

### Whitener Attacks "Ineffectiveness" Of GOP

NEWLAND — Former Congressman Basil L. Whitener told Avery County Democrats that the Republican Administration is failing to meet the needs of the people in combating inflation, preventing depression, and protecting the jobs of American workers. Whitener was keynote speaker at the Avery Democratic Convention on

Saturday. "The average wage earner sees his paycheck shrink and his cost of living increase with each passing day. He reads in his newspaper of the inaction of the Administration and of the efforts of Democratic officials to prod his government into serving his needs. He sees the Democratic Congress write into law acts which give the Administration authority to take steps to lighten the burden on his family and his fellow wage earners. He sees the Administration refuse to put these tools to work," the veteran

legislator asserted. "The average American wage earner sees the results of mismanagement of government and failure to meet the needs America in fighting inflation and unemployment. He knows that we are in a spiral which reduces his standard of living and his hopes for his children. He wonders why there is no concern by the Administration for his plight. The record is plain to see," Whitener continued.

Commenting on the 1968 election, the Democratic candidate for Congress said: "One commentator has stated that it seems that the voters enjoy Democratic prosperity long enough to forget Republican recessions and depressions before the Republicans bring on another one to remind them of Republican economic failures."

"This nation needs Democratic leadership to pull us out of the economic kinks. And, we need a Congressman who will not blindly follow the precepts and policies of his political party," Whitener asserted.

The Avery County affair was well attended. James T. Tanner, party chairman in Avery, presided at the convention in the Avery County High School.

Prior to the Avery County meeting, Whitener participated in the program of the Rosebud C. B. Club Jamboree near Cherryville, North Carolina.

### Smith Completes Pre-Registration

CHAPEL HILL — David H. Smith, Jr. of Kings Mountain, N. C., son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hugh Smith of 404 Pineview Dr., Kings Mountain, has just completed a day-long pre-registration session at the University of North Carolina here.

Entering students are encouraged to participate in pre-registration prior to their coming to the University in the fall.

### Cadet Hodge Is Graduated

FT. KNOX, KY. (AHTNC) — Cadet William S. Hodge, son of Mrs. Ella Wanda Hodge, 823 Ramseur St., Kings Mountain, N. C., was one of 1,082 cadets who graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps' basic summer camp Aug. 6 at Ft. Knox, Ky.

The six-week course qualified Cadet Hodge for acceptance in the advanced ROTC program. During the basic camp, he received a solid foundation in basic military skills with emphasis placed on leadership, tactical training, map reading, drill and ceremonies, and physical training.

Hodge is a student at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Ala.

### Investing Classes Set

Cleveland County Technical Institute will sponsor a class in Securities and Investing during the month of October, according to Dan T. Camp, Cleveland Tech Adult Education Director. Interested adults should contact the institute at 482-4379 or Mrs. Hazel Mitchem, instructor, at Thomson and McKinnon Auchincloss, Inc. The time and place of meeting for this class will be announced at a later date.

Other extension classes which are being planned for the fall and winter include Interior Decorating, Cake Decorating, Hat Making and Holiday Arts, Small Engines Repair, Copper Tooling, Tole Painting, Ceramics and Income Tax Preparation.

Persons interested in these courses, and others which may be organized, should contact Cleveland Tech for details about enrollment.

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