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TAXES THEME OF BOWIE'S SPEECH HERE TUESDAY

Candidate for Nomination in Senate Race Has Overflow Audience at Courthouse. Tax and Tariff Reform Feature Address of Prominent Attorney. Assails Senator Morrison, and Says Land Taxes Should Drop.

In an address before an audience of such proportions that standing room was at a premium, Judge "Tom" Bowie, Democratic candidate for the United States Senatorial nomination, spoke to the people of Watauga on Tuesday noon.

Attorney John Bingham introduced Mr. Bowie in most glowing terms, and the Ashe County man began his speech with the statement that, while he had made many talks in his present campaign, previously he had spoken before strangers—in Watauga he felt at home.

The theme of Mr. Bowie's speech was a reevaluation of the land tax for the people, illustrating the necessity of which the speaker stated that only one-sixth of the land of the State of North Carolina was under cultivation and that this small percentage actually bore the full burden of taxation for the whole commonwealth.

Mr. Bowie pointed out that the present economic condition of the country was not due to Divine Will, but to human error,—that the impossibility of the present situation was because the people chose to have represent them men who were interested in their own welfare rather than men who had the interest of the people at heart. He further stated that the Honorable Cameron Morrison, present senator and a rival candidate for the nomination, had on several occasions either opposed or supported men who were opposed to a reevaluation of land values with a view to reducing the heavy burden of taxation. Continuing, he declared that when it was proposed to increase the tax on the power companies and tobacco companies, Mr. Morrison opposed this tax, choosing to support the ad valorem tax on land advocated by Governor Gardner.

"No jury of the people, trying a case of the county vs. either a big power company or tobacco company would have in its number a man who was a stockholder in the company involved," said Mr. Bowie. "Yet Mr. Morrison, who favored a land tax rather than an increase in taxation on the above-mentioned industries, was and is a stockholder in both tobacco companies—and the voters elect him to look after their best interests."

Mr. Bowie told his audience that, while he was a believer in the high tariff that made it possible for men in Canada to buy farm machinery at about half what they pay for the same thing in this country, he believed that the American stock raiser and farmer would benefit if, instead of a two-cent tariff on Argentine and Canadian beef, and relatively high tariffs on other farm products from other countries, there was a tariff of fifteen cents a pound on beef or prohibitive tariff on grains; for, as things are at present, the foreign markets can and do undersell the local producers. This, said Mr. Bowie, was not a Republican doctrine, but a necessity. Quoting William McAnis, son-in-law of President Wilson and a staunch Democrat, Bowie said that the former Cabinet member always advocated a fixed minimum price for farm products, in accordance with a plan that has been in effect in France since 1877 and one which both Germany and England have adopted with success.

"England, who wiped out a four-hundred-million-dollar deficit and left a surplus in her treasury, has never had a land tax; New York State has never had a land tax for State purposes"; and, in closing, Judge Bowie reiterated his stand that there is no era of prosperity around any corner anywhere unless the true value of real estate, the basis of the American home and the American government, is restored, and unless the farmer gets a decent price for his product.

Bonus Would Bring a Huge Sum to Watauga

Frank D. Grist, candidate for the Democratic nomination to the U. S. Senate and a World War veteran, gives out the information that should the soldier bonus be passed, \$185,619.60 will be released in Watauga County alone. Mr. Grist is favoring the prompt payment of the compensation certificates, and states that today there are 750,000 able-bodied World War veterans unemployed and 800,000 who are working from one to four hours a week at greatly reduced wages. The soldier candidate does not believe that the government will desert its defenders in their hour of need, when more than a million and a half face the prospect of want and hunger.

Mr. W. E. Shipley of Wallace, Va., transacted business in Boone the first of the week.

Bowie Speaks



Tam C. Bowie, Jefferson lawyer, had an overflow audience when he addressed the voters here Tuesday. Mr. Bowie is seeking the Democratic nomination for United States Senator.

FISHING SEASON TO OPEN FRIDAY, 15TH; WARDENS NAMED

Streams Said to Be Well Stocked With Trout. Laws Prohibit Use of Seines, Traps and Baskets. Warden Farthing Cites Statute. Forty-Eight Deputies and Salesmen Will Handle Licenses.

The trout fishing season will open Friday, April 15th in Watauga, and if the freezing temperatures that prevail this (Wednesday) morning rise to a sufficient degree, dozens of local anglers will be on the streams for the initial encounter with the finny tribe. Reports from various waters are to the effect that fish are plentiful this season, and predictions are that a season of excellent sport is in store for the disciples of Izaak Walton.

County Warden H. Grady Farthing calls attention to the law governing inland fishing waters, which is as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or corporation to set or place fish traps, fish slides or fish baskets, or to take or kill fish in any of the waters of North Carolina designated as 'Inland Fishing Waters' by any method whatsoever, except with hook and line, rod and reel, or by casting." Mr. Farthing further states that no seining will be permitted this year in any of the waters of this county.

Some fifty thousand trout of legal size have been released in picked streams of Watauga within the past few months, and ten thousand more will be loosed within the next month. This particular branch of the conservation work is being sponsored by the newly organized Fishing and Hunting Club, and it is believed that the streams are gradually being brought back to their former standing.

The State Angler's Law authorizes three classes of licenses which are as follows: residence county, \$1.10; resident State, \$2.10; non-resident, \$5.10. Warden Farthing has named the following deputies, who will also act as license salesmen:

L. L. Gragg, Shulls Mills; Don J. Horton, Vilas; Floyd Greene, Zionville; Floyd Tate, Boone R. F. D.; Joe Teague, Shulls Mills; Lewis Norris, Reese; Watt Greene, Boone R. F. D.; Edd Mast, Adams; G. C. Ward, Sugar Grove; Lloyd Winebarger, Meat Camp; Walter Winebarger, Boone R. F. D.; S. B. Adams, Sugar Grove; Sam Cable, Sugar Grove R. F. D.; A. A. Dotson, Shulls Mills; Lonnie Greene, Vilas; Lonnie Parker, Laxon; Roby Penley, Penley; Forace Moretz, Zionville; Harrison Baker, Boone R. F. D.; M. P. Trivette, Rominger; Carrol Trivette, Rominger; W. W. Austin, Shulls Mills R. F. D.; John W. Ward, Leander; Edd Harbin, Shulls Mills; O. A. Baird, Sugar Grove; Randall Foster, Blowing Rock; Everett Fox, Banner Elk; Carl Davis, Todd; Ruth Cottrell (salesman), Boone; C. I. Billings (salesman), Vilas; W. W. Mast (salesman), Valle Crucis; A. E. South (salesman), Boone; Clay Hodges, Triplett.

W. M. Shirley, Deep Gap; Horace Cook, Blowing Rock; Ira Critcher, Bamboo; Tom Broyhill, Bamboo; Lee Carender, Matney; Jim Brown, Meat Camp; Glenn Coffey, Boone; Edd Greer, Zionville; G. C. Harmon, Peoria; Clay Hodges, Triplett; Henry Greene, Hodges Gap; R. L. Gentry, Laxon; Eller McNeil, Rutherford; Will Wilson, Reese, Ben Watson.

Mr. W. S. Greene of Canton, Penn., left for his home Wednesday afternoon after having been called to Watauga on account of the death of a brother, Spencer Greene. Mr. Greene left home at 4:30 Monday afternoon by motor and arrived in Boone Tuesday at 1 o'clock.

BOB REYNOLDS IS HEARD BY LARGE CROWD MONDAY

Asheville Lawyer, Candidate for Senate Honors, Fires Opening Gun in Primary Battle. Charges Domination of Functions of Government by Monied Few. Says Prohibition Has Failed to Prohibit.

Bob Reynolds of Asheville, candidate for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate, came to Boone Monday, and at the noon recess of court spoke to an audience estimated at not less than eight hundred on the issues that face the electorate in the current political campaign. Introduced by State Senator William R. Lovill, Mr. Reynolds launched into an attack on the national administration, and credited many of the economic woes of the land to the fact that government has been "taken from the hands of the people and placed in the grasp of Wall Street."

"Big business controls your State," declared the speaker, "and it owns your national government. During the year 1931 merchants by the hundreds were forced into bankruptcy and the smaller businesses of the land perished by the thousands. But during that period of distress the tobacco manufacturers made the largest earnings of their histories and the power corporations reaped a golden harvest. The only way that we can overcome depression and restore prosperity is through the equitable distribution of wealth. And just as sure as you live," the Asheville man added, "the government will be returned to the people at the November elections."

Mr. Reynolds favors payment in full of adjusted compensation certificates to World War veterans, and by the tone of his remarks he wondered why the national administration had not gotten around to the place where they could invest a couple of billion dollars in their national heroes. "The administration at Washington has seen fit to place into the hands of the corporations two billion dollars with which to relieve their financial ailments. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has made it possible for railroad companies to borrow as much as seventy-five million dollars at one time. Yet this same nation claims it is unable to give to those men who spilled their warm blood on foreign fields a similar sum, which unquestionably belongs to them."

Speaking as he termed it, through the lips of temperance, Reynolds turned his attention to the prohibition.

Rabies in Livestock Follows Mad Dog Scare

Mr. J. R. Mast of Sugar Grove came to town Monday, bringing with him the head of a lamb which was slain after it was believed to have developed rabies. Dr. H. B. Percy immediately forwarded the head to the state chemist for analysis.

Mr. Mast states that following the mad dog scare on Cove Creek a few weeks ago that livestock over a wide area appear to have developed hydrophobia. He has killed two lambs from his flock. Clark Swift killed a mad two-year-old heifer, while Boone Isaacs dispatched a yearling. The dog which is believed to have been responsible, was finally killed after it had run wild through the principal livestock section of the county. It is said that rabies may develop in three weeks or any longer period, and it is believed that much more damage will yet result from the invasion of the mad dog.

MRS. ANN HAYES CELEBRATES HER 101st BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY LAST FRIDAY

On Friday, April 8th, "Aunt Ann" Hayes, widow of the late Joe Hayes, celebrated her birthday anniversary at the home of a brother-in-law, Mr. E. J. Norris, on Route 2 some four miles east of the city. The uneventful date marked her passing of the one hundred and first milestone on life's highway, she having first seen the light of day in the year of 1831. During this unusually lengthy span of years, the venerable lady has maintained her residence in Watauga, where she was born, and has perhaps never been more than one hundred miles from her birthplace. Railroad trains have never had the privilege of carrying Aunt Ann as a passenger, but in recent years she has been afforded much pleasure by the automobile, and delights in its convenience.

A hundred and one years is a mighty long time, and perhaps during the period that this amiable woman has "graced the globe," more things of vital importance to civilization have taken place than history recorded up to that time. Most of the ships that sailed the seas when life began for the centurion were rigged with canvas; railways were in existence, but to cross the continent meant wearisome weeks of wagon travel; the ocean cable had never been dreamed

LOCAL MAN NAMED CHAIRMAN AT GOP MEETING SATURDAY

R. D. Hodges Honored by Congressional Convention. Statesville Man Selected to Oppose Farmer Bob Doughton for Representative. Delegates Instructed to Endorse Jake Newell for Senate.

Republicans of the new Ninth Congressional District, meeting in convention at Taylorsville Saturday, named Philip Dulin, Statesville attorney, to oppose Farmer Bob Doughton for the House of Representatives in the election next fall, and selected Russell D. Hodges, Boone business man, as congressional chairman. The convention volunteered to unloose its purse strings to aid Mr. Dulin after he begged to be excused from the race on a plea of finances. Vigorous protests followed and individual Republicans pledged themselves to finance his campaign.

The nomination of the Statesville man, who formerly was a Democrat but was "converted," was by acclamation after Hobart Morton, young Albemarle wheelhorse, requested the withdrawal of his name.

The Ninth District was formerly known as the "Old Eighth." It embraces Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Caldwell, Alexander, Iredell, Rowan, Cabarrus and Stanly counties. Shortly after temporary Chairman G. W. Klutz of Lenoir opened the convention a factional fight among Rowan delegates was closed when ointment in the form of split votes was recommended by the credentials committee. Mr. Klutz appointed H. S. Williams of Concord as chairman and later the convention made it a permanent move.

Nine members of the State Executive Committee were recommended, one from each county. S. S. Jennings, of Lenoir, and Dr. J. Ike Campbell of Albemarle won a contested election as delegates to the Chicago national convention with Charles Welch of Ashe and Mrs. Hobart Morton of Albemarle as alternates. Mr. Klutz was selected presidential elector.

The convention instructed its delegates to the State convention to endorse Jake Newell of Charlotte for United States Senator.

A number of Watauga Republicans attended the convention.

Sunday School Workers To Meet at Middle Fork

The following program was issued Tuesday by Secretary Roy Dotson for the Associational Sunday School Conference, which will be held with the Middle Fork Baptist Church on Sunday, May 1st, 2:30 o'clock p. m.:

Devotional, W. Y. Perry; special music by Union Choir; reports from group superintendents; special music by Union Choir; "Value of Monthly Visitation," Wade Brown; "The Sunday School as a Soul Winning Field," Smith Hagaman; special music by Union Choir; "Presenting the Sunday School Lesson," Miss Wiley; "Daily Vacation Bible School," Mrs. A. V. Washburn; "What Schools Shall Have Workers this Year?" (answered by the schools).

All lovers of Sunday School work are urged by Mr. Dotson to attend this conference. The extremely bad weather and sickness prevented the holding of the meeting earlier. At this conference it is hoped that a plan for work in the various schools during the summer months can be worked out.

State Candidate



Lieutenant Governor "Dick" Fountain, who at press time Wednesday was delivering a campaign speech at the courthouse in his race for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Notwithstanding the fact that there had been no advance announcement of the appointment, a large crowd is gathering to hear the candidate.

FISHING-HUNTING CLUB WILL HOLD FISH FRY THURS.

Local Fish Hatchery Will Be Meeting Place of Sportsmen. President Tom Cushing Recites Purposes of Get-Together. American Legion Band to Furnish Music. Short Talks to Be Heard.

On Thursday evening, April 14th, the Watauga County Fishing and Hunting Club will give a men's fish fry and frolic at the fish hatchery. This will be an evening of fun for the men of Watauga who are concerned with the preservation of fish and game. The evening's feast and entertainment will be free to the sportsmen, the only requirements being a sincere interest in outdoor sports and a love of good fellowship.

In an interview Tom Cushing, president of the Fishing and Hunting Club, stated that the fish fry would be in the nature of a get-together meeting for the hunters and fishermen of this section, one in which the levers of the out-of-doors could come to know each other and the objects of the newly-formed club. Mr. Cushing further stated that, while there would be no charge for any of the fun or food during the evening, it was hoped that those who have no desire to aid the club in its conservation program or who do not have the true, unselfish sportsman's heart would not bother to come.

Owing to the fact that a feast of this kind requires much preparation, it is requested that any man who wishes to attend be sure to leave his name with Paul Coffey at the Watauga County Bank, Boone, M. C. A postal card or phone call will be enough.

A supper consisting of black sea bass, cold slaw, baked potatoes, pickles, corn pone and coffee will be followed by short talks by Mr. Joe McCoy, State official of the Izaak Walton League; Tom Cushing, president of the local club, and Professor J. G. Greer of the Appalachian Teachers College. Music will be furnished by the American Legion Band, while the Cook Sisters, famous singing duo of Watauga County, will entertain the guests with their inimitable songs and guitar-violin duets.

In preparing a large invitation list some good fellow is apt to be left off through an oversight. For this reason the Fishing and Hunting Club has displayed in prominent places posters which are in themselves personal invitations to the sportsmen of the county.

Special Meeting of Legion to Be Held

Watauga Post 130, American Legion, will meet in extra session on Monday evening, April 18th, by order of State Commander Henry C. Boren, for the purpose of celebrating the victory membership drive. Similar meetings will be held simultaneously all over the State. All executive men as well as the general public are invited to be present.

Clifford E. Walker, who was a delegate to the national convention last year, will be the main speaker on the local program. Professor V. C. Howell of State Teachers College and others are also expected to make some remarks.

The members of the Legion Auxiliary are also invited to come to the meeting. A vote will be taken on the question of payment of the bonus. All members in good standing are allowed a vote for or against the cash payment.

CLOSING EXERCISES AT COVE CREEK TO BEGIN SATURDAY

Senior Class Will Present Comedy as Preliminary of School Finals. Rev. J. H. Brendall Jr. Will Deliver Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday. Class Night Exercises Monday, and Address by Prof. Greer Tuesday.

Commencement activities for the Cove Creek high school will begin next Saturday night, April 16th, and last through the following Tuesday. On Saturday night at 8 o'clock the senior class will present a comedy play, "Baby Steps Out," which promises to be the best entertainment presented here in recent years.

On Sunday night at 8 o'clock Rev. J. H. Brendall Jr., pastor of Boone Methodist Church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon. The services will be held in Cove Creek Baptist Church.

On Monday night at 8 o'clock the senior class will present their class night exercises.

The final program will come Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock when Professor I. G. Greer of the Appalachian State Teachers College will deliver the address to the members of the graduating class.

An admission charge of 25c for adults and 15c for children will be made for the play Saturday night, the proceeds to be used for school improvement.

Another feature of commencement at Cove Creek will be a ball game between the lady teachers and the girls of the junior and senior classes. This game will be played Monday afternoon. A game is also expected to be played both Monday and Tuesday with teams from Blowing Rock and Mountain City high schools.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend all of these exercises.

Boone Lady Is Honored By Genealogy Institute

Mrs. Minnie F. Watson, of Boone, N. C., who has won local recognition for her work in genealogical and historical research, has been honored by a "Who's Who in Genealogy" sketch of her work included in the list of the leading active genealogical researchers in the United States. In the Handbook of American Genealogy recently issued by the Institute of American Genealogy in Chicago.

Recognition in this field affords access to the extensive lineage files of the National Clearing House for Genealogical Information, as well as professional contact with genealogists in 1,331 counties throughout the United States and in 16 foreign countries, which will enable her to expand the scope of her work very materially.

It will be of interest to the members and prospective members, and especially to the registrars of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames, and other hereditary-patriotic societies to learn that a local resident has formed these international contacts, because they will make possible the necessary genealogical research to qualify for membership without outside aid.

Spencer Greene Dies From Paralytic Stroke

Spencer Greene, 31, well-known citizen of the Sands community, died at his home there Monday afternoon, after having been stricken with paralysis in the churchyard at Meat Camp on the Saturday previous. Mr. Greene collapsed, was carried home and never regained consciousness.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon from the Meat Camp Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Payne, and interment was in the cemetery there. Surviving are a widow and four small children.

Deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Greene, had spent his life in the community where he died, and was well and favorably known. His sudden death is deeply deplored.

Court Spends First Three Days on Minor Charges

The regular spring term of Watauga Superior Court convened Monday morning, with Judge P. A. McElroy presiding, and Solicitor L. S. Spurling prosecuting a docket of upwards of a hundred criminal cases.

After a brief charge to the grand jury, of which Dayton Wilson of Boone is foreman, Judge McElroy disposed of the good behavior cases and up until Wednesday morning the entire attention of the court had been taken with minor cases. At press time no announcement was forthcoming as to when the homicide cases, in which Ephraim Wallace and Ed Stokes are defendants, will be called.

The Democrat will carry the detailed proceedings of the term in its next issue.