

Press Pays Tribute To Memory Of Dougherty

DR. R. E. DOUGHERTY
(Asheville Citizen.)

Dr. Blanford Barnard Dougherty was the last of a great trio of pioneers in higher education in the Western North Carolina mountains.

He and Robert Lee Moore of Mars Hill College and Robert Lee Madison of Western Carolina College contributed mightily in bringing educational opportunities to the youth of this region.

Dr. Dougherty, co-founder of Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone, died Monday two years after he had retired as president of the institution he had served 56 years. He was in his 85th year.

Dr. Dougherty was also a businessman and banker; but his devotion was to the cause of education, not only as a college president but as a long-time member of the State Board of Education. He was a leader in the movement for state support of public schools.

He was almost as well known in Raleigh as in Boone, for he did effective work in behalf of both his college and the public schools at numerous sessions of the General Assembly.

Born in a log cabin near Boone, the son of a blacksmith, Dr. Dougherty won his own education and success the hard way, learn-

ing lessons which he hammered at constantly in encouraging people to develop schools and in inspiring young people to obtain an education.

In 1899 he and his brother, the late D. D. Dougherty, built a two-room school on their father's farm. From it grew the present Appalachian College. The college and the people of North Carolina are in debt to the memory of Dr. Dougherty, for he contributed in very large measure to educational development in this state.

THE SCHOOLS LOSE A PIONEER

(Charlotte Observer.)

A little handful of men, remarkably able and remarkably dedicated, began to preach the virtues of public education to North Carolina around the turn of the century like ministers in a pulpit.

The last of that breed is dead. He is Dr. Blanford Dougherty, contemporary of Aycock and Joyner, founder of Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone.

He devoted a long and active life to education. He trumpeted the blessings of better teachers and better schools throughout the mountain country. He was an educational missionary to two generations of legislators in Raleigh. He built, in his school at Boone, a

monument that grows more impressive every year.

He looked the part of the pedagogue. He was tall and thin, slow and fragile, very patient and very, very deliberate. When he talked it was like a kitten purring.

He besieged every General Assembly for 50 years, hunting money for schools in general and his school in particular. He was a master beggar. If he could not get a whole loaf, he would take half. If he could not get that, a biscuit would do. Anything that would help train teachers for mountain school kids was more than welcome.

He would tell the legislators of the 1950s how he had come to Raleigh in 1903, when the educational renaissance was on, to get the charter for Appalachian State. He would tell them how a senator had accused him then of wanting to bankrupt North Carolina with an overabundance of education.

He would turn his own mistakes into points of pleading. Once a legislator found an error in the Appalachian budget requests and asked Dr. Dougherty how come. "Well," he purred, "I fixed 'em up myself. I'm sorry about it, but it's just like I've been telling you. We've got to have some more for clerical help up there."

When other teachers colleges were dropping the "teachers" in their name, he insisted that Appalachian should always retain it. What better mission for a college than to turn out school teachers, and what better advertisement than the name?

North Carolina education will not seem the same without him. He was still talking, still preach-

ing, still beagling long after Aycock and the fellow pioneers were gone. And because he was, his state is richer and his mountain country wiser.

MAN WITH A MISSION

(Winston-Salem Journal.)

Dr. Blanford Barnard Dougherty was a quiet, modest, unpretentious person. But he was a man with a mission. He was dedicated heart and soul to the cause of education. The great passion of his life was the education of North Carolina's mountain youth. His own peculiar mission, he felt, was to train teachers to teach these children.

While still a mere youth Dr. Dougherty and his brother, Dauphin D. Dougherty, built a little two-room private school on their father's farm in the Watauga County hills. Within a few years they developed it into a five-room school noted for its thorough teaching. Then Dr. Dougherty began his long series of biennial treks to the North Carolina General Assembly. He persuaded the legislature to make his school a state training school for teachers.

Called the Appalachian Training School for Teachers, it was operated by the Doughertys as a state-supported high school for 18 years. It became a junior college in 1921 and a four-year college in 1929.

An extremely able teacher, Dr. Dougherty was also a competent executive and a veritable miracle worker with a dollar. Given slender appropriations by the legislature, he made every penny do more than its normal duty in expanding and improving Appalach-

ian's facilities and increasing the faculty as enrollments grew. How he got so much from so little always amazed other educational administrators in the state. But Dr. Dougherty's genius for making bricks without straw and his quiet, patient persistence made him in the course of time a powerful lobbyist in the legislature. He always went to Raleigh knowing exactly what he wanted. The legislators knew that he was asking only for what he needed, and that he would wring about \$150 out of every dollar appropriated for Appalachian. So he got more and more generous treatment as time went on.

Dr. Dougherty's unique abilities and wide experience as an educator and college executive enabled him to serve as one of the most useful members of the State Board of Education for many years. His services were especially valuable in carrying out the board's program for the establishment of large consolidated high schools and the allocation of state aid funds for school construction. He gave to his board duties the same meticulous care which he devoted to the development and operation of his own beloved Appalachian State College.

Few men in North Carolina public life have ever been so completely wrapped up in one cause as Dr. Dougherty. His name, like those of Aycock, McIver, Wiley, Alderman and Joyner, will always be synonymous with North Carolina education. His contribution to the progress of the state is beyond computation.

Gets Degree At Black Hills

Spearfish, S. D.—Robert Baird, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baird, was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Social Science on Friday morning, May 24.

Baird was especially active in the Young Democrats Club on the campus. He headed the organization for the past two years. He was also chairman of the Board of Directors of the Veterans' Club.

His wife is the former Terry Abbott of Belle Fourche. The Bairds have three children. Baird and his family plan to leave Belle Fourche immediately for Glenwood, Minnesota, where Baird has accepted a job with the State Welfare Department; he will work with the Pope County Welfare Board.

Baird entered Black Hills College following four years in the service with the Air Force.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson recently stated that agriculture is now in a position to start its "upward climb toward a more adequate share of the nation's record prosperity." He predicted that farm income this year would climb above five per cent above last year's level.

Watauga Goes To Forestry Camp

Dennis Trivette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Trivette, Beech Creek, will represent Watauga County at 4-H Forestry Camp the week of June 3.

Dennis is taking tree planting as one of his projects and last spring he planted 1,000 white pine seedlings. The camp is held at 4-H Camp Millstone in Richmond county. One 4-H club member from each county in the state will attend the camp.

He will be accompanied by W.

C. Richardson, assistant county agent, and a 4-H club member from Avery, Mitchell, Yancey and McDowell counties.

The purpose of the camp is to develop "know-how" through "show-how." Experienced foresters and woodmen will demonstrate such things as planting a forest, measuring timber, improving timber stands, harvesting the timber crop, and how to work safely in the woods, plus the care of woods equipment.

The camp is sponsored by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company and the North Carolina Extension Service.

Columbia, Conn.—Offered the post of descomess of the Columbia Congregational Church, Mrs. Laura Squier declined because she is town tax collector, secretary of the board of education, substitute organist of the church choir, singing and a Sunday school teacher.

Local Realty Values

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HOME BUY worth seeing! 3 bedroom, 2 baths, new furnace, conveniently located to center of town. Marvelous opportunity.

ROUGH-HEWN STORE HOUSE, 3 bedrooms, Mohawk carpeting, full basement, large corner lot. \$1,000 down and home is yours.

OUT WHERE IT IS COOL, Stone 3 bedroom house, bath, basement, one acre beautifully landscaped. Priced to sell.

COMMERCIAL LOT with 75 foot frontage on West Howard Street.

55 ACRE FARM LOCATED DEEP GAP—Frontage on highway 421, new chicken house (10,000 chickens) 6 room house, 2-3 cleared land. Income established on chickens. 1-3 down will buy.

NEW 4-ROOM HOUSE AND LOT—Located Deerfield Road. Priced to sell.

GOOD 4 BEDROOM HOUSE, garage. Corner lot located corner Pine and Oak Streets. Priced for quick sale.

6 1/2 ACRES LAND—4 room house, located on highway near Boone. Price \$3000.

GOOD GOING BUSINESS for sale.

60 ACRES FARM LAND—6-10 tobacco base, 8 room brick house, very modern, barn. Located on good road.

GOOD 8-ROOM HOUSE, bath, barn, 7 acres land located 1 mile east of Boone, just off highway 421. Very desirable property.

TWO ROOM SUMMER COTTAGE—2 acres land. Located on Winkler's Creek. Priced for quick sale!

GOOD 3-BEDROOM HOUSE, 2 baths, spacious living room with stone fireplace, double garage, 2 acres land beautifully landscaped. Located just out of city limits.

INVESTMENT PROPERTY—5-apartment brick house, located near college, grossing 10 per cent. Terms if needed.

2 APARTMENT HOUSE, heat, corner lot. Located near college. Monthly rental \$88.00. Terms if needed.

NEW SEVEN ROOM BRICK HOUSE, two full baths, hot water heat, large lot just out of city limits. Excellent neighborhood.

FOR SALE—10 acre farm, good 6 room house, bath, hot air heat, basement, new chicken house 15'x60' and tobacco base. Located Deerfield road near Boone. Immediate possession.

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