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BICKETT SPEAKS TO CROWD AT EPSOM

Fully Two Thousand Present to Enjoy Speaking And Big Barbecue.

COUNTY CANDIDATES MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Bickett Uses Strong Illustration With The "Four Wise Men"—His Defense of Wilson Masterful and Logical—Plenty to Eat and Some to Spare.

The joint county campaign meeting at Epsom on last Friday marked one of the largest and most successful occasions held at this pretty little country village in many years. There was fully two thousand people present and all enjoyed both the speaking and the big barbecue dinner to the fullest, and the best of order prevailed throughout.

At the appointed hour Mr. J. C. Kittrell, of Henderson, who was master of ceremonies, rose and made the necessary announcements and introduced to the audience Mr. W. M. Person, nominee for the State Senate from Franklin. Mr. Person delivered a short but pointed little address announcing himself and in praise of the Democratic administration. He was followed by Mr. R. S. McCoin, of Henderson, nominee for the State Senate from Vance, then came Mr. S. A. Newell and Mr. R. G. Kittrell, the two nominees for the House of Representatives for the respective counties, all of whom made most interesting talks and enumerated the many good deeds of the democratic administrations.

Mr. J. C. Kittrell then, in a most fitting and beautiful impromptu address introduced "the man, who, for the next four years will give us the best government of the best State in the Union—North Carolina—Hon. Thomas Walter Bickett."

As Mr. Bickett rose to begin his speech a heavy wind rose and swept across the crowd and he stated, "this is a Wilson wind and is all blowing our way." His introductory remarks were especially pretty and betrayed a most beautiful feeling of fellowship as he spoke to his own people and next door neighbors. In fact he said that there was such a wonderful similarity between Vance and Franklin county people that it reminded him of a certain congressman in Washington City. This particular congressman was talking to an old negro servant one day when the negro said, "Boss you certainly dose remind me of Daniel Webster." The negro was asked why and he answered, "yo' breth smells just like his did." And I reckon when some of Franklin's and Vance's citizens meet on Cedar Hill in Louisburg to trade horses you will find that there is a great similarity in their breath." But more than that, the speaker brought out that we were all citizens here together, connected more or less by family or historic ties and next door neighbors and any movement that would effect one would effect all, and made clear the duty of all to join hands in union for everything that will be of benefit to the community and better government. "This is a campaign of information rather than one of denunciation and abuse," said Governor Bickett, and he paid a pretty tribute to the republican nominees for the attitude they were maintaining. "The man who would abuse and influence the people through prejudice is not fit to be governor," said the speaker who continued "Forget that you are a republican or a democrat for a minute, and remember that you, as an American citizen, will be called on, on the 7th of November, to select the officers to govern not only your counties but your State and the Nation." "We don't want a man to vote the democratic ticket because of the past record, but on the record of the present day," said the speaker, and he proceeded to expound the record in a most convincing way. He declared that the United States was the only nation among the first class powers in the world today that is not involved in war. In all of Europe war prevails, while in America peace and prosperity abounds. He referred to the statement made in Raleigh a short while ago by Melvin Stone, President of the Associated Press, possibly the largest news syndicate in the world that "If a man believes in God let him get down on his knees and thank Him

the guidance of Woodrow Wilson that has kept us out of war." "It is the fathers and mothers who can appreciate most, this unparalleled peace, as it is their hearts that would bleed when their sons would be taken to the battle fields to fight and die." "Why is the young man safe?" declared the speaker, "because a divine sense of Justice rules in Washington." "The all wise ruler of this Universe saw fit to call to the helm of this nation in this world wide strife a man who believes that the commandment 'Thou shalt not kill' applies with equal force to a nation as to a man." Here the speaker criticised the conspiracy against Wilson by the foreign owned magazines, and declared that it would be well for all leaders to be baptized in the spirit of Woodrow Wilson. He stated that Wilson's course in Mexico in the coming years would cover him with a mantle of immortality. He stated that 84 per cent of the Mexican population had nowhere to lay their heads, their rights to property having been taken away from them by designing heads supposed to be the leaders of their people. He said that "Huerta had as much right to be government as Judas Iscariot had to be recognized as the head of Mexican government." He declared that the Democratic party has made the greatest record of any party since Columbus discovered America and that the present prosperity and peace is largely due to Democratic legislation, and the courage of Wilson. "All questions in this campaign rise higher than Democracy or republicanism" declared the speaker, and he proceeded to illustrate his point with the Four wise men. "Even in the biblical days the wise men saw the light and followed it," said Mr. Bickett, and now in 1916 the wise men are obeying. Thomas A. Edison, the wizard of the electrical world and the greatest inventive genius the world has ever known, a former republican for fifty years, has declared that he will support Wilson, because he is the man of the hour and it will not do to make a change. Luther A. Burbank, the wizard of plant life, of the Pacific Coast, a life long republican, has announced that he will support Wilson because of his peculiar fitness for the leadership of the American people. In explanation of Mr. Burbank's activity Mr. Bickett said he was the man who is grafting a milk weed onto a peach tree and before long the ladies could gather peaches and cream from the same tree. "He has not forgotten the men either," said Mr. Bickett, "as he is at work on a watermelon that will produce at gathering a delicious mint julep." Charles Elliott, the greatest scholar in the universe, and a life long republican, declares that he will vote for Wilson because he has done more in three years for the uplift of the average man than the republican party has in five times as long. The fourth wise man is Henry Ford, the automobile king, declares he is for Woodrow Wilson for the same reasons that Wall Street is against him—because he has taken the government away from them and given it back to the people.

Mr. Bickett then made a most beautiful appeal to the people to attend the election and vote for the men who had shown by their deeds that they were the real friends of the people and not tools in the hands of the grafters. He spoke of how honest men had left the Democratic party and the republican party in 1892 and in 1896 to join the populist and in 1912 to join the progressive party in the hope of carrying out their ideals. He also showed how they were betrayed by unholy leaders and bartered and traded off for spoils. "Now, gentlemen," he said "the time has come when you should come back. Join the party whose ideals of government is nearest your ideals and help push it along to victory." In this action he said they could only turn to the Democratic party as that was the only party that had shown a desire to enact laws in keeping within their ideals and that there was nothing in the republican party that could or would offer them any consolation. It

was a great speech and was enjoyed by a large crowd, as was evidenced by the repeated interruption of applause. After the speaking the entire crowd was invited to a huge table at the rear of the Academy building to partake of that always delicious and appetizing meal barbecue and Brunswick stew, of which there was the greatest of plenty and some to spare.

The Democratic Committee of Hayesville township is indebted to the republican committee for the use of the table, seats and other arrangements that were prepared for the republican speaking held there on the 12th, when Hon. Frank A. Linney, republican candidate for Governor delivered a strong address to the people of that section and at which time a large barbecue dinner was served to quite a large number.

Current Literature Club.
The Current Literature Club met in the College parlors Thursday afternoon, Oct. 19th, with Miss Frey. In spite of threatening weather many members were present, and as guests of the club, Mrs. W. E. White, Miss Nellie Clapp and Miss Edna Watkins.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. Stuart Davis was appointed to act as secretary pro tem.

Following the Club's study for the year the program was based on "Greek Tragedy." Miss Underwood read a paper on the "Religious Belief of the Ancient Greeks for Mrs. J. M. Allen who could not be present.

Miss Elizabeth Allen then gave a short but instructive talk on "The Source of Tragedy." The Club was especially delighted and entertained by a reading "Laureate, the Marble Dream," given by Miss Fields in Greek costume. Miss Edna Allen in her easy and entertaining manner gave a synopsis of the play "Alceste" by Euripides, which was followed by a musical selection "Alceste" by Gluck, ably rendered by Miss Pearl Brinson.

A delightful salad course was served, followed by coffee and mints. Thus ended one of the most pleasant meetings of the year.

A number of last year's books have not been returned to their owners, who are anxious to recover them. If any member knows the whereabouts of any of the following books, she will please report, or, better still, return them to the owners: "Michael O'Halloran," to Mrs. Ivey Allen. "Bel-tane the Smith," to Mrs. A. D. Wilcox. "Daybreak," to Mrs. Stuart Davis.

Educational Address.
On Friday night, November 3rd, at 7:30 o'clock, there will be delivered in the Pine Ridge School Building an educational address. The speaker for this occasion has not as yet been secured, but his name will be definitely known by Sunday, October 29th, on which date announcements to that effect will be made.

After the address is over, there will be an auction sale of edibles prepared by the young ladies of the community. Also a cake will have been baked and chances for winning it will be sold. In addition to this, there will be special music furnished by the local talent. The proceeds of the sale will go for the equipment of the school building.

Everyone who wishes to hear a good speech is most cordially invited to come out. Let everyone who is interested in the development of education in his community come prepared to contribute something towards the betterment of his school.

CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS
Boys Who Broke Into And Robbed McKinne Bros. Store Monday Night.

Joe Jordan and Ed Hudson, claiming to be employees of a cotton mill at Weldon, were arrested at Franklinton Tuesday morning and a large lot of clothing, pistols, cartridges, knives, shoes, etc., recovered. From their own admission, so we are informed, they came to Louisburg Monday afternoon and during the night entered the store of McKinne Bros. Co., and helped themselves to whatever they wished, and left. The entrance was made from the back door where they cut a hole in the door large enough to get an arm through and lifted the bar that holds the door. The inventory of the goods recovered amounts to around \$220.00. The boys were given a hearing before Squire A. W. Alston, after officer R. W. Hudson accompanied by Mr. Alston had returned from Franklinton with them and they were placed under a \$250 bond each, which they failed to give and were locked up to await the Superior Court.

The arrest at Franklinton was made by Chief A. B. Cooke, who had the men in custody when called by officers from Louisburg.

Ward at Seven Paths.
Hon. H. S. Ward addressed the citizens of Cypress Creek township at Seven Paths Academy, Wednesday, Oct. 24th.

Owing to the fact that it was a beautiful day the farmers were busy with their cotton picking and the crowd was not as large as we had expected. But those present were very enthusiastic and altogether much good was done. Mr. Ward is one of North Carolina's most popular and forceful political speakers. He discussed both State and National democratic progress, enumerating the many good laws that the Democrats have put in operation in State and Nation. He told of the many leading republicans that were flocking to the Democratic party and gave their reasons for deserting the party with which they had affiliated all their lives.

At the close of Mr. Ward's speech many of his hearers declared that it was the clearest enunciation of democratic principles that they had ever heard.

Young Women's Missionary Society.
On Tuesday evening of this week the Young Women's Missionary Society met with Mrs. M. C. Pleasants in a Study Circle, the subject for the evening being a very interesting one, "Mormonism." After finishing the lesson delicious refreshments were served. Following the refreshments some beautiful music was rendered by Mr. McAdams, on his "Cello."

This meeting was attended by the majority of the members. The invited guests present were Miss Olivia Hobgood, Messrs. Pleasants, Harris and McAdams.

The devotional exercises were led by Miss Clara Young, and a beautiful sentence prayer, which was closed by Miss Kathleen Egerton, was rendered. When the clock struck eleven everyone bade farewell to Mrs. Pleasants, who proved a very gracious hostess.

To Put on Sale.
As will be seen from their advertisement on another page McKinne Bros. Co., will put on a big reduction price sale to begin Friday, October 27th, at 10 A. M. This sale is under the direction of James D. Ray & Co., the big sale promoters of Raleigh, who so successfully conducted a sale for this firm last year. There will be many bargains offered and it will be to your interest to investigate what they have to offer.

Hicks-Howard.
The meeting of the Younger Set Book Club Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. Allison Hodges, at the home of her mother, Mrs. L. P. Hicks, was of unusual interest in social and literary circles in our town, at which time was announced the approaching marriage of Miss Margaret Hicks to Mr. Carey M. Howard, of Danville, Va.

The home never appeared lovelier than the blending of pink and white amid ferns and palms. The reception hall with tall white chrysanthemums banked in ferns, welcomed you into the library and music room, each with the distinctive decoration of pink Autumn roses, and soft pink Cosmos.

Subject: Sidney Lanier, his life, as a poet and musician, so peculiarly dear to the hearts of true Southerners was most interestingly discussed.

Papers by Mrs. W. W. Huddle, Mrs. J. W. Mann, and Mrs. S. A. Newell with poetical and musical selections from Lanier made an interesting program.

The usual business of the Club being completed, a delightful salad and ice course was served. A tiny Kewpie perched upon a wedding ring, bearing the inscription, "M. M. H."—"C. M. H." January, found on each plate caused murmured surprises and many congratulations with good wishes.

Miss Hicks dressed becomingly in wisteria chaise and wearing fuchsia violets and roses presented by her fiancé, never appeared lovelier to her friends present.

The white frosted cake accompanying ice course each bore in pink letters "H-H".

In addition to the regular club members present, were the invited guests, Mrs. T. W. Watson, Mrs. A. H. Fleming, Mrs. Geo. Syme, Mrs. F. H. Allen, Mrs. A. J. Cooke, Mrs. F. A. Riff, Mrs. E. W. Furgurson, Misses Maude Henly, of Raleigh, Lonie Meadows, Susie Meadows and Virginia Foster.

Fire at Cotton Platform.
An early Sunday morning fire alarm aroused the population of Louisburg from its slumbers to learn that Stokes storage house and the cotton platform were burning. Although answering the alarm immediately the fire had gained such a headway upon the arrival of the fire department that it was impossible to save the storage house, which contained a car of hay, a lot of cotton and other things. From what could be learned the fire started under the cotton shed at the eastern end of the building, and the cause is unknown, but is supposed to have been caused from gamblers carelessly handling cigarettes during the night. The losses sustained were estimated as follows:

A. W. Person, seventy-five bales of cotton, insured.

C. T. Stokes, storage house and platform valued at about \$2,500, and eighty-five bales of cotton, with \$2,000 insurance.

Seaboard Air Line, four box cars destroyed and one damaged, valued \$2,100. Fifty-three bales of cotton. All insured.

Shofstall Hay and Grain Co., St. Louis, 1 car load of hay.

The entire loss totals up about \$17,000, covered partly by insurance.

The firemen and spectators all did fine work and deserve the congratulations of the people.

Capt. L. L. Joyner requests us to extend the thanks of the officials of the Seaboard to all those who assisted with their property, especially in moving the box cars that caused their being saved.

Seizes 16 Gallons Booze.
On Thursday night of last week officers Hudson and High arrested J. W. Wells, Jr., Luther Boone and J. F. Stokes, Jr., under a charge of having too much whiskey in their possession. It seems that as the boys were entering town in a Ford automobile they started across the new bridge and Officer Hudson, who was passing at that time called to them to warn them that they could not cross it. They finally stopped and as their actions created a suspicion Hudson made an examination and found 16 gallons and 2 pints of booze in the car. They were brought before Squire J. L. Palmer, where they waived examination and were sent over to court under a \$200 bond each.

The bond was given and the boys went home. One of them returned to Louisburg later to secure his automobile, which was seized, and was allowed to take same upon placing a deposit of \$350.00 with the court.

Fire at College.
On last Friday afternoon about six o'clock quite a little excitement was aroused when it was learned that a fire alarm was turned in from the College. The fire department answered immediately and large crowds of citizens went to the scene. Upon arrival it was learned that the cow sheds were burning fast and were too far gone to save. The fire department proceeded with the work of saving adjoining buildings and in a few minutes had the flames under control. The damage was estimated at about \$200 fully insured.

IN AND ABOUT TOWN.
Many on Business, Many on Pleasure, Others to be Going, But All Going or Coming.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Kline left Saturday for Baltimore.

Mrs. Nell Fleming, of New York, is visiting friends in Louisburg.

Miss Janie Blanchard, of Hertford, is visiting Miss Eleanor Cooke.

Mr. J. A. Turner left Tuesday for a business visit to Fayetteville.

Mrs. E. T. Whitehead, of Scotland Neck, is visiting Mrs. F. A. Riff.

Mr. Mangum Massenburg, of Townsville, visited his people here the past week.

Mr. Jesse Wheless, of Oxford, visited his people in and near Louisburg Sunday.

Mr. F. C. Toepelman, of Henderson, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mr. James B. King, of Winston-Salem, is at home for a few days visit to his people.

Mr. L. W. Bowden, of Raleigh, visited his people in and near Louisburg the past week.

Mrs. Wm. H. Ruffin is visiting relatives and friends in Salisbury and Winston-Salem.

Supt. E. L. Best, Supt. W. R. Mills and Mr. J. H. Best went to Henderson Monday.

Miss Gertrude Whitehead, of Meredith College, Raleigh, spent the week end with Mrs. F. A. Riff.

Mr. W. C. Cooke, of Spartanburg, S. C., visited his parents, Judge and Mrs. C. M. Cooke, the past week.

Hon. H. S. Ward, of Washington, N. C., was a visitor to Louisburg the past week. He delivered a very interesting address at Seven Paths, near here, Tuesday.

Professor White.
As educator, lawyer, legislator, and church worker Professor Robert Bruce White, who has been a member of the Faculty of Wake Forest College, has earned State-wide distinction.

Born at Raleigh August 19, 1872, the younger son of the late Elder J. M. White and his wife, Martha Ellington White, he entered Wake Forest College in 1887 and in four years took the M. A. degree, graduating in 1891 before he had reached his nineteenth birthday. For five years he taught school—two years in Duplin County and three years at Franklinton. For fifteen years he served as Superintendent of Schools in Franklin County, rendering conspicuous service not alone in his own county, but also in the educational councils of the State.

After taking his law course at Wake Forest he was admitted to the bar in 1897 and located at Franklinton. Since 1908 he has been associated in practice with Hon. T. W. Bickett, of Louisburg, the firm now being Bickett, White, and Malone—one of the strong law firms of the State. Mr. White was manager of Mr. Bickett's campaign for the nomination for Governor in the 1916 primary.

As representative of the sixth district in the State Senate for two terms 1903 and 1915, Professor White did far more than routine work. In the Legislature of 1903 he gave influential aid in the passage of the Watts Law and was the author of a law establishing a State Loan Fund for building school-houses under which more than a half million dollars has been loaned out without a dollars loss to the State. As a member of the Senate in 1915 he secured the adoption of the present "Quart Law" as a compromise in the deadlock between the House and the Senate. His legislative career has been marked by constructive statesmanship.

As a church worker he has been quite as diligent and effective as in the school-room, at the bar, and in the State-House. For twenty-two years he has been Superintendent of our Sunday school at Franklinton, and he has kept on the front-line of Sunday school progress. Much of the time he has also taught a large Bible class of men, showing at once great pedagogical ability, fine spiritual insight, and rare interpretative power.

Happy is the College in adding to its able teaching force another son so capable and influential; and happy is Professor White in his new opportunity to win fresh laurels and render wide service.—Biblical Recorder.

—McKinne Bros. Co., are arranging a clothing department in the room next to the Farmers' Union Warehouse.