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BUSINESS ERA IN RALEIGH IS NEEDED, GRAVELY BELIEVES

Candidate for Governor Speaks Here Saturday and Promises Business Administration; Cites Appalachian College as Result of Sound Business

Lee Gravelly of Rocky Mount, candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, spoke to a representative crowd of Watauga men and women in the courthouse Saturday, following the county convention and promised, "When I am made governor" to give the state a business administration, with especial emphasis on the farmer and his problems, including a more generous allotment for farm-to-market roads, and cited Appalachian College as a good example of business administration.

Mr. Gravelly, who was introduced by Jim Rivers, paid tribute to the leadership of Congressman Doughton and Dr. B. B. Dougherty, whom he stated was the only man connected with a state enterprise who was getting at least \$1.10 from every dollar spent from the state treasury. "When Dr. Dougherty goes to Raleigh," said the speaker, "he gets what he asks, because the legislature knows he will get full value out of his allotments."

The speaker lauded the state advertising program, spoke of the magnificent scenery in western North Carolina and stated that with the opening of the parkway and with increased emphasis upon our scenic attractions, this section of the state is coming into its own as a retreat for travelers from all climes.

Continuing his address, Mr. Gravelly said: "I have been told that it was impossible to apply practical business principles of economy and efficiency in government because there one finds too much politics; but what can be done in city government in this connection can likewise be done in state government."

Senator Gravelly then showed how that he first ran for mayor of Rocky Mount in 1925 on a "business administration" platform and was elected and re-elected, applying during his administrations applied business principles to the affairs of the city.

As a result of his business ideas, the candidate showed how that in 1932 and 1933, "when a great number of cities and towns were unable to meet their financial obligations, when many counties right here in North Carolina and throughout the nation could not pay the interest on their bonds, and many of the states were failing to meet their bond maturities, a great radio commentator made the statement over the air that Rocky Mount, North Carolina, was in the best financial condition and had the best credit in the money markets of America of any city in the United States, regardless of size, except Milwaukee, Wisconsin."

Gravelly termed that record "the result of business in government." Further than that, the candidate showed that during the five years following his election, the first time in 1925, the tax rate in Rocky Mount dropped from 92 cents to 56 cents, a reduction of 40 per cent, and Rocky Mount today enjoys the lowest tax rate of any city of its size in the entire south.

"What was done in a city in North Carolina," Gravelly asserted, "can likewise be done in the state of North Carolina; and if we are to apply those principles to our state government it should be done by one who has been trained in those principles as testified to by the success of his own business enterprise."

Ezell Tells of Operation Costs of County Homes

Watauga county taxpayers footed a bill of \$1,275.40 for operation of the county home for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1939, with an average population of 11 inmates a day costing \$9.66 each to care for every month.

Figures released this week by W. C. Ezell, director of the division of institutions and corrections of the state board of charities and public welfare, showed operating costs for all North Carolina almshouses still operating totaling \$647,934 for the year. Final tabulations of financial reports were completed and released this week and showed an average daily population of 3,078 in all county homes. The state-wide average monthly cost of caring for these old people was \$16.90 and the annual per capita figure was \$202.80.

CLASS REUNION

Walter Edmisten of Boone, has announced that there will be a reunion of the Appalachian graduating class of 1929 on June 2. An outdoor picnic will be enjoyed, weather permitting, otherwise the Legion hut will be used. The alumni will meet at the Carolina Drug store at 6 o'clock, and all are urged to attend. Those who taught during 1929 are also invited.

Visits Boone



Walter (Pete) Murphy of Salisbury, candidate for secretary of state in the May 25 primary, who visited friends in Boone Tuesday.

Pete Murphy Says He's Sure Winner

Walter (Pete) Murphy, Salisbury lawyer and veteran legislator, who is seeking to defeat Thad Eure in his race for re-nomination as Democratic candidate for secretary of state, was in town Tuesday morning and tells friends that he's a sure-fire winner.

Mr. Murphy, who as a lad went to the state legislature in 1895, and who has served in every assembly since, with the exception of two, based his claim for the nomination on his long record of service to the Democratic party and the fact that he is a western man.

Mr. Murphy pointed out that while western Carolina pays five-sevenths of all state revenue, and casts three democratic votes to the east's one, that there is only one state officeholder from Greensboro to the Tennessee line, and 28 east of the Guilford metropolis. The veteran legislator says that in the first district there to be found 72 per cent of all state officers, and that many counties in the Piedmont cast as many votes as this entire district.

DEAD BABY FOUND IN CEMETERY HERE

Coroner Adjudges Infant to Be Murder Victim; Bureau Investigation Co-operating

Investigations conducted by Richard E. Kelley, county coroner, have revealed that the dead baby found in the local cemetery last Saturday, was a murder victim, and while no arrests have been made, Coroner Kelley believes that continued investigations will result in the apprehension of the person responsible.

Monroe Grimes, colored, caretaker of the cemetery, found the body of the new-born boy, as he started his spring work. The baby which had evidently been in the cemetery for two or three weeks was partially wrapped in a towel, a copy of the Greensboro Daily News dated January 23, 1940, and an old bag. The small body was covered by a flat rock which had been formerly used as a temporary headstone.

Investigation on the part of the coroner revealed that the baby had lived and that its skull was crushed. The body weighed about eight pounds, and there was agreement on the part of the investigators that it was a fully developed child.

Mr. Oscar S. Atkins of the state bureau of investigation, came to town immediately and assisted in the investigation. Papers and the towel found with the child were taken to Raleigh for laboratory examination.

Burl Storie Now With Tallahassee Ball Club

Burl Storie, Wake Forest College athlete and local boy, is now the leading player with the Tallahassee ball club of the Florida-Georgia league. Young Storie has hit a merry clip of 353 in 30 games and leads in number of runs batted in and in base hits. He now belongs to Buffalo, a member of the International league.

Young Storie and Miss Geneva Powers of Charlotte, are to be married at the home plate of the Tallahassee club on the seventh day of June, relatives here reveal.

County Singing To Be Held On June 2

The Watauga county singing convention will be held in Boone on the first Sunday in June, according to an announcement made Tuesday by Mr. N. L. Harrison, chairman of the singing association.

Mr. Harrison expresses the hope that everyone will be ready and on hand with sacred song. Small singing classes are especially invited. A great day is expected.

RED CROSS SEEKS AID OF WATAUGANS FOR WAR RELIEF

County is Given Quota of \$300 To Be Used To Relieve Suffering of Citizens in Devastated Areas; Japan, Germany and Russia Do Not Ask Help

Mrs. E. E. Garbee, chairman of the Watauga chapter, American Red Cross, has received word from the national headquarters urging the local organization to immediately raise \$300, as a part of a ten million dollar fund which will be used to aid those suffering from the ever-widening arena of war. The countries of Germany, Russia and Japan will not be aided, it is pointed out, they having explained that at the present time they are able to take care of their own relief needs.

The telegram which Mrs. Garbee has received follows:

"With the invasion of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg, the war entered a phase which will inevitably and at once bring widespread appalling suffering to millions of helpless men, women and children. In order to inaugurate widespread relief measures the American Red Cross is at once launching a campaign for a minimum war relief fund of ten million dollars. Your chapter quota is three hundred dollars. Please at once mobilize the entire leadership of your chapter and community in order that your quota may be raised and exceeded without delay. Chapters may retain fifteen per cent of collections to cover their local war relief expenses."

"Norraan H. Davis, President, American Red Cross."

Mrs. Garbee is most anxious that everyone have a small part in aiding the war-sufferers and is setting up an organization in every community in the county to raise money to meet the most immediate needs for relief. All those who are willing to help are asked to leave their contributions with Mrs. Garbee, with Rob Rivers at the Watauga Democrat office, or with Miss Bernice Gragg at the Northwestern Bank. Funds so received will be acknowledged from time to time through the columns of the Watauga Democrat.

The Democrat starts the contribution with \$10 and hopes that the people will add their names to the list rapidly and have a full share in this initial effort to relieve human misery.

Public Invited to Visit Recreation Center Here Each Friday Evening

All parents in town are invited to drop in at the recreation center, located in the town hall, any Friday night from 7:30 to 10 o'clock to observe or take part in the wholesome fun enjoyed by the teen-age boys and girls.

Each Friday night is kept open by the local recreation project as "game night" for this particular group. Boys and girls participate in such indoor games as ping-pong, summer tennis, pick-up-sticks, Chinese checkers, etc. Either Miss Mildred Elkins, supervisor of the local project, or Miss Margaret Greene, recreation leader, is at the center on Friday nights to supervise the play of the teen-age group.

Adults are invited to the center at any time Monday through Friday night, to participate in the recreational activities. Another night in the week will be kept open especially for adults if the interest justifies it.

National Trailways Now Operating Here

The Queen City Coach Company has joined the National Trailways bus system, and will in the future be known as the "Queen City Trailways," thus linking the local system up with 41 other systems, owning and operating 1,500 buses and carrying 25,000,000 passengers annually.

The Trailways system controls 54,000 route miles and covers the United States completely. The Queen City enters this system with 12 years of service during which there was no loss of life. Last year they operated 6,000,000 miles. L. A. Love, general manager, says they have just purchased 15 modern new pusher type buses, to be delivered immediately. Fourteen schedules per day are now being operated in and out of Boone.

Ground Is Broken For Episcopal Church

Paul Oland & Son of Greenville, S. C., have been awarded the contract for the construction of the new Episcopal church building in Boone and ground was broken for the structure Tuesday. The building, which will cost about \$3,500, is expected to be ready for occupancy by the first of July.

Sole Resident of "One-Man Town"



Arundel-On-the-Bay, Md.—Shown with a sheep and dog is Elijah Wells, 66, retired from the navy 23 years, who is the sole resident of this town. Besides Bourne, Ore., this place is the only "one-man town" incorporated in the United States.

SPEAKERS LISTED FOR B. & L. MEET

North Carolina Building and Loan League to Hold Convention at Blowing Rock

Two prominent newspaper editors will be speakers at the 1940 annual meeting of the Building and Loan and Federal Savings and Loan associations of North Carolina to be held at Blowing Rock June 18, 19 and 20. Dr. Julian Miller, editor of the Charlotte Observer, will make the banquet address, and Mr. Jonathan Daniels, editor of the News and Observer and well known author, will be the speaker at the Quarter Century Service program. The subject of Dr. Miller's address will be "Capitalism and Capitalists," and Mr. Daniels will be "Community Builders."

Watt H. Gragg of Boone, secretary of the Watauga Building and Loan association, is chairman of the program committee for the convention.

The Quarter Century Service program is held in honor of those officers, directors and employees of building and loan associations who have served their institutions 25 years or more. More than 175 individuals are eligible for the special certificates of award which are given out in recognition of faithful service performed by the directors and others at a sacrifice of time and money.

Among the speakers of national repute who will address the various sessions are Hon. A. D. Folger, representative in congress from the fifth district; Don Tobin of Columbus, Ohio, advertising expert; A. D. Theobald, director of research of the United States Savings and Loan League; and Warner Allen of Boston.

In addition to the above approximately 15 building and loan officials and directors will give short talks on practical phases of building and loan operation in which they will explain some new method or practice they have successfully developed and used in their own institution.

More than 400 are expected to attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina Building and Loan League which is the largest organization of its kind in the south and the only one that can boast of 100% membership. Practically all of the 178 associations in the state will send one or more delegates to participate in the important policymaking discussions which will take place at this convention.

Mrs. Solomon Eggers Dies At Mabel Home

Mrs. Margaret Lawrence Eggers, wife of Solomon Eggers, died at her home near Mabel on Tuesday morning, following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were conducted from Union church Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, and burial took place in the nearby cemetery. Rev. R. C. Eggers, pastor of the church, was in charge of the rites.

Survivors include the husband and the following daughters: Mrs. Addie White, Yadkinville; Mrs. Nettie Cole; Mrs. Wilmetta Thomas; Miss Verlie Eggers; Mrs. Hazel Greer and Mrs. Ettie Saunders, all of Mabel; three sons J. H. and Ollie Eggers, Mabel, and Frank Eggers, Vilas. Also surviving are two brothers, John Lawrence of Trade, and James Lawrence of Zionville, and three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Harrison of California, Mrs. Verdie Greer of Morganton, and Mrs. Polly Young of Baltimore.

Mrs. Eggers had been a loyal member of the Baptist church since early womanhood, and throughout her long lifetime had contributed in large measure to the religious life and civic enterprises of her community.

Messrs G. E. Anderson and Jack Storie made a business trip to Roanoke, Va., the past week.

DEMOCRATS GO ON RECORD IN FAVOR OF THIRD TERM

Watauga County Democrats Name Slate of Delegates to State Convention and Elect Committee; Reapportionment Urged

The Democrats of Watauga county assembled in convention last Saturday afternoon, unanimously adopted a resolution pledging the delegation from this county to the third-term candidacy of President Roosevelt, and likewise resolved in favor of a reapportionment of the representatives in the state legislature on basis of the 1940 census, as is required by constitutional provision. Jim Rivers of Boone, introduced both resolutions which were passed without objection.

Edward B. Mast was re-named chairman of the Democratic executive committee during the course of the convention, no other candidate for the position being offered.

In passing the third term proposal Watauga county followed along with 26 North Carolina counties, in instructing their delegates to vote for President Roosevelt as long as his name is before the convention.

Delegates Named

The convention named a slate of 26 delegates to the state convention which meets in Raleigh Friday. C. G. Hodges, M. W. Beach and J. B. Horton constituted the nominating committee and the following were named as delegates and alternates:

H. B. Perry, A. E. Hodges, H. G. Farthing, J. C. Rivers, E. B. Mast, M. W. Beach, Allen Gragg, Ellen Coffey, Helen Underdown, Nile Cook, M. O. Coffey, Clyde Perry, Don Hagaman, John W. Ward, Orville Hagaman, Clyde Howell, Evans Miller, S. F. Horton, J. B. Horton, L. C. Wilson, W. H. Walker, C. G. Hodges, C. D. McNeil, Wade E. Brown, C. C. Triplett, R. A. Olsen, W. W. Mast.

Alternates: Ernie Triplett, George Caudill, W. C. South, Clay Beach, Mrs. John Greer, Mrs. Gladys Miller, J. W. Wall, O. G. Winebarger, J. Y. Walker, J. L. Shull, Ivan Farthing, Dana Farthing, J. B. Mast, Howard W. Mast, Martin Herman, P. G. Garroll, Roy Keplar, Frank Welch, Dr. W. A. Deaton, Dale Norris, Lloyd Welch, W. T. Payne, Bernard Dougherty, E. G. Greer, Mrs. T. M. Greer, Mrs. J. C. McConnell, Mrs. Rob Rivers, C. E. Moody, Grady Moretz.

H. Grady Farthing presided as chairman of the convention while Jim Rivers served in the capacity of secretary.

Many Highways Are Being Retreated

James H. Council, division highway engineer, states that a program of surface treatment is now being carried on in this county, and for the convenience of motorists gives out the following schedule of work:

U. S. 194, from Vilas to Avery county line, should be completed and opened to traffic by Monday, May 26.

U. S. 421, between Boone and Zionville will be retreated later part of the week in patches. Traffic will be maintained through job at slow speed.

U. S. 421, from Grandview filling station to Wilkes county line will likely be closed to traffic about May 20 for treatment and remain closed week or ten days.

This schedule is subject to variation, according to weather conditions.

Clinic For Crippled Children On Friday

Dr. J. C. Gaul will be at the county office building Friday morning where he will conduct an orthopaedic clinic for crippled children, without cost to anyone, says Dr. Robert King, of the district health department.

All children who have previously attended these clinics are asked to come Friday for a check-up, while all those who have never attended should come for examination and advice.

In the future, says Dr. King, these clinics will be conducted every other month, and parents of physically handicapped children are asked to take advantage of the opportunities offered.

Bicycle Club To Be Formed Locally

The safety division of the state motor vehicle bureau in co-operation with the National Youth Administration, is soon to institute a bicycle club in this city, it was announced Tuesday by Clint Cannon and Howard Honeycutt.

All the boys and girls owning bicycles or who are cyclists are asked to gather at the city hall Thursday at 2 o'clock to meet with a representative of the safety bureau and make definite plans for the formation of the club, as well as to receive safety rules, instructions, etc. Free registration cards will be issued to the members of the club.

Last Round-up of Census Being Made

Mrs. T. M. Greer, census taker for the city of Boone, states that the final reports on the population figures for the city are to be forwarded to headquarters within a few days and joins with District Supervisor Oscar Joiner in the request that any person claiming Boone as his residence and not having been enumerated, communicate with her at once.

Chamber of Commerce officials and other organizations and individuals of the city are most anxious that the population figures be as impressive as possible. Mrs. Greer will be glad to have the full co-operation of the people in her final effort to locate any person who might be missing from the lists.

FARM PROGRAM IS ASKED BY HORTON

Pittsboro Candidate for Governor Gives Views at Meeting Here Last Week

"In the event of my nomination and election as governor," Lieutenant Governor Wilkins P. Horton of Pittsboro, pledged in an address in the county courthouse here Wednesday night, "one of my first acts will be to institute a systematic research farm program for North Carolina, an undertaking in which I expect to utilize the best thought and effort of farm leaders from all parts of the state. Through intelligent research, we can greatly increase the opportunities for profitable farming in North Carolina."

The speaker also advocated a "dependable network of secondary roads, in addition to our main state highways," and voiced his opposition to the diversion of highway funds for any other purpose.

Attention was called to a great program of public service that is being executed under the leadership of Governor Hoy, and the intimate relationship between different phases of the program. "For example," said Mr. Horton, "education serves as a great stimulus to the conservation and development of natural resources, which, in turn, are highly dependent upon a profitable system of agriculture, which cannot attain maximum success without the establishment and maintenance of an adequate system of highways."

Mr. Horton termed the Democratic party "a great instrumentality of service for the people," and declared his platform to be that of the Democratic party. "I will actively support the nominee of our party for the presidency and the democratic nominees for all other offices," he said.

Three Forks W.M.U. to Meet at Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock, May 14.—The 27th annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Baptist Association, will be held here Tuesday, May 21. The meeting will begin at 10 o'clock.

An interesting program planned around the theme of the year, "The Firm Foundation," will be presented. Guest speakers will be Mrs. W. D. Biggs of Raleigh, who is executive secretary to the state W. M. U., and Mrs. Earle C. James of Elkin, who also holds an important office in the state missionary work.

Lunch will be served by the ladies of the church.

LEGION MEETING

The seventeenth district American Legion and Legion Auxiliary will meet at the Legion hut here Friday evening at 7:30. Dinner and entertainment will feature the evening, and a full attendance is desired.