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## "Farmer Bob" Doughton said he would step down from public office

—at the end of his present term, December 31, 1940. As chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee of the National Congress, Representative Doughton, of Alleghany County, has held a position more powerful, even, than the Speaker of the House, though he ranked below him. Alleghany

County may well be proud to have sent to Congress such an outstanding figure, who rose from farm boy to the place where President Roosevelt expressed sincere regret at the prospect of losing such a loyal and faithful man, using these words: "Your patriotic service to our country is invaluable. We need you here."

Announcement of Mr. Doughton's plans to retire after 30 years in Congress, the longest tenure ever enjoyed by any member from the South and by only a few the country over in the history of the Republic, came as a sensation in the halls and corridors of the staid old Capitol. Not a single member of the Tar Heel delegation knew of the contemplated announcement, which Mr. Doughton prepared today and handed to newspapermen, as follows:

"Thirty years ago the people of our congressional district elected me to represent them in the Congress of the United States. At every biennial election since that time, they have seen fit to re-elect me to this same responsible office. For their continued loyal support, I am profoundly grateful, and for the many tokens of their trust and confidence, I express my deep and sincere thanks.

"I now feel that the time has arrived when I should acquaint them with my future political intentions. Some months ago I decided that I would not seek re-election. This decision has been made known, confidentially, to a number of my friends who understand my motives and position. This step is particularly delicate because of the deluge of requests for my re-election. Never in my public life have I received so many warm assurances of support and loyalty. These generous personal messages, I have every reason to believe that were I to (turn to page 4, please)

## Frank Gannett is a candidate for president

—on the Republican ticket. The Rochester, N. Y., publisher and long-time critic of President Roosevelt and the New Deal, announced his candidacy Tuesday night in Rochester.

The 63-year-old publisher told a civic reception in his honor: "I realize what it means to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for President—what it means in responsibility, in hard work, in sacrifice. Yet it is a call to duty that no citizen can ignore. My answer is yes."

At the same time, Gannett said if his task is "to follow, to fight in the ranks, as I have fought, there you will find me—fighting."

The publisher's candidacy presages a contest for New York State's 92 votes in the Republican national convention. Thomas E. Dewey, New York county district attorney, several weeks ago announced his candidacy and has made several addresses.

Gannett, chairman of the Committee to Uphold Constitutional Government, was particularly active against President Roosevelt's Supreme Court reorganization plan and his proposal for administrative reorganization. He recently returned from a cross-country air tour "to discuss issues apt to be in the foreground during the 1940 campaign."

James W. Wadsworth, Republican representative from the 39th New York congressional district, in a letter read at the dinner praised the publisher as "a forthright man" to whom "were I present I would give you assurance in person of my co-operation."

## The Independence Beethoven Junior Music Club held

—its December meeting at the home of Fairy Bedwell on December 21.

A poem was given by Nadine Cox, and a discussion on "Opera" was given by Joanna Cornett.

A solo was played by Anna Smith, and readings were presented by Zollie Rose Cox and Stella Phipps. A vocal solo was rendered by Fairy Bedwell.

After the business session, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Evelyn Poole.

## A plot to overthrow the U. S. government

—to assassinate a dozen congressmen and seize the strongholds of the army was charged Sunday night, in Washington, D. C., after 18 members of the "Christian Front" were arrested and accused of conspiracy to create a revolution in the United States. The plot was of a terroristic gun and bomb type.

The nation's vital works of industry and transportation were also marked for seizure in the alleged plot, it was announced by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI.

The 18 men, including New York national guardsmen and one member each from the naval and marine reserves, were accused by Hoover of conspiring to bomb and shoot their way to power and set up a government like Hitler's dictatorship over Nazi Germany.

A small arsenal was unearthed in New York City by FBI agents, Hoover said, including bombs, ammunition, rifles and the making for explosives in various stages of completion.

The "Christian Front" has been praised and defended in the magazine Social Justice published by the Rev. Charles Coughlin, the Michigan radio priest, who, however, rejected an offer to be its leader in order that he might remain free to advocate or censure its policies as he pleased.

Hoover said the fantastic plot included plans to revolt against the government with arms stolen from the arsenals of the army itself.

Twelve congressmen were "marked for death," he said, as an object lesson to those who had voted for repeal of the arms embargo.

The FBI said, however, that it was unable to identify any of the 12 "nominated for extinction."

On the list marked for seizure or destruction were bridges, armories, postoffices and federal reserve banks, railroads and communication lines of all kinds.

The plot, Hoover said, was also aimed against Jews generally. One of those under arrest was described as a member of the German-American bund, whose "fuehrer," Fritz Kuhn, is serving a term in Sing Sing prison for stealing bund funds.

Contents of the arsenal discovered in a six-month investigation ordered by Attorney General Frank Murphy and conducted by the FBI included rifles and pistols, thousands of rounds of ammunition and powder and chemicals used in the making of bombs.

## Germany was given warning by France

—Tuesday night in Paris, in an official statement, that any German attempt to invade Belgium would find 1,000,000 Belgian and Dutch troops fighting alongside the Allies to "hermetically seal" the blockade of Germany on the West.

The foreign office said that a German invasion of the low countries would react disastrously upon Germany because Britain would be able to dispose immediately of a "formidable continental bridgehead" there and strike at Germany's naval bases in the North Sea.

"The Nazi plan," said the foreign office commentary, "evidently is based on the assumption that German troops would be able to impose a rapid decision. . . . But the situation is different."

## Mrs. Ruth Hackler is Appointed Enumerator in

—Alleghany County for the 1940 decennial census of Business and Manufacturing, it was announced yesterday by Zeb V. Long, Jr., district supervisor of the Salisbury Bureau.

In her work in Sparta and Alleghany, Mrs. Hackler will have the able assistance, and be under the direct guidance of Mr. A. O. Joines, of Sparta, the Assistant Supervisor of Census. They were busy in Sparta Tuesday beginning the work. Mr. Joines was in Ashe County Monday assisting the enumerator there in getting started.

Mrs. Hackler, the enumerator in this county, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jones Waddell. She attended the Virginia State Teachers College at East Radford, and taught in the public schools of Alleghany for two years. During the past four years Mrs. Hackler has resided at her home in Glade Valley.

This is the first time for many years that all of the censuses—Business, both wholesale and retail, Amusements, Service establishments, Manufacturing, Population, Agriculture, Housing, Mines and Quarries, and Drainage and Irrigation—will be taken in a single year. They will not all be taken at the same time. The census of Business, Manufacturers, Mines and Quarries, and Drainage and Irrigation will begin some three months ahead of the counts of Population, Agriculture, and Housing, which will begin on April 1st according to law.

Mr. Long, in announcing the appointment of the Enumerators said, "Our first job is to make certain that every business man understands that this community's hopes for new industries, investments, payrolls, and residents—in fact, all its plans—are tied up directly with getting full census reports from every business firm." He also added, "We don't want a better record than we get by reporting truthfully, but we want everything to which we are entitled so that we will have a proper ranking when compared with other cities and areas."

There were 145 business establishments in Alleghany County listed in a 1935 census. That number will be surprisingly exceeded by this 1940 census.

## Mt. Zion

Piney Creek P. O., Jan. 8—Mrs. Smith Evans, Twin Oaks, and Mrs. George McMillan of Crumpler, are at W. H. Weaver's home. Mr. Weaver is seriously ill. Lee Black is ill.

Mrs. R. M. Pugh improves slowly. Mrs. Virgie Pugh and Miss Ethel Pugh visited Mrs. R. M. Pugh last Thursday.

Rev. R. L. Billings filled an appointment for Rev. T. A. Plyler, Jr., at Mt. Zion Sunday.

Rev. T. A. Plyler is ill at the home of his father, Rev. T. A. Plyler, Sr., at Indian Trail, N. C.

Mrs. Caroline Landreth spent several days last week with Mrs. Lila Sheets, who is ill.

Ben Van Dyke, of Peden, visited his aunt, Mrs. Mary Cox, Sunday afternoon.

Nathan Weaver and daughter, Virginia Anne, of Egerton, W. Va., and H. C. Weaver and daughter, Nell, of New Hope, visited W. H. Weaver last week.

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Billings, Mrs. Maude Sturgill, Mrs. Jack Rutherford, Mrs. Betty Parsons, John S. Wyatt and S. E. Smith visited at R. M. Pugh's home Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bateman visited Mrs. S. E. Smith Saturday.

Mrs. W. R. Pugh is ill. S. E. Smith visited J. E. Miller's home, near Piney Creek, last week.

Mrs. J. F. Shepherd visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Cox, last week. Doris Wingler visited Hazel Van Dyke Sunday.

Mrs. D. J. Grubb, of Nathans Creek, is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. John Grubb, of this community.

Mrs. Flora Moxley and daughter, Lorene, of Topia, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Moxley's father, Lee Black, who is ill.

S. E. Smith visited Lee Black Monday.

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## Speakers For Engineers' Institute at N. C. State College



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BRIG. GEN. T. M. ROBINS

With transportation as their theme, the authorities pictured here will be principal speakers at the Institute for Engineers which will be conducted at N. C. State College Thursday, January 25, as part of the annual observance of Engineers' Week. Every phase of modern-transportation will be discussed, and all members of the engineering professions are invited.

The speakers are Dr. Roy V. Wright, of New York City, editor of "Railway Age" and former president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; J. E. Teal, of Richmond, transportation engineer for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway; Brig.-Gen. Thomas M. Robins, assistant chief engineer for the U. S. Army; Oswald Ryan, of Washington, member of the Civil Aeronautics Authority; Leslie C. Allman, of Detroit, vice president of the Fruhauf Trailer Co.; and Harry Tucker, professor of highway engineering at State College and nationally known authority on highway safety.

## The former Methodist Women's

—Missionary Society is now known, in the united Methodist Church, as the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and is a branch of the Board of Missions and Church Work.

The organization, as it is now constituted, is successor to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Ladies' Aid Society, the Woman's Home Missionary Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild, of the former Methodist Episcopal Church; the Woman's Convention, of the former Methodist Protestant Church, and the Woman's Council, of the former Methodist Episcopal Church.

The new set-up includes the local church Woman's Society of Christian Service, the District Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the Jurisdictional Woman's Society of Christian Service.

## Governor Long, of Louisiana, was leading

—by a slight majority in New Orleans proper Tuesday night, in the Democratic primary, with more than half the city vote tabulated, but his principal opponent, Sam H. Jones, was leading Long about 2 to 1 outside the city on the basis of meagre, scattered rural returns.

The unofficial vote from 170 of New Orleans 261 precincts gave the younger brother of the late Huey P. Long 42,908 votes. Jones had 21,107, and State Senator James A. Noe, 15,639. James H. Morrison with 4,031 and Vincent Moseley with 364 were out of the running there.

GERMANY AND THE ALLIES EACH LOST AN AIRPLANE—in the four-month-old European war in fighting Sunday.

## Twin Oaks

Sparta P. O., Jan. 16, 1940.—Vester Brackins, a former resident of Stratford, who has traveled extensively for the past twenty years, and has recently spent several months in Alaska digging gold, called on friends here Monday. He was en route to spend a few days with his father, Floy Brackins, at Stratford.

John Robert Brackins, Oxford, Pa., is visiting friends in this county. Miss Addie Reeves, Nottingham, Pa., arrived Tuesday to spend some time with her mother, Mrs. Gaston Reeves.

A. O. Joines and Mrs. Ruth Hackler were here Tuesday taking Federal Business census for Alleghany County.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Irwin spent Wednesday night with relatives in Winston-Salem, and attended the District meeting of North Carolina Petroleum Industries at the Robert E. Lee Hotel Thursday.

Mrs. M. E. Wilson, who has been sick for several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Irwin, is reported fully recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Robertson left Friday for their home in Washington, D. C., after spending two weeks with Mrs. Robertson's mother, Mrs. Stella York, here.

G. L. Fender, Dunn, spent Sunday night with friends here. Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Hapner spent the week-end with relatives at Scottville.

## The president's plea to grant aid to Finland drew

—a hot congressional fight Tuesday in the national capital, soon after President Roosevelt urged consideration of non-military loans to the Finns through the Export-Import Bank with assurance they would not compromise United States neutrality policies.

He made his recommendation in identical letters to Vice President John N. Garner, presiding officer of the Senate, and House Speaker William B. Bankhead (D), Ala.

## Thomas E. Dewey will speak at a Lincoln Day dinner

—in Portland, Ore., on Monday, February 12, which will mark the 131st anniversary of the birth of the Great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln. Dewey, vigorous young New York City district attorney, is an avowed candidate for the Republican presidential nomination this year.

Announcing a partial list of the Lincoln Day celebrations to be held February 12, the Republican national committee said yesterday in Washington, D. C., that they would constitute the "kick-off" in the party's "fight to restore to the nation a government based on Americanism, sense and sound finance."

The meetings will be held in every state, the committee said, with as many as half a dozen scheduled in some states.

## "Hills of Destiny," a new serial, begins in this issue

—and will continue each week for 14 weeks, until the entire story is completed.

"Hills of Destiny," by Agnes Louise Provost, relates how Lee Hollister, strong of hand and stout of heart, returned unexpectedly to the Circle V from a trip abroad to find—and correct—the strange situation confronting the girl he loves. Thrills . . . Romance . . . Love in a Western setting. That's the "thumbnail" on "Hills of Destiny."

Miss Provost is the author of many best sellers, including "The Closed Door," "Fortune's Wheel" and "Honeymoon Wife," and spent years in the country she writes about. Don't miss a single installment of this exciting serial!

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By a fortunate coincidence we are able to present this week the first contribution, on Dogs and Gardens, by Miss B. Hoffman, a lover of gardens. See p. 2.

## Senator Taft, of Ohio, will be in Greensboro

—Monday night, February 12, as the principal speaker at the 11th annual Lincoln Day dinner, it was announced in Greensboro Tuesday night by Worth D. Henderson, chairman of the arrangements committee for the dinner. Henderson said acceptance of the invitation was received from the senator late Tuesday.

The chairman said Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, and Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, of Michigan, had been considered as possible speakers for the occasion. All three are potential candidates for the Republican nomination for president at the convention this year.