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ONE DOLLAR YEAR

DOUGHTON DECLINES MANY URGENT REQUESTS TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Friends Confident that the Veteran Congressman Could Win in Race for State's High Office

FEELS HIS DUTY IS IN HOUSE

After having been urged by hundreds of friends throughout the state to leave Washington for Raleigh, and having been personally urged by President Roosevelt to remain in the important position as chairman of the tax and revenue committee in the national house of representatives, the ninth district congressman, Hon. R. L. Doughton, decided definitely Monday night that he would not be candidate for the governorship of North Carolina next year.

Mr. Doughton's friends are confident that if he had "chosen to run" he would have been unquestionably elected to the state's highest office. The farming element in the state would jump at a chance to vote for a man who is a farmer himself, and the labor vote of the state has already pledged itself to him. It has been a long time since North Carolina voters have been given anybody to vote for except lawyers, and a man of Mr. Doughton's attainments and background would have undoubtedly run well.

No Easy Decision

It was, therefore, no easy decision to make. Mr. Doughton, at the last moment, concluded that he would remain at his present post out of deference to the wishes of the President, and out of respect for judgment of personal friends and advisers. Mr. Doughton, who is 71, has been a member of Congress 24 years.

That the decision of Mr. Doughton was no easy one is clearly indicated by the subjoined statement which he handed to the press:

"After mature consideration on my part, and consultation with the highest administration leaders, I have decided not to become a candidate for governor of North Carolina. My position as chairman of the ways and means committee makes it necessary for me to consider other duties rather than my own inclinations.

Reached Reluctantly

"I have reached this decision reluctantly. For the past several months so many people in North Carolina have urged me to become a candidate for governor that their insistence has become a pressure which seemed impossible to decline. I hardly need say, however, that my decision not to make the race is no evidence of the lack of interest in the welfare of my state. I have merely been convinced that my best field of service at the present time, if I am to remain in public life, is with the Congress and for the nation.

"There is no way for me to express adequately the deep appreciation I feel to those thousands of friends and fellow citizens of North Carolina who have evidenced their confidence in me by wanting me as their governor. I am profoundly grateful for their generous expressions and deeply sensible of the trust they would place in me."

Leaves Field Open

While members of the North Carolina colony were very glad to hear of the announcement of Mr. Doughton, it occasioned no little surprise, since a number of persons had taken it for granted he would make the race. Some said it now left the gubernatorial field wide open. Others think the state is likely to get another surprise or two before matters settle down, as they have their doubts on the point of whether former Representative Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, will announce for governor. They say he certainly will not do so in the present confused state of the public mind, that only the crystallization of sentiment behind his candidacy, in a way that would be obvious to all, would interest him.

CRESTON SCHOOL TO HOLD COMMENCEMENT FRIDAY

The closing exercises of the Creston school will be held on Friday afternoon, May 3, at two-thirty o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

Oddie J. Cox is teacher of the school and will be in charge of the program.



"FARMER BOB" DOUGHTON

ONE KILLED; OTHERS INJURED BY EXPLOSION

Howard Greer Killed Outright and Others Hurt Wednesday Morning Near Cabin Creek

Howard Greer, son of Mr. John Greer, was killed instantly Wednesday when a saw mill boiler blew up near Cabin Creek, Va. Paul Lewis, son of Mr. Charlie Lewis, was seriously injured and his wounds from flying metal and scalding steam may yet prove fatal. Both boys were in their teens and were helping their parents fire up at the saw mill before beginning the work of the day.

Grover Owens, another member of the saw mill crew, suffered a broken leg. Several others, including young Lewis's father, were burned and cut but not seriously.

Paul Lewis was taken to the Wilkes Hospital suffering from a crushed skull.

The mill, it is reported, belonged to Mr. Lewis who was working under contract for Mr. A. A. Price.

CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA TO BEGIN SUNDAY AT GILLESPIE

Jefferson, May 1.—It has been announced here that the Christian Chautauqu will open Sunday evening in the Gillespie Presbyterian Church with a service by a deputation of students from the Y. M. C. A. of Davidson College. The Bible School, under the direction of Miss Katherine O'Neill, will begin on Monday morning at nine o'clock. That evening the Rev. John D. Henderson, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg, S. C., will begin a series of evangelistic services and will continue through May 19th. Miss O'Neill will be assisted by Misses Ruby Huder and Doris Clark of Lansing, and Miss Mary Hartzog, of Husk.

Other Chautauquas in the churches served by Rev. R. H. Stone as minister are Foster Memorial May 22-June 5 and the minister is Rev. A. V. Gibson, of Sanford, N. C.; Obids, June 6-20 and the minister is Rev. W. P. Boyle, of Elkin; Boggs, June 23-July 7th with Dr. E. E. Gillespie, the evangelist; Lansing July 10-24 (the visiting preacher not announced); Jefferson, July 28-Aug. 11 and the famous blind evangelist—Dr. R. G. McLees, of Chatham, Va., will be the guest preacher; the closing Chautauqua will be at Big Ridge Aug. 14-28 with Rev. John Martin, of Johnson City, Tenn., preaching.

Miss Kathryn Hunt will have charge of the vacation church schools at Obids, Big Ridge and Boggs. A fine corps of teachers have been secured to assist Misses O'Neill and Hunt in their work of teaching the Bible in these seven Chautauquas.

MONEY NOW AVAILABLE FOR EIGHTH MONTH OF TEACHING

The eighth month salary for the county teachers has been received from the state School Commission and will be sent to the teachers of the various schools as soon as the reports are in the office of the county superintendent.

GRAVEL SERVICE IS BEING PLACED ON HIGHWAY 16

Crushed Stone and Gravel Will Assure Smooth Surface on New Highway

Workmen are engaged in laying a gravel surface on the new five-mile grade on highway 16 from Millers Creek toward Glendale Springs and Jefferson.

Grading the first stretch of the road was completed several weeks ago but it was necessary to wait for spring weather and until the new grade had thoroughly settled before applying the gravel surface.

The gravel is being taken from Reddies River and before it is placed on the road it is crushed, assuring a smooth surface when the oil treatment is applied later.

Meanwhile traffic to the Jeffersons and other points in Ashe county is still being detoured by way of Laurel Springs or Boone.

—The Journal-Patriot.

POPPY GIRL OF 1935



Ginger Rogers, screen star, was selected as the Buddy Poppy Girl for 1935, and is ardently boosting the campaign to sell six million poppies for the benefit of the welfare and relief work carried on by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

DEATHBED CONFESSION TELLS OF 1927 SLAYING

Walter Baldwin, 40, of White Top, Va., confessed on his deathbed early Saturday morning that he killed a man at White Top in 1927 and was a fugitive from justice, according to Sheriff W. G. Honeycutt of Mitchell county, who made an investigation following Baldwin's death in a cabin on Roan mountain.

The sheriff said Baldwin's companions, engaged in cutting and hauling timber for a logging company on Roan mountain, informed him that Baldwin suffered a heart attack during the night, and after confessing to the crime at White Top, died within three hours. He did not give the name of the man who was killed at White Top.

Baldwin is survived by his widow and two children at White Top. He had been employed in the Bakersville section about a year and was an ex-soldier.

MRS. OLIVER BURIED AT FIG SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. John Oliver died at Fig Friday night at the age of 70. Her husband died three years ago. She is survived by one daughter, Carrie, who made her home with her.

Funeral services were held at the home and interment made in the family cemetery Sunday at two o'clock. Reverends Cal Sexton and Tom Farmer and Prof. Lackey were in charge of the services.

Mrs. Oliver was a highly respected woman in her community. She had been in failing health for several months.

Some West Indian centipedes are a foot long.

Planning a Flight Around the World



Clyde Pangborn, left, and James Mattern are here seen discussing the flight around the world which they are planning, hoping to break Wiley Post's record of seven days. They will use an Uppercur-Burnell plane built for them at Keyport, N. J., which will require only three refueling operations. These will be in Moscow, China and Siberia.

WOMAN KILLED AND OTHERS INJURED IN CLIFTON WRECK

JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT UNDERWAY

Alumni to Preach Sermon; President of Lenoir Rhyne to Speak; Excellent Play Scheduled

G. B. Price, principal of the Jefferson High School, is glad to announce that he is able to present a graduate of the school as a commencement speaker this year. Rev. Lee Barnett, class of 1929 who received his Masters degree from Duke University this spring, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning at eleven o'clock at the Jefferson Methodist church. Rev. Barnett is especially fitted to speak to the senior class since the success he has achieved has been attained through ambition and hard work. He is one of the outstanding alumni of the school.

Dr. P. E. Monroe, president of Lenoir-Rhyne College, will deliver the literary address on Thursday night when the commencement will come to a close with the awarding of diplomas.

The play this year, "Skidding", will be presented on Wednesday evening, May 8, at eight o'clock. It is a three-act comedy and will be staged by the Lenoir-Rhyne Playmakers.

Departing this year from the usual custom of presenting a play by the high school students, the school will sponsor this comedy under the direction of Miss Pearl Setzer, director of dramatics at Lenoir-Rhyne. The play, which is centered around the efforts of Judge James Hardy, of Idaho, to get himself renominated without becoming involved in scandal, is filled with wit, humor, and pathos, and promises a full evening of entertainment.

"Skidding" has been presented in many of our larger towns during the past month, among which are Hickory, Gastonia, and Lincolnton. From all places have come glowing reports of its success. It is felt that "Skidding" will prove to be one of the most enjoyable productions seen in Ashe county in some time.

The remainder of the program includes the children's program on Tuesday evening which will be an operetta, "The Land of Dreams Come True." The district commencement will be held Wednesday morning at ten o'clock.

All of the programs will be given at the school gymnasium.

The public is cordially invited to attend all of these programs.

ETTA MAE PENNINGTON GRADUATES WITH PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORD

Miss Etta Mae Pennington, of Sturgills, was graduated from the Lansing High School last week with a record of perfect school attendance for the entire eleven years of her scholastic work.

Fatal Accident Occurs When Car Driven by D. W. Ham Leaves Road in Curve at Bridge

Miss Steadman, Lansing Larger Parish field worker, was fatally injured and Shubie Taylor and Derwood Howell were seriously hurt when the open Ford roadster in which they were returned home from a religious meeting at Green Valley left the road and plunged down a steep, rock embankment to the river last Friday night.

The accident occurred after the driver, Wesley Ham, had crossed the bridge at Clifton, headed toward Warrensville. The bridge at that point goes directly toward a bank but the road turns at a sharp right angle to make a curve. It is reported that Mr. Ham was unfamiliar with the road and that when he saw he was going into the bank he swerved the car away from it only to lose control as it went over the river bank.

Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Cook, who had also been attending the Green Valley meeting, were in a car in front of the wrecked automobile and were able to render immediate aid; otherwise, the accident might have been more tragic.

Miss Steadman, whose skull was punctured by a part of the metal rods that hold the glass in the windshield, was carried to the Wilkes Hospital where she died Sunday night. Her body will be returned to her home in New York state for burial.

Shubie Taylor is still in a serious condition according to reports. His scalp was literally torn from his head and the subsequent bleeding almost caused death before aid could be rendered. He also suffered two arm fractures. Derwood Howell was cut about the face and head, and his nose broken.

Visitors on the scene of the wreck marvel that any of the persons riding in the car at the time escaped with their lives. Only one was reported to have been thrown into the river, but he was able to keep his head clear of the water as he was in a shallow part near the edge.

MEN GO TO WORK ON WORK RELIEF PROJECTS AGAIN

The local relief office has been notified that the work relief projects that were stopped last week may be continued and consequently the work in the county is in full swing this week after having been discontinued last week.

It is understood that the new work relief bill money will be used only for relief of those able to work. Those unable to work and unable to provide their own existence will become county charges. If the state provides a certain sum of money, the government will match that sum, it is understood, to take care of the direct relief cases. Since the burden would then be returned to the counties, it is thought that it is not likely that the state will do this.

CALL IS SENT OUT FOR SKILLED LABOR

If Previously Registered with Old Office at Jefferson May Renew by Mailing Request

The following letter has been received in the office of the Skyland Post from the manager of the reemployment office in North Wilkesboro which may be of interest to many unemployed in the county:

"Calls are continually coming for skilled highway workers. Any person that is skilled in the operation of any kind of road machinery, such as power shovels, motor graders, and bulldozers, should register with the National Reemployment Service at North Wilkesboro, but bear in mind that these men must be highly skilled in the operation of these machines before they apply.

"Any applicant who has previously registered in the Employment office at W. Jefferson and requests a renewal may do so by mail.

"Please make this as public as possible for the benefit of your Ashe county citizens. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I remain

Your very truly,
R. L. WOOTEN,
District Manager."

SEVERAL HIGH SCHOOLS TO CONCLUDE COMMENCEMENTS

Good Speakers, Good Attendance, and Deep Interest Characterizes the Commencement Programs

Many commencements which were announced last week are continuing this week. Reports from the various principals and teachers show that all the commencements this year have been marked by outstanding and interesting programs with excellent speakers presented, and the interest by the patrons and the students has been very evident.

Programs continuing this week are:

Riverview: Thursday evening, May 2nd, the dramatic program; Friday morning, the commencement sermon; Friday evening, address by Dr. J. H. Highsmith; Saturday afternoon, the district commencement. At this commencement, Dr. B. B. Daugherty, of Boone, will speak. Saturday night, the high school play, "Adam and Eve" will be presented.

Grassy Creek: Thursday night, May 2, the senior class play; Friday night, the senior class exercises; Saturday night, graduation exercises with address by Prof. W. E. Gilbert, of East Radford College, Va.

West Jefferson: tonight, Thursday, class day exercises by seniors; Friday night, graduating exercises with literary address by Dr. Amos Abrahams, of A. S. T. C.

THREE STILLS CAPTURED IN 24 HOURS IN SAME SECTION

Three stills were captured in the same section within twenty-four hours, according to reports from Reno reaching here.

An outstanding raid was made by Wiley Burgess, D. S., David Burkett, D. S., and C. W. and C. H. Phillips on April 29 when a still located on the farm of Arthur Parsons near Reno was caught in operation. Mrs. Virginia Parsons, only person at the still, was arrested and taken to the county jail.

The still was one of the biggest that has been taken in a long time. There were four hundred gallons of beer and one-half gallon of whiskey, five containers, thirteen half-gallon fruit jars, one peck bucket, and a funnel.

Several gallons of liquor was also poured out in this city the first of the week, a whiskey outfit having been reported to be in operation in the part of town known as "the hollow". Walter Stringer, D. S., engineered the raid.

A deputation of Davidson College Y. M. C. A. students will conduct services at Big Ridge Sunday at 11:30 a. m. at Foster Memorial at 3 p. m. and Gillespie at 7:45 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend all of these services.

The American flag is the third oldest of the national standards.