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Democratic Rally Draws Big Crowd

**Commissioner A. J. Maxwell
and Solicitor C. O. Rid-
ings Speak For
Democrats.**

President J. T. Arledge of the Young Democrats club of Polk County called to order a big rally meeting at the Court House in Columbus on Wednesday night and introduced all the Democratic candidates present including C. P. Rogers for legislature; Robert McFarland for clerk of court; Granville Thompson for county commissioner; and W. D. Hines for sheriff. Sitting on the speaker's platform was Charles Flack of Forest City, chairman of the Rutherford County Democratic Executive committee and he spoke of the progress of the Young Democrats in his county. Solicitor Clarence O. Ridings, of Forest City, a native of Polk county, spoke of the great progress made by the Democratic party in this section since he was a boy. He said that when he looked round for a high school to attend he had to ride in a wagon over bad roads to Campobello, S. C., and catch a train for Hendersonville. Now, there are good roads and good high schools within reach of every student in every section of the county; and during the depression it was the Democratic party that brought relief to the starving and naked. Solicitor Ridings was very entertaining with his humor and kept the crowd in laughter. He was followed by

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Rogers Writes Open Letter to Polk Voters

An Open Letter to The Citizens
of Polk County:

As we approach the General Election which is to be held on Tuesday, November 8th, I have been requested by numerous citizens of the County to specify in detail just what Legislation I will favor in the next session of the General Assembly, if I am elected to represent the people of Polk County. This I am very glad to do, as the issues are the same as those which were under discussion during the recent Primary, and it was as a result of my stand on the issues referred to, that I received the nomination of the Democratic Party in that Primary. Therefore, it is right and proper that I should again at this time, state for the information of all the voters of the County, just what I propose to do in the matter of Legislation, if I am elected as their Representative in November.

I favor the repeal of the Absentee Ballot in all elections, not only because this is desired by a large majority of our people, but also because it has been proven that it is productive of unfair practices in our Elections, and is destructive of harmony in the ranks of the Democratic Party itself. A rising tide of disapproval of the use and abuse of the Absentee Ballot is sweeping the entire State and even its friends and apologists admit that its days are numbered.

I favor the return to the people of their right to elect the Tax Collector of their County. This, I am fully convinced, is the desire

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