

Col. Baldwin Rules Against the Main Politicians in Race

Colonel Pinkney Baldwin, who vows he will be 301 years old, "come next old Christmas," paid one of his infrequent calls at the Democrat office the other day, told of his plans to publish a book containing a first-hand history of the world from the Garden of Eden on down, spoke casually of pleasantries exchanged between he and George Washington, as they occupied easy chairs on the spacious piazza at Mount Vernon, and proceeded to give the low down on the political situation as one "up in years" sees it.

Clyde R. Hoey, the silver-tongued orator and candidate for Governor had just finished delivering a speech that had the folks talking, when Colonel Baldwin propped himself on his crooked walking cane, and opened up in confidential fashion, the while he shifted his tobacco between yellowed molars which allegedly enabled him to masticate such food as they had when he bore arms against Lord Cornwallis in the days of the "old Revolution." Hoey, according to such a great state as North Carolina, "He's not more than fifty years old," quoth the Colonel, "but I hear he's giving in his age at something more'n a hundred. If you can't depend on a man's word about his age, I don't think there's much to him. His father told me not more'n five months ago that Clyde was only a lad, just turned fifty."

The Colonel avers that no man is sufficiently settled to occupy the Governor's chair until he should have reached the age of 200. The young fellows, says he, are too unsettled for serious business.

When questioned as to the other leading candidate, Dr. McDonald, the Colonel set forth a merry chuckle, which a grim visage quickly dispelled. "I wouldn't vote for that guy if he was the last man on earth," and a sort of righteous rage shook the drooping frame of the speaker. "Way back, fore you can remember (guess you ain't a hundred yet) we was fighting in the Revolution, men falling all about, and new ones needed. Old McDonald wouldn't fight a lick and laid in the rock cliffs till the war was over. No sir, can't vote for him, he's got the age on him, but a Colonel in the war don't forget."

The Colonel agreed that the race was between Hoey and McDonald, declined to comment on the other candidates, and with a highly expectant "got a quarter by ye" started back to Boone's Fork, where he says he settled as soon as he could get there, after the Mayflower docked herself.

HEATED PRIMARY COMES SATURDAY

Many Democratic Candidates for County Offices; Interest in Governorship.

Saturday brings to an end the most heated campaign for Democratic nominations known over the state in many years, and lately conversations about the streets of the town have been monopolized by predictions as to who will win, particularly as regards the Governorship.

In the county, where the primary law is being applied for the first time, seventeen strong men are seeking the Democratic nominations, while two women and one man are asking for the Republican nomination for Register of Deeds. Copies of ballots in all contests appear in the current issue of this newspaper.

Apparently the race for the state offices is overshadowing the county contests and few can be found who will make open predictions as to who will win among the local citizens. It is generally agreed that a group of strong candidates are filed, and that no landladies are in prospect.

Aggressive sentiment has manifested itself locally in favor of both Dr. McDonald and Clyde R. Hoey for the Governorship, and both are expected to pile up a large vote in Watauga. Sandy Graham will likely also come in for a considerable number of votes. Aside from the governorship there is little interest in the state ticket locally. No sentiment against the renomination of Senator Bailey is apparent, while there is some interest in the race for Secretary of State due to the fact that both Thad Eure and Mike Dunnagan have presented themselves to a number of voters in this section. Opinion is that something like two thousand votes will be cast here, but as to the approximate number each candidate may receive, one guess may turn out to be practically as good as another.

4-H BOYS AND GIRLS TO SWANNANOVA CAMP

Miss Clea Jones, home demonstration agent and Assistant County agent Hamilton, left Tuesday in company with 40 4-H club boys and girls for Swannanoa where they will be in camp until Saturday. In the party is a like number of young folks from Avery county, and a specialist is expected there from Raleigh to conduct the class work, while the evenings throughout the week will be given over to recreation.

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The LANDONS OF KANSAS



TOPEKA. These pictures of Governor Alf Landon and his wife, Mrs. Landon, are recently taken portrait studies of the governor and the first lady of Kansas. Republican friends and supporters here think the White House at Washington will be their next home.

BANK PROPOSAL IS PROGRESSING

Meeting of Stockholders of Watauga County Bank Is To Be Held Today.

The meeting of the stockholders of the Watauga County Bank held in the courthouse in Boone, North Carolina, on Friday, May 29th, 1936, at 2 p. m. was recessed until Thursday, June 4th at 2 p. m. It being necessary that 66 2-3% of the stock be represented either in person or by proxy, and because of the fact that only about 62% was represented, it was decided that the meeting be recessed until the above mentioned date. It was necessary for Mr. Hood, Commissioner of Banks of North Carolina, and Mr. John G. Allen, Chief State Bank Examiner to return to Raleigh. R. M. Sasser of the State Banking Department is still at the Watauga County Bank and will be glad to answer any questions and help in any way possible in connection with the preferred stock which was discussed at the special meeting held on May 29. Mr. Sasser stated today that it appears that about 68% of the stockholders have expressed their approval of the plan submitted by the State Banking Department, and that he believed that the plan would be approved by a substantial majority. Mr. Sasser also stated that each and every stockholder was earnestly requested to be present in person or by proxy at the meeting to be at the courthouse next Thursday, June 4th, 1936.

Thousands of Farmers Off Delinquent List

Columbia, S. C., May 30.—Payment of over \$1,424,400 of state and county taxes in North Carolina has removed the names of thousands of farmers from delinquent tax lists and helped reduce farm tax sales in the state to less than half of the 1933 level, according to Julian H. Scarborough, general agent of the Farm Credit Administration of Columbia.

Some 12,900 North Carolina farmers refinanced their debts through the Federal Land Bank and Land Bank Commissioner since the Farm Credit Administration was organized and, in many instances, the loans included funds to pay back taxes owed by farmers to local tax authorities.

The total amount loaned for the purpose equals an average tax payment of about \$110 per farmer refinanced.

The \$1,424,400 covers tax payments in connection with \$28,187,000 of land bank and Commissioner loans made in North Carolina from May 1, 1933 to January 1, 1936. About 5.1 per cent of this amount was used for tax payments.

Payment of back taxes as a result of Federal land bank refinancing has provided timely assistance to the various counties to pay school teachers, county officers and meet other local government expenses.

CAT NURTURES RABBIT

Mr. Russell Hampton of Bamboo, in town Saturday, says that his house cat, the mother of two kittens, recently brought a tiny rabbit to the nest, presumably for the evening meal. Strange to say, some qualm of conscience evidently smote the feline, for rather than devouring the little animal, she adopted it in motherly fashion, and the baby cotton-tail and the two fuzzy kittens are regularly being nourished by the mammy cat. Mr. Hampton says there is no discrimination noticed in the treatment of the three suckling babies.

HOEY IS HEARD IN CAMPAIGN SPEECH

Shelby Orator Greeted With Enthusiasm As He Brings Message to Local Voters.

Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby orator and one of the leading contenders for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination brought his campaign to Boone Monday morning when a capacity audience at the courthouse greeted his deliverance with enthusiastic applause. The Lenoir High School band was present, an amplifying system had been installed and many who could not find seats in the courthouse listened to his address from the street.

Mr. Hoey entered into a vigorous defense of the Democratic party's record in the state of North Carolina from the days of Charles B. Aycock, and assailed Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, for having had no active part in the defense of the party. "Even through the campaign of 1928," declared the speaker, "when the democratic party was engaged in a death struggle, Dr. McDonald did not once raise his voice for his party, and didn't take the trouble to vote until 1932."

Mr. Hoey pointed out that since, as a boy of 18, he championed the cause of William J. Bryan, he had strode up and down the state of North Carolina defending the party, at his own expense, and lauded the achievements of the nine democratic administrations since 1900.

"If the things Dr. McDonald says about your party and mine are true," said the candidate, "we are not fit to govern the state and would be thrown out. If they are untrue, the man making the statements is unfit for the office he seeks." Mr. Hoey continued his attack on his opponent, likening the former college professor to Herbert Hoover who spent most of his life not knowing what his political faith was, and who promised the people everything, even to the abolition of poverty.

"I am not going to make the people of North Carolina a lot of promises impossible of fulfillment," he said. "I don't have to be Governor of North Carolina, but I do have to retain my honor and my integrity, and this I am going to do." Referring to the sales tax, Mr. Hoey stated that he didn't like it, claimed no kin to the thing, either by blood or marriage, but believed that as an emergency measure it was preferable to the closing of schools over the state or to the shortening of the school terms. He did, however, state that he thought it best to remove it first from the necessities of life, and take it away altogether as soon as possible. Referring to charges relative to a political "machine" the speaker referred to himself as a private in the ranks of the democracy, who had had no official connection with the city of Raleigh, since he served in the legislature during the administration of "the illustrious Aycock."

Mr. Hoey revealed in hurried detail the progress of the state during 36 years, its roads, its schools, its institutions for the unfortunates, its manufacturing, its agriculture and its position in material progress at the head of the list of southern states, and brought out that during this rapid march of progress the Democratic party had been at the helm of government in the commonwealth, and defended it in characteristic fashion against allegations of his principal opponent.

Mr. Hoey declared himself in unequivocal terms for the old age pension act, for free school books for the children of the state, and for the administration and policies of the Roosevelt administration.

The address marked the most enthusiastic primary gathering in Boone in recent years, and the speaker was interrupted frequently by applause. Several Wataugans accompanied Mr. Hoey to Jefferson where he spoke at 1:30, before proceeding to Winston-Salem for an evening engagement.

Poppy Sales Bring In Splendid Sums

The sales of paper poppies in the county on memorial day brought in to the American Legion \$65, according to Mrs. Russell D. Hodges, who was in charge of the sales in this community. Under present practices, all of this money remains with the Legion Auxiliary to be used locally for the benefit of disabled veterans of the world war or their families. Mrs. Hodges in behalf of the Auxiliary wishes to extend thanks to all those who assisted so unselfishly in the sales of the flowers, and those who so generously contributed.

OFFICES CLOSE SATURDAY

The offices at the courthouse will be closed during the day Saturday, it is announced, in order that the hallway may be used as is usual, for the conduct of the primary election. Those who have business to transact should take note of this fact.

"THE BIG ONE"



Ab Mullins, local grocer, in company with Mayor Gragg, soon after the former had taken the 22-inch brown trout from the waters of Elk River near Banner Elk. The fish weighed four pounds and is the largest hooked by a local angler this year.

WATAUGA PROVEN AS GARDEN SPOT

Study Made by Home Demonstration Agent Convinces One of Garden Possibilities.

That Watauga is the "garden spot" of the world is evident from a study recently made by Miss Clea Jones, home demonstration agent for Watauga and Avery, assisted by several ladies of Watauga. The study meals were served which included vegetables either fresh, stored, or canned, over a period of six months during the fall and winter when too many homemakers feel that they must resort to "paper-bag" cookery. The tabulation shows that Mrs. Lee Swift, with a family of six, served 1139 meals from her garden; while Mrs. Dean Reese, with a family of three, served 1078 meals which included vegetables. Five other ladies from different sections of the county utilized vegetables from their gardens for almost equally high numbers of meals.

The vegetables served included cabbage, celery, snap beans, cauliflower, sweet and Irish potatoes, green and dried onions, carrots, pickled beans, corn, peppers, pumpkin, squash, turnips, rutabagas, cucumbers, ground cherries, and perhaps other garden vegetables.

COLLEGE OPENS TERM ON TUESDAY

Hundreds of Teachers Will Con- verge on Appalachian Campus for Summer School.

Perhaps no less than one thousand teachers will attend the summer term of Appalachian State Teachers College, registrations for which will begin next Tuesday morning, according to the beliefs of officials at the widely-known institution.

Definite estimates on the probable enrollment cannot be made however, due to the fact that with the expansion of the plant, and increased dormitory space, reservations are not made in advance in such numbers as was the case when accommodations were limited. However it is generally believed that this summer's term will be fully as great as those of the preceding summers, when usually in the neighborhood of one thousand teachers were enrolled.

SAYS VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS YET INCOMPLETE

The names of thousands of young people under 23 years of age are not on record at the courthouse. Sometime in the future it may be of great importance for this record to be available for reference. Mr. H. W. Horton, supervisor of the WPA clerical project at the courthouse is urging you to phone, write or call at the register's office and see that your birth is properly entered.

The earliest strawberries might well be shipped by truck but the later pickings should move to market by railway, believes W. H. Shearin, assistant county agent of Columbus county, who rode to New York with a truck load of berries to study their condition on arrival.

BOARD RULES TO SUSPEND REGULAR JUNE COURT TERM

Action Is Taken After Consultation of Local Bar Association Monday.

ILLNESS AMONG LAWYERS; CIVIL DOCKET IS LIGHT

In Absence of Attorneys Little Could be Done in Disposing of Docket, Resolutions Say. Considerable Saving Cited.

The regular June term of Watauga superior court is not to be held next week as intended, the Board of Commissioners in regular session Monday having voted to direct the Governor to suspend the term, due to the illness of a number of attorneys who figure prominently on the current calendar. The full text of the resolution passed, is as follows:

"The Board of County Commissioners of Watauga County, being in regular session and holding its meeting on the 1st day of June, 1936, and it appearing to the satisfaction of said Board after consultation with the Local Bar Association of Watauga county, that it is advisable to suspend the holding of the regular June term of the Superior Court which would convene on the 8th day of June, 1936, for the following reasons that is to say:

"That some of the attorneys practicing in said court and interested and employed as attorneys in a large part of the principal business or litigation set for trial at said June Term are unfortunately seriously ill and unable to attend said term, and from the further fact excluding these causes the civil docket is very light and would probably not consume more than one or two days of said term. IT IS, THEREFORE, resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Watauga County now in session that the Governor of North Carolina be and he is hereby directed to suspend said June Term 1936 of Superior Court of Watauga county, for that in addition to the foregoing meritorious causes the county of Watauga will save considerable cost and expense this way.

"It is further ordered that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of North Carolina, and that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of said Board of Commissioners and that notice in a prominent place in the Watauga Democrat be published in its issue of the week beginning May 31, 1936, notifying all litigants, witnesses, and jurors of the action taken by said board."

Mr. Eggers Receives His Master's Degree

Mr. A. L. Eggers of Boone, is scheduled to receive a Master of Arts degree at commencement exercises to be held June 5 at George Peabody College for Teachers.

Mr. Eggers is a major in the geography department. He is a member of the Peabody Graduate club, the North Carolina club and the Camera club.

The commencement address is scheduled to be delivered by Dr. Ornam, president of DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., at the convocation to be held Friday afternoon, June 5 in front of the Social Religious Building. Degrees will be conferred by Dr. Bruce R. Payne, president of Peabody College.

Spanish War Veterans Enjoy Annual Picnic

A gathering of more than 150, principally veterans of the Spanish-American War and their families, gathered at the fish hatchery at Rutherfordwood Saturday for the annual veterans picnic.

Mayor W. H. Gragg of Boone introduced past Commander Leavitt of Asheville, who made a memorial day address in honor of veterans of all wars. Capt. Capus White, of Greensboro devoted most of his address to eulogies of McKinley, Hobson, Dewey, Roosevelt and other figures of importance during the Spanish War. Both addresses were well received, and were followed by a bountiful basket dinner on the grounds.

Commander Albert Watson and Mrs. Watson presented to the Camp a cake in red, white and blue, which was sold, and the \$12.50 yielded was turned over to the Auxiliary.

A number of other guests were present from different sections of the state, and several world war veterans joined in the happy event.

TYPING CLASSES

Mrs. Christenbury will conduct typing and short hand classes at Boone High School this summer as in previous summers. The classes will begin June 9 and will run concurrently with the college summer school.