

IN FILLING VACANCY — Rollman Suggests Waiving Special Election To Save

Waynesville — Congressional hopeful Heinz Rollman describes as a "complete waste of the taxpayers' money" the possibility of six elections in the 12th Congressional District between now and the November election.

The situation as things now stand could conceivably take more than \$150,000 out of the taxpayer's pocket.

Mr. Rollman also has a solution to offer:

"Let each candidate file but waive the special election that must be called by Governor Hodges to fill the vacancy in Congress left by the unfortunate death of Representative David Hall and so inform the State Board of Elections and the governor himself. If there are no candidates, there is no election and the voters won't have to go to the polls for the special election. The issue can clearly be settled in the regular May primaries of both parties."

Mr. Rollman, who is a candidate for the nomination on the Republican ticket, also thinks there would be an additional savings to the taxpayers because the man elected to succeed the late Representative Hall would, in effect, serve only a month in Congress before adjournment but would collect about \$15,000 in salary between his election and the end of the term next January.

"To spend all this money for nothing would be foolish and ridiculous. The taxpayers deserve more consideration than this," the candidate declared.

Mr. Rollman explained the six possible elections in this way:

The law says the governor must now call a special election in the district to fill Representative Hall's vacancy. This means primaries within both parties — a price tag of about \$26,000 the voters must pick up. Then there follows a special general election pitting the Democratic and Republican nominees against each other. This means another \$26,000. The winner serves out the unexpired term of Representative Hall.

With two elections now out of the way voters will face the regular primaries in May — another \$26,000.

Finally, there's the general election next November and another \$26,000, for a total of \$104,000 out of the taxpayer's pocket at this point.

Rollman also points out the possibility of run-off elections in the primaries.

Such developments would just add \$52,000 more to the already "astronomical waste," according to the Republican candidate.



MASON GETS NAVY PROMOTION

NORFOLK, Va. (FHTNC)—Upon being promoted to his present rate December 16, William C. Mason, Jr., aviation storekeeper first class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Mason, of Franklin, N. C., and husband of the former Miss Margie Kimsey, of Prentiss, receives congratulations from his commanding officer. Before entering the Navy in June, 1953, he was graduated from Franklin High School. He is serving on the staff of the Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, with headquarters in Norfolk, Va.



Brady's BLARNEY

By A Brady Called J. P.

CULLS FROM A NEWSMAN'S NOTEBOOK:

The former Macon County school superintendent, Holland McSwain, took quite a ribbing (I got in my share with him) at the congregational dinner Sunday held for the Rev. and Mrs. Donn K. Langfitt at the Presbyterian church.

Remarks, of course, centered on Mr. Mac's ability to smell a free meal as far away as Cherokee County and arrive just in time to be first in line. When he was living here we all recognized this remarkable gift of his for ferreting out food, but little did we realize he had developed it in such an acute form.

Mr. Mac got in a good potshot at me for my part of the ribbing. "Brady's the only thing I can think of that doesn't improve with age," he told John Archer.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Watkins, of famed River Rock Inn, got the royalty treatment from friends in Florida on their recent trip. It was their first trip to Florida in 17 years and their many friends, most of whom met the Watkins family over platters of country ham and fried chicken at River Rock Inn, did "things up brown". They tossed a picnic dinner for the couple at Lake Maggoire in St. Petersburg with some 100 attending. To direct folks to the right tables a large sign was placed at the entrance, "Watkins Biscuit Eaters". While in St. Pete Mr. and Mrs. Watkins were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Keith, who have a vacation home in the Pine Grove section here.

A chain letter with a new twist, immediate profit, is making the rounds and, believe it or not, is paying off.

With just five names on it at a time, instead of the usual 10 to 20, it is promising only \$2,000 or

so if the chain remains unbroken. Where does the immediate profit come in? Well, the one who sells his letters to others and continues the chain makes \$3 on the whole deal. This gimmick apparently is for the benefit of those who lament they've never made a cent off chain letters.

With some help from the bank (at 5%) and a little luck from some other quarters, I'll be making a trip to Europe this spring to make some industrial contacts for North Carolina.

We're hoping to interest between 60 and 80 Jaycees over North Carolina in the trip and will visit Germany, France, England, Sweden, and Switzerland on a two-week jaunt.

This will serve as a follow-up of Gov. Hodges' recent overseas industry hunt.

I've already sent in my deposit but my fate is now in the hands of a selection committee that will determine if my mountain ways will fit into the scheme of things. This just proves, of course, that having the money already borrowed doesn't cinch the thing. They're looking for men who can sell North Carolina to foreign industrialists.

Can anyone tip me off on the meaning of the matching pillows we're seeing in the back windows of so many automobiles?

Mrs. Long Is Speaker At Murphy Club Meet

Mrs. J. Ward Long was guest speaker for the regular meeting of the Murphy Garden Club Thursday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. Long presented a program on how to dry flowers and how to make arrangements from them.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. P. Odum in Murphy.

Mrs. Long was accompanied by Mrs. John Bulgin.

IN RURAL CONTEST — 538 Macon County Families Participate

Over 5,000 rural families in organized areas in 14 counties submitted individual reports on improvements made in the 1959 Western North Carolina Rural Community Development Program.

A summary of these family reports was released this week by the Asheville Agricultural Development Council, area sponsor of the program with the agricultural agencies. Included were reports by 538 families in Macon County.

According to Albert M. Clark, of Biltmore, president of the Agricultural Council, "Wide recognition has been given to organized communities over Western North Carolina for the tremendous improvements they have made through the Community Development Program. The many community centers built, churches improved, recreation and youth programs and other community projects are positive proof of the value of this improvement program. Equally important, however, are the improvements made by individual families and the influence of community progress on the individual families."

Of the families reporting, 19 per cent were classed as full-time farm families. Forty-one per cent were part-time farmers and 40 per cent were rural non-farm.

The report shows the dramatic change taking place in the homes of the rural areas, as all modern conveniences are added at an increasing rate. Among improvements cited are 392 new homes, 583 homes remodeled, 1407 homes painted inside and 2668 major electrical appliances added. A total of 568 families remodeled their kitchens, 510 added running water and 523 installed bathrooms. Total cost of home improvements reported by the 5,000 families amounted to \$5,873,885 or an average of approximately \$1,000 per family.

Among other things cited by the Agricultural Development Council was the purchase of 1365 cars and trucks, 695,848 quarts of

food canned, and 1,123,434 pounds of food frozen.

Services Are Held For Chastain Child

Douglas Lee Chastain, infant son of David B. and Mrs. Bobbie Sue Allison Chastain, died in a local hospital January 30 at 4:30 p.m.

Graveside rites were conducted by the Rev. Sebbiet at Sherrill cemetery the afternoon of January 31.

Surviving, in addition to the parents, are the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Josephine Allison, of Whittier, and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chastain, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1. Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Whitmire Heading Local Membership Drive For NCCA

E. J. Whitmire, of Franklin, will head a county membership drive for the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association.

The association was set up in 1956 to encourage, promote, and develop all phases of the cattle industry, including breeding, feeding, disease controls, marketing and consumption of beef and beef products in the state.

Legal Advertising Administrator's Notice

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of John Bingham, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 28 day of January, 1961, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 26 day of January, 1960.

MAC K BINGHAM
CLYDE BINGHAM
Administrators
F4-6tc-M10

NOTICE

THE ANNUAL MEETING

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