

Sanford Says Chances Of Beating Ervin Look Better All The Time

RALEIGH--Former governor Terry Sanford said Friday his chances of defeating Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr. in the May 4 Democratic Primary "are looking better all the time," but added he will not reach a decision on running "for the next couple of weeks."

During a luncheon at the Carolina Hotel Sanford named six persons to help him decide whether Ervin can be replaced "at this time."

The six persons are from the camps of the three major candidates for governor in 1964.

They are Mrs. Fred Y. Campbell of Waynesville, Clint Newton of Shelby, Archie Taylor of Lillington, Tom Covington of Richmond

College, Tom Gilmore of Guilford County and Sonny McLawhorn of East Carolina University.

Sanford said there are no "hard and fast" factions of the Democratic Party in North Carolina and added that each campaign is a "new ball game."

"A key consideration in the former governor's decision to run for the Senate will be the results of a poll which he expects to have in a week or 10 days.

Sanford said he had told several thousand North Carolinians in a letter sent out last week why he would like to be in the U. S. Senate and asked their advice on whether he should run.

The luncheon Friday, he said, was an attempt to draw together people who voted for each of the candidates in the 1964 election, "along with some of the young people."

Mrs. Campbell, who served on the Board of Conservation and Development during Sanford's term as governor, supported Governor Dan K. Moore in 1964.

Newton, a former member of the State Highway Commission, backed L. Richardson Preyer in the 1964 primary. Taylor was active in the campaign of Judge I. Beverley Lake.

Gilmore is a former state president of Young Democratic Clubs.



AT HOME. Lieutenant Governor Bob Scott tries to keep his weekends free of business and campaigning for Governor. He tries to save week-ends for his family. Shown here and catching up on events are, in the usual order, Mary, 11, Jan, 4, Susan, 10, Mrs. Scott, Meg, 11 (she and Mary are twins), Bob Scott, and W. Kerr Scott, 9 and named for his grandfather, the "Squire of Haw River."

Bob Scott Announces Candidacy For Governor

RALEIGH, Jan. 10--Lieutenant Governor Robert W. (Bob) Scott today announced his candidacy for Governor of North Carolina.

Scott's formal announcement was made here this morning in the Sir Walter Hotel's Virginia Dare Ballroom. His headquarters are on the hotel's third floor. A press conference followed his announcement.

Scott's announcement was brief. He said he was aware of the "awesome responsibility" of a Governor.

Rather than project a platform, he said he would "spell out" as his campaign progresses, his views on law

and order, highways, highway safety, education and other subjects in which North Carolinians are concerned.

Close by as he spoke were his wife, Jessie Rae, and their five children. His mother, Mrs. W. Kerr Scott, and his brother, Osborne Scott, also were present.

Others attending included members of the General Assembly who had served with the Lieutenant Governor in two legislative sessions, 1965 and 1967, members of various organizations to which Scott belongs, Democratic officials from his native Alamance County, and people who had been active in the campaigns of his father, the

late Governor and U. S. Senator W. Kerr Scott.

Also attending were many who had been involved in Scott's campaign four years ago when he led the ticket for contested offices.

Scott, 38, is making his second state-wide political campaign. He was front-runner in the two primaries and the general election in 1964, and got 315,994 votes.

Scott is a dairy farmer and has other business interests. He is owner and general manager of Melville Farms, a 2,000-acre dairy operation in Alamance County, Haw River, N. C. He is a director of the North State Bank, of Haw River, and is president of Broadcasting Services of North Carolina, which operates a radio station in Granite Falls.

Scott was Master of the North Carolina State Grange, 1961-63, and he and his wife were the National Grange "Young Couple of the Year" in 1964. He was president of the North Carolina Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers in 1957, and is a member of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation.

Scott is a member of the North Carolina State Board of Education and has been chairman of United Forces for Education in North Carolina. He was chairman of the parks committee, State Board of Conservation and Development, 1961-64, and has been a member of the Kerr Reservoir Development Commission and the North Carolina Seashore Commission.

During the Korean War he was an enlisted man in the Counter Intelligence Corps and served mostly in Japan.

He is a member of Hawfields Presbyterian Church, which was established some 200 years ago. He was a deacon in 1953-63 and has been an elder since 1963.

Scott attended Hawfields Grade School, Alexander Wilson School, where he played football and basketball, Duke University, and North Carolina State University, from which he was graduated in 1952.

He is a life-long Democrat. He has been a precinct chairman, vice chairman for Alamance County, and member of the State Solicitorial District Executive Committee.

Appalachian Road Bids To Be Opened Jan. 23

Highway Commissioner W. Curtis Russ said last Wednesday bids will be received until January 23 on the first 12 miles of construction of the Appalachian Development Highway from the Tennessee line east in Cherokee County.

The new highway will generally follow the path of US 64. Russ said two lanes will be added to the present road in some places while in others four new lanes will be built.

The bids will be opened by the State Highway Commission on January 23 in Raleigh.

The Commission, after reviewing the bids, will award contracts for the work on February 2.

The work is to be divided into six mile sections. A third six mile stretch will be put under contract later to complete the road from the state line to Murphy.

Russ said the Commission is prepared to begin work on

all Appalachian Development Highways in North Carolina as soon as Federal funds for each project are made available.

"As fast as they release the money, we're ready to put it to work," he said.

Russ said expenditures for highways in Cherokee County set a record during the past 30 months.

An audited report showed money spent or appropriated for Cherokee County totaled \$3,259,000 during the period. In the past six months, some \$419,000 has been appropriated for specific projects in the county.

The cost of the Appalachian highway is not included in the figures, Russ said.

He added that several other major projects are planned for Cherokee County and engineering is being pushed on them now.

The State Highway Commission put a record total of \$140 million of work under contract across the state in 1967.

Low Rate On Airmail Packages To Overseas Servicemen Offered

Packages up to 30 pounds for American military personnel served by Army and Fleet Post Offices overseas now can be sent by air transportation at special low rates, Postmaster Joe Ray pointed out today.

"Area residents using this new airlift service will get much faster delivery on parcels to military personnel overseas," Ray said. He said the airlift is available on a space-available basis upon payment of the domestic parcel post surface rate plus a flat \$1 fee.

Packages weighing up to

30 pounds and not more than 60 inches in combined length and girth qualify for the new special airlift rate, Ray said.

Postal patrons can get the airlift service on packages mailed to all military personnel at APO and FPO addresses overseas, and in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Ray noted that the new airlift also applies to parcels mailed back to the States by servicemen from these military post offices.

Parcels on which the \$1 fee is paid get air transportation all the way--from here to the port of embarkation, and

from there to the overseas base. Postal patrons formerly had to pay air parcel post rates to get similar service, Ray said.

He said that in many instances the new airlift rates are considerably below comparable air parcel post charges. He cited these examples:

A mother here sending a 15-pound package to her son in Vietnam pays \$4.30 for the new airlift service. The air parcel post rate for the same package is \$12.08.

An eight-pound package going from here to Frankfurt, Germany, costs \$2.30 under the airlift service. The air parcel rate is \$4.70.

Ray pointed out, however, that it is not always to the mailer's advantage to use the airlift service. On some light packages air parcel post rates may be lower than the airlift charges.

"Postal patrons should check with the Post Office for information on the best way to mail parcels to servicemen overseas," Ray emphasized.

The new airlift service went into effect January 7. It was authorized under the postal rate bill signed into law December 16 by President Johnson.

Postmaster Ray explained that the regular postage on parcels mailed to servicemen overseas is based on the distance the package is hauled within the U. S.

Until January 7, airlift for parcels to servicemen overseas was restricted to packages weighing up to five pounds. Upon payment of the regular parcel post rates, these packages get surface transportation to the port of embarkation and are airlifted from there to the overseas posts on a space-available basis.

There is no charge for this partial airlift and overseas parcels weighing up to five pounds will continue to receive this service, Ray said.

Farmers To Receive Report Of Payments

Farmers will benefit from a new reporting service which has been inaugurated by ASCS, Don Taylor Chairman of the ASC County Committee announced today.

A report of payments made to each farmer under ACP, Feed Grain and other direct payment programs during 1967 will be mailed to the farmer during the latter part of January. This report is expected to be helpful in preparing individual income tax returns. The same information must also be furnished to the Internal Revenue Service in accordance with a requirement of law.

If an error is discovered, the nearest ASCS county office should be contacted to have the mistake corrected.

Bloodmobile To Be Here

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Murphy Power Board Building next Wednesday from 1 to 5:30 p.m.

Plant Named For Edgar Johnson

A water treatment plant for the city of Raleigh has been named in honor of Edgar M. Johnson, a native of the Hothouse section of Cherokee County.

Johnson retired on December 30, 1966 after serving as Director of the Public Utilities Department in Raleigh since 1947. He had been employed by the city since 1938.

He is the son of the late Tom and Rosa Johnson of the Hothouse Community.

Johnson attended elementary school in Cherokee County and graduated from Morganton, Ga. High School. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering at the University of North Carolina in 1926. He also did some post graduate work specializing in sanitary engineering at UNC.

He is married to the former Miss Annie Lee Winston of Franklinton, N. C. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

Council On Aging Makes Local Grant

RALEIGH, N. C. -- A grant of \$20,000 has been approved to enrich the lives of the older citizens of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and Swain Counties.

The grant, made by the Governor's Coordinating Council on Aging, goes to Four Square Community Action, Inc., in Andrews which directs the program for older citizens in the four counties. It duplicates a grant of the same size made by the Council to this group last year.

"The Four Square people have done a remarkable job with the money given them last year," according to Eddie Brown, Executive Director, who announced the new grant. "They have gone out into all the communities in that area and organized senior citizen clubs."

"Nine months ago when the first grant was made there

were no such clubs. Now there are 28, with the largest one having a membership of 150. In all the clubs there is now a membership of 1700, out of a senior citizen population in the four counties of about 3500.

Under the leadership of Don Gregory, senior citizens director of Four Square, the clubs have set up arts and crafts activities that are designed to bring increased income to the individual members.

"The people have gone out to various industries in the area," according to Brown, "and gathered scraps of yarn, cloth, and wood. From these they make pot-holders, magazine racks, stools, handbags, and quilts. Then once a week they hold sales of their handiwork."

Editorial

We Shall Overcome Udall, Perhaps!

We shall overcome, perhaps!

At least there is reason to believe that Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall might be forced to back down on his unreasonable veto of the Transmountain Road from Bryson City to Townsend, Tenn.

An Associated Press story out of Washington a few days ago carried an account of Stew being overridden in a case in California.

Udall joined with many conservation leaders to bottle up the development of a \$35 million recreational complex at Mineral King, Calif.

The opposition was based on the grounds that this project would destroy natural beauty resources and create problems of land erosion and stream pollution, AP reported.

Sound familiar? Anyway, Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman said steps would be taken to preserve esthetic values and to prevent erosion and stream pollution.

It seems to us that if these precautions can be taken in the California project, which includes the Sequoia National Forest, similar steps can be assured here to protect the natural beauty of our Great Smokies at the same time give us the road we need and the road the Federal government owes the people of Swain County.

The story of the California project is heartening to us because it indicates that Udall's word is not necessarily law.

We hope the people of western North Carolina will keep this in mind and keep fighting for the Transmountain Road. We owe ourselves nothing less than a total effort to overcome.

Highlands Paper

Sale Announced

The Highlander of Highlands, N. C. has been purchased by The Franklin Press, Inc., effective Jan. 1, 1968.

The announcement was made jointly by Mrs. Martha M. Goode, former owner of the Macon County weekly, and Jack T. Owens of Murphy, President of Franklin Press, Inc.

Mrs. Goode will continue to serve as editor and general manager of the newspaper. No change in policy or staff is planned. Owens has been named publisher.

The Franklin Press, Inc. also publishes The Franklin Press of Franklin and The Graham Star of Robbinsville.

Local Needs Demand Improved Government

Raleigh ---"For almost a century, we have operated local government under the plan established by the 1868 Constitution. Such a plan worked well until a few years ago, but it is so obsolete today that a crisis will exist within a few years," says a member of the General Assembly. Rep. Sam Johnson made this observation as a member of the Local Government Study Commission.

The Commission was established by the 1967 General Assembly in recognition of the need to take a broad look at the role and function of the county government in North Carolina. The Commission is well-balanced in membership from throughout the state. Johnson from Wake and Senator Jack White from Cleveland are co-chairmen. Rep. Julian Fenner of Nash is secretary. Other members are: M. C. Benton, Jr., Mayor of Winston-Salem, Sen. Thomas R. Bryan, Sr. of Wilkes, Rep. Robert Z. Falls of Cleveland, Rep. Herschel S. Harkins of Buncombe, Sen. J. J. Harrington of Bertie, Frank Holding of Johnston, Rep. Roberts H. Jernigan, Jr. of Hertford, Forrest Lockey of Moore, Dr. Robert S. Rankin of Durham, Sen. LeRoy G. Simmons of Duplin, Rep. James R. Sugg of Craven, and J. Weldon Weir of Buncombe.

For some three months, the Commission has studied the history of local government, and during 1968 it will divide its work into two areas. Short-ranged objectives will be new rules for the legislature to follow in establishing more uniform policy regarding local government problems and constitutional amendments to give greater authority for

local government units to work together.

Long-ranged objectives include the development of a new type of local government unit to serve in urban areas and a gradual rewriting of statutes affecting cities and counties.

"The Commission needs to continue for several years to help shape policy in the State and to make bold advances in the concept of service with an economical use of the tax dollar. This is a non-partisan effort that should cut across political groups, and special feelings of any local group, to attain a united effort at the grass roots level," stated Johnson. "We are almost ready to confront problems face to face in the local community and strongly urge local leaders to contribute to this debate."

Sudderth Gets

Purple Heart

PFC Kenneth A. Sudderth, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sudderth of Rt. 1, Murphy, has received the Purple Heart for wounds received in military operations in Vietnam.

Sudderth was wounded December 11 when he was hit in the neck by flying scrap metal, according to his father. He was returned to duty after receiving treatment for his wound.

Sudderth is serving with the 54th Artillery Group and has been in Vietnam since last spring.

He is a 1966 graduate of Murphy High School.



Fender benders like these were common on the area's slick roads Tuesday. The car of Fred Rogers of Andrews was heavily damaged near Topton on US 19 when it was struck by a truck. According to Patrolman E. N. Hooper, Rogers' car skidded on the icy road and was stopped across the road as the oncoming truck topped a hill and could not see the car in time to stop. Luther Bingham of Topton was driving the truck. No one was injured. Hooper said no charges were placed. (Photo by Sue Morrow)