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R. L. DOUGHTON WILL RUN AGAIN FOR CONGRESS

Veteran Ninth District Solon to Seek 19th Term in House; May Not Have Opposition in Either Primary or General Election

Yielding to the demands of the public in general and the people of the Ninth district in particular, Representative Robert L. Doughton, 82-year-old dean of the North Carolina delegation in congress and chairman of the house ways and means committee longer than any other man in history, announced Saturday that he would seek re-nomination for his 19th consecutive house term in the May 25 Democratic primary.

Mr. Doughton's announcement was brief and to the point. He said: "I am today filing, with the chairman of the state board of elections notice of my candidacy for re-nomination as representative in congress from the Ninth congressional district, subject to the Democratic primary on May 25."

There was more to it, of course, than the mere text of the announcement. Mrs. Doughton, his wife for 48 years, died recently and was buried in Alleghany county while her surviving family received messages of condolence from thousands of people in all parts of the country. Grief stricken by the blow, Mr. Doughton has had his heavy congressional duties to keep him occupied and he and his friends, have always feared that retirement would be the wrong thing for him to do.

The determining factor was said to be the demand of the people of his district, Democrats and Republicans alike. Mr. Doughton took the district seat from a Republican in the 1910 general election, taking office March 4, 1911. Since then, the Republicans have been unable to give the veteran representative any serious opposition. It is believed, this year, as in 1942, the Ninth district G.O.P. may work things out in its own ranks to prevent Mr. Doughton from having to bother with Republican opposition.

There is still another element back of Mr. Doughton's announcement. With no state or senatorial election this year, Ninth district Democrats need some stimulus to get them to the polls. Farmer Bob always draws them to the polls. Had he decided to retire, a wide-open race, with repercussions would have developed that might have given the Republicans a chance at the congressional seat.

Contracts For Rural Power Lines Awarded

Award of contracts totaling \$2,300,000 for construction of 2,200 miles of rural electric lines in North Carolina under the Rural Electrification Authority program was announced in Charlotte Thursday at the office of B. O. Vannor, consulting engineer.

The project, reported to be the largest program of simultaneous rural electrical construction work ever undertaken in the state, will affect 6,500 farm homes in 41 of North Carolina's 100 counties.

Thursday's announcement followed a series of conferences of the electric membership co-operatives involved and the consulting engineer.

Among the membership corporations affected by the contract awards is the Blue Ridge of Lenoir, of which G. F. Messick is manager.

Already serving some 5,000 consumers, the Blue Ridge corporation will add 1,400 more when its 311 miles of extensions are completed in Caldwell, Ashe, Watauga and Alleghany counties.

Blue Ridge is one of the oldest rural electrification co-operatives in the state, having begun operation in 1938.

Road Gang Escapee Retaken in Boone

Woodrow Stewart, 22, who escaped from a road gang of the Catawba prison camp in Alexander county Tuesday of last week while serving 18 to 20 years for highway robbery in Watauga county, was re-taken in Boone Wednesday afternoon by Dudley Locke, superintendent of the Catawba camp, and Fred L. Alley, district prison supervisor.

Stewart is accused of stealing a 1940 Plymouth car in Taylorsville and driving it to the outskirts of Boone, where it was found abandoned, officers said.

Mr. John N. Thomas left Tuesday for his home in Ardmore, Pa., after a three months' stay with his son, John H. Thomas and Mrs. Thomas at their home in Cherry Park.

Seeks Re-election



ROBERT L. DOUGHTON

P.-T.A. OBSERVES FOUNDERS' DAY

Twenty-fifth Year of Organization Noted at Monthly Meeting Monday Evening

The twenty-fifth year of its organization was marked Monday evening when the Boone Parent-Teacher Association met for its regular monthly meeting.

Rev. E. F. Troutman was chairman of the program, introducing the following speakers: Miss Katherine Coble, of the elementary school faculty; Mrs. Wiley G. Hartzog; Mrs. Grace Council, former president of the organization, and Rev. J. K. Parker, president. Mr. Parker's address was a challenge to the association, the key-word being "Together." Said Mr. Parker, "The hope of the founders of the P.-T.A. was, briefly, to promote the welfare of children and youth through more and better cooperation between parents and teachers. We can realize this hope by working together for better homes, better schools, better health, better citizenship, better community life, and better appreciation of cultural and spiritual values." Mr. Parker added, "We as parents and teachers can take one of two courses. We can rock along lazily, content with what we have and what we are; or we can catch the vision, accept the challenge, go to work, and have the supreme satisfaction of doing a hard job well."

FOOTBALL PRACTICE TO BEGIN MARCH 4, AT A.S.T.C.

Coaches Flucy Stewart and Francis Hoover have set Monday, March 4, as the date to begin spring football practice with the Mountaineers of Appalachian College. Thirty-five or more young men are expected on the field for beginning practice. Schedules for the coming year are now being arranged.

Goes to West Jefferson



J. V. CAUDILL

Mr. J. V. Caudill, Sr., who for the past eight years has been manager of the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home here, has been made manager of the company's funeral home in West Jefferson and took over the duties there on February 8. He is succeeded here by Richard E. Kelley, who was with the organization until four years ago when he entered the navy.

Mr. Caudill came to Boone in November, 1938, from North Wilkesboro, and has been active in church and civic life throughout his stay here. He is a member of the Lions Club, Snow Lodge No. 363, A. F. & A. M., and the Junior Order, having served as counselor in the Junior Order for four terms and as senior warden of Snow Lodge.

In the early future Mr. and Mrs. Caudill will make their home in West Jefferson and will be joined by their daughter, Helen, when the college school term ends in the spring. J. V. Caudill, Jr., will remain in Boone at the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED HERE

Plans Outlined at Meeting of Volunteer Workers to Quickly Raise County's Quota of \$5,100; Regional Officials Address Gathering

Launching the campaign for the Red Cross Roll Call which began in the county on Monday, 40 volunteer workers met Thursday night for a canteen supper served under the supervision of Miss Elizabeth Bridge at the high school home economics department.

Guest speakers were Miss Eleanor Jones, assistant Red Cross director in the Pacific area; Mrs. Marian Ritzert, of Lincolnton, district Red Cross supervisor for western North Carolina, and Mr. Starr N. Stacy, veteran of World War II, and member of Appalachian College faculty. Their talks brought out detailed information pertaining to Red Cross work in the Pacific, in local disaster relief and in dealing with service men and women everywhere.

In speaking to the volunteer workers, Clyde R. Greene, co-chairman of the campaign, reminded them of the county's quota of \$5,100, and expressed the hope that as the county had gone over the top on all previous drives, it would continue the good work in the current roll call.

3,500 Garments Contributed in Clothing Collection

Garments numbering 3,500 were contributed in the recent clothing collection campaign, according to a report made by Mrs. E. E. Garbee, chairman of the Victory Clothing drive.

The people of Watauga county have contributed a total of 2,074 pounds of clothing to date, double the amount of the collection last spring. With the exception of a few cartons to be tied and shipped, all clothing has been sent to High Point where it will be readied for overseas shipment.

Mrs. Garbee wishes to thank the ladies who packed the garments and the Boy Scouts who helped tie the packages.

Construction Work To Start Soon On New Tobacco Warehouse

Plans for the location of the new tobacco warehouse which will be erected in the near future by a group of independent buyers, have been altered in order to prevent any effects on the residential section of western Boone.

The promoters have purchased a building site just west of the North State Canning plant, 225 by 300 feet, from Mr. Alvin Cannon, and it is announced that building operations will get under way in the near future. Mr. Cannon states that he is preparing to erect a modern service station adjoining the warehouse property.

Teachers To Meet Next Wednesday

There will be a county-wide teachers' meeting at Appalachian high school next Wednesday afternoon, March 6, at 2 o'clock. The program will be on "A Physical Education Work Shop."

REV. AND MRS. KEYS RETURN FROM FLORIDA VACATION

Rev. and Mrs. Walter K. Keys and son Billy, of Blowing Rock, returned last week-end from a vacation spent at Daytona Beach, Sarasota, Pass-A-Grille Beach and Bradenton, Fla. While at Daytona Beach, they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Holshouser and Miss Lena Reeves, of Blowing Rock, who have a beach cottage there for the season. At Pass-A-Grille, they were guests of Mrs. J. F. Cannon and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Klutz, who are spending the winter at this popular resort.

D. & P. WILL NOT BUY ANY MORE BURLS THIS SEASON

The D. & P. Pipe Works announces that they will be unable to handle any more burls for the 1946 season. The plant has on hand now approximately 2,000 tons of burls, which is more than the plant can process during the next 12 months.

MEAT PRICES TO BE BOOSTED

A 10 cent hourly pay increase for 131,000 packinghouse employees was approved Tuesday under the government's new wage-price policy, and OPA said it would boost the family meat bill about 1 1/2 percent.

Vet Cab Drivers Head to Washington



Chicago veterans who want licenses to operate taxis in Windy City shown on their way to Washington. They will present their case of "monopoly" and ask for federal government aid. They were joined en route by vets in other cities.

Red Cross Designates March For Biggest Peacetime Fund Appeal to American People

R. D. SHOEMAKE CLAIMED BY DEATH

Funeral Rites for Prominent Young Business Man Will Be Held Thursday at 11 O'clock

Citizens of this section were deeply shocked at the untimely death of Robert Dallas Shoemaker, prominent young business man, who succumbed at 7:50 Monday evening at the Watauga Hospital, following a short illness. Taken to the hospital last Tuesday, he underwent an operation for the removal of a ruptured appendix, and remained in a critical condition until the end.

Mr. Shoemaker had been a resident of Boone for the past twenty years, having moved from Blowing Rock to Boone with his parents. Twelve years ago he married Miss Pauline Whitesides, of Cherryville. A baby son was born to Mrs. Shoemaker nine hours after her husband's death. The baby, weighing 7 1/2 pounds at birth, has been named Robert Dallas.

For many years the two Shoemaker brothers, Dallas and Dee, were associated in the plumbing business, operating in Boone and surrounding territory. A year ago he established the Boone Super Cleaners which he owned and operated until his death.

A member of Snow Lodge No. 263, A. F. & A. M., and the Junior Order, Mr. Shoemaker was a well-known and respected citizen, noted for his consistent good humor and willingness to co-operate wherever he was needed.

Surviving are his widow and infant son; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Shoemaker, Boone; and the following brothers and sisters: J. Dee Shoemaker, Boone; Mrs. Neal Greene, Kingsport, Tenn.; Max Shoemaker, Texas, and Wade Shoemaker, somewhere in Italy with the U. S. army.

Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist Church Thursday morning at 11 o'clock with Rev. Raymond Hendrix, Rev. E. C. Hodges and Dr. E. K. McLarty in charge. Members of Snow Lodge No. 263, A. F. & A. M., will serve as pallbearers and the Masons will be in charge of the graveside rites.

Flower girls will be: Mesdames B. W. Stallings, E. E. Garbee, Lee Stout, Beach Keller, R. D. Hodges, Sr., R. C. Rivers, T. M. Greer, Carlton Trotter, Rex Geer, Clare Simpson, Council Cooke, Robert Busteed, J. T. C. Wright, Nell C. Linney, Ben Miller, Jessie Farthing, R. W. Watkins, Ralph Beshears, Emma Stubbs, Gordon Winkler, Joe Williams, Ruth I. Hackney, Mack Greer, J. V. Caudill, Sr., Carolyn Siphers, Margaret McLeod, Guy Hunt, Jennie Bingham, John Farthing, Gordon Nash, Misses Bernice Gragg, Delcie Welch, Helen Foster, Gladys Taylor, Gail Clay, Helen Caudill, Vera Norris and Lucille Wyke.

Greyhound Promises Better Bus Service To West Jefferson

According to a letter received by Mr. J. M. Russell from the Atlantic Greyhound Corporation, plans are underway to provide better bus service between Boone and West Jefferson with a schedule that will arrive in Boone in the morning, returning to the Ashe metropolis in the afternoon. The letter stated that the company hopes to have the new schedule worked out sometime within the near future.

Washington, Feb. 28—March 1 heralds the opening of the first post-war fund campaign of the American Red Cross. Upwards of 3,000,000 volunteer solicitors will begin their canvass of every home and office in communities from coast to coast for \$100,000,000, the largest peacetime fund ever raised by the organization.

The month of March has been designated Red Cross Month by President Truman, who, in his proclamation, called for the fullest support of the organization's campaign. Simultaneously Red Cross Chairman Basil O'Connor and civic leaders everywhere pointed to the need for continuing Red Cross services to able-bodied troops abroad and in this country, to those in hospitals, and to veterans, as well as to families and dependents of all who have worn the uniform.

Three Battle Fronts
The men in active service, the hospitalized, and the veterans form three major Red Cross battle fronts which victory in the field merely served to intensify. Mr. O'Connor said in announcing opening of the campaign. "Since V-E and V-J days Red Cross services to these men and their dependents have increased materially. Added to this are rapidly growing responsibilities to civilians. Every American must support his Red Cross to the utmost so that it may continue to serve our men in uniform, whether able-bodied or hospitalized, our veterans, and people, adequately."

Red Cross budget estimates are (Continued on page eight)

Will Address Lutherans



DR. JOHN L. YOST

Dr. John L. Yost, president of the Southern Lutheran Seminary of Columbia, S. C., and Dr. J. L. Morgan, president of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, will speak Wednesday evening, March 6, at 7:30 at the Grace Lutheran Church, appearing on a program sponsored by the National Lutheran Council of America.

Speaking to the Lutheran Churches of Watauga, these speakers will deal mainly with the part these churches must play in raising the \$10,000,000 to be used for Church relief and reconstruction of Lutheran Churches in Europe. The campaign has been planned to extend over a two year period but it is hoped that the major part of the sum may be realized during the year 1946. A portion of this amount will be used for church reconstruction in the Pacific.

People from all churches in the community are invited to hear these two able speakers.

MERCHANTS HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET FRIDAY EVENING

President of State Merchants Association is Chief Speaker; Group Donates \$877.50 to Local High School Band

A capacity crowd filled the Carolina Cafe banquet room Friday night when the Boone Merchants Association held its annual banquet and played host to association members and employees numbering 146 in attendance.

W. W. Chester, president of the association, after a word of welcome, introduced the membership committee chairman, Grady Tugman, who in turn introduced the following new members: Angel's Cafe, Appalachian Book Store, Artistic Beauty Salon, Carolina Cafe and Hotel, Corner Gift Shop, Craven Furniture Company, Home Electric Company, the Economy Store and Watauga Hotel. Under the lively leadership of T. M. Greer and Howard Cottrell the gathering entered wholeheartedly into a program of impromptu stunts and group singing.

There was happy surprise for the boosters of the high school band when Mr. Chester presented a check to Rev. E. F. Troutman, representing the band-parents, for the amount of \$752.50, thus bringing the amount paid into the band fund by the Merchants Association to \$877.50. Rev. Mr. Troutman then introduced Lee Stout, who accepted the check on behalf of the band's finance committee, of which he is chairman. Said Mr. Stout, "... an investment in our high school band will pay good dividends."

The speaker of the evening was Clyde R. Greene, president of the North Carolina Merchants Association. Mr. Greene opened his talk with a word of praise for Gordon Nash, director of the school band. "In Mr. Nash," he said, "we have a band leader second to none—one who will give us a band not only wholesome for the boys and girls in it, but a good advertisement for our town as well." He then proposed that the annual band fund be raised to \$2,000, as compared with \$1,000 asked for in the year past. This proposal met with the hearty approval of the association members and guests.

Mr. Greene's subject, "Salesmanship," was developed around ten rules of good salesmanship which, he pointed out, is the oldest occupation known to man and is the basis of all trade and commerce. In conclusion he said, "... if you outclass everyday the fellow you were yesterday you cannot fail to succeed."

Members of the entertainment committee for the banquet were Geo. A. Wilson, Guy Hunt, W. W. Chester, T. M. Greer and Howard Cottrell.

Wiley L. Adams, 55, Dies at Todd Home

Mr. Wiley L. Adams, 55, of Todd, died at his home last Saturday afternoon of a heart attack, after a period of declining health. He was a veteran of World War I, rural mail carrier, farmer and prominent citizen.

Mr. Adams was married to the former Miss Holly Wagner of Brownwood, who survives, together with two sons, Zeb V., of the home, and Charles Melvin of the army, stationed in Japan; one sister of Todd and a brother of Wyoming.

For 26 years, Mr. Adams had served as rural carrier on Route 1, Todd. For a period of 22 years, until the bad snowstorms four years ago, he had maintained a record of full daily service on his route. He was a member of the Baptist church and the North Carolina Rural Carriers' Association.

Mr. Adams was ever ready to help those in need and was a kind and beloved neighbor.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning, Feb. 27, at Todd and burial was in the community cemetery.

PAPER BEING PUBLISHED BY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

A monthly paper, "The Herald," is now being distributed at the First Baptist Church. The paper is printed by the mimeograph method and is well balanced, containing church news, humor and editorials.

Verdola Keller, an outstanding intermediate, is editor of the paper, which is sponsored by the intermediate department, and has an office on the main floor of the church.

Mrs. Rex Geer and daughter, Eleanor, spent the week-end in Rutherfordton with relatives.