as enacted in the 1938 law, "unless we have not removed the inequities and hardships that we believed we took out of the old law."

Clinton Schools To Open Sept. 1

The Clinton city schools will open their 1938-39 session on Thursday, September 1st.

The Thornwell orphanage schools will enter upon their new year's work on August 30th.

691,000 Bales For State Is Forecast

Production Is Based On Assumption 1,296,000 Acres Of Cotton Are Harvested This Fall.

Columbia, Aug. 15.—A South Carolina cotton crop of 691,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight is forecast from conditions as of August 1, according to F. O. Black, agricultural statistician. A crop of this size would be 322,000 bales, or 32 per cent. below production in 1937, and 107,000 bales, or 9 per cent. below average production for the years 1927-36. The smallest crop since 1883 was the 492,000 bales made in 1922, and the largest 1,649,000 bales produced in 1911.

The forecast assumes that 1,296,000 acres will be harvested this fall, which amount is the estimated acreage in cultivation July 1 of 1,313,000 acres less the ten-year average abandonment. This acreage for harvest compares with 1,695,000 acres harvested last year and the average of 1,686,000 acres harvested during the years 1927-1936.

The indicated yield is 255 pounds per acre as compared with 289 in 1937 and 231 average for the ten-year period 1927-36.

Seasonal advancement of the crop is about usual, but weevil infestation is comparatively heavy with the possibility of considerable loss from this source if August and September weather should prove favorable for weevil activity.

A United States cotton crop of 11,988,000 bales is forecast by the crop reporting board of the United States department of agriculture, based on condition as of August 1. If realized this will be 6,958,000 bales less than the 1937 crop and 1,213,000 bales less than the ten-year average (1927-36).

The average yield for the United States is forecast at 217.9 pounds per acre, which is 49 pounds less than the yield in 1937 but otherwise is the highest since 1898 when 223.1 pounds per acre were produced.

The United States condition is reported at 78 per cent. of normal and, with the exception of 1937, is the highest August 1 condition reported since 1913. In 1937 the August 1 condition was 81 per cent and the ten-year average (1927-36) 69 per cent.

Radio Director Takes Up Work

New Department Head at College Arrives In City To Begin Duties.

John H. Thatcher, newly appointed director of radio at Presbyterian college, this week arrived in Clinton and began preparatory work on his new department, which will have the double functions of teaching radio and production to Presbyterian college students and the preparing and presenting of electrical transcriptions to the radio stations of the area.

Mr. Thatcher is well qualified for this work. He holds a master's degree from Columbia university, has done work in speech at Princeton university, has done work in dramatic production in New York City, and for the past two years has been directing an extensive forum program in Buffalo, N. Y., which had as an important phase of its work the presentation of the nationally known radio program, "The Buffalo Town Meeting of the Air."

In addition to his teaching duties, Mr. Thatcher will write, direct, and produce dramatic radio sketches which will be electrically transcribed in the college's newly equipped radio recording studio. These programs will be dramatic presentations of social and economic problems of the South, and will be presented over all the stations of the state.

Home Building In State Off

Washington, Aug. 13.—Approximately 692 dwelling units were constructed in urban areas of South Carolina during the first half of 1938, according to estimates of the bureau of labor statistics.

This figure compares with a total of 914 dwelling units for the same state during the first half of 1937.

In the urban areas of the United States approximately one percent more dwelling units were provided during the first half of the current year than during the corresponding 1937 period. The most pronounced gains were shown in New York City where a new building code went into effect last January.

FIRST COTTON BOLL
The first open cotton boll of the season received at The Chronicle office was brought in by Charlie Hollis from the J. A. Bailey farm near here, known as the Byrd place. The boll was picked from one fo his fine fields on Friday morning, August 12th.

Clinton Lions Club Has Farmers Night

Many Guests From Over County Enjoy Affair. Club To Cooperate In "Better Pastures" Move.

The Clinton Lions club was host to approximately fifty Laurens county farmers and other guests Friday night at the Hob Nob, on the Clinton-Laurens highway, at the annual "farmers night" of the club.

There was no special program for the evening, since the event was planned primarily as an informal gathering and an opportunity for fellowship. C. W. Anderson, president of the club, presided and welcomed the guests who were introduced by members who invited them.

Alison Lee, editor of The Laurens Advertiser, and W. W. Harris, editor of The Chronicle, were introduced and spoke briefly.

C. B. Cannon, county agent, explained the operation of the plan whereby farmers may take advantage of the government's soil improvement program by planting crops that will build up fertility of the soil and at the same time being paid for it by the government. He also explained the pasture improvement move being instituted in the state and several farmers, including C. W. Stone and Jack H. Davis, Sr., suggested that farm representatives from Laurens and adjoining counties join hands in a movement to put the plan across in this section. The Lions club agreed to act as the medium for bringing the group together and a committee was appointed to move in that direction, working with the assistance of Mr. Cannon. The Laurens Lions club, through W. T. Bolt, a member who was present Friday-night, offered its assistance and it was heartily accepted.

During the course of the meeting Jack H. Davis, Jr., told of plans for staging the Laurens county horse show by the Clinton Lions club and asked the attendance and support of the group.

A steak supper was served by the host club and a number of guests expressed their appreciation for invitations extended to attend the affair.

Welfare Department Pays Out \$18,925

A total of \$18,925.16 was paid out through the welfare department in Laurens county during the month of July, Mrs. Mabel Little, county director, announced last week. Of that amount the aged, dependent children and blind received \$6,407.72, representing a reduction of approximately 45 per cent as compared to that of June.

The needy unemployed in Laurens county received \$12,517.44, Mrs. Little said, adding that most of these cases had been discontinued due to the reopening of Clinton and Lydia mills at Clinton.

Union Service At Presbyterian

The city union service next Sunday evening will be held at the First Presbyterian church. The pulpit will be occupied by the Rev. W. N. Long, pastor of the First Baptist church, with a cordial invitation extended all congregations to unite in the service.

Ford Calls 24,000 Persons To Work

Detroit, Aug. 15.—The Ford Motor Co., which halted operations a fortnight ago, called approximately 24,000 workers back today as production was resumed on the company's 1938 models.

The company employs 85,000 when operations are on a full time basis.

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GEORGE REPLIES TO ROOSEVELT

Says Issue Is Whether The People Are Capable of Choosing Own Servants.

Waycross, Ga., Aug. 15.—Senator Walter F. George, D., Ga., today served notice on the national administration that it "can't buy Georgia" with relief and WPA funds being poured into the state before the senatorial primary of September 14.

Accepting the challenge of President Roosevelt who endorsed Lawrence Camp, New Dealer, for the senatorial nomination and urged the defeat of George, the senator today called on the voters of the state to "select their own representatives, free from domination and control of executives."

George said the issue now involved was freedom of suffrage and contended that without freedom of suffrage, democracy cannot exist.

"The issue is whether the people of this state or any sovereign state are capable of electing and choosing their own servants, and whether the nature and character of our government itself demands that the people exercise the right to choose their own representatives in all public positions."

"Don't you want to vote for whomsoever you please?" he asked the crowd. "Don't you want him to exercise independent, conscious, God-fearing judgment on all matters of great importance?"

George defended his 16-year record in the senate and said he had no quarrel with anyone who differs with him on any public question. He admitted differing on some measures before congress.

Referring to President Roosevelt's attack on his allegiance to democracy, George said the "indictment which attacks my loyalty to the party and my record contains no single specification, and no bill of particulars has been appended to it.

"It is nothing but broad general conclusions."

George said he thought Mr. Roosevelt had "like all human beings, some time received misinformation," and added that "all men in high places are sometimes given misinformation for the purpose of advancing those who furnish that information."

George asserted that the disapproval of his reelection by the Committee for Industrial Organization and Labor's Non Partisan League were "badges of honor." He attacked the CIO as "communistic."

He said he had voted against the judicial reform and reorganization bills of the administration, first because the supreme court is the "guarantee of our liberty," and the reorganization measure would have "abolished the civil service commission."

"I want to make it perfectly plain that if I go back to Washington I will not vote to pack the supreme court, I will not vote for presidential control of a vast army of federal employees by one administrator, and I will not vote for any anti-lynching bill or for any other bill that is unconstitutional," George said.

George described himself as a liberal "within the limits of the American constitution."

"I believe in the liberal interpretation of the constitution but I do not believe in overwriting its clear, explicit and well defined terms.

"I do not belong to the school of liberalism that stands ready to disregard every principle of government merely because that principle of government is unpopular.

"I want it understood that the Democratic party is not a one-man party."

George said he challenged those who bring to America "alien methods" and that he stood with the American Federation of Labor as the organization of the American workman.

The senator said pressure had been brought on him to vote on certain administration measures against his convictions but that if he "surrendered his opinion to one man he must surrender it to another."

"Be not disturbed by federal funds coming into Georgia. If you men and women will go into this fight as Georgians have gone into battles where great issues are involved, those on relief and those who hold federal office will demonstrate again the kind of blood flowing in their veins.

"I serve notice now you can not buy George," he said and said he would "drag into the spotlight every attempt to buy a single Georgia man or woman."

George said the challenge to him by President Roosevelt was a challenge to all the people of Georgia, not to him as an individual.

"Free government depends on exercise of the free ballot."