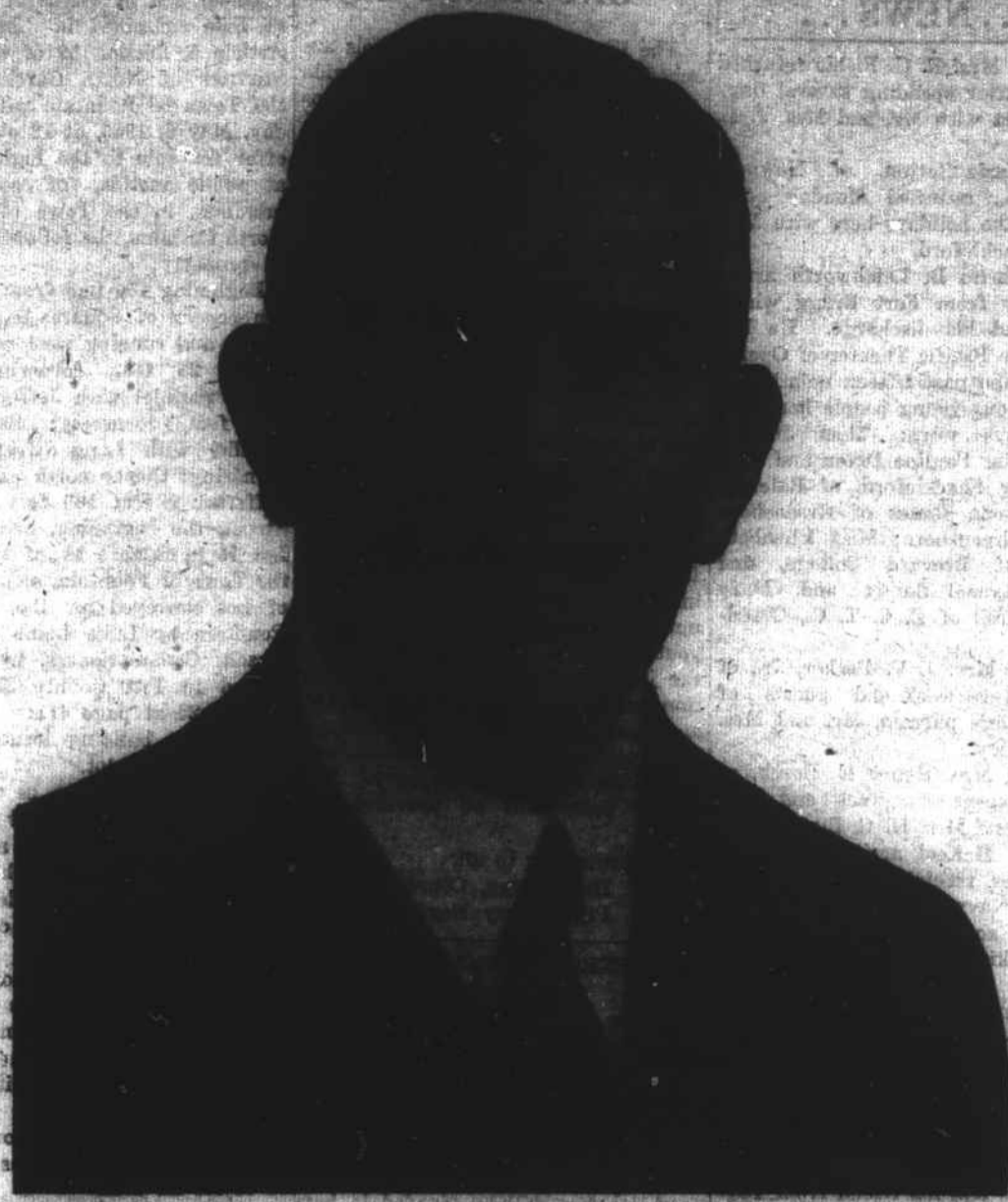


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ROBERT LEE HUMBER

A Native Son of Pitt County

His Background and Qualifications Unfolded

Excerpts From Greenville Daily Reflector

Robert Lee Humber, Greenville native, today announced his candidacy for Congress from the First District of North Carolina. For several weeks Mr. Humber's friends in this community have urged him to make a race and reports from other sections of the district indicated that his candidacy would be welcomed. The Pitt County Bar Association, in its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, officially approved Mr. Humber's candidacy for the office, now held by Herbert C. Bonner, of Washington.

The last Pitt Countian to represent the First District in Congress was the late Harry Skinner who served a single term ending in 1898.

The welfare and problems of the farmer have been a subject of special concern to Mr. Humber. He has frequently made speeches emphasizing the necessity of stabilizing the income of farmers and of keeping their revenue on a par with industrial changes, indicating that he is not only a student but a champion of the farmers' interest. Farm income, he says, must be sustained on a high level, if the prosperity of this nation is to continue, or else half of the population of this country will cease to be customers and the industrial fabric of the nation will crumble. He has repeatedly stressed the enormous potentialities embedded in the soil and climate of Eastern North Carolina which have scarcely been touched or developed. Through the maintenance of a just equilibrium between farm and industrial income, the diversification of agriculture and the establishment of more small businesses, the growth of Eastern North Carolina can, he said, be made more secure.

In 1940, believing that if the peace, following World War II, was to be won, the people of America, themselves, would have to win it, he organized among the people of Eastern North Carolina a movement for World Federation, which seeks to establish law as the means of maintaining world order by punishing individuals who commit international crime, instead of the present method of fighting nations and destroying through war the innocent as well as the guilty. The movement has spread throughout the nation. Fourteen legislatures have endorsed the resolution of which he is the author: North Carolina, New Jersey, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Alabama, Louisiana, Virginia, Tennessee, Utah, Oklahoma, New Hampshire, Florida and Georgia, representing all

geographical areas of the United States; eight other states have taken modified action, making 22 states that have reacted favorably to his leadership. Fifteen additional states are now considering the resolution that is destined to be introduced in Congress, which must ultimately decide in the name of the American people whether the United States shall stand hereafter for world order based on law, or world chaos based on war.

Questions involving war and peace are now becoming the supreme issues of our generation. Either we win the peace and preserve civilization or lose the peace and become the victims of atomic bombs. Mr. Humber's long and successful efforts in dealing with over half of the legislatures of this country, many of which he addressed in joint sessions, have not only brought him a nation-wide circle of friends and collaborators but qualified him for leadership and accomplishment in the halls of Congress.

Mr. Humber, who has now been back in Greenville for six years, established his permanent residence in his home, where he was born on May 30, 1898. It was the same spot where his father was born 82 years ago and where his grandfather made his home in 1847. He is the son of R. L. Humber, one of the oldest native residents and business men of this community, and of the late Lena Davis Humber, whose forebears were intimately connected with the early history of the First Congressional District; one having settled in Currituck County in 1866 and another having represented Perquimans County in the Colonial Legislature in 1708 and having served as Clerk of Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions of that county for a number of years.

After attending the public schools of Greenville, Mr. Humber graduated from the Winterville High School, completing his high school course in two years, and entered Wake Forest College. During his four years at Wake Forest, he fulfilled the requirements for the B. A. and LL.B. degrees and participated prominently in college activities. He was president of the Senior Class, commencement speaker, intercollegiate debater, vice president of the YMCA, editor of the college monthly magazine, "The Student," and editor of the college weekly paper, "Old Gold and Black." He took an active interest in athletics, playing left-end on the Varsity football team and managing the Varsity

baseball team. In recent years, his Alma Mater honored him signally by naming him the first alumnus of Wake Forest College to be elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, which is the highest collegiate scholarship society in the United States.

Immediately after his graduation from Wake Forest, he volunteered in World War I and served as second lieutenant in the Field Artillery.

At the conclusion of the war he continued his studies at Harvard University, receiving the degree of M. A. and serving on its faculty as tutor in the Department of Government, History and Economics. He was licensed to practice law and was sworn in as a member of the Pitt County Bar in September, 1920.

In the autumn of that same year he was appointed Rhodes Scholar from North Carolina to Oxford University, England, and represented his native State in that capacity for three years. During his tenure of the scholarship he traveled extensively on the Continent and made a trip around the world.

After studying at the University of Paris, where he was American Field Service Fellow for two years, he located in Paris as an attorney and later became a business executive. His interest has always been in the welfare of the common man and in small enterprises. He was the European head of the Gilcrease Oil Company, a small independent oil-producing company of Oklahoma, and privately owned by three stockholders, whose President recently donated his fortune to a Foundation which he created for the purpose of establishing an orphanage home for children, a public library and museum at Tulsa, Okla.

During the latter years of his residence in Paris, Mr. Humber was chairman of the Board of Trustees of the American Church in Paris, which is the oldest American church on foreign soil and which served as the religious center for as many as 5,000 American students annually in France. Upon his return to his home in Greenville in 1940, he was elected chairman of the Board of Deacons of Memorial Baptist Church, and is now a trustee of that church. In Paris, where the American Legion was born in 1919, he was member and officer of Paris Post No. 1, having previously been a charter member of the American Legion Post at Harvard University. He is now a member of Pitt County Post No. 39.

"MAKE CONGRESS BETTER" So Says Senator Fulbright

Washington, April 15-(AP)—The theme of this story is: What are you doing — actively — to make Congress a better Congress?

The entire House of Representatives and one-third of the Senate comes up for election this year. Some primaries start pretty soon. Senator Fulbright, Arkansas Democrat, said recently in an address at the University of Chicago:

"I hope that x x x I may to some degree arouse your interest in participating actively in politics."

Fulbright, Rhodes scholar and former president of the University of Arkansas and now serving his first Senate term, then said:

"Americans complain of the ineptness of their government but at the same time they are supercilious, if not contemptuous, toward those who devote their energies to its service. x x x

"Improvement in the quality of our legislative bodies is primarily the function of the voter, not the legislator."

In other words: If you want better government, get in and pitch yourself; don't sit back and hold your nose.

Do you—through disdain or lack of interest—let a politician or a political machine pick candidates for you without any say so by you? Or do you—even though it means starting in your own voting precinct—try to take an active hand in what is done?

And—when your congressman is elected—do you let him go to Washington and there try to guess how you, back home, want him to vote?

A good example of congressional confusion over what the people want came last week in debate over extending the draft law nine months more.

There was an argument on the floor of the House over this:

Should the House try to decide now whether to extend the law or should it wait till members get home at Easter to learn what the voters wanted?

CAROLINIANS ORGANIZE TO PUSH "HUMBER" PLAN

Dr. Frank P. Graham, President Of University Of North Carolina And Charles Phillips Of Greensboro Active In Movement

Greensboro, March 28—A North Carolina division of World Federalists, U. S. A., was organized here Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, was elected chairman of its advisory board, and Charles Phillips of Greensboro, head of its executive council.

The program of the new group will be to advocate immediate leadership by the United States government in the formation of a genuine world federal government, either by proposing drastic amendments to a UNO charter, or by calling a new world constitutional convention.

The group plans to encourage the formation of local chapters throughout the state of those who concur

in its aims and wish to work together to secure appropriate political action. Interested persons in Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Durham, Raleigh, and Chapel Hill have already indicated their desire to organize chapters in those cities.

Dr. Vernon Nash, national director of field work of World Federalists, was present at the organizational meeting for the North Carolina division. He stated that the General Assembly of North Carolina was the first of what by now number 14 state legislatures to pass the "Humber Resolution" calling for a world federal government. That was in 1941, long before UNO. The sponsor of the resolution was Robert Lee Humber of Greenville, N. C.

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