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MR. POU WITH LABOR

Mr. Pou was one of the men upon whom President Wilson confidently relied during the eight years of the great war president's administration to enact into law his policies.

During his long service in Congress, Mr. Pou has consistently supported every measure which has been put through Congress to restrict immigration. His support contributed in no small degree to the passage of the existing immigration laws.

He has been always consistently a friend of organized labor. Honorable Samuel Gompers for a long time, President of the American Federation of Labor acknowledged Mr. Pou's friendship for organized labor. He said that Mr. Pou was "always sympathetic and helpful."

The Congressman from the Fourth District introduced one of the very first measures, if not the very first, which resulted in giving to the ex-service men additional compensation. When after the war Congress gave to the government workers a bonus of two hundred and forty dollars annually in addition to the compensation these workers received by law, Mr. Pou immediately made the point in Congress that the debt of gratitude to the men who won the World War was even greater than any debt of gratitude or obligation to the government workers who remained at home.

He followed this statement with the bill referred to above, giving to the ex-service men additional compensation. He said there was far more reason for giving to the ex-service men additional compensation than there was for giving to the civilian government workers a bonus of two hundred and forty dollars annually.

And again he pressed this point in speeches delivered on the floor of the house. Finally the Adjusted Service Compensation Act became a law. Ex-service men throughout the nation acknowledged the part Mr. Pou took in putting through this legislation.

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MR. BRADLEY SPEAKS TO KIWANIS

The following is the address made before the Louisburg Kiwanis Club by Mr. C. J. Bradley, who has recently completed a survey of the county government of Franklin county. Because of its dealing with Louisburg and Franklin county as seen by a stranger we feel will be of interest to our readers:

Gentlemen:

It is not exactly a personal pleasure to address you this evening since I am neither a finished orator or an after-dinner plate speaker. Before going into a discussion of my subject, I want to express myself personally as to certain reactions set up during my stay in your midst. I like your town. The town itself has spirit and a neat appearance. The general attitude of the citizenry is one of friendliness expressed in such a way as to be stimulating and inspiring both among yourselves and to the visitor. Your churches are active and church life in the town appears to be satisfying and ennobling. I attended two banquets while in your county. One at Franklinton given for the local school board by the home economics department of their high school and the second at your local Baptist church. The latter was delightfully different from the church suppers and banquets of my earlier experience. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and I feel sure that many here tonight had a similar experience since they attended the church banquet just referred to. Your streets are well kept and policed. Your courthouse square will no doubt assume an improved appearance in the near future through the action recently taken by the county commissioners in placing its care in the hands of one of the club women of the town. Your retail stores are far above the average for towns of like size. You are well supplied with banking facilities through your two strong banks. All of my business contacts in Louisburg have been pleasant. Your local theatre not only shows good pictures, but shows them comparatively early. Your town clerk, Mr. Green, appears to be capable and energetic. True, you have no industrial plants, but from the standpoint of a satisfying place to live this is probably a help rather than a hindrance, because of the absence of sociological problems connected with industrial centers. Your schools stand out as beacon lights to the surrounding territory. You would have to search long and carefully to supply equal educational services to those now rendered by your beloved Mr. Mills and his co-workers. The young ladies college in your town is a splendid institution and means much for the general background of learning and culture in your community.

It was a pleasure to study county government in the atmosphere created by the present corps of county officials. At no time was I accorded any other than full cooperation by these officials in my study of local government. If I failed to get to the bottom of things, the fault lies in my own inability to seek in the right paths for data. Without exception, all county officials went out of their way to accommodate me. County affairs are well managed and I fail to see wherein there would be gain in dispensing with the services of any of the county officials now employed. The editor of your paper, a good paper, gave very freely of his time and assisted me very much in getting certain data. My boarding place, while in Louisburg, has been most pleasant. I may have been somewhat lengthy in my expression of feeling toward those people of Franklin county with whom I have come in contact, but feeling as I do, I could not allow this opportunity to pass without expressing myself. Mrs. Bradley and Evelyn, our little daughter, feel as I do and we shall remember our stay in Louisburg with much pleasure. I hope that you treat all worthy strangers as you have treated us, and I feel that you do.

Leaving aside my personal preference, it is a pleasure to address a group such as you. Through such groups expression may be given for those things that make for progress in a community. The merits of the new and untried may receive a hearing at your hands. In other words, you are on the side of progressivism, whatever that means, and only through this source does forward movement of civilization occur. Conservatism serves as a crucible for testing and weighing, or as a governor for a machine already in operation, but movement forward can only come through men and groups having progressive ideals and thoughts. Understand, I am using the term progressive advisedly and with full knowledge of what the Bolsheviks and like groups have done in recent years to distort the real meaning of the word. Gentlemen, you are to be complimented for the organization of such a group with its concrete expression of fellowship, community interest and the like.

Your invitation through Mr. Holden was somewhat flattering and the latitude or range of subjects, as stated by him, from which I could choose a subject for this evening was indeed flattering. As stated by him, I could choose any subject at all. In your instructions to him you may not have extended such a dangerous liberty, but so he reported to me. You have

no assurance that I shall not address you this evening on Judge Lindsey's companionate marriage, or rediscuss rates of the Federal Reserve System, or dietary habits and preferences of the South Sea Islanders, or the chemical process by which chlorophyll, the green coloring matter in plants, converts sunlight into living vegetable matter. I choose, however, to talk for a little while about the county road system of an adjoining county along with some data as to Franklin county roads.

I do this because there is considerable evidence on the part of many citizens of the county of desire for change in the present township road system of Franklin. Being converted, myself, to a countywide policy for both roads and schools I hope that I can say something that will aid in bringing about a more satisfying road situation in Franklin county.

For a few minutes, I wish to discuss with you the Halifax county road system. Halifax has had a countywide road system since 1919. A county road department, known as the Halifax County Good Roads Commission, was organized in 1913, and several years prior to the organization of a state road department. All control of county roads was taken from the county commissioners and vested in a county board of highway commissioners, five in number, by the act of the legislature in 1919 that inaugurated a countywide road system. The county road department as organized in 1913, employed a county road engineer and an assistant but left control of highways in charge of township road boards. The county engineer could not act, except through construction work done by the county chain gang, upon requests from township road boards. Much of the present bonded indebtedness of the county for road construction was incurred through expenditures made under the system just outlined. Therefore, many roads of the county were poorly planned to fit into a county system of highways. Much unavoidable expense has been incurred through relocation and rebuilding of roads constructed from 1913 to 1919 by the earlier county plan. All township road obligations were assumed by the county in 1919.

The present superintendent has been in charge since 1915 after having served as assistant to the first county road engineer. He has had continuous charge of the county chain gang during this period and construction done by this group during a single year is considerable. Daily food cost per prisoner in 1927 were less than 25 cents. The superintendent is a graduate in civil engineering of State A. and E. at Raleigh. He maintains an office at Weldon and is provided with an able office assistant. The superintendent receives \$4,000 annually and 10 cents mileage allowance and the secretary \$2,100. Various detailed records are kept in this office. It is possible to determine the unit cost of all construction work in the county since the inauguration of a countywide road system in 1919, as well as much data prior to that date. Per diem food and feed costs in all road camps of the county can be ascertained back to February, 1921. The system as evolved in Halifax is a pioneer effort and counties now organizing county road departments can have the advantage of studying the successes and failures of this system.

The Halifax county road system contains 759 miles. Of this mileage 600 are surfaced, 400 with gravel and 200 with sand clay. The remaining 159 miles are improved dirt roads. There are, in addition, 118 miles of State highways in the county and approximately 300 miles of short road stretches throughout the county not yet admitted to the county road system. This latter mileage is maintained by the county but cannot be classed as improved. This mileage is being absorbed into the county system at a rate of about 30 miles annually.

The annual tax rate in Halifax yields road revenues for maintenance and construction of approximately \$125,000. You may ask what all this means in terms of Franklin county. I do not know that it has any meaning. Township road levies in Franklin are yielding a little more than \$100,000 annually. Township levies range from 26 cents in Franklinton township to \$1.72 in Gold Mine. Mileage or road maintained by townships, bonded indebtedness, and tax levies in 1927 were as follows:

Mileage	Tax R.	B. D.	
Dunn	84	\$.68	\$40,000
Harris	60	1.30	100,000
Cedar Rock	50	.68	30,000
Sandy Creek	45	.97	50,000
Cypress Creek	60	1.12	50,000
Louisburg	60	.50	30,000
Hayesville	33	1.05	50,000
Youngsville	60	.45	40,000
Franklinton	82	.26	60,000
Gold Mine	28	1.72	30,000
Total	563		\$580,000

What can you do? I do not know. It seems to me, however, that with a countywide road system both for debt service and maintenance you can within a few years have a much more satisfactory road system than at present.

Advantages that should accrue under a countywide system as compared with a township arrangement under equally skilled management are as follows, as I see them:

1. Profitable employment of coun-

ty prisoners.

2. Less jail expense and a more effective recorder's court through less embarrassment on part of the judge in sentencing prisoners.

3. Better planned county highways.

4. Economy of expenditures thru the operation of road work in larger units.

5. Economy through elimination of township buying of road equipment.

6. Lower interest rates on borrowed money since the county should have a higher credit rating than townships.

7. Road work done by the county as a unit should, in theory, be done much more effectively and efficiently than through townships.

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AUTOMOBILE SHOW AT ROCKY MOUNT APRIL 16-21

Rocky Mount, April 16.—Three boxing titles will be at stake here Wednesday night, April 18, as one of the varied attractions of the annual Rocky Mount Automobile Show which lasts through the week of April 16.

Kay Kyser and his famous University of North Carolina orchestra will play one concert each afternoon and one each evening and will play for the dance to be held in the Fenner warehouse every night during the show. Special vaudeville attractions, booked direct from New York circuits by W. E. Fenner, who is one of the officials of the show, after he had reviewed the acts are additional features of the show which will add greatly to the entertainment.

Add Warren, heavyweight champion of North Carolina, who is planning to make a try for the bigger circuits within the next few months, is meeting a formidable opponent in Al Davis here Wednesday, April 18, for the heavyweight title of the State.

Kayo Conway will defend his title, recently acquired, in a battle with Trooper Clayton and Hoyle Goodwin will attempt to wrest the featherweight crown from Tresco Johnson in an eight round battle. Willie Kid Parish who pleased 4,000 people in Wilson with his spectacular battling, is slated for a go with Jules Saunders in the six round preliminary to the three championship tilts.

Reserved seats for this show are on sale at the baseball office, Main street, Rocky Mount. All orders should be accompanied by money orders or certified checks. Mr. Fenner said this morning. Seating accommodations for 4,500 fans are being arranged with all ringside seats reserved.

All new model automobiles, particularly the sports models which are so attractive for summer use, will be displayed throughout the shows. All funds raised in this manner will be devoted to the Rocky Mount baseball club, the local entry in the infant Eastern Carolina loop.

There will be dancing every evening after the vaudeville attractions. Mr. Fenner said this morning, and every effort will be made to see that the dances are the most popular ever attempted here. The Kay Kyser orchestra, one of the most noted in the country, will play for all the dances.

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COL. WILDER VISITS LOUISBURG

Col. W. T. Wilder visited his people here last week. He left Louisburg 45 years ago as a cadet to West Point being sent by Col. Bennett. It might be of interest to know that he has been stationed at the following posts, though he has been in many other countries:

Fort Clark, Texas; Del Rio, Texas; San Antonio, Texas; Fort Wayne, Detroit; Fort MacKinn, Mich.; Fort Buford, North Dakota; Fort Assiniboine, Montana; Chickasaw, Ga.; Tampa, Fla.; Camp Russell, N. C.; Tybee, Ga.; Fort Wingham, New Mexico; Ponce, Porto Rico; Moquez, Porto Rico; Aguadilla, Porto Rico; Manila, Philippines; Jolo, Philippines; Fort Russell, Wyoming; Fort Slocomb, New York; Holguin, Cuba; Omaha, Nebraska; St. Paul, Minn.; Fort Lincoln, North Dakota; Texas City, Texas; Naco, Arizona; Douglas, Arizona; Panama; Los Baras, Philippines; Tientsin, China; Governors Island, N. Y.

He was the second ranking officer of the Court Martial Board that tried Grover Cleveland Bergdoll who afterwards escaped and went to Germany where he still is.

Col. Wilder was retired in 1920 and lives now in St. Paul, Minn.

COUNTY COUNCIL P. T. A. TO MEET

On Saturday afternoon, April 21st at 3 o'clock, the County Council of P. T. A. will hold its quarterly meeting at the Louisburg High School.

Mrs. J. F. Mitchiner, the president, will have charge of the meeting Mrs. Burke Hobgood, of Durham, district vice-president, will be the main speaker for the afternoon, with other speakers possibly.

All P. T. Associations in the county will be expected to send a large delegation and a report of all activities since last meeting. Other schools will furnish special music.

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KAY KYSER

Kay Kyser, director of the famous Kay Kyser orchestra, which is to play for the annual Rocky Mount automobile show here during the week of April 16. He will play for a dance every night and after the Warron-Davis heavyweight championship battle here on Wednesday evening, April 18.

"OLD IRONSIDES"

"Old Ironsides," one of the best pictures of the season, and one that will be enjoyed and appreciated by all red blooded Americans, will be shown at the Winner Theatre on next Monday and Tuesday nights. Mr. R. K. Kissell, manager of this popular picture theatre, informs the TIMES that he will make no advances in admission for this performance, even though the cost to him is a great deal more. He says it is just another instance that he is giving the people of Louisburg and Franklin county the best pictures to be had at popular prices. Read his advertisement and see this show.

LOUISBURG COLLEGE ARTIST SERIES

The second number on the Ampico Artist Course sponsored by Louisburg College will be given on Saturday evening at 8:15 in the Mills High School auditorium.

Frederick Dixon, of New York City, a pianist of great musical nature and intelligence, comes to us for this number. We are very fortunate in securing Mr. Dixon for this concert, since this is his only appearance in North Carolina this year.

Those not holding Ampico membership tickets, may secure tickets for the three remaining numbers at \$2. Single admission \$1 for adults; 50c for pupils of Mills School.

The third number of the Ampico Artist Series will be Louisa Espinel, a Spanish artist who will give a costume recital of native songs on April 21.

"THE SECRET THAT CAN'T BE KEPT"

The above is the subject of the sermon that will be preached by the pastor Sunday morning, April 15, 11:00 A. M. at the Bunn Methodist church.

Preaching also at Prospect 2:30 P. M. Subject: "The Inspiration of the Imperfect." Bunn 7:30 P. M. "Life as a Year." You are cordially invited to attend these services.

LIST OF JURORS

The following is a list of jurors drawn for the May term of Franklin Superior Court:

Dunn—W. J. Pearce, W. M. Bunn, M. H. Moye, M. C. Pearce, W. H. Lucas, G. C. Branham, H. E. Stallings, Harris—J. H. Cyrus, J. V. Pearce, W. S. Strickland, Sam Privett, J. R. Johnson, W. S. Tharrington, M. B. Jeffreys, W. G. Pridden.

Youngsville—W. M. Alford, T. J. Williams, W. H. Green. Franklinton—F. G. Morris, C. E. Randall, T. J. Evans, J. W. Sandling, H. P. Fuller, R. W. House. Hayesville—D. T. Dickie, T. L. Fuller.

Sandy Creek—J. R. Tharrington, N. S. Smith, W. B. Burnette, K. E. Joyner, Alex Tharrington, E. H. Harris. Gold Mine—Plummer Gupton, T. J. Moseley, P. W. Gupton, Tom M. Gupton. Cedar Rock—J. C. Davis, H. W. Wood, Jr. Cypress Creek—J. E. Wilder, A. L. Gay, B. M. Wood, B. B. Wood. Louisburg—J. A. Munford, J. A. Spencer, Paul B. Beasley, T. K. Allen, W. A. Bailey.

FOUNTAIN TO SPEAK

Hon. R. T. Fountain will be the speaker for Franklin County Bar Association Convention to be held at Bunn, May 6th.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The Jambes Unit American Legion Auxiliary will hold its regular monthly meeting with Miss Lynde Hall on Tuesday afternoon, April 17th, at 3:30 o'clock.

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Supt. E. C. Perry visited Raleigh Monday.

Miss Elizabeth Newell was a visitor to Enfield Monday.

Mr. J. W. Mann, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg Tuesday.

Mr. J. Allen Harris, of Henderson, was in Louisburg the past week.

Mr. R. T. Melvin, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg Wednesday.

Rev. J. A. McIver attended Easter services at Winston-Salem Sunday.

Miss Mary Spencer, of Wilson, is visiting her niece, Mrs. A. F. Johnson.

Messrs. W. F. Beasley and Sideey Edens visited Bayview the past week end.

Mr. D. G. Allen, of Farmville, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hilton and Mrs. Ida Hale spent Easter at Winston-Salem.

Mr. John Wells and children, of Wilson, were visitors to Louisburg Monday.

Mr. W. G. Tarkington, of Woodard, was a visitor to Louisburg during the holidays.

Mrs. J. R. Johnson, of Winterville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Smithwick.

Mr. B. H. Perry and Mr. — — —, Leggs, of Henderson were visitors to Louisburg Monday.

Mrs. T. W. Bickett, of Raleigh, spent Easter Monday with Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Yarborough.

Mrs. Annie Smallwood of Woodard, is spending some time with Mrs. H. A. Kearney, who is quite sick.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Smithwick and children spent Easter with Mrs. Smithwick's sister at Robersonville.

Little Misses Viola and Jennie Cheatham Alston are visiting their uncles, Mr. Edwin J. Alston, in Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown and Mr. Dutch Moseley returned from Baltimore this week after spending Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Bickett and little daughter, Frances, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Yarborough Monday.

Miss Maria Perry returned Saturday from Berkeley, Va., where she spent the past two weeks with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Barnes.

Mr. R. C. Brown, with the State Department of Conservation and Development, was in Louisburg this week making survey of the timber in Franklin county.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Barnes, of Berkeley, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Griffin, of Rocky Mount, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Perry during the holidays.

Mr. C. F. Sledge returned to Berkeley, Va., this week after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Sledge of near town. He was accompanied by his mother who will spend some time there with her son.

"THE DEBT ETERNAL"