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## C. B. AYCOCK OUT FOR U. S. SENATE

### Former Governor Announces Candidacy

### HAS NO PERSONAL PLATFORM

Will Stand, As He Has Always Stood, On The National and State Democratic Platforms. Will Make No Fight for Office, But Will Leave His Candidacy to the People.

Raleigh, May 20.—Ex-Gov. Charles B. Aycock stepped into the arena to-day as an avowed candidate for the United States senate to succeed Senator F. M. Simmons, making the fourth candidate for the Simmons to go and, it is thought, closing the entries for this race which promises to be the most strenuous ever. However, in entering the race Ex-Gov. Aycock stipulates that he will not get into anything like a campaign for the primary nomination. He says his finances will not admit of it and that there is imperative necessity for him to pursue his profession as a lawyer with unabating energy. He merely expects next year to get into the campaign for the whole Democratic ticket and then at the polls if the people will do so they can give him their nominating vote for the senatorship and with the election by the legislature, he will give his very best efforts for the whole people in the state. A lengthy letter setting out his views and attitude in this matter is given to the press. It is addressed to Col. Nathan B. Whitfield of Kinston, who had written him urging especially that he declare his candidacy. Col. Whitfield is 80 years old and has been a close personal friend of Gov. Aycock for many years.

Gov. Aycock's letter which outlines his position as a candidate, follows:

"Dear Sir—I have given much consideration not only to your letter, but to the numerous letters which I have received along the same line. I have been greatly gratified to find that, without solicitation or expectation on my part, and in despite of my previous statement that I would not be a candidate for the senate, great numbers of people from all callings in the state, have urged me by letter, by message and in person to reconsider the question and become a candidate. One who has been in public life and who has enjoyed the support and the confidence of the people, can never free himself from the obligation of giving due consideration to any call which the people make upon him. The requests from all parts of the state, and from some in all stations of life, have been so numerous and impressive as, to lead me to the conclusion that it is my duty to say to the people, that if chosen by the Democratic party and elected by the legislature, I shall be glad to serve North Carolina in the United States senate.

"It is unnecessary for me to enunciate any personal platform, it being well known throughout the state that I have always stood on the national and the state Democratic platforms without question, believing as I do that the assembled wisdom of the Democracy of the nation and state is far greater than my own. I shall make no campaign looking to my selection for the senatorship. My financial condition is such that it is absolutely essential that I pursue my profession as a lawyer with unabated energy until such time as the people shall lay other duties upon me. I have no money to spend perfecting an organization and if I had it I am convinced that the greatest evil of this day politically is the use of money in securing nominations and elections and I, therefore, would not use it if I were able to command a fund requisite for such purposes. In addition to this reason for refusing to attempt an organization in behalf of my candidacy I have a feeling that the senatorship would be worthless to me if secured by any such methods.

"If I shall go to the senate I must go free from special obligation to any set of men, and, therefore, un-

der equal obligation to every man. Going to the senate in this way would put me in a position to give to the people the highest service of which I am capable. I shall, therefore, entrust my candidacy without reservation to the people of the state, and shall not seek to shape their selection by organization or by personal appeals to them. I cannot under any circumstances enter into a canvass with a view to presenting to North Carolinians my own deserts. If I have any, they are known to the people of this state, and they know best whether whatever talent I have is likely to be useful to them. When the time comes for the opening of the political campaign I shall next year, as in all election years heretofore, tender my services to the party organization to do battle in behalf of Democratic principles. The speeches which I shall then make will be made in the service of the Democratic party and without regard to their possible effect upon my personal interests. If at the end of the campaign, the people select another candidate for the United States senate, I shall cheerfully acquiesce in the result. Public service when honestly rendered is the most difficult and painful of all service, and the satisfaction to be derived therefrom becomes manifest to one only after the service has been rendered in fidelity to the trust of the people, and when in private life he can receive the just praise of his fellow citizens for faithfulness to their interests. I have served the people of this state in high office and I have enjoyed since then the constant and increasing confidence of the people of North Carolina in the integrity of my purpose when governor and the appreciation which they have since shown me of the service which I was then able to do for the state. It is with a light heart that I permit myself to announce to the people through you my candidacy for the United States senate.

Very truly yours,  
C. B. AYCOCK."

### THE SHAD INDUSTRY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Washington, May 20.—Representative Faison has returned from his district where he spent several days. He brings encouraging reports about the shad fish industry. Between 12,000,000 and 15,000,000 young shad from the Edenton hatcheries are being turned loose in the rivers and creeks of the third congressional district this spring.

There is considerable complaint because of the wanton destruction of fish by some of the fishermen. The netters are too persistent. If the state laws were enforced more strenuously it would not be long until fish would be abundant.

The shad season at the Edenton hatcheries has been a fine one. Something like 60,000,000 have been hatched.

### NEWS FROM CLAYTON.

Clayton, May 25.—Mr. Jno. I. Barnes made a trip to Richmond, Va., last week.

Messrs. Raymond and Harvey Creech, of Newport News, Va., are visiting her father, Mr. A. D. Creech.

Miss Eula Davis, of Winston-Salem, visiting Miss Jessamine Yelvington.

Mr. Paul C. Duncan, of Princeton, spent Sunday in Clayton with relatives.

Messrs. Swade and Roger Barbour are home to see their father, Mr. A. J. Barbour, who is very ill.

Mr. Hugh A. Page, of Trinity College, is home.

Mr. J. W. Barnes, of Archer, was in town Monday.

Mr. A. J. Barbour is very sick. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Mahlon Creech is spending a few days at home.

Mr. Donnie Creech is very ill with appendicitis. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Dr. Albert Anderson, of Raleigh, was down to see Mr. A. J. Barbour yesterday.

The Clayton base ball team plays the Cherokee Indians Saturday, 27. Game called at 4:00 P. M. Admission 25c. We promise you a good game. Come and see the "Red Men" play.

H. R. B.

## STATE GEOLOGIST LOCATES ROUTE

### EASTERN HALF OF CENTRAL HIGHWAY MAPPED.

State Geologist Recommends That The Route Be From Raleigh Through Garner, Auburn, Clayton, Smithfield, Goldsboro, LaGrange, Kinston, Newbern to Morehead City and Beaufort—Work Begins Within Thirty Days.

Lexington, May 20.—Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State geologist and member of the executive committee of the Central Highway Association, to-day filed his report with President Varner, mapping out the eastern half of the highway. The highway will be built as mapped out, provided that the towns through which it is to pass and the county commissioners of the various counties do their parts. Otherwise the route named may be changed.

Dr. Pratt and his associates recommend that the highway run from Raleigh to Smithfield, passing through Garner, Auburn and Clayton. Several relocations will be required in order to cut down grades. From Smithfield to Goldsboro the highway will follow the present public road via Princeton. The road must be straightened, widened and several bad grades eliminated. From Goldsboro to Kinston the highway will follow the regular road via LaGrange, Fields and Falling Creek. Several relocations are required. From Kinston to Newbern the route will go down Neuse river to Fort Barnwell and via Jasper to Newbern. From Newbern to Beaufort harbor two routes are proposed and both are recommended, one via Newport and down the east shore of Newport river to Beaufort and the other direct from Newport to Morehead City.

Several deviations suggested by Dr. Pratt are very desirable, especially that of running the highway from Kinston to Newbern, following closely the Trent river road through Jones county. If means are provided this will be included as part of the highway and so mapped. The State highway engineer will go over this part of the route next week. Three engineers will be detailed from the United States office of public roads for service along the line and will be at work within thirty days.

### NORTH CAROLINA LEADS IN COTTON PER ACRE.

Maj. W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, to-day gave out figures collected by the census bureau showing that North Carolina leads the entire south in the number of pounds of cotton produced per acre. North Carolina heads the list with 227, South Carolina comes second with 216, Virginia third with 212, and so on. Georgia produces only 180 pounds to the acre and Texas 145. Ten years ago North Carolina produced only 110 pounds. This is a wonderful increase and is regarded as the best sort of recommendation for the state.—Raleigh Times, 20th.

### GOOD ROADS MEETINGS.

To Be Held at Princeton and at The Shelter in Cleveland Township.

We are requested to announce that there will be a good roads meeting at Princeton on Wednesday night, June first, at 8 o'clock. Several good speakers are expected to be present. Everybody in that section is invited to attend.

A similar meeting will be held at the Shelter in Cleveland township, Thursday night, June 2nd, at 8 o'clock. Good speakers will be present and the people are cordially invited to go out and hear this live subject discussed.

The Great Central Highway will start the ball to rolling. After this highway is built hundreds of other roads will be built to connect with it. We want to see good roads in every part of Craven county.—New Bern Sun.

## BAPTIST BARACAS HOLD RALLY

### Fifty Men Present in Class Last Sunday

### PROF. GULLEY MAKES FINE TALK

Eighteen New Members Added to Class Roll. The Baraca Spirit At Work Results in Success. Class Program Carried Out As Planned. The Young Men Rejoice in Success Of the Campaign. Special Music At the Morning Service in the Baptist Church.

The class rally held by the members of the Young Men's Baraca Bible Class of the Baptist Sunday School, on last Sunday, was a great success from every standpoint.

About six weeks ago the young men planned a campaign for new members, the campaign to come to a close on May 21st, with a Class Rally. At the beginning of the campaign, the class had a membership of about thirty. The class slogan was "Fifty Men Present on May Twenty-first." From the beginning of the campaign, the class spirit was manifest. And it was this spirit that made success possible. Eighteen new members were enrolled and when the secretary, Mr. Carl Sanders, read the report: "Forty members and ten visitors present," the class rejoiced that its goal had been attained.

The following program was carried out by the class:

Song—"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," followed with prayer by Prof. Gulley.

Welcome to the Class, by the President, Mr. Horace Eason.

Always On Hand: What It Means to Me; What It Means to Class, Mr. W. M. Ives, Jr.

The Value of Lesson Study to the Individual and to the Class, Mr. Geo. L. Jones.

The Worth of Class to Individual and of Individual to Class, Mr. T. J. Lassiter.

The Baraca Spirit, Mr. F. H. Brooks.

Remarks, Prof. N. Y. Gulley.

The Lesson Taught, Prof. A. Vermont.

In Prof. Gulley's remarks before the class he spoke of the old days when he lived in Smithfield and attended the Baptist Sunday school. At that time, not such a great many years ago, he was the only male member of the Baptist church living in the town. He spoke of the change from that day to this. Mr. Brooks also spoke of the change brought about in the thirteen years he has been living here—when he came, there were only three young men attending the Baptist Sunday School. He called attention to the number attending now and attributed it to the new spirit of progress—the Baraca spirit.

The President of the Class, Mr. Horace Eason, and the teacher, Prof. Vermont, together with many other earnest members, had much to do with the success of the rally.

Not only did the class have the largest attendance in its history, but the Sunday School also had the largest attendance on record.

Following the Sunday School, the regular morning service was held in the church, with an address by Prof. N. Y. Gulley, Dean of the Law School of Wake Forest College.

Prof. Gulley began by expressing the pleasure it gave him to be present and speak to the people of Smithfield. He chose as a Scripture lesson the account of Solomon's asking for Wisdom, found in the third chapter of First Kings. His address was to the young people generally, and to young men especially. He first spoke of one's duty to self.

"To thine own self be true, And it follows, as night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man."

He next spoke of one's duty to others, and called the attention of his hearers to the great problems lying out in the immediate future for solution, and reminded the young men that on them was placed this task. That the proper solution of

these great questions meant much for the future welfare of the land.

The speaker concluded his address by reminding the people of their duty to God. In the course of the address he called attention to the change in the attitude of people toward the Bible, how that not so very many years ago, the people regarded it as a Book to be thought of in connection ever with the life beyond the grave. But now a change is being seen everywhere, in that that the folks are looking on the Book as one that has to deal with the present life. Every thinking man who is familiar with the history of the times, has noticed this change in the attitude of men of all classes toward the Book of books.

Taking it all in all the address was a great one and was a fitting culmination to the Baraca Rally. A large congregation was present and went away much pleased with the discourse. Such an address from a layman often has a greater effect than a sermon.

The Sunday School and the church were highly pleased with the day's services. Special music had been planned for the occasion, among the numbers being the Ascension Chorus from Gounod's "Redemption." This was given by a choir comprised of singers from the Baptist, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches. Through the kindness of Mr. George E. Thornton, of the Thornton Music House, a sweet-toned piano had been placed in the church for use on this occasion. It goes without saying that this added much to the service.

Prof. Gulley delivered another splendid address at the night service. Our people will gladly hear him again.

### COLD AND DRY WEATHER HOLDS TRUCK BACKWARD.

New Bern, May 22.—On account of the long continued cool weather, followed by the extraordinary dry spell of recent weeks, the prospect for the farmers in this section is very blue, cotton has had so little moisture that it is not sprouted at all in many cases and in others is barely through the ground, while other crops are in practically the same condition. The truck has been badly hit also. Cabbage has been bringing a good price—from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per crate—but the shipments have been small. In many cases where the finest prospects existed for a good crop, few have been harvested as the ground does not contain enough moisture to head them. For weeks and weeks not a drop of rain has fallen and at present the ground is very dry and the weather very hot for this season of the year.

### BENSON NOTES.

Benson, May 24.—Mr. Jesse Turlington left Saturday for Wilson, where he had accepted a position in the Turlington & Moore Drug Co.

Mr. H. D. Lambert, who has been in school here for the past year, has a position as news-boy on the A. C. L.

Mr. R. E. Parker, of the Benson High School, left for home Saturday.

Mr. Alonzo Parrish and family, and Mr. J. L. Hall attended church at Wilson's Mills last Sunday.

Mr. J. R. Barbour left to-day for Morehead City, where he will spend a few days fishing.

Rev. R. C. Glenn, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Sutton, is conducting a series of meetings at the Methodist church here this week.

Mr. Graham Cogle, one of the A. C. L. operators here, is spending a few days at his home in Montgomery county this week. Mr. Wellons, of Smithfield, is holding his position while away.

Of the number in town recently, we note Miss Nell Lassiter, of Four Oaks, and Miss Hilda Tomlinson, of Smithfield; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jordan and Mrs. J. W. Baucom, of Dunn; Messrs. Fred Royal and Joe Ryals, of Emporia, Va.; and Rev. P. D. Woodall, of Windsor.

Presiding Elder to Preach.

Rev. J. H. Hall, presiding elder of the Raleigh district, will preach at Smithfield Methodist church, Sunday night, May 28th. He will hold quarterly conference there Monday morning.

## GASOLINE CAUSES DEATH OF FIVE

### FIVE GIRLS INCINERATED BY FIRE IN KANSAS TOWN.

Fatal Mistake of Mother in Filling Lamp With Gasoline Starts Fire And Explosion Which Results in Death of Five Daughters—Parents Make Heroic Efforts to Rescue Their Offspring.

Utica, Kan., May 21.—Five daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Roach of this place, ranging in ages from 7 to 16 years, were burned to death late last night in a fire which started in the Roach restaurant.

The parents were badly burned. The mother of the young girls by mistake filled a lamp with gasoline. Preparatory to ascending a stairway leading to the second floor room, where her daughters were asleep, she applied a match to the lamp. An explosion followed, the fire being communicated to a two-gallon can of gasoline, sending a burst of flame up the narrow stairway.

The woman's dress caught fire, but the flames were extinguished by her husband, who had been asleep in an adjoining room. He rushed up the burning stairs and caught his youngest daughter, 5 years old, in his arms. Calling to the other girls to follow him and leap into his arms, he ran to a rear window and jumped to the ground, the little girl in his arms. He stood with upraised arms to catch the others as they jumped, but for some reason they failed to follow him and a few minutes later, when another window was broken into, the bedroom in which the girls were sleeping was a mass of flames.

A half-hour later the bodies of the five girls were recovered.

All had died where they lay. The dead are: Bessie, aged 16; Leah, aged 14; Ruth, aged 12; Hazel, aged 9 years; Fern, aged 7 years. The girls will be buried together in one grave tomorrow.

### BERRY CROP FALLS SHORT.

Twelve Hundred Cars Shipped.—Season's Shipment Does Not Come Up To Expectations.

Wilmington, May 22.—The strawberry shipping season in eastern Carolina has practically closed, although there will be a few more scattering car-load shipments and express shipments may continue for probably a week longer. The crop is little under what it was last season and lacks about 300 cars being what it was estimated at the beginning of the season it would be, the short crop being due solely to the unprecedented dry weather which has prevailed throughout the strawberry belt since last September.

Up to Saturday night there had gone forward from this section 1,215 refrigerator cars of strawberries and it is estimated that there will be 25 or 30 more cars to go from this section this week, making the total refrigerator cars 1,240 for the season. Added to this are the express shipments, which would amount to practically 100 refrigerator cars, which makes the crop for the year 1,340 cars.

The estimate for the season was between 1,600 and 1,800 and those in close touch with the berry situation say that this number would have been reached had there been sufficient rain. However, the farmers received considerably more for their crop this year than last, although the shipments were not as heavy by over 100 cars. The average price a crate was over \$3, while last year the average was \$2.

In round numbers the strawberry crop this year netted the truckers in this section \$1,000,000. This is about \$200,000 more than what it was last season.

### Marriage In Smithfield.

Mr. Charley Bryant and Miss Gertrude Talton, a daughter of Mr. James Talton, were married last Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at Smithfield Cotton Mills. The ceremony was performed by Mr. James W. Stephenson.