

REPUBLICANS TO HAVE CANDIDATE IN COMING RACE.

According to reports current in Republican circles, Captain R. Kenneth Smathers, prominent Asheville attorney, ex-service officer, former college athletic star, and college professor, will be the Republican candidate for Congress from the Tenth district in this coming election. Captain Smathers, in an interview with representative of the Citizen today, confirmed the report that he would be a candidate, but said that would not make a formal announcement for several weeks.

Captain Smathers is widely known throughout the district and has many friends who are advocating his candidacy. If all the people by name of Smathers are related, and it is said that they are, Captain Smathers is probably related to a thousand or more persons in Buncombe and Haywood counties. He is the son of C. F. Smathers, postmaster of Canton.

Captain Smathers came into prominence in 1916 and 1917 as an athlete at Trinity College now Duke University, at which institution he received his education. He was a commissioned officer during the war and had charge of physical training at one of the army camps. After the war, he became a member of the faculty at Emory University. He has also been very active in the army reserve and is a strong advocate of preparedness and an adequate defense. He is a Captain of Infantry in U. S. Army Reserve.

Captain Smathers is associated in the practice of law with the Hon. George H. Smathers, one of the oldest lawyers in this state. He is a Mason and a Shriner and also a member of Pi Kappa Phi college fraternity, of which organization he is one of its national officers.

THE D. A. R. HAVE MEET.

Mrs. S. L. Stringfield was the charming hostess to the February meeting of the Dorcas Bell Love Chapter D. A. R.

The meeting opened with the flag salute and the ritualistic service.

The memorial committee read resolutions for Miss Jessie Rogers. It was voted to enter a copy of these on the minutes, to send a copy to the local paper, and a copy to Mrs. Chas. Padgett.

A letter was read from Mrs. Bransom, National chairman of memorial fund, stating our two memorial seats would be placed together in the hall.

Mrs. Quinlan reported 16 boys had joined the D. A. R. declamation contest. She asked that a vote of appreciation be sent to Mrs. Kenney for the valuable service rendered in this contest. Mrs. Quinlan also reported she had purchased a North Carolina flag to be presented to the Waynesville Township High School at a cost of \$25.00.

Members were urged to contribute articles to the Crossnore School.

Delegates were elected to the State conference at Charlotte and the National conference in Washington.

The chapter went on record as endorsing the proposition of Judge Finley to the D. A. R.'s of the State.

An invitation was read from Rev. Clarence McClellan inviting the chapter to a George Washington Birthday celebration at Old Calvary Parish, Fletcher, N. C.

The names of Mrs. Ralph Mease and Mrs. H. A. Helder were favorably voted on for membership.

The program of the afternoon was an unusual one, being a group of articles on the life of Washington.

Mrs. T. A. Case had the first paper, "Washington First in War."

Mrs. Veto presented the second, "Washington First in Peace."

Mrs. Secrest presented the third paper, "Washington First in the Hearts of His Countrymen."

These papers showed much careful preparation and proved intensely interesting.

After the meeting adjourned the hostess, assisted by her sister, served a delicious salad course.

LEONA WEAVER LONG, Secretary.

PUTTING IN NEW MATERIAL.

In our composing room there has just been received a large new assortment of ruling devices of the very latest faces. This enables the Waynesville Mountaineer to handle any and all kinds of ruling work. Also the very latest invention in new type—beautiful copperplate gothic series.

We now have an embossing process and our trade is steadily increasing in the embossing and engraving work.

Many firms are now getting all their printing done right here at home where it is more economical and in the majority of cases better designed.

We have the largest stock of envelopes and bond papers and printing trade stock ever carried by a local

printing firm. We invite our patrons to examine our beautiful line of engraving; birth announcements, calling cards, stationery, rubber stamps, stencils and seals.

Our business is growing necessitating more experienced help and better practical printers.

CLYDE RA YREMODELING STORE

The store building owned by Mr. Clyde Ray on Main street, formerly occupied by Sloan-Plott Hardware Company, is being remodeled. New show windows, new brass front, etc. are being put in. This will be a great improvement on the appearance of this store building.

HAYWOOD OLD HOME WEEK.

The movement of an old boys' reunion or Haywood Old Home Week to be held in the county seat sometime in the spring is gaining momentum. Many leading citizens from all over the county are enthusiastically in favor of having such an event.

The plans and program has not been completed as yet, but it is thought that some of the features would be an old time barbecue, horse racing, carnivals and speaking. It is felt that such an event would call for Haywood orators, etc., and that it would not be necessary to call on outside material.

A special program committee will be appointed at an early date and it is pointed out that a mass meeting of all the civic organizations of the whole county, both men and women will be necessary in order to perfect plans. By beginning publicity at once, the general plans, etc., would be spread.

CLASS PARTY HELD FRIDAY NIGHT.

The fifth and sixth grades were entertained at the home of Ben Atkins Friday night. Punch and sandwiches were served to the guests which numbered about fifty.

EIGHTH GRADE GAVE PARTY.

Miss Margaret Ashton delightfully entertained the members of the eighth grade and several additional guests with a party Friday night at her home at Oak Park. Games were enjoyed during the evening, after which punch and sandwiches were served. Those enjoying the party were: Misses Blanche Howell, Frances Ray, Josephine Cabe, Lola Davis, Gladys Justice, Ethel Lunsford, Louise Francis, Opal Ferguson, Anna Jean Plott and Louise Matney. Jimmy Atkins, T. L. Branlett, Jr., Albert Harris, Bob Alley, Jim Boyd, Charles Schell, Milas Ferguson, Jim Sam Caba, Charles Russell, Morgan Francis, June Smathers, Willard Moody and David Hyatt.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT BY D. A. R.

At the D. A. R. meeting held in the home of Mrs. Sam Stringfield, February 18, 1926, the Regent, Mrs. E. B. Camp, presiding, the following memorial was read by Mrs. E. J. Robeson. By motion of the chapter a copy of this memorial is furnished to the sister of Miss Rogers, Mrs. Charles Padgett of Dallas, Texas; a copy to the local paper, the Waynesville Mountaineer, and a copy spread on the minutes of the meeting:

In Memory of Miss Jessie Rogers. In the death of Jessie Howell Rogers, which occurred January 4th, 1926, the Dorcas Belle Love Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, has lost one of its best beloved and most valuable members. The passing means not only loss to the organization, which was dear to her heart, but a loss to the individual members who were her friends.

Of good birth, descended from pioneer ancestry, of an intelligent and intellectual mind, she was in the home and social circle a leader. She had a strength of mind and an independence of spirit which made her prominent in her town and county.

The principles of the D. A. R. appealed to her love of patriotism, and she cherished the members of the past. Yet she stood in the forefront with the women of her generation in the spirit of progress.

During the time she was regent of the Dorcas Belle Love Chapter, it increased in membership and brought to culmination the long desired erection of a tablet to the memory of the Revolutionary Soldiers of Haywood county.

We miss her leadership, her gracious hospitality, her friendship. With tenderness we recall her saddened childhood, when death entered her home time after time, and when in her young womanhood the death of her father left to her the administration of affairs, and the care of her mother.

She bravely carried the burden until the death of her mother left her

broken in mind and body. Shall we not believe "whom God makes lonely, to her He comes most near."

Then wear the chaplet of flowers, and strew the beauties of nature on her grave, console the sorrowing with tender tributes of regret and let us take warning, by this our sorrow for our dead, to be more faithful and affectionate in our duties to the living.

"What is Death? Oh What is Death?"

'Tis December to the weary— 'Tis rest to the forlorn— 'Tis shelter to the dreary— 'Tis peace amid the storm— 'Tis the entrance to our home— 'Tis the passage to that God, Who bids his children come, When their weary course is trod. Such is death. Yes such is death. FANNIE FERGUSON ROBESON, ANNIE GUDGER QUINLAN, MARIA LOVE MITCHELL.

DEATH OF MRS. STACY SJARKS.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. Hardie Sparks on Jan. the 15 and took from them the precious mother and grandmother of the home. She was seventy-two years of age. God had laid the hand of affliction on her and took from her her precious eye sight. But she bore her afflictions with great patience. She always seemed cheerful and happy and always ready to speak a word of comfort to any one in trouble. She had given most of her life working for Jesus. Her footsteps are hushed in the home, her chair is vacant, she is greatly missed in the home and by all the community. But one sweet and happy thought that cheers us is this, that she is gone to live with Jesus, where there will be no more parting, pain or death. And there will be no blind ones there. She is survived by seven children, thirty-three grandchildren and two brothers. The children are: Mrs. Eli Arington, Saunook; Mrs. John Hawkins, Sunburst; J. L. Sparks, Draper, N. C.; W. M. Sparks, of Henderson county; J. M. Sparks, West Eminence, Mo.; A. H. Sparks, Saunook; J. R. Sparks, Fines Creek. The brothers are: Lafayette Brown of Candler and Jesse Brown of Lynchburg, Va.

The interment took place at the Fines Creek cemetery, Rev. D. C. Davis and Rev. Frank Arrington conducted the services. We wish to extend to the many bereaved ones our deepest heartfelt sympathy.

A FRIEND.

FIFTEEN YEARS OF EASTERN NATIONAL FOREST IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The illustrated report of the National Forest Reservation Commission for the past year is available for distribution. This commission, of which Senator Overman of North Carolina is a member, authorizes the purchase of lands for eastern National Forests. The report shows that the Government has acquired 378,175 acres of land for National Forests in the State of North Carolina. This land is administered in two units, each of which is described in detail in the report and which are known as the Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests, their respective headquarters being Asheville and Franklin.

The purchase program of the Government in North Carolina is about 40 per cent completed in the western portion of the State so that upon completion there would be a total of about 900,000 acres of National Forest land within the mountain counties. During the past year additions amounting to 24,418 acres were made in this State. The National Forests are largely located in the following counties: Avery, with 20,000 acres; Burke, 14,800; Caldwell, 25,000; Buncombe, 30,000; Henderson, 18,000; McDowell, 43,000; Macon, 106,000; Madison, 20,000; Transylvania, 62,000; Yancey, 21,000; while there are smaller areas in Cherokee, Clay, Jackson, Swain, Graham and Watauga.

Lands are acquired only within certain definite areas with a view to bringing under Government control large compact bodies which can be easily administered and cheaply protected from fire. Notwithstanding that purchases for eastern National Forests were begun only 15 years ago, and that most of the land acquired has been cut over or culled of its best timber, the report shows that the income from all of these eastern forests last year amounted to \$127,729.00, and this income has amount to more than \$100,000.00 a year for the past seven years. The forests are practically paying their way at present, and soon it is expected will be paying some interest upon their cost.

There is a reserve of more than five billion feet of timber, but the sale of timber is not being pushed, sales being made at present primarily to supply local feeds, to give steady employment to local people, and to salvage old or diseased timber and for improvement purposes. About one-half of one per cent of the total area

of these National Forests was burned over during the preceding year, with total damages amounting to \$4,280.00, the total number of fires being 426. The total cost of the 2,585,076 acres so far acquired in the East amounts to \$4.96 an acre, of which 247,067 acres were acquired last year.

The report can be secured from W. W. Ashe, Secretary, National Forest Reservation Commission, Washington, D. C.

MISS BAND HAS VALENTINE PARTY.

One of the most attractive parties of the Valentine season was given by Miss Elizabeth Bapd on her eleventh birthday anniversary, Friday afternoon.

Games and contests were enjoyed by the children during the afternoon. Marie Plott and Floyd Rippetoe, Jr. won the prizes for making the most words out of Valentine and they were presented with Valentine boxes of candy.

Later in the afternoon the guests were invited in the dining room where they were served delicious refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake which also carried out the Valentine motif.

The table was lovely with the birthday cake and eleven red candles at its center. Red candles in crystal holders were placed at each end of the table. The dainty favors which were baskets filled with red and white mints were at each place.

Those present for the party were: Babbie Way, Hester Ann Withers, Marion McDowell, Baby Sister Mack, Edna Garrett, Marie Plott, Mary Adams Ward, Doris Messer, Hortense Miller, Genevieve Miller, Gladys Dicus, Jewel Hippi, Olivejane Green, Louisa Thackston, Rosalyn Ray, O'Neil Kirk, Catherine Queen, James Harden Howell, Jr., Lester Poteat, Edwin Poteat, George McCracken, Marcus McCracken, Ben Atkins, Sam Stringfield, Jr., Jim Sam Caba, Floyd Rippetoe, Jr.

PERTINENT INFORMATION ON THE CITIZENS' TRAINING CAMPS.

Citizens' Military Training Camps, 1926, Fourth Corps Area, U. S. Army, held at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Fort Orghiothorpe, Georgia, Fort Barrancas, Florida, and Camp McClellan, Alabama.

Time: July 9th to August 7th, inclusive.

Age limits: 17 to 31 years. No enlistment required. Government pays all expenses, including railroad transportation, food clothing, shelter, bedding, medical attention and laundry for thirty (30) days.

Poor boys, as well as wealthy, have an equal chance of attending. Applicants will be sent to camps nearest their homes.

Schools and colleges throughout the United States offer C. M. T. C. Trainees a selection of over 100 scholarships.

Routine in Camp.

Mornings devoted to military drills, including rifle, pistol, machine gun, and Big Gun drills; horsemanship; battle exercises, and citizenship training.

Afternoons devoted to athletics of every character, under expert coaches. Every student must take continuous part in all athletics.

Evenings are devoted to Vesper services, movies, dances, amateur theatricals, and entertainments, and occasionally to field maneuvers.

Church services for all denominations are held Sundays.

150,000 graduates already in the United States; 15,000 of these live in Dixie. 92% of "Dixie" boys who have graduated were high school students.

Our discipline is strict, without guard houses or court martial. Discipline is built up entirely on conscientious enthusiasm.

Major General Johnson Hagood, Commanding the Fourth Corps Area, has announced the program for the Citizens' Military Training Camps for the coming summer.

Camps for the eight Southeastern States will be held at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Fort Orghiothorpe, Georgia, Fort Barrancas, Florida and Camp McClellan, Alabama.

In order to obtain permission to attend, young men should apply to the officer in charge, Citizens' Military Training Camps, Hurt Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Due to shortage of funds there will be only a limited number authorized to attend this year. Each county will be assigned a quota, and previous C. M. T. C. students will be given preference.

The age limits are fixed at 17 to 24 years, for first year men, as heretofore, and 17 to 31 for those who have had previous training. All camps open on Friday, July 9th and close Saturday, August 7th. No material change has been made in the schedule of activities, General Hagood states, and everything pos-

sible will be done to make the camps for 1926 better than ever.

For the interest of young men and parents, General Hagood has asked the Waynesville Mountaineer to announce that training in military subjects will occupy the mornings and every afternoon will be devoted to physical development. Games of all kinds are played and every student is required to participate.

Religious services are held every Sunday in outdoor chapels. All faiths are represented.

North Carolina will be given a quota of 624, divided up among the counties. Last year 398 North Carolinians were accepted.

All North Carolina applicants will go to Fort Bragg, N. C., without exception.

J. H. HOWELL, County Chairman.

BANKERS SURVEY STATE BANK LAWS

Find That Movement for State Guaranty of Bank Has Gone into Eclipse.

New York.—A survey of state banking laws conducted by the State Bank Division of the American Bankers Association shows marked progress toward greater uniformity and more efficient bank supervision, it is declared by Frank W. Simmonds, in charge of the division. In a statement giving the results of the investigation. He says that the movement for state guaranty of bank deposits appears to have gone into eclipse.

"The division has urged that the office of bank commissioner be freed from politics and all other functions of state government and tenure be made more secure with sufficient compensation and discretion to attract men of outstanding ability." Mr. Simmonds says. "Gratifying progress has been made during the past year in important bank legislation in many states. Idaho, Wyoming and Oregon led the list by adopting entirely new modern banking codes, while Texas and Montana have new codes in preparation.

Uniformity Among State Laws

"The survey shows that it is generally agreed there should be a high degree of uniformity among the states in laws dealing with certain fundamental principles of bank organization, regulation and supervision, and that there is a strong tendency in this direction. We find a very definite trend toward increasing the minimum capital requirements of banks to \$25,000; creation of banking boards to act in an advisory capacity with the state bank commissioner, and legislation empowering bank commissioners to take complete charge of insolvent banks and to liquidate them as distinguished from liquidation through the courts.

"We find also a trend toward legislation providing for closer supervision and regulation of building and loan associations; more equitable taxation of bank stock; legislation providing for merger, conversion or consolidation of banking institutions; the legalizing and regulating of what is known as 'departmental banking'; broadening the field for investment of funds of saving banks and trust companies, and increasing the power of the bank commissioner as to granting or denying charters for new banks, and authorizing his making reasonable rules and regulations governing bank management and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof.

"Additional general characteristics of state bank legislation are for increasing the compensation of the bank commissioner and lengthening his term of office of four, five or six years, with power to appoint necessary deputies and examiners; legislation providing for the reduction of mandatory bank calls to three and reducing the number of examinations required by law annually to one; making issuance of worthless checks a misdemeanor; limiting or prohibiting an officer or director of a bank borrowing from his bank unless his collateral is approved by a majority of the board of directors, and limiting or prohibiting the opening of branch banks.

Eclipse of Guaranty Movement

"The question of state guaranty of bank deposits appears this year to have passed into an eclipse, so far as the extension of the idea is concerned, notwithstanding the fact that state guaranty laws were recommended by the governors of two states, and bills were introduced in several of the states, all of which were defeated. The general tendency, so far as state guaranty of deposits laws are concerned, is distinctly the other way, the indications being that several states now having guaranty laws are trying to free themselves from this legislation. Oklahoma has abandoned the plan of state guaranty of deposits, and this year the South Dakota legislature has repealed the state guaranty law and has referred the repeal to the people at the next general election for ratification."

SUCCESS IN AMERICA AN OPEN HIGHWAY

How Four Boys of Humble Origin Have Become Childs of the Greatest Financial Organization in the World.

Broad highways of achievement are wide open to all in America—no matter how humble their beginning. It is brought out by a writer in Forbes Magazine, telling of the successive elevation of poor boys to the chiefship of the most powerful association of financial power in the world.

"Nowhere is opportunity so democratic as in case-free America, nowhere is recognition for faithful service so little conditioned by inherited position and wealth," the article says. "The bounty of America in bestowing her rewards of great success upon those of modest origins is again notably manifest in the rise of Oscar Wells to the chiefship of the American Bankers Association."

"The son of a tanner, John H. Pfeilcher, was elected to this eminence in 1923. Circumstances ended his public schooling in the seventh year and he went to work in a carpet store in Milwaukee. At sixteen he entered a bank as a clerk, rising step by step until he became president. Recognition of his abilities as a banker and civic service through public education in sound economic understanding brought him the highest reward from his profession.

"A former country school teacher, Walter W. Head, born in a farm hamlet in Western Illinois, was elected president of the association in 1923. He gave up teaching and a salary of \$75 to enter banking at \$40 a month in a small Missouri town. He subsequently became president of a bank in Omaha, the largest in Nebraska and a dozen neighboring states. The position he occupied in advancing agricultural welfare during the period of depression led to his being called the 'Granger President of the American Bankers Association.'

"From Irish immigrant lad to supreme head of banking in America epitomizes the career of William E. Knox, president of one of the largest savings banks of the country in New York. His business career began as an office boy in a publishing house, and he later entered the bank as a clerk. Experience with humble people in their problems of personal finance and his incalculation of economy in all matters attracted country-wide attention.

"Oscar Wells, who rises in 1925 as successor of these men, was born in an old weather-boarded log cabin house in the Missouri River bottoms of Platte County, Missouri. He became an orphan when three years of age, losing his parents in an epidemic that ravaged the countryside. He passed under the care of an uncle, head of a small country bank in Platte City, a town of a few hundred inhabitants, growing up on a farm and receiving his early education in a rural school. He later entered Bethany College, West Virginia, but at the end of his junior year he had to quit college and go to work in the bank."

His subsequent career was one of steady progress, first to higher positions among small country banks, then to larger city banks in Texas, where he rose to the top. In 1914 he was chosen first governor of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank and served through the opening period of the establishment of that institution. He resigned to become president of a bank in Birmingham, Alabama, which has grown under his administration to be one of the largest and most successful institutions in the South.

HUGE GROWTH IN SCHOOL SAVINGS

New York.—School savings in the United States for the year 1924-1925 increased in aggregate bank balances by \$5,500,000, with a growth of 630,000 in the total number of pupils participating. It is shown in reports made to the American Bankers Association, which declares that the returns encourage belief in the permanence of school savings as a part of the educational program in the public schools.

During the year the number of reporting school savings systems increased from 653 in 742 districts to 760 in 1,657 districts, the number of schools from 9,080 to 10,163, the number of pupils participating from 2,236,326 to 2,869,497, the deposits from \$14,991,535.46 to \$16,961,560.72 and the bank balances from \$20,435,144.64 to \$25,913,431.15, says W. E. Albig, in charge of the Association's savings activities.

Since 1920, the first year for which comprehensive statistics are available, the number of schools having school savings banking has increased 37.4 per cent, the enrollment in school savings districts 37.8 per cent, participants 50.2 per cent, deposits 106.1 per cent and bank balances 518.8 per cent.