

RISE OF BRAND NEW LEADERS IN THE PAST YEAR

1932 HAS BEEN YEAR OF HARD FOUGHT POLITICAL BATTLES. CHANGE IN PARTY LINE-UPS NOTED BY OBSERVERS.

Raleigh, N. C.—Dawn of a new year sees two men rising on North Carolina's political horizon—for the year 1932 was leap year in politics.

It saw Robert R. Reynolds leap into prominence by capturing the coveted Senatorial seat, and J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Elizabeth City lawyer and political planner, leap into the spot light by emerging from two heated primaries and an election with the gubernatorial toga on his shoulders.

The rise of these two men—one from the extreme west and the other from the far east of the state—stand out sharply as the two greatest personal political achievements of last year.

Their courses in 1932, a year in which there will be no campaigns, primaries and elections, stand out as the two big political questions of the next twelve months may answer.

The most outstanding political development in the State in 1932 was the Democratic party's complete rout of the Republicans.

Four years ago, the Republicans saw signs of strength. They flung North Carolina into the Republican column nationally, captured a good-sized bloc in the legislature and generally disturbed the Democrats who had things their way for years.

But 1932 was a sad year for them. With the national collapse of the party, they hopelessly lost North Carolina. Democratic majorities in the state, approaching the 400,000 mark, were records. The Democrats won everything with the exception of a few county offices and eight of the 120 seats in the General Assembly.

Riding the head of the parade were Reynolds and Ehringhaus, whom two heated Democratic primaries threw together—this quiet serious-minded man from the west and the jovial "Buncome Bob" from the east.

The national right-about-face to the Democratic cause gave the state hope of a greater share in the national platform.

North Carolina won a cabinet post in the last Democratic regime. Josephus Daniels, the Raleigh editor who served as secretary of the navy in the Wilson cabinet, was President-elect Roosevelt's boss when the New Yorker was assistant secretary.

Governor O. Max Gardner, who has been a power in Democratic circles in this state almost since he left college, has been mentioned as cabinet member. The governor, however, has kept his counsel and his immediate plans show him toward Shelby, his home, upon retiring.

What Gardner's future place in the picture will be presents another question time must answer.

Written across the year 1932 was defeat for one of the states and a Democratic war horses—Cameron Morrison of Charlotte.

Former governor, "father of good roads" in the state, a forceful orator and the senator in appearance, Morrison was unceremoniously hauled from his seat in the United States Senate by Reynolds, who got out an old automobile and blazed a trail across the state campaigning as an anti-prohibitionist.

Morrison remained a dry despite the dampness of the national Democratic platform.

He had been serving as senator since 1930, when Governor Gardner, whom Morrison had defeated in the 1926 Democratic primary for governor, named him to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Overman.

Morrison did little campaigning for the first senatorial primary in which he had four opponents. He trailed Reynolds by a few thousand votes.

In the second race, however, the white-haired Charlotte man who "loved" the people and thought they "loved" him, took off his coat and went to battle. He fell, overwhelmingly defeated, Reynolds' majority of 107,000 votes was the greatest ever given a Democrat in a primary in this state.

The administration of Gov. Gardner was the issue in the two Democratic gubernatorial primaries. Gardner supported Ehringhaus, who failed to gain a majority over Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell and Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain in the first race.

Maxwell Eliminated Maxwell, who was eliminated, withdrew to watch the second heat between Ehringhaus and Fountain. The battle was fierce. Wild words fell. Fountain almost came to blows with Highway Chairman E. B. Jeffress, who as a part of the Gardner administration, supported Ehringhaus.

Fountain fought hard, the voting books primary records, but he lost by a few thousand votes. Although there was undoubtedly some disappointment over the outcome of the Democratic primaries—both for the gubernatorial and senatorial nominations—harmony reigned in Democratic ranks by the time the November elections rolled along.

Morrison took the stump for the party and Reynolds, Fountain became ill, but his wife introduced Ehringhaus to a Rocky Mount Political rally. Jake Newell of Charlotte, Republican candidate for Senate, took advantage of Reynolds' stand against prohibition and fought the Asheville man on this issue. That he swung some dry Democratic votes his way was evident in the returns. Reynolds' majority was not as large as that given other Democrats on the ticket.

Ehringhaus' majority over his Republican opponent, Clifford Frazier, of Greensboro, led the ticket, with Roosevelt a scattering number of votes behind.

Reynolds already has entered the Senate, having been elected for the remainder of the unexpired Overman term and the regular six-year term beginning March 4. Ehringhaus will be inaugurated as governor today.

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Watauga Weed Brings High Price on Markets

Mr. T. L. Mast, of Lovell, Tuesday received a check amounting to \$148.16 for tobacco recently sold on the warehouse floor of a nearby town. Mr. Mast states that this weed came from about one acre, and is highly pleased with the profits of his venture.

Tobacco on the burley markets is said to be bringing very good prices, everything considered, and Watauga's offerings, while small, are of better than average quality. Mr. Mast is anxious for those who have disposed of their crops to report the moneys received to the Democrat, in order that local farmers may ascertain the practicability of tobacco as a money crop in this section.

LOCAL COUNCIL OF JUNIOR ORDER ELECTS OFFICERS

Councillor Clyde R. Greene Presides at Business Meeting Monday. Large Attendance. Initiation Fee Reduced to \$2.00, by Order of National Council. Next Meeting to Be Held on January 16th.

The local Council of the Junior Order met in regular session at the American Legion Hall Monday night, January 2nd. A large number of members were present, not only from Boone, but from Blowing Rock and Cove Creek.

Councillor Clyde R. Greene presided and led the discussion of plans for the new year which include a drive for new members and reinstatement of old members. A dispensation granted by the national councillor, North Carolina's own Charles E. Brewer, permits new members to be received into the order upon payment of \$2.00 initiation fee instead of \$5.00 and old members may be reinstated upon payment of \$1.50.

After the regular business had been transacted, new officers were elected as follows:

Hill Hagaman, Junior Past Councillor; Clyde R. Greene, Councillor; Ralph G. Greer, Vice-Councillor; Howard W. Smith, Financial Secretary; A. W. Smith, Treasurer; W. O. Roberts, Recording Secretary; B. K. Osborne, Assistant Recording Secretary; and B. B. Greer, Corresponding Secretary.

Hodges, Warden; Roy Deason, Chaplain; W. C. Norris, Inside Sentinel; N. C. Greene, Outside Sentinel; R. L. Chay, Hill Hagaman, Russell Hodges, Trustees.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday night, January 16th.

MUST BE SHOWN AS TO SALES TAX

Doughton Won't Vote for It Unless Needed to Balance the Budget. House Leaders Prepare for Show Down on Bill.

Washington.—I must be convinced that a manufacturer's sales tax is an absolute necessity to balance the budget before I will support a bill providing for it," says Representative Doughton, who helped to scuttle the one offered last April. "I have never said I will not vote for it, but they will have to show me first."

House leaders are preparing to have another show down on a sales tax bill. They assert that it is the only way to provide money to lift the treasury out of a hole. They believe that enough members will change their votes to undo what they did April 1st, when the vote was 236 to 160 to kill it.

At that time the North Carolinians stood: For the tax, Warren, Fox, Hancock and Bunkle, and against, Kerr, Clark, Lambeth, Doughton and Weaver; Abernathy, not voting.

SQUIRREL SEASON CLOSES

The open season for shooting squirrels in Watauga County closed on December 31st, but the season for small and rabbit will remain open until February 15th, states H. Grady Farthing, local warden. Mr. Farthing warns sportsmen to secure licenses before invading the fields, and says that violators of any part of the game laws will be vigorously prosecuted if apprehended.

Girl in Liquor Car Not a Student Here

A young woman giving her name as MacCallina Rebecca Johnson and claiming to be a student at the State Teachers College in Boone, was arrested near Moravian Falls Friday when an automobile in which she was riding was found to contain fifty gallons of liquor, according to a story published in the Journal-Patriot, Monday. Two men made their escape, it was stated, and their identity could not be established. Bond of \$500 was required for Miss Johnson.

The Democrat immediately got in touch with officials of the Appalachian College, and an investigation revealed that no woman by this name is enrolled here. Officials also stated that Rebecca Johnson had never been a student at this institution.

FIGHTING SOLON



Tam C. Bowie, of Ashe County, who bids fair to occupy a position in the limelight during the Legislature now in session. His program centers about relief of landowners in tax payment, repeal of Turlington Act, and drastic cuts in expenses of the State Government.

29TH DISTRICT IS WELL CARED FOR IN LEGISLATURE

McNeil, Bowie, Doughton and Greer Make Strong Team. Leave for Raleigh Monday. Bowie Has Mapped Out Program for State. Greer Goes for Second Term. Doughton was Speaker Forty Years Ago.

Senator P. T. McNeil of Ashe County, Governor R. A. Doughton of Alleghany, Roby F. Greer of Watauga and Judge T. C. Bowie of Ashe provide the representation for the 29th District in the present session of the General Assembly, and the quartet was in Raleigh in time for the party caucus Tuesday evening. Judge Bowie and Governor Doughton are former Speakers of the House, and rumor was that the former sought the honor of being elected to the same position in the present session.

Neither of the four solons goes into the assembly halls without previous experience and citizens of the territory once dubbed as the Lost Provinces feel that no three counties of the State can boast a more seasoned team of legislators.

Governor Doughton is one of the pioneer assemblers, ranking along side the veteran Pete Murphy of Johnson in legislative service, having served fourteen terms in the House. He was named Speaker in 1893 the year after present Speaker Harris was born. He has served as lieutenant governor and Highway Department head and the power of his presence in Raleigh has never been questioned.

Mr. Bowie, former Superior Court Judge and one of the State's leading lawyers, was born to statesmanship and has several claims to his credit in Raleigh. He is not only a statesman but a fighting one and has mapped out a program which he will push in the assembly, including the sales tax levy, with subsequent removal of the 15-cent ad valorem tax, the repeal of the Turlington act or State liquor law in anticipation of the action of Congress, the revamping of the State Highway Department, and vouchsafing and reform which will bring about a balancing of the budget with a minimum burden upon the people. Bowie will receive powerful support and has always faced well with his colleagues from the mountains. He has previously served as Speaker of the House and has wide influence over the State.

Roby Greer goes down for a second term, to renew his splendid contacts in law-making circles. He has devoted a major part of his time to governmental service for many years, and was a potent factor in bringing about the notable tax reductions in this county.

Senator McNeil goes into the upper branch of the Senate for a second term. He has been popular in Raleigh, is a constructive statesman, and occupies a leading role in the Senate. The folks back home think that Greer, Bowie, Doughton and McNeil can work together as a team, and believe this a group of legislators which, for ability, has not been matched in this district in many a day.

MARTIN BANNER FUNERAL AT BANNER ELK TUESDAY

Funeral services for Martin Banner, who died at his home on Sugar Mountain, near Montezuma, Monday morning, were conducted from the Presbyterian Church at Banner Elk Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He was 84 years old and had been in ill health for several years. He is survived by ten children, two brothers, C. C. Banner of Montezuma and Newton Banner of Sugar Grove, Watauga County, and one sister. Mr. Banner was one of the pioneer settlers of the community in which he died and was well known in Watauga County. He was a member of the Methodist Church and an admirable citizen.

ELECTION CASES POSTPONED UNTIL REGULAR TERM

Democratic Officials Indicted for Conspiracy in 1930 Will Not Have to Appear Before Court Next Week as Previously Arranged. Cases Will Not Be Called Until Regular Term in May. Talk of Nol Pros.

A score of Watauga election officials and officers charged with conspiracy to prevent electors from exercising the free privilege of the franchise as a result of the 1930 balloting, will not have to appear before Judge Johnson J. Hayes in Wilkesboro Monday, as was formerly arranged, it was learned Tuesday. Information is that the cases will not be called before the next regular term of Federal Court which convenes in May.

Two of the principal attorneys employed by the defense are sewing in the Legislature. Messrs. Bowie and Doughton, and this fact probably influenced the postponement. There has been talk, however, that Republicans who have been pressing the indictments for near two years, are willing for a nol pros. These reports, however, are unverified, and it is to be presumed, on present information, that the cases will be tried in the spring.

Seventeen of the Democratic defendants were acquitted at the term which was called for the purpose in August, ending the actions in so far as Laurel Creek and Cove Creek townships were concerned. Those remaining to be tried come from Boone and Stony Fork and number 21.

Street Work Gives Jobs to Unemployed

A portion of the money which the State borrowed from the R. F. C. for unemployment relief is now being utilized in street improvement work in Boone, and an average of about twenty men, most of them without work for a long time, are being used. Under the system adopted, one group is allowed to work three days a week, and a new crew is employed the other three days.

An enormous pile of rock has been gathered at the Tracy Council dairy barn, taken from the adjacent mountain fields, a stone crusher, is to be borrowed from the state highway Commissioner, and the street into the Cherry Park addition will be paved.

DONORS TO CHARITY FUND

Mr. R. M. Greene, who repaired and repainted scores of toys for the stocking of the poor children in Watauga Christmas, submits the following list of those who contributed to his most charitable work: Mrs. J. L. Goodnight, Mrs. Stuart Barnes, Mrs. Mary Harris, Betsy Mae Johnson, David F. Greene Jr., Johnny Johnston and sister, Mrs. R. M. Greene Woodcraft, Novelty Co., Professor Guy Hill and family, Mrs. John Steele, Boone Hardware Company, Five to Five Store, Boone Drug Co., Mrs. Ethel Boushelle.

A SNAKE STORY

Grade Edmister, who lives on Rt. 1, Vouchsafes the information that snakes do not necessarily hibernate during the winter months, and brings forth the proof. On the day after Christmas young Edmister, while rabbit hunting, jumped atop a brush pile, thinking to "jump" a cotton tail. He was promptly "jumped" by a six-foot blacksnake, which twined its rubbery self around the young hunter's leg. Rabbits were forgotten for the moment as the Nimrod turned his attention to dispatching the reptile.

PUGLISH VISITS HERE

Mr. Booby Foster, of Meadville, Penn., former Pennsylvania lightweight boxing champion, spent last week visiting with home folks and friends in this section. Saturday evening he and John Cutshall, local fighter, engaged in a free boxing exhibition in the Boone Clothing Store building. There were a number of spectators and the decision was a draw.

KRAUT FACTORY RUNNING

The North State Canning Company Wednesday opened up with a full crew canning sauer kraut at its Boone factory. The output this year, it is said, is not so large as usual, but a fair demand is reported by the management.

Gymnasium to Be Built At Cove Creek School

A large frame building to be used as a gymnasium is shortly to be constructed on the campus of the Cove Creek High School, according to information coming from Principal S. F. Horton.

Under the terms of the plan which the Board of Education has approved, the lumber for the structure will be purchased at a minimum cost on the stump and aid from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation fund is to be sought in providing the unemployed with work on the project.

The lumber will be manufactured and the structure erected as nearly as possible through labor thus secured, it is indicated. The specifications were not announced other than it will provide modern gymnasium facilities. Timber is to be purchased and preliminary work started at once.

NEW GOVERNOR



John C. B. Ehringhaus, who will be inaugurated today as Governor of North Carolina in impressive but inexpensive ceremonies, Mr. Ehringhaus has sufficiently recovered from a recent illness to assume the full activities of the office, it is stated.

COMMISSIONERS TO MEET AGAIN ON JANUARY 16

County Officials Unable to Go Forward with All Business Due to Illness of Chairman of the Board. Meeting Set for the Purpose of Taking Care of Matters Where Full Attendance Was Desired.

The Board of County Commissioners consisted of only two members when it met Monday, the chairman, Mr. Eller McNeil, being absent on account of influenza, or kindred ailment. He is understood to be quite ill, but his condition is not reported as critical. Messrs. Miller and Billings carried on with much routine business during the day, but adjourned in the afternoon to meet again on Monday, January 16th when, it is believed, Mr. McNeil will have recovered.

At that time some business which was not completed at the previous meeting will be transacted, it is believed.

The Board of Education was also in session during the day, but there was nothing aside from the usual duties to come up for consideration.

Pneumonia Is Fatal To Otto A. Pendley

Otto A. Pendley, son of the late Alex Pendley, and a former resident of Boone, died of pneumonia at his home in Greensboro Monday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock. He was forty-two years old. Mr. Pendley went to Greensboro from North Wilkesboro twenty years ago, where he associated himself with the late Dr. E. B. Williams in the conduct of a sanitarium. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. A. J. Pendley of North Wilkesboro, and two sisters, Mrs. Roy Whitmore of Durham and Mrs. Thomas Garrett of Henderson.

Funeral services were conducted at North Wilkesboro Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Pendley was a member of the Masonic Lodge, and served overseas during the World War with the 81st Division.

SEEK JOBS IN LEGISLATURE

Miss Ruth Cottrell of Boone and Donald J. Boyden of Blowing Rock accompanied Representative Roby T. Greer to Raleigh Monday, presumably to seek positions in the Legislature. Attorney Wade Brown also went to Raleigh Tuesday, rumor having it that he seeks appointment as reading clerk in the House.

HARRIS THE SPEAKER

Representative Reginald L. Harris of Person County was chosen Speaker or without opposition when Democratic assemblymen met in Raleigh Tuesday evening to perfect the organization of the Legislature.

MARRIED WOMEN TO LOSE JOBS

Kansas City.—Women employees of the Kansas City Power and Light Company with matrimonial inclinations have 6 months to make up their minds. The company announced Saturday that after the six months period no more married women will be employed and women workers who marry must resign.

Blowing Rock School Closed Another Week

The Blowing Rock High School will remain closed another week on account of the prevalence of influenza in the community, Principal Grady Tester announced Tuesday. The malady is expected to show abatement within a few days, however, and it is expected that the institution will open next Monday.

All other schools of the county opened the first of the week, following the Christmas holidays, it is stated. While there have been an unusual number of influenza cases, the contagion is in rather mild form and so far as is known no critical illness has resulted.

CIVIL WARRIOR IS DEAD AT 92; FIRST TO JOIN WITH FOLK

Uncle Harvey Davis Succumbs to Brief Illness. Buried at Church He Helped to Found. Followed Confederate Flag Through Major Virginia Campaigns, and Helped Recruit Company for Colonel Folk.

In a casket draped with the bars of the Confederate colors and clothed in a grayed uniform which followed the leadership of Lee and Jackson through "four years of arduous struggle," the mortal remains of Harvey A. Davis, Watauga's first soldier of the Civil War, were laid to rest at the Old Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church last Saturday morning. The pastor, Rev. W. A. Deaton, was assisted by Rev. J. A. Youst in conducting the services over the body which for more than seventy years had been a repository for an ounce ball, fired from a Yankee musket during the bloody days of the 60s.

Death came to "Uncle Harvey" at his home in the Meat Camp section last Thursday morning when the 92-year-old veteran had been seriously ill for little more than a week. Although he had been in feeble health for several months, the fatal illness, it was said, was precipitated by a cold.

Surviving is one sister, Mrs. Elmore Phillips, of Caldwell County; a daughter, Mrs. M. H. Norris, of Route 2, Boone; seven grandchildren, including Mrs. Leon Coffey of Blowing Rock and the Rev. J. L. Norris, Maiden, N. C., and eighteen great grandchildren.

Mr. Davis was born in Catawba County, July 17, 1840, coming to Watauga County in 1845, during the year in which Andrew Jackson died, and while Martin Van Buren occupied the White House. As a manhood came and the clouds of a great civil war loomed on the Southern horizon, Colonel Geo. N. Folk called for Watauga volunteers. So far as is known Harvey Davis was the first man to answer the call to arms and was delegated by Folk to bear a banner down the street of Boone and throughout the neighborhood, calling forth the young men of the mountains to the defense of the Southland. Literally, he was the first in the streets after the clarion call of war had been sounded.

He was assigned to the First North Carolina Cavalry and served through out the four years of the conflict. He was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, and his wounds were so severe that he was unable to return to his regiment. He was taken to a hospital in Washington, D. C., and after a long stay there he was discharged. He returned to his home in Watauga's hills, where he set about doing his part in the slow process of reconstruction.

Mr. Davis was a farmer by occupation, and was successful in wrenching a good livelihood from the mountain soil. He was an early agricultural authority and years ago furnished the Federal government with their farm reports covering this section. He was one of the founders of the Lutheran Church in Watauga County and a charter member of Mount Pleasant, the only church of fifty years was never known to have missed a communion service.

MRS. SALLY RAGAN PASSES SATURDAY

Aged Resident of Meat Camp and Sister of Late Esquire W. L. Bryan Succumbs. Funeral Conducted Saturday, 87 Years Old.

Mrs. Sally Ragan, 87 years old and a well known resident of the Meat Camp section, died last Friday after an illness brought about by infirmities of old age. Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 1 o'clock from the home by Rev. W. C. Payne, who was assisted in the services by Rev. L. A. Wilson and interment was in the family graveyard.

Mrs. Ragan was born January 19, 1845, and was the daughter of Bartlett and Rebecca Bryan. She was a sister of the late Colonel W. L. Bryan, pioneer merchant of this city, and the last immediate member of his family. She was married to James Calvin Ragan on April 5, 1873, and to this union were born nine children, two of whom died in infancy. Two other children, Mrs. Nannie Stevens and Mrs. Fannie Greene, have been dead a number of years. The surviving children are Mrs. Eliza McBride of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. T. Crit Norris, Bartlett Ragan, Henry Ragan and Carl Ragan of Boone.

Mrs. Ragan joined the Meat Camp Baptist Church on January 17, 1881, and had been a faithful member since that time. An unusually large crowd of friends gathered to pay their last respects to the pioneer lady, who was held in high esteem in her community.

Farmers of Clay County began a soil building program this year by planting 3,200 acres of legumes.