

**President Bird Heard
By Brevard Kiwanis Club**

President W. E. Bird of Western Carolina Teachers College addressed the Brevard Kiwanis club last Friday evening. His topic was, "I Am An American."

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**TOMPKINS SEES
GOOD PROSPECTS
FOR NOMINATION**

Dan Tompkins, candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, who returned the first of the week from a tour of the Piedmont, expressed himself as being highly gratified with his prospects for nomination. "If I receive the huge vote in the mountains that I anticipate, there is no doubt of the result," Mr. Tompkins stated, "for I have found much strong and enthusiastic support in the large Piedmont counties, and in the east. It is an almost certainty that I will carry at least three of the four largest counties in the Piedmont, and will receive a tremendous vote throughout that whole section of the State."

**SCOTT PREDICTS
HEAVY VOTE IN
DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY**

Kerr Scott paused in his whirlwind campaign long enough this week to predict the largest Democratic Primary vote in history Saturday.

Scott said it would not be surprising if the vote approached 600,000. (The largest previous vote was in 1936 when 516,864 ballots were cast in the first Primary.)

"The people are aroused to the need for a vigorous government in Raleigh, and they are resentful of the efforts of a few officeholders to ram a hand-picked candidate down the throats of Democratic voters," Scott said.

The former Commissioner of Agriculture, who resigned in February before beginning his campaign for Governor, said that he expected the Governor's race to be decided by "independent voters who this year, as never before, are informing themselves about the issues and the qualifications of candidate before deciding how they will cast their ballots."

Scott said he was impressed by the number of people who believe the biggest issue is "whether North Carolina is going to continue going forward as a State, or whether we are going to be content with a lagging ring-controlled government?"

The candidate praised the record of the Democratic Party since Aycock led it to power in 1900, and said that for nearly half a century the Democratic Party has given good government, and that he found the people eager to elect a Governor who would lead the State in continued forward progress.

Scott reiterated his opposition to

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES REACH PEAK IN N. C. LAST QUARTER

Raleigh, May 22 — Both total employment and average weekly wages reached the highest point in history of North Carolina during the last quarter of 1947, exceeding even the war time peak reached in 1942, it is shown in a compilation made by S. F. Campbell, director of Research and Statistics, for Chairman Henry E. Kendall, of the State's Employment Security Commission.

The State's issuing bonds for any purpose until the "surplus tax money now piled up in banks without interest is used for the purposes for which it was collected". He repeated his assertion that the sales tax should be eliminated as soon as possible, and amended immediately to reduce the tax on farm machinery to the same level as the tax on machinery bought for use in industry, and to remove the sales tax entirely from food.

The candidate declared that all indications point to a renewed economic upsurge, spearheaded in North Carolina by 50-cent tobacco and increased industrial production, and that in his opinion State revenues will be sufficient to meet demands for increased State services without increasing taxes.

The average employment for that quarter, subject to the Employment Security Law, was 649,307, or 11 percent above the average for 1946, 23.4 percent above 1945, and 9.8 percent above the peak war year of 1942.

The average weekly wages in the fourth quarter of last year are not comparable with wages in other quarters, due to the practice of including bonuses in the last month's wages on earnings during the entire year. The average weekly wage in the fourth quarter was \$42.03, as compared with \$37.81 for the third quarter, which is nearer an accurate measure of wages.

The compilation shows that average weekly wages in North Caro-

lina increased more than 100 percent since 1939, yet, when compared with the national averages, the relative position of North Carolina has been improved only slightly.

Jackson County, this compilation shows, had total covered employment of 976 workers during the fourth quarter of last year, who received total wages of \$499,810 or an average weekly wage of \$39.38.

Breaking this county's employment down into six major classifications, the compilation reveals the following employment and wages:

Employment	Total Wages	Av. wkly. Wages
Construction	8	5,314 51.08

Manufacture	610	345,859	43.60
Transportation and Communication	30	9,635	
Trade	189	85,363	
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	15	7,809	
Service and other activities	124	45,830	

Cotton as a farm crop is gaining new popularity in many North Carolina counties this year, largely because of new insecticides for boll weevil control.

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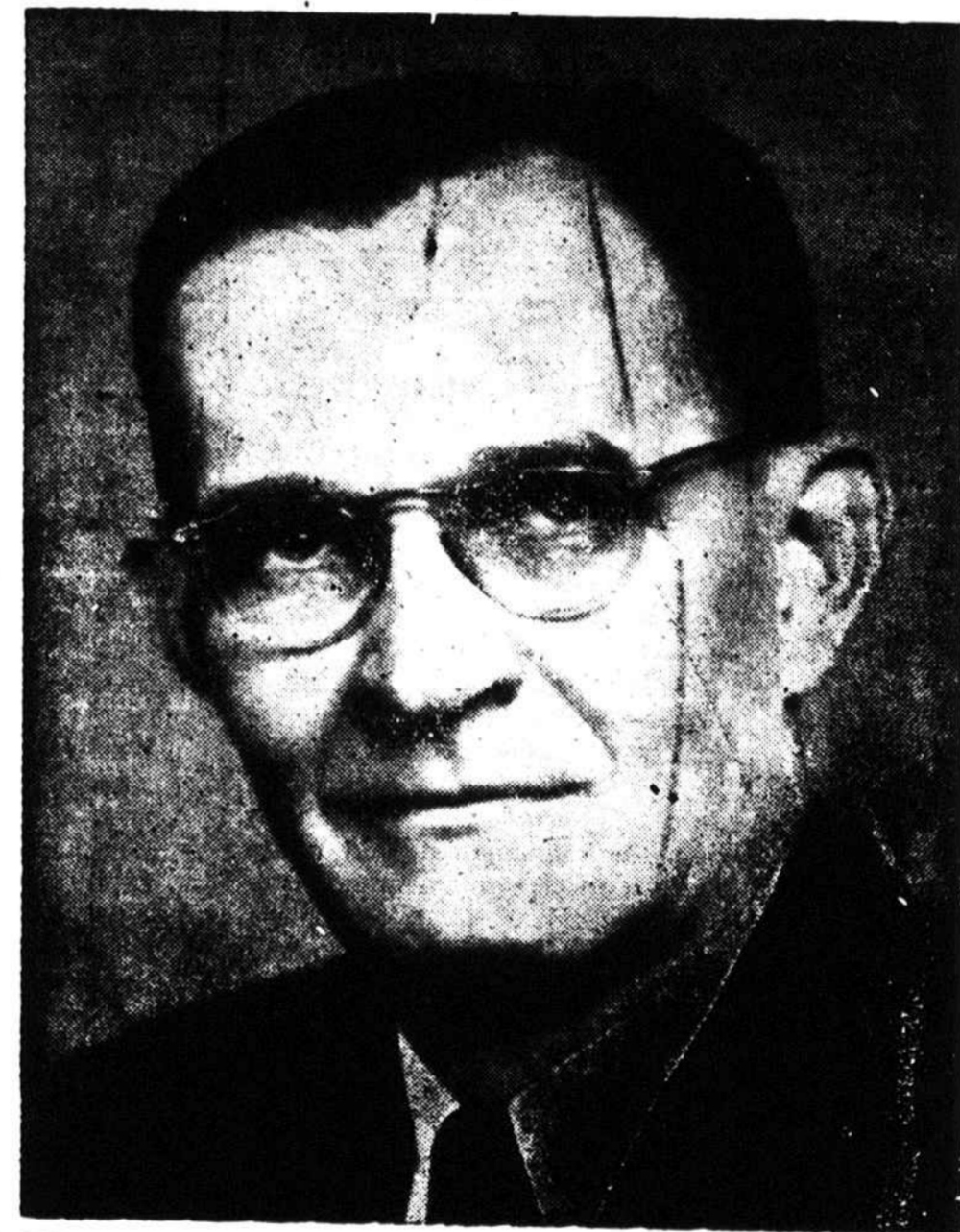
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**SENATOR WILLIAM B. UMSTEAD
of DURHAM
For the United States Senate**

Military Record:

Enlisted United States Army May 1917; Assigned to 317th Machine Gun Battalion, 81st Division; Served in Actual Combat Overseas 8 Months; Discharged April 1919; Active Member Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion (Post Commander 7 years.)

★ **Legislative Record:**

Congressman from 6th District 1932-1938 (retired voluntarily); U. S. Senator since December 18, 1946; Has Supported Every Piece of Progressive Legislation for the Veterans During Entire Washington Career.

With much important Veterans Legislation pending, it is imperative that Senator Umstead be returned to the Senate.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY MAY 29

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**Vote for
Jack F. Cooper**

For Clerk of Court of Jackson County

Jack F. Cooper a former successful Sylva business man has announced that he is still in the race for Clerk of Superior Court of Jackson County, subject to the vote of the people in the Democratic Primary on Saturday.

He is the son of the late Andy Cooper and Mrs. Weaver Cooper Hurst and the grandson of Mrs. Georgia Gibson Cline and the late Bert Cline, also of Jackson County, and a great grandson of the late Billy Conley and a great grandson of the late Finley Gibson, both of Jackson County.

Mr. Cooper is a member of the Woodmen of the World. Served 17 and a half months in CCC camps at Fort Bragg and Aquone in 1933-34 and was honorably discharged at the end of his service.

He has been a member of the Lovedale Baptist church for five years and has been a Sunday School teacher for the past two and a half years.

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