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Sherwood H. Smith, Jr. is J-J Day Chairman

Senator Henry M. Jackson will be the speaker for the annual Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner to be held in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium March 9.

A Democrat from the State of Washington, the senator has been called one of the most influential men in the nation. The son of Norwegian immigrant parents, he is an indefatigable worker and held his first elective office at the age of 26 when he was elected prosecuting attorney in his home county. He was elected to Congress two years later and after serving six terms in the House, was elected to the Senate in 1952. He was re-elected in 1958 by 319,000 votes, the largest margin in the history of his State for the office of senator at the time. He was re-elected in 1964 by a margin of 535,000 votes—a new record.

But he knows the role of Congressman or Senator in both a majority and a minority situation. He recalls his lonely trip back to the nation’s capital for his first term in 1946 when he was the only Democrat elected to the House of Representatives from all the Pacific Northwest States. He bucked the political tide again in 1952 when he gambled his House seat for a seat in the United States Senate and won.

He thrives on work, a habit that started when he was six years old and had a newspaper route. He continued until he finished high school and had accumulated funds which helped him get a college education. His sisters nicknamed him "Scoop" after a favorite comic strip character and he has been tagged "Scoop" Jackson ever since.

Jackson and the late President John F. Kennedy formed a strong and lasting friendship in the Senate. Their close association included weekend softball games at a Georgetown playfield. Kennedy selected Jackson as his Democratic National Committee Chairman for the race in 1960, and Jackson vowed to serve until Kennedy was installed in the White House.

The only man from the State of Washington ever to head a national political party, Jackson laughs, "As a matter of fact, I was the only Protestant, non-Irishman to hold the job in more than 30 years."

Following the President’s death, he was named to the Board of Advisors of the John F. Kennedy Institute of Politics at Harvard.

He serves on three major committees and a joint committee—a range of activity matched by few other members of the Senate. He believes in calling committee hearings.

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I. T. VALENTINE, JR.

We have a task ahead of us—total Democratic victory in North Carolina in 1968. I hope that every member of the Democratic Party in our State realizes that this is not just another election year and that each Democrat will work as never before in the history of our party to assure us of victory.

The time has come for us to sound the tocsin in every city, every town, every hamlet, every crossroad and byway. We want a total surge of activity on all fronts between now and the election.

We must unite as one to seek a common destiny that will insure the continued advancement of North Carolina in business, industry, education, and the total welfare of our people under another Democratic administration.

The Democratic Party cares about the people of North Carolina and we are proud of this oldest and greatest political party in the world—founded on the principles of truth and justice and love of mankind—the principles that have made America great.

Democrats, register! Democrats, work! Democrats, vote!

WHY?

In 1964, there were 113.9 million people in the U. S. of voting age. In 1968, there will be 120.6 million. In 1964, 70.6 million people voted for president but 43.3 million people of voting age did not vote. Why? Most of them could not vote because they were not registered.

Sherwood H. Smith, Jr.

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Center, and holds memberships in county, state and American Bar Associations. He is a past chairman of the Wake County Bar Association Legal Aid Committee. He is a member of the Raleigh Rotary Club, and a member of the Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church, where he is past president of the Men's Club and past Senior Young People's Advisor.

He is married to the former Eve Hargrave, of Lexington. The couple has three daughters. The family resides at 3225 Landor Road, Raleigh.

Chairman Smith has appointed the following committees for Jefferson - Jackson Day:

Host committee: E. L. Rankin, Jr., chairman; Marvin E. Koonce, Jr., vice chairman; Russell A. Swindell, transportation.


Ushers and marshall: Thomas W. Steed, Jr. and Lawrence Watts, co-chairmen.

Decorations: Mrs. R. H. Carson, chairman.

Luncheon: Mrs. Harvey J. Hinnant, chairman.

Reception: Mrs. Fred W. Dorsey, chairman.

Registration: Mrs. Annie E. Cooper, chairman.

Publicity and Program: Mrs. Bernadette Hoyle, chairman.

Senator Jackson

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ings as early as 7:30 a.m. in order to provide an opportunity for as many people as possible to testify and make their feelings known.

He is Chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. His other committee assignments are:

Government Operations (Chairman of Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, and ranking member of McClellan Investigations Subcommittee).

Armed Services (member of the "Watchdog" Subcommittee, which oversees the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency).

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy (Chairman of Subcommittee on Atomic Weapons).

He also serves as ex-officio member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations.

He is a native of Everett, Washington, attended the Everett public schools, and received his LL.B. degree from the University of Washington.

His wife is the former Helen Eugenia Hardin. They have two children, a daughter, five, and a son, two.

VOTE

DEMOCRATIC

IN '68
Approximately 800 Democrats from throughout the state attended the North Carolina Young Democratic Clubs installation banquet in Wilson on January 20.

James Hunt, Jr. accepted the presidency of the North Carolina YDC and pledged to "keep faith in the Democratic Party, maintain enthusiasm for the tasks that lie ahead and be ever determined that we shall win in November . . ."

South Carolina Governor Robert McNair gave the principal banquet address. Citing the most recent governors of North Carolina, he said:

"Because of their efforts, North Carolina has made many significant strides forward, some, I admit, at the expense of South Carolina.

"We have often competed with your state for industry and lost. Not frequently enough, it has been the other way around. You have the kind of leadership that gets things done."

He advised his audience to maintain their momentum by "electing responsible Democrats in the November election."

State Democratic Chairman I. T. Valentine, Jr. was master of ceremonies for the installation program. Officers installed in addition to Hunt were: Douglass Clark, of Asheville, vice president; E. Graham Bell, Jr., of Dallas, national committee man; Betty Lewis, of Greensboro, national committeewoman; Carroll Leggett, of Lillington, secretary; and Larry James, of Winston-Salem, treasurer.

Tommy Griffin, of Cumberland County, was presented the Al House Award for the most outstanding YDC member.

The award for the most outstanding YDC club for 1967 was presented to the Wilson County Chapter, James D. (Mickey) Little, president, accepted the plaque.

In addition to Griffin, the YDC honored its "Top 10" members. They included: Harold Blue, Moore County; Charlie Brown, Stanly County; Fletcher Pearson, Sampson County; Polie Cloninger, Gaston County; Harley Stepp, Henderson County; Ruth Helms, Union County; William W. Aycock, Jr., Edgecombe County; Wanda Gosnell, Buncombe County; Charles A. Williams, III, Mecklenburg County; and Mignon Harden, Alamance County.

The five most outstanding college Young Democrats, also honored, include Jerome Person, Pembroke; Susan Kellogg, Queens; Jim Wilson, Sandhills Community College; Bob Dunn, Atlantic Christian College; and Carroll Leggett, Wake Forest.

The Appalachian State University Club won the award for the most outstanding college club.

The individual and club awards were presented by former Governor Terry Sanford.

Rep. L. H. Fountain, dean of the Tar Heel congressional delegation and resident of the Second District, gave the welcoming remarks at the banquet. U. S. Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. made brief remarks.

Representatives Walter Jones and Nick Galifianakis were present for the occasion, as were most of the Council of State, and gubernatorial candidates Robert Scott and J. Melville Broughton, Jr.

Others on the program included Dr. Arthur D. Wenger, president of Atlantic Christian College, who delivered the invocation; James D. Little, president of the Wilson County Chapter, who extended greetings on behalf of the host club; Russell Stephenson, chairman of the Wilson County Democratic Executive Committee, who introduced those persons at the head table; Phil Carlton, of Tarboro, who introduced guests on the main floor; and Thomas Smith, president of the South Carolina YDC and a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, who introduced Governor McNair.

Sam Poole, who suffered an attack of appendicitis, sent a telegram to the meeting. Hunt replaced Poole as State YDC president. (Continued on Page 8)
Wives of hundreds of candidates for office in 1968 are helping their husbands in various ways in their campaigns. Some will be making speeches, some will be staying at home and keeping the household running smoothly, while still others will be acting as their husband’s chauffeur, meeting with women’s groups, or helping with mailing letters and brochures.

An insight into how wives help their husbands get elected is presented here after questioning some of the First Ladies of North Carolina.

Mrs. O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, whose late husband was Governor from 1929 to 1933, says she likes to believe that “every wife helps her husband, in many ways, to obtain his life’s goal.”

She thinks that the old cliche of keeping the home fires burning, in every sense of the word, is “certainly one of the most important duties and pleasures.”

“A husband, after days and nights of speech making and campaigning, enjoys and needs a happy home coming to his wife and children,” she said. “In addition to this, as I was reared in a political family, it was easy for me to go places, meet the people in all the counties, mix with them, entertain them, and enjoy every minute of it.”

“My husband’s interests, desires, aims, and ambitions were always mine, so helping him get elected was a real pleasure,” she added.

“I never asked anyone to support him for I felt as if I would be asking for a vote for myself. I did try to look after his health, which was not good at that time, and I did accompany him on some of his speaking trips.”

Mrs. J. Melville Broughton, whose late husband was Governor from 1941 to 1945, thinks that perhaps more than any other quality, the wife of a candidate for Governor needs a “limitless supply of patience.”

“During the campaign many things will occur which will try her patience. Unjust criticisms of her husband or his policies are difficult to accept, but her uncomplaining spirit will strengthen and comfort him,” she said, adding, “A sense of humor in trying situations is of great importance, too.”

Mrs. Broughton always enjoyed driving and drove her candidate husband to many appointments. “I like people and I greatly enjoyed meeting his friends all over the Gubernatorial race, campaign and farm headquarters (the latter out home) were 50 miles apart. Hence any advice I might offer as to the strategy and technique of winning would be worthless. Neither did I ever in any sense ‘hit the campaign trail’. However that does not mean I was on the outside looking in, because in every possible way I brought the campaign here to the farm.”

His outdoor office was under the big oak and here, as in three previous campaigns, groups big and small, met him.

“All important programs were held here, official announcements, press interviews, early morning fireside radio talks and always rallies! These rallies had increased over the years until by 1948 they ran into the thousands,” she reminisced. “He loved every minute of it and from these people and from this land he drew his strength.”
"My job was, first, keeping the door always open, and, second, being the link between him and his often long distance operation of this farm."

Mrs. William B. Umstead, of Durham, whose late husband served as Governor from January 8, 1954 to November 7, 1954, enjoyed attending meetings with her husband and on the occasions of women's meetings sometimes going without him. "I tried to make home relaxing on his return from out of town trips," she said, "and to be ready for whatever might come up at other times."

"I tried to plan our menus with dishes that could be served hours late, if necessary, and balancing our menus against the barbecue and fish fries of the campaign."

She remembers the campaign as "a time when I was busy taking telephone messages."

Mrs. Terry Sanford's husband was Governor from 1961 to 1965. The Sanfords live in Fayetteville.

Mrs. Sanford thinks there are two rules for wives when their husbands are campaigning: First, you help in the ways you are suited to help, and you help in whatever way you are capable of helping.

"A wife every day tries to help her husband in his business, or profession, or job. It is the same when he is campaigning. You do all you can but you remember that it is only way to approach it is with real and honest enthusiasm," she said. "I think you honestly have to enjoy meeting people. The strain of pretending would soon wear you out. In a sentence, to help your husband get elected, you must be just what you are, whatever that is."

Mrs. Dan K. Moore, North Carolina's present First Lady, says, "If I helped my husband in any way during his campaign it was by lending him encouragement and support during those long and arduous months."

"As for campaigning on my own, I felt compelled to tell the people of North Carolina about the candidate, Dan Moore, since I had more first hand information than anyone else, and since this was another partnership endeavor typical of many others during a span of more than 30 years."

And so, each Governor's wife filled her role as helpmate and each in her own special way contributed to the success of her husband's campaign.

Democratic women in North Carolina are urged to make plans to attend the 1968 Democratic Women's National Campaign Conference in Washington, D. C. May 19-21, stated Mrs. John D. Robinson, National Committeewoman. Both Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Harry K. McDonnell, Vice Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, hope that North Carolina will be well represented at the national meeting.

Registrations received later than April 15 will not include the White House reception due to White House Secret Service regulations. For this reason, it will be necessary for State Democratic Headquarters to be notified of all registrations before April 10.

Headquarters hotel will be the Shoreham and each person will make her own reservation. The State Democratic Committee will reserve a block of rooms, said Mrs. Robinson, and all who plan to attend should notify her at State Democratic Headquarters in Raleigh so that a sufficient number will be held.

Mrs. Marian Driver, wife of William J. Driver, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, and Mrs. Margaret Carpenter, Past President of the Democratic Suburban Club of Maryland, have been appointed by Mrs. Margaret Price as coordinators of this all important three-day meeting of Democratic women and are already hard at work to make this the most "smashing" election year conference ever.
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SETS CONVENTION DATE AND AMENDS PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

Meeting in Raleigh on January 17, the State Democratic Executive Committee approved a proposal to hold the State Convention following the May primary. State Party Chairman I. T. Valentine, Jr. said the action indicated "a willingness on the part of Democrats to meet changing conditions."

"Now the Convention can be a unifying influence rather than a place for partisan and factional demonstration. I believe this change will prove to be one of the most far reaching modernizations of the workings of the party," he said.

He complimented the Executive Committee for approving changes in the party Plan of Organization, adding, "I know of no instance in recent times in which the Plan of Organization has undergone such an overhaul."

The changes were recommended by the party Chairman, and the Plan of Organization Committee, headed by Harry D. Harrison, Jr., Raeford attorney, as committee chairman.

The amendments included: addition of an official preamble to the Plan of Organization; enlargement of precinct committees from five to ten members; an increase from 18 to 20 persons per district in the size of the State Executive Committee; exclusion of party officials from managing primary campaigns; addition of an appellant procedure; deletion of the immediate past county chairman from the county executive committee; definition of county Young Democratic Clubs and Democratic Women's Clubs and procedures for determining these clubs' representation on the county executive committee; and right of proxy vote to precinct officials.

Chairman Valentine expressed satisfaction with the action of the State Executive Committee and with the fact that the party now has a way "to settle internal party disputes judiciously and on the merits — something the party has long needed."

He praised chairman Harrison for his committee's work, saying that he had sacrificed much of his personal time in working with the committee and that the committee had done an excellent job in preparing the proposed amendments.

Executive Director Interviewed On TV

Philip O. Redwine, Executive Director of the State Democratic Executive Committee, was interviewed on "North Carolina News Conference", a program shown over the University of North Carolina educational television network, on January 15.

Richard Hatch, Raleigh manager of United Press International; David Cooper, manager of the Winston-Salem Journal Raleigh bureau, and William Shires, manager of the North Carolina Association of Afternoon Dailies, conducted the interview.

The discussion ranged from state to national issues on the political scene. The UNC educational network is composed of WUNC-TV at Raleigh, Chapel Hill, and Greensboro; WUND-TV, Columbia; WUNC-TV, Concord; WUNE-TV, Linville, and WUNF-TV near Asheville.

Teen Dems Can Help Party Win Election

Helping each other is a tradition in the Democratic Party. Hundreds of Teen Dems in North Carolina, under the leadership of President Joe Wheeler, will take an active part in the upcoming elections. Some specific ways in which Teen Dems can help carry out the work of the Party are:

1. Contact senior members and let them know that your club is available to help.
2. Distribute campaign literature.
3. Hand out cards, etc. at the polls.
4. Give to senior members a list of your Teen Dems who have drivers licenses and are available to take people to register and vote.
5. Make place cards for lunches and dinners for senior party.
6. Serve as ushers and distribute programs at meetings.
7. Offer to help in a telephone campaign to get persons to attend precinct meetings and county conventions.
8. Offer to help with errands involved in putting on big events such as Jefferson-Jackson Day, Vance-Aycock Day, etc.
9. Ask older Democrats to appear on your programs.
10. Never wait to be asked—volunteer!

FILING DEADLINES FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates who must file with the State Board of Elections have as their deadline February 23, 1968.

March 22 is the filing deadline for candidates who must file with their County Board.

The filing deadline is 12:00 noon on the above dates. The First Primary will be held on May 4, and the Second Primary, if needed, will be held June 1.
A MESSAGE TO

PRESIDENTS OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN’S
CLUBS AND COUNTY VICE CHAIRMEN

As the primary elections approach and registration books are open to prospective voters, we must increase our efforts to see that new voters in our communities register Democratic.

It is in this particular effort that Democratic women can play a major role in building toward a Democratic victory in the general election in November.

I urge you to schedule “Schools for Politics” for new workers and plan a Spring registration drive, including as many new workers as possible.

I urge you to talk to your neighbors and friends, and particularly with new residents in your community, about the Democratic Party and its accomplishments in North Carolina, invite them to Democratic gatherings and urge them to register and vote Democratic.

And while every Democrat will have individual choices for nominations on the Democratic ticket in the May primaries, it is my sincere hope that each Democrat will campaign for favorite candidates in such a manner that the unity of the party will be undamaged when the primary is over.

I hope to see many of you at the 1968 Democratic Women’s National Campaign Conference in Washington May 19-21!

Mrs. Harry K. McDonnell
State Vice Chairman

Donkeys For Sale

The following Democratic items can be ordered from the State Democratic Executive Committee, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, N. C.:

- Donkey earrings, gold — $1.00 pair
- Donkey pins, rhinestone — $2.00
- Donkey pins, gold with chain tail and green eye — $1.50
- Place cards with picture of donkey — 50 for $1.00

The above are retail prices. Clubs wanting to sell in quantity as a money making project can get wholesale prices by writing for them.

REGISTRATION DATES FOR 1968 PRIMARIES

In a recently published bulletin, the State Board of Elections gives the following information regarding registration:

Counties with Full-Time Registration:

- The counties must close their books to registration (for the primaries) on Friday, April 12, 1968. Registration of voters, to vote in the Primaries, is not allowed in full-time after this date.

Counties With Regular Registration:

1. April 6, 1968—First Saturday of Registration
2. April 13, 1968—Second Saturday of Registration
3. April 20, 1968—Third Saturday of Registration
4. April 27, 1968 — Challenge Day

Registration books must be in the polling places on the above designated Saturdays. They are to be available at the home or place of business of the Registrar on weekdays during this period.

In counties where a new county-wide registration will be conducted, the registration books must be open on Saturday, March 30, 1968.

McCotter Resigns Democratic Post

Perry E. McCotter, Jr. resigned as Assistant Executive Director of the State Democratic Executive Committee effective February 1.

In his letter of resignation he stated that he was “grateful of the opportunity” that had been given him by State Democratic Chairman I. T. Valentine, Jr. to serve in this capacity and that he would always cherish the experience. He assured the chairman that he would be available at any time to give assistance to him and the Democratic Party.

Chairman Valentine stated that he regretted McCotter’s resignation and complimented him on his fine and dedicated service. McCotter came to the post of assistant executive director in August, 1966.

ATTEND JEFFERSON-JACKSON DINNER!

Make checks payable to State Democratic Executive Committee. Please give the name of your COUNTY, so that your county will be given credit for your attendance.

Mail to: State Democratic Executive Committee
Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, N. C. 27602

Enclosed is my check for $50.00 for my ticket to the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner to be held in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium March 9.

Name
Address
City Zip Code
County

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YDC Meeting
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Governor Dan K. Moore was unable to attend because of a previous commitment of long standing. He sent greetings by telegram.

The activities during the day included a meeting of four YDC committees at lunch; a presentation "Profile of a Precinct" by Robert Byrd, former Burke County Executive Committee Chairman, at 2:30 p.m.; a meeting of the State YDC Executive Committee at 4:00 o'clock, and a reception at 6:00 p.m. Fayetteville was chosen as the site of the 1968 State Convention.

Seminar on Politics
The first “Victory '68” seminar on political techniques, sponsored by the Democratic National Committee, was held recently in Charleston, W. Va. Several state officials of the North Carolina Democratic Party attended, including State Party Chairman I. T. Valentine, Jr.; National Committee-woman Mrs. John D. Robinson; National Committeeman William E. Webb; YDC President James Hunt, Jr., and Executive Director Philip O. Redwine.

Staff members of the Democratic National Committee conducted the sessions which dealt with various phases of politics.

FREE PUBLICATIONS
In the Fall issue of TAR HEEL DEMOCRAT, a number of free publications were listed. We still have on hand a number of these booklets. Candidates will be especially interested in “Publicity Handbook” and “Twelve Ways Coffee Can Help You Win Elections.”
Write: State Democratic Executive Committee, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, N. C. 27602.

YDC Program
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YDC can cost us the election this year. But we cannot blame ineffective Precinct Chairmen who have never been taught how to do their job.

We envision a program to begin in July with the exposure of County Chairmen, and Presidents of the Democratic Women and YDC in a series of efficiently conducted training sessions across the state to “The Job of the Precinct Chairman.” Each county, or a group of small counties together, would then be expected and assisted to train all of their Precinct Chairmen and others counted on to work in the precincts. Effective materials must be made available and information such as Democratic Voter Lists secured. This job should be completed by the end of August.

Fourth, we must work! Each of us must knock on doors, talk to voters, do the menial jobs as well as the exciting, and by our very dedication and enthusiasm represent the Democratic Party favorably to the voters of our great state.

Plan of Organization
Copies of the new, revised Plan of Organization incorporating the changes made at the meeting January 17 of the State Democratic Executive Committee have been printed.

These may be obtained free by writing to State Democratic Executive Committee, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, N. C. 27602.

Coming Events
Jefferson-Jackson Day, Raleigh—March 9
Congressional Dinner, Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, D. C.—March 31
First Democratic Primary—May 4
Precinct Convention—May 11
Democratic Women's National Conference, Washington, D. C.—May 19-21
County Convention—May 25
Second Democratic Primary—June 1
State Convention, Raleigh—June 6
Teen Dem Convention, N. C. State University, Raleigh—June 7-9
Democratic National Convention, Chicago—August 26
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YDC State Convention, Fayetteville, October (date to be announced)
Vance-Aycock Dinner, Asheville—October 12
Election Day—November 5

Letter From Guam
State Democratic Headquarters received a letter from Senator R. F. Taitano, Agana, Territory of Guam, U. S. A., recently. Senator Taitano requested publications that were listed in a recent issue of TAR HEEL DEMOCRAT. The Senator is a member of the Ninth Guam Legislature Committee on Resources Development.