

## Doughton Opens Campaign Sept. 3

## CATAWBA OPENS SEPT. 14TH

**District Rally At Taylorsville**

The announcement from the White House after a conference between the President, the Secretary of the Treasury, Congressman R. L. Doughton, Senator Pat Harrison, Chairman of the Finance Committee and other financial advisors of the Administration, that "no new taxes and no increases in present taxes are necessary" has started a discussion as to just what is implied in the statement. How much was it a gesture for political effect and how far was it a reflection of improvement in business conditions?

The Secretary of the Treasury pointed out that the revenue from existing taxes is steadily increasing, due to continued improvement in business conditions, and that the government is steadily approaching a revenue yield which will be adequate to cover expenses and reduce the public debt.

The generally accepted explanation of the reason for making the announcement at this time is that it was not so much to strengthen Mr. Roosevelt's own political position as to help Senator Harrison in the primary contest in his home state of Mississippi.

**SOCIAL SECURITY WHIRL**  
Because so much of the news coming out of Washington in the past few years has been about the acts of the President and of Congress, it is easy to get the impression that nobody does anything in Washington between times.

As a matter of fact, the Capital City is a beehive of activity the year around. Perhaps the busiest office in Washington right now is that of the Social Security Board, which has moved into the old Department of Labor building and is already beginning to find itself cramped for space.

The tremendous job of listing, indexing and assigning a serial number to everyone of the 26,000,000 and more workers in business and industry who will come under the provision of the retirement benefits section of the act on January 1, next, is a job of detail work which is already employing several thousand clerks. The estimate of the number of persons who will be required to administer the Social Security Act program when it is in full operation is 30,000.

The work now under way in this bureau must be completed before the end of the year, for beginning on January 1, 1937, every worker reaching the age of 65 will be entitled to retirement benefits.

Monthly benefit payments for life will not begin until 1942, but any employed person reaching the age of 65 after the first day of next year can draw down from the Social Security account a lump sum amounting to 3 1-2 percent of whatever he may have earned after January 1, next provided he quits his job and goes into retirement on his 65th birthday.

In addition to this, the Social Security board is in charge of the allotments to states for old age pensions, the collection of payroll taxes for unemployment insurance and the distribution of the proceeds of these taxes to the states, and the allotment of Federal funds for various kinds of health, disability, child welfare and mother's pension purposes.

**ROBINSON-PATMAN ACT**  
Almost every Federal bureau is continually holding hearings on various phases of the laws which it is supposed to administer. Just now the Federal Trade Commission is being besieged by business men and their attorneys asking for interpretations of the Robinson-Patman Act, which made numerous amendments to the Clayton Anti-trust law.

A number of complaints have been filed with the Commission charging violation of the Act; some of these are by chain stores charging independent ones with violations and some of them are the other way around. Everybody concerned is making complimentary remarks about the courtesy and willing cooperation of the personnel of the F. T. C. in trying to help find out what the new law means and what may and may not be done under it.

One week's schedule of hearings by the Federal Trade Commission, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the National Labor Relations Board and the Securities Exchange Commission contains a list of 14 cases regarded as important enough to be announced publicly in advance.

### City Schools Begin Work Wednesday

**County, Spencer and East Spencer Will Open Doors Monday Morning, August 31st.**

**Livingstone To Start September 16th.**

Dates for the college and school openings for the 1936-1937 school year in Salisbury and Rowan County are as follows:

Catawba College, Monday, Sept. 14.  
Livingstone College, Wednesday, Sept. 16.  
Salisbury Business College, Monday, Sept. 14.

City schools, Wednesday, Sept. 2.  
Spencer schools, Monday, Aug. 31.  
East Spencer schools, Monday, Aug. 31.

County schools, Monday, Aug. 31.

Expecting a substantial increase in the student enrollment this year, Catawba College, one of the outstanding colleges of the state, will begin work this year on Monday, Sept. 14, according to an announcement made Thursday.

The enrollment last year was 385. Over 400 are expected this year. A faculty composed of thirty five members will be on hand to begin instructions.

A definite increase is also expected in the other colleges and schools in the county.

Last year there were 4,541 pupils in the city schools. A substantial increase is expected for the 1936-1937 school year.

Supt. J. H. Knox, of the city schools, has announced a reduction of 20 to 25 per cent in books and supply fees for 1936-1937.

A comparison of the fees for a half year for the various grades follows:

Grade	Present Fee	1936-37
First	\$1.00	\$0.75
Second	1.20	1.00
Third	1.40	1.25
Fourth	1.40	1.25
Fifth	1.60	1.50
Sixth	1.80	1.75
Seventh	1.80	1.75
Eighth	2.00	2.00
Ninth	2.20	2.00
Tenth	2.40	2.00
Eleventh	2.40	2.00

### Honeymooners Will Campaign For Roosevelt

New York.—Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen Rhode, American minister to Denmark, said she would start out in a trailer September 1 on a two months' speaking tour for the reelection of President Roosevelt. She will be accompanied by her husband, Captain Boerge Rhode, a member of the royal life guard in Denmark, who will act as chauffeur.

Mrs. Rhode said she expected to visit 13 States and to make two or three speeches a day, mostly in cities and towns under 30,000 population.

The States she will visit, she said, are New York, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Ohio and Tennessee.

Mrs. Rhode is the daughter of the late William Jennings Bryan.

### Here To Fly



WICHITA, Kans. . . . Peggy Salaman, England's outstanding woman flyer, is here to take charge of the cabin monoplane she is to fly in the U. S. air race for the Ruth Chatterton trophy later this month.

### N. C. and Ala. Cancel Truck Drivers' 'Truce'

Raleigh.—R. R. McLaughlin, director of the State Motor Vehicle bureau, said North Carolina has cancelled a "truce" with Alabama, under which truck drivers of the two States have been operating.

Hereafter, McLaughlin said, North Carolina trucks in Alabama must qualify with the Public Service commission there and pay a mileage tax. Alabama trucks in North Carolina must carry "for hire" license plates.

The "truce" has been in effect since March 1935 while the Alabama Tax commission considered a reciprocal agreement.

This week, McLaughlin said, Alabama officials informed him Alabama statutes barred their signing the agreement.

He—There was something I wanted to say to you, but I forgot what it was now.  
She—Was it "good night?"

### Doughton Reassured Of Social Security Office For Salisbury

The Watchman is in receipt of the following communication from Congressman R. L. Doughton: Committee On Ways And Means House of Representatives Washington, D. C. Sparta, N. C. August 21, 1936 The Carolina Watchman Gentlemen:

I have seen some comments recently in the Press about what Senator Reynolds is endeavoring to do relative to the location of the offices of the Social Security Board in North Carolina.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have received from Honorable Vincent M. Miles, member of the Board, which will settle the matter so far as the two district offices are concerned. As to what

### Wildcats To Meet In Greensboro Sept. 6-7

The 7,200 North Carolina Wildcat Veterans will begin to move to the scene of their first State Reunion in Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 6th and 7th.

The convention will open on Sunday, September 6th, with registration at the O'Henry and King Cotton Hotels. A Memorial Service will be held at 3:00 p. m., Stag Smoker at 8:00 p. m., and a reception for the ladies at the same hour.

Monday, September 7th, "Labor Day," the business session will be held at 9:00 a. m., a luncheon at

1:00 p. m., an outdoor gathering and lunch at 4:00 p. m. Parade at 6:00 p. m., and the reunion will close with a Military Ball at 9:00 p. m.

At this reunion the State Department of North Carolina of the National Wildcat Veterans Association will be established, and the Auxiliary will also be formed, and every North Carolina Wildcatter and his ladies are cordially invited to attend.

Come over to Greensboro and meet with your WARTIME BUD-DIES.

### Horse 'n' Buggy Romeo



OLNEY, Ill. . . . Syl Plumlee, 68 (above), has taken unto himself his tenth bride, since 1898, all wooded behind the dashboard of a horse and buggy rig. As he recalls 'em there was Mary, May, Lou, Sada, Stella, Lula, Sarah, Sarah II, Laura, Julia; and now Viola.

### 1937 N. C. Auto Licenses Sent to Branch Offices

Raleigh.—R. R. McLaughlin, director of the State Motor Vehicle bureau said the bureau had begun shipping 1937 automobile license plates to branch offices in preparation for sales which open December 15.

### Huey Long's Law Held Invalid By Court

New Orleans.—The late Huey P. Long's law requiring public utilities to pay the costs of rate investigations was declared unconstitutional by a three-judge Federal court. Under the act, Long himself compelled utilities to pay him fees for serving as counsel for the Louisiana public service commission in rate cases.

## Rowan Files Claim With State For Over Two Million Dollars

Rowan County Commissioners this week filed with the State of North Carolina a claim for refunds totaling \$2,343,976 for money and for the construction of roads.

Garland Martin, county accountant, compiled the figures on which the County Commissioners based their claim of over two million.

Included in the claim filed, money spent by the county for roads and bridges before the state took over the highway system in the summer of 1931; road machinery and equipment turned over to the state highway commission and an interest item of \$40,101 paid by the county on a loan to the state highway commission in 1925.

A claim of \$29,160 was filed for the town of Rockwell. This includes an \$18,000 loan made by Rockwell in 1926 to the highway commission towards the cost of highway No. 80 for which the town issued bonds and interest of \$11,160 on the loan at 6 per cent to the first of 1937.

The county filed the following detailed claims for expenditures up to June 30, 1927:

- Hard surface (tarvia) roads, 12, \$486,250.
- Sand clay roads, 76, \$1,081,500.
- Graded roads, 37, \$120,000.
- Bridges on other than state highways, \$307,150.
- Bridges on state highways, 15, \$94,500.
- Highway No. 10, 1926, \$31,505.22.
- Highway No. 15, 1926, \$12,622.20.
- Highway No. 80, 1926 (Rockwell), \$5,000.
- State project 74, 1927, \$3,772.04.
- State project 674, 1927, \$612.69.
- State project 675, 1927, \$6,086.46.
- Highway No. 80, 1927 (Cleveland), \$500.
- Donated to project 669 on June 18, 1926, \$21,611 in 1927, \$4,123.
- The following claims were filed by the county for expenditures in 1931:
- Sand clay road from Landis to Kannapolis, \$12,000.
- Four bridges on above road, \$6,000.
- Three miles sand clay road, Linn dairy, Landis, \$9,000.
- Orphans Home road near Faith, 3-4 mile, \$2,250.
- Orphans Home road, extension, 1 1-2 miles, \$4,500.
- Grading Milford Hills road 2 miles, \$15,000.
- Interest paid by county on \$665,000 loan to state highway commission, contract August 3, 1925, \$49,101.19.
- Road machinery and equipment turned over to state highway commission, \$36,332.91.
- The total cost to the county of the road machinery and equipment turned over to the state was approximately \$100,000, but when the state took it over they appraised the value of it at that time at the above figure.
- The Onslow County farm agent received 283 checks from Washington a few days ago for farmers who participated in the AAA tobacco control program last year. The total amount was for \$10,265.62, and the growers "were mighty glad to get their money," the agent said.

### Terrill Exonerated of Any Part in Wilkinson Murder

**Youth Arrested In Concord Monday Given His Release**

**VERNON PRITCHETT HELD AS "SLIM" MAN**

**Pritchett, Escaped Convict, Was Arrested In Virginia On Sunday**

Concord, August 26.—Chief of Police B. F. Widenhouse stated last night that C. O. Terrill, 22, of Burlington, arrested here Monday night for questioning in the murder of Jap Wilkinson, Kannapolis taxi driver, had been released from the jail as an official police investigation had exonerated him of any part in the brutal slaying of the Kannapolis cab driver.

Meanwhile, Vernie Pritchett, 19-year-old escaped convict, is being held in the Rowan county jail as the "slim" man who, it is alleged, was seen to enter Wilkinson's taxi a short time before Wilkinson's body was found late last Thursday night on a highway in Rowan county, several miles from Kannapolis.

Police Chief I. T. Chapman, of Kannapolis, whose sleuthing aided in the arrest of Pritchett, announced yesterday that another arrest in

### Champion Chorine



HOLLYWOOD . . . From down Tulsa, Okla., way came the champion 1936 chorus girl in filmland. She is Jean Joyce, 19, standing 5 feet 3 inches and weighing 108 pounds and adept in every dance step. She was crowned champion in filmland competition this week.

the case was imminent. He indicated the identity of Pritchett's alleged companion on the night of the slaying is known.

### Charles West, Under Secretary of Interior, To Be Chief Speaker.

Alexander county Democrats will be hosts to their party sisters and brethren of the ninth congressional district at a rally Thursday, September 3, at Taylorsville, at which Representative Robert L. Doughton will launch his campaign for re-election.

Harry Miller of Taylorsville, chairman of the Alexander county executive committee of the party and general chairman of the rally committee, stated that every county in the ninth district was expecting to send large delegations to the Democratic get-together. Plans are rapidly taking shape, he said, and the gathering should be one of the most important in the western section of the State during the current campaign.

Charles West of Washington, under-secretary of the interior and a former representative in Congress from Ohio and member of the House Ways and Means committee, of which Representative Doughton is chairman, will be the principal speaker at the general session, which begins at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Representative Doughton will precede Mr. West but will deliver only a short address to open his campaign. The Interior Department under-secretary is regarded as an unusually effective speaker, said Mr. Miller.

Chairman J. Wallace Winborne of Marion, head of the party organization in the State, will preside at a meeting Thursday morning at 11 o'clock of party leaders from each of the counties in the ninth district. Chairman of these various county organizations will report on the political conditions and outlooks in their respective counties. The ninth district is composed of Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Caldwell, Alexander, Iredell, Rowan, Cabarrus and Stanly.

In addition to Democratic leaders and voters from the ninth district, the Alexander Democrats will have as their guests various other State leaders in Democratic councils.

A big delegation from Salisbury and Rowan county will attend the opening of the campaign in this district, in Taylorsville, Sept. 3, according to Walter H. Woodson, Jr., Chairman of the Rowan County Democratic Executive Committee.

Two years ago, when Mr. Doughton opened the campaign in Boone, over 100 attended the event from Salisbury and Rowan County. An even larger representation is expected to attend from Salisbury and Rowan this year.

Congressman R. L. Doughton, who wrested this district from Congressman Cowles, a Republican, in 1910, has held it continuously Democratic for the past 26 years, during his thirteenth consecutive term in Congress.

### Flock of Drunken Geese Halt Autos On Kinston Road

Kinston.—Raymond Hudson said he saw seven geese "on a bun" and two of them waddled onto a highway and stopped traffic. The owner of the geese found a gallon of whiskey hidden in a jug in a barn, probably left there by a farm hand. Intolerant of liquor, he poured it out. It formed a puddle, and the geese lapped it up. It was discovered that had had no water for some time. The geese honked noisily, staggered comically and fell over one another, Hudson said. Two got in front of a truck on a nearby road and, defiant or indifferent, refused to move. Three vehicles were held up while the truck driver shooed them off with his hat.