

The Jackson County Journal

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Gubernatorial Campaign Lacking in Enthusiasm

With the primary not so many weeks away, the gubernatorial campaign in the state does not appear to be getting up a great deal of steam. The politicians, those who have been chosen to lead the campaigns for various candidates, as State, Regional, county managers, are bestirring themselves in the interest of those candidates whose cause they have been chosen to espouse as leaders; and other politicians, who hope to secure something in the way of appointment or other preference, after the inauguration changes the administration, next January, are beginning also to bestir themselves. But, aside from that, and some enthusiasm that certain newspaper reporters are trying to arouse, there appears to be little attention given to the matter. The politicians without an axe to grind, the rank and file of the voters, seem slow to register any great amount of interest.

There are six avowed candidates for gubernatorial honor, on the Democratic side of the political fence. Each of them has made his announcement, and each is trying to arouse the people in his behalf.

Tom Cooper, former member of the House of Representatives, present mayor of Wilmington, and head of the mule dealers in the State, is prepared to make his assault through the medium of a sound truck. He proposes to drive into every county and hamlet, and on the city streets of North Carolina, and blare forth his claims through the amplifier.

Mr. Maxwell, the Commissioner of Revenue, who has been a prominent figure in the life of the State for a long time, and who has served the State well as its commissioner of revenue, through several administrations, and who was once before a candidate for the occupancy of the state's handsome residence on Blount Street, has obtained a leave of absence from his department, in order to throw his full time and strength into the effort to elevate himself from Commissioner of Revenue to Governor. He is a man of ability.

Senator Lee Gravely, from up Rocky Mount way, has served the State well in the upper branch of the General Assembly. He is an able man; and it was largely through his efforts that the Western Carolina Sanitarium, over at Black Mountain, was established for the care of tubercular patients. He had distinct McDonald leanings in the campaign of four years ago. He is a man of pleasing personality.

Paul Grady has been in the State Senate. He has quite an appeal to the voters in many parts of the state; but has been twice defeated in the primaries for a State office. He announces himself as a dry, who favors a referendum on the liquor question throughout the State. He favors the repeal of the sales tax, and an increase of the pay for the teachers. Just how all three of these objectives can be reached Mr. Grady has so far failed to disclose to the folks.

And, what he expects the voters to do, who are in favor of one of his planks and opposed to the others or in favor of two and bitterly against the other one, he has not said.

Everybody in North Carolina has known for nearly four years that J. M. Broughton, Raleigh attorney, and former State Senator from Wake, has been grooming himself and running for gubernatorial honors, all this time. He was considered by many as the heir apparent; but no word has officially come forth so designating him, or anyone else. He can make, perhaps, the best impression, on the speakers platform, of any one of the six; and he is expected to really take the stump, in a short time, in an effort to put steam behind the Broughton wagon.

Last, but by no means least, to be taken into the calculation, is North Carolina's Lieutenant Governor, Wilkins P. Horton. As the presiding officer of the Senate, during the last two terms of

UNUSUAL DISPLAY NOW VISIBLE IN SKY

Cullowhee, Feb. 26 (Special)—According to an announcement made by C. S. Dodson, head of the science department at Western Carolina Teachers College, an unusual spectacle will be visible in the eastern sky this week.

Five planets swing up into the sky immediately after the last glow of sunset. The five planets which will be visible at that time are Venus, Mars, Saturn, Jupiter and Mercury.

Such a display of planets is a phenomenon which occurs only once every century.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Question: Is it important to have grazing crops for poultry?

Answer: Yes. But one of the most important points in growing grazing crops is to maintain a constant supply of tender succulent growth. To secure this, the crop must make a rapid growth, and continue to grow over a long period. Aids in securing this are a fertile moist soil, commercial fertilizer, a well prepared seed bed, plenty of rainfall and the choice of the right crop. Grazing crops planted on the poor land should be well-fertilized the first year or two, after that fertilization may be lighter or less frequent, as very little fertility is removed by grazing.

Question: How can I produce a high quality of cream?

Answer: The production of good cream starts with the cow. Clean milk cannot be secured from dirty cows; therefore, keep the cows clean. Before milking, wash and dry the udder. The milking should be done in clean, well-lighted stalls. The lounging shed or place where the cows stay, except at milking time, should be well bedded and dry. Ample bedding serves the doubly purpose of providing comfort for the cows and increasing the volume of manure, a valuable product.

Question: Is the AAA making payments to North Carolina farmers this year for growing a home garden?

Answer: Yes. A payment of \$1.50 will be made to any farmer for planting a home garden. However, he must plant at least one-tenth acre of vegetables for each member of the family and must protect the garden from livestock and poultry. Of course, he must use good cultural practices. Not more than one acre of vegetables will be required of any farmer for payment.

LATE

Because of the recent unusual weather, truck growers in the Wilmington area have been set back two or three weeks in their work, says J. P. Herring, county agent.

The General Assembly, he has shown himself to possess ability, to be conversant with the affairs of the State, to be fair in his judgement and in his rulings, and as such, he has attracted a great many staunch friends in every part of North Carolina. But, there is the tradition of no Lieutenant Governor ever having been elected to the higher post, by the electorate, while serving his term as Lieutenant Governor.

As was said in the beginning, no great amount of enthusiasm has yet been generated in behalf of any one of these candidates. The probability is that there will be a second primary; but, it is entirely within the range of the possible, that a small stone might start a landslide that would put one man across. It is all a question now of generating sufficient steam to start somebody's band wagon rolling along, and then to watch the recalcitrant voters and politicians climb aboard.

FOR DEATHS ARE PER CENT ABOVE MURDERS, HOMICIDES

Raleigh — Violent deaths and serious injuries are always horrible to a certain degree, but they reach their peak in highway accidents, judging from records of the highway safety division.

During 1939, for example, of the 8,133 persons killed and injured on the streets and highways of North Carolina, 685 suffered fractured skulls, 189 sustained fractured spines, 3,258 suffered severe general shock with contusions and lacerations, 301 had internal injuries, and 264 suffered from concussion of the brain. Those are violent deaths in the strictest sense of the word; these are injuries more painful in some instances than those of the medieval torture chambers.

Of course, lots of the North Carolinians involved in highway accidents last year suffered no pain at all, because they were killed instantly or died without regaining consciousness and never knew what had hit them. A majority of them, however, suffered untold agony and dire torture before their ultimate death or recovery. And some will be marked or maimed for life as a result of the accidents in which they were involved last year.

The automobile, in other words, is a deadly weapon, especially in the hands of an incompetent, reckless or drunken driver. It is, in fact, the deadliest weapon now in common use. Confirmation of this statement is to be found in the fact that motor vehicle deaths in North Carolina last year were 50 per cent above all the homicides and suicides combined.

For every person shot down by gun fire in the state last year, two or more pedestrians were mowed down by automobiles. Bullets are faster than automobiles, but they don't hit as many people. For every suicide in the state last year, there were three motor vehicle fatalities. Stepping on the gas is more deadly than inhaling it.

It should not be necessary, and yet it seems to be, to remind anyone who takes the wheel of an automobile that self-preservation is the first law of nature and neglect of the commandment, "Thou Shalt Not Kill," is murder.

"The automobile," says Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division, "is a highly potential deadly weapon, and the sooner drivers recognize this fact and drive accordingly, the sooner it will be safe to ride and walk upon the streets and highways of North Carolina."

Childhood Education Club Members to go to Raleigh

Cullowhee, Feb. 23 (Special)—The Association of Childhood Education of Western Carolina Teachers College held its regular meeting in the parlors of Moore Dormitory on the evening of Feb. 22. The most interesting item of business was the appointment of a committee to perfect plans for a proposed trip to Raleigh where members of the group expect to attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina Education Association.

Lou Belle Boyd, president, presiding described the tentative plans for chartering the college bus for this occasion. Marjorie Burkett is in charge of arrangements. Following the business meeting Dean Frazier of the program committee presented Miss Edythe Walker, supervising teacher from the training school who talked on the subject of Teaching Science in the Elementary School. Her account of experiences with the fourth grade children in taking field trips, visiting the college laboratories and engaging in various school room activities served to emphasize the vital importance of this subject. Interest and appreciation of her talk was indicated by an informal discussion which followed it.

In concluding the evening's program Margaret Wilson played a piano solo, Hungarian, by MacDowell.

WM. E. DILLARD POST PRESENTED CHARTER

The charter of the late William E. Dillard Post, American Legion was delivered to the newly-reorganized post, at a meeting held in the court room, Saturday afternoon. At that time it was planned to hold a meeting on Friday night, March 29, at the Community House, at which time the officers will be installed by officers from other posts in this district.

The officers originally elected for the purpose of securing the charter, were unanimously elected by the post, to serve during the rest of this year. They are: Commander, Dan Tompkins; Vice-commander, John H. Morris; Adjutant, Geo. Womack; Service Officer, T. Walter Ashe; Sergeant at Arms, Ed Bryson; Chairman of Membership, Joe Davis; Graves Registration officer, G. L. Green; Chairman Americanism, W. Richmond Deitz.

W. C. T. C. To Have Science Day in April For High School Clubs

Cullowhee, Feb. 22 (Special)—Western Carolina Teachers College will again sponsor a Science Day in April for all the high school clubs of the western district, which include the high schools from Morganton west to Murphy. So far twelve science clubs in this district have indicated that they expect to attend the program to be given at the teachers college. At this meeting each club will be responsible for an exhibit of some phase of science.

Dr. Bert Cunningham, professor of zoology at Duke University, the main speaker for Science Day last year, will again be a guest of the teachers college and will assist in judging the various displays.

Through a special provision in its constitution the North Carolina Academy of Science has made it possible for organized high school science clubs to become members of the academy. It has been arranged for the clubs winning first place at various district meetings to take their exhibits to Davidson College later in the spring to the meeting of the North Carolina Academy of Science.

Books worth twenty-five dollars will be awarded by the academy to the club having the best exhibit in the state.

The idea of having the high school clubs to meet in districts and become members of the state academy grew out of an open forum held at Western Carolina Teachers College last year on Science Day. This special day is planned by the Science Club and their sponsor, Mr. C. F. Dodson, head of the science department. Mr. Dodson is also a member of a committee of five teachers appointed by the academy to organize science clubs and to promote interest in science in various high schools of the state.

In order to stimulate high school clubs to membership to the state academy, Professor Dodson has already made a number of talks before high school science groups and district meetings of these groups in various parts of the state.

SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE SUNDAY

On next Sunday morning, Rev. A. P. Ratledge, pastor of the Methodist Church will preach a sermon especially for the young people.

The services at the Methodist church for the next few weeks will be evangelistic in nature. On Thursday night before Good Friday, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated; and a Good Friday service is planned, beginning at noon.

SECOND

Clayborn Harwood, Chapel Hill, Route 3, is the second Durham county 4-H club boy to secure a loan through the FSA with which to buy a brood sow and begin the production of purebred pigs.

E. L. MCKEE IS NAMED ON WAGE AND HOUR BODY

E. L. McKee, Sylva industrialist and a member of the state highway and public works commission, has been named by Burton E. Oppenheim, director of the industry committee branch of the wages and hour division, to represent the employers of the leather industry in the United States on the leather industry commission of the wages and hours division.

Mr. McKee is one of eight of those appointed to the commission who will represent the employers of the leather industry. There are 24 members on the commission, eight representing the employers, eight representing the employes, and eight representing the public. Mr. McKee is the only one of those appointed who is from the South.

It will be the duty of the commission, which will hold its first session on April 1, to recommend hours and wages for the entire leather industry, including extract manufacturers and shoe manufacturers.

Mr. McKee has been an officer in the Armour Leather company tannery here since its establishment almost 40 years ago, and has had wide experience in all phases of the leather industry.

Clay County Boy Is Club Champion

Roe J. Deal, a member of the Brasstown 4-H club in Clay county, has been selected as the state champion in 4-H club work for the year 1939.

An examination of the records and accomplishments of leading club members by L. R. Harrill, 4-H club leader and his associates of the State College Extension Service, reveals that young Deal has done the best work of any club member in the state.

Deal has carried a corn project every year since beginning his club work but in addition he has secured a calf of his own, a poultry flock, kept records on broilers, has some pigs, and has grown sweet and Irish potatoes, spinach, tobacco and almost every other crop that can be produced in Clay county.

He summed up his activities in a complete record book bound with inlaid walnut cover and showing that in addition to project work he had taken part in all community activities; had been an officer in his local club and had attended State College short courses for club members.

He won a trip to the National Poultry Congress this past year. Harrill says the boy is every inch a champion.

NEW CLUB

A new 4-H club has been organized at Clement High school in Sampson county, with more than 100 farm boys and girls attending the first meeting, reports Assistant Farm Agent J. P. Stovall.

Commerce Organization Elects Officers Tonight

SCHOOLMASTERS TO MEET HERE

The Schoolmasters' Club of Jackson County will meet at the Sylva High School, Friday evening, for its regular, monthly meeting. The county superintendent, the local committeemen, the county board of education and the wives of the principals and officials will be present. The dinner will be served by the Sylva Parent-Teachers Association.

J. K. KENNEY PASSES

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)
Mr. J. K. Kenney of Balsam and Asheville, died Saturday morning about 10 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Julia K. White, 193 Woodrow avenue, Asheville.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of Central Methodist Church at 2:30 p. m. Monday, Feb. 26th. Burial was in Lakeside cemetery by the side of his wife who preceded him several years ago. He was 83 years of age, and a member of several fraternal orders—Masonic, Odd Fellows and Woodmen of the World.

Quite a number of friends and relatives here attended the funeral and burial in Asheville.

He leaves the following children: Mrs. Gilmer T. Bowden, Sr., Mrs. Julia K. White, and Mrs. Burl Callan of Asheville; O. T. Kenney, Seattle, Wash., and two sisters: Mrs. Oscar J. Norris of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Minnie B. Christy of Balsam and Milwaukee, Wis.

A memorial service was held in the Methodist Church here Sunday afternoon in honor of Mr. Kenney whose membership was here.

OTHER BALSAM NEWS

Mrs. C. O. Newell, wife of the pastor of the Methodist Church here, preached an unusually interesting sermon here Sunday afternoon. Her subject was "Homes."

Several engineers were here last week surveying the route for the Sky-Line Scenic Highway.

Mr. Bob Duncan's home at Dark Ridge and all the contents were burned Friday the 23rd. Mr. Duncan came to Balsam that morning and when he returned in the afternoon he found only a pile of ashes.

His corn in the crib, two head of cattle and his dogs were not hurt. Origin of the fire is not known.

Mrs. Lettie Jones and little son of Wilmot were recent guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McCall.

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PAYMENTS

The U. S. Department of Agriculture will begin distributing \$225,000,000 in parity payments within a few weeks to producers of wheat, cotton, corn, and rice who cooperate in the AAA program.

PECANS

A large number of Anson County farm families are setting pecan trees this year both for shade and for nuts, reports Clarence Earley, assistant farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

In the election held by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, last week, Velt Wilson, W. J. Fisher, T. Walter Ashe, J. Robert Long, Mont Cannon, Dr. W. P. McGuire, Harry Ferguson, Dan K. Moore and Louis Hair received the largest number of votes cast.

From this board of directors will be selected the president, secretary and treasurer of the organization, to serve during the year 1940. The meeting, at which the selections will be made, will be held tonight (Thursday), at 7:30 o'clock, at the town hall. J. C. Allison, present president will preside.

Maupin Gives Hints To Turkey Growers

Successful turkey production depends upon saving and growing to maturity a large number of poults from each brood started, according to C. J. Maupin, extension poultryman at State College.

Since good management and strict sanitation are highly important in turkey production, most successful turkey growers use artificial incubation and brooding methods, because sanitation can be more easily controlled.

Most of the turkey crop is produced between February and June, the normal breeding season. In general farm flocks, an average of 10 to 15 mature birds may be secured from each turkey hen used in the breeding pen. Where special care and attention are employed, it may be possible to grow 20 to 25 turkeys from each hen.

Whether eggs are set under hens or in an incubator, the first requirement for successful hatching is fresh eggs. If hens are confined to a small yard or range, and this is a good turkey practice, the eggs should be gathered twice daily. They should be stored in a well-ventilated room or cellar with a preferred temperature of 50 to 60 degrees. If they are to be kept longer than a week, they should be turned gently once daily. For best hatching results, the eggs should not be kept more than 10 days.

Where hovers are used in the brooding house, the temperature should be kept around 90 to 95 degrees at the hover edge for several days, or the general house temperature should be at least 70 to 75 degrees near the floor. The exact temperature is of minor importance if the poults are kept comfortable and good ventilation maintained. Feeding the poults may be much the same as for baby chicks.

Junior Study Club Celebrates Anniversary

Cullowhee, Feb. 23 (Special)—The Junior study club of Cullowhee, with their sponsor, Miss Maude Ketchum, gave a birthday party celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Womens Clubs in America Wednesday evening in the Student's Union Building of Western Carolina Teachers College.

The reception hall used for the occasion was colorful with red, white, and blue balloons, candies and flags.

The young ladies of the club were dressed in period costumes representing famous women among whom were Jane Addams, Martha Washington, Evangeline Booth, Frances Willard, Anna Howard Shaw, Clara Barton and Dorothy Dix. Dancing, bridge and Chinese checkers were enjoyed by the members, and refreshments of punch and small cakes were served. Committees in charge of decorations, refreshment, and entertainment were composed of Virginia Mikes, Mary Cathryn Bryson, Carolyn Stilwell, Katherine Brown, Helen Painter, Lojuan Galloway, and Anne Bird.