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Hash States Views and Position as to Matters of Interest to Ashe Voters

Democratic Nominee for N. C. Legislature Says He Doesn't **Favor Any Tax Increase**

RESIGNS HIS FEDERAL POST

J. B. Hash, former successful county superintendent of schools and at present candidate for the state legislature on the Democratic ticket, has given out the following statement to the voters of the

"Now that I have been relieved from my post of duty as an Em-ploye of the Federal Government under the rules of which I was not permitted to issue political statements. I take pleasure in frankly stating to you my views and position on certain matters of interest to yourselves, to me and to our County:

"1. Taxation: The levying of taxes is the duty of the Board of County Commissioners and our candidates for County Commissioners have expressed themselves in a statement against any increase in our present tax rate. I want to assure the people of Ashe County that I will not sponsor or pass any legislation in the General Assembly which would make it necessary for the Board of County Commissioners to increase the tax rate or levy any additional taxes. Neither will I repeal any existing laws, the repeal of which would result in an increase in our tax rate or the levying of additional taxes. The next General Assembly will consider a proposal for the State to take over a portion of the indebedness of counties incurred in the construction of roads. I favor and shall support any feasible and practicable measure which can be worked out whereby the State can assume our County indebtedness incurred for roads or any part of it.

"2. Schools: The operation of schools including teachers' salaries is financed with money furnished by the State and none of which is collected from a tax on land or property. I am opposed to any tax what-ever on land or property for this purpose. As to the construction of amount of Federal money for the construction and repairing of school buildings. In this program I received the hearty cooperation of those in authority in the CWA and ERA set ups, the school principals, commit-teemen and the citizens of the various communities in Ashe County. This work has been carried forward under the WPA set up by my successor in office. All the money which was spent came from the Federal Government except small amounts contributed by the different communities. This program has saved the tax-payers of Ashe County many thousands of dollars. Our County with its present load of indebedness as I then knew and as I now know was not and is not able to spend money for the construction of new school buildings and I do not favor any increase in taxation for this purpose, feeling that our County and its school can successfully function with the improvements which this program has provided them. Therefore, I DO NOT FAVOR AND WILL NOT FAVOR ANY INCREASE IN TAXES IN ASHE COUNTY FOR ANY SCHOOL PURPOSES. However, I do favor less centralization and more local control of schools.

"3. Old Age Pension: I favor and shall support State participation in Old Age Pensions and other benefits under the National Social Security Act, promoted and passed by the National Democratic Administration and introduced and sponsored in Congress by our own Congressman Doughton. I favor this without any increase in taxes on land or property. My opponent states that he favors this measure, although he is supporting Candidate Landon who is condemning the Social Security
Act which has made these benefits Registration Books and pensions possible for our aged, afflicted and needy people.

"4. On any other issues which may arise, I shall strive at all times to learn what is the majority sentiment of the thinking and right minded people of my County and to ca.t my votes as they would have me cast them as their Representative, using the best judgment of which I am capable in arriving at a conclusion and welcoming at all books will be close at the end of the real Springs; and Onnie Bare, Laubooks will be close at the end of the real Springs. Funeral services were second Saturday before the election hald at Park. my fellow citizens.

"5. Having been nominated by ac- challenge day. clamation for Representative in the

Commissioners and **Board of Education Endorse Measures**

Both Bodies Pass Resolutions for Highway Improvement: Capus Waynick Written

The County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting Monday drew up resoluitons endorsing two much needed roads in the county. The resolutions were mailed to J. H. Councill, district engineer for this section, and Capus Waynick, state chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission. Public Works Commission,

The commissioners endorsed the completion of the road 221 at a point it The road would be of great convenience to many residents of the communities through which it passes and would give a direct route to North Wilkesboro and points in the state for Crumpler and Grassy Creek residents

The road from J. H. Joines's store at the bridge across the South Fork of New River on U.S. highway 221 to the Jefferson-Grassy Creel highway, No. 181, a distance of five miles, was included in the petition. It was asked that the highway be designated as a state highway and given a number. This highway would connect Virginia travellers with the county and the state in a very convenient way.

The Board of Education also passed a resolution endorsing improvements on the school bus route from ty and all its precincts are being Fig to Millecoo near Grayson. This urged by the State Board of Elecroute is handicapped by open fords tions to secure and use copies of the —one at Hemlock on the Big Laurel, 64-page manual for their instruction school buildings, while I was Super-intendent of schools, I was able to put through a program under which the County received a considerable amount of Federal money for the These open fords are reported to be decided hindrance to the school attendance in that district.

SEWER PROJECT HERE APPROVED

Aldermen Interested in Getting Approval for Other Projects in Town of W. Jefferson

WORK WILL START SOON

WPA authorities have approved a ewerage project for the town of W. Jefferson and it is understood that the results. Special sections are dework will begin on it at an early date. It will be recalled that a delegation of the leading citizens here made a trip to Winston-Salem and to Raleigh during the past month in the interest of getting a thirtyfive-thousand-dollar project approved for town improvement.

Now that the street project is approved, the Board of Aldermen are working to get a water project approved. J. A. Reeves, member of the board, spent Sunday afternoon in Hickory conferring with a WPA engineer as to the possibilities of the project. It is reported that the entire water system will be rebuilt and taken out of the Negro Mountain and put in the Buck. It is said that the supply in the Negro is not sufficient for the enlarged needs of the growing town and during the past dry summer residents have been inconvenienced a great deal.

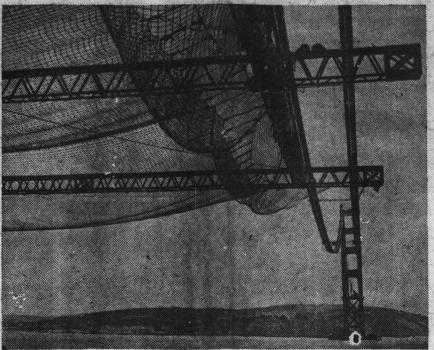
A project is also being pushed to improve the streets of the town.

Open 4 Saturdays Before Voting Day

The registration books for the November election opened in the county Saturday and will be open each Saturday except the last before second Saturday before the election held at Roans Creek Tuesday afteras the last Saturday will be used for

Both parties in the county this General Assembly by the County year are anxious for all new voters Democratic Convention, I accept the to register and all other voters who year are anxious for all new voters responsibility placed upon me and earnestly solicit the support of the voters not only in my party which has nominated me but of all parties." entered on the registration books.

Makes Golden Gate Bridge Job Safe



Pictured here is a section of the great net which has been swung beneath the Golden Gate bridge at San Francisco to insure its being "the safest job in the world." The net, first of its kind to be used in construction history, has been swung thirty feet below the bridge and is designed to prevent workmen plummeting to their death from the dizzy heights of the bridge in the event of a fall.

completion of the road 221 at a point near Richardson's filling station, known as the Cranberry road, which intersects with the Jefferson-Laurel Springs road at the bridge near J. C. McNeill's residence. The road is six miles in length, about four miles of which has been rocked by WPA labor, but it is the opinion of the authorities that the work done will be wasted if the state does not complete it. The road would be of great con-

Guidebook Ready for Ashe County **Election Officials**

Covers All Phases of Elections and Duties of Officials; Use of It Urged

The election officials of this coun-

"The most valuable election guide sions for him. yet made available," commented he wrote the chairman of the county board last week. "I feel that it will result in a more orderly election and will reduce the chances for contests and other troubles. These usually arise because of certain commissions or omissions on the part of the election officials. And these are due generally to a misunderstanding of their duties under the law."

Beginning with the qualifications and requirements for voting, the Guidebook takes the election official through each step in his duties from registration through conducting the election to canvassing and reporting voted to the rules for absentee voting and to the penalties in the Corrupt Practices Act for voters and

Odell Bare Killed by Automobile

Others Hurt at Glendale Springs When Car Driven by Moulton Sheets Strikes Group

Odell/Bare was killed and two others hurt late Saturday afternoon near Glendale Springs when a car driven by Moulton Sheets ran into a group of five men, reported to have been walking across the road. Another report is that the men were walking on the same side of the road the car was on and that the lateness of the evening caused the car to be on them before the driver saw them. All reports however, attach no blame to Sheets, the driver of the car, and it is understood that no arrests will be made.

Bare was 32 years old, and a son of Mrs. Lizzie Watkins and the late Rhudy Bare. He is survived by his wife, Gertie Mash Bare, and five children: Mayella, Bernice, Bernell, Bina, and Jack. Two sisters and a brother also survive: Mrs. Oza Caudil, Obids; Mrs. Arcie Miller, Glennoon with Rev. John Luke in charge:

Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Reeves are spending the week in New York City as the guests of the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

visited at Creston, Tuesday.

Fascists Will Take Government From Communists With Capture of Madrid

HORRID TALES CONTINUE

The rebel forces in Spain, who have been steadily driving back the loyalists, have almost surrounded Madrid, the Spanish capital city,and are preparing for an attack this week by which they hope to obtain control of the government. The chief general of the rebel army is already planning the sort of government that he will install. He, himself will be dictator with all the powers of pass late in the same period and racsuch an office. He will have under him a number of "committees" who will help advise him and who will

From France, refugees continue to Raymond Maxwell, Secretary of the tell tales of horror and one group of State Board. "I hope that every reg-istrar will be supplied with a copy," teur "executioners" have killed secretly some 3,000 persons in Madrid.

The executions, they said, were not done with the knowledge or consent of the constituted Madrid government, but were summary executions of those suspected of sedition or fascist sympathies.

One day in September, the refugees said, 82 persons were shot to death and left where they fell by the free lance executioners.

On a quiet day, they said, only 15 riddled corpses were heaped on the outskirts of Madrid.

Hoey to Speak at Courthouse

DOUGHTON AND OTHERS TO SPEAK AT NEW RIVER HIGH SCHOOL WED.

Ira T. Johnston, county chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, announces that Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, Democratic candidate for Governor of North Carolina, will speak at the courthouse in Jefferson at 7:30 o'clock Monday night, October 12. The public is invited to hear this sliverytongued orator, whom, it is practically conceeded, will be the next Governor of the state.

On October 14, the Wednesday night following, Hon. R. L. Doughton, congressman and candidate for re-election, will speak at New River High School near Fig at 7:30 o'clock. At the same meeting candidate for the State Senate Hon. Roby T. Greer, Democratic will speak and the Democratic county candidates will be present and deliver brief speeches.

The public is urged, stated Mr. Johnston, to attend this meeting and hear the issues of the day ably and fairly discussed.

EXTENSION CLASS WILL MEET HERE OCTOBER 17

Dr. Derendinger, who is offering the extension course in this county, Western Railroad.

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West Jefferson high school building.

Mr. Felix Barr and son, Edward, Dr. Derendinger is a professor at isited at Creston. Tuesday.

Catawba College.

Will meet his class on October 17, at ten o'clock in the morning in the leaves Deep Gap on the arrival of the Wilkes mail and goes to Fleetwood on the arrival of the West Jefferson mail the show on both days.

10th Annual Fair to Be Held at Grassy Creek on Saturday October 10th

GOP Candidate for Congress to Speak

speech at the Republican convention, this is the first speech Mr. Gragg has been scheduled to make in the county and the Mr. Bauguess, County Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee, is anxious to have all party members present for the occasion.
Hon. C. M. Critcher, also of Boone,

will be present and speak. Mr. Crit-cher is the Republican candidate for the state senate from this district of three counties, Ashe, Alleghany, and

Other county candidates are ex-

pected to be present and express their views on the various political situations of the day.

JOHN RACKLEY LEADS DAVIDSON FRESHMEN TO FOOTBALL VICTORY

DAVIDSON, Oct. 1.—Led by John the tenth annual fair the biggest Rackley, the Davidson Wild Kittens success yet to be had.

opened their football season here this afternoon on Richardson field by outclassing a Presbyterian junior 2 Men and 2 Stills college eleven, winning 20-0.

The Kittens scored in all but the third period.

Rackley raced 13 yards for the

first score in the opening quarter. Watkins went over from the three yard line for the second score just as the second quarter opened while Jimmy Currie intercepted a P. C.

county last year, and it is no sur-prise that he is able to take a rank-freed on bond. ing place on the Davidson College

Masonic Meeting Here on Tuesday on bond.

freshman football team.

& A. M. on Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock, October 13 in the masonic hall at West Jefferson.

Worshipful Master Ira T. Johnston announces that there will probably be work in the third degree and urges every member to be present and invites all Masons to attend.

The regular meetings have been on the first and third Fridays but have been changed to the second and fourth Tuesdays.

Considerable interest has been shown in the local lodge recently. The officers who have been instrumental in reviving such a great in-terest are as follows: Ira T. Johnston, W.M.; E. D. Barr, S. W.; J. E. Johnson, J. W.; Charlie McNeil, Sec.; T. E. Parker, Tres.; R. B. Myers, S. D.; W. A. Campbell, J. D.; Capt. G. B. Doggett, S. S.; Walter Burkett, J. S.; Webb Cooper, Tyler; and T. B. Grayson, Ed. Sec.

Mail Route Extended to Fleetwood Today

Now; Route From Deep Gap to Fleetwood Reversed

son has been extended to continue on to the Fleetwood post office, beginning with today's mail This will give the Fleetwood people mail from West Jefferson and other offices in the county and state on the same day it is sent. A movement has been and Captain Ed Newkirk, stunt on foot to get this change made for pilot, and Bob Williams, Wing Wal-

rival of the West Jefferson mail. the show on both days.

Blue Ribbons and Useful Prizes Will Be Given as Awards for Best Exhibits

at Helton Saturday BOB DOUGHTON TO SPEAK

Nominee for State Senate and County Candidates to Be
Present at Meeting

Watt Gragg, Republican candidate for the United States Congress from the ninth district, will speak at the Helton schoolhouse on Helton, Saturday night, October 10th at 7:30 o'clock. With the exception of his speech at the Republican conven-

The exhibits will consist of livestock of all kinds, crop exhibits, can-ned and cooked goods, and needle-work. Blue ribbons will be awarded for the first prizes, red ribbons for the second, and white for the third. Prizes will be awarded for receiv-

ng the most points. The lady receiving the most points will be given a rug and the farmer receiving the most points will be given a bag of wheat fertilizer. Laying mash will be given in the poultry exhibits.

Prizes, not yet decided on, will be given to Future Farmers, and the oldest lady present will receive a porch rocker. Other contests will be held and the day is expected to be full of interest for all residents and visitors in this section of North Carolina and Virginia.

The faculty of the school and the community of Grassy Creek urges the public to attend and help make

Taken by Officers

Burkett, Burgess, and Jones Get Two Small Stills in Sheets's Gap and Ebeneezer

ed 35 yards for the third touchdown. Deputies David Burkett, Wiley Burgess, and J. T. Jones cut down Young Mr. Rackley's friends in two stills last week and captured a be empowered to make minor decithat he is continuing his good work found near Lundy Darnell's at in athletics that he started while a Sheets's Gap on the Blue Ridge. It student at Lansing High School. Mr. was a fifty-gallon affair and 200 Rackley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. gallons of beer and 100 gallons of Rackley, of Warrensville, was among low wine were poured out. Darnell the outstanding athletes in the was found at the still and arrested

The following day, the same men captured a 25-gallon copper still near Ebeneezer. 150 gallons of beer were poured out and Clifford Shepherd was arrested. He, too, was brought to town and later released

There will be a regular communication of Ashe Lodge No. 671 A. F. First Prize at Fair

Kraft - Phoenix Plant Manager Feels That High Honor Has **Been Given Local Product**

Leverne Johnson, manager of the local Kraft-Phoenix Cheese plant, has been notified that a cheese from the local factory has won first prize at the Tennessee State Fair. The cheese was entered in the brick cheese contest along with seventyfive other entries, all of which were high grade cheese. Of the seventyfive, only five scored below ninety.

The display of cheese at the Tennessee Fair represented the largest collection of its kind that has yet been held in the South and entries came from almost all of the South-

Mr. Johnson feels that he has a right to be very proud of the Ashe county product that was able to rate first in such a high-class exhibit.

Letters Go Direct to Fleetwood Air Circus to Be in **County Saturday**

The mail route from West Jeffer- Captain Ed Newkirk to Be at Dent's Flying Field Saturday and Sunday Afternoons

Musleh's Air Circus featuring A. Thomas Katt, parachute jumper, several years and residents along the route will be glad to learn that it has at last been accomplished.

The route from Fleetwood to Deep Gap has been reversed in order to facilitate matters. The mail now because of the route forms of the route from the route