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Mr. Frazier's Address Reveals True Story

Republican Candidate For Governor Is Heard by An Enthusiastic Audience In Smithfield.

Those who were fortunate enough to hear the address of Hon. Clifford Frazier, Republican candidate for Governor, in the Johnston county courthouse last Monday night are much better informed on the true conditions as they prevail in North Carolina and the nation.

Mr. Frazier explained at the beginning of his address that it was not his purpose to offer any unqualified criticism of his Democratic opponents, but that in order to lay the true situation before the voters of the state, the present Democratic administration as well as all previous administrations in North Carolina for more than 30 years past could not go unchallenged. The speaker explained that since there are apparently more people in North Carolina who have a habit of voting the Democratic ticket than there are who have been voting the Republican ticket, it becomes necessary for many Democrats to come to their senses and vote for men and measures rather than follow strict partisan lines if we are to realize better administrative conditions in North Carolina.

The speaker said that he felt that there is usually too much ballyhoo connected with political speakings and not enough statement of facts. He said that the time has come when we need to get right down to solemn facts and talk business and this he was going to do and in order to lay the matter before them as it now exists it was necessary that he deal with figures to a marked extent.

He said that the bonded indebtedness of the State of North Carolina and its sub-divisions, principal and interest, reported by the Tax Commission (1930) is \$889,187,167.00.

He said that at the end of 1920, the State debt was \$7,601,000. It is now \$180,411,371.

He said that the indebtedness of this State exceeds that of any other state in the union, except New York, and on a comparative basis of wealth it exceeds New York many times. Related to population, it exceeds all states except South Dakota and Oregon, and is four and one-half times that of the average of all states.

He said that from 1921 to 1928, the long-term borrowing of the State for all units was at the rate of more than \$50,000,000 per year.

He declared that our tax bill has multiplied four times in ten years. Ninety-five percent of our debt has been incurred since 1918. Our State debt is more than one-third larger than that of Virginia.

He said that the State's deficit is thought to be about \$12,000,000.

Quoting Mr. Maxwell, he said "the salaries, wages and transportation paid the employees of the General Assembly, exclusive of salaries of representatives and senators, has increased from less than \$26,000 in 1909 to \$116,000 in 1931."

He declared that our per capita debt is \$183 for every man, woman and child in North Carolina—\$916 for a family of five. The average per capita debt for all states, for all purposes, is about \$12.00.

Mr. Frazier said that a few years ago the various industries of the north began to immigrate southward and that many of them found locations in North Carolina, and then it was that the Democratic politicians of North Carolina began to look around and discovered that through these new enterprises and through the progressive spirit of our farmers and business men, there were signs of a business revival in the State, and then it was that they began to proclaim to the world that this State had unbounded wealth and resources which they seemed to attribute to the fact that the Democratic party had remained in control of administrative affairs for more than a quarter of a century unmolested. Then it was that they started a mania of issuing bonds for almost every conceivable purpose under the sun. They Boosted and Boosted; they Boasted and Boasted and now we are all Busted.

The speaker said that the annual tax bill of North Carolina is greater than that of the three staple money crops of the state combined, Cotton, corn, and tobacco. He said that our



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annual tax bill is greater than all the earnings derived from all our corporations in the state. He declared that it is greater than the combined wealth of all the railroads in the state, as immense as that is. He said that he got his information from the Tax Bulletin issued by the North Carolina Tax Commission and from excerpts given out by Allen J. Maxwell, Revenue Commissioner for North Carolina who is recognized as an expert authority on the tax situation in this state.

Mr. Frazier declared that the Democrats are howling about the depression and President Hoover in an effort to divert the minds of the voters from the mess they have made of the affairs here in the state. He declared that he had witnessed a Hoover cart parade in Kinston not long since where the Democratic politicians had caused to be put on exhibition a few of these economy vehicles, and further declared that while the parade was in progress practically new automobiles lined the streets hub to hub for blocks. Then talk about a panic or depression, he declared that this generation don't know what a depression is, compared to those days under the Democratic panic under Grover Cleveland back in 1893 when an automobile was unheard of.

The speaker said that he had been informed that there were more jobs for pet clerks and stenographers in the last Legislature in Raleigh than there were members of that body. He declared that there were so many useless commissions in this state that they have become a strain on our tax system. Certain commissions are necessary and indispensable, he said, but many could be dispensed with and not in the least impede the progress of the state.

The speaker declared himself in favor of taking the 15 cents ad valorem tax off of land, and said that should he be elected Governor in November that this will be one of the first things that he intends to sponsor.

He declared himself as being unutterably opposed to the repeal of the 18th Amendment, and voiced the belief that for the safety of our mothers and daughters, our people will not subject them to the intolerable conditions subsequent to the open saloon.

He paid a high tribute to President Hoover and said that this world-wide depression can not be laid at his door.

There were many ladies in the audience and a sprinkling of Democrats, some of whom have been heard to commend the high standard taken by this Republican nominee.

Mr. Brietz Speaks At Vesper Services.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Brietz, Mrs. W. H. Etheredge and Woodrow Kemp attended Vesper services at East Carolina Training school for boys at Rocky Mount Sunday, where Mr. Brietz was guest speaker. The visitors were much impressed with the splendid type of work, Supt. S. E. Leonard is doing with the boys in this institution.

"So you've bought a used car, eh? What's the most you ever got out of it?"
"About five times in one mile."

Many Democrats Are Seeking Federal Jobs At This Time

Chairman Winborne Considers Applications As Indication That Majority of Voters Are Accepting Democratic Victory As Certain.

Raleigh, Oct. 17.—State Democratic Chairman J. Wallace Winborne is being troubled by Democrats who wish to hold federal office under Franklin Roosevelt.

They are writing him from sundry sectors asking how they must proceed to get federal appointments. The great bulk of these early birds who catch the worm or take time by the forelock, whatever mix of metaphor seems inappropriate, desire postoffices as there are no federal judgeships in sight. But there are collectors of internal revenue, United States marshals, deputy collectors and deputy marshals, not to mention United States commissioners and deputy clerks, just thousands of them, who stand ready to serve their country. They are tending those services now, but what they wish most is to get the proper procedure for these federal positions. An appeal to the state chairman is considered very good form.

Democrats Are Confident.

Mr. Winborne tells the story of these applications to illustrate a campaign point—the postulates are accepting the Democratic victory. In that they are backed by all the Democratic politicians and many of the Republicans. It was said this morning that a Republican in Raleigh was betting \$500 even on Mr. Hoover, but there were takers on a basis of two to one against Mr. Hoover. The thing that impresses Mr. Winborne is the naive way in which Democrats ask for help to get a federal office. They regard the election as over and the time for action at hand.

It is this conviction of victory which has inspired James H. Poup's interest very greatly. Mr. Poup swore all offices at 50. There was nothing that he wished or would have. He is now motivated by a great desire to see his Democratic friends get something. He has lived through many panics. This is the hardest of them all because people had become so much more habituated to the need of "things." Mr. Poup told the Democrats two months ago that they have an uncommon opportunity to win this election, but reminded them that campaigns successful in August and September often have been lost in October and sometimes on the day of election. But he put out the word that this is the Democratic chance. "Our people are hungry for good positions," he said; "they have a chance to get good federal offices now."

Mr. Poup gave out his first figures and showed that the Democrats have an opportunity that comes seldom. In July and August he thought it was anybody's election but the Democrats if they worked. In September he said it was Roosevelt's if the Democrats held. In October he says he would not revise his September figures except upward. It looks more Roosevelt than at any other time. He thinks the Republican prophets who have been praying in part and prophesying in part, are praying mostly now. The Raleigh wizard would be surprised at nothing except 266 electoral votes for Mr. Hoover.

A Perfect Campaign

Mr. Poup in the Daily News first appraisal of the campaign spoke of the lost campaigns, the Democratic failures in the Tilden-Hayes, Garfield-Hancock, Cleveland-Harrison and the Greeley-Grant races, the trivial things on which to think that the Democrats are making a great campaign this year, one singularly sane and safe.

He sympathizes with the luckless Mr. Hoover, lifted above the stature of great men of his day four years ago, then handed a mess which he did not cause and cannot help. He lays none of the national distress at the door of the White House, but Mr. Poup remembers Cleveland and his Democratic Congress. They never could extricate themselves from the mess which they had inherited. Mr. Van Buren took over the remnants of the Andrew Jackson regime. The country was sore on him. And in 1840 Mr. Van Buren was orphaned as Mr. Hoover is today.

Which, getting back to the Winborne work, must be interpreted as meaning that the country isn't listening to anybody this year who speaks for the status quo. That

Cotton Plan Helps Bankers, Merchants As Well As Farmers

Cotton Collateralization Plan Will Release \$2,500,000 In North Carolina.

Raleigh, Oct. 17.—Bankers and merchants and other business and professional men as well as farmers will be benefited by the government's plan of accepting cotton from Southern producers at 9 1-2 cents per pound, according to U. Benton Blalock, president of the American Cotton Cooperative Association.

"If cotton producers are encouraged and allowed to collateralize their seed loans notes it will mean that some \$12.50 to \$15 in cash will be retained by the producer on each bale," Mr. Blalock said, adding the producer "of course will turn loose this money in his home community for the necessary things that he and his family must have during the fall and winter months."

Between \$1,500,000 and \$2,500,000, which without the plan would have been forced into the U. S. Treasury at "this very trying time," Mr. Blalock estimated, will be released in North Carolina to purchase necessities and pay on bills, thereby enlivening trade.

Although the collateralization price is 9 1-2 cents per pound for middling 718 cotton, Mr. Blalock said in his opinion, judging from the grades and staples of the cotton the cooperative has been receiving and the premium it is paying therefor, North Carolina farmers should receive an average "near the 10 cent limit on their collateralization loans."

The cooperative leader, who conferred with Secretary of Agriculture Hyde and aided in working out the collateralization plan, said he was "thoroughly convinced of the sincerity of the Secretary in his desire to extend help to the cotton producers of the South."

"I think," Mr. Blalock added, "the Secretary of Agriculture) was fairly well acquainted with the distressed conditions of the cotton producers."

"In issuing his first press release October 5 he plainly stated he was liberalizing the terms of crop production loans in cotton producing states for the relief of cotton farmers, that the plan would ease the burden of repayment of the seed loans and should result in improving the cotton market, that it was the purpose of the plan to encourage the storage of cotton, thereby relieving the pressure on the market, and to assist the farmers in caring for their families during the coming winter."

Selma Council To Give Prize

At the regular meeting of Selma Council No. 374 Jr. O. U. A. M., last Monday night, it was decided to give an attendance prize early in November. Each member present at the meeting will receive a ticket containing a number. A corresponding number will be placed in a box and at the close of the contest a number will be drawn. The holder of the corresponding number will receive the prize. This is expected to create much interest and may become a regular feature. All members are urged to be present at each meeting as they receive a ticket for each meeting. This contest begins next Monday night.

Series Of Meetings In Progress At Methodist Church.

Rev. L. T. Singleton, pastor of Edgerton Memorial Methodist church is conducting a series of meetings at the church this week. In spite of inclement weather, the attendance has been good. He is preaching some forceful sermons and a general spiritual awakening is hoped for.

There's a story going around about the Scotchman who wanted to smoke monogrammed cigarettes, so he changed his name to Chesterfield.

Solicitor: "Would you endorse our cigarettes for \$2,000, sir?"

Celebrity: "For \$2,000 I'd smoke the fool things."

thing speaks for itself and seems to drown all the talk heard. Mr. Winborne of course cannot promise anybody a job and certainly cannot get a federal appointment until the Democrats are sworn in. But he finds many up and coming public servants.

Carl Goerch Addresses Selma Kiwanis Club

Selma Kiwanis Club Host to School Faculty, Wives and Other Guests. A Sumptuous Barbecue Dinner Was Served—Washington Humorist Relates Legends of the Past.

The Selma Kiwanis Club met jointly with the Selma school faculty Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, together with a few invited guests. The Selma school faculty were asked to form in a line in the Home Economics room in the basement and then each guest and Kiwanis member passed down the line and introduced himself or herself to the members of the school faculty, and then passed on to the dining hall where a fine barbecue supper was in waiting.

President C. L. Richardson then called on Rev. W. J. Crain to give the invocation, after which the meeting was turned over to C. P. Harper, chairman of the Program Committee, who announced that Mrs. W. J. Crain and Miss Margaret Creech would render vocal solos, these were greatly enjoyed. Rev. L. T. Singleton then welcomed the school faculty and visitors on behalf of the club and in the discourse of his remarks related several incidents which brought forth much laughter and applause from the audience. Mr. Geo. F. Brietz also welcomed the faculty on behalf of the club and paid many fitting tributes to the former members of the faculty and expressed the hope that the new members would prove equally as helpful and that their stay might be prolonged among us. He told the new lady teachers of the advantages afforded in Selma for the prospects of matrimony by catering to such prospects as Star Harper, Dr. Blackman, Prof. Tuttle and others. Miss Elizabeth Whitaker responded to the address of welcome in a few well chosen remarks. Charlie Jacobs got a telephone call from Fred Waters, former Superintendent, who expressed his regrets at not being able to be present on this occasion, Mr. Jacobs telling him of the great time they were all having. Mr. Waters then became so much interested that he kept Mr. Jacobs at the phone for several minutes describing the scenes in the dining hall, entirely forgetful of the cost of holding the line open from Selma to Hendersonville.

Mr. C. W. Scales then made a few remarks in defense of the ladies whom he attempted to defend against suggesting any preference of matrimony and leaving their choice entirely to them.

Mr. Harper then introduced Carl Goerch, of Washington, N. C., who made the keynote address of the evening. Mr. Goerch's remarks were interspersed with much humor which kept the audience laughing the greater part of the time. He gave some very interesting historical legend about eastern North Carolina, describing how a certain Methodist church was borne upon the bosom of a high tide and landed on a plot of land which its owner had refused to sell to the church officials, but after it had rested upon his property following a great storm he was glad to make the church a deed to the property. He also told how a man by the name of Whitfield had sworn vengeance against the town of Bath more than two centuries ago in which he decreed that the town should never prosper, and declared that this decree proved most effective as the town has the same population today as it did at that time. Again he related the story of a man who protested against certain church services and how, while riding his horse back and forth in front of the church while services were in progress, his horse became frightened and ran against a tree, breaking his neck and killing the rider. He alleged that until this day the tracks are to be seen on the same spot where he met his untimely death, and that, although one may erase these tracks they will appear again, and that he had seen people scatter grains of corn over the tracks and then let chickens eat the corn, and that they will eat all the corn except which lies in the horse's tracks, leaving that untouched.

Grocer: "A thief entered my store last night and took everything but a box of soap."
Judge: "The dirty crook."

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G. O. P. Leader Finds Hoover Support Gains

Secretary of State Committee Reports Sentiment Crystallizing.

By EARL BEHRENS
Crystallization of voter sentiment in favor of the reelection of President Hoover is reported in many States by Justus F. Craemer of Orange, president of the National Editorial Association and secretary of the Republican State Central Committee.

Craemer was here yesterday en route home after a tour of many States. He made it a point to inquire about political conditions and has returned confident that there is a rising tide of Hoover support in States heretofore considered doubtful Republican territory.

The G. O. P. secretary was in Kansas when Governor Roosevelt, Democratic presidential nominee, was there and left that State with the belief that Roosevelt had failed to impress the farmers there with his promises. Craemer reported that the day following the departure of Roosevelt, Governor Woodring, Democratic nominee for reelection, opened his own campaign without discussing the Roosevelt candidacy or the Democratic national platform.

Craemer is convinced that President Hoover will carry Illinois and other large states and that his vote in November in Oregon, Washington and Montana will knock into a cocked hat the claims of the Roosevelt managers. San Francisco Chronicle.

Jule Sanders Killed By Auto

Smithfield, Oct. 16.—Jule Sanders, colored man, of Greytown, about one mile from Smithfield, was instantly killed Sunday night about 8 o'clock when he was struck by a car owned and driven by J. D. Hobby of Raleigh. The accident occurred just outside the city limits a short way on the east side of Neuse river on highway No. 10.

With Hobby at the time of the accident were Hobby's wife, two children and a Mr. Eason, Hobby's brother-in-law.

When the accident occurred, Hobby immediately stopped and upon picking the darky's head from the pavement found that he was dead. Sander's neck was broken and his head was badly crushed from the impact. Coroner Kirkman soon arrived at the scene and brought Hobby and the other occupants of Hobby's car back here where he assembled a jury. After a short deliberation, Hobby was found blameless and set free.

From evidence it was concluded that the darky was walking on the wrong side of the road and about 2 to 3 feet out on the pavement. It was raining and with a car meeting Hobby at that time, the accident was judged unavoidable. Sanders was going toward his home and the car was headed toward Raleigh.

Sanders was a well known darky in this vicinity, and was liked by all who knew him. He was about 70 years of age.

P. T. A. To Meet Monday Night

The first meeting of the Selma Parent Teachers Association will be held next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium, with Mrs. W. W. Hare presiding. An interesting program has been planned and an opportunity to meet the new teachers and welcome the former teachers will be given the parents. The officers of the Association are expecting a full attendance. Light refreshments will be served, during a social period.

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