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Let the Voters Enroll

The recent meeting of the state Democratic convention, and a subsequent meeting of the state executive committee, can properly be called a complete fiasco. The committee defied the wishes of the people seeking changes in the election machinery, and as a result there is confusion and dissatisfaction. A new state convention is the answer to a complicated situation and an aroused public sentiment should demand that a new committee be called now or a new committee be elected.

In this county the executive committee has set up its own rules, and we feel we think the obvious path has been discarded, and rightly so. Other changes are also made that were needed to comply with recent court decisions.

The enrollment books have been cluttered kept open until July 26. This is a proper procedure. We have asked before why the big hurry to get the books closed when the primary is not until the middle of August. Voters should be given ample time to get their names on the club rolls. If the state committee would do its duty it would extend the enrollment time to make it uniform in all the counties. This state committee decision has a political significance, we think. An early closing of the books and small enrollment will work to the advantage of office holders seeking reelection, we are suspicious.

The state is in a deplorable condition politically. If there ever was a crying need for a new leadership in South Carolina that time is now. What we are witnessing is little short of disgraceful.

Truman's Political Trip

The big No. 1 show just now is the Republican convention in session in Philadelphia. There will be plenty of horse-swapping before the smoke clears away and the nominee is picked.

This is a convention of nationwide interest, probably more so than in many years. Your guess as to its outcome is probably as good as the other fellow's.

It is generally believed that the candidate who wins the nomination will be the next president of the United States. All signs point in that direction. The Democrats with a weak candidate have made no move to strengthen their prospects. There are a number of men in the party who would make for stronger candidates but the New Deal high-ups and machines in the larger cities have turned upon a build-up for another candidate, following the tactics used by the late President Roosevelt. For the past sixteen years, the party has been a one-man show, with Truman as a protégé of his predecessor.

President Truman has just returned from a political trip covering several thousand miles paid for with taxpayers' money. His political prospects could hardly become worse, and no doubt for this reason he became militant on the trip. He condemned Congress as the "worst in history," and members of that body have labeled him as "the poorest president to occupy the White House." That is politics.

The president played "small politics" on the trip by making statements designed to align class against class. It is a poor spectacle by either party when a campaign seeks to bitterly divide the people into classes instead of making an intelligent discussion of vital issues now confronting the nation. Mr. Truman missed a golden opportunity on the trip to raise his batting average and, from all appearances it needs a boost.

States' Rights Dead

Neville Bennett, candidate for the United States senate, made a public statement the other day in regard to his candidacy.

In his platform we find this statement: "I pledge that I will resist to the utmost any invasion of states' rights, and will work to put an end to the stranglehold of bureaucratic domination, investigation, interference and regulation."

That statement is sound to the core, and if ever we needed representatives in Washington who are alert and fighting against this menace that time is now.

The Chronicle believes in state's rights as against Washington domination to which the people have been subjected for the past sixteen years. The late Senator E. D. Smith stood and fought for state's rights during his long term of service in the senate. "Let the state run its own business," he said, "and Washington keep

out." And he was right. Most of our congressmen and senators now submit to Washington bureaucracy. In fact, they endorse such domination of the lives of the people to a large extent.

There is much "chatter" about states' rights from office holders. They boast one minute they are for states' rights and at the same time they are running to Washington with their hands outstretched for handouts and orders when they know that this policy is a direct infringement on state government. It was pointed out recently in a news dispatch that Senator George Warren, of Hampton county, who shouted state's rights at the recent state convention which was an insult to the intelligence of the people of the state, has since pointed with pride and ego to the securing of a federal grant for a hospital in his county. The question has been asked, and properly so, "Why should a states' rights man permit the federal government to build a local hospital in South Carolina, or any other project?" We say states' rights is a dead issue, for the majority of the people apparently want our Washington government to run and control everything. They want free school lunches, all sorts of farm handouts, federal social security, and school officials and teachers are clamoring for federal pay. And what about that political monster, Santee-Cooper, which should be sold to private interests. It is noted that its manager, attorney and what have you was given a raise in salary a few days ago from \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually, which is an unwarranted public raid on taxpayers.

The late President Roosevelt did not know the meaning of "states' rights." Neither does President Truman and the main cogs of the New Deal regime. The people are blind and handcuffed.

Encourage Men To Work

Probably the greatest tragedy coming out of the New Deal philosophy is the belief that has grown in the minds of millions that they should be supported in full or part by government through grants, insurance and other benefits.

A widespread practice has grown up of discharging men at 65 who are still perfectly able to work. The government has set up a commission to study this problem as it should have done long ago. It should be changed.

The Social Security Act, (forced insurance upon the people set 65 as the age at which workers could retire and draw the government's old age annuities if they so desired. The provision had no compulsory strings attached to it, and 925,000 workers over 65 have disregarded their social security pensions and still continue at their jobs. This is to their credit, it shows that they prefer to work rather than spend years in idleness. On the other hand when the government set 65 years it established a national pattern which



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thousands of employers have made compulsory, against the wishes of their employees and the result has been a cut down in production and efficiency. Many men at the age of 65 have years of efficient and valuable service before them. A Harvard economist has made a study which shows that more than half of the men dropping out of employment at 65 were discharged by their employers when they wanted to keep on. They did not want to join the unemployed class, and the report further shows that this practice is growing.

The happy man is the busy man. The most miserable man is the one who is forced to retire from an active life and spend productive years in idleness. The law should be changed. Workers over 65 should be protected from being forced into retirement, regardless of pressure by union labor or other groups. Able bodied men should be encouraged to work and not loaf because of government regulations or handouts.

Wadsworth Club Meeting Held

The Wadsworth Home Demonstration club held its June meeting with Mrs. L. T. Lawson and Mrs. Ryan Lawson. Mrs. George T. Brown, president, called the meeting to order, followed by the singing of the project song, "All Through the Night." Mrs. Hayne B. Workman had charge of the devotional and also read the minutes and called the roll in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. T. R. Davis. An interesting demonstration on food spoilage and poor quality in home-canned foods was given by Miss Adeline Vaughn, county demonstration agent.

During a social hour the hostesses served a sweet course.

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Young Timmons was a student here from 1936 to 1938, and graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1940. After serving four years in the army he went to Philadelphia for a year's graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania, and now holds a position in that city.

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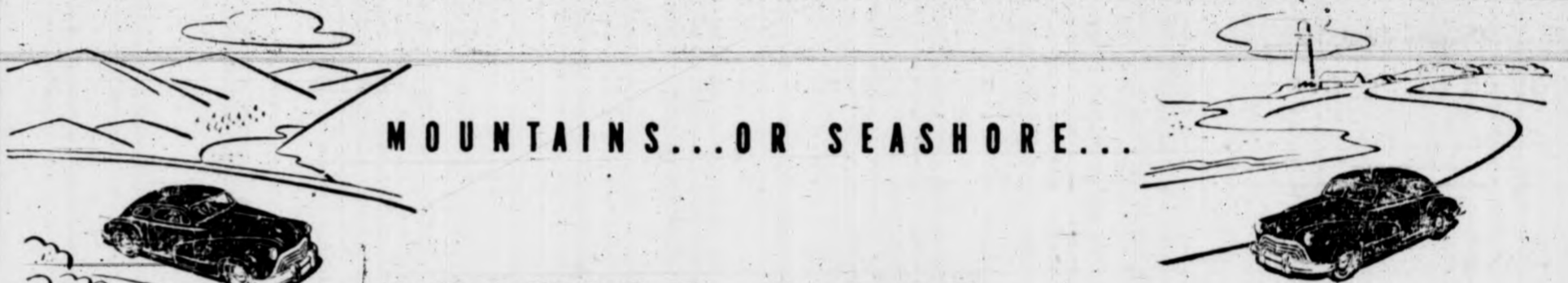
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