

HON. J. H. POU SPEAKS

TO LARGE CROWD AT PATRIOTIC RALLY.

Gov. Bickett and Col. Albert Cox Also Spoke—Big Picnic Dinner and a Big Day.

Franklin county patriotism rose to the same degree of intensity Thursday of last week that the mercury has reached in the present hot wave...

Despite the extremely busy season in this section on account of the recent rains and the present heat, a thousand or more from this and surrounding counties came to do honor to the occasion.

Mr. E. H. Malone was master of ceremonies and presented Governor Bickett, his former law partner, who in turn introduced the principal speaker of the occasion, Hon. Jas. H. Pou.

In introducing Mr. Pou he declared that the speaker in every way had exemplified the oath that was in him by giving of his substance, his time and his only son to promote the war.

"We are not at war because we want a dollar of Germany's money, or a foot of her soil," said the speaker, "nor are we in it for military glory or for political purposes; and least of all are we in it for any hostilities against the German people."

Mr. Pou drew a picture of the present emperor of Germany, how he arrested his own mother as the first act of his administration and then proceeded to destroy the reputation of his father, and then to declare that he was God's vice-gerent on the earth, that he was both had and voice of God, and that whoever spoke against him uttered blasphemy.

Up to 50 years ago, Germany did her part, but since that time she has been the only nation to contribute absolutely to the moral uplift of the world, because of the stifling influence of the kaiser.

But from a material standpoint, Germany in that period has taken the front seat. But a machine as cruel as Moloch has been fastened upon the people, and each German has simply become a cog in the wheel.

That crazy genius had conceived the idea that he was God's vice-gerent, and that when he conquered France and Russia and terrorized the smaller nations around, and seized the English Fleet, then it would be an easy matter to vanquish America, and extend the rule of the kaiser throughout the world.

Within three months after the first distinct and overwhelming victory of the Allies, the house of the Hohenzollerns will fall and the German people will be emboldened to accept the freedom that we shall offer them. Had we remained out of the war, and if the Allies had been contented, it would not have been six weeks before the

ultimatum would have been delivered to us to put up the price of the war, and there would have been no choice for us except war or abasement and humiliation."

"When anybody says we are fighting England's battles, or France's battles or anybody else's battles it is not true. We are fighting our own battle. It is true we have a common enemy, that mad dog among the nations, and we are fighting with but not for the other nations. If we lose, the speaker predicted, civilization is gone."

The speaker declared that the date that separates ancient from modern history is April 6, 1917. Hereafter on our political hustings very little will be said about what took place before that date, but what was relieved afterwards. He acquitted the Governor, who had introduced him of dwelling upon the dry bone issues of former campaigns.

"The man that succeeds Governor Bickett," he prophesied, "will be a man that has rendered some special and conspicuous service in this war. The man that will catch the votes in the next gubernatorial election will not find it good fishing in the waters of the Tar or of the Catawba or any other river in this country, but he will do well to fish in the waters of the Meuse and the Rhine."

This war makes a new deal in politics. For the next fifty years we will not vote for anybody for anything who has not rendered special service in this war. The speaker remarked that he had a number of good friends who were aspiring to Gov. Bickett's job, not one of them had raised a company to go to France, and he could not support them. Then turning to Col. Albert Cox, he assured him that he would be the man of the hour, if some one else did not exceed him in valor, and that if he should break through the German lines and bring the emperor back a prisoner of war, not the powers of darkness could keep him out of the President's chair.

Mr. Pou exhorted the people to help in every possible way to win the war by making enough to live, on themselves, by paying their taxes cheerfully, by forbearing with the shortcomings of the railroads, etc.

He paid a fine tribute to the negroes. Only one has made a foolish speech in connection with the war, a negro in Greensboro, but it was not half as bad, and as incendiary in character as a speech made by a white man in high position recently in Salisbury. Demands were made from the audience for the name of the gentleman. "H. Q. Alexander," was the response.

At the conclusion of Mr. Pou's speech, Col. Cox was called on for a speech, which he made in a very graceful manner, giving high praise to the men and women of Franklin county, and inspiring the young men to lay their all upon the altar of their country.

Historical Pageant.

An open air Pageant, The March of Events in American History will be given in Louisburg, the evening of August sixteenth, on the College campus, for the benefit of the Red Cross Society.

This is an object that should appeal to every man, woman and child in our county, and one in which you will show your personal interest in a great cause, and at the same time be both entertained and amused. Much time and thought have been expended in the preparation of this Pageant and we ask most earnestly that you give us the help and encouragement of your presence. Admission 25 cents.

Planters Warehouse Co., Inc.

The above is the title of an entirely new tobacco warehouse enterprise for Louisburg this season. They have purchased the Farmers Warehouse on Nash street formerly operated by Mr. S. S. Meadows, and will operate same beginning with the first of the season which is expected to open about September 5th. It is incorporated for \$25,000 by Messrs. W. H. Allen, J. M. Allen, E. S. Ford, K. P. Hill and B. N. Williamson. Everything is now being put in readiness for the opening sale. We understand that Messrs. E. S. Ford and B. N. Williamson will be in charge of the enterprise and look after the sales. This will compose a strong firm and will be of much value both to the market and the producers. Watch for their advertisement in our next issue.

PROSPECTS GOOD

And Preparations Begun for Big County Fair This Year.

The officers of the Franklin County Fair Association are getting things in shape for the biggest Fair that it is possible to produce in any single county. Already the people all over the county are beginning to manifest considerable interest in the coming Fair, which will be held in Louisburg October 8-13th, inclusive.

The County has been divided into ten Townships and each one of these Townships will hold a Community Fair sometime previous to the Franklin County Fair. It has been decided to have Community or Township Exhibits at the Franklin County Fair and the Township having the best exhibit will receive the handsome premium of Fifty dollars in Gold. All Townships having a Community Exhibit at the Franklin County Fair will be allowed \$5.00 to help with the expense of same.

The prospects for fairs are brighter this year than ever before. Franklin County has never produced such crops as is now growing, and hundreds of people all over the County are raising things special for the Fair.

The new Premium Lists will be out in a short while and will be distributed all over the County. There will be some changes made from last year's list, consisting principally in the addition of things which were not offered for premiums last year, but in the main it will be virtually the same.

Mr. Benny Krause with his Number One Carnival Company will furnish the attractions for the Fair this year. The Krause Greater shows are the same that exhibit at the Franklin County Fair the first year—it was organized and gave such universal satisfaction to everybody. Mr. Krause has the reputation of producing the cleanest and best shows and his Carnival Company is in great demand all over the South. His Company this year will be about twice as large as it was year before last, and, of course every show and amusement will be entirely new. The famous Whip, which has created such a sensation at Corry Island the last two years, will be here; also, one of the best four-abreast Merry-go-Rounds and Ferris Wheels.

Let everybody who feels fair talk Fair and Franklin County will have the biggest exhibit of any county in this section. Any information in regard to exhibits, etc. will be gladly given by any of the fair authorities at any time.

A. H. FLEMING, Sec'y.

Gets Promotion.

The following item taken from the Sampson Democrat, speaks well for Prof. Neal, who is from Franklin county:

Prof. L. N. Neal, principal of the colored school in Clinton, has returned from four weeks study at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va. He has gone now to teach for several weeks in the Pamlico Training School at Bayboro. In fact, he is principal of the summer school there. This is quite a distinction for Clinton's principal.

Louisburg Baptist Church.

Public worship Sunday 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Rev. A. G. Wilcox, of Brinkleyville, will preach at the night service. The pastor will preach in the morning. A good musical program will be given.

Farmers Union Rally and Picnic.

All the farmers of Franklin county both Union and non-Union are cordially invited to attend the Farmers Union Rally and Basket Picnic to be held at Mapleville Academy, Friday, Aug. 24, 1917.

There will be addresses by Dr. Clarence Poe and Mr. W. R. Dixon. Dr. Poe is well and favorably known to the people of Franklin as the editor of the Progressive Farmer, and one of the foremost agricultural workers of the South.

Mr. Dixon has made a name for himself among the people of Eastern Carolina and is in much demand as a speaker.

After the speaking dinner will be served on the grounds for all. Every farmer in the county is most cordially invited to come and bring his wife or sweetheart and a well filled basket. Don't forget the basket.

MAKING PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

Exemption Board Finished Work Yesterday Afternoon.

The Exemption Board for the Selective Draft for Franklin county met on Tuesday morning to make the physical examinations for the 342 men called in the first draft. At the close of the days work on Wednesday it was learned that 262 names had been called and all examined except a very few who failed to respond and only 44 had been found physically deficient. The work of the Board continued yesterday until the remainder of the first call was completed. It was learned that a number of those called and who failed to respond had already joined the service in some of its branches. Only a very few waived exemption claims and the per cent asking exemptions will no doubt reach as high as 95.

The Board will meet again on Monday, August 13th, 1917 to receive the applications or claims.

Board of Education.

The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday with all members present. After reading and approving the minutes of previous meetings business as follows was disposed of:

The following dates were arranged for the opening of schools: Eight months, Sept. 10th; Seven and one-half months, Sept. 17th; Seven months Oct. 1st; Six months Oct. 15th; Five months Nov. 5th.

It was ordered that a card system be used for the school census for 1917-18.

E. A. White was appointed attendance officer for Franklinton township. E. L. Best and A. W. Perry were appointed a committee to meet a similar committee from Vance county at Epsom on Thursday to investigate the school condition at that place.

The following resolution was approved by the Board: Since H. D. Egerton and T. H. Dickens have retired as members of this Board therefore be it resolved, That we extend to them our sincere appreciation for their hearty sympathy and co-operation while serving as members of this Board, that we know their efforts for the cause of education in Franklin county have resulted in much good and that their influence will be felt during the coming years.

The following is the list of School Committeemen and Trustees as revised at this meeting:

- Dunns—J. B. Privett, H. B. Hagwood, Alex Arnold. Pine Ridge Special—A. C. Perry, H. H. Beddingfield, W. M. Pearce, W. H. Tant. Dunn—B. C. Johnson, W. A. Mullen, Jimmie White. Harris—C. C. Chamblee, Richard Harris, D. E. Harris. Youngsville—C. C. Winston, C. W. Roberts, H. M. Green. Flat Rock Special—J. W. Perry, C. B. Hart, Stark Layton. Franklinton—W. H. Whedbee, N. E. House, J. O. Green. Hayesville—R. G. Winn, J. T. Weldon, T. C. Gill. Epsom Special—J. T. Weldon, A. A. Medlin, Ira Frazier. Sandy Creek—A. S. Gupton, E. N. Williams, C. F. Faulkner. Moulton Special—J. B. Smith, D. T. Fuller, W. H. Bledsoe. Mountain Grove Special—C. F. Fairiker, William G. Ferneil, Robt. F. Tharrington. Laurel Special—Eugene Egerton, J. J. Cooper, M. C. Gupton. Gold Mine—G. B. West, John Andrews. Cedar Rock—J. B. Sturdivant, Taylor Boone, G. B. Smith. Cedar Rock Special—W. P. Long, J. T. Incoe, W. H. Smith, J. R. Earl, J. B. Glasgow, G. B. H. Stallings, Spencer Dean. White Level Special—A. D. Murphy, L. S. Gupton, J. C. Davis. Wilder Special—J. T. Wilder, Alex Bowden, Finner Moses. Cypress Creek—J. M. Sykes, Chas. Wheelless, E. S. Wilder. Seven Paths Special—J. M. Sykes, E. B. Moore, E. S. Wilder. Justice Special—W. H. Delbridge, J. C. Bowden, Chas. Wheelless. Louisburg—C. P. Harris, Rev. M. Swamps, J. M. Allen. Mapleville Special—REV. G. M. Duke, J. B. Yarborough, J. W. Strange, J. O. Wilson, C. P. Harris.

S. W. Fuller. Ingleside Special—A. W. Wilson, A. A. Dement, J. J. Holden. Hayes Special—Hugh Hayes, Ernest Rowe, John Perdue.

Hickory Rock Special—A. J. Joyner, John Hedgepeth, Howell Wester. Mt. Carmel—Joint district—Will Wright.

Upon order the filling of the Gold Mine Committee was deferred to the next meeting. -After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to meet again Monday, August 13th, 1917.

MAKES TAX LEVY.

County Commissioners Hold Meeting Monday—Nothing Special of Interest.

The Board of County Commissioners met on Monday with all members present. After reading and approving the minutes of previous meetings the following business was disposed of:

P. L. Gupton was allowed to list his taxes for 1917 in Youngsville town ship.

W. P. Dickens, L. A. Fuller and Alex Fuller were allowed to list their taxes for 1917 in Hayesville township.

Jas. I. McKnight was allowed a rebate of \$3.62 for Graded School taxes in Franklinton district—not being in same.

Ordered that the County Home land be posted.

Ordered that the Board meet at the County Home on August 16th, 1917. Ordered that a telephone be placed in the Sheriff's office.

Daniel Harris was stricken from outside pauper list—being dead.

A. T. Shearin was allowed to list his taxes for 1917 in Harris township.

Sim Ruffin was allowed an increase as outside pauper from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per month.

Report of Dr. J. E. Malone, County Health Officer, was received and filed.

Willie Daniel was placed on outside pauper list at \$2.00 per month.

R. L. Peoples was allowed to list his taxes for 1917 in Sandy Creek.

It was ordered that the proposition to pave the bridge with a 3 inch covering on a 5 inch crown be accepted.

Report of J. J. Holden, Superintendent of the County Home was received and filed. He reports 10 colored and 12 white inmates.

The Board levied the following taxes:

- The same levy as the State in schedule B and C. State and Pension 27 2-3 on property and 12 cents on poll. Public Schools, 30 cents on property and \$1.50 on poll. County General, 21 cents on property and 38 on poll. Bridges, 19 cents on property and 30 cents on poll. Bunn Road Bonds, 25 cents on property and 75 cents on poll. Franklinton Graded School, 35 cents on property and \$1.05 on poll. Franklinton Road Fund, 35 cents on property and \$1.05 on poll. Youngsville Road Fund, 40 cents on property and \$1.20 on poll. Sandy Creek Roads, 45 cents on property and \$1.35 on poll. Cedar Rock Roads, 30 cents on property and 90 cents on poll. Louisburg Roads, 45 cents on property and \$1.35 on poll. Louisburg Graded School, 45 cents on property and \$1.35 on poll. The following school taxes for the various districts were allowed, the first figures representing property and the last the poll tax: Pine Ridge—30 and 90. Pilot—30 and 90. Bunn—30 and 90. Flat Rock—20 and 60. Laurel—20 and 60. Moulton—30 and 90. Mt. Grove—20 and 60. Sandy Creek—30 and 90. Wilder—30 and 90. Cedar Rock—30 and 90. White Level—30 and 90. Justice—50 and \$1.50. Seven Paths—15 and 45. Mapleville—30 and 90. Hickory Rock—30 and 90. Hayes—30 and 90. Ingleside—20 and 60. After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to meet as per order. Mrs. B. B. Massenburg and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, returned home from Durham the past week.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

SOME YOU KNOW, SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Mr. F. A. Riff visited Raleigh Sunday.

Mr. C. F. Collier returned Monday from Richmond, Va.

Mr. M. S. Clifton left the past week for a trip to Atlantic City.

Miss Mary Mabry, of Norfolk, Va., is visiting Miss Lydia Incoe.

Mr. B. B. Massenburg, of Akron, Ohio, is visiting his people here.

Mr. W. H. Sawyer, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mr. J. W. Mann returned the past week from a trip to Galveston, Texas.

Mr. R. S. White, of Raleigh, visited his sister, Mrs. W. H. Ruffin the past week.

Miss Fannie Lillian Massenburg, has returned home from Watts Hospital, Durham.

Messrs. W. H. Yarborough, Jr., and C. J. A. Turner went to Raleigh Monday on business.

Mrs. E. F. Thomas left Wednesday for Blackstone, Va., to spend a few days with relatives.

Messrs. W. P. Duff and W. R. Owens, of Elizabeth City, were visitors to Louisburg the past week.

Mrs. F. A. Riff, who has been on an extended visit to her people at Salisbury returned home Sunday.

Miss Fannie Rowe Brown, who has been visiting Mrs. E. F. Thomas, returned to her home in Richmond the past week.

Supt. W. R. Mills returned Saturday from Greenville, where he has been assisting with the conduct of the Summer Training School.

Messrs. J. D. Hines and A. W. Alston left Sunday for the Northern Markets to purchase the stock of goods for the F. W. Wheelless Dry Goods Co.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Johnson and little daughter, Kathleen, and Miss Margaret Johnson, of Rocky Mount, visited their brother, Editor A. F. Johnson, Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. M. V. McDuffie, of Asbury Park, N. J., are visiting friends and relatives in the county this week. Mrs. McDuffie was formerly a Franklin county lady.

Evangelistic Meetings.

Beginning Sunday, Aug. 19, evangelistic meetings will be held at the Baptist church of this city for two weeks. Dr. Weston Bruner, pastor of the Raleigh Baptist Tabernacle, will assist the pastor.

Dr. Bruner is well known in this community, having held the meeting at the Baptist church last year, and his many friends in this section will rejoice to know of his coming again.

A most cordial invitation is extended to everybody in this entire section to attend the meetings and to cooperate in every possible way. The purpose of these meetings will be the quickening of the religious life of the community, making this a better and a safer place in which to live and grow.

Meadows & Harris.

The announcement that Messrs. Sam S. Meadows and Jno. N. Harris have formed a partnership to operate the Riverside Tobacco Warehouse in Louisburg this fall will be received with much satisfaction by quite a large number of patrons of this market. They are tobacconists of recognized experience and have, in their long association in years passed, made many staunch friends among the tobacco growers. Their reorganization of the old firm will no doubt mean much to the success of the tobacco market in Louisburg this season.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Post Office at Louisburg, N. C., not called for August 10, 1917:

Mr. Bryant Hall, Mrs. Nannie Jones, Mr. William M. Joyner, Mr. Joseph Jones, Mr. James Ina Perry, Mrs. Harriett Perry, Mrs. Noble Perry, Mr. Charlie Perry, Mr. John S. Perry, Miss Lena Stallings.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please note they have been advertised.