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AN APPEAL TO REASON

Joseph M. Prevette of Ashe County has entered the journalistic field...

This "Appeal to Reason" is wider'n the wide Pacific, more encompassing than the inverted bowl of heaven...

In the good old days of long ago, candidates for public office mounted the elephant or the donkey, as their respective consciences dictated...

But the Prevette psychology has, it seems, undergone the newest of New Deals. This "Appeal to Reason" is addressed to Republicans, Democrats, Churchmen, Churchwomen, Laborers, Ex-Servicemen, Patriots...

A long time ago this writer withdrew from partisan scribbling. He resolved to let Democrats be Democrats, as usual, and to let Republicans go on electing Presidents, as they usually did...

In his proclamation of campaign principles, Ashe County's Joseph M. Prevette is a disappointing finger at Tarheel's much-cursed and seldom praised three per cent sales tax...

Unlike scores of other high-pressure politicians, Mr. Prevette in no wise confines his activities to Federal affairs... rather does he lean toward remedying conditions in North Carolina...

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Gandhi Disciple Here



New York.—Madeline Slade, pictured above, prominent English woman and a disciple of Mahatma Gandhi, is here in native India costume to lecture through the country on conditions in India.

ROBERT MILLER IS FOUND DEAD NEAR HOME AT MABEL

Coroner's Jury Decides that Well-Known Man was Victim of Heart Attack. No Signs of Violence Found on Body. Funeral at Mabel Attended by Large Crowd. Father and Nine Brothers and Sisters Survive.

The body of Robert Cecil Miller, 27, was found about 300 feet from his Zionville home Saturday morning, the death of the well known young man having been presumed to have resulted from a heart attack.

Funeral Sunday. Funeral services were conducted from the Mabel Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Byrd of Mountain City being in charge.

Surviving are several brothers and sisters: John, Spencer, Will, Frank, Otto and Tom (Spencer and Tom are residents of Boone, Otto lives in Idaho, and the others near Zionville).

REV. WIDENHOUSE NEW M. E. PASTOR

Rev. J. H. Brendall Goes to Brevard as Result to Conference Action. Rev. Graham to Remain on Watauga Circuit. "Pounding" Here.

Rev. G. C. Widenhouse will this week take over the pastorate of the Boone Methodist Church, succeeding Rev. J. H. Brendall Jr., who goes to Brevard, according to the decision of the Conference in session at Greensboro last week.

Rev. G. C. Graham was to have been succeeded as pastor of the Watauga Circuit by Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald, but following a hurried visit to Watauga by Presiding Elder Gibbs Monday night, it was arranged that these gentlemen would keep their present posts of duty in order that each might complete important unfinished work.

Rev. Brendall's return to Boone was desired and confidently expected by the congregation here, and his transfer to Brevard was brought about solely because of his peculiar fitness to take care of the situation in that college town.

Mr. Widenhouse is recognized as a very able minister, and churchmen feel fortunate in his being sent here, since Mr. Brendall must go to other fields.

AGED NEGRO SUCCEMBS

Kelley Horton, about 75 years old, one of the most aged colored residents of the community, died at the home of Mary Lenoir Sunday afternoon, following a short illness with pneumonia. Interment was in the local cemetery.

When he gets to Washington! He leatheth the disgruntled ones along a "promising pathway" he turneth their faces from records of achievement, if any...

PHILLIPS SAYS TEAGUE CAST HIM IN BOILING MASH

Blowing Rock Man Faces Charge of Throwing Wilkes Citizen Into Vat of Boiling Still Slop. Was Aiding Federal Officers in Destroying Illicit Outfit. Other Wataugans Arrested on Serious Charge.

Hal Teague, Blowing Rock youth charged with throwing M. S. Phillips Wilkes citizen, into a vat of boiling mash at a distillery, has provided one of the most interesting cases to come before the Federal Court at Wilkesboro when it convenes next month.

Several months ago Mr. Phillips was aiding Federal officers in the destruction of a still and to apprehend a number of men on the scene when one of them is alleged to have grabbed him and thrown him into a large container of boiling mash.

Teague was arrested at Blowing Rock on October 12th, and last week was given a hearing before Commissioner J. W. Dula at Wilkesboro. Mr. Phillips, appearing as a Government witness, apparently was positive in his identification of Teague as the man who came very near to ending his life.

Commissioner Dula found probable cause and set bond for appearance at court at five thousand dollars, which Teague has been unable to fill so far.

To date six men have been arrested in connection with the affair and are awaiting trial. Ralph and Claude Teague, also of Blowing Rock, have been taken, together with Glen Hamby, Morris Matherly and Turner Lewis of Wilkes County.

Mr. Phillips, it is said, was not actually a Federal officer, but on that occasion was acting as a deputy.

DOUGHTON SPEAKS AT GREEN VALLEY

Congressman Tells Large Audience He Favors Payment of Bonus to Needy Veterans. Brands Attacks of Prevette as False.

Speaking before a large crowd at Green Valley Schoolhouse in Meat Camp Township on Saturday night, Hon. Robert L. Doughton, Democratic candidate for re-election to Congress, paid tribute to veterans of the World War, explained his position on recent controversial legislation, and declared his intention of submitting a plan to the President at an early date.

Congressman Doughton told his audience that throughout the years that have elapsed since the Armistice was signed, his vote had always been cast in the House of Representatives on the side of World War veterans.

The last bonus bill called for the manufacture of two billion dollars in "printing press money," and currency without backing is one of the things that Congressman Doughton fears.

"I have the greatest respect and admiration for our heroic veterans of the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, and the World War," Congressman Doughton declared, "and I don't believe there is another member of the House on either side who has used his time and personal resources in their behalf more willingly or unselfishly than I."

Holding aloft a copy of the "Appeal to Reason," campaign publication of Joseph M. Prevette, Republican candidate for Congress, Mr. Doughton refuted a number of the statements contained therein, especially that which had to do with the expenditures of his (Doughton's) office.

Mr. Doughton devoted the remainder of his well received speech to a review of the accomplishments of the (Continued on Page 8)

Principals in Kentucky Kidnaping



Louisville, Ky.—Above are pictured three principals which will be very much in future news as Federal Agents strive for convictions in the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Stoll for \$50,000 ransom, and which was paid for her release. Above, left: Thomas H. Robinson Jr., former insane asylum inmate, who planned and executed the crime, and still is at large. Upper right: Mrs. Thomas H. Robinson Jr., wife. Below: Thomas H. Robinson Sr., father.



Hodges Alleges An Unfair Election Set-Up; Swift, In Reply, Says Bias Is Shown

Watauga County Republican Chairman, in Letter to State Board of Elections, Objects to Methods of Voting; County Election Chairman Asked to Remedy Alleged Condition; Swift Says He Will Continue to Follow the Law. Complete Text of Correspondence.

The charges of Russell D. Hodges, chairman of the Republic Executive Committee of Watauga County, that elections are being conducted locally in a manner which discriminates against his party, and the reply of R. S. Swift, to the allegations, combine to make the high spot in the political news as the last week of the campaign gets underway.

Mr. Hodges, in a letter to the State Board of Elections, alleges that Republicans are not able to tell what is going on at the ballot boxes, and State officials have instructed Mr. Swift to follow the law. The local official in his reply states that he is unable to ascertain where the law has been violated, and says instructions will be carried out.

The complete text of the correspondence in this connection is published herewith:

LETTER TO SWIFT

Mr. R. S. Swift, Chairman Watauga Board of Elections, Boone, North Carolina.

"Dear Sir:

"The Chairman of Watauga County Republican Executive Committee, Mr. Russell D. Hodges, and the Chairman of the State Republican Executive Committee, Hon. W. C. Meekins, have appealed to the State Board of Elections to remedy the situation existing in Watauga County with respect to the manner in which they allege your registrars arrange the polling places in most of the precincts of the county so as to leave grounds for question as to the proper conduct of the election in such precincts.

"The complaint is made to us that

in setting up voting places in some of the precincts in Watauga County, a long narrow building or hall is used and a table for the distribution of ballots is placed at one end of the building with the Republican judge there to give out the ballots, and that the ballot boxes are placed at the far end of the building, from sixty to seventy five feet distant from the table where the ballots are being given out, making it impossible for the Republican judge, or republican watchers or markers, to be able to see the ballot boxes, and tell what is actually going on at the ballot boxes.

"The thing that has caused most hardness and more corruption here is the fact that in setting up the voting places, in most instances, a long narrow building or hall is secured, placing the table for the distribution of ballots at one end of the building, booths down one side and then the ballot boxes just as far as the other end of the hall, approximately sixty feet away, with no Republican watchers or assistants allowed inside the polling place or voting enclosure to watch the ballot boxes. Mr. Hodges states this situation as follows:

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DR. GAITHER DIES FROM ACCIDENTAL GUNSHOT WOUNDS

Well Known Local Dentist Succumbs in North Wilkesboro Hospital Saturday. Funeral Conducted from the Methodist Church Monday. Business Houses Close Out of Respect to One of Town's Leading Citizens.

Dr. Joseph M. Gaither, popular Boone dentist, was fatally injured on last Friday afternoon at his home, when a shotgun with which he was attempting to kill rats, was discharged, the load practically severing the left foot from the body. The accident occurred in a barn on the premises, the shotgun having fallen and fired as the dentist was trying to get a rat into the open. Some minutes elapsed before he was able to summon help, and although he had bound the injured leg, the loss of blood was great before he reached the Haganman Clinic.

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist Church Monday morning at eleven o'clock, the business houses of the town remaining closed during the funeral. Rev. Brendall, the pastor, and Dr. O. J. Chandler of Asheville conducted the services jointly and were assisted by Rev. J. A. Yount, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, and Rev. Bumgarner of Wilkes County.

The active pallbearers were: Baxter Linney, Kenneth Linney, Paul Coffey, Tracy Council, Jim Council, Guy H. Hill, A. S. Harris, Dr. J. B. Haganman, Honorary, Dr. H. B. Perry, Dr. G. K. Moore, Fred McDade, Dr. Otto Blinsham, P. A. Mullins, Pat McGraw, Dr. Amos Abrams, Frank Williams, Glenn Lewis, Robert Coffey, Dr. W. F. Jones, S. F. Horton, Orrin Gaither, Dr. Fred Hubbard, Horton Gragg and Donald J. Boyden.

The crowd was unusually large at the services, and a magnificent floral offering was borne by the following ladies: Mesdames A. S. Harris, Frank Williams, Ruth Isaacs, S. F. Horton, G. K. Moore, Robert Coffey, Amos Abrams, Remmie Porter, David Greene, Donald Boyden, J. B. Haganman, Baxter Linney, Tracy Council, James Council, Guy H. Hill, Paul A. Coffey, Russell Hodges, Misses Gertrude Perry, Jane Eliason, Myrtle Mast and Louise Critcher.

Interment was in the city cemetery, Hens-Sturdivant Funeral Home having charge of arrangements.

Surviving are the parents and two brothers, who reside at Millers Creek, Wilkes County; the widow, who prior to marriage was Miss Sarah Bagley of Newman, Ga., and two small sons, J. M. Gaither III and Henry Bagley Gaither.

ARMISTICE DAY EVENT PLANNED

American Legion Proposes Celebration on the Occasion of Armistice Day, Parade, Public Speaking and Ceremonies Are Included.

Tentative arrangements are being made by the Watauga Post, American Legion, to celebrate Armistice Day, November 11th, with a parade, other ceremonies and a public speaking, in which all the people of the county are expected to participate.

It is planned to have all veterans, their wives and children, join in a parade at 2:30 p. m., after which the other ceremonies will be held at the courthouse.

Efforts are being made, it is said, to have a speaker of national prominence deliver the principal address. A more detailed program will have been perfected within the week.

Commander J. W. Norris at the same time announces that a meeting of the Legion Post will be held in Legion Hall Friday evening.

Sheriff Captures Two Escaped Prisoners

Last Friday Sheriff A. Y. Howell captured two escapees from the State Prison on Watauga River. Hoke King, formerly of South Carolina, serving a sentence for second-degree murder, was taken with Frank Campbell of this county, who had escaped the second time from prison where he was sent for forgery and larceny. The two men are being held in the county jail pending word from Raleigh.

CLOTHING WANTED. Any one who has any discarded clothing, caps, coats, sweaters, underwear, dresses, etc., drop a card or call Miss Theodosia Watson at the relief office and a car will call to collect the donation.

RED CROSS DRIVE BEING ORGANIZED

Local Chairman Getting Volunteer Organization in Shape for Annual Roll Call Which Starts November 11, 300 Sought

Volunteer workers for the Watauga Chapter of the American Red Cross are making plans now for the annual roll call membership campaign which opens on November 11, according to a statement made today by Dr. J. D. Rankin, chairman of the local chapter. The quota assigned to this chapter is 300 and Dr. Rankin says there is every indication that the goal will be reached if not actually exceeded.

Mrs. H. R. Eggers has been named chairman of the roll call and a volunteer organization to carry on the campaign is rapidly being whipped into shape. In the preliminary announcement local Red Cross officials point to the fact that during the depression the organization did not suffer serious loss in membership and the response this year is expected to be enthusiastic.

It is urgently requested that all local citizens cooperate to the end that the great humanitarian organization may be ready at all times for any kind of cooperation needed to care for the destitute, and victims of national calamities.

MABEL HOME IS RAZED BY FIRE

Grover Norris' Residence Totally Destroyed by Flame Originating in Faulty Flue. All Food, Clothing and Furniture Burned.

A fire which is believed to have originated from a faulty flue last Saturday destroyed the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Norris at Mabel, nothing having been saved from the conflagration.

All food supplies, clothing and furniture went up in smoke and there was no insurance on the property. The home was a four-room frame building, and was well furnished throughout. A large amount of canned goods and other supplies was included in the big loss sustained.

DELPHIANS MEET

The Yonahlossee Chapter of the Delphi Society met at the Demonstration School on Tuesday afternoon. "Byzantine Art in Architecture" was the subject of the day's study. Mrs. James Mast, Mrs. Harman Eggers and Miss Enla Todd made reports on different phases of the subject.

At the next meeting, November 13, a lecture will be given by a visiting friend, and this will be followed by a social hour.