

Maxwell Pleased At Support Given His Balanced Program Of Progress

Speaks Saturday Afternoon Before Capacity Crowd At Perquimans Court House

ABOUT SCHOOLS

"Every Road Improvement Brings Era Of Increased Prosperity" Candidate Says; Fifty Millions For Roads

As Allen J. Maxwell, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina, recalled at the court house here Saturday that he received practically no support in the Albemarle eight years ago, he expressed extreme pleasure at the support that is obviously his in the same section today.

W. E. Dail, member of the Board of Education, introduced Mr. Maxwell to a crowd that taxed the courtroom for space—they stood in the aisles, the door, the bar and sat in the windows. "You think of accuracy, and honesty when you think of Mr. Maxwell," Mr. Dail said, and it was indeed these qualities that impressed the audience as Mr. Maxwell went on in a husky voice to outline his program for North Carolina.

He was particularly gratified that the program he proposes has drawn such unqualified support from the women of North Carolina.

"We should accept the tax structure as it is," he said, "because with better roads expansion of business will take care of increased needs. The amount available for roads in the next four years, without upsetting the present tax system will be more than fifty million dollars."

He advocates no new or increased taxes, but does "not know the kind of arithmetic that can cut taxes with one hand and spend more with the other, as some of my opponents propose."

Getting on to the roads of North Carolina, Mr. Maxwell said they need two things; to be made wider and safer, and to extend the benefits of all-weather roads. "Only 26 per cent of North Carolina farmers live on hard-surfaced roads," he reminded. "And the farmers deserve this consideration while more money is available." Highway revenues, he said, will amount to \$34,000,000 next year.

While spectacular oratory and wide hand-waving was lacking in Mr. Maxwell's speech, it was the plain hard statement of cold facts and figures that impressed the down-to-earth audience of farmers and small-town business men who heard him Saturday.

Every school bus route, he said should be an all-weather road, and added that the weather of the past year has made North Carolina conscious of the need for new roads. "Get the Farmer out of the Mud," has become my campaign slogan, Mr Maxwell added, "and my program has become so popular that most of the other candidates have adopted it."

"Every venture North Carolina has made in road improvement," he said, "has been followed by an era of increased prosperity. Why not continue it? And why not vote for the man who originated the program and knows where the money can come from to carry on without increasing taxes?"

He urged home markets for diversified home products. "North Carolina shipped enough animals and produce from North Carolina last year and then bought them back as finished products to make a gross profit here of ten million dollars in processing plants."

Mr. Maxwell advocated further stimulation of the public health services, especially in the schools. "We do not appreciate or realize the number of diseases that have been eliminated through public health service. But it should be intensified... beginning in the first grades," he said.

As he spoke of the schools, which the State took over at the bottom of the depression, cutting salaries and operating costs, he also spoke of

salary increases for teachers and retirement. He predicted that the next legislature will take a forward step toward improvement of the school system in the direction of practical education.

"Three per cent of all school children in North Carolina go to college," he said, "and while their training should not be neglected, more consideration should be given to training for the ninety-seven per cent who never expect to go to college."

While much progress has been made in home economics, farm school and business departments, the scope and character of these needs to be extended, he said.

Mr. Maxwell was ashamed of the job North Carolina is doing in the way of giving one course (many years old) to students on North Carolina and its history. "There ought to be more about North Carolina in the schools and what it is today," he urged, "for the combination of soil, climate and topographic attractions make North Carolina one of the most desirable states in the Union. In ten years the population of our State has increased 24 per cent. The last figure before that, when North Carolina began to open up with roads to the outside world, showed a six per cent increase in population."

"I want to promote a balanced program of progress for our people," he ended, "and I pledge to you everything that is in me to carry out the program."

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell had lunch with Mrs. Thomas Nixon. Mr. Maxwell was suffering with a cold and rested there for a short time before speaking at 3:30.

National Cotton Week Set For May 17 to 25

Cotton is North Carolina's No. 2 cash crop; cotton is one of the necessities of life; cotton is the most versatile and widely used of all fibers. That is why Miss Willie N. Hunter, Extension clothing specialist of N. C. State College, urges people of the State to support National Cotton week, the producer-consumer event which will be celebrated May 17-25.

"This annual campaign is held to stimulate increased consumption of cotton goods, and this year merchants of all types, individual and chain stores, are planning special window displays and bargains in cotton goods during the nine-day period," Miss Hunter declared.

The Southeastern Chain Store Council, through its North Carolina representative, P. D. May, is taking an active part in the campaign in this State, and the North Carolina Cotton Council, of which T. B. Upchurch, Jr., of Raeford, is leader has heartily endorsed the event.

Miss Hunter points out that cotton contributes something useful from infancy throughout life of every person. The infant's first clothes are cotton, and of whatever age, "we wear and use cotton in some form or another."

Other specialists of State College point out that this year, above all others, increased domestic consumption of cotton will be vital to Tar Heel farmers. The European War has cut off export markets, and with tobacco allotments restricting production of North Carolina's No. 1 cash crop, scores of farmers are returning to cotton as a source of major income.

C. M. T. C. To Stress Life Saving At Camp

Swimming Lessons To Be Given All During Training Period This Year

As a step toward the reduction of the annual loss of life in the United States by drowning, all trainees attending the 1940 Citizens Military Training Camp at Fort Bragg who cannot swim will be required to take swimming lessons, it was announced by the Camp Area Commander.

Swimming has been given an important place in the sports and athletic program prepared for the 750 trainees now being enrolled for the C. M. T. Camp opening here June 12. Included in the sports schedule will also be baseball, softball, volleyball, boxing, tennis, horse shoe pitching, and track and gymkhana events.

Near the C. M. T. Camp area at Fort Bragg is located the large McFadyen Lake, which will be open to the trainees for the thirty days they are at camp. Competent instructors will be on hand and organized classes formed to teach non-swimmers to swim and to improve the form of weak swimmers. A swimmer's test will be given at the outset of camp, and a trainee failing to pass this test will be required to enroll in one of these classes.

For the more advanced swimmers a Red Cross Life Saving Course will be given with instruction four afternoons a week. Candidates who complete this course will be given the American Red Cross Senior Life Saving emblem.

Life guards will be on duty at all times to render assistance if necessary, or to enforce swimming regulations at the lake. Trainees will be required to furnish their own bathing suits or trunks, but the Government will supply all other athletic uniforms and equipment.

Among uses of cotton listed by Miss Hunter are: Clothing and accessories; curtains, bed linens, and other household necessities; ropes, twine, nets, tents, awnings, belts for machinery, sails, surgical dressings, explosives, photographic films, celluloid products, and various by-products such as livestock feed.

BALLAHACK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Goodwin and daughters, Marie and Lillian, were week-end guests of Mrs. Goodwin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Dail, at Tyner, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Copeland, of Matthews, Va., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Goodwin, Monday.

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Goodwin, Mrs. Sidney Goodwin and children, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Spinner and Miss Tempie Spinner, of Carrolton, Va., visited Sidney Goodwin at Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, Sunday.

Mrs. Sidney Goodwin and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Copeland.



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