



JUDGE OLIVE ARRIVES EARLY FOR DEBATE — Gubernatorial Candidate Hubert E. Olive, second from left, arrived in Harnett early today to spend a full day of campaigning prior to the debate with his opponent, Former Senator William B. Umstead, tonight before the Dunn Information Clinic. This picture was made at Campbell College, where Judge Olive stopped to address the student body. Left to right are: Charles D. Hutaff, Jr., of Dunn, a member of Olive's State headquarters staff; Judge Olive; Leslie H. Campbell, president of Campbell College, and Mack M. Jernigan, prominent Dunn attorney. Mr. Umstead was scheduled to arrive about 4 o'clock. State-wide interest is centered on tonight's debate. (Daily Record Photo by T. M. Stewart).

Candidates Debate Tonite

Douglas Out For Kefauver For President

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Paul H. Douglas, a "Northern liberal," today endorsed Tennessee's Sen. Estes Kefauver for the presidency and said "the people" are for him.

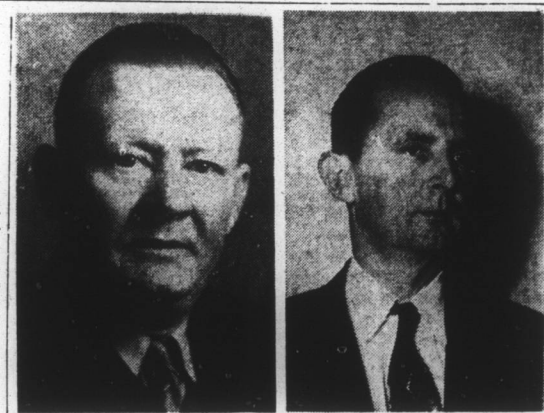
"Some of the politicians, bureaucrats and king-makers may not like you because they know they cannot control you," the Illinois Democrat said in a message to Kefauver. "But the people are for you. Let the voice of the people be heard."

Douglas made public his message to Kefauver a day after Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois announced that he would not accept the Democratic presidential nomination. "Now that Gov. Stevenson has withdrawn as a possible candidate for the presidency, I firmly believe that you are by all odds the best available candidate for our party," the message said.

COULD DEFEAT TAFT Douglas told a news conference that he "most certainly" believes that Kefauver, as the Democratic nominee, could defeat Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, one of the chief contenders for the Republican nomination.

Asked if he believes the Tennessee crime-buster could beat Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, another GOP possibility, he replied he did not know but that Kefauver would "have a very good chance."

Kefauver managers hoped Douglas' endorsement would encourage other doubtful Democrats to climb aboard his bandwagon. Douglas has a wide personal following among the "Northern liberal" element of the Democratic party which had been plumping for Stevenson.



R. L. (BOB) PATE

FRED W. BROWN

Bob Pate Retiring; Fred Brown Files

County Commissioner R. L. (Bob) Pate of Erwin, oldest member of the county board, announced today that he will not seek re-election, but will retire at the end of his present term, because of poor health.

Mr. Pate represents District III, which is composed of Duke and townships, and has served on the board for a total of 14 years. He returned to the board two years ago after resting for a term.

Another development took place in District II this morning when Fred W. Brown, well-known Erwin resident, announced for the office held by Mr. Pate. One candidate, Coy Lucas, widely-known farmer and realtor, has already announced for the post.

FRaises PATE'S SERVICE In announcing this morning, Mr. Brown said he had planned for sometime to make the race, but was waiting for Mr. Pate's final decision. He offered high praises for Mr. Pate and his services and said he would not have considered opposing Mr. Pate.

"Mr. Pate is a great fellow and his services have meant much to the county," said Brown. "I had rather for him to continue serving them to be elected myself."

Announcement that Mr. Pate will retire was made today by his son, Bob Jr., of Erwin. Mr. Pate said that his father is now in Florida for his health and that doctors have advised him against undertaking another term in office. He said his father was retiring with great reluctance and with great appreciation to the people for their loyal support to him in the past.

In his announcement today, Brown said he favors, "a good efficient and sound government." "I want the government of my county," he said, "to be so good that other counties of the State will look to Harnett for an example."

Brown said he promises that there will be no radical changes, no wild spending or other reckless procedures.

Lively Session Is Scheduled Tonight At 7:15

The eyes of North Carolina focused on Dunn today as the two top contenders for governor arrived to debate the issues tonight before the Dunn Information Clinic.

With interest steadily mounting in the campaign, indications at noon today pointed to a capacity crowd for the debate, which will get underway at 7:15 in the Dunn High School Cafeteria.

A few tickets are still available for the affair.

Judge Hubert E. Olive arrived in Harnett early this morning for a full-day of campaigning prior to tonight's debate, and Former Senator William B. Umstead is scheduled to arrive about 4 p. m.

Judge Olive addressed students at Campbell College this morning, had luncheon with a group of his supporters at noon at Johnson's Restaurant and planned to spend the rest of the afternoon on a handshaking tour of the section.

Mr. Umstead is due to arrive for a conference with County Manager Duncan P. Ray and other supporters before the debate. Captain I. R. Williams and J. Robert Young are handling his campaign in Dunn.

J. Shepard Bryan will serve as moderator at the debate, and Jim McMillen, founder of the clinic, will give the welcome. The debate will be recorded over Radio Station WPTF and will be broadcast by the station Friday night from 9:30 to 10:30.

Captain I. R. Williams, longtime personal friend, will introduce Mr. Umstead tonight, and Judge Olive will be introduced by Mack M. Jernigan.

Mr. Bryan again today gave assurance that there is no question about the question-answer period. Any person who attends will be allowed to ask any questions desired and the questions will be read aloud to the candidates. There will be no selection and no screening of questions. They'll be read aloud to the candidates as received.

And there were indications that the affair might turn out to be a pretty warm and lively event before the evening is over.

Supporters on both sides this afternoon were reported to be primed and ready to fire away.

OLIVE REPORTS PROGRESS

Interviewed at Johnson's Restaurant at noon, Judge Olive said he was delighted with the progress.

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Policeman Aikens Pleads Guilty; Is Put Under Suspended Sentence

A crowd of courtroom spectators was disappointed at noon today when the long-awaited trial of suspended city policeman Tom Aikens ended by agreement between Private Prosecutor Duncan Wilson and Defense Attorney Neill McK. Salmon without the introduction of any evidence.

Aikens pleaded guilty to a charge of simple assault and City Judge H. Paul Strickland continued prayer for judgment for 12 months on payment of costs and ordered Aikens not to assault or molest Berry Allen during this period.

The suspended policeman was accused of beating and trying to kill Berry Allen, local taxi driver, because of testimony which Allen gave in a liquor trial.

ACCUSED OF THREATS Allen charged that the policeman threatened him into his automobile drove him to an isolated spot, tried to choke him to death and threatened to kill him before he broke loose and waded through a swamp up to his waist.

Private Prosecutor Duncan C. Wilson had announced earlier that he would amend the warrant to charge Aikens with assault with intent to kill a felony.

He said today, however, that he had agreed not to do so in view of Aikens' offer to plead guilty.

Attorney Wilson also declined to recommend punishment for Aikens and said all he wanted was for him to be put under a suspended sentence so he wouldn't again try to kill Allen. He said Allen is in fear of his life as the result of threats made on him by the policeman.

Attorney Wilson was plainly displeased that testimony wasn't offered just as in other trials.

"It's the first case I can recall offhand that the court didn't insist on hearing some of the testimony," declared Wilson. He said he didn't insist on it, however, because "all we wanted was a conviction and we got that."

OFFERED TO LEAVE TOWN After the warrant was served on Aikens, Wilson said, the suspended policeman went to Allen and offered.

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Young Negro Freed On Capital Charge

Uncertainty in the identification of Irvin McKay as the person who went into the home of W. M. Holliday resulted in the freeing of the Negro youth at a hearing in City Court this morning.

"I am satisfied that someone went into this man's house that night," Judge H. Paul Strickland said, "but I am not satisfied with his identification of the defendant as the man. Without any supporting evidence cannot find probable cause."

Holliday told the court of waking up at an early hour and seeing a "bright globe of light" shining in the house, which proved to be the kerosene lamp on his table.

SAW MAN CRAWLING Looking around, the witness said, he saw a man crawling on hands and knees at his bed. He identified the man as the defendant, whom he said he had known two years.

"What in hell you doin' here," he shouted, according to his testimony. He said the intruder did not reply but jumped out of the window. The window through which the intruder fled had been closed and nailed shut when he went to bed, the witness stated. He said he examined it and found it had been pried open.

He went to bed again, he said. (Continued On Page Two)

Olive Heard At Campbell

By JOHN FOLLETT Record Staff Writer

"We have come a long way in North Carolina, but I have never believed it was time to stop," was the keynote of a short address to the students of Campbell College at chapel services this morning by Judge Hubert E. Olive of Lexington. The gubernatorial candidate was introduced by Mack M. Jernigan of Dunn. Judge Olive arrived early in Harnett for a debate tonight before the Dunn Information Clinic.

In his introduction Jernigan pointed out the parallel features in the lives of Judge Olive and of the Rev. Casper Warren of Dunn. They started together, were educated as lawyers together; then Warren left law for the ministry, but the two men continued to serve their com-

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Olive Blasts State Utility Officials

RALEIGH (AP) — Customers of Duke Power Co. in the Piedmont area of both Carolinas began payment on a \$2,904,000 increase in electric bills today and a candidate for governor of North Carolina urged others to fight future increases by electing him.

The North Carolina Utilities Commission approved rate increases yesterday designed to add \$995,350 a year to Duke revenues in 14 South Carolina counties and \$1,909,328 in 34 North Carolina counties.

Gubernatorial candidate Hubert E. Olive, who predicted the increase about two weeks ago, issued a statement keyed to the expression: "I told you so."

SAYS THEY'RE FOR OPPONENT Olive contended that a majority of the commission favors election

of his opponent William B. Umstead. He told voters if Umstead is elected "they can resign themselves to sitting helplessly and taking whatever burdens the commission decides to lay upon them."

"The customers of the Carolina Telephone Co. are next in line for a big increase," he predicted. "They can count on it coming, although the commission may wait — for political reasons — until after the May 31 primary."

Four of the five members of the commission voted for the Duke rate increase, but Johna James wrote a dissenting opinion contending that Duke officials established "no sound basis" for the increase.

The majority decision whittled only \$200,332 from the amount asked by the company in its application of Nov. 21, 1951. Members explained the cut resulted from the company's admission that the estimate of depreciation on its hydraulic plant should be reduced one-half of one per cent.

Newbold Morris TELLS INSIDE STORY OF WHAT HE LEARNED IN WASHINGTON

This is the fifth and last installment of Newbold Morris' story of his experience in Washington as Special Assistant Attorney General.

The last chapter told of President Truman's apparent enthusiasm for a thorough probe of all corruption. Today's installment is the story of the Great Letdown.

New York—On March 20, the day after I took my questionnaire over to the Department of Justice, I got a telephone call. It revealed just how Washington can hamstring and hogtie anyone.

The procedure is simple. Your boss simply tells you that you can't put any more people on your payroll without a delaying check. Then your boss makes himself unavailable for a discussion of his order.

For two days after I was hogtied I made repeated calls to the office of my boss, Attorney General J. Howard McGrath. Mr. McGrath always was in conference, just had stepped out, had gone to lunch or

was unavailable for some reason. By afternoon of the second day I put in a call to Charles Murphy secretary to the President, who was at Key West with Mr. Truman.

"Charlie," I said, "will you tell the President that I no longer can put people on my payroll without a security check, which takes anywhere from six weeks to two months. I guess we'll all have to

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Commander Parker Assumes New Duty

Commander Leonard A. Parker, USN, son of Mrs. Cora L. Parker and the late Mr. Parker of 206 S. Washington Ave., Dunn, N. C., assumed command of the cargo ship USS Betelgeuse yesterday in commissioning ceremonies at Savannah, Ga.

Commander Parker has been on duty with the U. S. Naval Examining Center as assistant Officer-in-Charge since June, 1950. Previously located at Norfolk, Va., the Examining Center was moved to Great Lakes, Ill., last year.

The new commanding officer of the Betelgeuse was commissioned as ensign in the Naval Reserve in 1945, while serving with the Mar-

MARKETS

EGGS AND POULTRY RALEIGH (AP) — Today's egg and live poultry markets:

Central N. C. live poultry: Fryers and broilers steady, supplies adequate, demand fair to good. Heavy head about steady, supplies plentiful, demand fair to slow. Prices paid producers FOB farm: Fryers and broilers 23, heavy hens 23-24.

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General Hickey To Speak Here

It was announced today that General Thomas Hickey, Commanding General of the 18th Airborne Corps of Fort Bragg, will deliver the principal address at the forthcoming Communion Breakfast to be held in Dunn.

The breakfast is being promoted by the Sacred Heart Unit of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association. The breakfast will take place at Johnson's Restaurant in the new General Lee Room following the 9 o'clock Mass on Sunday, April 27.

General Hickey is the new Commanding General of the 18th Airborne Corps, having received this promotion following the retirement of General Leonard. The new Commanding General has been active in the Holy Name Society at Fort Bragg and is a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus.

Arrangements for the breakfast are under the supervision of Mrs. Annela Shell, Chairman of the NCCOLA in Dunn and the breakfast is open to non-Catholics who might like to attend. Anyone desiring reservations to hear General Hickey's Address and to attend the breakfast should contact Mrs. Shell of 210 W. Divine Street, Dunn, N. C.

VISITS BROTHER Miss Anna Vann spent the weekend in Philadelphia and Valley Forge Hospital where her brother, Frederick Vann, is a patient. Pvt. Vann will soon be moved to the Hospital in Asheville. His condition has improved very much.

FERRYBURG, O. (AP) — Five persons were killed

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Governor Roberts Attends Revival

Governor Kerr Scott paid an unannounced visit to the revival services being conducted by Oral Roberts last night and spoke briefly to the audience of approximately 12,000 persons present, including several thousand from the Dunn area.

"The people of North Carolina are in general a deeply religious people," Governor Scott said, "although at times they do not show it."

As he travelled over the state, the Governor said, he had found a poverty among our four million people that only religion would satisfy. He emphasized that among all our needs, the need for a return to religion was paramount.

He welcomed the visitors from the many surrounding states who were at the meeting to North Car-

olina and declared that he felt that North Carolina would be a better place in which to live because of the Roberts meeting.

Governor Scott was introduced by Mayor Lee Braxton of Whiteville. He was accompanied by Mrs. Scott. More than 300 persons responded to the invitation of the preacher at last night's meeting and to date over 1,500 persons have responded. The evangelist said last night that his greatest campaign to date.

His tonic last night was "Democracy" and tonight he will present the opposite side by speaking on "Angels." Friday night he will tell his life story and on Sunday he will give his sermon on "Salvation" and DeLillah which was featured in an issue of Life Magazine.

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New Safety Tire Shown By Wellon

The new skid-defying puncture sealing tubeless tire announced in Akron, O., by the E. F. Goodrich Company is now available to Dunn. It was announced today by Billy Wellons, president of Wellons Mercantile Co., local dealer.

Mr. Wellons said the new Life-Saver tubeless is the first tire ever developed that combines protection against skidding, blowouts and punctures—three major factors in highway accidents.

The new tire defies skidding on wet pavements, reduces stopping distances on ice up to 25 per cent, provides quicker starting and gives up to 15% additional tire mileage, Wellons explained.

In starting tests, a new