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McADOO NOT A CANDIDATE

McAdoo Serves Notice That His Political Fued With Al Smith Is Far From End

Washington, Sept. 17.—William Gibbs McAdoo announced today he would not be a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination next year.

It burned all his bridges behind him when he said definitely: "I will not be a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1928."

His refusal to enter the race was contained in a letter to George F. Milton, publisher of the Chattanooga News. Milton, publicity manager for McAdoo in 1924, had urged him to be a candidate again.

Fued Not Ended

At the same time McAdoo served notice that his political fued with Governor Al Smith of New York, which deadlocked the Democrats in the sweltering heat of Madison Square Garden in 1924, is far from ended. He said he would continue to fight for the triumph of progressive principles in the party, and for the suppression of the nullificationists, or the wets.

A desire to free the party from repetition of the disastrous 1924 fight was advanced by Mr. McAdoo as one of his chief reasons for retiring. He said also that he had earned a respite, "an honorable discharge," from the rigors of active political life.

He warned the party that defeat by ahead in 1928 if the next convention degenerated "into a mere struggle of individuals for personal preferment at the expense of principles and policies of fundamental importance to party character and to the welfare of the nation."

Progressive Policies

"My chief concern," he said, "is the supremacy of Democratic principles and progressive policies, for these mean the preservation, unimpaired, of the Constitution of the United States; the suppression of nullification and the enforcement of law, without which stable government is impossible and without which the blessings of liberty will disappear; justice to agriculture, without which the farmers cannot get their rightful share of national prosperity; and social economic justice for all classes, without which human opportunity cannot be widened."

A NEAR-DISASTROUS AUTOMOBILE COLLISION

As Mr. B. Noe, accompanied by Misses Essie and Gladys Peterson, glided homeward Monday evening just after dark from Ridgeway, S. C., where they had been to visit Mrs. Whitlock and other of Mr. Noe's children, seven or eight miles south of Pittsboro, the Dodge collided with a southbound car containing seven negroes. That car turned the summersault, landing on its back. The seven colored folk crawled out unhurt. The Dodge left the road with a bent axle and other minor injuries, but, fortunately, with no injury to any of the occupants.

NO HARDSURFACING ON HIGHWAY NINETY

It is grievous to see the Zeigler force leave Pittsboro without any work being done on highway 90 leading east. The highway authorities had seemingly determined upon the street north of depot street for the exit of 90, but there has been considerable restlessness and dissatisfaction because of that choice, and we fear that that has caused the town to lose the advantage of the immediate pavement of a section of a half-mile or a mile of road from 75 eastward.

Anyway, the Zeigler equipment is going and there is no telling when a foot of pavement will be laid upon ninety.

Most citizens are trying to find the root of all evil.

The Avert Ferry Bridge Opening

An Account of the Opening Ceremonies and a Sketch of the History of the Old Ferry.

As the editor of the Record, having to choose between missing the Avert Ferry bridge opening and the Bentonville Marker Unveiling last ten days ago, chose to go to Bentonville, he makes up this week for lack of a full report of that epochal event by giving below the story of the occasion and a sketch of the history of the old ferry which appeared in the Sanford Express last week:

"For the past year The Express has from time to time told its readers of the progress that was being made on the construction of the concrete bridge at Avert's Ferry, a few miles above the Buckhorn Power plant, and some two or three months ago suggested that the formal opening of the bridge to the public be celebrated in some fitting way. Those who were concerned in presenting and receiving the bridge on the day of its completion got busy and the successful celebration that was held last Thursday was the result.

Several hundred people from Lee, Chatham and Wake counties were present to attend the celebration, hear speeches by a number of prominent citizens and enjoy an old-fashioned barbeque and picnic dinner. The housewives and cooks of that section are to be congratulated for the manner in which they prepared and served the meal. If any one went away from that table hungry it was his own fault.

W. W. Robards, Business Manager of the Lee County Chamber of Commerce, acted as master of ceremonies. After the crowd had assembled in the shade of the trees near the bridge he called on Rev. O. I. Hinson, of Jonesboro, to offer the invocation.

Gilbert C. White and Col. C. E. Boesch, of Durham, then presented the bridge to the two counties after it had in turn been officially turned over to these engineers by W. B. Kiker, of Reidsville, for the firm of Kiker and Yount, the contractors. These builders of roads and bridges told in brief talks the difficulties encountered and conquered in the erection of the bridge. They declared that Lee and Chatham has something of which they could point with civic pride.

Hon. D. L. Bell of Pittsboro, received the bridge in behalf of the board of commissioners of Chatham county. J. U. Gunter, chairman of the Lee county commissioners, accepted it for the county.

For years the public spirited citizens of Sanford and Lee county have been campaigning for an outlet by the way of Jonesboro and Holly Springs. Progress was slow and the deep Cape Fear river loomed as the stumbling block to the plans of good road construction. The only route from the eastern section of Lee to Raleigh was by way of Sanford and thence on Route 50. A lone ferry across the river connected Avert's Ferry road from Lee to Chatham and into Wake county. Traffic by this ferry was out of the question. It was too slow.

However, more than a year ago the plans for a shorter highway between Sanford and Raleigh began to mature and then reached a definite stage when the commissioners of Lee and Chatham counties decided to build a bridge of their own and not wait for the state to solve the problem.

Gilbert C. White and Company, of Durham, consulting engineers, were called in for advice and Mr. White told the joint boards that the bridge could be built without spending any fortune. The commissioners voted for the bridge, called for bids and then shook hands.

Work was started on the project in August, 1926, and slightly more than a year later, it was formally accepted and opened.

The handsome bridge was built at a cost of \$82,000, by Kiker and Yount, contractors, of Reidsville. The cost is borne equally by Chat-

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CHATHAM FAIR

Annual Event Only a Few Days Off—Many Attractions Scheduled for the Week.

Next week is Fair week. Manager Elkins has been pushing things and expects to have the best fair the county has had. Quite a list of worthwhile premiums are offered and it is hoped the people will respond with many entries. Many amusements are scheduled.

Moncure Plans Big Celebration Monday

Opening of New Bank to Be Celebrated With Brass Band and Big Barbecue for All Comers.

Capt. Wissler, president of the new Bank of Moncure, which starts business next week superseding the Farmers Bank of Pittsboro and combining that institution's capital, prestige, and good will with Moncure capital backed by the enthusiastic support of the community, was here Tuesday, announcing that the opening of the bank would be celebrated Monday in great style, with band music and a big barbeque dinner for all comers.

Get the word out, Boys. The Captain promises to see to it that we don't lack for something good to eat, and the Captain's word is about as good as a gold bond.

HARD SURFACE REACHES PITTSBORO ON HIGHWAY

More Than Half of Section of 75 Between Pittsboro and Chapel Hill Now Hardsurfaced.

When Zeigler Brothers began operations on laying the pavement upon route 75 and began on the middle ground between Chapel Hill and Pittsboro, it was estimated that the section toward Pittsboro would be completed by October 1, and lo, the concrete surface touched noses with the old hardsurface at the northern edge of town Wednesday, two days before the first of October.

The last two days brought a city hubbub into the quiet lanes of the old town. The crushed stone pile just above town that had been supposed sufficient to finish the job, gave out when there was a section of 2,000 feet to lay, and the struggling locomotive on the branch of the S.A.L. had to groan its way with heavy train loads of rocks and sand from Moncure up the hills to Pittsboro.

Monday evening, the great grab-it-up machine used for loading stone and gravel nosed itself into town on its caterpillar truck and finally stationed itself where it could gobble up the carloads of sand and gravel from the car at the depot, and all during the night it was reaching into the cars with great grabs and filling the bodies of the snorting and rumbling trucks conveying the material to the field of operations just out of town. The noise was comparable to those that disturb the slumbers of Pittsborians when they perchance spend a night in a busy city.

Zeigler Brothers have a great outfit and their work moves along as smoothly as perfect machinery and a perfect organization make possible.

All the while Frank Page, though his alert agents, has had his eye upon the character and quantity of the material going into the roadbed. At the rock and sand piles one man has watched the proportions, while another has kept his eye upon the advancing layer of concrete. The engineering force, directed by Mr. Kennedy, has preceded, determining locations and marking levels.

The several groups of men and machines, in fact, appear to have been perfectly coordinated, making the whole one great, steadily moving machine.

"It's as plain as the nose on your face," said the tactless idiot as he tried to explain something to his sweetie.

Bank Organization Already Effectuated

While final arrangements for the charter were underway Tuesday, the organizers of the Bank of Moncure were assured that the demands of the corporation commission were about fully complied with. The full \$25,000 of stock is subscribed and paid in. Officers have been elected; Capt. Wissler as president; W. F. Bland, president of the discontinuing Farmers' bank, vice-president; W. L. Langley, cashier of the Farmers' Bank, cashier; Miss Mary Bland, assistant cashier.

The opening of the bank will be auspiciously celebrated Monday with band music and a barbeque, and, presumably, speeches.

Hurrah for Moncure.

Baptists Launch Big Drive For Funds

Plan to Raise About \$1,500,000.00 As A Centennial Memorial As Close of 100 Years Organized

The Centennial Campaign Committee of the Sandy Creek Association held their first meeting Tuesday night in the Sanford Baptist church at Sanford in order to make Teague, the chairman of the committee, called the meeting and pre-plans for their work. Mr. D. B. sided. Others present were Mrs. June Gunter, Sanford, Mrs. G. B. Emmerson, Bear Creek, Miss Eucule Loving, Cameron, Mrs. R. G. Farrell, Aberdeen, Mrs. P. H. St. Clair, Sanford, Mr. Jas. L. Griffin, Pittsboro, Mr. M. J. Jordan, Gulf, Mr. A. S. Ballard, Aberdeen, Mr. E. T. Lanier, Jonesboro, Mr. D. E. Murchison, Gulf, Rev. G. C. Phillips, Bear Creek, Rev. O. A. Keller, Jonesboro, W. A. Crabtree, Chas. C. Cheek, S. J. Husketh, J. A. Overton, Chas. P. Rogers and C. H. Riddle of Sanford. Some others were unavoidably detained.

The Centennial Campaign is a movement among the Baptists of North Carolina to celebrate the close of one hundred years of organized work in this state by raising a fund of \$1,500,000.00 to strengthen their seven colleges and schools. The State Convention was organized in 1930 and the plan is to raise this educational fund this fall in subscriptions which shall be paid in full by 1930, in order to observe the Centennial in that year with the schools greatly strengthened.

Hon. O. Max Gardner is chairman of the movement throughout the state and he has appointed Mr. Teague to be chairman in this association. Mr. Teague in turn is asking each church in the Association to appoint a Centennial Campaign chairman and a key woman. Mrs. June Gunter of Sanford has been appointed as head of the women's division of the Campaign in the association. She is assisting in the work by selecting the key women to work with the church chairmen in perfecting their plans and committees.

The next step in behalf of this movement will be a great meeting at Meredith College, Thursday evening, Sept. 15th at 6:30. The girls at the college will serve a complimentary supper. There will be representatives at this meeting from all sections of the state. Invitations to this meeting are being sent to all the pastors, chairmen and key women of all the Baptist Churches of the Sandy Creek Association. Mr. Teague is hoping for a large delegation from the Sanford Creek at this meeting.

The seven Colleges and schools for which the Centennial Campaign Fund is being raised are as follows: Wake Forest, Meredith, Campbell (formerly Buies Creek) Chowan of Murfreesboro, Mars Hill, Wingate Junior College and Boiling Springs High School. Forty five thousand boys and girls have been educated in these schools in the past and the enrollment for the coming year is the largest yet recorded.

Speeding Motorist: How about calling it square for \$5?

POE TO SPEAK

Distinguished Son of Chatham To Deliver Address at Fair Next Tuesday.

It is gratifying to learn that Editor Clarence Poe of the Progressive Farmer will deliver an address at the opening of the Chatham county fair next Tuesday. Dr. Poe is one of Chatham's most distinguished sons and it is exceedingly appropriate that he speak on this occasion. Knowing Chatham as he does and chug full of farm lore as he is, and the address coming at a transition period in Chatham county farming, the address should be of great value and should be heard by as many Chatham farmers as possible.

Chatham's Forage Crop Is Great One

County Agent Advises Selection of Seed Corn in Field—Lespedeza Proves Success—Early planted Oats Best.

This week, the county agent has visited a number of fields which was sown in Lespedeza, or Japan clover, last spring and the preceding one. Judging from the growth this crop has made, especially on very poor soil, I believe that it is the best hay, pasture, or soil improving crop that can be grown in this county. It is particularly adapted to the soil of this county, as the wild strain has been grown here for sometime.

The seed for these demonstrations were in most cases obtained in Mississippi, and this strain shows considerable more growth than our native strain. Lespedeza seed should be drilled or sown in late February or March. If drilled, 12 pounds of seed per acre are required, if sown, one bushel of seed per acre are required. It is not necessary to prepare the land, aside from harrowing.

Chatham county is preparing for the greatest hay crop in its history this fall. I have seen a number of farmers who are actually constructing additional barn room for their hay; others who have not sufficient barn room are curing and stacking soy bean hay in the field. Several farmers, having harvested enough hay for their needs, are turning under a few acres of soy beans, intending to follow this in corn next spring.

On Monday, Prof. E. C. Blair and the county agent held a seed corn selection demonstration at the county home. Ten farmers in the vicinity of the county home attended this meeting. Prof. Blair emphasized the necessity of selecting seed corn in the field rather than in the crib. He said further, that in selecting seed corn, the following factors should be taken into consideration; selection of an ear free from disease, medium distanced on the stalk with a tight husk, short shank, and well covered at the tip. The stalk should be of medium height, rather stocky, with broad blades. The ears should be hanging down, with the tips towards the ground, and corn should be selected from stalks bearing two good ears. Seed from this selection should be planted in a seed patch, and the best seed corn possible should be selected from this seed patch each year.

The opportunity is being taken here again to emphasize the necessity of every farmer in the county sowing winter cover crops, and hay crops. Proper preparation of the land, earliness of sowing and proper fertilization are the three factors to observe in sowing fall grain and hay crops this year. Especially does earliness apply to the sowing of oats. Experiments conducted year after year show a much higher yield of oats when sown on October 1 than on successive later dates. Fertilization is also important, and on our red soil, it must be remembered that a sufficient amount of Acid Phosphate is absolutely necessary for the best growth of wheat and oats. Some farmers use a 16-4-2 fertilizer under wheat on our red soil, others using a 12-

Wake Forest College Gets \$10,000 From Mrs. Seaman's Est'e

Daughter of Renowned Missionary, M. T. Yates, Remembers Her Father's College—Baptist Orphanage Gets \$5,000.

Forty minutes' ride from Pittsboro, just over in Wake, was born Matthew T. Yates, who became the first missionary to China from North Carolina, and was forty or fifty years recognized as one of the outstanding world characters, not only establishing the first Baptist church in China but winning distinction as a representative of the British government during our war of 1861-65, when he was cut off from support by the Southern Baptist convention, and later serving the United States as vice consul general in China, and being offered higher posts.

Being a man of unusual business instincts, he invested his spare cash so successfully that he became independent of the support of the churches at home and served as missionary for many years without salary.

He died in 1887, in the arms of a first-cousin of the editor of the Record, closing a life full of service and honors. He left one daughter, who had married a Mr. Seaman, a man of wealth. It is she who by her last will and testament has left to Wake Forest the handsome sum of \$10,000 as a memorial to her father.

Out of his moderate means Dr. Yates made no small contributions to Wake Forest College: \$250 in 1875; \$1,000 in 1878; \$200 in 1886; and \$4,350 in 1887. During his last years he was forming plans for the larger endowment of the college, and the year of his death he wrote Dr. Charles E. Taylor, "I delight to pray for Wake Forest College." This interest was the inheritance of Mrs. Seaman, his daughter, who has now, "as a memorial to her father," left this \$10,000 bequest to Wake Forest.

In her will Mrs. Seaman made special bequests to the amount of \$90,000. Among North Carolina beneficiaries of the will are the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, \$5,000; Annie Seaman Jones, of Salisbury, \$5,000; to the daughters of her late cousin, Susan Wempe Carleton, deceased, of Durham, \$10,000; to the children of her uncle, Lucian B. Yates, \$10,000; to the children of her aunt, Betty Lane Johnson, \$10,000; to Cornelia Norris, of Raleigh, 5,000; to Elsie Hunter, of Raleigh, the only daughter of her cousin, Emma Hunter, \$5,000. The residuary estate, which includes all real estate, both in the United States and in China, and much Oriental furniture, embroideries, screens, wall hanging, and curios, is left to her daughter, Miss Josephine Gaskin Seaman. W. S. Yates of Raleigh, is one of the six children of the Lucian B. Yates referred to.

The psychology class at the University of Minnesota is teaching worms and mice to turn to the right. If it succeeds in teaching traffic observance to these higher forms of life, the class hopes next to experiment on pedestrians.—Chicago Tribune.

4-2. For best results, use three hundred pounds per acre of one of the above formulae. Lime, when applied with wheat or oats in the fall will also increase yields and where clover or alfalfa is being planted, it is almost necessary to use lime. Our grey and light soils require more potash than is shown in the above mixtures, a mixture as 10-3-6 may be used in this case. Top dressing in the spring with Soda or Ammonium Sulphate at the rate of 75-100 pounds per acre increases yields also. Some farmers prefer to use Acid alone in the fall, and top dress with Sulphate of Ammonia or Nitrate of Soda in the spring. (By N. C. Shiver, County Agent. September 24, 1927.)

In office, Saturdays and first Mondays.

R. R. SEEK TO RAISE RATES

Proposals For Change In Classification Generally Mean Increased Charges

Raleigh, Sept. 24—Proposals for changes in classification in a large number of items of freight in the Southeastern territory have not yet been made to the Interstate Commerce Commission by the railroads, according to Corporation Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, who returned yesterday from Washington, but the carriers are holding hearings on their own hook.

Mr. Maxwell went to Washington to attend a hearing relative to refrigeration charges from the Southern territory. This investigation is being made by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Mr. Maxwell believes will result in substantial reductions in charges in many cases.

Mr. Maxwell was in Atlanta last week to attend a meeting of the railroad commissioners of the Southeast. They discussed the proposals of the carriers, but as they are not yet before the Interstate Commerce Commission, no action was taken. The Southern Traffic League, meeting at the same time and place, adopted resolutions calling on the Interstate Commerce Commission to conduct an investigation of its own instead of leaving it up to the carriers.

The proposals for changes in classification by the carriers generally would mean an increase by lifting items from a lower to a higher class though there are some adjustments proposed. The carriers propose to put these changes in classifications into effect at the same time as the change in the rates schedules from the Southeastern territory to the Middle West, which have been ordered by the I.C.C.

Adoption of the new rate schedules into the Middle West under order of the Interstate Commerce Commission will have the effect of making changes in classification apply to through freight from the Southeast to the Middle West. For this reason the proposals have more than a sectional interest. The proposals for change in classification do not involve changes in rates except as they are involved in changes in classification.

The Interstate Commerce Commission recently rejected the proposals of the carriers for changes in its order for changes in freight schedules from the Southeast to the Middle Order, and the changes ordered to be made by it, resulting in substantial reductions in many instances, are due to go into effect about the first of the year.

Shippers in North Carolina and other Southern States are taking steps to oppose changes in classification of freight, which would have the effect in many instances of nullifying the reductions secured in the order of the I.C.C. of April 13, 1926, and supplemental order of July 19, 1926, as a result of the Southern Freight Rate Investigation.

Corporation Commissioner A. J. Maxwell took an active part in the fight to secure reductions in freight rates that would place North Carolina on a parity with Virginia cities, which have long had more favorable rates to Middle Western territory, and he wrote an able answer for the North Carolina Corporation Commission opposing the changes proposed by the carrier.

CLINTON OIL WELL BURST IS EXPLODED

Herman Bryson, State Geologist, scored again in his war on projected oil wells in North Carolina when Jeffrey Stanback, chemist of the State Department of Agriculture, reported that a sample of oil said to be taken from the well near Clinton was not crude oil.

The "oil" was "discovered" in the well shortly after some of the drillers were indicted for violating the prohibition laws.

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