

BICKETT STIRS DEMOCRACY TO THE HIGHEST ENTHUSIASM

With Great Speech Here---Record-Breaking Crowd Packs Court House.

HEAR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR.

Magnificent Portrayal of Democratic Record—Stresses Prosperity and Achievements of Party Under Leadership of Wilson—Speaks not of the Dead or of Unclean Things.

(Winston Salem Journal.)

Before the largest and most enthusiastic crowd assembled for a political meeting in this city in years, Hon. Thomas W. Bickett, Democratic candidate for Governor of North Carolina, made last night what many declared was at once the most masterly speech of his career and the most powerful exposition of Democracy's record ever heard here. Ever since his memorable speech in this city in the last campaign, the State has had no orator that has been held in quite so high esteem as Mr. Bickett by the people of this community. In this great address last night he not only sustained his reputation, but even surpassed the expectations of a people who expected so much of him.

Record-Breaking Crowd

The courthouse was crowded with eager listeners. Seats, aisles, windows, doorways, tables, banisters, steps—everything was filled. Not an available inch of standing room was left, and then many were turned away unable to get within hearing distance of the speaker. In fact, it was the opinion of those on the outside that an auditorium twice the size of the courthouse would have been required to seat the crowd that clamored to hear him.

Victory in The Air

It was such a crowd that for more than two hours heard Mr. Bickett's eloquent appeal, even those standing in the farthest corner of the room hanging eagerly on every word and remaining until the end. County Democratic leaders were never more pleased and never more confident of victory than as they watched that audience swayed by the great leader of North Carolina's militant Democracy. For victory permeated the very atmosphere. Its note was clear and strong; and confident in the clarion voice and aggressive attitude of the speaker. It was written in letters large and unmistakable in the ringing rounds of applause that greeted every telling blow for Woodrow Wilson and the Democratic record.

All Together For Bickett!

Seldom do the people of a county have the opportunity of voting for one of its citizens to become governor of the state; but this year the voters of Franklin county are fortunate in that they will have the rare privilege of voting for Attorney-General Bickett for our next governor.

Indeed it is a privilege and honor to vote for Mr. Bickett, not only because he is a son of Franklin county, but also because he is a man of the very finest character and in every way capable of being the head of our state government.

Of course, we know Mr. Bickett is going to be elected; but that is not the point. We want to make his majority larger than that of any previous year, and we should see to it that Franklin county gives to its distinguished son the largest majority of any county in the state. We can not give him the largest vote, but we can by our large majority show to the world that a prophet is sometimes honored in his own country. So let us not only cast our vote for Mr. Bickett, but also see to it that our friends do likewise.

G. M. BEAM.

Makes Record.

The three sons of Mr. J. H. Peele, near Castalia, have made quite an enviable record picking cotton. On Thursday, so we are informed, Britt Peele, 11 years old, picked 260 pounds. Alton Peele, aged 13, picked 317 and W. L. Peele, aged 18, picked 330 pounds.

CHEERING CROWD HEARD BICKETT

GREAT ENTHUSIASM

Held Audience for Two Hours and Half Discussing National Issues—Trinity Wilson-Bickett Club Attended in a Body and Led Cheering.

(Durham Herald.)

"I intend to devote the greater part of my energies during my four years as governor to helping make tenants of North Carolina farms their own landlords."

That was the statement of Attorney General T. W. Bickett, democratic candidate for governor, who stopped long enough in a discussion of national issues to have that to say about his own campaign for governor, while he was addressing a cheering audience of nearly a thousand people who gathered to hear him at the Academy of Music last night.

Mr. Bickett spoke for two and a half hours, and during that time held his audience almost to the man. The lower floor of the building was filled, many stood at the back and the balcony was occupied by about two hundred of the members of the Wilson-Bickett club of Trinity college. These boys led the cheering and added "pep" no other term so aptly describes the spirit of the meeting, to the gathering. It was an enthusiastic political meeting as has been held in Durham county this campaign.

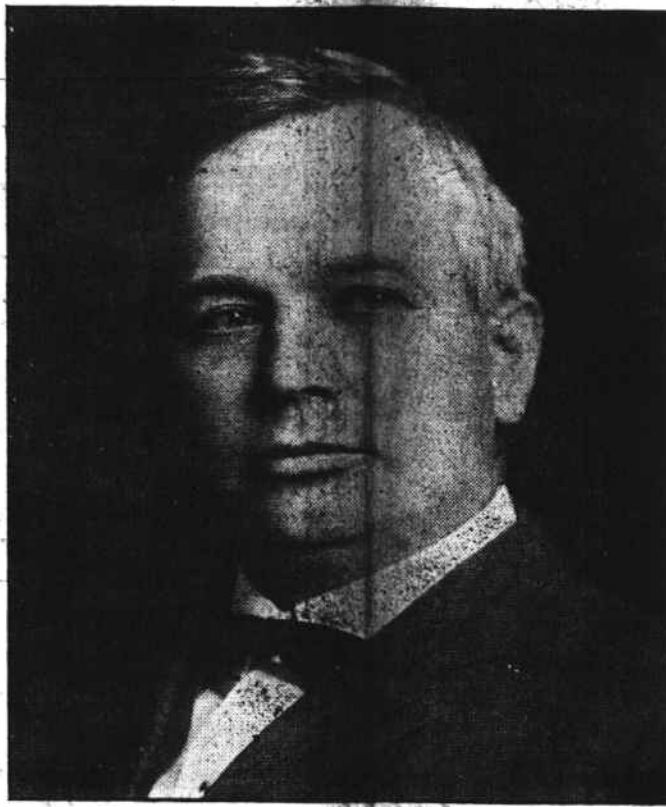
County Chairman R. P. Reade presiding, called attention to the voters that the registration books would be closed on Saturday night and urged that every democrat get his name on the books before that time. He presented Judge R. H. Sykes, who in a brief and fitting speech, introduced the speaker.

Mr. Bickett told his hearers in beginning his speech that he ought to apologize for having a very bad voice which had gotten out of order through excessive use during the past few months. And he started off in a very measured stride, but later warmed up to his subject and for two and a half hours kept the house in an uproar of laughter at his apt illustrations and anecdotes or held them with serious discussions of the changes made in the banking laws of the country or raised them to the highest pitch of enthusiasm with praise of Woodrow Wilson. His praise of Wilson and the democrats was never flowery, never unreasonable in its enthusiasm, but couched in homely yet eloquent language and sentences that only Mr. Bickett himself can employ as a means of conveying his thoughts to an audience.

When it is said that the speaker held the closest attention of the audience during a discussion of changes that were made in banking laws, to which he devoted an hour or more, the acme of praise has been given; for it is more than a truism that there is nothing so interesting as money, and nothing less interesting to the average mind than a discussion of the laws controlling money and banking.

And Mr. Bickett did just that. He succeeded in bringing out of the intricacies of the banking laws that were enacted by the democratic congress a plain statement of the facts regarding that law; succeeded in injecting into that explanation that human and personal element; succeeded in putting that discussion into such plain language that everyone understood it and everyone went away believing that he knew just what the advantages that will result to the country from the workings of the new federal reserve act and from the farm loan banking act.

It was a real speech—not a wind-jamming. It was campaign oratory minus the irresponsible statements regarding the opposition, minus irresponsible claims for democracy.



BICKETT OF FRANKLIN.

Let every man who loves Franklin County vote for Franklin's Governor next Tuesday.

BICKETT CAMPAIGN IS REMARKABLE IN GREAT CROWDS IT ATTRACTS

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE ALMOST FREE FROM ATTACK.

Has Had No Outside Aid—Makes Big Speech to Large Crowd.

(Greensboro News.)

Raleigh, Oct. 21.—Secretary Jim Collie, of the Democratic Executive Committee and other Louisburgers who heard Bickett in Epsom, Vance county, yesterday, say the Louisburg lawyer's campaign which is approaching the close now has been a remarkable one in the crowds attracted and the good done.

The state headquarters have not heard any anti-Bickett matter from the first. The Democratic candidate for governor appears to have set a pace in public utterance which has given no honest partisan offense. "He made 'em cry," Collie said upon his return. "He made a wonderful speech for Wilson."

The Democratic candidate has been almost free from Republican attack. A few Republicans have felt moved to observe that the Democratic administrations have paid out a great deal of money for special attorneys' fees, the while an attorney general drew his pay as the state's advisory officer. But the Democrats have been armed to the reply. The late Governor Daniel Russell when asked once why he did not consult Zeb Vance, "the attorney general," replied: "I was not aware that we had one." And the Democrats have made the Republicans walk softly on the special attorney business.

Has Had No Outside Aid

Then Bickett has not been the offender in getting outside aid. The party's administration has done that and railroad freights of the years before Bickett came on took up the biggest amount. As attorney general Bickett's record of wins has been almost like the late spurt of the New York Giants. As Democratic candidate for governor Bickett has aroused less antagonism than did Aycock, Glenn or Kitchin, while many Democrats believe that he is making a greater speech than any of them did. The Republicans everywhere have complimented his speech for its singularly temperate expressions toward opposition parties and for its manifest intent to tell the truth.

The Democratic leader has been driven furiously to meet all the appointments made but in a campaign which began in August he has not been sent to cover by reason of illness though throat trouble once broke in to an engagement. The whole Democratic management here has been pleased with the returns from his

speeches and the Republicans have been kind enough to join in it. The Bickett method of appeal has won their friendship and has brought from independent newspapers high praise on account of its unwillingness to lower the intellectual.

Bickett for Governor.

In last week's issue, the Times published resolutions by citizens of the county presenting to the people of North Carolina, T. W. Bickett for Governor. The men who sent out this statement of Mr. Bickett's fitness represent every section, every occupation, and the very best there is in the county, and they spoke with authority the confidence of our people in him.

Naturally Franklin county would take some pride in the selection of the Governor from her midst, an honor which has never been hers, but in Mr. Bickett's case, it would mean much more than that. There would be the gratification of affection and the fruition of our belief in him.

For twenty years he has been one of us. He has touched intimately our county and community life, to help it always. He was content to serve in the ranks while able to guide in the council room. He gave to us of service when we could only pay in affection.

We know him and we would lend him to North Carolina because we believe the State has need of his kind of a man.

A thinker, but one who does things; a man of the people, but the opposite of the demagogue; a lawyer whose profession has taught him the concerns of all men; a man whose understanding is sympathetic and whose experience is enabling.

A Democrat of the blood of Dave Covington of Union and of the school of Dolly Thomas, of Franklin, he believes in the Democratic party, knows its fundamentals, and is able to interpret them to the changing times.

As a neighbor, beloved; a citizen, honored; a lawyer, successful; a campaigner, feared by the enemy, valued by his own, listened to by all; an all round man who couples brilliancy with the sureness of wisdom, and ideals with the experience of execution.

What more could Franklin offer to the State? And what more could the State desire?

The Times joins in with the citizens of Franklin County in their declaration that:

"With pride and confidence we present him to the voters of North Carolina as a man in every sense worthy to be the Governor of a great people

CAPITAL AND LABOR FAIRLY TREATED BY DEMOCRATIC RULE

Dominant Party Just to Both Interests Bickett Shows in His Speech.

BICKETT ROUSES PEOPLE OF WAYNE

TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT

Brought Home To His Hearers The Eloquent Fact That America Is Divinely Blessed in Having So True a Man As Leader; Praise For Currency Bill

News and Observer Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms. (By BYRON FORD.)

Goldboro, Oct. 30.—More than a thousand citizens of Wayne were literally swept from their feet tonight by Thomas Walter Bickett with the most eloquent speech heard here since the opening of the campaign. After a glowing eulogy from the lips of Col. A. C. Davis who introduced him, Mr. Bickett took the stand amid tumultuous applause. He spoke for more than two hours and held the most intense interest of every hearer for every moment of the time.

The speaker's tribute to Woodrow Wilson in his fruitful effort to bring prosperity and honorable peace to America was sublime and brought home to his hearers the eloquent fact that America is divinely blessed in its possession of so true a man as its leader. Mr. Bickett said that the record of Wilson and Democracy needs no eloquent tongue to portray it to an intelligent people. Like a beautiful sunset, it stands in all its glory to be seen by all who will look.

During his speech Mr. Bickett uttered his now historic allusion to high-priced farm products ending with "wheat tangling with the stars." This utterance brought down the house. Not even Bob Glenn's fiery speech of several weeks ago was applauded so loudly or long.

The main theme of Mr. Bickett's speech was Democratic remedial legislation, with special emphasis upon currency laws. The currency reform bill he characterized as one meaning more to the American people than did Lincoln's proclamation to the negro.

Marriage Licenses.

Register of Deeds Yarbrough issued marriage licenses to the following couples during October:

WHITE—Fisher J. Beasley and Rilla Fuller, L. D. Catlett and Mrs. Lena Harris, Bryant Strickland and Lois Wilder, Howard W. Richardson and Vallie M. Woodlief, D. C. Perry and Blonnie Beddingfield, J. E. House and Sallie Collins, Luman Mabrey and Burma Fowler, Elbert C. Poole and Swannie O. Weathers, M. R. Tharrington and Sallie Hayes, Plummer Davis Speed and Rebecca E. Wester.

COLORED—Willie Booth and Katta Branch, Henry Allen and Matilda Tharrington, Vance Mitchell and Susie Belle Kearney, Harry Moore and Viola Hines, Fred Daniel and Minnie Spivey, Johnnie Boyd and Claudia Christmas, Edmond Alston and Winnie Johnson.

Tobacco Market.

The prices of tobacco on the Louisburg market remains high and a strong demand is evident. All the buyers are eager to get the weed and our buyers and warehousemen say they have never seen higher prices. All grades are sharing in the big advances and it would be wise for the farmer who has tobacco for sale to investigate this market.

and a great State."

—Franklin Times, June 18, 1915.

We are reproducing herewith our editorial that appeared in the Times on June 18th, 1915, in regard to Mr. Bickett for Governor. Now that the campaign is practically over we have nothing to retract but are firm in our convictions that the State agrees with us in that he is in every sense worthy to be the Governor of the great and glorious State of North Carolina.

NO NATURAL ENMITY BETWEEN THE TWO.

Proper Sense of Justice Such as That Sought By The Administration, Would Conserve Both; Benefits Accruing From Establishment of Federal Trade Commission.

(Special to The News-Observer.)

High Point, Oct. 21.—This was Bickett day in old Guilford and it was brought to a fitting conclusion in the High Point armory tonight when North Carolina's next Governor delivered the very finest of all the political speeches made here during this campaign.

Notwithstanding the fact that this was General Bickett's third address delivered in Guilford county today, he was as fresh and as forceful in every eloquent utterance as if he had rested specially for the occasion and his every utterance carried with it the force and convincing decision of absolute truth and was received by the vast audience which filled the immense armory with great enthusiasm and profit.

General Bickett reviewed in careful and painstaking detail the wonderful and beneficial record of the national Democratic party with many and vivid comparisons of Hughes and the party he leads.

His splendid recital of the benefits which have accrued to the nation especially on account of the Federal reserve banking law, the farm loan law and similar enactments was received with unbounded enthusiasm and applause by all of his large audience, whether business men, wage earners or farmers.

The speech was a great vote maker for the Democratic party and will long be remembered as the greatest effort of the entire campaign.

General Bickett was presented to the audience by Carter Dalton, High Point's next Democratic member in the General Assembly, in a few choice words, and at the conclusion of the speaking a great oration was tendered the next Governor.

Badly Hurt in Runaway.

Mr. O. B. Holmes, son of Mr. J. J. Holmes, was badly hurt in a runaway Saturday, when a shaft to the buggy broke and caused the horse to run, throwing him out on his head. He received an ugly gash over the left eye and bruised his chin badly. At last report he was getting on nicely. The accident happened just out of town on the River road and the victim was brought to Dr. Perry for medical attention.

Kicked by Mule.

Durwood, the little six year old son of Mr. J. W. Gardner, of Cedar Rock township, received a very ugly gash over his right eye on Friday afternoon caused from being kicked by a mule. It seems that he was leading the mule from the field to the home and the animal became playful and was running about when he kicked the little boy. The necessary medical aid was gotten and the little fellow is doing nicely.

Cotton Report.

The following report of cotton ginned in Franklin County has been received:

The tabulation of the reports shows that there were 3753 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Franklin County, from the crop of 1916 prior to October 18, 1916, as compared 3569 bales ginned to October 18, 1915.

Methodist Church.

There will be services at the Methodist Church next Sunday conducted by the pastor. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the 11 o'clock hour. At the evening hour the choir will render a sacred cantata, "Victory Divine" by J. Christopher Marks. A cordial invitation is extended to all.