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## NEBO HIGH SCHOOL

Commencement Exercises Will Embrace April 10-11—R. R. Reynolds will Deliver Address.

Nebo High School has had the most prosperous year in its history. The commencement exercises will embrace the 10th and 11th of April. A good programme is being prepared and a large attendance is expected at that time.

A class numbering fourteen girls will graduate this year. Two graduates were given diplomas in 1909. These were the first sent out by Nebo. In 1910 there were four who received diplomas. So this year the school will send out the largest class in its history.

The grade of work done at Nebo is recognized by the leading school men of the state. Nebo High school is accredited by the University of North Carolina and also by the State Normal and Industrial College. This means that graduates from Nebo will be admitted to the Freshmen class of these institutions without examination. And it is well known that these schools set the pace for the state so far as the school system is concerned.

The attendance this year at Nebo has been larger than that of any previous year, especially in the High School. About fifty boarding students have been enrolled during the year. The local patronage also has been good. The outlook for the future of the school is bright. There will be a good sized class who hope to finish here next year. Others will come up from different parts of the county to swell the student body. Nebo holds an important place in the educational system of the county. She invites the good citizens from all parts of this and other counties to attend the annual commencement. Come aside for a day or two and enjoy this occasion with us.

On the first day, which will be the 10th of April, the annual sermon will be preached by Rev. J. C. Story, of Marion. This will be at 11:00 a. m. Then there will be exercises by the primary and intermediate grades in the afternoon. On the first night the medal contests, both girls' and boys' will be held with other things thrown in. On the 11th at 11:00 a. m. the literary address will be delivered by Hon. R. R. Reynolds, of Asheville. At 2:00 p. m. will be the class day programme and the awarding of diplomas. At night will be the annual concert. This promises to be one of the best and most interesting commencements ever held at Nebo.

So come to the commencement at Nebo. The latch string hangs outside and our hearts are open too.

You come, too, Mr. Editor, and we'll welcome you as we are always glad to do.

CITIZEN.

T. C. Ledbetter, of Black Mountain, and Miss Nancy Gilliam, of Fairview, were married at the home of Johnson Ledbetter at Dome, Saturday, Esquire A. C. Owensby officiating. Though the bride is 51 and the groom her senior, it was a run-away match, Cupid having won under unfavorable circumstances after weeks of anxiety.

## School Closins at Dysartsville High School.

The fourth annual entertainment at Dysartsville High School will be given Friday, April 12th. The exercises will consist of two programs. The primary and intermediate grades will give their entertainment in the afternoon, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. The exercises by the high school department will begin in the evening at 7:30 o'clock. This promises to be the best entertainment ever given by the Dysartsville school. An interesting feature of each program will be addresses by men of note.

Hon. R. R. Reynolds will make the principal speech at the end of the night program. Mr. E. E. Sams, formerly County Superintendent of the McDowell schools, now in the state department, will be present and will talk in the afternoon. D. F. Giles of Marion will make a short address in the afternoon.

No charge will be made for the afternoon entertainment. An admission fee of 15c will be charged for the night program.

The public is cordially invited.

For "Bob" Reynolds.

EDITOR CITIZEN:

Please give me space in your paper to bring to the attention of the democratic voters in the tenth district my opinion of the availability of Bob Reynolds of Buncombe county for the democratic congressional nomination. Bob is the man to nominate if we want to be certain of carrying the district. He is young, energetic and a tireless worker.

As a candidate for solicitor last election in this district (Madison, Buncombe and Transylvania), he pulled off his coat and waded into the fray without fear and when election day came he walked off the field of battle with a majority of some 800 dangling at his belt. He didn't redeem the district because it never was democratic—he simply overcame an immense republican majority and placed a republican district in the ranks of democracy — something that no other man had ever done.

"Our Bob" is the man not only to keep the tenth district in the democratic ranks, but to increase the democratic vote in the thirteen counties of the district. If we nominate him he will help every candidate on the democratic ticket this fall. He can command more attention, arouse more interest, create more enthusiasm, and cause the democrats to get together, organize and fight harder than any man in the district. Bob is a clean boy with a fine record as solicitor, and if we nominate him he will be our next representative in congress and he won't be there many days before the whole United States will know that the tenth district of North Carolina has a representative in congress and they will also know exactly where the tenth district is located.

While Bob is traveling over his circuit, attending to his court duties, as he should, let us all get together and give him the nomination by a big majority. Hurrah for Bob. I am for him and the tenth district and he is for us and the tenth.

ROBERT J. COOK.

Lake Toxaway, N. C., March 19.

## M. E. CONFERENCE

Of Morganton District Convenes at Old Fort—Rev. Sherrill Bitten by a Dog.

The district conference of the Methodist church for the Morganton District, which is composed of Burke, McDowell, Rutherford, Polk and parts of Mitchell and Yancey counties, was held in Old Fort last week. The conference was largely attended by both preachers and laymen and the work of the church in this district was greatly benefitted and stimulated by reason of this session. Rev. R. M. Hoyle, presided over the conference. The reports of the churches in the different fields were made and discussed at length and satisfactorily. Strong resolutions were passed, expressing appreciation of the district of Presiding Elder R. M. Hoyle's labors and regretting that on account of the itinerant plan of the church he cannot serve this district after this year. D. F. Giles was re-elected District Lay Leader.

Considerable excitement was caused in Old Fort Friday about 10:30 o'clock when it became known that Rev. Albert Sherrill, pastor of the Table Rock Circuit, had been attacked and bitten by a dog. Mr. Sherrill was stopping with Rev. Mr. Doggett, who lives right near the church. He came out of the church and noticed that Mr. Doggett's dog, which was chained, seemed to be tangled up with a small wagon, and he went to loosen the chain and release the dog, when the dog attacked him. The dog was so vicious as to break the collar from his head and pursued the attack to the extent that Mr. Sherrill had to fight in order to defend himself. He got the dog by the throat with both hands and carried him to the back door of the parsonage but when he was forced to loosen his hold with one hand, that he might open the door, the dog succeeded in releasing himself and bit Mr. Sherrill severely in his right hand and badly lacerating his left arm, it being necessary to choke the dog loose. A physician was called and several stitches had to be taken in his hand and arm in dressing the wounds.

It is reported generally that this dog had been ordered confined by the town officials of Old Fort, it being supposed to have been bitten by a mad dog a few weeks ago. The dog was killed Friday and its head sent to Raleigh for examination for rabies. If any are found Mr. Sherrill will be sent to Raleigh by his friends and given treatment. The occurrence was most unfortunate for the conference and everybody regretted it very much, especially the citizens of Old Fort.

Mrs. Elbert Silvers, who has been in ill health for several months, was taken to Rutherfordton hospital recently for care and treatment by Dr. Norris. She was accompanied by Mrs. E. A. Thomas. "This hospital," Mrs. Thomas says, "is modern in every respect and surrounded by beautiful beds of blooming spring flowers, rose gardens, and shrubs of all kinds. Rutherfordton should feel proud of such a fine institution—one that is highly successful and one that is also very charitable."

## Services During Holy Week.

Services will be held at the Episcopal church during the week (Holy week) as follows: Thursday, Holy Eucharist at 9 a. m. Good Friday, evensong with address at 4 p. m. Easter Sunday, Holy Eucharist and sermon at 11 a. m., and evensong and sermon at 4:30 p. m.

In addition to the usual Easter hymns, Simper's Communion Service in F will be rendered at the morning service. At both services Simper's Anthem, "I Am He that Liveth," will be sung by the choir during the offertory. The public is cordially invited.

W. B. MAGNAN,  
Priest in charge.

## Progressive Doctrine.

Following is a United Press dispatch: Mandan, N. D., March 15 — "I am not going to make a personal attack on any man, neither on Mr. Roosevelt nor President Taft, but this is a time to judge them by their records," declared Senator Robert M. La Follette in his address early today at Jamestown, N. D., in his campaign to secure indorsement of the republican voters at the first state presidential preference primary to be held in this country. The progressive leader fired away as follows:

"If I had been president when these great trusts were forming, when McKinley and Roosevelt were national executives, I should have called the United States district attorneys of the whole country to Washington and I should have handed each one a copy of the Sherman anti-trust law, and I would have said: 'Go home and committee that to memory and come back here at this same hour tomorrow.' Then when they came back, I would have said to them: 'Now you know what this law means, go out and do your duty as prosecutors. If you don't I will put you out and will put in men who will.'

"One slight touch of the firm hand of government when these great combinations were forming would have restrained them. Now the problem is more serious and more complicated, but we've got to meet it and solve it or hand it down to our children. We can solve it with the ballot, perhaps they could not."

Mr. LaFollette is preaching good doctrine and his example might be applied to other laws and officers with equal force.

## Thompson's Fork News.

Nebo, April 1—Mrs. J. L. Padgett and children visited her sister, Mrs. J. N. Yelton, last Sunday.

M. L. Simmons was in Bridgewater last Wednesday on business.

J. D. Patton of South Creek spent last Friday at Nebo.

Mrs. M. L. Simmons was shopping in Marion Saturday.

Quite a number of the men in our community went to Marion Saturday to stand the examination to carry the mail on the free delivery route.

Mrs. W. C. Jones had as her guests Sunday Mrs. Ben Conley and Mrs. M. F. Tate.

ROSE BUD.

Hickory is making elaborate preparations for the Laymen's Missionary Convention to be held in the Corinth Reformed Church there on Wednesday and Thursday, April 17th., and 18th. A fine program is being arranged.

## ROBERT L. TAYLOR PASSES

The End Comes to the Tennessee Senator After an Operation in Washington.

Washington, March 21.—Robert Love Taylor, senior United States Senator from Tennessee—"Fiddling Bob" to all the South, died here today, unable to withstand the shock of an operation for gallstones, performed last Thursday.

Early this morning the Senator began to fail to respond to stimulants. Mrs. Taylor, worn out by a day and night vigil, had gone to her apartments. At 3 o'clock this morning the Senator began to sink so rapidly that she was sent for. She was at his side when the end came at 9:40 o'clock.

"Fiddling Bob" Taylor, so known because he played his way into the hearts of his audiences, carrying his violin wherever he campaigned, was 61 years old. He was born at Happy Valley, in eastern Tennessee, but spent most of his life in Nashville, practicing law. He belonged to an office-holding family. His father was a Representative in Congress and Commissioner of Indian Affairs and an uncle was in the Confederate Senate.

Once pension agent at Knoxville, thrice Governor of Tennessee from 1887 to 1891 and 1897 to 1899, Senator Taylor forged his way to the national House of Representatives from the same congressional district that had previously sent his father to Congress and later his brother, Alfred A. Taylor, whom he subsequently defeated for Governor.

Senator Taylor was a Cleveland Democrat. He had served in the Senate since January, 1907, his principal activity being in behalf of a comprehensive system of good roads and the lakes-to-the-gulf deed waterway project. His last speech in the Senate was made last July in advocacy of a Confederate monument bill. His last appearance in the Senate chamber was a fortnight ago.

Senator Taylor is survived by his widow, two sons, and three married daughters in Tennessee. He was stricken March 15 at the union station as he was about to board a train for North Carolina.

J. L. Nichols for Treasurer.

EDITOR PROGRESS:

I noticed in last week's issue of your paper, the announcement of James L. Nichols for County Treasurer and would like to say a few words in regard to the matter through your columns. In the first place I want to say that I have known Mr. Nichols personally for the past seven years, and I know of no one who would better perform the duties of this office, than he will, if nominated and elected, and I want to say to the voters of McDowell that what we want for County Treasurer is a man who will honestly and conscientiously perform the duties that fall on his shoulders and a man with a bright clear business intellect and feel confident that a more suitable, honest, upright and trustworthy man than Mr. Nichols cannot be found anywhere. When I say this I believe I am expressing the sentiment of all who know him, both Democrats and Republicans. So let us all give Mr. Nichols our support in this primary election.

Very truly yours,

A. A. SAWYER.

Old-Fort, April 2.