

# Hometown Audience Told

# Hodges To Make Race For N. C. Governor Post

## No Campaign Promises Made In Announcement

LEAKSVILLE (AP) — Gov. Luther H. Hodges, who stepped into the Chief Executive's chair upon the death of Gov. William B. Umstead in November, 1954, told a hometown audience today he will campaign for a full four-year term as governor. He will be a candidate for Governor on the Democratic ticket subject to the May 26th primary," he told a rally sponsored by the young Democrats.

It will be Hodges' second campaign for high state office and to date he has no announced opposition. Born on a tenant farm 37 years ago, Hodges reached the pinnacle of success in the political world and then catapulted to national prominence in North Carolina by winning the lieutenant-governorship in 1952. It was his first and only statewide office although after he won the post it was a foregone conclusion he would seek the governorship in 1956.

**BEFORE TIME**  
However, the death of Umstead put him at the head of the state two years before what observers considered his target date. Not since 1891 had a governor died in office.

The governor spoke informally to his audience, many of whom had worked with or for him in his more than 30 years with the local mills.

He discussed per capita income of the state, the highway and highway safety problem, as well as "the subjects he has had to face."

**DOESN'T AGREE**  
Stating as he has before, "I do not agree with the Supreme Court decision and I think it usurped the rights of the states and the Congress in its decision," he added.

**NO IN FIGHT**  
"My plan of voluntary choice of separate schools is still working and can continue to work. The advisory commission, which I appointed, has recommended and I approved the policy which declares that no child shall be forced to attend school beyond the wishes of his parents or himself."

In a prepared text, he stated: "The incidents arise which challenge this policy, we propose to have legislation which will provide tuition grants or transfers along the general lines of the Virginia program."

**FULL DETAILS**  
At a later date, I shall present to our citizens, and the same matter will be presented to our Legislature, the full details of a program embodying the same principles which I have just mentioned.

The governor asserted, "Our chief concern is the preservation of our public schools for our children."

Hodges' announcement that he will be a candidate for the governorship has been anticipated. Although the Constitution says North Carolina governors may not succeed themselves, there is one exception which applies to him.

**RULES EXPLAINED**  
A governor may not succeed himself if he is re-elected. However, the office shall have been vacant upon him as lieutenant governor or president of the Senate."

Hodges made no campaign promises in his prepared speech other than to simply state, "If nominated and elected, I will try to render conscientious and unselfish service to the state. It will be my purpose in the coming weeks and months to continue the discussion of the issues and problems affecting North Carolina."

Hodges started in the business world here in 1919. Within 10 years he had become a partner in 60 years he has been the general manager of all Field Mills throughout the world and in 1943 he was a Marshall Field vice president. He retired in 1950 to enter public service, following an idea he had long entertained—that business men should enter public service.

He has served as a director of Rotary International and was the organization's observer at the founding of the U.N. in San Francisco in 1945.

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**Evening Prayer**  
Our Father, we pray for guidance today. We do not know where our paths will take us in the days that are ahead, but we do know that Thou wilt be with us. Keep us close to Thee, O Father, Amen.

## Enrollment Of Negro Student Is Protested

### Alabama Stage Demonstration

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.—An estimated 1,000 men students chanting "Keep 'Bama white. To ostracize early today against the enrollment of the first Negro student at the University of Alabama.

The singing, shouting crowd marched to the home of Dr. O. C. Carmichael, school president. Told he was out of town, about 300 of the students marched down town and later disbanded.

Police described the disturbance last night as "one of those panic raids," but the cries of members of the group all were directed against the newly admitted Negro woman.

**WAS ESCORTED**  
Aurthur Lucy, 20-year-old Birmingham secretary, attended her first classes yesterday. She was escorted throughout the day by campus officers, and there was little evidence of any reaction except curiosity.

Last night about 11:15 o'clock, however, a crowd of men gathered around a cross which had been set up in the center of University Hall to bisect the campus.

After going to the president's home the crowd marched around the girl's dormitory and then about half an estimated 300 — walked down to the flagpole in the heart of Tuscaloosa.

**SANG DIXIE**  
The crowd sang the national anthem and then sang "Dixie," and chanted.

Several students said police tried to persuade them to stop but did not use force.

A student whose name was not learned climbed upon the pedestal at the base of the flagpole and told the crowd, "The governor will read this tomorrow. We're in accord with the states of Mississippi and Gov. Falmagne of Georgia. We're setting the example for Auburn."

Wason Cole, editor of the student-published Crimson and White weekly newspaper, said that as the demonstrators broke up, he heard a group of "we want no Negro students here."

## Hodges As He Visited Charlotte This Week

### Ex-U. S. Commissioner

# Nat C. White Dies Here At Age of 79

Nat C. White, former U. S. commissioner and one of the leading church laymen in Charlotte for many years, died today after a long illness. He was 79.

Mr. White had been in the hospital for several weeks. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. He had been a commissioner here since 1942. In that position, he maintained an office at the Post Office Building and conducted arrangements for federal prisoners.

He retired from that position last week. His successor was Robert L. Scott, an attorney.

Prior to his appointment as commissioner here, Mr. White served in the U. S. Postal Service for 17 years.

He had also worked as a general agent for Reliance Life Insurance Co., Volunteer State Life Insurance Co. of Tennessee and Franklin Life Insurance Co.

Mr. White was a 3rd degree member of the Order of Temple of the Shrine, the Red Men Club, the Arzene Shrine of the Order of White Shrine of Jerusalem, Mizpah Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and Anzusa Grotto.

He was a member of Park Presbyterian Church. He had been a leading layman in Presbyterian activities for a long period of years.

**Robber's Honeycomb Postponed 25 Years**  
LEXINGTON, Ky.—Charles Ellison Gill's honeycomb will have to wait 25 years.

He obtained a license to wed Miss Dorothy Burt Carmill, 27, of Mayville, Ky., but—  
Gill was sentenced Jan. 11 to serve 25 years in prison for the \$10,000 robbery of the Bank of Germantown, Ky., last Nov. 26.

**ONLY ONE DOLL HAD THE RIGHT TO SHED TEARS**  
BALTIMORE (AP) — Two dolls cried in Federal Court yesterday but the judge ruled only one had a right to and the other was stealing her tears.

Judge Rosell C. Thomson decided in favor of Jacob and Max Brooks and their American Character Doll Co. of New York, makers of the "Tiny Tears" weeping dolls. He held that their patent for the novel tear-producing mechanism had been infringed by Ideal Toy Corp., maker of its "Betsy Wetsy" weeping doll.

In an 11-page opinion, Judge Thomson said the "accused doll," Betsy Wetsy, used the same mechanism for producing tears as that for which the Brooks own the patent.

The Brooks had filed the infringement suit against Ideal Toy and Baltimore Products Co., distributor of the Betsy Wetsy dolls.

When they find the tax office has moved, they were walked all the way from the Square, say their foe's hurt, and they've just come puffing up the stairs.

"Most people just say 'Oooohh Mops' and go on though," Mrs. Coppola added. "They need a big sign at the Square pointing down S. Tryon St. saying 'This way for income tax blanks.'"

More office workers than just those on that one hall are catching it, too. Civil Service Examiner Hugh D. Sims, way around on the east side of the building, said an average of 25 to 30 people come in his office every day looking for the tax office.



TAKING A DIP in Amarillo's 15 degree weather is three young ladies. But they're not as brave as one would think. The pool was heated to around 90 degrees. Some of Texas' biggest snow in several years is visible in the background. (AP Wirephoto).

## At Least 16 Deaths Reported

# Snowstorm Paralyzes Texas

PLAINVIEW, Tex. (AP) — A raging snowstorm continued to lash West Texas today, paralyzing transportation and piling drifts to rooftops.

National Guard units are using heavy trucks last night bottled the blizzard to bring in motorists and passengers marooned south of here after about 20 cars and a bus were stalled by drifts up to 6 feet high.

This South Plains city of 18,000 appeared to be bearing the brunt of the snowfall. Early today more than a foot of snow had fallen and a roaring north wind had swept it into huge drifts that in places reached the eaves of homes.

**HEAVY SNOWFALL**  
At Dalhart, Amarillo, Lubbock and Abilene, where the driving snow was still raging, the fall measured from 2 to 8 inches. Far West Texas, which was blanketed yesterday, had snows ranging up to 10 inches.

All but the southern and eastern part of the state remained under a coating of ice and snow today as freezing rains and sleet continued to fall at Wichita Falls, Tex., Arkadelphia, Longview, Tyler, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Mineral Wells.

At least 16 deaths have been blamed on the blizzard since it roared into the Panhandle this mid-week and then spread over most of Texas. Most of the deaths were due to traffic mishaps on ice-glazed highways and streets.

Others to fires and suffocation from faulty stoves, and one man died of a heart attack while shoveling snow.

Ice on wires knocked out 196 telephone circuits and a number of power lines in the state. The bitter cold, which dropped to near zero in the Panhandle earlier, sent gas consumption to a record high.

Many bus schedules in west and north Texas were canceled yesterday and air transportation was badly crippled.

Virtually all highways in the Panhandle and South Plains were closed.

## Egypt Receives Red-Built Planes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Diplomatic sources today said Egypt has received from Communist Czechoslovakia 40 Russian-built Ilyushin bombers—some of them already flying.

Awareness of this new capability, it was said, was a factor in the urgent call by President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Eden this week for new efforts to preserve peace in the Middle East.

In their conference communique, Eisenhower and Eden proposed discussions with the French, under a 1950 three-power agreement, to prevent any violation of the Arab-Israeli truce lines. They again denounced the Soviet bloc's \$500 million dollar sale of arms to Egypt as having "increased the risk of war."

## 6,000 To Be Drafted By Army In April

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six thousand more men will be drafted in April for service in the Army.

The Defense Department's monthly draft call, issued yesterday, showed the same Army quota for April as for March. There was no mention of the Navy, which was allotted 10,000 men under the call for March.

## Holy Smokes

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — When a small fire broke out near the altar of St. Patrick Church, Mrs. Patricia Cadavay was Johnny-on-the-spot. She dashed the flames with holy water.

Firemen said children playing with light bulbs apparently started the blaze.

## Clear Skies Predicted For Water-Logged City

Clear skies are predicted by tomorrow night for Charlotteans who have waded through three feet of water in the North Sea as the drizzle will continue through most of tomorrow, the Weather Bureau said.

By late tomorrow afternoon it will be cooler with a predicted high of 57. This morning's low temperature was 37 with a low of 33 forecast for tomorrow morning.

The heavy fog which blanketed the Carolinas yesterday slowed traffic to a crawl and brought air transportation to almost a complete halt.

The Weather Bureau said the fog extended over most of the South and practically all of the principal airports were closed to airplanes.

Within the last 24 hours, Charlotte has had 80 inches of rain.

## European Storm Takes Big Toll

LONDON (AP) — Biting Siberian blizzards kept Europe in a deep freeze today and weathermen warned that fresh blasts would keep the continent icebound at least another three or four days.

Menacing ice flows were reported building up in the North Sea as the death toll over the frozen continent rocketed to 113 in five days.

Latest fatality reports from Europe's worst storm in the 20th Century showed France hardest hit with 31 dead. Britain reported 25 deaths, Italy 12, Denmark 11, Germany and the Saar 10, Turkey 10, Austria 4, Netherlands 4, Switzerland 3, Yugoslavia 2, and Belgium 1.

Temperatures plummeted far below freezing during the night after a slight thaw had raised hopes that the great freeze might be about to thaw.

Reports of death and suffering poured in from all parts of the United Kingdom and the European mainland.

Near Bristol, England, an 80-year-old woman was found suffering from severe frostbite after wandering in a daze 15 miles across frozen fields.

**SIX DIE**  
In Glasgow, six Lascar seamen died from fumes as they huddled over a makeshift stove aboard their ship.

In part of London electricity was cut off to conserve power. Garbage has not been collected in the capital for 10 days because of icy streets.

Damage to the famed flower fields of Southern France was estimated as high as one billion francs—\$2,800,000.

The famed "Battle of Flowers" flower festival in France was prevented since the giant carnation crop used for tossing over the streets, has been virtually ruined by the frost.

## Our Weather

Cloudy and foggy with occasional rain today, tonight and tomorrow, ending tomorrow night.

Low this morning—37.  
Low tomorrow morning—33.  
High yesterday—52.  
High today—45.  
High tomorrow—42.  
Sunrise 7:59 a.m. sunset 5:55 p.m.

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## CAGE GAME CONDUCT GOOD; NARY A 'BOO' WAS HEARD

Instead of the violence that they feared might break out, policemen on duty at the Myers Park-East High School basketball game last night at the Myers Park gymnasium found a new standard of conduct on display.

After a student was assaulted at an earlier game between the two teams, and in view of other such incidents at local schools, police were alerted to be on hand.

Chief Frank Littlejohn had vowed that there would be no such incidents at this game.

The game, won by Myers Park, 82-68, to end East's 11-game winning streak, went off without a single flare of temper.

School officials roamed the gymnasium. Policemen were stationed at strategic points—some of them in plain view to discourage anyone who might have had trouble in mind.

The conduct of everyone was a model of sportsmanship.

## But It's Not In The Post Office Building

# Yes, Virginia, There Is A Tax Office

By HARRY SHUFORD  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
Need some help with your federal income tax forms this year? Or maybe you just want to pick up some blank returns.

Don't go to the Post Office Building. Repeat. Don't go to the Post Office Building. The tax office has moved to Room 1068 of the Johnston Building, but other folks in the Post Office aren't that lucky.

Charlie Ashe, who operates the cigar stand in the lobby of the Post Office, said two-thirds of the people who ask directions put up an argument when told it has moved.

The unhappy awakening comes to them finally when it is impressed on them that the Audit Division of the Internal Revenue Department of office here has moved to the Johnston Building.

A sign on the door of Room 210 of the Post Office, the tax office's former quarters, doesn't do much good. Too many people don't read signs anyway.

Deputy Clerk of Western District Federal Court Miss Elva McKnight, whose office is right down the hall from Room 210, said that "Some of them really get burned up over it."