

Raleigh Round-Up

Pressure Causes Doughton To Run Again, Liking Seen For Ike

DECISION . . . Had it not been for some fast footwork during the Christmas holidays by a score of leading North Carolinians, Bob Doughton last week would have announced his retirement from Congress.

While he was home in December he visited his old friend, former Governor Cameron Morrison, out from Charlotte, and they solemnly discussed the old days. Doughton said his present term would be his last. This is the report we received — and came within an inch of reporting early in January that Doughton would soon retire.

Mr. Bailey

The word got around. North Carolina folks like to have one of their representatives chairman of the Ways and Means committee. Telephones got busy. Letters were written. The pressure was applied to Uncle Bob.

ANOTHER TERM . . . They "twisted his arm," as the saying goes, and he decided for another go at it, thus disappointing at least a dozen ambitious young men in the Ninth District who for years have been looking longingly in the direction of Washington. Their ambitions are not sufficiently reckless, however, to throw them into a race with Bob Doughton.

DAUGHTER REBA . . . The principal person who keeps Uncle Bob going is none other than Reba Doughton, his daughter, secretary, and administrative assistant. Shortly after Mrs. Doughton died several years ago, Congressman

Doughton wanted to return to his farm home on the creek at Laurel Springs. To capable daughter Reba goes the responsibility for changing her dad's mind. The story is that he had his announcement of retirement written at that time and was preparing to call in the press when she heard about it, retrieved from the hotel mail room some news released for back home papers, and persuaded Uncle Bob he was needed in Washington.

He has been chairman of the Ways and Means committee since Roosevelt and the Democrats took over in 1933—with the exception of the Republican 80th Congress—the session which Truman used as a vehicle in his campaign of 1948.

EISENHOWER . . . Believe it or not, there seems to be more interest among Democrats than Republicans as regards General Eisenhower's presidential plans. This is certainly true in North Carolina, where most Democrats profess to love Ike—if only in secret—while the Republicans are sharply and openly divided between Taft and Eisenhower.

There is an Eisenhower club in Charlotte, Asheville, another in Fuquay Springs, and one is in the process of development in Raleigh. There may be others in the state.

John Park, publisher of the afternoon newspaper in Raleigh, has been plugging hard for an Eisenhower club. Some of the best citizens in the Capital City have gone quietly to Park in support of the move, "but for the Lord's sake, don't quote me." Their fear of being associated with Republicanism is indicative of the hard core of the Democratic south. They like Ike, but dread like the plague any possible GOP stigma. That's why the Eisenhower movement is stuttering in so many areas. Republicans may not have horns, but lots of North Carolinians still think so.

LETTER . . . The thing that burns many Republicans in North Carolina to a crisp is Eisenhower's upstage attitude, his apparent don't-give-a-damianess.

"Here he is lined up with the administration, professing his love for the administration, working with the administration, while we Republicans are ready to sweat blood to whip the administration," said one of the state's most prominent Republicans in private conversation last week. He is for Taft, because "we know where he stands, feel that he is one of us, and know that he wants the job."

Well, John Park thought he would try a gander in Ike's direction just to see what he would come up with. John wrote an editorial giving the paper's support to Eisenhower, sent it to the general, and urged him to include Raleigh on his speaking itinerary.

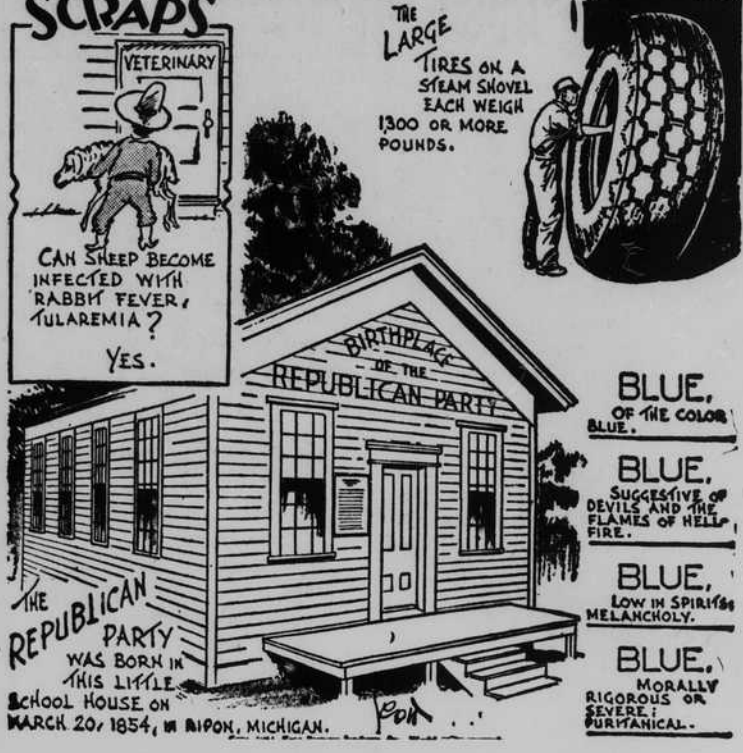
Eisenhower wrote Park from Paris last week saying: 1. He felt complimented at the "friendly opinions." 2. He was "gratified" at the suggestion of a Raleigh visit; but 3. "my responsibility to the mission in which I am now assigned will not permit a personal participation in pre-convention activities of any sort."

All in all, the letter was friendly enough. It indicated again that Eisenhower is determined not to do any pre-convention politicking. Never has there been such a presidential candidate—if he is a candidate. Technically, a guy can be a candidate without personally seeking the office. The dictionary says a candidate is "a person who aspires or is put forward by others as an aspirant to an office or honor."

It seems the term, "pre-convention" is the clincher. He might have said on January 7 in his original statement about not campaigning for the nomination that his military job would not permit "personal participation in political activities of any sort during 1952"

He didn't say that. He kept his foot in the door. Eisenhower may win the Republican nomination without setting foot in the United States, but it isn't going to be easy. In my opinion he cannot get the

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK



By R. J. SCOTT

McCall Writes Of Clothing Needs Of Korean Children

Mr. and Mrs. Warrior McCall, of Route 2, Brevard, have received a letter from their son, Pvt. Robert McCall, in which he speaks of the great need for clothing for children in Korea.

He says that many soldiers have tried to buy children's garments but they are unavailable. The Times has received this same plea from other Transylvanians serving in Korea, and many persons have sent boxes of clothing to soldiers for distribution.

Pvt. McCall has been in Korea for about two months. He serves with the 76th Engineers battalion. After entering service last January he received basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and advanced training with the air force in Arizona.

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of C. L. Bryson, deceased, late of Transylvania County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to L. P. Hamlin, attorney, Brevard, North Carolina, on or before the 31st day of January, 1953, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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This the 28th day of Jan., 1952.

G. CARL BRYSON, Administrator.

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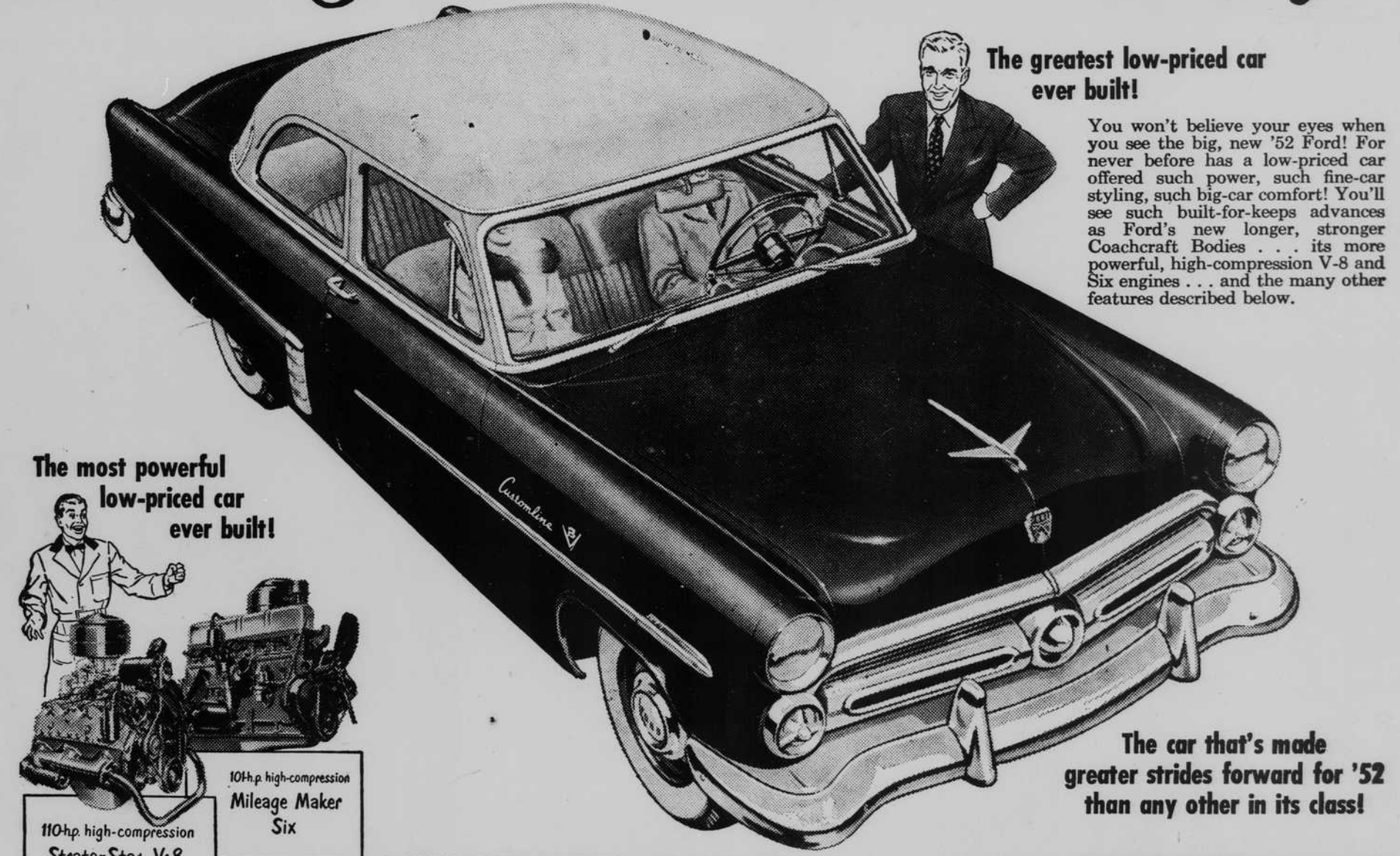
DURHAM FRIENDS . . .

Friends of able Carl Durham, congressman from the 6th district had best get busy. This week Tom Sawyer, of Durham, announced against Durham. Sawyer is a liberal from the word go. He has sparked, almost singlehandedly a drive to give veterans of World

War II a bonus in N. C. by floating bonds and paying for them with tax money. He has advocated higher teacher pay than the teachers themselves asked for, and finally he has sponsored a bill to repeal the anti-closed shop law in North Carolina. All of this has a powerful appeal. There will be a hot campaign in Durham, Guilford, Alamance, and Orange counties, and fur will fly.



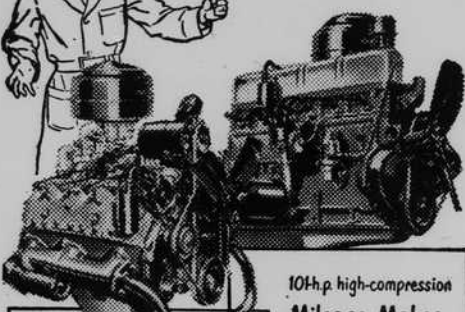
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