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## Hospital For Cherokee County?

Does Cherokee County need a hospital, and a County Hospital? There are five counties immediately surrounding Cherokee County that have no hospital facilities; whose people, when they need hospital treatment, must travel from forty to seventy miles and over before they can get the treatment that often means life or death to them, and the majority of those miles over the roughest roads that makes the danger of their sickness even greater. Cherokee County is centrally located, has a population of over one hundred thousand within a radius of fifty miles. An ideal place for a hospital, a modern hospital which can meet the needs of the many emergencies that arise in any growing and fast developing community.

Cherokee County has the doctors in sufficient number and ability to support a good modernly equipped hospital. Cherokee has the site for such a hospital, without having to spend one cent for development of same. Cherokee County is located geographically, as mentioned above, so that many more people may be served than will be required to make it a self supporting institution after the first year, or even less. And here is the one point of interest that makes it possible for Cherokee County to have such a hospital, and at a minimum expense.

There is a fund created by the will of one of the Dukes for the purpose of developing the schools and hospitals of North and South Carolina. The man in charge of the dispensing of this fund is Dr. W. S. Rankin, for many years the President of the North Carolina State Board of Health. Dr. Rankin is authorized to give dollar for dollar to any County that will construct a County Hospital, and will continue to contribute to its support. To make it still more clear, he will do this. Should Cherokee County decide to build a sixty thousand dollar hospital, he will furnish thirty thousand dollars of that amount. He will give one dollar each day toward the support of each bed given over to charity patients, those who are in need of hospital treatment, and who are not able to pay for it. Cherokee County can get a \$60,000 dollar, forty bed, modernly equipped hospital for thirty thousand dollars, and can get about one third or one half the amount required to support the hospital from the same source. The pay patients would more than support it after six months or one year, and then we would have a modern institution that would be a credit and blessing to the community, and would be a successful venture from an economical standpoint, because it would be more than self-supporting, would really pay the County a revenue.

Marshall, N. C., just north of Asheville, is building a sixty thousand dollar hospital, and they are getting half of it free. Marion, N. C., is building a sixty-seven thousand dollar hospital, and they are getting half of it free. Cherokee County can get the same help. Can our people afford to lose this opportunity? We don't believe they can.

What do you think about it?

## NOTED VA. CHURCHMAN CALLS 'DRY' 'LEADERS BACK INTO PULPITS'

(Reprinted from the Asheville Times by request.)

Deploping the purposes and idea behind the dry conference held in Asheville this week, Dr. W. M. Forest, professor of Biblical history and literature at the University of Virginia, and one of the best known churchmen in that state, wrote to Bishop James Cannon just before the meeting here deploring the intrusion of preachers into politics and declaring he would support the party. The Times learned Friday.

Dr. Forest's letter is an open answer, he says, to a circular letter sent out by Bishop Cannon and Dr. Barton boosting the cause of the meeting here.

"I am weary of the unchristian, unpatriotic, unconstitutional bigotry which would penalize an American citizen for his religion by debarring him from politics," Dr. Forest declares.

He warns that a crusade such as the conference planned will rend and tear the church; that it will not accomplish its alleged purpose, that it means "prostituting the religion of Christ to politics"; and that the temperance cause will not be served by defeating the Democratic nominee.

Dr. Forest concludes with the plea that the bishop and his dry "crusaders" reconsider the matter and "turn to persuasive teaching of the gospel and away from the desertion of God for politics."

After explaining that he is a member of one of the most ultra Protestant communions, Dr. Forest declares he will vote for Smith because he is "the standard-bearer of that party which, even at its worst holds out more hope than its rival for the administration of government in the interests of all the people."

His statement in part follows:

"As for my reasons for not supporting your dry conference, they are many. I believe you are wrong in claiming that Southern Democracy and Southern temperance will be served by the defeat of Smith. You are well aware of Republican weakness, and of the scandalous inefficiency and corruption of prohibition enforcement under its wet officials. You are equally aware that the dry cause in the South is in the hands of the Democratic party. To bolt that party's nominee now is to endanger any cause you may in future ask the party to support."

"Again, I believe you are wrong in repudiating your party's nominee after having participated in the convention that selected him. Especially does your course seem wrong after Smith straightforwardly announced his allegiance to the very plank in the platform that you and your colleagues labored to put into it. With what face can you again plead with people to yield to what they do not like because it is decreed by rule or law or majority? A decent respect for the opinions of men in general under such circumstances should not be set at naught by clergymen."

"Like Other Politicians"

"Further, I believe it is time to call a halt to the preachers and their organizations that have been prostituting the religion of Christ to politics in the interests of a single reform. The preacher in politics has proved himself sadly like other politicians. He wants success and thinks the end justifies the means. He supports irreligious men, however wet, if they will promise to vote for his dry measures."

"At the present moment, the preacher in politics, in the person of you two prominent men who have called this dry conference, is about to tear the Southern churches asunder because the Democratic nominee is wet. You must well know what it will mean to have the clergy declare this a moral and religious issue and try to make church members vote your way. It will set brother against brother, in unholy strife."

Should Change Purpose  
"I therefore, beg you to turn your Asheville conference into a meeting of humiliation, confession and sup-

plication. Of humiliation in the sight of God and men because the holy cause of preaching and teaching religion to lead mere political reforms.

"Of confession to God and in the presence of men for putting your confidence in an arm of flesh, previously sinning against the Spirit by trying to drive men by law instead of winning them to the principles of Jesus by the persuasive power of the gospel."

"Of supplication that God may grant forgiveness to His faithless ministers, graciously receiving them back into His service where they may spend the remainder of their days striving to recover the lost radiance of the Christian religion—the old time power of the Spirit of God granted to His ministers to transform men and make them temperate in all things."

AS TO SEVERAL ISSUES

(Reprinted from the Asheville Times by request.)

Editor of The Times:

Referring to Mr. Bailey's impeachment of Mr. Hoover's Dry declaration, and his defense of Governor Smith's Wet declarations: I did not see his appellation in The Times—though you carried his communication above mentioned, but I saw the appellation in another daily.

The "appellation" I refer to was something like this: Mr. Josiah William Bailey, leading North Carolina Baptist, espouses vigorously the defense of Governor Smith, and the Wet cause, etc.

I repudiate the allegation that Mr. Josiah William Bailey is a leading North Carolina Baptist. Some 15 or 20 years ago Mr. Bailey was editor of the Biblical Recorder, the Baptist state organ, and as such he was among our leaders. But he left The Recorder, entered law and politics, and, while he retains membership in a Baptist church, he has not since been active in church affairs—so far as my knowledge extends. I have always admired Mr. Bailey, and four years ago I supported him for Governor. But I then did not know that he was anti-Prohibition and a Wet Tammanyite. But I will not do that again.

Mr. Bailey, adroit lawyer, a good writer, takes up Mr. Hoover's Dry declarations, etc., and shows that when Hoover said "Dry" he said "Wet," and what Hoover said he did not say, did not mean; but that he said and means quite the opposite.

Then he takes up Governor Smith's plain telegraphed Wet avowal, and his modification statements, etc., and shows that Governor Smith did not say that at all, but that he said the very opposite that the Governor does not mean "Wet," and "revised," "modified," when he says that, but that he means "Dry," "enforcement," etc. I see statements something like that coming from Governor Morrison also.

But these great lawyers, forceful writers, adroit politicians, are fooling nobody but themselves. The common people are not simpletons to drink down all this Wet Tammany stuff. I see also, Mr. Editor, that there is a movement on foot to rule out the primaries, and read out of the party, those who will not support Smith on account of whiskey and Tammany.

Let me tell you about a certain county of good folks, and strongly Democratic 30 or so years ago, in extreme Western North Carolina:

These good Democratic people joined the Farmers' Alliance. Later they talked "Progressive." The Democratic leaders—lawyers, politicians, dealt harshly with them; accused them; forced them, or drove them to "fuse" in 1896. The state went Republican; elected Russell Governor, and Builer and Pitchard Senators, and the Negro White to Congress; Richmond Pearson defeated the noble and loved Crawford, etc.

And today that said county is strongly Republican, and Republican to stay.

Better have a care!  
Better not, too, try to force the

## WHY AM I GOING TO VOTE

It's a Part of Good Citizenship for Every Woman of Lawful Age

(First Prize Letter)

(Ed. Note—The following was written by Mrs. John Deal, of Brass-town, and published in the Progressive Farmer, October 29, 1927, as first prize letter conducted by that publication on the subject of the head of this article.)

The United States Constitution gives women equal franchise with men. That infers equal responsibilities with them in local, state and national government. As a woman of lawful age, that automatically makes voting a part of my business and good citizenship demands it of me.

When I cast my ballot in the coming election, that means one more vote for good government and all the finer things of life that have to do with development of the human race.

If I deliberately stay at home on election day, it means that I have voted to have no government, no schools, no roads, no protection for the helpless and innocent. In other words, if I refuse to cast my ballot in the coming election it means that I have silently but surely voted to do away with all government, all law, and to put our people back to a state of savagery even lower than that of the Indians who once roamed over this country.

I want your children and my children to have better advantages than our ancestors had, greater opportunities for a richer and fuller life than you and I have had. Therefore I shall vote in the coming election for the candidates whom I believe have a greater vision of the future and are willing to sacrifice self for the good of coming generations.

What will this community do with its several one and two-teacher schools where each teacher instructs from four to seven grades? Shall we consolidate, put on busses and employ a competent teacher for each grade? My vote says give the children a living chance.

What will this county do about its

Wet Tammany Governor down the throats of conscientious Dry Democrats. Hundreds of thousands of us can be driven to vote for Hoover; but not one of us can be made to swallow Al Smith, liquor, nor Tammany.

(REV.) A. B. SMITH.  
Marble, N. C.

Some politicians are greatly pleased with the heat because it makes it hard for people to think!

The heroes of ancient tales used to go forth to battle dragons that breathed fire and had seven heads, and every time a hero managed to dispose of one of the heads two grew in its place. Modern heroes imbued with the same spirit become prohibition officers and slash at the speakeasies!

roads? My vote will have its influence.

The reading of the better class of magazines and newspapers will enable me to vote intelligently, but I must keep in mind that we are not only citizens of our state and nation but we are also citizens of the world. Anything that seriously affects one nation also affects us as to world citizens, therefore I must keep posted on what other nations are doing if I hope to vote wisely in our own elections.

I sometimes feel like staying at home and minding my own business but then when I go into the kitchen to get dinner my spices and extracts seem to say to me, "We are guaranteed under the pure food laws, therefore you ought to vote." When I pour the milk for dinner I remember that Daisy has an ear tag that says her milk is free from tuberculosis, and I know it is my duty to vote that all this may continue.

Everywhere I turn I find something that is good because of our government, and as I tuck three little children in bed I wonder if it would have been possible for us to have raised three such strong healthy youngsters had it not been for information available because of a far-sighted state and national government. As I give them their good-night kisses, the question comes to me, "Will you have a part in all this or will you be traitor to your husband, children, neighbors, and good government everywhere?" And in my heart I answer, "I'll vote."

MRS. JOHN DEAL,  
Cherokee County, N. C.



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