

Johston Urges Postal Employees to Join Unions

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Chairman Olin D. Johnston of the Senate Civil Service Committee asserted today that "the future will be better and brighter" for Federal and postal employees under a Democratic administration.

In an all-out political speech before the biennial convention of the AFL-CIO National Federation of Post Office Clerks in St. Louis, the South Carolina senator predicted a Democratic victory in November.

He attacked President Eisenhower, Vice-President Nixon and Postmaster General Summerfield for not supporting the 7.5 per cent classified and 8.4 per cent postal employee pay raises enacted by Congress over the president's veto. Senator Johnston praised the democratic leadership in the House and Senate for their part in getting the pay raises enacted.

"There were many who helped," Senator Johnston said. "There were a few who didn't. Among those who helped, I don't seem to find Dick, Arthur and Ike. But don't let that disturb you, for I don't think you will have to contend with them much longer. I think that shortly they will be patrons of the post office."

Senator Johnston also urged all government and postal workers to join unions.

He criticized Federal and postal employees who do not belong to unions, declaring it was the unions that led the way for the successful pay raise drive as well as other employment legislation.

Non-union federal employees "are not doing their part," Senator Johnston declared.

"In my opinion that is not right," the senator said. "They are taking a free ride on the backs of those of you who are doing your part."

"I would like to say to them here and now: 'Get in the game—join up and do your part.' In other words, if they expect to sit at your table, they should provide part of the food."

Senator Johnston pledged his continuing efforts to see that Federal and postal workers "are entitled to a proper wage for their labor."

Employees also are entitled to "decent working conditions," he added. "You deserve respect. You should derive satisfaction from knowing that you are regarded as a human being and not just a machine."

growth down. Nothing economic nor practical has been worked out on this yet, though. Will keep you informed.

HOGS IN DORCHESTER

The shipment of hogs brings a steady year-round income to the farmers of Dorchester. That was one of the first counties to take to commercial hogs back in the late twenties and they have never faltered. During April, when hogs are usually at low ebb in this part of the country, County Agent Epps reported, "Assisted 198 farmers in marketing 1560 hogs for \$46,142.23."

ALFALFA WEEVIL

A new insect, the alfalfa weevil, hit this state three years ago. Now it is in all areas. And it's really

messing the crop up. County Agent Busby of Newberry, says: "The alfalfa weevil has reduced the acreage of alfalfa in the county by more than half in just three years." County Agent Martin of Spartanburg, reports "very good" results where an intensive spray schedule was carried out.

This insect appears early in the season, often ruins the first cutting, and then continues to kill out the stand. Up to this year we had an effective one-shot treatment, heptachlor, that would control this insect, our Carl Nottles tells me. But it was barred, where the hay was to be fed to dairy cattle, as most of it is. And Malathion was the next best bet. But it required several applications, which many farmers did not get on for one reason or another. And damage was great. Controls are being worked on and your county agent will have the latest dope by time for it next spring.

BOYS ARE THAT WAY

Our neighbor across the road had the only apricot tree I ever saw in the Stone Hills of the Dutch Fork. It was a large tree and bore heavily. That was before diseases and insects came that made it all but impossible to grow this fruit here.

They were very generous with them, and we all had apricots to eat in season. We not only ate them, but we saved ever seed, dried it, and ate the meat out of it, too. As I recall, they were just as good as almonds, which, of course, we didn't have. We never let a seed waste. Even those that got over-ripe and

dropped we'd salvage the seeds from.

We kept most of those seed for winter use, much as we do pecans now. A few chinquepins grew in the general area, but not in our range. The boys across the creek harvested them and stored them, too, for winter, when the pickings got light.

One family near home there had what they called a winter apple. I now think it was of the Yates variety. They'd harvest them before heavy frost and store them on the ground under straw in the cellar. We prized all three of these things highly, apricot seed, chinquepins, and apples.

We carried our dinner to school in a bucket. Each would usually contain a few of these treasures. Naturally we liked best the ones we

didn't have. So there was much swapping at dinner time. And there was room for arguing and bargaining between those three products. The greatest demand was for those apples, whose aroma was just overpowering. But those children ate them at home and were not as eager for them as we. So the upshot of it was, they usually had apricot seed or chinquepins to eat after their dinner and we had apples.

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