

STATE PRIMARY NEXT TUESDAY

Record Vote of 330,000 Expected To Be Cast. Senate and Governor's Races Lead In Interest As Campaign Draws To Close.

Columbia, Aug. 22. — The largest turnout of Democrats in South Carolina's history Tuesday, Aug. 30, will top a summer of bitter and arduous politics by deciding four important state-wide contests, a dozen sectional political battles and hundreds of minor local races.

Wearied by months filled with daily speech-making, the candidates will lay down their manuscripts and rest tired vocal cords while the voters—probably 330,000 strong—take the center of the stage.

More than customary interest in the year's political crop was indicated by the record enrollment of 422,000 reported from the 46 counties.

Secretary Lane L. Bonner of the State Democratic executive committee said the primary ballot usually was approximately 80 per cent of the enrollment but that fair weather might bring out an even larger vote. Nomination in the primary is, of course, tantamount to election in predominantly Democratic South Carolina.

At the top of the list in national interest and personalized bitterness is the three-cornered fight for the United States senate now held by the veteran Ellison D. Smith and sought by him, Governor Olin D. Johnston and State Senator Edgar Brown.

The contest — between men from widely-separated sections of the state — has delighted the politics-loving populace by the bare-knuckle fashion in which the candidates have attacked one another, personally and politically.

The race's national importance was broadened by the visit of President Roosevelt, who, after riding from Gainesville, Ga., with Governor Johnston on his special train — stopped briefly at Greenville to call for sympathetic national representatives.

Although he mentioned no candidate by name, the president left little doubt of his feeling toward Smith when, as a parting shot, he referred to the "50-cents a day" statement allegedly made by Smith. The incumbent has denied he said a Southern worker could live on 50 cents a day.

Sharing the spotlight with the senate race is the eight-way fight for the governorship.

Again, as is normal under South Carolina's one-party system, personalities have figured prominently in the contest.

Two of the candidates, Cole L. Blease and Wyndham Manning, made the race four years ago, ranking second and third, respectively, in the voting which put Johnston in office.

Two others, Neville Bennett and Ben E. Adams, entered the race fresh from prominent activities as leaders in the house of representatives. Burnett R. Maybank has cited his accomplishments as an aggressive mayor of Charleston and chairman of the Santee-Cooper authority.

John Hughes Cooper, Columbia, attorney, advocates a survey to give South Carolina a bigger share of federal funds and better farm marketing. F. M. Easterlin, a former Spartanburg legislator, has geared his campaign to a fight against alcohol, which he calls "public enemy No. 1." D. T. Blackmon, Jr., youngest of the list, has repeatedly told the voters he thinks it time to elect someone besides a "politician."

In addition, voters must select a lieutenant governor from among three aspirants, J. E. Harley of Barnwell, the incumbent; R. E. Hanna of Cheraw, and L. C. Wannamaker of Cheraw. E. P. Miller, the incumbent, and Roy Stone of Greenville, are running for treasurer in the only other contested statewide race.

Congressmen must be elected in all six districts and solicitorships are at stake in five judicial circuits.

Half of the counties must elect senators and all must choose their delegations to the house of representatives. There is an assortment of county officers which must be filled.

The run-off primary will be held two weeks after the first, coming September 13.

Closing Union Service Sunday

The final union service of the summer will be held next Sunday evening at eight o'clock in the Thornwell Memorial church. The pulpit will be occupied by Rev. M. R. Wingard of Greenwood, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church of this city. All congregations are invited to unite in the closing service.

Regular evening services in the churches of the city will be resumed on September 4th.

LaMotte To Head Junior College

Thornwell Orphanage Executive Secretary Resigns To Accept Presidency of North Carolina School.

Rev. Louis C. LaMotte, who has served as executive secretary of Thornwell orphanage for the past two years, has resigned the position to accept the presidency of Presbyterian Junior colleges at Maxton, N. C. Mr. LaMotte will continue his present work until the latter part of the year at which time he will move his family to Maxton.

Mr. LaMotte is a graduate of Thornwell orphanage high school, Presbyterian college, and Columbia Theological seminary. He also holds post graduate degrees of Th.M. and M.A. from Princeton Theological seminary and the University of South Carolina.

After completing his theological training, Mr. LaMotte became pastor of the Presbyterian church at Fort Payne, Ala. From there he went to Waycross, Ga., where he served as pastor of the First Presbyterian church for seven years.

Two years ago the orphanage board of trustees elected Mr. LaMotte to the newly created position of executive secretary. Upon the board's invitation he accepted the work and moved to Clinton and has been residing on the orphanage campus at the corner of West Centennial and Thornwell streets. Most of Mr. LaMotte's time has been spent in the three controlling synods of Georgia, Florida and South Carolina in an effort to develop on the part of the orphanage constituency, a more intelligent and sympathetic understanding of its work and needs, and to stimulate a larger interest and support for the home. He has untiringly labored in promoting the interests of the institution and during the period he has filled the position a substantial increase in the support fund has been made, and he has been most cordially received by the Presbyterians of the three synods.

The LaMottes will not leave the city until the latter part of December. The announcement of their going will be received with regret by their numerous friends here.

Beloved Woman Passes At Hotel

Mrs. Hattie Whatley Succumbs To Heart Attack. Interment Yesterday In Savannah, Ga.

Mrs. Hattie A. Whatley died early Tuesday morning at Hotel Clinton where she made her home with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rentz for several years. She suffered a heart attack in the lobby late Monday afternoon from which she failed to rally until the end came.

Funeral services were held yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at the First Baptist church and conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. N. Long. A large number of friends of the deceased gathered for the rites. Immediately after the service the funeral party left for Savannah, Ga., where interment was made late in the afternoon.

Active pallbearers were: S. W. Sumner, J. L. Gasque, Dr. M. J. McFadden, Dr. T. L. W. Bailey, J. Clarence Copeland and W. E. Monts.

Mrs. Whatley was 82 years of age, the widow of Hamp Whatley, and a daughter of the late Rev. John T. and Susan Seely. She was a native of New York state. For more than twenty years she had made her home with her niece, Mrs. Rentz. She was a gentlewoman of the old school, kind and gentle, a true Christian devoted to her church. During her residence in Clinton she made many friends who are saddened by her passing.

The deceased is survived by her niece, Mrs. Rentz; one grand-niece, Mrs. John R. Watts, Los Angeles, Cal.; two nephews, John and Harold Doane of the U. S. army.

Prof. Kenneth Baker and Mrs. Baker attended the funeral of Cannon G. Blease in Newberry on Monday.

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Marion Chaney Fatally Shot

Well-Known Young Man Dies of Wound Received Accidentally When Rifle Discharges In Car.

William Marion Chaney, 19, died at Hays hospital late Friday night from an accidental rifle shot received earlier in the morning. At the time of the accident the young man was en route to the home of his mother on North Broad street. The rifle he had just procured from a relative, was lying beside him on the front seat. In changing gears of his car the rifle fell over against him and discharged, the bullet penetrating his stomach. He was rushed to the local hospital where he underwent an operation from which he never rallied.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 5:30 from the First Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. W. N. Long, and a former pastor, Rev. Edward Long of Greenville. Interment followed in Rosemont cemetery. The services were attended by an unusually large crowd with many lovely flowers banded upon his grave as an expression of the esteem in which he was held.

Active pallbearers were: J. D. McKee, Robert Ellison, L. T. Lawson, Clyde Smith, Jr., Charles Sullivan and Bill Wade. The honorary escort consisted of a number of friends of the young man and family.

Marion was a son of the late Ernest D. Chaney and Mrs. Lizzie Sanders Chaney of this city. He was reared by his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. William Chaney, with whom he had always made his home. Two years ago he graduated with honor from the Clinton high school and since then had been engaged in the insurance business. At the time of his death he was employed by the Independent Life Insurance company. He was a young man of clean habits and high ideals, and by his fine attributes of character had made a wide circle of friends who were shocked and saddened to learn of his tragic death.

In addition to his mother, aunt and uncle with whom he lived, he is survived by three brothers, Preston, Paschal and Frank Chaney, all of this place; five sisters, Mrs. Frazier Lominack, Laurens; Mrs. S. B. Beeman, Long Island, N. Y.; Mrs. W. E. McLendon and Misses Meryle and Virginia Chaney, all of Clinton.

Joanna Schools Open Sept. 1st

Two New Members On Faculty For Coming Session. Foy Begins Eleventh Year As Superintendent.

The Joanna schools at Goldville will begin their 1938-39 session on the morning of September 1st at 9 o'clock with the patrons of the community invited to attend an opening program of devotion and music.

The schools are again headed by G. N. Foy as superintendent for the eleventh year. Two changes have been made in the faculty due to resignations. Miss Lois Burke of Dover, Ga., will have charge of the library and teach English in the eighth and ninth grades. She succeeds Miss Ruby Carter, who will be connected with the Orangeburg city schools the coming year. Miss Allene Mills of Prosperity, a recent graduate of Lander college, will be the music instructor. She succeeds Mrs. O. Romaine Smith, who is now director of music at Camp Long.

The faculty is composed of the following members in addition to Mr. Foy:

- W. M. Schumpert, McCormick, principal, math and manual training.
- A. B. Galloway, Jr., Goldville, coach and sixth grade.
- Miss Louise Holmes, Johnston, home economics and social science.
- Miss Lois Burke, Dover, Ga., librarian and English.
- Miss Kathryn Owens, Laurens, science.
- Miss Paul Vane Elrod, Greenville, elementary English and reading.
- Miss Mabel Aldred, Summerville, Ga., fifth grade.
- Miss Stella Beckham, Goldville, fourth grade.
- Miss Rosa B. Dreher, Prosperity, third grade.
- Miss Mildred Workman, Clinton, second grade.
- Miss Katherine Blakely, Clinton, first grade.
- Miss Allene Mills, Prosperity, music.

MOUNTVILLE SCHOOL TO OPEN

The 1938-39 session of the Mountville school will open on Thursday, September 1st, A. D. Abercrombie, superintendent, has announced. The public has been invited to attend the opening exercises.

Miss Frances Roper is spending several days in Union with friends.

Horse Show Here Friday Night

Third Annual Event Includes Number of Entries and Is Expected To Draw Large Crowd.

Everything is in readiness for the third annual Laurens county horse show to be held in Clinton Friday night at 8 o'clock. The show will be held on the athletic field at Presbyterian college, which is adequately lighted. The event, as in former years, is sponsored by the Clinton Lions club.

Interest in the show is widespread, covering all sections of the county. It is estimated that more than fifty horses will be entered, some of them being capable of competing in any show, even the largest and most fashionable events in the South.

Besides events judged on qualities possessed by the horses, there will be prizes for horsemanship, and the county's best riders will compete for the blue ribbon representing first place. Red ribbons will be given winners of second place, and yellow ribbons for third. A special event has been arranged for the women to exhibit their horsemanship, and also one for children.

Two new features have been added this year, the riding of saddle horses in pairs and driving horses hitched to buggies or carts. There are a number of horses in the latter class with excellent equipment in the county and entries in this event are expected to draw quite a bit of attention. Also included on the program is the lancing tournament which has proved so popular in former years.

Of approximately fifty horses to be entered, members of the committee state, about twenty-five have never before been in the show, and of that number about twenty are horses purchased during the past year. This indicates the rapidly growing interest in horses among Laurens county people.

Besides the two new features added to the show this year, the committee in charge has constructed 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.

The committee states that the show will be bigger and better than any heretofore presented, and with good weather conditions prevailing, attendance is expected to surpass previous marks. The show is a Laurens county affair, all entries, both riders and horses, being confined to the county.

Eleven events are on the schedule. Promoters of the affair have been untiring in their efforts to stage a show that will satisfy horse-lovers and furnish an evening of high grade entertainment to the public.

R. M. (Uncle Bob) Gifford, of Greenville, well-known trainer, will act as judge.

The schedule of events has been announced as follows:

1. Draft brood mares (under halter).
2. Children's horsemanship (16 years and under). Horsemanship only to count.
3. Ladies' horsemanship (above 16 years). Horsemanship only to count.
4. Saddle brood mares (under halter).
5. Three-gaited saddle horses—walk, trot, canter.
6. Pair of saddle horses. Pair working as one—walk, trot, canter.
7. Plantation walking horses—walk, running walk, canter.
8. Driving horses (buggy or cart).
9. Five-gaited saddle horses—walk, slow gait, trot, canter, rack.
10. Grand champion (under halter).
11. Lancing tournament.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS SUPPLIED

Columbia, Aug. 23.—Secretary Lane L. Bonner reported to the state Democratic executive committee today that 14,030 absentee ballot forms had been sent to county party organizations for use in the August 30 primary.

Of the total sent to counties, 13,380 were mailed automatically on the basis of enrollment figures in the various counties. In addition 650 forms were sent to meet the demands for additional ones in the counties where the original quota was not considered sufficient.

Bonner said the requests for additions indicated "acute interest" in the primary.

STORES TO CLOSE EARLIER SATURDAYS

A petition circulated in the city yesterday was signed by thirty merchants and business concerns agreeing to close their places of business each Saturday night promptly at 9 o'clock. The new closing arrangement will start on September 3rd, the first Saturday of next month.

Mrs. Melvin Bennett of Edgefield, is spending several days in the city with relatives.

Smith And Hoey Uphold 2 States

Federal "Economic Problem" Brand Disclaimed. Editor Lauds Veteran S. C. Senator.

Charlotte, Aug. 20.—Governor Clyde R. Hoey of North Carolina and Senator E. D. Smith of South Carolina told hundreds of farmers attending the Carolinas farm congress today that the Carolinas were not the problem child of the nation, but independent commonwealths contributing materially to the support of the federal government.

They referred to a recent emergency council report that the South was the nation's No. 1 economic problem. "I have just completed a trip through New England and I never have seen in North Carolina as many people who are ill-housed, ill-fed and ill-clothed as I saw in the North," said Governor Hoey. "We in North Carolina may not have as much money and as much education as some, but we have as much patriotism and as much common sense as any people in the union."

"North Carolina is not the problem child of this nation. North Carolina pays more taxes into the federal government than any other state, save one, North Carolina is a stalwart supporting child of this union." Senator Smith said "President Roosevelt has named the South as the economic problem of this country. Why? Simply because Southern farmers, who have the purest strain of Anglo-Saxon blood in the world, have had to surmount unfair tariff walls, unfair freight rates, and many other handicaps that have prevented them from obtaining their share of the national wealth."

In introducing Senator Smith, Dr. Julian Miller, editor of The Charlotte Observer, described him as "an unpolluted, incorruptible patriot who has fought for the purities of a simple and sacred democracy. He, too, has earned from the American people the title of scholar and gentleman."

Said Smith then of Miller: "His editorial page has been as a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night to guide and encourage me in the days when I was lonely because I was keeping the faith."

Senator "Cotton Ed" told the farmers he was the only dirt farmer in the senate and that those senators who pretend to farm didn't know a cotton stalk from a jimson weed.

He urged the audience to re-read the constitution and learn of the inalienable rights of the individual that no congress or president can invade.

He urged the farmers to join in unified action to meet their problems. He advised production of cotton of a longer staple at a lower cost, the use of pure pedigree seed, the establishing of better markets and the taking advantage of debt adjustment plans."

Governor Hoey advocated closer cooperation between business men and farmers.

"Sixty-five per cent of all the eggs consumed in North Carolina are imported and one year recently we imported \$100,000,000 worth of food-stuffs into this state," the governor said. "We must grow this food at home. By better markets, by the application of lime, rotation of crops, the use of legumes, by seeing that tenants have gardens and poultry and hogs and cows, we can meet our own requirements at home and increase the profits of the farm."

TAKES POSITION IN RICHMOND

Miss Inez Tucker, a graduate of Thornwell orphanage, Montreat college and the General Assembly's Training school, Richmond, Va., has accepted a position in the department of religious education of the general assembly's committee on religious education and publication. She left this week for Richmond to enter upon her new work after a visit at the orphanage and to her sister, Miss Kitty Tucker.

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SENATORS AT LAURENS MEET

Smith Scores Johnston for Signing Liquor Bill and Says He Went Over State, Pamphlet In One Hand, Bible In Other.

Laurens, Aug. 23.—Senator Ellison D. Smith launched a vigorous attack on Governor Olin D. Johnston here Tuesday before a crowd of approximately 2,000 people as the senatorial campaign reached its final stages just one week from election day.

The incumbent spent 10 minutes discussing the governor's record, saying "Johnston went through the state four years ago seeking votes for the governorship with an anti-saloon pamphlet in one hand and a Bible in the other, telling the good church people to elect him; and then he signed the rottenest liquor bill that ever cursed any civilization."

"Three-dollar license tags was the big plank in his platform in the race for governor, and he vetoed his own bill because the legislature took out of his hands the appointment of a highway commission," Smith said.

State Senator Edgar A. Brown also criticized Johnston for vetoing the license-tag bill, declaring the legislature had to pass it over his veto in order to carry out his political promise to the voters.

Governor Johnston asserted that the people fighting him were lined up with Wall street, big interests, and the Republican party was taking an interest in the campaign in behalf of Senator Smith. He said Joe Tolbert, the Republican leader, was backing the veteran solon.

Johnston brought up the famous "50 cents a day argument," still alleging that Smith made the statement. He invited the public to come to Washington "to visit your next United States senator, Olin Johnston."

Senator Smith said, "Since Brother Oleander has seen fit to criticize my record and to shake his finger in my face here on the stand, I deem it fitting to say a few words about him: If I had made, during any four years of my term in the senate, as miserable a failure as Olin Johnston has made of his term as governor, I would quit the race."

In regard to the "50 cents argument," Smith said that "any man who would distort a fact for political purposes is not fit to be a citizen, much less an officer of the people." He said the decent people were bound to vote for him and he would not seek suffrage by misrepresentation.

State Senator Edgar A. Brown said the colored question was settled by Hampton's Redshirts 50 years ago and that he was astonished because a United States senator had nothing to talk about but the anti-lynching bill.

Brown held up before the audience a picture of the Philadelphia convention and accused Smith of distorting facts when the latter said the convention hall resembled a checkboard. Brown said there were only eight Negro delegates.

Brown said everything Johnston bragged about during his term in office was passed by the state legislature, and that Johnston never controlled the legislature for one hour. He termed the governor "the champion bragger of all time."

All three candidates received loud applause, and Brown was presented a basket of flowers, which he promised to give to hospital patients.

The aspirants spoke at Newberry yesterday morning and will wind up the campaign at Columbia Friday night at the city auditorium at 7:30 o'clock.

Road Application Clears WPA Offices

Laurens, Aug. 23.—Senator C. A. Cromer has been informed by Congressman G. Heyward Mahon that his office had been advised from Washington that Laurens county's road project application had cleared WPA officials and now awaits presidential action. Mahon added that the president would probably sign the document within the next few days.

Working in conjunction, the county board of commissioners and the legislative delegation, headed by Senator Cromer, recently launched a program calling for the construction of 100 miles of roads in this county, with the aid of WPA allotments, provided such could be obtained. Hence the application and the reported favorable action thereon. The Laurens highway building program contemplates the expenditure of \$445,000.

HOLIDAYS TO CLOSE

The summer half holiday on Wednesday by local merchants and business firms will come to a close next Wednesday. The closing observance has been in effect for the months of May, June, July and August, following a custom of several years standing.