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Johnson Gives Platform In Burgaw Speech



Charles M. Johnson, Democratic candidate for Governor, is busy answering the telephone these days as he prepares to carry his campaign into every section of North Carolina. He is shown above at his campaign headquarters in the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh. Mr. Johnson said he was pleased with the reports of support he is receiving from "all areas."

Heard by more than 2000 people in his home county of Pender, Charlie Johnson formerly launched his candidacy for Governor of North Carolina Tuesday night in the auditorium of the Burgaw high school and was heard over the State via radio.

Rev. P. L. Clark, venerable Presbyterian minister of Burgaw offered the invocation. Clifton L. Moore presided as Master of Ceremonies.

Prior to the speaking, barbecue, weighing in the thousands of pounds was served the multitude. Earlier in the day a motorcade met Mr. Johnson at Clinton and escorted him to Burgaw.

The following is the text of his address:

I am happy to be home tonight, among old friends and neighbors. It does my heart good to feel that I have your wholehearted loyal support in my race for Governor. As I look about me tonight, I am moved to say in the words of Peter on the Mount of Transfiguration: "It is good for us to be here!"

In the brief time allotted on the radio, it is impossible for me to discuss every phase of my platform. I do, however, desire in this fifteen minute period to touch upon the main issues involving roads, schools, agriculture, development of natural resources, growth of industry, our program for the handicapped and underprivileged, problems of local government, and the over-all fiscal policy of the State. In other addresses, I will go into more detail and discuss other issues as they arise.

If this can be considered the opening gun of my campaign, I wish to assure you that it is fired in all good will and that I am aiming at a great goal - the welfare and happiness of all the people of North Carolina.

At the very outset, let me make one fact unmistakably clear. I am running for Governor of North Carolina in my own right and on my own platform. I am not the candidate of any political faction or group, I have made - and will make - no commitment or political connections that will fetter in the slightest my fullest liberty of action. It is my intention to discuss the issues of the day and my own record of public service, and not to indulge in personalities.

The next four years will be difficult for our nation and our state. The international situation at this moment is ominous. I say this without any wish to arouse needless fears. We can only hope and pray that the foreign policies of our national government will succeed in establishing peace and prosperity for our country and for a confused and jittery world.

At home we are enjoying an unprecedented prosperity. Even the wisest, however, do not know how long these conditions will continue and what will follow them in the way of a business recession.

Democratic party has given good government to North Carolina. I am proud of that record! I desire to see it continued.

I am neither a prophet nor a maker of rash promises. I realize that what we can and will do during the next four years in North Carolina in expanding the services of the state government to the people will be affected by the international situation and the prevailing economic conditions.

But there are certain advances which I desire for North Carolina and which I will strive earnestly to bring to pass. It is about these advances in state government I wish to speak frankly to you. They are obtainable without the necessity of additional taxes and without departing from the principles of sound fiscal administration.

The most important activity of the state government is the school system. Upon it we are now expending roughly two-thirds of our general fund operating budget. We cannot build a great state without an adequate school system that brings to every child in every section, however isolated, a genuine equality of educational opportunity.

As State Treasurer, it has been my duty - my extremely pleasant duty - to serve as a member of the State Board of Education. This service has given me an insight into the needs of our school system. First of all, I wish to see the State pay salaries that will attract and hold in the State's services the most competent and consecrated teachers. To accomplish this, there must be a substantial increase in teachers' salaries.

In the second place, we must lighten the teachers' pupil load. We can find no satisfaction in the fact that in the number of children per teacher North Carolina ranks at the absolute bottom of the states of the Union. A reduction in the pupil load can be accomplished only through the employment of more teachers. This will cost money, but it will be money well spent.

Our school buildings in North Carolina in many instances are grossly inadequate and many of them are unsafe and insanitary. In all too many instances, the local communities are unable with their own unaided financial resources to provide suitable structures.

Some of the surplus now in hand in the State treasury should be used in aiding less fortunate communities, particularly rural areas, to provide adequate buildings. I am not advocating or suggesting that the state assume all of the costs of school construction. But a reasonable amount of the surplus, distributed among the communities according to their needs and financial abilities, is the counsel of wisdom at this time.

I approve the medical care program, but I want to see the state take a further step. We should

Eastern Star Installation Held In Kenansville

The officers of Kenansville Eastern Star Chapter No. 215 were installed in a lovely and impressive public ceremony Tuesday, March 23rd.

The Chapter room was decorated beautifully with southern smilax and candelabra with burning tapers and an electric star was placed in the East.

The outgoing Worthy Matron, Mrs. Mattie Sadler, retired from the East with some farewell remarks and her son Emory presented each of the officers a gift.

The incoming Worthy Matron, Mrs. Thelma Stroud, presented Mrs. Sadler a corsage of red carnations and the officers presented her a lovely tray.

Mrs. Pearl McGowen, Supreme Rainbow Deputy, was presented a pin from the Grand Chapter for her outstanding work.

The installing officers were presented: Marshall, Pannie Rhodes; Chaplain, Bessie Kornegay; Patron, Faison McGowen; Organist, Sallie Aldridge.

The following officers were installed for the ensuing year: Worthy Matron, Thelma Stroud; Worthy Patron, Dempsey Smith; Associate Matron, Sallie Eva Tyndall;

Associate Patron, J. M. Jerritt; Secretary, Ruby G. Newton; Treasurer, Kate Quinn; Marshall, Alice Gates Davis; Chaplain, Matoaka Westbrook; Conductress, Ella Gooding; Associate Conductress, Mary Jewel Dotson; Adah, Edna Earle Brinson; Ruth, Margaret Westbrook; Esther, Christine Williams; Martha, Sallie Ingram; Electa, Thelma Murphy; Warder, Myrtle Quinn; Sentinel, Nannie Sue Westbrook.

Mrs. Stroud was presented a corsage by her mother who also presented her son, Dempsey Smith the new Worthy Patron a boutonniere. Thelma Murphy presented a corsage to Mrs. Ruby Newton, the new official secretary of the chapter. Mrs. Stroud's son, James, presented a basket of flowers to each Star Point. Mrs. Stroud also remembered her mother, Mrs. Sallie Westbrook with a lovely plant, it being her birthday.

Prior to the installation a bountiful picnic supper was enjoyed in the recreation room, downstairs by the Stars and their friends.

F. W. McGowen welcomed the guests and Paul Ingram responded. Members of the Mt. Olive Chapter also attended.

Tractor Safety Switch Invented

Estel M. Warren, of the Warren Safety Appliance Company of Clinton, has invented and perfected one of the greatest safety devices ever devised to prevent the overturn of tractors in heavy pulls or on steep inclines. The device is an automatic Safety Switch, mounted on the side of the motor.

This switch does not interfere with the normal operation of a tractor, but acts only when the tractor is on an incline too steep for safe operation, or when the front end of the tractor leaves the ground. It will last the life of the tractor. The Safety Switch can be set to cut off the ignition at any desired angle of tilt.

Mr. Warren has worked on this invention for months, tests have been made, and designs have been changed until the switch has been perfected. He has a patent pending on the device, and hopes to have it on the market in 60 days. Motion pictures have been made in actual operation, and have been shown in different parts of North Carolina.

Farmers have taken great interest in the Safety Switch, and the dealers that have been contacted are very enthusiastic. The device will cost the consumer under \$20. Mr. Warren says he doesn't see how a tractor owner could afford to be without one of these Life Savers, especially when so many children are operating tractors today.

Hundreds of people are killed or injured on farm machinery every year, and Warren says he feels that his invention will be a great factor in saving many lives in the future.

Revised Schedule Auto Inspections

The Mechanical Inspection Division today announced a revised schedule for lanes 30 and 53.

Lane 30, which will inspect vehicles in Wayne, Duplin, and Jones counties, has added Mount Olive and Wallace to its schedule; and Lane 33, to cover Pitt, Craven, and Carteret counties, has added Morehead City.

The revised schedule for Lane 30, which has already been to Kenansville and Goldsboro is as follows:

Mount Olive - April 1-8;
Trenton - April 10-15;
Wallace - April 17-24;
Kenansville - April 27-May 11;
Goldsboro - May 13-June 3;
Mount Olive - June 5-10;
Trenton - June 12-19;
Wallace - June 21-29;
George H. Best is Supervisor of Lane 30.

BOB GRADY SAYS

Tuesday Night, 12 M.

I have just returned from Burgaw to hear Charlie Johnson formally announce his candidacy for governor. I was proud to see quite a number of distinguished Duplin citizens there, among them Dallas Herring, Charlie's Duplin campaign manager, Judge Henry Stevens, Sheriff Ralph Jones, Commissioners George Bennett and A. C. Hall, Supt. of Schools, O. P. Johnson, Mayor of Wallace, Willard Hoffer.

As I sat listening to Charlie's speech - I had already read it - I began reminiscing. When I was a kid I spent quite a bit of my summers in Burgaw. Back in those days Charlie was Deputy Clerk of Court. Each day I would go in the clerk's office and Charlie would take me to the drug store and buy me a coca cola. They were the "good old days."

If my paper is worth a *?x*x*— No, I can't say that because by mother-in-law called me down last week, but if I can I'm going to pay for those coca colas and I believe Duplin will back me up.

A few days ago I received a postal card postmarked Warsaw, urging me to vote for Kerr Scott. On the front of the card was a picture of Scott, across the end from the stamp was a notation that I sign my name and send it to a friend. That was alright. But I wonder why the sender didn't sign his or her name. Ashamed?

To Whom It May Concern

The Wallace Baptist Church, in conference, on the 14th day of March, 1948, having unanimously adopted a resolution favoring securing a sufficient number of qualified voters to sign a petition calling for an election for the purpose of outlawing beer in Duplin County, according to the Statute passed by the General Assembly of 1947. And in said conference, we, the undersigned committee, were appointed for the purpose of working together with other interested individuals or groups in carrying out the above resolution.

Wherefore, we, the committee, do call a meeting of all the citizens in Duplin County who are interested to meet with us on the eighth day of April, 1948, at 8 o'clock P. M. at the Wallace Baptist Church for the purpose of perfecting an organization.

Ralph Carlton,
M. N. Tashaw,
J. A. Powers,
Mrs. William Brice, Sr.



Hundreds of flower lovers from Kenansville and Duplin County will attend the Azalea Festival in Wilmington April 9, 10, and 11.

"Azalea" is not merely a name for a festival. Wilmington and its neighboring plantations will have a million of azaleas in bloom at that time, a profusion of blossoms to delight the most eager appreciator of beauty. The center of azaleas in Wilmington is the plantings around Lake Greenfield, a beautiful lake centering an attractive city park and surrounded by gorgeous azaleas. To these are added thousands of plantings at private homes and in other parks of the city.

Just outside Wilmington are two plantations that have earned national favor for beauty. On the road from Wilmington to Wrightsville Beach is the Airie plantation where azaleas abound and where formal gardens and wonderful trees make up a scene visited again and again each year by those who understand how the beauties of nature can be enhanced by planning and arrangement. On the highway between Wilmington and Southport, known as the river road, is another mecca of beauty lovers, the Orton plantation. The Orton mansion was built in 1725 and is one of the historic landmarks of the South. The plantation is ably managed and the beauty of its gardens, trees, and flowers is a rich reward for the visitor. Both of these plantations feature azaleas.

In addition to the million of azaleas Wilmington is offering on these days an outstanding program. Friday will feature a Flower Show at the Community Center visits to the azaleas, and a community singing in the evening at the Legion Stadium.

Saturday morning at 11 o'clock there will be staged the Azalea Festival Parade along a length of down town streets permitting the visitors to see the parade entries. The highlight of the parade is the

Printing Costs Are Expected To Go Up

Newspaper publishers have been told they may expect further increases in the price of newsprint. The warning was made by Cranston Williams, manager of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, in an address to the New Jersey Press Association.



(Cuts above through Courtesy Wilmington Star-News)

queen, Jacquelin White, a popular movie starlet from Hollywood, (shown on this page), and her court of beautiful attendants. The "Queen For A Day", selected by the mutual network program, will be another royal guest of the festival. In the parade will be many attractively decorated floats, with azaleas prominent in the decorations. Filling out the parade will be troops from Fort Bragg and Marines from Camp Lejeune, and their bands.

Saturday afternoon at Greenfield Lake there will be a band concert, combining the beauties of nature and music.

The climax of the festival will be the Azalea Festival Ball Saturday night in the Lumina ballroom at Wrightsville Beach honoring the Festival Queen and her attendants. Assisting in honoring the queen will be Governor R. Gregg Cherry, Carl Goerch, publisher of State magazine; Ted Malone world popular radio commentator who broadcasts from the festival Friday morning, and other distinguished visitors to the gala event.

On Sunday the many visitors will be free to make more leisurely visits to Greenfield Lake and the plantations, with the time to enjoy in full the beauties only to be found in and around Wilmington. The Azalea festival at Wilmington, April 9, 10, and 11 is an occasion no lover of beauty in Duplin county will want to miss.

ers are more interested in continuity of supply than in price, but after all, the price cannot continue to go up indefinitely without having an important bearing in the cost of producing a newspaper.

The Duplin District Court of Honor, Boy Scouts of America, will be held in the courthouse in Kenansville on Friday evening, April 2nd, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Bob Wolf, scout executive for Tuscarora Council will be in charge of the meeting.

"It is my opinion," Williams said, "that further advances in prices may be expected unless publishers individually talk with their sources of supply, outlining the great increases in publication costs for the newspapers including payrolls as well as newsprint."

"I have yet to find a publisher who does not tell me that those increases in the cost of producing newspapers makes it very difficult for publishers to continue to absorb more newsprint price increases. We do know that many publish-