

Rep. L. H. Fountain To Seek Reelection

Rep. L. H. Fountain of Tarboro, Congressman from the Second North Carolina District, announced this week that he would seek renomination in the May Democratic Primary.

The North Carolina Congressman in announcing from his Washington office that he would be a candidate for reelection said that he hoped to file with the North Carolina Board of Elections in Raleigh by Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

Rep. L. H. Fountain was born in Leesville, Currituck County, North Carolina, on April 23, 1913. He is the son of Sallie (Barns) and the late Lawrence H. Fountain. He is married to the former Christine Dail of Mount Olive, and they have one daughter, Nancy Dail, age 6.

Fountain was educated in the public schools of Edgecombe County and at the University of North Carolina, where he received his A. B. in 1934 and his LL. B. in 1936. He was admitted to the North Carolina Bar the same year he graduated from law school.

He practiced law in Tarboro, N. C. until March 1942, when he enlisted in the U. S. Army as a private in the Infantry. He rose through the ranks and was released from the service as a Major in the Judge Advocate General's Office on March 4, 1946.

Upon his discharge, Fountain returned to his law practice in Tarboro. Prior to the war he had been eastern organizer of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina, Chairman of the Second Congressional District Executive Committee, and Reading Clerk of the North Carolina Senate from 1936 to 1941.

In 1947 he was elected to the State Senate, where he served until 1952 when he was elected to the 83rd Congress as Representative from the Second North Carolina Congressional District. He has been re-elected to each succeeding Congress.

Since his election to the House of Representatives, Congressman Fountain has served on the Committee on Government Operations, of which he is now the fourth ranking Democrat of the thirty-one member committee and Chairman of the In-

tergovernmental Relations Subcommittee, and on the thirty-three member Foreign Affairs Committee, of which he is the ninth ranking Democrat and Chairman of the Near East Subcommittee.

Fountain is a Presbyterian elder, and member of the Board of St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, N. C. He has been a member of the Executive Committee of the East Carolina Council of Boy Scouts of America, of the local State and National Bar Associations, the Elks, Moose and Kiwanis-International. He is also a former Jaycee and received the Distinguished Service Award (Man of the Year) of the Tarboro Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1948.

Did Luther Hodges Make Most Speeches Of Any Governor?

Chapel Hill—Did Luther H. Hodges make more speeches in seven years than any other man in the history of the world? Until someone can offer documentary evidence to the contrary, the claim is here with made that during his term as Governor, Mr. Hodges racked up a world's record for speeches.

When Prof. James Patton, director of the Southern Historical Collection, and editor of the three large volumes of "Messages, Addresses and Public Papers of Luther Hartwell Hodges", handed over the third and final volume last week, he granted that Gov. Hodges ranks in comparison with other political figures—such as governors, for travel, for the number of speeches, and for time in office," said Dr. Patton. Gov. Hodges served a full term of his own and the major part of the term began by Gov. William B. Umstead.

"Governor Hodges sometimes made as many as three speeches a day," said Prof. Patton. It may be the Demosthenes, of Abraham Lincoln, or Gladstone or Chauncey DePew made more speeches than Luther Hodges. It may be that some Governor of a state who served five or six terms in office in



Rep. L. H. Fountain, right, is shown presenting flag to Postmaster W. K. Del-Norlina in December, 1961.

a state where there is no limit of tenure may beat the Hodges record.

But a horseback view, at this time, until contrary reputation can be shown, gives to Gov. Luther Hodges, now Secretary of Commerce, the prize as the world's champion speechmaker, from the standpoint of the number of speeches.

Many of them are high in quality, too. Not all are long speeches, some only a few paragraphs, although some are speeches that took him thirty or forty minutes to deliver.

For length of speeches, Gov. Hodges couldn't compare with Adolf Hitler or Mussolini. They talked sometimes for two or three days at a stretch. Nor could his efforts be compared with a several day's filibuster. But it is to his credit that his speeches are short and to the point, as mid-20th century speeches are accustomed to being.

North Carolina State To Be Host Young Scientists

RALEIGH—North Carolina State will be host to young science students from 17 Tar Heel counties for the 1964 North Carolina North Central District Science Fair March 21.

Dr. Arthur W. Cooper of the Department of Botany and Bacteriology, director of the N. C.

S. S. Applicants Should Bring Proof

People in Warren County who will be applying for social security benefits in the near future should remember to bring certain documents with them which may very likely speed up the processing of their claims, Clay Stone, field representative for social security, said yesterday.

Stone said that applicants can

State Science Fair Committee, announced today that the fair will be held in the William Neal Reynolds Coliseum from 7:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Junior and senior high school students in the biological and physical sciences will compete for prizes in two divisions. Winners will be invited to participate in the State Science Fair in April and a chance to win an expense paid trip to the National Science Fair late this year.

Students from Person, Granville, Vance, Warren, Halifax, Northampton, Orange, Durham, Franklin, Nash, Chatham, Wake, Johnston, Wayne, Moore, Lee and Harnett counties are eligible for North Central District competition.

Many schools will hold local science fairs to select entrants for the district fair. In cases where no local fair is held, students may make direct application to the district fair. Other N. C. State faculty members serving on the science fair committee are Dr. Grover C. Miller of the Department of Zoology, Dr. C. Leslie McCombs of the Department of Horticultural Science, Dr. Howard A. Petree of the Department of Botany and Bacteriology, and Dr. Maurice G. Cook of the Department of Soil Science.

Number Students Increased At State College

RALEIGH—The number of liberal arts students tripled and women students doubled in the February spring semester registration at North Carolina State to give NCS its largest spring enrollment in history, a total of 7,529 students.

The graduate school set a new record, registering 1,201 students for work on master's and doctoral degrees.

The spring enrollment was announced today by the NCS divisions of Student Affairs.

Students in the liberal arts increased from 190 in the 1963 spring session to 551 this year, continuing a trend established last fall when 324 enrolled in State's newest school.

The increase in the liberal arts results from action by the Consolidated University Board of Trustees permitting N. C. State to grant a Bachelor of Arts degree.

With the increase in the arts program, liberal arts replaced the graduate division as State's fastest growing school.

Women students increased to 450 compared with 211 a year ago. There were 308 women—many of them in engineering and scientific fields—at State during the fall semester. Typically the fall semester is the largest in enrollment at all colleges.

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