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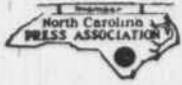
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What They Contend

CONGRESSMAN ZEBULON WEAVER, and his opponent for the Democratic nomination, Monroe Redden, one time chairman of the Democratic executive committee of the State, by grace of Governor Broughton, each has clearly defined arguments as to why the voters should accord the nomination to him.

Mr. Redden argues that the time has come for new blood and new vision in the Congress from this district; that progress is the watchword, and that he has had the experience in the practice of the law, in political affairs, and in the civic affairs of Western North Carolina, to qualify him to take over the job that Mr. Weaver has held for almost as long as many voters have lived, (with the exception of two years, following the election of 1928, in which he went down, along with Al. Smith, and the district was represented by George Pritchard, Republican, son of the late Senator Jeter C. Pritchard).

The Redden argument continues that Buncombe county has had the Congressman from this district for decades. They recall that William T. Crawford, redoubtable stump speaker, and Haywood's favorite son, was defeated by a Republican, John Grant, of Henderson, who was succeeded by James M. Gudger, of Buncombe, who in turn was succeeded by James J. Britt, of Buncombe, and he by Zebulon Weaver, of Buncombe, who has served ever since, except for the one term of George Pritchard, of Buncombe.

According to the Redden supporters, in Buncombe and the rest of the district, it is time that some other county be given the honor, and for Mr. Redden from Henderson to succeed Mr. Weaver, whom the Reddenites insist has not done as well for the district as he should have, during his long tenure in office, and that almost anybody else in the district, given as long service as Mr. Weaver, would have made a greater splash in the Washington puddle.

The Weaver argument counters with the statement that Mr. Weaver will not again seek the nomination after the close of the term to which he aspires; that he will then retire, and that then, after the smoke of the last war has really cleared away and the people have become oriented in the ways of peace, some young man from some county of the district will emerge, with the qualities of leadership and statesmanship to represent the district in the Congress, and make a name for himself and the district.

The Weaver supporters argue that it is unfair to the young men of the district, just returned from war, to pick up a man and put him in Congress at this juncture, with the possibility that he will be difficult to oust in favor of a war veteran.

They reply to the other Redden argument with the statement that Weaver has been the friend of the veterans of two wars, and of their families, that he is the daddy of the Great Smoky Mountains National park, the greatest single asset the district has, that he will continue to seek the development of the park and the parkway, more effectively than any new representative from the district could, and finally that he can always be counted upon to stand with the administration in its progressive program, and to vote with it. And they bring as proof the record to show that this is exactly what he has done during the Wilson, Roosevelt, and Truman administrations.

Thus the lines are drawn, and the people will determine, come Saturday week.

Letters

Like a number of readers' letters that have been published in The Press in recent months, Nevile Sloan's open letter to Joseph Stalin, which appeared on this page last week, created lively discussion. It not only presented a viewpoint intelligently and logically; it did what is even more important—provoked thought.

Mr. Sloan's letter is one of several that have appeared in this newspaper from time to time which would do credit to any community, anywhere, and The Press takes this opportunity to repeat that

Others' Opinions

BETTER TO WORK!

With our industries, construction companies and farmers crying for more help, we are surprised that so many of our returned service men are loafing and are drawing what is unfortunately being called "rocking chair" pay.

Realizing the grave mistake that was made after the first World War, this newspaper urged the passage of the GI Bill of Rights that provided maximum benefits for service men.

This bill provides assistance to the veterans in completing their education, entering business or farming, in construction of homes, in obtaining on-the-job training and gives them protection against unemployment.

It is not the intention of this measure, however, nor of the American people, to promote and encourage idleness on the part of able-bodied men who were called into military service, and we are disappointed that so many of the able-bodied vets in this county, as well as throughout the nation, are taking advantage of an appreciative country and citizenship by loafing when their services are needed in the reconversion program just as badly as they were during the war.

Here in Transylvania, all over the nation and throughout the world, more food is needed, more products are urgently in demand, more houses are needed. To supply this demand and these grave needs, labor is vitally important and essential.

Today jobs are plentiful and the pay is good. Today the opportunities for young men to find gainful employment are the best they have ever been. Today young men have unparalleled opportunities to complete educations and to learn trades that will enable them to become useful, independent American citizens, and yet many of the boys prefer to loaf and to accept this "rocking chair" pay of \$20.00 per week.

This is a serious mistake, both for our community and nation, as well as for the boys themselves. It is contrary to the intent of the law that was passed. Its objective was to tide the boys over after they came home until they could find suitable employment and then to give them a cushion for the next five or more years against unemployment.

Each veteran has \$1,040 allotted to him for service allowance pay and the money can be drawn out any time within five years after the President has declared that the war emergency is over.

The able-bodied veteran who does not want to work and who is content to draw this money at a time like this when jobs are plentiful, and pay is good is making a grave mistake. Sooner or later this pay will run out and then those veterans will have to go to work and they will find it more difficult to get good jobs. Employers are not looking for men and women who prefer to accept "rocking chair" money.

Think it over, boys, and resolve now that you are going to stop applying for this money and get yourselves a job and go to work. You'll be a lot happier. You'll be better American citizens and you'll be serving your community and nation in time of peace just as nobly as you have served during a time of war.—The Transylvania Times.

OFFICIAL HUMANITARIANS

No government can be humanitarian unless it shall have force to open the pocketbooks of bankers, butchers, farmers and others. All humanitarianism by government is founded on the coercion of the taxpayers. As long as the balance of power in primary and general elections shall be in the hands of non-taxpayers, government will be composed of humanitarians who can lash persons who neglect to pay taxes to jail. No one without an income or earnings will be whipped to jail for non-payment of taxes. Meanwhile, the humanitarians owing election to offices to the recipients of doles and governmental jobs will live high and present attractive pictures of themselves as champions of the poor and the common people.

—Charleston News and Currier.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

There is a growing interest on the part of the public to conserve the natural resources and the wildlife in their community. We note with interest the program that will be inaugurated by the newly formed group of fishermen and hunters in Haywood county.

We also note with special interest that the farmers of the county are invited to the meetings of the organization and we understand may maintain membership in the organizations at a reduced rate. It is well for the sportsmen and the farmers to get together on these things. Often in the past there has been much hard feeling toward "trespassers" who have hunted and fished on the property of others.

We trust in their drive for members that they obtain a large membership and that they are successful in furthering education along the lines of conservation in Hawwood county.

—Waynesville Mountaineer.

such letters are welcome.

Of particular interest to readers just now would be letters from some of Macon County's returned service men and women—letters on any subject of general interest, but especially on matters affecting this county.

"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.—Abraham Lincoln.

Let not him who is houseless pull down the house of another, but let him work diligently and build one for himself; thus by example assuring that his own will be safe from violence when built.—Abraham Lincoln.

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JOHN ZACHARY, FRANKLIN BOY, ASSIGNED TO SHIP

John Elden Zachary, 17, seaman second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Zachary, of

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