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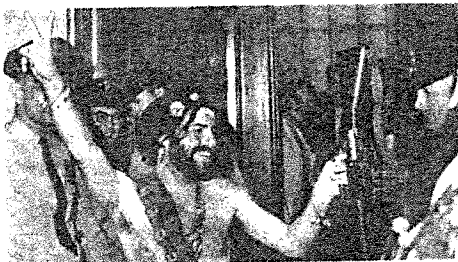
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October 1968

Dear Folks:

Congress is now in session, but should be adjourned by the time you receive this newsletter. It was first announced that we would adjourn August 31st, then September 30th and now October 11th. It makes it tough on those who need to go home and campaign. Since the fate of some of the bills acted on is not yet certain, I will give a report on the legislation in my next letter.

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POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN are often the unsung heroes of our society. This was plainly brought out at recent hearings of the House Un-American Activities Committee which was looking into the disorders of the Chicago Democratic Convention. Shown here is Yippie leader, Jerry Rubin, being ejected from the Congressional hearings in Washington, D.C.

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REMINDER: Since I have been your Congressman, I have maintained two full-time offices in Alabama. One in the Post Office Building in Montgomery; telephone 263-7521, ext. 453; the other at 111 Hoyle Avenue, Bay Minette; telephone 937-8818. If you need to contact me while Congress is not in session, you can do so through either of these offices.

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ONLY IN AMERICA could you find Marciszewski running against Anagnostopoulos for the second highest office in the land.

AS I GO ABOUT THE DISTRICT AND TALK TO PEOPLE, I realize that many people have little idea of what their Congressman does in his job, except vote on legislation in Congress. As I look back over the past two years, it seems I spend most of my time travelling and writing letters.

I have sent out over one million pieces of mail.

I have made a minimum of four visits to each county.
(Our district is about 150 miles long and 100 miles wide.)

I have made two trips to Vietnam and Korea, and six trips to military bases in the U.S., as a member of the Armed Services Committee.

I have attended 171 Armed Service Committee meetings.

I have testified in behalf of appropriations for the Alabama-Coosa River, Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, and Perdido Pass.

Because of the Vietnam trips and other trips on official business, my attendance percentage fell to only 88.3% in 1967, but my attendance was back up to 92% as of September 1, 1968.

It has been a busy two years!

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THE SMALL BUSINESSMAN IS BEING HIT HARD BY CRIME. Recently, two stories appeared in the Washington papers. One story told about a 62-year-old Negro pharmacist who closed his drugstore after 20 years in business. He suffered his 10th hold up, all by Negroes, 4 of them in August. "I'd rather give it up now than be dead," he said. The 24-story told about Sol Dunietz, a member of the Small Business Administration, the agency designed to encourage people to set up their own business who was shot dead in the store he reported 3 weeks ago after it was bombed and looted in the April rioting. These incidents are evidence that crime is spreading through the anti-poverty program and other programs designed to encourage people to set up their own business who are being killed until an all-out war on crime crimp lawbreakers to their knees.



At 11:30 Senator Strom Thurmond was pictured during a TV show discussing why his Fortas should not be the next Chief Justice.

As you know, Abe Fortas was nominated as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He needed 67 votes in the Senate, but only received 45 votes. The President, seeing it was hopeless, withdrew the nomination. However, this still leaves Abe Fortas on the Court as an Associate Justice.

Ever hear of Lick Skillet? Goose Pond? New Philadelphia? Turkeytown? Zebulon? Twickenham? High Pine? Corey? They're all towns in Alabama, now known as Oxford, Clanton, Montgomery, Gadsden, Troy, Huntsville, Roanoke and Fairfield.

Ever hear of the town in Alabama that was sold lock, stock and barrel for \$3,000 to a single buyer? Or the town that stole its county's seat in the dark of night? It happened in Alabama; in Pell City and Brewton.



The most advanced technology of the aerospace age was on display recently at an Air Force Association meeting.

As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I was most interested in some of the displays which were explained to me by Mr. Arthur Ousley who is the President of the Alabama AFA. It is possible the U.S. will have to come up with an alternative to the F-111, formerly known as the TFX, quite soon.

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Thank you.

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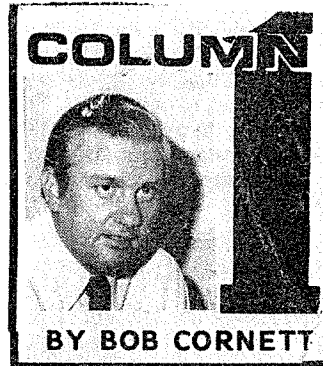
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2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

ALABAMA



Hoo, Boy! In case you don't think battle lines are being drawn for next year's county elections, some of the goings-on at Ashville's Fourth of July celebration, by some of the political figures on hand should erase any doubts.

Judge Shirley Satterfield, who never leaves any doubts that he is a politician, and who is making no big secret of the fact that he is running at a gallop for "Chairman of the Board," developed nose trouble, 'tis said.

The judge, who had been introduced as a man "duly elected by the people" (and the political implications of that remark are about as subtle as an elephant's hoof on your head) came down off the dignitaries' reviewing platform at a strategic point in the proceedings making noises like a man who had suddenly found himself surrounded by a school of skunks.

"I don't like the smell of that place up there," the judge is said to have said.

And later, after being asked by an Observer photographer to pose with other county officials and the Governor's representative, former Pell Citian Jesse Gann, the judge expressed himself in somewhat more graphic terms.

When the photographer was posing her picture and asked the judge to pose he literally "broke and ran across the street," the photog said. Later, accompanied by her mother and in the presence of a number of other elderly ladies, said photog asked the judge why he wouldn't pose with the others. "Well," he replied, "I might as well be G-- d--i--onest with you, I didn't like the smell of some of those blankety-blank people up there."

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(Now, I know at least one preacher who is an ardent supporter of the Probate Judge, and it seems to me that the least the preacher could do for his friend is to impress on him the impropriety of loudly taking the Lord's name in vain in public — especially in the presence of elderly ladies).

There are reports that some of the people present took the judge's remarks as a slap in the face to Governor Wallace, since the Governor's representative was on the platform at the time. And election time hardly seems an appropriate time for alienating Wallace people.

Which brings up another point being discussed in the aftermath of that show. Some say that the Governor's representative received only a precursory introduction by the emcee of the event and this was interpreted as a partisan snub of Rep. Roy Coshatt, who arranged to have the speaker present and who reportedly expected the courtesy of being asked to introduce said speaker.

As it turned out, Coshatt was not asked to do anything, and Mr. Gann received a quick, "without further ado" intro from the emcee.

Others have been heard to say that they thought it a shame that an event which was being put on to help a fine and worthy group of Ashville high schoolers raise money to pay for their band uniforms, had to be turned into a political rally.

One of the county commissioners present told me, "I have never been so embarrassed in my life."

Oh, well. The kids made some money and as soon as the politicians finished their part of the show, everybody had a good time. And that's the main thing.

And look at all the fun we all are going to have watching the political show for the next year and a half. It's gonna be a goody you can count on that.



Dignitaries On Hand For Gala Ashville Celebration

Among the dignitaries on hand for the Fourth of July Celebration at Ashville, sponsored by the Band Boosters Club under the chairmanship of Mrs. Margaret Newton and Mrs. Laura Engle, were, from left, Sheriff Clemons Roe; District Attorney Charles Robinson; Executive Assistant to the Governor of the State of Alabama, Jesse Gann; St. Clair County Representative Roy

Coshatt; Ashville Mayor Pro Tem Terry Stewart and St. Clair County Commission Chairman James H. McClendon. Other county officials, including the Commissioners, Probate Judge, Inferior Court Judges, were on hand for the gala event, as well as city officials from Springville, Pell City and Ashville.

James V. Gray
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Democrats, Wets Win St. Clair County Ballot

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The wets won the election to repeal the dry laws of St. Clair County. This was the first time the people of this county voted in a wet election. The vote was decided until the vote was counted. The wets received 3965 votes, the drys received 3859, and the wets received 126 votes.

In the other race S. E. (George Clyde Morrow, incumbent in 1893, Morrow defeated D. the Inferior Court Southern Division. Morrow received Judge Morrow's vote was James Trussard

THURSDAY, NOV. 7, 1968

ts Winners In y Balloting

The election in St. Clair went about as expected with all Democratic candidates for major offices following the George Wallace landslide in Alabama.

In the Fourth district James Ingram, making a political comeback after four years out of the Commissioners Office, defeated H. C. McKnight, his Republican opponent by a better than 5 to 1 majority. Ingram had 2266 votes to 431 for McKnight. Henry Threatt, one of the three Negro candidates in the election gathered 205 votes.

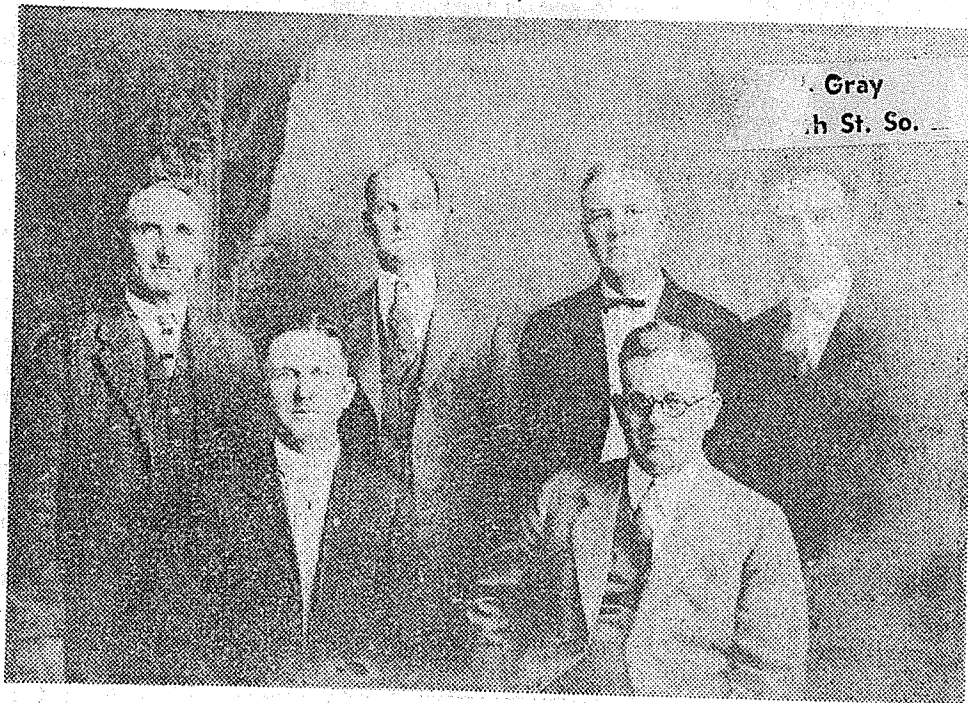
The wets won the heated election to repeal the prohibition dry laws of St. Clair in a close vote. This was the first time the people of this county had ever voted in a wet-dry referendum. The vote was close and was not decided until the absentee vote was counted. The vote was for the wets 3965 and the dries received 3859, a majority of only 126 votes.

In the other commissioners race S. E. (Gene) Bell defeated Clyde Morrow, the Republican incumbent in a squeaker, Bell 1093, Morrow 1018. Vernon Solie defeated Dennis Sisson for the Inferior Judgeship of the Southern Division and will succeed Judge Buford Rowe. Solie's vote was 3282, Sisson 1090. James Truss the second Negro

on the ballot received 239 votes. In the Northern Division Ira Davis defeated T. F. Adams, his GOP opponent for the Inferior Court judgeship and will succeed Judge Battles who did not offer for re-election.

W. E. (Bill) Meads and J. D. (Bud) Cobb were elected to membership on the County Board of Education. W. E. Glidewell and Jean Browning were their Republican opponents.

Bill Nichols won handily over Robert M. (Bob) Kerr his GOP opposition and T. J. Clemmons who was the candidate of of the third party in Alabama. Jim Allen likewise won in his bid for the U. S. Senate, polling a near 5 to 1 vote over Judge Perry Hooper, the GOP nominee. Eugene (Bull) Connor received the bulk of St. Clair's vote in his race for re-election to the presidency of the Public Service Commission over his opponents, Fred R. Jones, GOP and John Henry Davis, the third Negro on the ballot. St. Clair voters approved the two amendments.



ST. CLAIR COUNTY OFFICIALS
Nearly 40 Years Ago

This group was your St. Clair county elected officials in the county's history that nearly 40 years ago. They are both major political parties from left, front; Oscar McCain, Circuit Clerk and Sam High, Probate Judge. Back Row from left; J. P. Bowlin, Sheriff, Carl Q. Baxter, County Superintendent of Education, Charlie D. Gray, Tax Assessor and Curtis Adkins, Tax Collector. At the time these gentlemen were filling county offices it was one of the very few times fices until his death a few years ago. Judge Sam High has kept in close touch with politics down through the years, has since served his county as Representative in the State legislature. This is another in the News-Aegis album of old pictures and was loaned to us by Mrs. Bill Gray. Do you have any old ones? We would like to print them. Picture made in 1924 or 1925.

Wallace Wyatt, Jr. Candidate For Probate Judge

Wallace Wyatt, Jr. has announced his candidacy for the office of Probate Judge of St. Clair County. He will be seeking the office as a Democratic candidate in the June 7th primary.

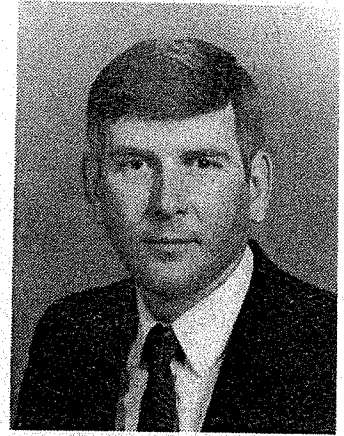
Wyatt is a resident of Pell City and a lifelong resident of St. Clair County. He attended Ashville High School where he was an All County Football player. He attended the University of Alabama and UAB.

Wyatt is a former tank commander, paratrooper, Special Forces-Green Beret and received numerous citations during 14 1/2 years of service in the Alabama

National Guard. He is a past master of the Pell City Masonic Lodge, a member of Kiwanis International and a member of the First Baptist Church, Pell City.

He is the owner of Wyatt Tree Service, operating in four counties. Wyatt and his wife, Brenda, who is a guest lecturer for Jefferson State Junior College, have been married for 17 years. They have two daughters, Sunni and Ginny, who attend public school in Pell City.

Wyatt says, "If elected, I will be a full time public servant available at all times to all the people. Quick, courteous service to the taxpayer will be my primary concern. And, I'll never forget who my boss is...the people of St. Clair County."



WALLACE WYATT, JR.



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