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Seeks 17th Term



ROBERT L. DOUGHTON

DOUGHTON ASKS ELECTION AGAIN

Veteran Ninth District Representative Will Not Make Campaign for Votes

Washington, March 16—Congressman Robert L. Doughton of the ninth North Carolina district today announced for election for a 17th term in congress, based upon almost 32 years of continuous service as a member of the congress.

In making his announcement, Mr. Doughton said that the war is the overshadowing concern of the people, that congress will be continuously in session and he will not have an opportunity to make a campaign.

Mr. Doughton has now served longer in congress than any living man except Congressman A. J. Sabath of the fifth Illinois district who came to congress March 4, 1907. Mr. Doughton first came to congress March 4, 1911.

A farmer of Laurel Springs, where he conducted a large general store, Mr. Doughton had had public service when he was first elected to congress. He had served six years as a member of the state board of agriculture of North Carolina, a member of the state senate, and been two years director of the state prison.

Vital Activities

Mr. Doughton was first put on the roads committee on entering congress and assisted in preparing the present federal road laws under which the fine system has been constructed throughout the country. He was then transferred to the ways and means committee, the most important committee in congress, and in 1933, with the advent of Mr. Roosevelt's administration, Doughton was elevated to chairmanship, and has directed the enactment and drafted more important fiscal legislation than any man who has ever occupied this post, former President William McKinley not excepted.

Mr. Doughton is regarded the most industrious man in congress and despite the fact that he is past his three score and 10 years, is the first man on Capitol Hill in the morning and the last to leave and has the reputation of turning out more work daily than any man in congress.

Mr. Doughton is dean of the North Carolina delegation and the vice-dean of the house and its most loved and respected member. During all

Additional Scout Contributions Made

The following is a list of contributions made to the Boy Scout fund since the last report:

J. L. Qualls	\$ 1.00
Mrs. Stuart Winkler	2.00
L. T. Tatum	3.00
Wilma Baird	1.00
J. L. Reese	1.00
Helen Underdown	1.00
Lee Stout	2.00
C. H. Trotter	5.00
Charles C. Rogers	1.00
Dr. Graydon P. Eggers	2.00
W. W. Williams	3.00
Herbert Wey	4.00
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Nash	2.00

Union Services to Be Held on Sunday

Rev. John I. Rhea, who enters the U. S. army as a chaplain next week, will preach at a union service to be held at the Boone Baptist church Sunday evening at 7:30. The people of all denominations are cordially invited to attend this union service.

40 WATAUGANS RECENTLY SENT TO INDUCTION CENTER

Selective Service Board Gives Names of Those Sent to Fort Bragg Recently Under Terms of Selective Service Act

Forty Watauga county citizens have recently been sent to Fort Bragg for induction into the United States army, under the provisions of the selective service act, according to local draft board officials.

The list of those sent within the past several weeks is given below:

- Henry Neal Blair, Jr.
- Forrest Alexander Greene
- Mack Donald Miller
- Walter Kester Norris
- Vollie Nichols
- Floyd Lee Ward
- Ray Thomas Houck
- John Danual Cook
- Spencer Martin Trivett
- Orrin Henry Stanberry
- Richard Ernest Gragg
- Charles Blanco Miller
- William Donald Triplett
- Charles Alfred Walker
- Burl Bradley Storie
- Morris Howard Henson
- Allen Wray Beach
- Travis Clyde May
- Iva V. Rece
- Floyd Alexander Wilson
- Walter Earl Greene
- Vaughn Henry Greer
- Dale D. Adams
- Paul Casie Hicks
- Vance Charlie Hartley
- General Lee Hodges
- Thomas B. Redmond
- Thomas Bingham Cowles
- Avery Ile Guy
- William Glenn Proffitt
- Rhod Isaacs
- Parks Gaultney Knight
- Graham Triplett
- Willard Walter Eggers
- Paul Jones Carroll
- Hoyle Samuel Hayes
- Lonnie Charles Harmon
- Wade Triplett Lookabill
- Arlie Darrell Hicks
- Mitch Anderson Baird.

MacArthur Assumes Command of Allied Forces in Pacific

Washington, March 17—The dramatic transfer of General Douglas MacArthur, hero of Bataan, to supreme command of united nations forces in the Southwest Pacific gave a lift to allied morale tonight and stirred hopes of early offensive blows against the Japanese foe.

MacArthur, only allied general who has fought a major Japanese drive to a standstill, arrived in Australia today by plane, the war department disclosed. His gallant defense of the Philippines already an epic, the fighting general was shifted to his new command with its vastly greater responsibilities and wider opportunities, by the orders of President Roosevelt at the request of the Australian government.

Jubilant members of congress labeled the news the best of the war to date, and from abroad came expressions of British and Australian satisfaction. "He's the best man for the job," the Australians said.

Following the war department's disclosure that American ground troops and air force units have arrived in Australia "in considerable numbers," the assignment of MacArthur to the supreme command there gave impetus to the growing hope of a major offensive against the Japanese who as yet have hesitated to risk a direct attack on Australia.

Arriving at an undisclosed destination in Australia, MacArthur was accompanied by his wife and small son, and by several members of his staff. Among the latter were Major General R. K. Sutherland, MacArthur's chief of staff, and Brigadier General Harold H. George of the air force.

Book Campaign Is 91 Short of Quota

The county lacks 91 books of having its quota of 500 volumes for the men in military service.

It is urged that all the people of this section share in this worthy cause. Good books in first class condition are wanted at the central collection point, which is Appalachian College library. Those finding it more convenient may leave books at Stallings Jewelry Store, and they will be taken from there by members of the Boy Scout troop. Prompt action is urged since the campaign closes soon.

To Speak Here



Hon. Sanford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, will speak at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to be held on the evening of March 26. The well-known journalist will use as his subject, "Keeping the Home Fires Burning." Chamber of Commerce officials will be elected at the meeting which will be held at the Gateway Cafe at 7:15.

COUNTY TEACHERS AID IN DEFENSE

Large Purchases of Bonds and Stamps by Tutors; Many Take First Aid Courses

The teachers in the Watauga county schools have purchased \$7,421.00 in defense bonds, according to W. H. Walker, county superintendent, who adds that at the same time the tutors have contributed to the war effort by the purchase of defense savings stamps to the amount of \$1,945.38.

Fifty-one teachers have taken first aid courses, and 491 students are receiving this training; 456 boys in the tenth and eleventh grades are being given health and physical education, and 140 out-of-school people have taken defense training courses under the supervision of the schools. Fourteen schools are engaged in the collection of waste paper and scrap iron.

The schools in Deep Gap and Blowing Rock districts have not reported and are not included in the above figures.

Band Booster Fund Near Halfway Mark

The campaign recently inaugurated by the Band Boosters Club for more adequate support of the Appalachian high school band continues to bear fruit. The club set \$500 as the goal and to date \$223.59 has been reported.

It is regretted that a contribution of \$250 last week was credited to Mrs. Frank Smith, when it should have been credited to Mrs. Frank Stubbs. The present status of the fund, as submitted by Clyde R. Greene, treasurer, follows:

Previously reported	\$195.80
Band Teachers Banquet	1.82
Received from show	10.97
Mrs. J. M. Gaither	5.00
Frank M. Payne	10.00
Total	\$223.59

Allies Girding for Jap Drive On Australia

Melbourne, March 17.—Powerful new allied reinforcements — an American expeditionary force "in considerable numbers" and united nations troops who escaped from overrun Pacific battlefields—today stood shoulder to shoulder with the Australian army girding for a showdown with the Japanese.

Official announcement of the upsurge in Australia's armed might also said that most of the Royal Australian air force which had served in Far Eastern outposts had returned and joined in the aerial battle believed to be a prelude to a Japanese invasion attempt.

GARBEE TO SPEAK AT MEETING IN RALEIGH

Prof. E. E. Garbee of Appalachian College, will speak on "The North Carolina Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation for 1942, and Projected Plans for 1943" at the annual meeting of teachers of health, physical education and recreation in Raleigh Friday. Mr. Garbee is president of the association.

CIVIL DEFENSE SQUADS FORMED AT APPALACHIAN

Charles O. Hartley is Named Director of Auxiliary Defense Squads; Attends Meeting at Raleigh; the Complete Organization

Charles O. Hartley has been named director of the newly-formed auxiliary civil defense organization at Appalachian College by Wade E. Brown, chairman of the civil defense council for Watauga county, and a complete organization has been set up at the college.

Mr. Hartley attended meetings at State College in Raleigh on the 10th and 11th, familiarizing himself with the civil defense effort, and took similar instruction in Charlotte one day last week.

The complete organization at Appalachian is as follows:

Fire protection squad: Tom Beach, director; Cecil Hampton, Stanley Houck, Milton Payne, Carson Tate, Crater Marsh, A. W. Dotson, Dillard Triplett, Morris Casey, Raymond Eller, Rod Isaacs.

Utilities repair squad training: McKisley Ayers, director; Crate Teague, Bynum Presnell, Ralph Estes, John Wellborn, Sylvester Watson, Odell Taylor.

Fire watchers training: D. J. Cottrell and Earl Blackburn co-directors; Tipton Greene, J. P. Houck, Bedford Greene, Andrew Ragan, Sam Cox, R. Bingham.

Air raid wardens training: C. C. Cooke, Bernard Dougherty.

First aid courses: E. E. Garbee, director; Brantley York, Floyd Haganman.

Police force: Howard Cullers, director; Joe Cooke, W. H. Scott, Granville Norris, R. L. West.

Dairy farm squad: H. C. Houck, director; Blain Houck, P. W. Palmer, Arden Wilcox, Mr. Phillips.

High School Forensic Tournney March 20-21

The second annual Western North Carolina High School Forensic tournament will be held here on Friday and Saturday, March 20-21. Schools from several surrounding counties will participate in at least four rounds of debating.

The query for discussion is, "Resolved, That a Union of Western Hemisphere Nations Should be Established." This is a question of considerable interest because of the war.

Mr. A. Frank Hamrick, coach of debating in the local high school, is making arrangements for the tournament. Following the plan used last year, college and townspeople will co-operate in furnishing lodging for the visiting debaters.

Appalachian high school will be represented on the negative by Ruth Hardin and Ned Austin, while two teams composed of Willie Lee Hodges and Jacqueline Cook, and Murlee Shore and Juanita Cole will alternate in defense of the affirmative.

Members of the college forensic club will serve as judges. Speakers will be rated individually, and awards will be given to the best debaters in both boys' and girls' divisions.

The debates will begin at 7:30 in the local high school. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Local Pipes Are Well Received by Sportsmen

The D. & P. Pipe Works of Boone, has received word that pipes made from the mountain laurel were enthusiastically accepted by visitors at the recent sportsmen's show in New York City.

The local plant is now working 16 hours a day, employing 80 men, with production averaging as high as 23,000 blocks per day. They have never received word of a burn-out in a pipe made from their product, which is treated by a patented process, making the wood practically fireproof.

Douglas Redmond Is Commissioned in Navy

Mr. Douglas C. Redmond of Boone, who has been engaged in NYA educational work for the past several months, has been named a lieutenant, junior grade, in the A.V.S. intelligence, U. S. naval reserve, and will report for duty in Raleigh within the next few days. This carries the rank of captain in the regular service, and is one of the best assignments thus far coming to a Watauga county man.

Goes to Army



REV. JOHN I. RHEA

REV. MR. RHEA TO ENTER U.S. ARMY

Local Presbyterian Minister Will Be Chaplain; Goes to Fort McClellan

Rev. John I. Rhea, for the past two and a half years pastor of the James I. Vance Memorial Presbyterian church, has volunteered his services to the nation as a chaplain in the army air corps and will report for duty at Fort McClellan, Ala., on March 28.

Mr. Rhea will preach his last sermon in Boone Sunday and his resignation will be accepted at a congregational meeting to be held then. Dr. Robert R. King has been named chairman of a committee to find another minister for the local church, the other members being Guy Hunt, Mrs. J. E. Holshouser, Miss Myrtle Brandon and Starr Stacy.

During Mr. Rhea's services with the armed forces Mrs. Rhea and small daughter Judith, will reside with relatives in Louisville, Ky., and the family will leave Boone next Tuesday.

Mr. Rhea has been most popular during his residence here and under his ministry the church has shown a splendid growth. A handsome new building was erected and the membership has been increased from 30 to about 80 members.

Watauga Youths Enter NYA Training Centers

A number of Watauga county the Red Cross, the committee in various NYA defense training centers for courses in electrical work, electric welding, radio, sheet metal, machine shop, auto mechanics and ship carpentry. These national youth centers are located at Wilmington, Asheville, Durham, Raleigh, Greenville and Hickory Grove. The youths accepted were: Dexter A. Yates, Vilas; Berlin Winebarger, Mabel; Blaine Fletcher, Mabel; Arlis Shull, Sugar Grove; Jay S. Greer, Todd; John Lookabill, Zionville; C. E. Welsh, Deep Gap; Edgar Kymmer, Triplett; Jack Smith, Brownwood; Marshal B. Ruppert, Blowing Rock; William Maltha, Shulls Mills; John W. Thompson, Sugar Grove; Luther Smith, Triplett; Carl Wm. Pitts, Blowing Rock; Stewart Hampton, Triplett; Walter Thompson, Sugar Grove; Perry Stansberry, Sugar Grove; Butler Isaacs, Sugar Grove.

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About Fifty Tons Of Scrap Assembled

Approximately 100,000 pounds of scrap metal has already been gathered in the county and arrangements are being made to sell to a dealer in an effort to speed up the disposal of the metal.

While snow held up delivery of the material for a time, the drive has been renewed and farmers are asked to assemble junk at points where it may be reached by truck.

REPUBLICANS TO HOLD DISTRICT MEETING TODAY

Many Local Partisans Go to Lenoir to Aid in Naming Congressional Candidate; Dr. Kephart is Likely Opponent of Congressman Doughton

A large number of Watauga county Republicans will be in Lenoir this (Wednesday) afternoon to attend the district convention of their party, the principal business of which will be to perfect a district organization, and to name a candidate to oppose Representative R. L. Doughton for the ninth district seat in the lower house of the national congress.

Dr. A. P. Kephart of Blowing Rock, a leader in Republican circles here, is being favored locally for the nomination, and his supporters believe he will be named. Hobart Morton of Albemarle, former U. S. district attorney, is also mentioned prominently for the nomination.

Information is that G. W. Klutz, Lenoir attorney, has been urged by many to make the race for congress, but has definitely stated that he will not enter the race.

Alumni Group Will Meet At Mabel School

The Watauga Alumni Association of Watauga county will meet on Friday, March 27, at the Mabel public school, it was announced here this week.

Dr. W. Amos Abrams, head of the Appalachian College English department, has accepted an invitation to address the organization, and the boys' quartet from the college will give renditions of folk and popular songs.

The program for this event has been arranged by Dale C. Norris, Starr N. Stacy and Council Cooke. Refreshments will be served by a committee composed of Mrs. Dale C. Norris, Mrs. Julian Yoder and Miss Ruth Sherwood.

All graduates and former students of Appalachian at any period in its history are invited to attend this meeting.

A refreshment and entertainment fee of ten cents will be collected at the door.

STOCK MARKET IS SUCCESSFUL

Local Venture in Three Years of Operation Does \$300,000 of Business

The Watauga Livestock Market comes to the end of the three years of its existence with a record of having done about \$300,000 worth of business, and is now easily one of the best and most widely patronized markets in the entire area.

During the first year stockholders received a dividend of 20 per cent, the second year 20 per cent profit was again earned, but last year's dividend was only 10 per cent. This is due to the action of the last legislature in requiring a licensed veterinarian to be present at each sale to test cattle for Bang's disease. The expenses thus incurred halved the profits. Incidentally, it is to be noted, that not a single case of Bang's disease has been discovered at the local market.

The farmers of Watauga county are greatly pleased with the market, since they can bring their stock to Boone any afternoon, get their check and return home, saving much on traveling hitherto done to outside markets. Buyers from a large area come to the market for their requirements, and the venture is growing rapidly.

A meeting of the stockholders will be held at the office of S. C. Eggers in the bank building on April 4, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a board of directors, who in turn will name a new slate of officers.

ASHE SCHOOLS PLAN TO ENTER BOONE TOURNEYS

West Jefferson, March 14.—A number of Ashe county schools are planning to enter the commercial tournament to be held at A. S. T. C. in Boone on March 27 and the home economics tournament which is to be held there March 31.

These are sponsored by the college and the Appalachian High School Association each year and attract much interest among the high schools.