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R. L. WHITMIRE FOR CONGRESS

Hendersonville Man In Race Against Zeb Weaver

R. L. Whitmire, Hendersonville attorney and former state senator from the 17th district, Saturday filed with the state board of elections at Raleigh as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States congressman from the 11th district.

He will oppose Congressman Zebulon Weaver, of Asheville, veteran member of the lower house, in the June 4 Democratic primary.

Served In A. E. F.

Whitmire was born in Transylvania county but has been a resident of Henderson for the past 25 years. He served with the American Expeditionary forces during the World War and later attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He began the practice of law at Hendersonville in 1921.

He is past commander of the Hendersonville post of the American Legion and was a delegate to the Democratic national convention in 1924. He served in the state senate in 1927.

In a lengthy statement issued with his announcement, Whitmire emphasized his belief that "private business should be given every opportunity to absorb unemployment but the government must allow no man to go hungry who is disposed to work."

"Party leadership," he said, "is essential, but there is no necessity for a congressman who fails to use his own judgment."

The text of his announcement follows:

Stresses Party Loyalty

"(1) As an active Democrat I believe that party loyalty is a cardinal virtue but ranks in importance below devotion to country.

"(2) Party leadership is essential, but there is no necessity for a congressman who fails to use his own judgment.

"(3) Other nations may choose the forms of their own governments but America must remain secure for democracy.

"(4) The constitution must be the guiding light of all legislative action, but to interpret it in the light of conditions existing 100 years ago would be ridiculous.

"(5) Capital and industry are the spring heads of prosperity and entitled to the fullest protection of the laws, but they must not dictate to the government.

"(6) The right of labor to organize and bargain collectively for a fair wage level and better living conditions must be recognized, but property rights must be respected and prices maintained within the ability of the consumer to pay.

"(7) Crop curtailment and acreage reduction must be entirely voluntary. Every cultivator of the soil is entitled to say what, and how much he will plant and produce on his own land.

Uniform Taxes Advocated

"(8) Without the power of taxation, the government is helpless, but levies should be just and uniform with due regard for ability to pay and legitimate business should not be crippled and destroyed thereby.

"(9) A more abundant life can best be promoted by a close under-

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Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

(Prices listed below are subject to change without notice.)

Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.
Chickens, heavy breed, hens 14c
Chickens, light weight, lb... 10c

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery
Butterfat, lb. 25c

DER FUEHRER SPEAKS



Fuehrer Adolf Hitler is seen in a dramatic closeup as he addressed the people of Austria by radio following his successful invasion. He spoke from the town of Linz, where he spent the first day following his arrival on Austrian soil for the first time in over two decades.

Republicans

To Hold Convention Here Saturday

The Republicans of Macon county have been called to meet in convention next Saturday, April 2, to select a county chairman and perfect a county organization.

The meeting will be held in the courthouse at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Hon. Vonno Gudger, the Republican nominee for congress from this district, will address the convention.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Meeting Monday On Tobacco Referendum

On Monday morning, April 4 at 9:30 o'clock there will be a meeting in the courthouse in regard to the tobacco referendum that is to be held on Saturday, April 9.

Mr. F. S. Sloan, district agent, will be at this meeting to give the available information regarding the growing of tobacco so that those farmers who grew tobacco in 1937 and are eligible to vote in the referendum will be able to vote intelligently.

It is important that all county committeemen, community committeemen and the farmers who grew tobacco in 1937 be present at this meeting.

SCOUT HONOR COURT APRIL 4

Exercises Will Be Held In Basement Of M. E. Church

A district court of honor for Boy Scouts will be held in the basement of the Franklin Methodist church, on Monday evening, April 4, at 7:30 o'clock.

This will be the last court of honor of the charter year, which ends March 31, for the Franklin troop.

Prior to the court of honor services, the Franklin Troop committee will meet and formulate plans for the organization for the ensuing year.

The Franklin Troop will put on a skit and Dr. B. M. Thomasson, of Bryson City, with his motion picture machine, will show several reels of Boy Scout camp life which he and his troop made.

Jake Cloer, 79, who recently underwent a very serious mastoiditis operation at Angel hospital and has been confined to his room since January, was able to be on the street Wednesday.

WPA FUNDS FOR MACON COUNTY

Total Of \$67,370 Allotted For Improvement Of Secondary Roads

It was announced at WPA headquarters in Raleigh Monday that Macon county had been allotted \$67,370 for repair and improvement of the secondary road system. This project will give employment to a large number of men who are on the WPA rolls, and will be of great benefit to the people who live on these roads. The Macon county project received the largest sum of the allotments made Monday. Others were:

Wilson county, \$53,000 for sewer construction in the town of Wilson.

A total of \$24,126.70 was earmarked for preparation of lunches for undernourished school children in various parts of the state.

Improvement of buildings and the poultry farm at N. C. State college will cost \$13,630.

Community buildings at Old Fort, McDowell county, \$2,493.

Rutherford county recreational facilities, \$19,332.20; renovating public buildings, \$1,673.

"The Buccaneer" Coming To Macon Theatre

On next Monday and Tuesday, April 4 and 5, the Macon Theatre will show Cecil B. DeMille's "The Buccaneer," with Fredric March and Franciska Gaal.

This picture has caused quite a furore in all the cities where it has been shown, and is expected to draw a large crowd in Franklin.

Food Sale At Kelly's Tea Room April 8

A food sale will be held by the ladies of the Auxiliary of St. Agnes church in Miss Lassie Kelly's gift shop on Main street on the morning of Friday, April 8. All are invited to come and purchase supplies at this sale.

County Homes Becoming Gradually Depopulated

RALEIGH, March 30.—The social security program in North Carolina, particularly old age assistance, has made it possible for the counties to finance and plan other types of care for a large number of potential county home inmates, so that such persons are saved from institutional care and can take their places in family homes, Dr. J. Wallace Nygard, director of the division of institutions and corrections, state board of charities and public welfare, said Saturday.

"The influence of the social security program on county homes," Dr. Nygard said, "is apparent in the smaller number making application for county home care since the program became effective in North Carolina last July. The February, 1938, census report reveals that 85 county homes have a total population of 2,929, or 210 less than in the same month of 1937.

"About 95 persons who were inmates of county homes have been released into private homes of their own choice through old age assistance. Approximately 50 deaths occur each month among the aged infirm in county homes. With the new admittances decreasing and the number discharged through old age assistance and by death, the county homes are becoming slowly but gradually depopulated.

"With the depopulation movement, county units are becoming more interested in consolidation into district hospital homes, thereby providing better care at less cost than if each county continued to maintain its own county home."

In the county home in Macon county there are only eight inmates at the present time, and these are in no condition to be taken into private homes and can be better cared for on the county farm.

Graduate



MISS MARILEE PANSELL
Who Graduated With Highest
Rating from Oak Ridge School

Marilee Pannell

Graduates With Highest Rating At Oak Ridge

Miss Marilee Pannell, 13, of Franklin Route 4, has graduated from the Oak Ridge school with the highest rating in a class of eight students, announced C. S. Tilley, teacher.

Miss Pannell has been a student in this school for the past four years. For the past three terms she has been present every day and did not receive a demerit. She is also active in athletics, with basketball being her favorite game. She plans to attend school at Culver next year.

Other students completing with Miss Pannell were: Mildred Reid, Anna Lou Sanders, Thelma and Selma Elliott, the school's noted twins; Betty Snyder, Bill Thompson and Charles Thompson.

OLD VIOLIN IN MACON COUNTY

Mr. Bateman's Instrument Dated 1721, Believed Stradivarius

Charles L. Bateman, of Franklin, route 3, residing in the Oak Dale section, has in his possession a violin, dated 1721, which he believes was made by Antonio Stradivari.

When Mr. Bateman was 11 years old he purchased the violin from his brother, T. A. Bateman, of Nantahala. Since he had no money to pay for it, he hoed corn at 25 cents a day for 10 days until he had paid the price of the violin. The violin had been bought from El Wright, of Graham county, who learned to play it quite well.

Much time in Mr. Bateman's boyhood days was spent in playing his violin, especially for the old-time square dances which were so numerous in those days. The instrument is in fairly good condition and has a very sweet tone, but is seldom used now.

Another Monster Egg Brought In

Mrs. Frank Nolen, of Cartoogechaye, also has a hen that lays nice large eggs. She sent an egg to The Press office Wednesday that weighed four ounces. Her hens are Rhode Island Red and Silver Laced Wyndottes. Mrs. Nolen has been finding one egg each day much larger than the average, but this is the largest one she has found.

CARD OF THANKS

We gratefully acknowledge and deeply appreciate the kindness of all the friends in our bereavement.

THE FAMILY OF
REV. J. J. EDWARDS

(adv.)

TRADE BODY TO HOLD MEETING

Chamber of Commerce To Meet Tomorrow Night; Public Invited

A meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce has been called for tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 in the courthouse and notices have been mailed to all members urging their attendance.

The meeting will be open to the general public, and all citizens who are interested in the progress and welfare of the town and in preparations for the coming summer season are cordially invited to be present.

At this meeting directors will be chosen by the various business groups, and reports will be made by the officers as to how the money raised last year has been expended and the results that have been obtained.

Short talks will be made by officials of the organization, and by representatives of the forest service and the town government, and plans for this year's work will be discussed.

This is a meeting which should be of interest to every citizen of the town, and it is hoped none will stay away.

Supervisor Makes Trip To Kentucky

John R. Faison, county rural rehabilitation supervisor, made a trip last week to the J. F. Cook livestock farm in Lexington, Ky., in the interest of purchasing a jack for breeding service in Cherokee county.

Mr. Faison says that a registered Percheron stallion and a registered Hereford bull have been placed in Macon county through his agency on a community cooperative basis. He also says that loans are available for community cooperative enterprises where such enterprises can be made self-liquidating and where there are enough participants in the services to make it justifiable.

Rev. W. B. Underwood Goes To New Charge

Rev. W. B. Underwood preached his farewell sermon Sunday night to a large congregation at the Franklin Baptist church, where he has served as pastor for the past year.

Mr. Underwood tendered his resignation two weeks ago, to take effect the first of April. He and Mrs. Underwood left Tuesday morning for Douglasville, Ga., where he has accepted a charge as pastor of the Douglasville Baptist church.

During their stay of a year in Franklin Mr. and Mrs. Underwood made many friends here who send their good wishes with them in their new field of work.

Lady, 94, Rides Seven Miles To Picture Show

Mrs. Hattie Moore, 94, one among the oldest women in Macon county, rode seven miles Monday afternoon to see "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," which was being shown at the Macon Theatre.

Despite Mrs. Moore's age, she still enjoys motion pictures, radio programs pertaining to religion and current events, newspapers and magazines, which she reads daily without aid of glasses.

She has always been a lover of music and often rolls to the piano in her wheelchair and plays her old favorites, which she so often played in her younger days. Among the tunes she never fails to play is "Bonaparte's Retreat."

Mrs. Moore is the mother of Mrs. A. B. Slagle and Mrs. Frank H. Nolen and spends much of her time in Macon county.

T. T. Love left Sunday for Demorest, Ga., where he will enter Piedmont college for the spring term.