

Letters to the Editor

BROOKSIDE CITIZEN IS OPPOSED TO GOV. SMITH

Editor Watauga Democrat:
Will you allow me space in your paper for a few words in regard to the nomination of Al. Smith for president?

I notice that some claim the opposition to Smith's nomination is wholly due to his religious principles, but I consider his attitude towards the 18th amendment almost as dangerous as his allegiance to the pope.

The very same constitution which gives to every man the privilege to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, says it is unlawful to manufacture or sell alcoholic drinks. How does Al Smith stand on that clause in our constitution?

Mr. Kent, correspondent of the Baltimore Sun and an ardent advocate of Smith, has this to say: "Smith is admittedly a wet. He cannot run as anything else. He is opposed to the Volstead act and regards prohibition as an unsuccessful experiment. There isn't any way for him to avoid being a wet if he wanted to—and he does not want to." I am ashamed that the Democratic party would even suggest the nomination of a wet man for the highest office—the highest honor a party can bestow on any man.

What has Al. Smith ever done to merit the support of the American people?

He is a good dancer to Tammany's music, and he has never, in one instance failed to give prohibition a slap in the face at every opportunity. At one time he voted to establish a saloon right in front of a church. "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink."

Do we want such a man for president of our country?

I have always been a Democrat and always voted the Democratic ticket and shall continue to do so when clean, upright men are on the ticket. But I absolutely will not support Al Smith or any other wet man. I cannot follow the dictates of my own conscience and vote with and for the liquor element of the country. I don't think this is the time to keep quiet when so much is at stake.

For the sake of our children and grandchildren, let's do all in our power to drive strong drink from our land.

"Choose you this day whom you will serve."

JOHN L. TATUM.

Brookside, N. C.

SMITH'S VOTE IN NEW YORK

Editor Watauga Democrat:

Some people keep saying that Al Smith only carried five counties in New York state. In the first place, there are only five counties in New York that are Democratic, all in New York city. Smith carried them all. Governor Smith also carried three Republican counties up-state, which is a mighty good showing. Does any Democrat fall out with him because he does not carry the Republican counties. Smith received 889,000 votes in the five Democratic counties and also received 748,000 vote up-state, in Republican counties. He received 1,587,000 votes in the entire state, more than the Democratic party polled in 10 southern states: North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, Arkansas and Alabama, only polling 1,204,000 Democratic votes. There are more Democrats in New York state than there are in 10 southern states. New York city contains 885,000 Democrats, more than seven southern states contain. The three Republican counties that were carried by Smith are Albany, Clinton and Oneida counties. He also came in a very few votes of carrying several large Republican counties up-state.

WILL C. WALKER.

Boone, April 28.

Editor's Note—Governor Smith in 1926 carried nine counties of the state when he was elected governor. These counties were Albany, Bronx, Clinton, Kings, New York, Oneida, Queens, Rensselaer and Richmond.

In 1924 Governor Smith carried six counties in his election. These were Albany, Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens and Richmond.

In 1922, when Governor Smith defeated Nathan L. Miller, he carried eighteen counties. These were Albany, Bronx, Erie, Hamilton, Kings, Monroe, Montgomery, New York, Oneida, Onondaga, Queens, Rensselaer, Richmond, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, Sullivan and Westchester counties.

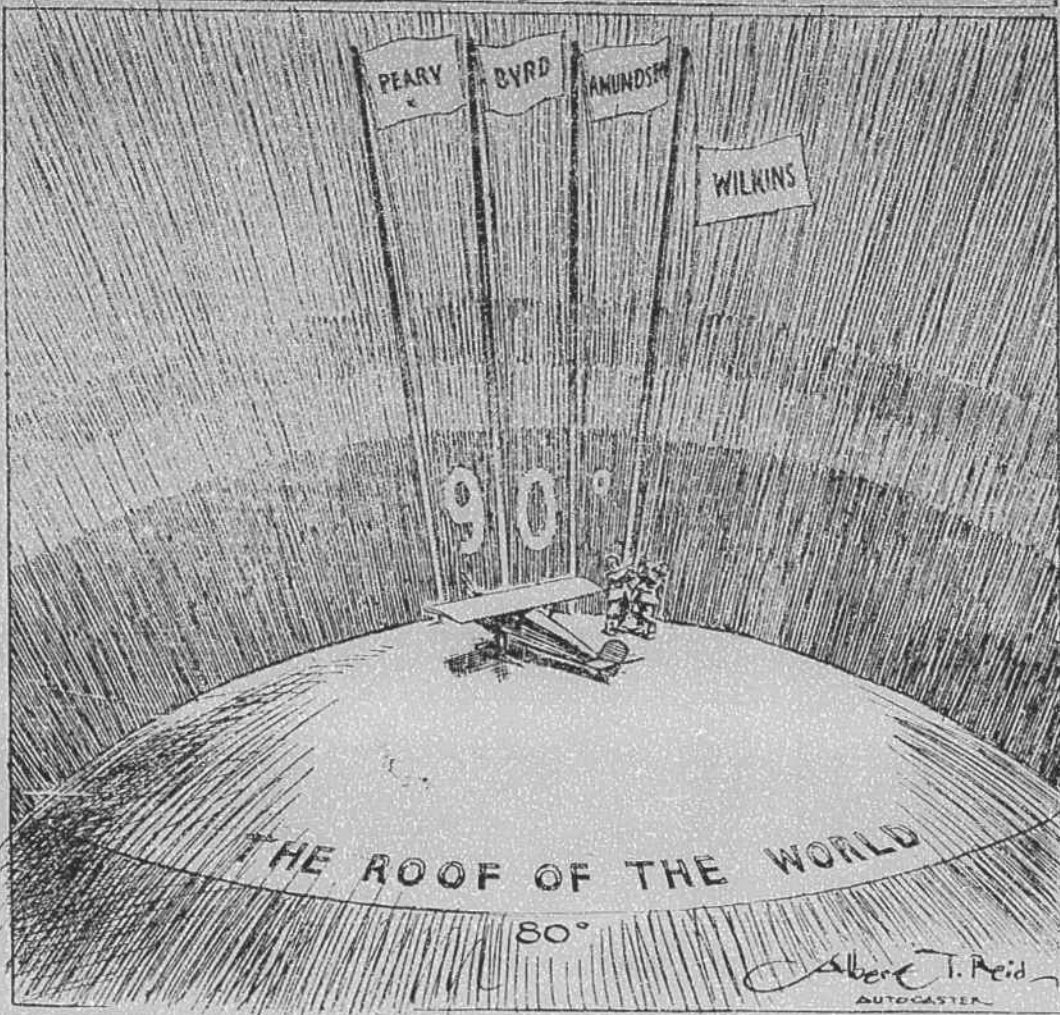
In 1918, running against Charles feated Nathan L. Miller, he carried nine counties in the state. These were Bronx, Hamilton, Kings, Lewis, New York, Queens, Rensselaer, Richmond and Sullivan counties.)

MAY 6TH SET ASIDE TO PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE

Kansas City, April 29.—Mrs. Mary H. Thirkield, of Chattanooga, Tenn., wife of Bishop W. T. Thirkield and president of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church, today broadcast an appeal to the 400,000 members to set aside Sunday, May 6, as a day of prayer for world peace.

'There's Always Room At The Top'

By Albert T. Reid



News From Top of the World Creates Sensation

Latest Polar Flight Breaks All Precedent; Sheds Light on Geographic Problems

By ROBERT FULLER

Washington, May 2.—The news from "the top of the world" that Captain George H. Wilkins and Carl B. Eilson, unannounced and unheralded, had made a safe passage from Point Barrow, Alaska, to Spitzbergen has created a great stir all over the world, as an outstanding achievement, and the National Geographic Society here heralds the fliers as having broken all precedent in flying so far south during their trip.

They flew 250 miles south after reaching the northwest corner of Spitzbergen, the most popular base for polar flights.

An astounding feature of this flight was that it was unannounced. No one knew that Captain Wilkins had started the flight. People remembered that he had been contemplating such a flight, but gradually the memory was fading.

Then, of a sudden, news came to the Capitol that the flight had been made.

News of the start, the passage and the finish came all at once.

Never was there a more sensational report!

This is the first air-flight over the Arctic Basin by a heavier than air machine. The expedition was primarily for scientific purposes. Peary had thought he saw land-signs northwest of Greenland out in the Arctic sea and the existence of this land has been the question ever since.

Captain Wilkins, accordingly, flew to the right of the pole for the region where land was believed to be in evidence, and wired the Geological Society that he had found no land.

Thus Wilkins, in addition to performing one of the bravest feats in history, a feat which made it necessary to undergo many hardships, has erased a scientific question mark.

And it is believed he will be able to give the world other scientific results of his journey. There are many scientific questions involved as to ocean currents, soundings, temperatures, atmospheric conditions and so forth.

The National Geographic Society believes that this latest polar flight will add a very great deal to the sum of general geographical knowledge.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. R. L. CLAY

From the Women's Wesley Bible Class of the Boone Methodist Sunday School

We, the members of the Women's Wesley Bible Class desire hereby to express our appreciation of the life and character of Mrs. R. L. Clay, who was one of the most faithful and beloved of our group; regular in attendance, cheerful of disposition, energetic in planning, capable in assistance, and in her own personal standards, most exacting. She endeared herself to all who knew her, especially so to the members of her class.

With one accord, we all sorrow over her unexpected death on April 28, 1928. To her husband, to her children and to her relatives we extend our sincerest sympathy in their bereavement. They have a place in our thought and prayers.

MRS. J. D. RANKIN,
MRS. J. L. WINKLER,
MRS. J. D. COUNCIL.

COVE CREEK SCHOOL CLOSING

The exercises by the first six grades of the Cove Creek high school were presented last Friday night. Despite the unfavorable weather a large crowd was present for the program.

On Friday night, May 4, the senior class will give its graduating exercises; Saturday morning May 5, diplomas will be awarded and the annual address will be delivered. Dr. B. B. Dougherty has been invited to speak at this time. State Superintendent A. T. Allen and Senator A. E. Woltz of Gastonia will also be present. The senior play will be presented on Saturday night and the concluding program will be a sermon by Rev. W. E. Poovey, pastor of the First Methodist church, Lenoir, on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The full program is as follows:

Friday May 4, 7:30 P. M.
Piano solo—The Chariot Race (Paul), Pearl Payne.
Song—The Gypsy Trail, Glee Club
President's address—James Lee Tester, Jr.

History—Frances Farthing.
Prophecy—Esther Osborne.
Piano duet—Hilarity March (Moro) Mary Lee Bingham and Paul Taylor.

Poem—Ruth Greer.
Doctor—Phyllis Bingham.
Jester—Joe Clay Mast.
String music—James Tester, Don Perry, Raymond Greer.

Statistics—Hazel Fox.
Last Will and Testament—Ruby Mast.
Valedictory—Ruth Thomas.

Saturday, May 5, 10:30 A. M.
Invocation—Rev. A. J. Greene.
Song—America, by audience.

Piano solo—Morning Prayer, Jennie Love.

Song—Mamma's Little Boy, Glee Club.

Annual address to graduating class, Dr. B. B. Dougherty.

Piano duet—School Colors, Hazel Norris and Ruth Allison.

Song—There's a Long, Long Trail—Glee Club.

Presentation of diplomas.

Presentation of perfect attendance certificates.

Song—My Faith Looks Up to Thee, by audience.

Benediction—Rev. L. A. Wilson.

Saturday, May 5, 7:30 P. M.
Senior play, "Mother Mine."

Sunday, May 6, 3:00 P. M.
Prelude—Miss Allison.

Song—Come, Thou Almighty King

Chorus—My Wild Irish Rose, Glee Club.

Scripture reading and prayer, Rev. R. A. Taylor.

Offertory, Miss Allison.

Sermon—Rev. W. E. Poovey.

Song—Holy, Holy, Holy, by audience.

Benediction, Rev. W. E. Poovey.

Eldred Griffith, who on February 20, shot Col. LeRoy Springs on the streets of Charlotte, last Thursday plead guilty to assault with intent to kill. Judgment in the case was suspended on condition that Griffith give \$25,000 peace bond and report to the court at stated intervals and show that he had kept the peace with Col. Springs. Griffith shot the millionaire textile magnate after he had refused to discuss a business connection which had been severed five years previously.



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