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BAILEY REPLIES TO FRAUD CHARGES OF GEORGE PRITCHARD

Senator Again Brands Allegations of Election Frauds as "General" and Asks Dismissal of Contest. Lengthy Brief Contains Figures on Lopsided Majority in U. S. Senatorial Election.

Washington, D. C.—Replying to the amended petition filed with the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee Saturday by former Representative George M. Pritchard of Asheville, his Republican opponent in the 1930 elections, Senator Josiah W. Bailey of North Carolina Monday asked the committee to dismiss the contest brought against him on the grounds that it "still contains" no specific citation of the charges of fraud and irregularity complained of.

Pointing to the 42 North Carolina counties, including Mecklenburg, in which Mr. Pritchard declared in his brief of last week that fraud and irregularities occurred, Senator Bailey laid before the committee a summary of the vote cast in the 1930 elections to show that even if the vote in these counties were thrown out his majority over the Asheville man would be in excess of 70,000.

Files Lengthy Brief

The reply of the North Carolina senator took the form in a lengthy brief, prepared by himself. Tomorrow the committee, headed by Senator Samuel Shortbridge, Republican of California, will meet in an effort to agree on a report on the contest. Mr. Pritchard's amended petition had been filed in response to a request by the committee that he present supplemental information tending to back up his earlier charges of irregularities, which Senator Bailey had objected to as too general in scope.

Senator Bailey, after studying the amended petition, renewed his demurrer Monday that the contest was founded only on generalities, but insisted that even with the elimination of the total vote in the 42 counties named his opponent would be without grounds for a contest. At the same time, however, he entered a vigorous denial of the most recent charges involving election officials of specified counties in the State, characterizing them as "general" as "of the drag net description" and in "the nature of a fishing expedition."

Former Representative Pritchard's latest petition was filed by Robert H. McNeill, a North Carolinian now practicing law in Washington and identified with counsel for the contestant.

Major Points Raised

Among the major points raised by Senator Bailey in his brief are the following:

"1. That whereas contestant undertakes to amend by way of filing a bill of particulars, the said amendment consists of generalities; that contestant specifies 42 counties (out of the 100 counties in the State) in which he alleges only general counts of fraud and unlawful conduct and irregularity without stating any material instance of such fraud, unlawful conduct or irregularity or wherein such alleged fraud, unlawful conduct or irregularity affected the result of the election, the language being practically the same as that in the original notice. And, further, claimant shows that each and every one of said allegations are only upon information and belief.

"Claimant shows that the presumption of regularity and validity attaches to election returns as canvassed and certified, and contestant must allege facts tending to show that he was elected, and that such facts must be reasonably specified, before he can demand that inquiry be proceeded with. That contestant's allegations not only are not sufficient to rebut said presumption, but that they tend to show, on the contrary, that claimant was elected; and, therefore, that the contest ought to be dismissed as upon demurrer.

"2. Each and all of the allegations of contestant with respect to the 42 counties complained of by him are untrue and denied. But claimant shows that, if each and all of said allegations were true, they would not be sufficient to found a contest for reasons as follows:

"They are general, of the dragnet description and are in the nature of a fishing expedition, as hereinbefore set out.

"If the election in each of the 42 counties complained of were declared void, claimant's relative majority would increase, as follows:

"There are 100 counties in North Carolina. Contestant calls in question the conduct of the election in 42. The vote in the remaining 58 counties, not attacked, is: claimant, 156,276; contestant, 84,524.

"Claimant's majority, 71,752, which is 29.79 per cent. of the total vote in said 58 counties not complained of, whereas his majority in the 100 counties was only 21.23 per cent. of the total vote.

"It is inconceivable—and contestant will not say—that he was de-

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Weds Again



Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, former Representative from Illinois and widow of Senator Medill McCormick, married Albert G. Simms of Albuquerque, former Congressman from New Mexico.

3-HOUR SERVICE AT BOONE METHODIST CHURCH ON FRIDAY

Program to Be Participated in by Ministers from Several Churches. Rev. J. H. Brendall Jr. in Charge. Musical Selections by Special Choir. Community Invited to Participate in Good Friday Meeting.

Community Good Friday services, in which ministers from the various churches of the city and country will participate, have been announced, and will be held in the Boone Methodist Church beginning promptly at 12 o'clock on the 25th. The three-hour service will be divided into twenty-five-minute worship periods dealing with the crucifixion, and there will be five-minute intermissions between the divisions. Thus each service will be more or less complete within itself and those attending are invited to enter or leave the church at will during the intermissions, and attend as many of the services as desired.

Rev. J. H. Brendall Jr., Methodist pastor, will be in charge of the services, and one program will be conducted by each of the following ministers: Revs. J. T. Greene, T. H. Houck, J. A. McKaughan, C. C. Gram, J. A. Young, P. A. Hicks and J. H. Brendall Jr. Special musical selections will be rendered by Misses Dora Crode, Ethel Boncenne, Ruby Winkler, Inez Gragg, Mrs. A. A. South, and Messrs. L. E. Eury, P. E. Mahoney, Z. V. Dixon, C. W. Rankin.

Mrs. Grady Farthing has been named as chairman of the decoration committee for the easter services and all flowers tendered will be appreciated. Those desiring to bring flowers as a memorial will hand the name of the loved one to be remembered to the pastor before Sunday so that the list of names may be read.

The various ministers taking part in the community Good Friday services are anxious that as many of the people as possible attend at least one of the half-hour periods of worship.

Native Wataugan Back After Absence 36 Years

S. T. Woodring, of Moose, Wyo., native Wataugan who has been continuously absent from his native hearth for 36 years, is spending several days in Boone and the county, visiting with relatives and the few remaining acquaintances of his boyhood. Mr. Woodring soon after he left Watauga saw service in the Spanish-American War and was later with the United States forces in China. During the period of his soldiering his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Woodring of the Meat Camp section, died, and the son was unable to return.

For 33 years he has been engaged with the Federal Government in national park work. Mr. Woodring found few points in the Boone landscape that were recognizable, and there were less than half a dozen residents of this city who were here when he left. During the almost two-score years of his absence, he did not return to Watauga, and had never seen a Wataugan elsewhere during this time.

Dr. Love Plans Handsome Residence

Dr. Love, well known South Carolina surgeon, who last year bought the lot on which the W. H. Gragg residence was burned, expects to begin the erection of a magnificent home thereon during April. Plans for the structure have been drawn by an architect, and indicate that the building will be of brick with some native stone, decidedly the most imposing of Boone residences. Construction costs have been roughly estimated at \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Sales of limestone have been doubled and sales of fertilizer have decreased in Tyrrell County this spring, according to the county agent.

GREER WITHDRAWS NAME FROM STATE G. O. P. CONVENTION

Local Educator Will Not Seek Gubernatorial Nomination. Was Considered Most Likely Candidate. Reiterates Statement Made in 1930. "Lure of the Schoolroom Stronger Than Political Ambition."

Professor I. G. Greer, instructor of Citizenship at Appalachian State Teachers college, Tuesday definitely withdrew his name as a gubernatorial possibility when he issued a statement making clear his feelings regarding the G. O. P. political plum which has apparently been dangling over his head for the past several weeks.

The Boone man, whose name has twice appeared on the Republican State ticket, has received much correspondence from leaders throughout North Carolina since the Lincoln Day dinner in Greensboro, and a most powerful following had been developed, it is said, without any effort on his part. Professor Greer is looked on as one of the ablest platform speakers in his party, and in 1930 was strongly endorsed for the Congressional nomination in the 8th District, which he declined. His statement regarding the gubernatorial race follows:

"During the past few months many Republican friends from over the State have been urging me to enter the race for Governor. This opportunity to represent a great party as its candidate for Governor in North Carolina and to propose remedies for certain economic, political and educational discrepancies now existing in the State has been a great temptation. However, after thinking the matter over seriously, I find that I have no political ambition to run for office.

"In declining to run for Congress two years ago, I made the following statement which I now repeat: 'For a number of years I have been giving my best time and thought to the problems of education. My ambition is to contribute something toward the building of a good citizenship in the community and in the State. When I consider the opportunity for rendering this service, the lure of the classroom and of the educational field is stronger than that of political ambition.'

"My declining to allow my name to go before the convention does not lessen my interest in the success of the party or swerve my faith in its leadership. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to those who have expressed to me, either in person or by letter, a desire to have me enter this race. I appreciate the confidence they have manifested in me.

"I am giving this statement to the public in fairness to others who may wish to secure the nomination."

Gets Prison Sentence In Death of Wataugan

Reno Tulbert of Millers Creek was last week sentenced in Wilkes Superior Court to a term of from 4 to 10 years in the State's Prison on a charge of manslaughter, growing out of the death of Earnest Bodenhamer of Watauga County in an automobile accident last summer in which a car operated by young Tulbert was implicated. A civil action brought on behalf of the family of the slain man was settled last fall, the consideration being \$10,000.

LEM-ME-C NEWS STAFF GIVES COMEDY AT BANNER ELK

The staff of the Lem-Me-C News of Lees-McRae College presented a three-act comedy, "Putting It Up to Patty," Saturday evening, March 19, before an appreciative audience.

All of the players should be commended for their acting. The roles of William Webster and Seth Wilson, who carried out the plan of curing Patty of her "highbrow" notions by importing an English lord, were well played by Cecil Johnson and Jack Wilson. Albert Ellis, as Sir John Matthews, gave an excellent interpretation of the English Lord who succeeded in convincing Patty, played by Ethel Flannery, that a farmer is far more desirable than a titled Englishman. Faye Smith as Aunt Mary was very good, and the two comic characters, Hulda and Hiram Huckins played by Sarah Rameur and Melvin Sumpter, kept the audience in a constant jolly laughter. Susie Glenn and Elbert Hollifield as Mary Jane Stokes and David Dickson were equally good in their interpretation of the flapper and her friend, the village druggist.

The play was under the direction of Miss Margaret Tufts, head of the English department.

BANKS CLOSED MONDAY

The Watauga County Bank and the Peoples Industrial Bank have announced that both institutions will be closed throughout the day next Monday, so that employees may observe an Easter holiday.

MORE PRIVILEGES ARE SOUGHT AT LOCAL COLLEGE

Mass Meeting Is Held by Student Body at A. S. T. C. Student Committee Appointed With Reese Harris as President. Will Seek to Settle Grievances With Administration.

The following story written by a student reporter to The Asheville Citizen-Times last Thursday is understood to have caused considerable stir in campus politics at State Teachers College:

"Only last week the Appalachian State Teachers College student body reached an all-time record enrollment when 919 students were registered for the spring quarter.

"In the wake of this record enrollment there came this week an echo from the student body that they be allowed more social privileges and student rights as a group on the campus. A mass meeting called in the main auditorium was attended by almost every student on the campus. While loud in their praise of the administration, orderly in their discussion of the situation, and ready to admit that there are two sides to the question, a vote taken and enthusiastically responded to, showed the students 100 per cent. in favor of a joint discussion of their grievances with the faculty at the earliest possible date. To this end a committee of eight, with two representatives from each class, was appointed and instructed to lay the case before the faculty.

It is not thought here by campus leaders that so radical a shift as a demand for student government would be made at this time, or that other than an orderly presentation would be made of the matter, unless faculty action warranted otherwise. No faculty action has been taken, it is understood, and President Dougherty has so far made no comment on the matter.

"The immediate cause of the uprising was given as an announcement made by Dean J. D. Rankin that boys and girls would please observe regular seating order, and not sit together at the opera presented here last week. However, a marked lack of social privilege has caused campus discussion for some time, and this latest announcement only served to bring the matter to a head.

"Reece Harris, senior, and an outstanding athlete, was elected to the chairmanship of the student committee that will take the matter up with the faculty and committee on student activities."

Special Easter Services At Advent Christian

Hear J. T. Greene Sunday morning at the Advent Christian Church on "The Value of an Empty Tomb," or "What Bearing Does the Resurrection of Christ Have on the Plan of Human Redemption." A Gospel message showing that without the general redemption of the dead which we are assured of in Christ's resurrection, the human family would be without any hope of eternal life. Those who are interested in the Bible teaching on this theme are cordially invited to attend. The theme for the evening service will be "The World's Greatest Magnet." Special communion services Wednesday night and a day of fasting and prayer on Friday will preface the services Sunday.

Memorial to Commoner Will be Ready This Fall

A new statue in heroic mold, that of a pleasant faced, eloquent man—the late William Jennings Bryan—probably will take its place in Washington in the next few months. Those who planned the memorial expect it to be completed by September.

Erection of the memorial was authorized by Congress two years ago, but the task of raising funds was left to a commission headed by Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy while Bryan was secretary of State.

P. H. Callahan of Louisville, is the secretary of the memorial association which has enough cash on hand to engage Gutzon Borglum, the noted sculptor, to shape the model for his likeness. He is expected to have it ready for submission in the near future.

The money came from all parts of the country, most of it being small donations from individuals. Churches and other organizations and even state legislatures helped, however. The Virginia house of Delegates voted \$100 from its contingent fund.

Daniel C. Roper, head of the District of Columbia memorial unit said today it had not been decided whether to unveil the statue this fall or wait until the anniversary of Bryan's birth on March 19, next year.

The plans for the memorial had the approval of the "Great Commoner's" family.

Wins Confirmation



Watt H. Gragg, local Republican leader, whose nomination for the post of Marshal for the Middle North Carolina District was confirmed by the Senate Tuesday.

WATT GRAGG IS CONFIRMED FOR MARSHAL'S POST

Nomination of Boone Man Receives Favorable Action by the Senate on Tuesday. Judiciary Committee Acts Monday. Expects to Receive Commission Within Few Days and Take Over Office on April 1.

Watt H. Gragg, of Boone, was confirmed as United States Marshal for the Middle District of North Carolina, by the Senate Tuesday, his appointment having received favorable action before the judiciary committee on the day previous. It is expected that Mr. Gragg's commission will come forward within the next few days, and that he will be sworn into government service in time to officiate at the Salisbury term of court early in April.

Mr. Gragg, who is a business man of varied connections and one of the most public-spirited citizens of this community, tells The Democrat that he will maintain his place of residence in Boone and will travel back and forth to his Greenville office as occasion demands. He expects to assume the duties of the marshal's office the first day of April, taking charge immediately following the report of the incumbent, J. J. Jenkins, which will be made at the closing of the first quarter of the year.

U. S. Fleet Ordered Back From Orient

Washington, March 20.—The navy department announced today that 13 vessels which have been held in the Orient because of the Chinese situation, had been ordered returned to the United States.

Six destroyers, six submarines and the carrier Jason will be placed in reserve on arrival. The transport Chamont which was held at Manila to transport the 31st infantry to Shanghai will sail from Manila March 30 arriving at San Francisco about April 22.

The 17th destroyer division consisting of the Tracey, Bore, Sampson, McCormick, Truxon and Mac Leish, will leave Manila April 25 for the navy yard at Mare Island, Calif., where they will be placed in the reserve pool of the battle force.

Submarine division nine consisting of the S-30 to S-35 inclusive and the submarine tender Beaver will leave Manila May 2 for Pearl Harbor, T. H. where the submarines will be placed in the reserve commission, and the Beaver will act as tender bases there.

The carrier Jason, now acting as an aircraft tender will leave Manila for the Puget Sound navy yard where she will be decommissioned. The aircraft carrier Langley will replace the Jason with the Asiatic squadron.

Hurricane Takes Death Toll of 275 in Southeast

Birmingham, Ala.—Two hundred and seventy-five persons were killed, hundreds of others were injured and made homeless, and unestimated damage was wrought by a series of tornadoes that dipped into five southern states Monday night and early Tuesday.

Alabama bore the brunt of the storm, one of the South's major disasters. Here 190 persons lost their lives when the howling winds blew down their homes in two-score communities.

Thirty-three were killed in Georgia, 16 in Tennessee, two in Kentucky and two in South Carolina.

Not until broken communication lines were restored Tuesday was the full extent of the storm's toll learned. The death list grew from only a few to more than 100 during the night,

ENROLLMENT AT COLLEGE SHOWS MARKED GAIN

Figures Given Out from Local Institution Reveal that 918 Students are on Campus, as Against 836 for Last Year. Fourteen States Are Represented and 64 Counties in North Carolina. Ashe Second to Watauga.

A check-up of the enrollment at the Appalachian State Teachers College, released by Registrar J. M. Downum indicate that the local institution has a record number of students, 918, as compared to 836 for the same period of last year. Of this number 288 are men and 630 women. Fourteen states are represented on the campus here, 50 of the students coming from beyond the boundaries of North Carolina.

The statistics reveal that Watauga County tops the list with an attendance of 152, about one per cent. of the total population, and Ashe still holds second position with 73 students; Lincoln is next with 41, followed closely by Wilkes which has 40 residents taking training here. Sixty-four of the 100 North Carolina counties are represented in the student body.

Officials believe that no college in the country has shown a more rapid growth during the past few years. When the institution began doing college work in 1925, five were enrolled, and the numbers have doubled and tripled with each succeeding year. The figures prepared by Mr. Downum indicate that the depression has caused an increase in the number preparing themselves at the Appalachian College.

Pastors Conference at Middle Fork Church

Roy Dotson, secretary, Tuesday issued the following program for Three Forks Pastors' Conference, to be held with Middle Fork Baptist Church on Monday, April 11th:

Nine-thirty, a. m., opening service, Rev. W. C. Payne; 10:30, "The Need and Value of Good Books and Literature for Christians," Rev. W. D. Ashley, J. A. Williams and others; 10:40, "Missions in the Bible," Rev. H. M. Winkler and I. G. Greer; 11:10, "Investment in Missions," Rev. P. A. Sifers and Smith Hagaman; 11:40, "What Is a Daily Vacation Bible School? Can a County Church Have One?" Miss Elin Wiley; 12:10 p. m., "The Three Forks Baptist Sunday School Association," Rev. Roy Dotson; 12:30, adjourn.

This is an important meeting, states Mr. Dotson, and all pastors and Sunday school superintendents are kindly and urgently requested to attend.

MRS. RUTHERFORD TO APPEAR IN CONCERT THURSDAY NIGHT

Roth Rankin Rutherford, well-known pianist, formerly of Boone but now of Atlanta, Ga., will give a concert in the Methodist Church Thursday evening, March 24, at 7:30, under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society. A silver offering, to be devoted to a fund for local service, will be taken at the door. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Miss Kathryn McConnell will also present an appropriate reading and a male quartet from the College Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Virginia Wary, will give several vocal selections.

DAVIS HOSPITAL IS APPROVED FOR POST-GRADUATE TRAINING

Dr. James W. Davis, founder and head of the Davis hospital, announces that his institution will be listed in the new directory of the American Medical Association, now on the eve of publication, as approved for post-graduate training in medicine, surgery, specialties, diagnosis, etc., and for interne training, interne training being the added feature since the former listing.

THE WEATHER

Weather report for the week ending March 19, 1932, as compiled by the Co-operative Station at State Teachers College:

Average maximum temperature, 40 degrees.
Average minimum temperature, 22 degrees.
Average temperature, 31 degrees.
Average daily range in temperature, 18 degrees.
Greatest daily range in temperature, 28 degrees; date 16th and 19th.
Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 34 degrees.
Highest temperature reached, 55 degrees; date, 17th and 19th.
Lowest temperature reached, 9 degrees; date, 15th.
Number inches of rainfall, 0.40.
Number inches of snowfall, 3.50.
Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 0.15; date, 14th.
Number of days with 0.01 inch or more rainfall, 4.
Number of clear days, 4.
Number of cloudy days, 2.
Number of partly cloudy days, 1.