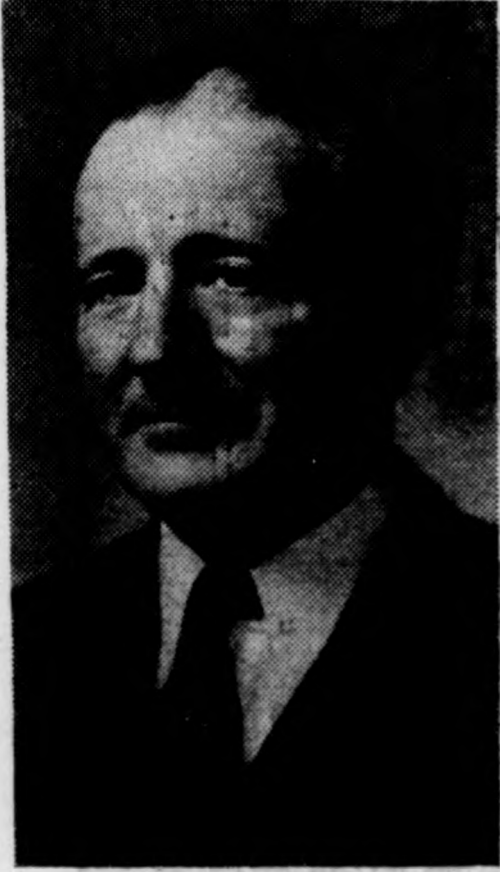


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J. PLATT PRATHER

James Platt Prather, a native Clintonian, has for many years been identified with the wholesale grocery business and in a quiet, unassuming manner can always be counted upon to give his support to any worthwhile effort for city or community betterment and progress.

Mr. Prather was born in Clinton where his entire life has been spent. He is a son of the late Rufus L. Prather and Mary Ray Prather who were born in the Duncan Creek community and Union county, and for years were highly regarded residents of this city where they lived honorable and useful lives. His father at the time of his death was foreman of the Thornwell orphanage farm and dairy and their children attended the orphanage schools. One of the brothers, Holmes Prather, now a resident of Kissimmee, Fla., was a "star" baseball player at the orphanage and held the record of knocking a ball farther than any boy in town.

Mr. Prather as a young man accepted his first position as a salesman with W. E. Bell company of this city. Later he was employed in the same capacity by the late B. L. King. Soon after the organization of Milling Grocery company by the late A. J. Milling and E. G. Fuller, Mr. Prather became employed by this firm. Later when Messrs. Milling and Fuller dissolved partnership the latter opened the Fuller Grocery company and Mr. Prather was associated with the owner until this business was liquidated.

Since 1929 he has been associated with the J. C. Todd Grocery company of this city as manager. The business is owned by Mr. Todd of Laurens. Truly "Platt" as many of his customers know him, has "grown up" in the grocery business.

Mr. Prather is associated with W. H. Simpson in the ownership of Prather-Simpson Furniture company which is under the management of Mr. Simpson. Mr. Prather is president of the corporation, Mr. Simpson, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Prather was a director of the Commercial Depository from its organization until its recent conversion into the Bank of Clinton. He was then elected a director of the new bank. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Citizens Federal Savings & Loan association, and vice-president of the corporation. His hobby since a lad has been "fishing and hunting". He has many friends who have known him since boyhood days and admire him for his high standards in business and private affairs.

Mr. Prather married Mrs. Selma Buchanan Adair. They reside on North Adair street.

National Guard Unit At Camp Stewart

The officers and enlisted men of Battery B 107 Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion (National Guard) are at Camp Stewart, near Hinesville, Ga., for a two weeks encampment that will end July 9th.

Capt. H. F. Blalock is commanding officer of the company.

FOOD

Is An Important Item With Housewives

You will find helpful Grocery and Market News in THE CHRONICLE every week from leading food stores in the city. Read the advertisements—they tell you about changing prices each week and where you can buy to advantage.

FARMERS ATTEND CONSERVATION MEET

Spartanburg Meeting
Largely Attended.
\$21,376 In Prizes Given.

Twenty-five Laurens county farmers, district supervisors, community leaders and agricultural workers attended a kick-off banquet meeting of the Piedmont communities soil conservation contest at Bethel Methodist church in Spartanburg Tuesday night.

J. A. Bridwell, Spartanburg, chairman of the six county contest, presided. Approximately 200 farmers, business men, agricultural workers, 4-H club and FFA boys attended the meeting.

Counties entered in the contest are Laurens, Spartanburg, Cherokee and Union, in South Carolina, and Polk and Rutherford counties in North Carolina.

Reports of progress made on the contest were given by district supervisors for their respective counties.

Ryan F. Lawson, chairman of the Laurens board of supervisors, gave the report for the Laurens district. He reported a total of 15 communities organized and entered in the contest, with a total of 356 farmers participating. The total value of prizes to date for Laurens county donated by business firms is \$2640, and more prizes are promised. Mr. Lawson also told of the splendid cooperation the district supervisors had received from business firms and organizations and their willingness to participate by offering prizes for the contest.

The main address of the evening was given by Dr. T. S. Baie, regional conservator of the soil conservation service, Spartanburg. His theme was "The Conservation Farmer."

Laurens county farmers attending the meeting and the communities they represented are as follows: Bailey community, D. Eugene Brown; Barksdale, J. Herman Power; Greenpond, Roy W. Curry; Gray Court-Owings, Fred Stoddard; Hopewell, W. P. Dickson; Lanford, T. R. DeShields; Mt. Bethel, John Griffin and H. O. Abercrombie; Mountville, George Wham, L. P. Burns and Roy Adams; Ora, M. Y. Blakely, W. T. Blakely and Craig Hunter; Trinity Ridge, J. W. Tinsley; Youngs, W. D. Lomas.

District supervisors from Laurens who attended were Ryan F. Lawson, W. P. Dickson and J. W. Tinsley.

Agricultural agency representatives from Laurens were: J. B. O'Dell, W. H. Fleming and M. Y. Blakely, of the soil conservation service; C. B. Cannon, extension service; H. A. Ropp, Production and Marketing administration; S. C. Gambrell and Roger Blakely, vocational agricultural teachers.

Reports by counties in the district showed prizes valued at \$21,376 already offered by cooperating business firms. This figure was expected to mount even higher as other donations of cash and farm equipment are announced.

Clinton Little Leaguers Play Spartanburg Tonight At Clinton Mills Park

The Clinton Little Leaguers put on an exhibition game at Lydia Mill the morning of the 4th. Everyone enjoyed a good tight game which ended in a 3-2 score after nine innings of play. Little Leaguers play six innings as a regulation game.

Thursday night at 8 o'clock Clinton Little Leaguers, ages 10-12, will play Spartanburg Little Leaguers at the Clinton Mills park. This will be the first time any game under Little League rules and regulations has been played in the Piedmont region of the state.

The Little Leaguers are proud of their new uniforms which they wore for the first time in their exhibition game at Lydia the morning of the Fourth.

Clinton Little Leaguers will play Winstboro Little Leaguers Monday night in the Clinton Mills park at 8 p. m.

A large crowd from Clinton and the surrounding towns is expected to turn out to see these games.

Brig. Gen. Godfrey At Fort Jackson

Brig. Gen. Ansel B. Godfrey, of this city, is spending two weeks at Fort Jackson, for the annual summer encampment of the 51st artillery division of the South Carolina National Guard. The division is under the command of Brig. Gen. Godfrey.

Cannery Open Tuesday, Thursday

Beginning next week the Clinton cannery will be open regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays for both white and colored, it was announced yesterday.

WASHINGTON PRESSURE WILL NOT CAUSE SOUTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS TO DESERT PRINCIPLES, SAYS THURMOND

Gov. J. Strom Thurmond, 1949 presidential candidate of the States' Rights Democrats, declared Saturday that "no amount of pressure and intimidation from Washington or even the setting up of a rump national Democratic party in the state, will cause the real Democrats of South Carolina to desert the principles for which they voted last November."

The governor gave out a statement with reference to the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner speech made Friday night in Columbia by Alben W. Barkley, vice president of the United States.

Governor Thurmond's statement: "The Democrats of South Carolina agree with Mr. Barkley with reference to the greatness of the Democratic party under the leadership of Jefferson, Jackson, Wilson and Roosevelt."

"No other state or section of the country supported the Democratic party under their leadership more loyally than did South Carolina and the South."

"Because the party at its 1948 national convention deserted the principles and teachings of these great presidents by advocating the so-called Civil Rights program, the Democrats of South Carolina repudiated the national leadership of our party last November."

"No Democratic leader or admin-

istration prior to Mr. Truman, advocated a program to destroy the constitutional rights of the states to control their own internal affairs."

"Mr. Barkley in his Columbia speech did not defend or even discuss the so-called Civil Rights program; neither did he explain why he made his famous ruling to apply gag rule to enact these unconstitutional and objectionable force bills upon the south."

"If Mr. Barkley had given South Carolina some assurance that he and the President would drop their fight to have the federal government usurp from the states their police power, their right to fix the qualifications for voters, their right to control their courts, and their right to separate the races for the benefit of both races, then he would have made a contribution to restoring harmony to the Democratic party."

"The Democratic party of South Carolina has voiced the feelings and conviction of the people of South Carolina with reference to the Truman-Barkley civil rights program and no amount of pressure and intimidation from Washington, or even the setting up of a rump national Democratic party in the state, will cause the real Democrats of South Carolina to desert the principles for which they voted last November."

Good Results From Weevil Poisoning In Hopewell Section

By C. B. Cannon, County Agent

The writer visited the Edisto Experiment Station last Thursday with a few county agents, experiment station men, entomologist, and the director of the Extension Service to observe experimental work of cotton.

The boll weevil infestation was less than one percent where poisoning applied and cotton fruiting and blooming freely. A heavy infestation of live weevils were noted early spring which was true the state over. Much stress was placed by experiment station officials on applying dust under proper condition and in the proper way. The air to be still and not apply dust before 5:00 in the afternoon nor later than 9:00 in the morning.

The check made last week of boll weevil infestation in the Hopewell Community showed an average infestation of 13.26 per cent where BHC-DDT dust has been applied as compared to 32.2 per cent infestation where no poison applied. The check further showed the infestation where no dust applied ran from five per cent to 51 per cent whereas the infestation for the community where dust applied ran from zero to 34 per cent.

Some of the increase infestation on dusted fields due to weather conditions which delayed the applying of dust at proper time.

Cotton is fruiting freely and if the boll weevil is to be controlled, it will be necessary to hold down the infestation in the early fruiting period.

In 1947 in eight Piedmont counties, according to U.S.D.A. Agricultural Economic report, a loss of \$7,552,000 to cotton crop, or a 23.5 per cent damage due to boll weevils and other cotton insects and for the state of South Carolina, a 20 per cent loss or a damage of \$30,392,000.

In 1948 in the same eight counties a loss of \$3,796,000 or a 12 per cent damage. For the state, \$14,218,000 or 9.0 per cent damage.

Time will tell the value of loss to the 1949 cotton crop. Many farmers will not make any effort to control boll weevil, but indications are that more farmers will poison cotton this year than ever before.

Few fish would ever be caught by fishermen unless an effort was made. No boll weevils will be killed with dust in the bags in the house.

CHAPMAN NAMED OFFICER

R. Pope Chapman, of this city, was chosen vice-commander of Zone 1 in the upper state at the annual convention this week in Greenville of South Carolina American Legionnaires.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS HONOR ROLL

We invite new subscribers to THE CHRONICLE, locally or anywhere. List your subscription today for "all the news." All subscriptions payable in advance.

Welcome and thanks to those on our Honor Roll this week:

- JESSE H. PRINCE,
Clinton.
- GEORGE SULLIVAN,
West Clinton.
- CALVIN POAG,
Joanna.
- G. H. JACKSON,
Lydia Mills.

Historic Liberty Springs Presbyterian Church Rededicated Sunday

The historic Liberty Springs Presbyterian church at Cross Hill, almost 100 years old, was rededicated Sunday with interesting and impressive services. The edifice was recently completely remodeled and brick veneered and memorials and furnishings were dedicated with large congregations both morning and afternoon. About 300 persons were present for the occasion, with old friendships renewed and strengthened during the day.

In the morning service the Rev. W. D. Ratchford of Glenn Springs, pastor of the church from 1912 to 1928, preached on Peter the Preacher and Cornelius the Healer. He drew a parallel with the Liberty Springs church where the preachers and hearers can carry on their work.

The Rev. J. E. Ratchford of Big Stone Gap, Va., read the Scripture and gave a prayer and benediction. The Rev. W. G. Somerville, pastor of the church, gave the pastoral prayer.

After a dinner in the adjoining church prepared by the ladies of the church and topped off with barbecue hash, the afternoon services began at 2:30, featured by a history of the church given by Mrs. S. J. L. Crauch of Clemson, the former Miss Katie Austin of Cross Hill, and more recent incidents of pleasant memory related by those who grew up in the church. Other members also had a part on the program.

Pitts Wins Prize For Highest Sales

David T. Pitts of Pitts Implement company of this city, received a \$100 cash prize yesterday from B. F. Avery & Sons, Louisville, Ky., for the highest sales among their dealers for the week ending June 24. The contest includes all dealers, with \$100 being awarded each week to the salesman holding the best record.

The local firm distributes the well known Avery farm implements.

Mill Employees Enjoying Vacation

Employees of the Clinton and Lydia Cotton Mills, and the Joanna Cotton Mills company, Joanna, are enjoying a week's vacation with pay which began July 4. The mills will resume operations next Monday morning.

City Observed Holiday Monday

Clinton was literally closed up Monday in observance of Independence Day.

Stores and business houses were closed for the day and a general holiday spirit was in evidence with large crowds enjoying fishing, swimming, baseball and barbecues.

Private Chafin Sent To New Mexico

Pfc. Rufus M. Chafin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Chafin, of Clinton has recently been transferred to Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico from Rome Air Force Base, New York. He enlisted in the Air Force in January 1948.

PREDICTS WARM POLITICAL RACES IN STATE NEXT YEAR

Special to The Chronicle.
Columbia, July 2—Summer heat has generated political talk as usual, even though no statewide races come off this year.

Much speculation centers around the 1950 governor's race, with these 12 possible candidates being mentioned:

City Councilman Lester Bates of Columbia.

Former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.

Former Congressman W. J. B. Dorn of Greenwood.

Mayor W. C. Johnston of Anderson.

State Senator Charles Moore of Spartanburg.

State Rep. Charles Plowden of Clarendon, ways and means chairman.

Labor Commissioner Fred Ponder of Spartanburg.

State Rep. Thomas Pope of Newberry, Speaker of the House.

Donald Russell of Spartanburg former assistant secretary of state.

Lt. Governor George Bell Timmerman, Jr., of Lexington.

State Senator O. T. Wallace of Charleston.

State Senator George Warren of Hampton.

The gubernatorial campaign generally is expected to play second fiddle to the U. S. Senatorial race next year. Senator Olin Johnston and Gov. J. Strom Thurmond are expected to lock horns in that contest.

Rumors make the rounds occasionally that Timmerman or Byrnes may enter the Senate contest, and Timmerman has been mentioned frequently as a candidate for state attorney general. There has been little talk regarding the race for lieutenant governor although Timmerman has been mentioned as a candidate for reelection. Others mentioned for the post are State Rep. Charles Verne of Greenville, and Rep. John C. Williams of Spartanburg.

There has been no talk about contests for other constitutional offices. Treasurer of State W. P. Blackwell, Treasurer Jeff Bates, Attorney General John M. Daniel, Comptroller General E. C. Rhodes, Adjutant General James C. Dozier and Supt. of Education Jesse Anderson will offer for reelection.

A race is expected for the statutory office of Agriculture Commissioner, now held by J. Roy Jones. He is expected to have opposition from "Red" Bethea of Dillon.

Sloan Named On Erskine Board

Friends of James P. Sloan of this city will be interested to know he was appointed a member of the board of trustees of Erskine college, Due West, at a recent meeting of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church at Bon Clarken, N. C. Mr. Sloan is an alumnus of the institution.

R. L. Plaxico of this city is also a member of the foreign board of the church with headquarters at Due West.

Laboratory Technician For Hospitals Here

William T. Laughter, of Asheville, N. C., has accepted a position as laboratory technician at Hays Hospital and Blalock Clinic.

Mr. Laughter is a graduate of Dell School of Medical Technology, Asheville, and was in Naval service in 1943-1945. Before coming to Clinton he was technician at Hesser Clinic, Benson, Arizona and Greenville General Hospital, Greenville.

No Accidents In County Last Week

Laurens was one of the seventeen South Carolina counties in which no highway accidents were reported during the week ending June 25th, according to a report last week by H. E. Quarles, Jr., director of the motor vehicle division of the S. C. State Highway Department.

Of the 109 drivers licenses suspended during the week, two were from this county.

Laurens Negro Is Victim of Ice Pick

Laurens, July 4—Laurens may be credited with at least one violent death over the July 4 week end.

Sheriff C. W. Wier said that Lois Howard, 30, colored, is being held in jail in connection with the ice pick death Sunday afternoon of her husband, Willie Howard.

The sheriff said that she told him that her husband was threatening her with an axe when she grabbed the ice pick and stabbed him one time.

Dr. C. P. Vincent said the wound pierced the heart.

Howard was dead when the officers arrived.

MANY CHANGES MADE IN STATE'S TRAFFIC LAWS

General Assembly
Approves New Code for
All Phases of Driving.

Special to The Chronicle.

Columbia, July 2—The 1949 General Assembly completely rewrote South Carolina traffic laws, coming out with a comprehensive code covering every phase of motor vehicular traffic in the state. The new law is too big to cover in one article, since its various articles actually are separate stories in themselves.

Briefly, the new traffic law is divided into 18 articles.

Article I defines words and phrases, vehicles and equipment, and other matters covered by the new law.

Article II simply requires motorists to obey all traffic regulations and all traffic officers. It makes violation of any provision of the act a misdemeanor. One section makes the provision of the act uniform throughout the entire state.

Another section allows local authorities to regulate traffic in their localities so long as local regulations do not conflict with the general statewide traffic law.

Article III describes the various traffic signals, signs and markings and other traffic control devices to be used on highways. Motorists are required to obey all such signals.

Article IV deals with reporting accidents, and requires motorists involved in wrecks to stop immediately. Written reports of accidents are prescribed.

Article V deals with reckless homicide, drunken driving and reckless driving, making it necessary to revoke licenses of drivers found guilty of either offense.

Article VI sets up the new speed restrictions, known as the prima facie speed limit. It provides that no person may drive "at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing."

Article VII makes it mandatory to drive on the right side of the road, and sets up safety regulations regarding overtaking and passing.

Article VIII sets out safety regulations for making turns, for stopping, starting or slowing down.

Article IX deals with rights of way at intersections and other places where collisions are common.

Article X deals with the rights and duties of pedestrians on the roads.

Article XI regulates the operation of bicycles and play vehicles on the roads.

Article XII deals with special stop signs for railroad crossings, school buses, through highways, alleys and draw bridges.

Article XIII deals with parking regulations and stopping on highways.

Article XIV contains miscellaneous regulations, such as rules for backing, mountain driving, coasting, obstructing roads and a host of others.

Article XV deals with automotive equipment, requiring lights, horns, brakes, safe steering devices, safety glass, and many other items.

Article XVI sets up procedures for inspecting vehicles by the highway department.

Article XVII sets up size, weight and load standards for vehicles using the roads.

Article XVIII sets up trial procedures for violations and provides violation penalties. It places enforcement of the entire act under the highway department.

New Health Officer For the County

Dr. W. E. Baldwin, former head of the Oconee county health department and more recently commissioner of the Tri-County health department at Toocoo, Ga., has been named head of the Laurens county health department effective July 1.

Dr. W. H. Holtzclaw with headquarters in Greenville, has been head of the Greenville and Laurens county health quarters for several years.

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