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## American Jewry Pays Its Tribute to Vance

Asheville, Oct. 14.—Amid the Sylvan charm and quiet of old Calvary church's sainted churchyard, American Jewry this afternoon paid its debt of gratitude to Zebulon Baird Vance, war governor of North Carolina, whose golden voice, now long stilled in death, in its lifetime invoked for "the scattered nation" a measure of the justice which the American nation promised to the oppressed peoples of all mankind.

The dedicated tablet, the gift of Asheville lodge 714, Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, to his memory, and among the monuments that have reared in the "Westminster abbey of the south" to many memorable geniuses of Dixie, they expressed their eternal gratitude for the championship which Governor Vance gave to their cause in a day when few men had kind words to say for them.

Bathed in the warm glow of a brilliant autumn sun 2,000 people, Jews and Gentiles, stood within the peaceful surroundings to listen and applaud as Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, of New York city, America's foremost Jew, translated Governor Vance's life in terms of the meaning of Christianity, and in the light of mankind's age long struggle to achieve justice and brotherhood. Applause frequently echoed through the wooded groves as the rabbi, himself famous around the world as a champion of the cause of the down-trodden and the needy, soared to eloquent heights in linking up the spirit which moved and guided Governor Vance with the call for human tolerance and kindness today.

"Vance," he told the multitude about him, "was so much a Christian that he had a deep human compassion, and was moved to plead the cause of all men who were in need of justice. I believe that the secret of Vance's immortal championship of the cause of 'the scattered nation' may be found in the fact that he loved Christianity and dared to translate into terms that all men could understand.

"Vance did not merely plead for kindness for the Jew. He pleaded for justice which was of the very essence of the American government and genius."

The tribute to North Carolina's great war governor was more than a gifted eulogy. It was also a plea for human brotherhood. It was an innovation of the spirit of Vance on behalf of "mankind's needy minorities" and for the development of broader understandings, wider sympathies, a more genuine compassion, and a real brotherhood.

## SPANISH WAR VETS TO MEET AT WILKESBORO OCTOBER 23

Spanish War veterans residing in Watauga, Wilkes and Ashe counties, will meet in the courthouse at Wilkesboro, Tuesday evening, October 23rd, at 7:30 o'clock. Captain H. W. Edmonds, junior vice commander, department of North Carolina, United Spanish War Veterans, of Charlotte, will speak on present and proposed national legislation providing new and increased benefits for Spanish war veterans, and describe the steps to be taken in obtaining hospital treatment when required.

A great deal of interest in this meeting is already being manifested by the Spanish war veterans in Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro and Boone, and a large attendance is expected.

All who served in the army, navy or marine corps for ninety days or more during the war with Spain, Philippine insurrection or China relief expedition (between April 1898 and July 4, 1902) and who received an honorable discharge are urged to attend and bring their discharge with them.

## HOOVER TO MAKE ANOTHER SWING AROUND THE COUNTRY

Washington, Oct. 16.—Herbert Hoover, despite the fatigue of his New England campaigning, turned anew today to the consideration of plans for his return trip across the continent, during the closing days of his drive for the presidency.

The Republican candidate will deliver four more speeches in the east before starting on his western trip. It is not yet decided where the closing speech of the campaign will be made, but it is likely to be either at St. Louis, Milwaukee, Chicago or Minneapolis. Monday night he will speak in New York, the home of his Democratic rival.

The critic's aggressive tone, when he praises modern art, seems to indicate that he expects you to call him a liar.

## ELECTRIC POWER FOR SUGAR GROVE

Work Started on High Tension Line From Shulls Mills Through Vilas by Public Service Corporation of Cleveland, Ohio

Blowing Rock, Oct. 17.—Work has been started by the Blowing Rock Light and Power Company, subsidiary of the Public Service Corporation of Cleveland, Ohio, on the high tension service line which will run from the company's hydro-electric plant at Shulls Mills through Valle Crucis and Vilas to Sugar Grove.

A crew under the direction of George Robbins, local manager for the company, and a construction engineer from the Asheville office, began raising the poles Monday morning. It is expected that the line will be finished in a few weeks, and that regular service for the three communities mentioned and for all persons living along the line will be inaugurated.

The only obstacle in the way of an early completion of the line is some difficulty in getting rights-of-way arranged, but it was hoped by officials of the company that these difficulties could be removed, since actual work on the line has been started. It was pointed out that the value of property all along the line will probably be increased as a result of the service.

The High School Forum, newly-organized debating society of the Blowing Rock high school, is preparing a public debate on the question, "Resolved that Al Smith is better qualified than is Herbert Hoover to be president of the United States." At a preliminary contest held Monday afternoon, the following debaters were selected: Paul Foster and Jay Knight for the affirmative, and Bynum Crisp and Lucile Heid for the negative.

It was decided last week to have the debate in the auditorium Friday night, but since that time the Community Club has announced a picnic supper in the same place that night. Some arrangements were to be made to prevent a conflict in dates, but at the time of going to press the change had not been decided upon.

The officers of the society are Bynum Crisp, president, Elizabeth Suddarth, vice president, Fern Robbins, secretary, and Paul Foster, sergeant at arms.

It is the intention of the society to take part in the debates of the State Debating Union on the subject of American entrance into the world court. Correspondence is now under way with the extension department of the state university to select the two schools which will be triangled with Blowing Rock.

The boys of the high school have organized a basketball team, with Stanley Mudge as captain. Goals have been ordered and will be erected on the court that was graded by the school grounds by the Community Club. The boys are already practicing.

Work on the new Watauga Inn, which is being pressed as rapidly as possible, is expected to be completed in a week or so, and the hotel will then be opened for guests under the management of Mrs. W. P. Pendley. New bedrooms, steam heat and modern plumbing fixtures are among the improvements being installed in the building of the Hob Nob Tea room, which the hotel will occupy.

The Carolina Theater announces an extraordinary entertainment for this week in "The King of Kings," moving picture spectacle by Cecil B. De Mille, depicting the life and crucifixion of Christ. This is said to be Mr. De Mille's greatest religious production since "The Ten Commandments." The production was released for general distribution only a short time ago, hence Blowing Rock is considered fortunate in getting the production so early.

Mrs. Sallie Reeves and Miss Lena Reeves returned Wednesday from Richmond, Va., where they were called Friday night by the death of Mrs. Reeves, granddaughter, little Ruth Council Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Davis of Hot Springs, Va. Funeral services were conducted Saturday in Richmond, former home of Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. Rufus Coffey has returned from Durham, where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Banner. Miss Mabel Coffey, who accompanied her mother, remained in Durham to accept a position with Western Union. Miss Coffey was assistant in the office of the Western Union here during the summer.

Miss Dorothy Hayes has gone to Chester, S. C., to visit Miss Annie Wall, who was Miss Hayes' home

## County Teachers to Meet at Cove Creek

The following interesting program has been prepared for the meeting of the public school teachers of Watauga county, which will be held at the Cove Creek high school on Saturday, October 27, beginning at 10:30 a. m.:

- Morning Session, 10:30**
1. Song, America, the Beautiful, by audience.
  2. Devotional, A. J. Greene.
  3. Announcements, Superintendent Smith Haganan.
  4. Piano solo, Miss Lucy Moretz.
  5. Reading, Mrs. James Moore.
  6. Discussion on "The Teacher and the Community," led by five teachers: (a) What the teacher means to the community, E. L. Ball. (b) What the community means to the teacher, C. O. Mudge. (c) What the teacher owes the community, Miss Constance Shoun. (d) What the community owes the teacher, Miss Graybeal. (e) The teacher and parent in full co-operation for the good of the child, Miss Theodosia Watson.
- Afternoon Session, 1:30**
7. The future outlook of the rural communities of Watauga county, Dr. J. D. Rankin.
  8. Proper supervision of physical education, Miss Charlsie Camper.
  9. Public welfare work and community vaccination, A. J. Greene.
  10. Song, America by audience.
  11. Benediction, W. Y. Perry.
- Teachers may bring lunch or lunch can be secured at the Cove Creek cafe.

## EDMINSTEN FAMILY HOLDS HOME COMING AT OLD HOME

On last Sunday morning, the children and grandchildren of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Edminsten, began to arrive at the old homestead now owned by D. M. Edminsten. By noon they were all present, namely: C. A., R. D., C. D., M. H., Ira, D. M., and E. Y.; Mrs. W. D. Farthing of Boone; Mrs. Walter Johnson of Detroit, Mich.; and Anna Edminsten; Uncle Newton L. Edminsten of Lenoir; Mr. and Mrs. William J. Moore and son of Lenoir, were also present. Uncle Nevt, coming on Friday morning and remaining until Monday.

After a short talk and blessing by W. D. Farthing, a sumptuous dinner was served on the front porch of the old home, where nearly all of the children were born and reared. In the center of the table was a birthday cake with 22 candles, representing Claude Edminsten's birthday. He is the son of G. A. Edminsten, who is on a furlough from the United States army. The afternoon was spent in talking and playing by the children and adults.

Everybody enjoyed themselves to the fullest. Late in the afternoon the crowd separated wishing each other many happy and prosperous days yet to come.—Reported.

## JUDGE MEEKINS, IN COURT ATTIRE, MISTAKEN FOR POPE

New Bern, Oct. 11.—When Judge L. M. Meekins of Elizabeth City, presiding here over a week's term of federal criminal court, appeared in the crowded halls of the federal building Monday, wearing his long, flowing black judge's robe, he aroused much curiosity and interest from the large throng of spectators.

One old countryman from a rural section of Carteret county saw him suddenly. The old man's eyes almost popped out of his head. He grabbed a friend's arm and whispered excitedly: "Lord God Almighty, there's the Pope of Rome done come already before Al Smith's elected."

guest here during the past summer.

William Holshouser, who is attending Lees-McRae Institute at Banner Elk, spent last weekend with his parents in Blowing Rock.

## TP SANDS CHEER IN CAROLINA

ated that Four Hundred Thousand People Cheered Candidate on Trip Through State; Short Address in Raleigh

Greensboro, Oct. 11.—Four hundred thousand Tar Heels pulled and cheered at Al Smith between Norfolk on the east and Statesville on the west today and when the lights flickered tonight Governor Smith was still waving his bronze derby as a vaudeviatory to the state.

Leaving Richmond this morning the presidential special steered to North Carolina where the newspapermen accustomed to feeling the public pulse found hostility to Smith far less acute than in the commonwealth which once ground out the great. The North Carolina welcome impressed elsewhere. The scribes found throughout North Carolina a militancy which was not perceivable in Virginia. They will not be prepared to hear that the state has gone against the Democratic ticket.

These visiting writers found the attending politicians cocky. The purr of his Pullman he stuck out. The guess of the correspondents is that Smith put just the pep into the campaign which will carry it over the opposition of Senator Simmons. Indeed, when Congressman Abernethy boldly announced the prospective capture of Craven, home of Senator Simmons the perkiness of Democracy admitted no doubt.

Governor Smith gave every second of the stops to the crowd. From the year of his Pullman he stuck out both hands and allowed the population to shake like a Model T. If he had a minute at Method he used his strength to autograph hats and anything else that was handed to him for his signature. He signed more documents than were found on Jack Dempsey's person two years ago. And when he could write no more he dictated a loving statement to the 20,000 disappointed fans in Burlington who saw his train breeze through to Greensboro where 75,000 people were waiting for him.

When Governor Smith's train rolled into Norfolk, the first North Carolina stop, there were 3,000 people waiting for him. The Smith train was late, but this evil luck ministered well to him, for the Democrats turned the wait into a mighty Democratic rally where one was needed as imperatively as in Mecklenburg or New Hanover. But as the train pulled in the crowd rushed to the rear Pullman and Governor Smith emerged. He hung his bronze derby on the side of the sleeper and took the crowd by both hands. The Veterans tugged at him. Great heads of perspiration broke out as the populace manhandled him. It lasted for ten minutes. The train cut out for Raleigh but was stopped at Henderson where 6,000 people met him at the Vance mansion.

At Raleigh probably one hundred thousand people were on hand to see the governor. At the last minute it was decided to arrange for a short speech at the city auditorium. Governor Smith was introduced by former Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, as the next president of the United States. The governor spoke for only a few minutes. He is conserving his strength for the final drive in the campaign that will end on November 5th.

From the auditorium the presidential party motored to Method, a suburb of Raleigh, where the special train was waiting to carry the presidential nominee to Durham, Greensboro, Charlotte and on to Tennessee.

## CURTIS HEARD IN RALEIGH

Senator Charles Curtis, Republican vice presidential candidate, spoke in Raleigh Tuesday night. The principal part of his address was devoted to prohibition, and the speaker was roundly applauded when he mentioned the name of Senator Simmons and attacked Governor Smith.

## Community Fair at Windy Gap School

County Superintendent Haganan attended the community fair at Windy Gap school last Thursday. He says the fair was well attended, practically the entire community taking part in the event.

The agricultural exhibits were good and the display of needle work by the women and girls was fine. Mrs. Smith Haganan and Miss Dale, domestic science teacher of the Appalachian State Normal, were the judges. While the exhibits were being judged the large crowd was entertained by all kinds of athletic contests.

Following is a list of the prize winners in the fair:

- Song, Jack Edminsten.
- Whistling, Robert Haganan.
- Calling dog, Howell Edminsten.
- Recitation, Loy Trivett.
- Calling cow, Ida Farthing.
- Largest mustache, Joe Farthing.
- During the recess while the exhibits were being judged the following won prizes in athletic events: Men's races, Alvin Cannon.
- Large boys' races, Jelino Harmon.
- Small boys' race, Floyd Ward.
- Girl's races, Annie May.
- Agricultural department: Buckwheat, M. R. Ward.
- Wheat, Alvin Greens.
- Pop corn, Nellie Trivett.
- Orchard and garden: Sweet potatoes, Lela Trivett.
- Irish potatoes, Vance Harmon.
- "Henry" apples, E. A. Trivett.
- Virginia Beauties, M. A. Ward.
- Two largest apples, Vance Harmon.

- Cooking and canning: Apple jelly, Nellie Trivett.
- Peach jelly, Texie Cannon.
- Grape jelly, Eula Trivett.
- Canned peaches, Della Trivett.
- Mixed peaches, Nannie Edminsten.

- Strawberries, Biance Trivett.
- Beans, Callie Ward.
- Beets, Rosa Haganan.
- Huckleberries, Nannie Edminsten.
- Apple butter, Texie Cannon.
- Honey, E. B. Haganan.
- Butter, Bessie Harmon.
- Corn bread, Dora Edminsten.
- Cake, single girl, Dora Edminsten.
- Cake, married lady, Texie Cannon.
- Sewing department: A. L. L. Johnson.
- Blue, Texie Cannon.
- Buffet, gown and pillow top, Lucy Greene.

- Bed spread and centerpiece, Annie Edminsten.
  - Girls' apron, Frances Trivett.
  - Centerpiece, Lura Edminsten.
  - Doll dress, Alice Harmon.
  - Flower case—Nanna Edminsten.
  - Chickens, Roy Trivett.
  - Curiosity, Lila Prussell.
- The prizes consisted of silver rods, groceries, knives, pencils, handkerchiefs, etc., amounting in value to many dollars.
- Everybody at the event had aousing time.

## SMITH INDEBTED TO TAMMANY DIXIE WOMEN TOLD AT RALLY

New York, Oct. 12.—The debt of the south to Tammany, in whose hall in 1898 was passed the "first essential law" just and equitable treatment to the south," was urged as one of the reasons why it should vote for Governor Smith as president, George Gordon Battle told a rally of southern women at the Baltimore hotel.

Of 10,000 appointments he has made since he has been commissioner of highways and superintendent of public works, Tammany has only asked for one, a position of watchman on one of the New York piers. Col. Frederick Stuart Green told the women.

The supporters of Smith were urged to write to the south and give a "true picture" of the man against whom the "stupid but virtually injurious whispering campaign is being waged most violently in the south." Col. Greene called Governor Smith the "greatest living statesman in this country."

Mr. Battle asked for the support of the south, not only because he was the best man in "experience, character and ability, but because of the traditional southern stand on states rights. Mr. Hoover was called "autocratic, self-willed, evasive on issues and with an itch for power and public trust."

## WESTERN N. C. METHODISTS MEET OCTOBER 23-29

The Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, will meet in Charlotte on October 23 and continue through the 29th. Committees in Charlotte are making arrangements to take care of about 650 ministers, lay delegates and official visitors. Bishop Edwin Mouzon will preside over the sessions of the conference.

Perhaps the Jews never will have a land of their own, but who wants a land if he can have New York?

## DOUGHTON ON CAMPAIGN ISSUES

Eighth District Congressman Declared Here Saturday That Government Cannot Endure Under Bootleg Rule

Hon. Robert L. Doughton, congressman from the eighth North Carolina district, and candidate for reelection on the Democratic ticket, spoke to probably the largest crowd gathered in Boone since the campaign opened at the courthouse Saturday afternoon. He is accompanied by Mrs. Lyman A. Cotton of Salisbury, an effective campaigner for the national Democratic ticket. As the veteran congressman launched into his defense of the county, state and national tickets, the general consensus of opinion among his champions was that this was Doughton's greatest Watauga deliverance. He declared the government cannot "endure under bootleg rule and said it was folly for southerners to expect stronger prohibition by voting for the Harding-Coolidge policies.

"I am a prohibitionist by inheritance," Mr. Doughton said, "and I shall stand for prohibition in its entirety until I am convinced that it is unworkable and that some other plan will work better. But we all agree that the present situation is unendurable.

"When Governor Smith asked for a justification of the prohibition amendment, he was merely seeking for some remedy for this unbearable situation. I am not convinced that his plan is the best, but I can understand why he is groping for some way to rid the country of 'bootleg rule.

"North Carolina is a dry state. We had prohibition before the 18th amendment was adopted, and if it were repealed we should still have prohibition. But if we lived in New York as Governor Smith does, and if we had seen the deplorable lack of enforcement there as he has seen it, perhaps we would feel just as he does about national prohibition.

"But Governor Smith has said without equivocation that he will repeal the prohibition law a jock as it remains on the statute. Has the Republican candidate made such a direct and open statement? He has not. The most he has ever conceded on this subject is the perfectly innocuous statement at Elizabeth: 'I wish to succeed.'"

"Moreover, his whole campaign is based on carrying on the Harding-Coolidge policies. We know what the Harding-Coolidge policies on prohibition have been. It is absurd, deplorable, for southern Democrats, seeking a stronger enforcement of the prohibition law, to vote for Harding-Coolidge prohibition policies.

Mr. Doughton took upon by one the principal objections to Governor Smith and refuted them. In regard to Governor Smith's religion, Mr. Doughton read from the constitution the clause prohibiting the application of any religious test to any candidate for public office. Leaving aside the copy of the constitution, he came closer to the audience and asked, "Are we to make an unwritten law that shall supersede our constitution? If we set such a precedent as that, our constitution will be worthless.

Speaking of immigration, Mr. Doughton pointed out that Mr. Smith said in Nashville that he endorsed completely the Democratic platform on immigration and that is all a Democrat should ask of his candidate.

Mr. Doughton defended Tammany Hall as the friend of the south. He admitted that years ago there was corruption in Tammany Hall at a time when the whole government was shot through with corruption and when a great statesman said that politics could not be made clean. But since then, he said, Tammany has cleaned its own house, and no crookedness can be found in the modern Tammany Hall.

"The Republicans have tried their best to find some scandal in the Democratic administration, but failing that, they have fallen back on what Tammany did some time in the seventies and eighties because they can find nothing else against the Democratic candidate."

Mr. Doughton charged that Hoover was President Coolidge's adviser on farm relief and said that it was common knowledge in Washington that Hoover wrote the two vetoes of farm measures which President Coolidge sent to congress. He charged Hoover with deserting the man who made him—Woodrow Wilson. Hoover, he said, was actually a candidate at one time for the Democratic nomination, when nobody knew to what party Hoover belonged, and, on failing to get the

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## Lineup of County Candidates:

### DEMOCRATIC

- For Representative: R. C. RIVERS
- For Sheriff: L. M. FARTHING
- For Register of Deeds: MISS HELEN UNDERDOWN
- For Treasurer: EMORY GREER
- For Coroner: DR. J. B. HAGAMAN
- For Surveyor: ROBY VINES
- For County Commissioners: ROBY GREER, T. C. BAIRD, J. Y. WALKER

### REPUBLICAN

- For Representative: T. E. BINGHAM
- For Sheriff: A. G. MILLER
- For Register of Deeds: MRS. PEARL HARTLEY
- For Treasurer: H. L. LYONS
- For Coroner: DR. W. O. BINGHAM
- For Surveyor: I. A. BUMGARNER
- For County Commissioners: L. A. GREENE, C. C. TRIPLETT, W. F. WINKLER