

Appointment of Umstead Presages Hot Races In 1948

ALBERT COATES BUS CRASH

Coates Discusses Merger Survey With City And County

Horton Says He Expects To Run For Governor

Broughton Not To Be Deterred

Gov. Cherry's appointment yesterday of former Representative William B. Umstead of Durham as U. S. Senator, and the election of W. Bailey Sunday, but set in motion political currents which may well make the 1948 state elections the most heated in many years.

First development in the rapidly-changing political picture came this morning when William F. Horton of Pittsboro told *The News* by telephone that "I expect to be named a candidate for Governor in 1948."

(Mr. Horton had previously been talked as a 1948 Senate candidate, and there was some speculation that he might be appointed to the Senate. He said last night he was being "wisely" considering the tremendous pressure he was being subjected to by the newspapers but far more definite announcement indicated that he might be named the candidate.)

Our New Senator Umstead's Main Interests Are In Politics And Work

By MACK WEBB
City Editor, The Durham Sun
Writer for The Charlotte News

DURHAM—Returning as a Senator to the United States Congress, from which he retired voluntarily in 1933, William Bradley Umstead's chief interests lie in his work and his family.

An outstanding lawyer and a master at the game of politics, he is so indefatigable in his work that he amazes those who have an opportunity to observe him. If he has any hobbies, he classifies work as one of them.

"Of a serious man, he is quiet and unassuming and not given to talking much about himself."

At 51 he is trim and active and likes to take walks. Until three years ago, he could be seen on the tennis courts nearly any day and he still would like to take it up again.

When he is not engaged in his busy law practice or politics, he may be found with family. His wife is the former Miss Marie Davis of Rutherford County, whom he married in 1922. They have a 40-year-old daughter, Marie. They live in a comfortable home at 507 Hermitage Court in the Forest Hills section.

Umstead is active in civic work. In the affairs of the local post of the American Legion, and in conducting the choir of the First Church, where he has taught a Bible class each Sunday for many years.

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Groundwork Being Laid For Project

Conferences Held With Officials

By TOM WATKINS
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Preliminary discussions of problems involved in conducting a comprehensive survey to determine the advisability of merging the City and County Governments were held today when Albert Coates, director of the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill, called upon Mayor H. H. Baxter and S. Y. McAden, chairman of the County Commissioners.

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It is unlikely, it was learned, that a factual study of the records of all departments of the City and County Governments will be undertaken before the end of the coming session of the General Assembly. This will not preclude, however, the obtaining of information from other cities where mergers have already been effected.

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MERGER TALK—S. Y. McAden (left), City Mayor Henry Yancey (right), and Albert Coates, director of the Institute of Government, got their heads together this morning for discussion of the survey that is to be undertaken by the Institute to accumulate factual information to determine the merits of consolidating the City and County Governments. Mayor Herbert Baxter was not available when the picture was made. (News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Studio.)

Newberry Crossing Is Scene Of Tragedy

Bodies Strewn For Half A Mile

NEWBERRY, S. C.—(AP)—Ten students and a school bus driver were killed in a collision between their bus and a Southern Railway passenger train near Silverstreet, seven miles southwest of here, today.

Eleven other students were brought to the Newberry County Hospital. Most of them were reported in critical condition.

The dead included: Richard S. Sanders, the driver, Charlton Gentry and Thomas McKee, brothers and sisters, Peggy Byler and Johnny Wynnan, brother and sister, Jerry Flaigitt, Harold Lancaster, Donald Stramon, and Libby and Bobby Long, brother and sister, and two unidentified.

The injured: Modell George, Marsha and Thomas McKee, brothers and sisters, Francis Byler, Lonnie Lancaster, Betty Murray, Bertha Long, Miriam Gentry, Mildred Long, and Fanny Murray.

The collision occurred at Dead Horse Creek, where the bus was struck as it was making a right turn at the intersection of the highway. The bus was traveling at 250 feet away from the crossing.

It is believed that Sanders was not wearing his seat, which was running about two hours late, on the Greenville-Columbia school bus. The intersection took a curve of some fifteen to twenty degrees, and the bus was being driven by a novice driver. The bodies were scattered for a half mile from the scene.

International Question

Diplomat Gardner No Julep Expert

By PETE McKNIGHT
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Bourbon and water "with not too much water" . . . or mint juleps . . . are the order of the day for the new Ambassador to London, Mr. O. Max Gardner of Shelby, new Ambassador to Great Britain.

"I don't know how this all got started, but what the world is doing with our new friends down in Carolina is something that I'm sure you'll hear about in the next few weeks."

The new Ambassador was receiving good humoristic comments from the press. "It is a minor international press controversy" which was stirred up by Gardner's acceptance of the official Embassy liquid refreshment.

"Why, he never made a mint julep in his life. And as for the relative merits of bourbon, rye, Scotch and all the others, I'm no connoisseur," he added.



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Warning Given By Contractor

Bilbo's Ex-Secretary Tells How He Heard Death Threat

WASHINGTON (AP)—Edward P. Terry, former secretary to Senator Bilbo, Democrat, Mississippi, testified today that A. B. Friend told him last April that if he told what he knew about his former boss he would be killed.

He said that Friend, a war contractor and Bilbo's campaign manager in last Summer's election, delivered the warning to him while entertaining Terry and his wife at dinner in a Mississippi hotel.

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Impressions Of A Visitor

An Englishwoman In Charlotte

(NOTES—Mrs. Katherine Lawrence, Charlotte, England, gives below her impressions of the people in a series of six articles written during her stay here in the past few weeks. She is the author of "Charlotte for Her Home" in the "Charlotte Chronicle," editors, The News.)

By KATHERINE LAWRENCE

My plans for looking around the town of Charlotte were abruptly shattered by an urgent call to take a bus-ride to Norfolk, Va., and at once my inquisitive mind was centered with a new idea—I was to see the North Carolina countryside and give my impressions about that!

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Over Two Hours Late

COLUMBIA, S. C.—(AP)—The Southern Railway's Passenger Train No. 1, southbound from Greenville to Columbia, was running more than two hours late today when it was derailed by a school bus at Silverstreet, in Newberry County, that took at least two hours to get to the station.

Supp M. E. Tatum of the railway's Columbia Division said the accident involved the train, expected in about 1 P. M.

He said the six-passenger car overturned to Sparta, N. C., at 3 A. M., was two hours late leaving today, and that after going through the accident, it was on its way to Newberry and Columbia, it was not further time. The accident occurred about 8 A. M.

Doughton Reckons He Will Commute By Air

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WEATHER

Clearing and colder tonight. Lowest temperatures expected tonight about 35. Thursday and Friday in the 30s and 40s. Saturday and Sunday in the 30s and 40s. High and low at 34 below. Sunday: today