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**BEHOLD, TAR HEELS ARE
FLOURISHING AS A GREEN
BAY TREE**

North Carolina is being honored by the Democrats of the nation, as a roll-call of the men in high positions will show. Two Cabinet officers—Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy and David F. Houston, Secretary of Agriculture—and Ambassador Walter Hines Page, at the Court of St. James; Maj. E. J. Hale the American representative at Costa Rica, are all Tar Heels.

Col. Wm. H. Osborn of Greensboro is Commissioner of Internal Revenue; ex-Governor Robt. B. Glenn a member and Whitehead Klutz, Secretary of the International Boundary Commission and E. J. Justice a special attorney in the Department of Justice.

Thomas J. Pence is chief publicity man for the National Democratic Committee.

Senator Simmons is chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance and Administration leader in the contest for the tolls repeal bill. Senator Overman is chairman of the Senate Committee on rules and acting chairman of the Judiciary Committee, in which capacity he conducted the famous lobby investigation of last year.

Representative Page is a member of the House Committee on Appropriations, one of the places sought by every Representative; Representative Small of the Rivers and Harbors Committee; Representative Pou of the House Rules Committee and Chairman of the Committee on Claims; Representative Godwin, Chairman of the Committee on Reforms in the Civil Service; Representative Guder, a member of the Public Buildings and Grounds Committee; Representative Webb of the Judiciary Committee and soon to be its chairman; Representative Doughton of the Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Agriculture; Representative Stedman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Representative Haison on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

When Mr. Webb is installed as chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House, and he will be within a short while, and Representative Kitchen elected leader of the House, North Carolina's cup of joy will be full and running over.

Other honors have gone to North Carolina. Samuel H. Boyd, chief of experts in the income tax division of the Treasury Department and Dr. Gilmer Brenizer, chief of a division in the same department. William W. Scott holds a position of honor in the Treasury Department; Mrs. A. B. Morrison is chief clerk of the Biological Survey; Peter Wilson has a responsible place in the Senate and Howard A. Banks is private secretary to Mr. Daniels.

Democratic rule not only means pie for Tar Heels but honor and glory for some of them.—H. E. C. Bryant in Charlotte Observer.

THE FARM-LIFE SCHOOL

(By Anson Jackson)

A new conception of the farm-life school is growing apace with the development of vocational courses in these institutions. People are coming to see in them possibilities for service to all members of the community, to the pupils in the school, the parents at the home, the young people who have left school, and the teachers in neighboring elementary schools. Since 1910 the character of the farm-life school has received considerable study, and as a result several counties of our State have selected the model community and have made great progress in the development of the farm life school. Examples are on record of farm-life schools co-operating with State Colleges of Agriculture in running agricultural trains, conducting demonstrations, holding short courses for farmers, and performing various other useful services. One teacher of agriculture got his first hold on his farmer constituents by going to the market place on market days, getting up on a box, and talking to them about the importance of spraying apparatus and solutions there in the market place.

Boys' and girls' club work has been successfully conducted and supervised by the teachers of agriculture and home economics in the farm-life schools. These teachers have also performed useful services by visiting rural schools and helping the teachers in them to give instruction while in nature study and elementary agriculture. Wherever a live teacher of agriculture, well prepared and enthusiastic, has studied the local problems of agriculture, there community work of some kind

has been done. Seldom is such work patterned wholly after the work of other teachers. The problems of the rural school are so different in one community from those in another that the greatest latitude is given to the ingenuity and resourcefulness of those teachers who are earnestly seeking for opportunities to render the greatest service to the people who employ them.

Wherever the teachers of agriculture has been taken seriously, wherever suitable equipment, and capable teachers have been provided, schools and everyone connected with them have been benefited; the attendance has increased; the school work has assumed a more business-like air, as if it dealt with the realities of life with real problems instead of imaginary ones; and the relations between teachers, pupils and parents have become closer and more sympathetic. The boys in school have gone about their work more cheerfully; it has seemed to them worth while a part of the business of life—and they are less anxious to get away from it and "to get out and get busy doing something that counts," as boys often say. They stay in school longer; many boys in the agricultural courses are older than those in the other courses. Boys who would be going out to swell the ranks of the incompetent, half-educated, half-waged labor if it were not for the appeal of this new scientific and business like approach to this oldest but least understood human occupation.

Agriculture, well taught, dignifies an ancient occupation and exalts the homely duties; it develops in the boys a thoughtful and studious attitude toward the business which is likely to soon occupy many of them in the serious affairs of making a home and living for themselves; it trains them to think and speak more accurately, but to be less dogmatic; it holds the mirror up to nature and teaches those who hold communion with her visible forms to understand her various languages.

In the farm-life school, where agriculture is something more than a new text book, where the teaching of agriculture reaches out to the surrounding homes and farms for its problems and illustrative material, the result of the work will soon acquire a hold and exert an influence upon the community such as other schools have never been able to get. The people come to know the school better and are more loyal to it. They have a feeling that it is theirs, that it is worth while and they go deeper into their pockets to support it. They see that it is educating their sons—not for some allurement in the distant future, but for the life in the world today, in the home neighborhood, in another state, or wherever they may go. Moreover, they feel that the school is a school for everybody—of education, social and pecuniary benefit to all.

To the people who are getting benefits from the farm-life school, it is not so important that a new subject has been added to the curriculum as that the school has changed front. Instead of trying to educate a select few for high professional positions, it is endeavoring to make a better people and a better land.

VILLA

St. Louis Times.
There is something strangely symbolic and altogether significant in the personality and status of the man Villa. Today he is the most interesting figure in Mexico. Despite the sinister conditions that cling to him, he is the man who strikes the most responsive chords in the popular heart.

He is now engaged in the commendable task of trying to introduce his followers to the American people. He is sensible enough to brush aside the magazine and melodrama relationship between the rough and ready American and the everyday Mexican. Possibly he does not know anything about that traditional relationship, his career in the "field" if his activities may be dignified by the employment of that word, may have kept him in ignorance of the traditions which have been set up in the plays a' magazine.

He has been occupying the position of a hale fellow well met with the Americans whom he has encountered. One may find both good feeling and rare discretion in his declaration that he will not be drawn into a war with the Americans. His brief, explosive reference to Huerta contain an essence which is better than whole volumes of analysis.

He is the one man in Mexico who is doing the work that is most necessary to the progress of Mexicans. He is trying to convince his followers that the Americans are pretty good people; that in a large sense they are truthful; that they may be safely accepted as friends, since they believe it is better to work than to fight, as a matter of occupation or profession. The phrases, of course, are not Villa's, but we do not believe we have gone far astray in our interpretation of his attitude.

He is the type of Mexican who must be emulated by his countrymen if they are ever to emancipate themselves. He was a lawless man so long as he was asked to yield to the ruinous influence of Diaz. He got out into the open and defied a government that meant enslavement of the Mexican people. He held his own and events have justified the high-hand course he pursued.

There remains to be seen what sort of complete success in his revolution

against the ancient dynasty of professional rulers in Mexico City. If he can control himself in the hour of victory; if he can remember that his highest duty is to serve his countrymen, regardless of his own welfare, he will become a towering figure in the history of his people.

It may be too much to hope that he will be completely successful in all this, but the fact remains that today he is the biggest man on the Southern horizon. He typifies the triumph of humanity against the power of subjugation and heartless greed.

PORTRAIT OF A REAL MAN

(Winston-Salem Journal)

They are putting a portrait of a real man in the library of the supreme court at Raleigh. That is, to say, the portrait is ready, and a strong, brief program has been prepared as a sort of installation ceremony. Too much fuss and furbelows wouldn't be at all keeping for the spirit of the subject. He has given to the reflecting canvas the deep-set, unshining eyes, the thinned bridged nose, with the racial bow like a falcon's beak, the firm mouth, the broad cheek bones and broad brow, which makes up some of the facial characteristics of the biggest brain man perhaps, that ever sprang from old Forsyth.

They are doing well to put this portrait of "Cy" Watson in the revered environs of the State's highest tribunal. No other man than he has moved with greater honor thru the one time toilsome but now triumphant progress of the Old North State; from that time, a mere boy, he quit the husbanding of the golden grain on his native fields to go forth to battle for the Southland—on thru one foursome travail of the reconstruction and thru the lean years that followed, and steadily all the while young "Cy" Watson was out-trenching himself in the law, in which for the last quarter of century he has achieved admitted leadership throughout the State.

His political activities have been incessant—largely for the other fellow. A man who fears no demagogue, possesses opinions and expresses them, the lust of office has never gripped him so that he sacrificed a whit of honor even when the highest places within his grasp. And he has never asked like Achilles in his tent, but takes up his armor and battles anew for the cause he conceives to be right.

"The best person in North Carolina" is a descriptive phrase often applied to Forsyth's best beloved son. His intense earnestness, evidenced at the right time by shafts of humor which threaten to destroy the dignity of the bench itself, his remarkable capacity for cross-examination; these and other parts of his equipment have made him one of the most eagerly sought counsel throughout the State.

Serene and unperplexed, he now views life without any ambition save the happiness and welfare of his own and his friends. He radiates optimism. To him: "Each morn a thousand roses bring."

A REPLY

Mr. Doe Makes Reply to Letter of Mr. Snoozler in Regard to Accident

In regard to an article written by Mr. Snoozler regarding John Doe's walking against a telephone post, (sugar-mare being the cause),

One wishes to state that he doesn't indulge in the habit and definition sugar-mare, which means illicit distilled whiskey made from sugar. We think that Mr. Snoozler should be trying to eradicate this as he seems to be one of the upper tens, and Captain of the Old Ship of Progress.

As to the Mexican situation we have not heard anyone express themselves except Mr. Snoozler. He seems to want to go. We think Huerta would mistake him for a humming bird, and would in all probability get back safely, as all great nations have abandoned the use of 22 calibre arms.

The cause of Doe's accident will be clearly brought out before the Superior Court, and Mr. Snoozler will, in all probability testify to the sobriety of Doe, as he saw him soon after the accident occurred.

(Signed) C. E. DENNING,
Alias "John Doe,"
Angier, N. C., May 1st., 1914.

BLOW HAS FELL.

"The blow has fell," as the bellhop said when he learned that the typewriter girl had eloped with the book-keeper. Congressman Godwin has eloped with the Democratic nomination for Congress from the "bloody six." After all the rumbly and rumors of other warblers in the front and nobody mustered up courage to come up and cough the necessary 300 sinecure. Time was when every four years candidates for Congress in the "six" were as numerous as leaves in Vallombrosa; but they don't happen so numerous anymore. Four years ago there was an unusually good crop, but they were all knocked on the head. Then two years ago there was one lone warrior out against Godwin. Now this time there is not a soul to enter

the lists against this namesake of a Carthaginian general of long ago. It is a bloody shame that the sovereigns are deprived of their ancient right to witness every four years—a man was allowed to serve two terms, you know—a hot fight for the nomination for Congress. If you have time to shed you had just as well not shed 'em, because it's too late.—Ludington Robertson.

DURHAM MEETING GREATEST EVER

Baraca and Philatheas Had Good Time and the Effect is Lasting

The following report of the Baraca Philatheas Convention at Durham last week is sent out by Baraca Philatheas headquarters at Greensboro:

AUDIENCE WAS LARGE
The Baraca-Philatheas Convention, which closed Tuesday night in Durham, was a maximum in attendance and spiritual uplift. Although at the last convention held in Charlotte last April, the delegation for free entertainment was limited to two from each class of whatever membership with one additional for each twenty-five members above fifty, the growth of the organization has been so rapid during the past year as to make the attendance at Durham the largest yet. There were exactly 900 registered delegates, with about 300 additional, who came as visitors for either a whole or a part of the time. Including the membership of classes in Durham, at least 2,000 came in touch with the inspiring incident. The Marlborough hotel was the "get-together" centre between meetings, as the State officers, members and the speakers were assigned there.

THIS IS BANNER STATE
The welcome meeting Saturday evening was featured with a number of bright speeches, good music and a fine spirit of fellowship. The Academy of Music was packed with happy young folks from every section of the Banner Baraca-Philatheas State. Following the program there was a "get acquainted" social at the Y. M. C. A. and Lochmoor Hotel which was attended by at least 1,500. Ice cream and cake were served by the local union, and the merry throng mingled together informally to the accompaniment of band music.

SOUL WINNERS
This convention had been named "The Secret Service Convention" and the spiritual atmosphere was the most prominent feature. The evangelistic sermon by Dr. Calvin B. Waller, of Asheville to the convention mass meeting held Sunday afternoon made such a telling impression on the host of young worshipers that at his invitation nearly everyone of them rose to their feet to testify their de-

pendence on Christ.
Many were affected by the great speaker's eloquence to them to go back as soul winners.

PARADE WAS MAGNIFICENT
The parade, by far the largest yet, was made more effective than before by the presence of mounted marshals and pennants with names of towns and classes represented, and a carriage at the head carrying the national president, vice president, general secretary, president of State organization.

GREAT SPEECH OF REV. F. T. COLLINS

Marshall A. Hudson and Miss Hencieta Heron, president and vice-president, respectively, were the leading out of State speakers. One of the most effective addresses by State workers was that given by Rev. F. T. Collins, of Reidsville, Monday evening at the Academy of Music, many of his illustrations being gathered from the classes represented. The day sessions of Monday and Tuesday were the best held, the delegates responding readily in discussions and with excellent class reports.

The Junior conference Tuesday afternoon was fruitful in results for the future. The talks by four young Juniors and the open temporary organization for the Juniors was affected, to be made permanent with the approval of the general convention. The matter was presented by Master Wallace Lowe Tatum in a very bright speech. A unanimous vote was given in favor of the Junior State organization. It is expected that many new Junior classes will now be organized.

The report of the general secretary, Miss Flossie A. Byrd, of this city, showed the accomplishments of the past year to be far greater than those of any preceding year.

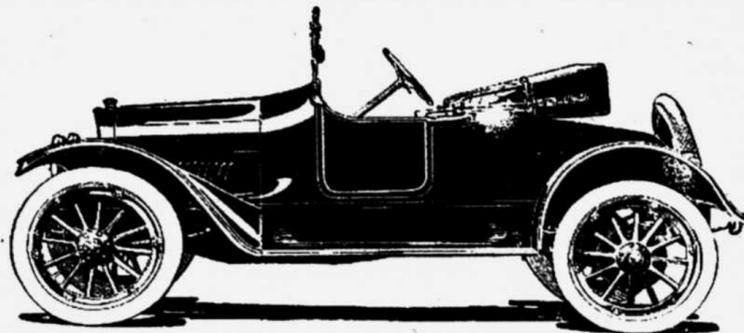
COMMITTEE ELECTS OFFICERS

In addition to the officers elected by the convention, the following were chosen by the executive board—Miss Flossie A. Byrd, general secretary; Rev. F. T. Collins, Baraca editor, and C. M. Bagwell, business manager, respectively of the Baraca-Philatheas Herald. On account of the arduous duties of the office of general secretary, Miss Byrd asked the convention for a year's leave of absence which was referred to the executive committee. After careful consideration and discussion of the matter, Miss Byrd decided to continue her work with the understanding that additional help be allowed by the committee.

CLOSING SESSION BEST

The closing session meeting Tuesday evening was the best of all. Miss Heron, in her usual radiant manner, made the opening talk which was followed by reports of Secret Service committees, led by Miss Byrd, during which a number of special prayers were offered for the unconverted friends of the delegates. Mr. Hudson closed the service with

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an appeal that all present, who would agree to win one soul each to Christ during the coming year come forward and shake hands with Miss Heron and herself. The host of young Bible class workers came rapidly to the front, while singing, "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus" and "Blest be the Tie."
Representatives from Raleigh, Wilmington, and Greensboro were eager for the 1915 convention to meet in their respective cities, and formal invitations are to be presented to the State executive committee, who, according to the constitution, decide on the next meet place.

BUT THEY DID NOT DIE IN THE HOUSE

Representative Edward W. Pou spoke a piece in the house of representatives last Wednesday and in its issue dated "Friday, April 31," the Raleigh News and Observer begins an ecstatic editorial with these words "Splendid! That describes the vigorous defense of President Wilson" made by Representative Edward W. Pou on Wednesday.

There can be no question that such a speech is rarely heard in the halls of Congress. We are particularly interested in the following bit of philosophy:

"The other day at Vera Cruz we were suddenly reminded of the real meaning of war. Oh, how thankful all good men are that today the sky is a little brighter, that the hope for peace is a little stronger. Perhaps it is better that those dead soldiers of the Republic yielded up their lives in line of duty away from home and friends. The tragedy of it all is not so heartrending. Had they died at home there would have been the hush of the death chamber broken only by the low wail of anguish of dear ones. The flowers would have been there, the funeral procession would have moved on, keeping time to the slow toll of the church bell. Friends would have gathered around a newly made grave. The sobs and cries of mother, brother and sister would have died away while the choir sang: "Nearer My God to Thee" or "Lead Kindly Light," the minister of God would have been there, leading and performing the last sad rites, and oh, there would have been the last and piercing wail from the boys' mothers as the first rifle fell upon the lowered coffin.

There we protest, spoke one who had pondered earnestly the riddling of the universe. One is startled at the coincidence of the ideas of deep

thinkers; their minds run in the same channel, though they be half the world apart. Mr. Pou is an American of the twentieth century, but when he begins to delve into the mysteries of life, notice how naturally he slips into the metaphysics of Buddha. The doctrine of the transmigration of souls is bound to be what he is teaching, albeit in the form of a parable. For see: it is good for man, when it comes his time to die, to creep away from his nearest and dearest; that is contrary to all the teachings of civilization, the heritage that man receives in this life; therefore, it must be an obscure reminder of a former state. Hence, transmigration.

But Mr. Pou has excelled even Buddha in one respect, for he has told us, by inference at least, whence we came into this vale of tears. In view of the ancient and honorable custom in the feline world of crawling off to a flat rock or a dark hole in order to pass in one's checks, it is not hard to deduce the interesting theory that the American soldier must be, in his former existence, had roamed the earth in the corporate shape of the ferocious and untamed tom-cat.

Splendid! On second thought our Raleigh contemporary's description of this epoch-making utterance seems pitifully inadequate. Indeed, the language is unable to rise to the occasion. It was overwhelming. The Greensboro News.

AT CHICORA MONDAY

The Annual Memorial exercises will be held Monday at Chicora, about six miles South of Dunn. Mr. D. B. Tenure, of Iffington, will deliver the annual address, and there will be music for the occasion, probably by the Dunn Band, which usually furnishes such excellent selections. The exercises will begin at 2:30 o'clock and all are requested to be there by that time if possible. Those who are in charge are anxious to have as large attendance as possible and also request that as many carry flowers as can conveniently do so. Decorating the graves of the old veterans should not be neglected by the present generation and they should never fail to honor them. As May 10th is Sunday this year, Monday has been designated as Holiday instead.

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