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BICKETT SPEECH ENTHUSES.

Packed Crowd Cheers Next Governor, Heard in Great Political Masterpiece.

In the Davidson county court house, jammed to its limit with big, brawny, earnest men of the county, the great portion of them farmers who came through biting winds and with threatening clouds in lead color covering the face of the sun, Thomas Walter Bickett, North Carolina's next governor, yesterday afternoon led the cause of Democracy for a return to power upon its record in state and in nation. For two and a half long hours the crowd counted not the minutes but hung upon his every word with attention that paid wonderful tribute to the man and the magnificent speech he made.

At the end of the two and half hours, the speaker's voice dropped to that low melodious tone and while scarcely a sound could be heard from any part of the building he continued the head of the government, Woodrow Wilson, as the prophet of the democratic party, the friend of all humanity and one whose place in history is forever secure. "The American people are on trial," he said "and not Woodrow Wilson. It little matters to him what the verdict of the people will be at the polls in November, his record is written on the imperishable tablets of time. Shall it be a parallel to that most dramatic scene in all history, when Jesus of Nazareth stood in King Solomon's temple and looked over the city and exclaimed 'Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that stonest the prophets' how often would I have gathered you under my wings as a hen gathers her chickens and ye would not. Shall it be that a prophet has passed your way and you knew him not? Shall wisdom cry aloud in the streets and its voice be not heard."

After discussing the Federal Reserve banking law, the rural credits act, the Smith-Lever act, the warehouse bonding bill, the bureau of markets and other laws passed by the present administration in favor of business men and farmers for more than an hour and a half, Mr. Bickett turned briefly to state issues. Here he took up the attacks upon the auditor and treasurer's office and said that the Republicans had three auditors made. "First they brought experts down from New York and they hinted that they thought the system of book-keeping was about as modern as that used by Noah in checking the animals as they came out of the ark two by two, the elephant and the kangaroo. They didn't like the cut of the garment and hinted that there was not a proper regard for the modern fashions in dress. They got another set of experts from Charlotte and they said that what the New York experts did not know about scientific book-keeping would fill a volume. Then they got a third set of experts and these tried to split between the opinions of both other sets of experts as to the proper fashion of book-keeping, but ended up with the conclusion that while there might be some old-fashioned book-keeping in Ben Lacy's office there was a lot of old-fashioned honesty." Continuing, Mr. Bickett said: "I spoke over at Taylorville the other day with Frank Linney sitting under the sound of my voice and I challenged any republican in North Carolina worth over the homestead to say that there had been one dishonest voucher issued during the sixteen years we have been in power in North Carolina."

He compared the record of Democrats in the 34 counties where they are in charge with the 16 under Republican management, with an average tax of 36 cents in the former and \$1.01 in the latter and said any man who would run from Democratic rule to Republican rule to escape taxes would act with about as little sense as Johnson's colt which jumped in the river to get out of the rain. He passed by the record of the democratic officials in the state with this weeping statement, "these men have given their very lives to give you the best government for the least cost per individual of any state in the United States," which he declared meant the best in the world as far as cost is concerned. He quoted from the statistics of the Federal census to prove each statement along this line. He said he did not want to discuss the republican record in the state, for it was unpleasant and this year there are too many pleasant things to talk about and beside his mother had taught him never to speak unkindly of the dead.

In speaking of the defects of our old financial system in the nation, he quoted Andrew Carnegie's famous declaration that it was the worst in the world. He told of going over the files of the Southern Railway and seeing one record where Fairfax Harrison, then chief counsel of the road, had to give J. P. Morgan a bonus of \$750,000 in addition to gift edge security on short term notes at six per cent in order to borrow fifteen million dollars to save the road from going into the hands of a receiver. He declared that Harrison deserved the job he is now holding, because he was a man who could look disaster in the face cheerfully. He gave another illustration of how the money powers choked the nation by telling of trying to borrow \$25,000,000 from a New York bank for a Louisiana institution, offering a security two notes back by a quarter million dollars of assets. He said he could not get the money because the money masters were trying to threaten Congress with a panic if they passed the Reserve Act.

The speaker explained in detail the workings of the banking law, told how it assumed that every citizen had control over private individuals, and

ESCAPED CONVICTS CAUGHT.

Two of Five Who Escaped Badin Camp Taken in Southern Davidson, After Breaking Into Store.

Monday night of last week five convicts escaped from the state camp at Badin by boring a hole through the floor of their cell with an auger. Tuesday night the store of Mr. W. A. Frank at Handy, was robbed and convict garments were found on the place, showing where the change had been made and giving a definite clue. Mr. C. L. Daniels got busy at once and Wednesday afternoon he rounded up Will Jones, a negro who had served only four years of a thirty year term. Sheriff Shaw also went on the trail of the fugitives and landed a negro by the name of Cotton, who was not a convict but an accomplice of the two convicts who broke into Mr. Frank's store. Deputy C. F. Caudle and Chief Hartness were also raiding in southern Davidson and bagged John Johnson, another of the escaped convicts, who still has two years to serve, with the additional time that his getaway will place to his discredit. So far the other three have not been apprehended, although Officers Hartness and Caudle struck a hot trail of one but never got in sight of their man until the trail was lost.

The negro Will Jones has had quite a career. A little over four years ago, while confined in the Forsyth jail for some offense, he got mad with a fellow prisoner and killed him in his cell by beating him to death over the head with a bottle. He got thirty years for this and twenty-six more long cycles of service to the state are still coming to him. How the convicts managed to get hold of the auger is said not to be known. In the dead hours of the night they bored the hole in the floor, then broke through the plank and went out underneath the shack in which they were confined. There have been several escapes from Badin, but in practically every instance those getting away have been caught.

kept every bankable dollar in the nation at work by sending it from the place not needed to the centers where there was demand for cash. He said it affected the farmer just as vitally as the business man, because no matter how well things went on the farm that if there was no money in town to buy his products he must suffer. The discussion was punctuated with humor that kept the crowd in fine spirit and caused them to listen. This part of the speech will not be forgotten by those who heard it.

The speaker then passed on the rural credits act and said that the tenant who had dreamed of his own vine and fig tree could realize that dream now, that the farmer who wanted to improve his home and lighten his wife's labor could do so now, that the man whose sleep was disturbed by a mortgage could trade it for a Federal mortgage that gives him ample time to pay and a low rate of interest. In telling of the many things that the democratic administration had done for the farmers, Mr. Bickett compared the Republican record that they would "give the farmer nothing, and nothing to get nothing and nothing to keep it in."

The bureau of scientific information, the teaching of agriculture under the Smith-Lever act, the bonded warehouse act and other features he mentioned, along with the marketing bureau. He said the republicans never let anything go into bonded warehouses except liquor. He told of the Scotland county farmer who sent a carload of watermelons to Chicago under the old marketing system, and out of it only received a check for 13 cents, and thereupon sat down and sent it to Chicago with the injunction to it as the nucleus for a fund to build a monument to the cow that kicked over the lamp that burned up your damned old city." Mr. Bickett's appeal to the farmer was to think over these things, see whether the Democratic party or the Republican party had been his friend and then vote accordingly declaring the Republican party had always been willing for the farmer to have almost anything else except money.

Mr. Bickett began his speech by saying that the strenuous work of the campaign had caused him to have trouble with his voice, but as he progressed in his speech the trouble disappeared and he went to his task with all the fire and vigor he could command and that was some fire and vigor, as anyone who heard the speech will testify to. He described the horrors of war in Europe, declared there was an element in this country that wished to force war in order to fatten on the blood of the best and brightest boys in this land and "to-day," he said, "while a million mothers in Europe wring their hands in anguish for the million sons lying dead on the fields of blood, a million American mothers can thank God that Woodrow Wilson has saved their boys from slaughter." As to preserving the honor of the country he quoted the words of an editorial from the New York Sun, the leading Republican paper of New York, declaring upon the occasion of Wilson's last note to Germany that saving the commission of the freedom of the seas from the Kaiser, that the greatest diplomatic victory in the history of the nation had been won without spilling a drop of blood or removing one bright band from the nation's escutcheon of honor.

The threatening clouds of the morning broke up plans for the outdoor speaking and many who wished to hear the speech could find no room in the court house. The Thomasville boosters for Everybody's Day came over at noon, met the train and stayed through the speaking. Three bands, Eranger, Southmont and Reeds made merry with music and the crowd was in glorious humor.

THEY'RE COMING TO THE FAIR.

Boosters Joyfully Received by Good Crowds—Southbound Will Run Special from Albemarle.

The people of Davidson county are thinking about their first annual fair, if the reception they gave the Boosters last Tuesday and Thursday is any indication. About a hundred happy folks returned to Lexington Thursday at sundown, after covering half of the great county of Davidson in a whirlwind speaking and boosting tour that included stops at Linwood, Churchland, Tyro, Reeds, Yadin College, Friendship, Arcadia, Olivet, Barter, Wallburg and Welcome in the day's itinerary.

It was a half hour after schedule time before the Boosters got away from Lexington Thursday morning. They had encountered lots of dust the day before and several cars that went on Tuesday dropped out. But when the time came for the start Thursday there were folks enough clamoring to go, to fill adequately the twenty cars that made the trip. Mr. D. F. Conrad found trouble shortly after leaving town, but that did not deter him. He and his party hurried back to town, got Mr. B. F. Lee's car and joined the party on time at Churchland, second stop of the trip. The first stop of the morning was made at Linwood and after a short and happy welcome by Mr. Williams, principal of the school, Mr. Hackney, Supt. Fozzer and others spoke briefly, and the Boosters hurried away to Churchland. At this high school they were welcomed by Mr. Ingram, of the faculty, who spoke for the assembly and a number of Representatives and county officers of Democrats and Republicans.

Reeds gave the folks a happy greeting. At this place a new speaker was rung in by the Boosters, this being Mr. Cliff Delap, introduced as "the man who could court on a boosting trip no matter how much dust was kicked up." Mr. W. S. Anderson, Mr. T. E. McCrary and others spoke briefly, and Rev. Geo. E. Hunt, of that community, spoke the appreciation of the Reeds people and said they were all coming to the Fair. Miss Penny was given an enthusiastic reception here and made a splendid speech, telling of how Reeds folks had been leaders and prize winners in the canning club work. She said she could always count on Reeds to do its part in anything.

THE JOYFUL DINNER HOUR.

Then away and to Yadin College for the noon hour went the joyful Boosters. Although they had started from Lexington thirty minutes, they arrived in Yadin College about thirty minutes ahead of schedule. There had been no skipping of the program, but snap and ginger everywhere and not a minute lost in stopping and getting away to the next place. At Supt. Fozzer's Ford, no time was lost on the road either. But the early arrival did not catch the Yadin College folks off their guard. They were assembled and just as the Boosters assembled, Mr. Ed L. Greene mounted the steps of the old Waiser home and in a happy speech welcomed the Lexington folks to Yadin College. His plan was to harmonizing of all the elements in the county and a strong pull together for a bigger and better Davidson. Mr. Greene was happy over the good roads and the good spirit prevailing and hoped that on the trip politics would not enter to mar the happiness of the crowd. Mr. Sprull, captain of the in-landers, said that all the letters that came to the different points to be visited, urging the people to come out that Mrs. Dale, the efficient postmaster of Yadin College, was the only person to give a reply. Mr. Hackney, Mr. Leonard and others spoke briefly of the Fair and the great county whose interests it is designed to promote.

Dinner was spread on the porch of the old Waiser home and everybody fell to with relish. Miss Lucy Belle Totten presented two big waterbutts filled with new red apples, for which she received the thanks of the crowd. The band played, the folks sang popular and patriotic airs and, no longer able to restrain the music in their bones, several couples began dancing on the green. Yadin College was indeed a pleasant hostess, and "come back again," was shouted at the Boosters as they hurriedly scrambled into their cars for the last lap of the trip.

At this point a new stop, not on the printed schedule, was rung in. At Friendship church in Reedy Creek, a big Sunday School picnic was being held and Mr. W. M. Byrly sent them a cordial invitation to the Boosters to stop there. There was a big crowd present. Mr. Byrly did the welcoming act in happy fashion and everybody was made to feel quite at home. Rev. H. L. Powell also spoke on behalf of the community. Judge C. E. Godwin and others spoke for the Boosters here, but Miss Penny again carried off the honors of the day. She told about how she, a little country girl in Wake county, was aroused when some forward looking lady came to her when she was preparing to can some fruit and asked her why she did not take her products to the State Fair. Of course the little country girl had never thought that she might be a prize winner in a statewide competition, but she thought, found friction and when the Fair opened, she and her exhibit were on hand. Fifteen dollars in prize money she carried home, and felt that she was just as big as any country girl in North Carolina. This story led Mr. Geo. L. Hackney, the humorist of the Boosters, to remark "that anybody who could turn

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GLENN AND PAGE TO SPEAK.

Former at Thomasville and Latter at Denton and Tyro—Secretary Grimes Coming to County.

Chairman W. S. Anderson continues to land good things in the way of democratic speakings for the voters of Davidson county. His latest stroke is the securing of Ex-Governor Robert B. Glenn and Congressman Robert N. Page for speeches in the county in this month. Mr. Glenn will address the voters of Thomasville on Friday night, August 27th, in Lambeth Hall. Everywhere Mr. Glenn has spoken in the state this year he has created a splendid impression. The newspapers have been writing editorials about the speeches he has been making. Always an orator of power and appeal, he is said to be excelling his old time Congress man.

Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes has also promised Chairman Anderson that he will give Davidson county a visit. Mr. Grimes has always been strong in Davidson, and he is a democratic fighter of real ability.

COUNTY SPEAKING DATES.

The following states have been agreed upon for the joint canvass of the candidates for House of Representatives and county offices of Democrats and Republicans: Cotton Grove, Tuesday, Oct. 17, LeRoy Miller's Store. Boone, Wednesday, Oct. 18th, M. A. Lomax Store. Tyro, Thursday, Oct. 19th, W. Lee Shoaf's Store. Yadin College, Friday, Oct. 20th, At the College. Lexington, Saturday, Oct. 21st, at Court House. Hampton, Monday, Oct. 23rd, Eph. Brewer's Place. Reedy Creek, Tuesday, Oct. 24th, Henry Mize Place. Arcadia, Wednesday, Oct. 25th, W. M. Zimmerman's Store. Yadin College, Thursday, Oct. 26th, Henry Crotts' Place. Abbott's Creek, Friday, Oct. 27th, Wallburg. Thomasville, Saturday, Oct. 28th, Thomasville. Conrad Hill, Monday, Oct. 30th, Cleo. Perdue's Place. Silver Hill, Tuesday, Oct. 31st, Henry T. Yadin. Emmons, Wednesday, Nov. 1st, Cedar Springs Schoolhouse. Jackson Hill, Thursday, Nov. 2nd, Elliott's Store. Alleghany, Friday, Nov. 3rd, Alleghany Schoolhouse. Healing Springs, Saturday, Nov. 4th, At the Springs.

Session Accepted Resignation.

(The session of the Presbyterian church accepted the resignation of their pastor, Rev. W. A. Daniel, at their convening at the conclusion of the Sunday morning sermon, after giving it consideration at length. Upon finishing his sermon Pastor Daniel read to the church a brief statement, setting out that it was his belief that the proper co-operation was not being afforded him and that, therefore, he considered it his duty to offer his resignation. The church then went into official session and voted to accept the resignation, though not unanimously.)

When asked by The Dispatch as to his future plans, Mr. Daniel stated Monday 25th, he had no statement to make concerning the matter whatever.

Many expressions of regret at the decision of the pastor to resign have been heard from members of all congregations and the townspeople at large. Mr. Daniel has faithfully worked for every good move in the town and county and his brother pastors have found him a good man and team effort. The church has prospered under his guidance and the community has received much benefit from his efforts, so say many.

Just when the resignation will take effect has not yet been made public.

Boost for Chas. Thomason.

Prof. H. Hoyle Sink, American vice consul at Amoy, China, writes as follows to The Dispatch, under date of August 25th, he had no statement to make received here Friday, Sept. 29th: To the Editor of The Dispatch: Lexington, North Carolina, U. S. A.

I have just received my Dispatch of July 19, 1916, and note therein that Charles Thomason has announced himself a candidate for the Office of Registrar of Deeds, subject to the democratic primaries. While "Uncle Sam" has very strict standing orders against his foreign officers taking any part in politics I should like to say to the readers of The Dispatch that in my opinion there are a few men in the county more ably fitted for the Office of Registrar of Deeds than Mr. Thomason. I have known Mr. Thomason as a fellow student, a teacher, and as a man; and I know him to be a young man of great ability and of the highest integrity. It will certainly be to the interest of the county and state to have Mr. Thomason nominated and elected.

I am, Sir, Yours truly, H. HOYLE SINK.

Parade Fair Opening Day.

The Fair officials are busy preparing the details of the big parade for the opening day of the Fair. Next week the details of the parade, with the prizes for the different floats, the bands, etc., will be announced in The Dispatch. Each day that passes the indications are growing for a most pleasant month of the coming day. The "Bigger and Better Schools" feature is expected to add much to the occasion.

ROAD WORK AUTHORIZED.

Maintenance Forces to Get Busy on All Unimproved Roads and Prepare Them for the Winter.

The care of the unimproved roads of the county was one of the chief concerns of the board of road commissioners at their regular meeting Monday. The chiefest action in this direction was their authorization to the county engineer to have all the maintenance forces in the four sections into which the county has been divided to begin work at once on the roads that so far have not been improved by the road commission. Mr. Brown is making maps of the sections of the county, marking all the roads for the guidance of these maintenance forces and he will give direction of urgent work to be done. In his trips over these roads he will carry note book and case and will make note on the spot of any place liable to become impassable before its regular turn shall come and will notify the maintenance crews in that section of what shall be done.

Mr. Brown was ordered to look over the road from Muddy Creek to Centenary church in Hampton township, in that section make such repairs as are necessary. He was also ordered to examine the bridge at Swicegood mill place, in Abbotts Creek township, with reference to the construction of a new bridge. He was also directed to have a bridge constructed at Lake on the road from Conrad's to Holly Grove and make survey for the relocation of the road up steep hill on the other side of the bridge. The engineer was ordered to locate the road from Williams Cross Roads to the Randolph county line and westward to Jerusalem church, the people of these communities agreeing to work up the roads when located.

It was ordered to have signals and fences erected at overhead railway bridges. All these bridges in the county are dangerous for motor traffic except at a low speed. The engineer was also ordered to arrange for the completion of the Arcadia-Forsyth road as far as graded and to locate a road from Massettown to the new road near Yadin College. The people along this route proposed to topsoil the road as soon as the county would crown it up with a road machine. The board ordered the engineer to locate the route from Holly Grove to Hanterville and have maintenance force co-operate with the citizens along the route to improve along the new location rather than repair the old road.

Messrs. T. M. Livengood and Lee V. Phillips were appointed as a committee to select about thirty of the county mules as soon as they received suitable offers.

Lycium Comes Next Week.

Through the efforts of Supt. O. V. Woolsey and Mr. J. F. Sprull, who had the nerve to put themselves down as guarantors for a large sum, Lexington will be treated to a lycium course of exceptional merit this winter. The first number comes Wednesday night of next week and it is one that in reality should attract a large audience. The Meistersingers Male Quartet is the first of a series of magnificent attractions. This quartet is composed of four young men by the name of Ward, Wilson, Lucas and Smith—names just like all of us know about. They have a repertoire that will appeal to everybody and from the sections where they have been heard come the highest sort of praise. A quartet can always furnish an evening's entertainment worth listening to and the Meistersingers come highly vouched for as an aggregation of real merit.

Four other splendid numbers have been booked for the winter, these being the Westminster Concert Entertainers, the Lowry-Lawrence Entertainers, the Doering Orchestral Quintet and the "Hornet" Quartet. The lecturer and humorist, Messrs. Sprull and Woolsey are making a canvass of the town this week for the sale of season tickets. A winter without lycium would be just like a summer without chautauqua, or an autumn without circuses or fairs.

Democrats Move Quarters.

Because their quarters in the Leazar Building was too small and cramped, the Wilson-Bickett Club has moved their meeting place to the Armory Hall. A big banner with the words "Wilson-Bickett Club" has been swung across the street in front of the armory and another big banner across the front of the building, containing the mottoes "America for Americans," "Democratic Headquarters," "Wilson, Peace and Prosperity." Big pictures of Woodrow Wilson and American flags will complete the decorations.

With the beginning of the final month of the campaign more active work will be done by the club than heretofore, although the members are highly pleased with their work so far. Thursday night is expected to be a big night with the Democrats and all are invited to make themselves at home at the club and county headquarters. A telephone has been installed and the big hall is roomy and well lighted. The members plan to make October a pleasant month of the coming day. Those who attend from time to time there will speaking and social features.

BOOKING SHOWS FOR FAIR.

Secretary Leonard Has Been Busy Getting Amusements—Special Train Over the Southbound.

Secretary Dave Leonard, of the Davidson County Fair, left Monday morning for Roxboro to confer with the management of big groups of shows that he expects to book for the Fair here Friday and Saturday of next week. An advance agent visited Lexington and asked that Secretary Leonard go to Roxboro, where the shows are this week, and look over the entire outfit, assuring him that he would be pleased with the class and cleanliness of the attractions. It is said to be a brand new outfit all the way through, consisting of a number of many attractions, all traveling in a special train of ten cars belonging to the show. Already probably the finest merry-go-round ever seen here has been contracted for, as has also a ferris wheel, two attractions that never fail to draw good patronage. Secretary Leonard also announces that in addition to the balloon and other free features heretofore spoken of, he has secured the services of a professional piano player for the benefit of the crowd.

President Sprull has received a letter informing him that the giant exhibition tent has been shipped from Swarthmore, Pa., and will arrive on Friday this week. This big canvas affair weighs five thousand pounds in shipping order and will be in charge of one of the tent captains of the chautauqua company from whom it is secured. The Spencer baseball canvas has been secured for enclosing the field and it is big enough to assure a splendid enclosure. The midway is expected to be as fine as at any fair in this section.

The attention of the farmers is again called to the preparation of their exhibits. Let everyone read their premium lists and observe the rules. The earlier the bookings are made and space reserved the better it will be for all concerned. A letter from Mr. S. P. Collier, traffic manager of the Winston-Salem Southbound Railway, says that road will run a special train from Albemarle on the morning of Friday, October 13th. It will reach Lexington about ten o'clock and will leave for the return trip about five in the afternoon, thus giving seven hours in Lexington for the excursionists. The Southbound will fully advertise this train in all the southern part of the county.

With Second Reformed Church.

(By B. C. Nance.)

The Sunday school at the Second Reformed church has made considerable progress during the past year, and everybody in any way connected with the church and Sunday school there are proud of it, but many of its workers realize that it is a long way from perfection. With this in mind they are working the harder to continue the progress of the school. The school has recently entered the increase campaign movement of the Reformed church to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of the "Reformation." Its object is to increase the enrollment of its Sunday schools 20% and an endowment fund of \$100,000. Those who know the school over here and know the field have but little doubt it will do more than its share in this campaign.

One of the greatest obstacles to this school has been the inadequately supplied of efficient teachers. To overcome this obstacle the teachers training class has been organized with Prof. R. C. Harris as its president. Mr. Harris with his assistant, Mr. Williams, has commanded the organized men's class with great success and he will undoubtedly make us a good president. One of the first moves of the class was to reorganize the school, which is practically every class will be more or less reorganized. It is hoped that an assistant will be secured for most of the classes. Assistants have already been secured for some, to our gratification. The object of this class is to be prepared to teach or prepare ourselves to teach better lessons, to study the best methods organization, etc. The prospects are very bright now and it is hoped that the school will take on a new life and march forth with a united effort to win souls for the Lord.

Rev. J. C. Leonard, D. D. was with us at our meeting last Friday night. He gave us some helpful suggestions and good encouragement. His meeting with us was enjoyed by all the teachers. The teachers will meet at the church Friday night of every week. "He saith unto him, 'feed my lambs.'" John 21:15.

Evangelistic services begins today.

The meeting will be in charge of Dr. Leonard, assisted by Rev. W. A. Daniel, Rev. J. A. Palmer and Rev. Theodore Anderson. Dr. Leonard held services yesterday evening for the ladies and aged people of the community. A similar service will be held this evening at 3 o'clock.

Aycock Literary Society.

The Aycock Literary Society of the Lexington High School reorganized Wednesday, Sept. 6th for the school year 1916-1917, with a full membership of 40. At this meeting the following officers were elected: President, David Redwine; Vice-President, Theodore Hill; Secretary, Chas. Lancaster; Treasurer, Julius Smith; Marshall, Robert Holmes; Reporter, Davis Sink. The Society hopes to do some good work this year. Meetings are held on Wednesday of each week. The program for next Wednesday is as follows: Resolved: That the Lexington High School should have a compulsory Literary Society. Affirmative—James Willis. Negative—Leonard, Clyde Hunt, Negative—Mersey Thomas, Chas. Lancaster, Carey Pickard, James by Julius Smith.

GREAT EDUCATIONAL RALLY.

Dr. Clarence Poe and Prof. L. C. Brogden to Speak on Opening Day of Davidson County Fair.

The Board of Education Monday completed the program for the Bigger and Better School Rally for Davidson county, which will be held in the Fair grounds on the opening day of the Davidson County Fair, Friday of next week. They have secured Dr. Clarence Poe, Editor of the Progressive Farmer and Prof. L. C. Brogden of the State Department of Education, to speak to the people on bigger and better schools and wider fields of opportunity for the boys and girls of the farm.

Dr. Poe will need no introduction to the people of Davidson or any other county in North Carolina. Since boyhood he has been preaching the gospel of better agricultural methods and country schools and has spent much of his time in visiting other states and other nations in his efforts to secure information for the folks of his native state. He is the author of a number of well known books. It will be a treat worth coming to hear Dr. Poe. Prof. Brogden has been going up and down the state for several years now taking educational advancement to the rural schools and in nearly every county in North Carolina have been found some communities that have gotten together and built bigger schools, with a wider outlook after he has gone among them and labored. Prof. Brogden will bring a message of things accomplished and will tell the folks of the opportunity in Davidson and of the best way to go about securing what we want.

The speaking program in the Fair grounds will begin at eleven o'clock and it is confidently expected that a record breaking crowd will be in attendance on this opening day. The Southbound excursion from Albemarle will give opportunity for all the people of Southern Davidson to be present. Reports from different communities in the county to the board of education brought the cheering information that the leaven of progress is at work with the folks and that right now four or five communities are earnestly counselling together to secure better schools. Handy community, however, is the first in the county to come forward and ask the board to come and counsel with their folks. Two of the Jackson Hill districts want to pool their interests and do something bigger in an educational way than heretofore, so the board of education will meet with those people at Handy on Tuesday evening, Oct. 17, at 8 o'clock.

Special educational committees were appointed Monday from every township in the county to help work up the bigger and better school propaganda. Each will receive a personal appeal from the board to get out and get busy with his neighbor and every one of these is urged to be on hand at the Educational Rally and see to it that their neighbor is urged to come and bring his entire family. These committees will work in co-operation with the school committee of their neighborhoods, with the Farmers' Union and Laymen's committees as announced below. The special educational committees of the different townships follow: Alleghany—A. L. Newsum, J. M. Taylor and F. M. Cook. Jackson Hill—W. R. Badgett, J. U. Lanier and S. C. W. Wilson. Thomasville—R. L. Dyer, Alfred Kanoy, L. H. Hilton, B. E. Kennedy and W. W. Sainsting. Midway—Reid Dorsett, C. I. Nifong and Arthur Sink. Arcadia—W. F. Raper, I. P. Fishel and Chas. Snider. Reedy Creek—W. F. Craver, J. S. Hoge, W. M. Byrly and R. B. Warner. Abbotts Creek—M. R. Hedgcock, C. A. Teague and George Clinary. Hampton—J. W. Hampton, J. L. Nelson and Ephraim Brewer. Tyro—Clyde Koons, C. L. Michael and W. J. Giles. Boone—Jack Little, L. F. Snider and J. L. Fitzgerald. Conrad Hill—J. W. May, J. L. Lohr and J. L. Miller. Cotton Grove—G. F. Fitzgerald, J. D. Lookabill and D. L. Crosswell. Silver Hill—Grover Palmer, E. A. Hedrick and M. W. Tysinger. Emmons—J. F. Cameron, U. L. Peacock and R. L. Anderson. Healing Springs—T. H. Daniel, Dave Floyd, Will Rush and J. M. Stafford. Lexington—G. D. Sink, Lewis Weaver and W. C. Wilson. Yadin College—M. B. Gentie, J. E. Williamson, Sr. and T. E. Waiser.

The following citizens of the county are on the Farmers' Union committee: W. G. Fitzgerald, C. A. Berrier, A. A. Young, C. H. Pritts, C. S. Palmer, J. A. Myers, J. W. Bowers, J. W. Lee, C. A. Snider and D. S. Hayworth.

The Laymen's committee is composed of the following well known men: J. W. Newsum, A. J. Hartman, W. M. Zimmerman, M. M. Swing, Branson Harrison and James Beall.

School Comes Here on Visit.

Principal Miller and Mrs. Miller, with several other members of the faculty, and county Agent Crumpton, of Rowan, came over Saturday morning and brought the advanced students of the China Grove Farm Life School on a tour of inspection of the Eranger Mill and the Davidson County Creamery. Six Ford cars were used and the students were packed in as long as there was room, there being forty or more in the delegation. Their visit to the Eranger was a revelation, for none of the students had seen anything in the way of a better village quite so modern. They were highly pleased also with the creamery, the workings of which was explained by the management. From here they went on to Jamestown to visit the first high school there. These bustling tours of a whole school is a new thing in this section, but it appears to be a highly interesting thing, as it brings the students into new scenes and gives a broader vision of what their neighbors are doing.