

Tar Heel People & Issues . . .

Cliff eyes the reluctant 'patriots' waiting to be called as candidates

By Cliff Blue

STAG BALLENTINE . . . State Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. (Stag) Ballentine has been quoted in the newspapers as saying he is available as a candidate for governor in 1964, but that he had no plans for seeking the nomination. Stag Ballentine is an able, down-to-earth, plain speaking sort of a man, who would make a good governor. For several years Stag has been mentioned as a possible candidate for governor and back in 1948—16 years ago—he gave serious consideration to making the race before running for Commissioner of Agriculture when Kerr Scott (then Commissioner of Agriculture) tossed his hat in the race for governor.

Should Stag decide to enter the race for governor he will have a valuable assistant in his able, efficient and attractive wife, Bessie, who is the N. C. Automobile Dealers Association Executive Secretary of the association.

COMMISSIONER . . . Should Ballentine run for governor, Jim Graham who is manager of the Raleigh Farmers Market is regarded as a certain candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture. Another person who would probably be in the race is Robert Scott of Haw River, son of the former Governor and U. S. Senator, W. Kerr Scott.

CHANCE . . . In past years we have had many able men mentioned as candidates for governor — men of greater ability than some who have run and won, but they did not become candidates because of the chance they would have had to take. "Politics is a fickle mistress" to quote Gov. Sanford, and we have long considered that being willing to take a chance is a major factor in adding up what it takes to be a success in politics.

Of course, and this is basic, it is useless and folly to take the chance unless you first possess the fundamental qualities to fulfill the responsibilities of the office to which you aspire. We are just trying to say: "Nothing ventured, nothing gained."

KURFEES . . . Marshall Kurkrees, former mayor of Winston-Salem is an unusual person

in many respects. Marshall has run for numerous offices to be defeated, but he always gets up and starts fresh again. Before being elected Mayor of Winston-Salem he ran for the State House one or more times. While serving as Mayor of Winston-Salem he ran for the U. S. Senate against Sam Ervin and for Congress against Ralph Scott.

Last spring Marshall retired voluntarily from the Winston-Salem mayor's post and now he is heading up the Winston-Salem "Committee For A Model Community," as a full-time paid director. Marshall has enlisted the cooperation and assistance of businessmen, ministers in his round-the-clock drive to make Winston-Salem a "model community."

SOLDIERS & GENERALS . . . Prominently displayed in the of-

fice of O. Arthur Kirkman in High Point is this timely quotation from Oliver Wendell Holmes: "One must be a soldier before one can be a general." Some are wondering if Arthur will be the general to lead Guilford back into the Democratic fold!

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Carrington Smith to head 'dimes drive' again

The appointment of E. Carrington Smith, Chapel Hill, as County Director of the 1963 March of Dimes was announced by the State March of Dimes Chairman, Mr. Wendell H. Eysenbach of Winston-Salem.

In accepting the Directorship, Mr. Smith pointed out that January marks the 25th Anniversary of The National Foundation (March of Dimes) which was founded by the late President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, in 1938.

The National Foundation launched its expanded program to include birth defects and arthritis in 1959 while promising

to continue significant aid to polio victims. The much larger portion of March of Dimes funds is still being expended for polio victims, according to the campaign director.

The most recent Treatment Center is the North Carolina Birth Defects Special Treatment Center which received official approval from The Foundation, and grants from over 70 North Carolina Chapters, on Nov. 6. The new center is being established at the University of North Carolina Medical School, Chapel Hill, and will serve the entire state.

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mirror so often and they wouldn't feel so riled up about old and ugly faces, as one sees only what he or she wants to see.

Wisdom and vision does not appear in every one however, it takes age, with wisdom, together with the young, with a strong back and willing mind and hearts, to run this cock-eyed world. I cannot visualize a world that doesn't have both.

There is entirely too much emphasis placed on old age. It seems that certain groups are trying to place the older citizens in a helpless category; not realizing they themselves will someday be in this class. Who has the vision and wisdom to tell the difference between atomic age and old age?? We have both at the present.

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