

## McADOO TO STAY IN RACE

### RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY URGING HIM TO STAY IN RACE

McAdoo Supporters Present Represented Every State In The Union; Resolution Says He Is 'Pre-Eminently Available As The Democratic Candidate For The High Office of President of The United States and Is The Hope of The Progressive Thought of The Nation'; Concludes With 'We Unanimously Demand His Leadership'; McAdoo, In Address, Declares Nation Must Have Clean Government; Outlines His Policies As To Both Foreign and Domestic Problems; Declares War on Corruption.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—A platform to "satisfy the demand of progress," was circulated tonight by former Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo in addressing a conference of friends and supporters from all sections of the country which called upon him by formal resolution to accept "leadership of the progressive democracy of the nation."

McAdoo supporters from all sections of the country unanimously adopted a resolution that "William G. McAdoo is pre-eminently available as the Democratic candidate for the high office of President of the United States and is the hope of the progressive thought of the nation."

The resolution declared it to be the further sense of the conference that the "record of McAdoo is an open book." "We unanimously demand his leadership," the resolution concluded. After adoption of the resolution Mr. McAdoo was called upon to address the assemblage and was accorded a noisy ovation.

#### Platform Pledges

The platform pledges:  
To drive out corruption from official Washington, a new international conference in the American capital to "promote peace, reduce the burdens of armament, restore international justice and stability; revive prosperity" and consider economic problems; submission of the question of American participation in such conference to a popular referendum; and "to take the grip of Wall Street off the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve System. Other pledges include:  
"Repeal of the Fordney-McCumber tariff bill; to bring about prompt railroad reforms; to put agriculture on its feet again"; to enforce the Eighteenth amendment of the constitution and all laws in pursuance thereof; reduce taxes; secure legislation setting up a labor code; passage of a child labor amendment to the Constitution; "to clean out the veterans bureau, and pay a soldier's bonus."

#### Grave Crisis

Following a re-statement of his professional connection with E. L. Doheny, as given the Senate oil committee, Mr. McAdoo told the conference that "a grave crisis confronts the nation, and that crisis must be met with regard to cost."

The progressive thought of the country, he said, must look to the Democratic party for leadership.

"There is demoralization in government at Washington. The Republican party has ceased to function," he said. Mr. McAdoo did not appear before the conference until after it had unanimously adopted a resolution declaring him available as the Democratic candidate.

#### JAIL IN GOOD CONDITION

The following letter received by the TIMES the past week will, he read with interest:

Dear Sir:—Please let me correct a report I heard a few days ago in regard to our County Jail. A lady said that she heard that our Jail was full of vermin, said she knew it was true, because she got it from good authority. I want to state that there are no lice, chiggers or any other kind of pestiferous animal in our Jail or any in several years.

Respectfully,  
County Health Officer.

#### AT MAPLEVILLE

We have been requested to state that there will be a play, entitled "The Dust of the Earth," given at Mapleville school, Thursday, February 28th, 1924, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the benefit of the school. The cast will be made up of home talent, and a charge of 15 and 25 cents will be made.

## SPLENDID BUSINESS YEAR

Stockholders and Directors of Farmers and Merchants Bank Meet—Re-elect Officers.

The stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants Bank met in their annual meeting on Monday with quite a good attendance. The reports read by the officers on the past years business were very encouraging and showed quite an improvement in business conditions.

The stockholders re-elected the old Board of Directors composed of Messrs. L. L. Joyner, J. B. Thomas, J. P. Timberlake, J. W. King, C. P. Harris, W. P. Young, F. W. Wheelless, J. O. Wilson, M. S. Clifton.

The Directors organized by electing Capt. L. L. Joyner Chairman, after which the following officers were re-elected for another year: C. P. Harris, President; J. P. Timberlake, Vice-President; M. S. Clifton, Cashier; James B. King, Assistant Cashier.

The Board accepted the resignation of Mr. W. D. Jackson who will become engaged in the Life Insurance business.

The Board declared a cash dividend on all stock of record of six per cent, and carried a substantial sum to both the surplus fund and the undivided profits account.

This is one of the oldest banking institutions in the County and it has enjoyed a steady growth in business since its establishment through its conservative and efficient handling of its client's financial business.

## Tasker Polk Declines Appointment As Judge

Warrenton, Feb. 18.—Tasker Polk Warrenton attorney and former member of the State Senate, today notified Governor Morrison that he would decline appointment as judge of the Superior Court in the Third district to succeed T. M. Pittman, of Henderson, who resigned last week.

Condition of his health and the demands of his private practice were assigned by Senator Polk as the reasons for declining the tender of appointment made by Governor Morrison.

## MIDYETTE IS NAMED JUDGE OF THE THIRD

He Accepts, Leaving Solicitorship Vacant.

It was announced at the office of Governor Morrison Wednesday that he had appointed Garland Midyette, of Jackson, Northampton County, to succeed Judge T. M. Pittman, of Henderson, resigned, as Superior Court jurist for the Third Judicial District and that Mr. Midyette had accepted.

The acceptance of Mr. Midyette made vacant the solicitorship of the district. To this position either Frank Gibbs, Warrenton, or Hunt Parker, Enfield, will be appointed, it was stated. Definite announcement is expected late this afternoon or tonight.

On the recent resignation of Judge Pittman Governor Morrison announced the appointment of Tasker H. Polk, Warrenton, as successor. However, Mr. Polk declined, leaving the Governor in what was regarded as an embarrassing position. There was not a surplus of appointive material in the district, and should Mr. Midyette have declined to accept the position, the situation, it is thought, would have turned out to be critical. —Raleigh Times.

## Franklin Superior Court.

The regular February term of Franklin Superior Court convened in Louisburg on Monday morning with His Honor Judge Henry A. Grady presiding. This being an entirely civil term very little interest has been shown in the session of the Court. No cases of any public interest have been tried yet. Quite a number of Co-operative cases came up next week—to be called Monday.

From one excuse or another quite a number of cases that had been set for trial had to be continued or could not be tried, making it necessary to revise the calendar.

This being a two week's term court will continue through next week.

## MISSIONARY PAGEANT.

The Missionary Pageant given at the Methodist Church on last Sunday night was one of the most pleasing and enjoyable events seen here in some time. The program which was well arranged was splendidly rendered and was especially interesting and instructive. Quite a large number attended the services.

The most beautiful girls of the most beautiful chorus ever assembled by Flo Ziegfeld have no advantage in looks over the appearance of the chorus to appear on Tuesday night, Feb. 26th, at 8 o'clock in the Graded School Auditorium.

## OIL LEASES TRAIL TO SENATE

Examination of Books of Stock Brokerage Firm Reveals Name of a Senator; Identity Not Revealed

## OTHER SENSATIONS IN STOCK DEALINGS WILL BE DISCLOSED LATER

Oil Committee Meets Behind Closed Doors To Consider Startling Evidence Found In Brokerage Firm's Books; Harry Payne Whitney Hurrying To Washington In Response To a Subpoena; Immunity From Prosecution of Witnesses Being Considered In Order To Bring More Sensational Details To Light; Information To Be Revealed After Further Examination of Books; Meanwhile, Senate Debate Over Oil Scandal Breaks Out Anew; Pat Harrison Defends McAdoo; While Moses Attacks Candidate; Propaganda of Republican Organ Also Comes Under Democratic Fire; Demand That Roosevelt Get Out.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The trail of the oil inquiry, after devious ramblings, led directly back today to the United States Senate.

When the oil committee met behind closed doors to examine certain records of the Benkart stock brokerage firm, of New York, it found the name of a Senator entered there.

Pending a more complete examination of all the records of the firm in New York, the name was withheld. While pledged to secrecy now, committee men declared that when the audit of the books for transactions in oil and other stocks by other government officials had been finished there would be no suppression of any of the facts unearthed.

#### Whitney To Appear

Additional information with regard to such stock transactions will be sought by the committee tomorrow at another executive session, at which it expects to examine Harry Payne Whitney, New York financier, who failed to appear today in response to a subpoena. Mr. Whitney is hurrying to Washington from the South.

Aside from the examination of a partial record of transactions through the Benkart firm, the committee, in consultation with Atlee Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts—special government counsel in the oil cases, discussed the question of possible immunity from prosecution of witnesses who might be able to furnish information of the highest importance.

This discussion was precipitated by an inquiry from one important witness now under subpoena as to just what the attitude of the government would be in his particular case in the event he agreed to tell all he knew. The matter finally was referred to counsel who will advise the committee later as to their conclusion.

#### Debate In Senate.

Before the committee had wound up its secret session, the oil scandal had become the subject of another lively debate on the Senate floor, with Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, defending, and Senator Moses, Republican, New Hampshire, assailing William G. McAdoo, a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination, in connection with his professional services to the Doheny interests.

Declaring that the country desires "earnestly that the government be cleared of everyone having a connection with the oil leases," Senator Harrison demanded Assistant Secretary Roosevelt quit along with Secretary Denby.

"If Denby should get out, Roosevelt must get out," he said.

#### Evidence Was "Bunk."

Charging that some Republican party leaders were "defending" the Doheny and Sinclair leases, Senator Harrison referred to an editorial in the recent issue of the National Republican. He scored particularly a statement in the editorial that 35 per cent of the evidence before the oil committee was "bunk."

George B. Lockwood, editor of the National Republican, issued a statement later in the day in which he said "the statement that the National Republican has 'defended' the Sinclair-Doheny leases is shown by a reading of the text of the article, without karbaling or misinterpretation of them, to be untrue."

The "MICROBE OF LOVE" is absolutely different and keeps the audience interested and wondering what is going to happen next. It produces one epidemic of laughter after another, and is enjoyable right straight through.

## CO-OP WAREHOUSE CLOSES FEB. 29TH

Receipts on Local Tobacco Market Past Week Small—Good Prices Prevail.

Although good prices prevailed on the local tobacco market the past week the receipts were small due to the winding up of the season and unfavorable weather conditions. The auction houses close next Wednesday. Get your tobacco here before the close.

Announcement has been made that the Cooperative Warehouse will close on Friday, February 29th, 1924. The receipts at this house has also been small the past week. Manager Harris advises the members who have not finished their deliveries to rush their tobacco in the coming week.

## Carolina Play Makers.

Those who love the spoken drama were given a rare treat last Wednesday evening, a treat as stimulating as it was delightful, when Professor Koch director of the University course in Dramatic Composition and Production at Chapel Hill, introduced to a large Louisburg audience, his Carolina Play Makers, an organization composed of students who are writing and playing folk plays of North Carolina.

Professor Koch, in a short address before the curtain rose, briefly outlined the history and purpose of his organization. In a word he hopes to inculcate a deeper appreciation of the drama by the people of North Carolina and to develop writers and players to interpret the dramatic possibilities in the various phases of North Carolina life of today, and to preserve in dramatic form for all time the spirit of the past. So successful have been his efforts thus far and so excellent the work of his organization that Famous Theatrical Producers, Actors and Playwrights all over the country are watching with intense interest the work of the Playmakers and have expressed their appreciation and approval in the most complimentary terms.

The ultimate effect upon the American Drama (if indeed there really be such an animal) if all the different states were to follow in the steps of North Carolina under equally fortunate leadership would be too delightful to contemplate. It would be the "Swan Song" of the majority of those inane, asinine, suggestive and indecent productions which the people throng today.

The first offering "The Black Rooster" a bucolic romance of the back country, was a bit conventional in plot, but was amusing and well received. Mr. Hursey, as the cross roads Falstaff was very enjoyable and supplied most of the comedy. Miss Setzer, incidentally the writer of the play, in the role of the step-mother played her part most convincingly and her work showed to better advantage possibly than that of any other member of the cast, although they were all good. Miss Gray, who played the daughter who aspired to rise above her environment to be worthy of her more cultured suitor gave no hint of her dramatic ability which she displayed in the second play, possibly the vehicle was not suitable.

To the writers and the cast, which produced "Fixings" a tragedy of a tenant farm woman, a gripping bit of stark realism, should be given praise and acclaim without stint. The number of tear filled eyes in the audience was no mean tribute to these players who gave a performance of such sterling excellence that it seemed as if one were witnessing a star cast playing the successful tragedy of the year. Instead of an amateurish about either the play or the work of the players.

Essentially a character study of two conflicting natures and their hopeless incompatibility, erected on the back ground of soul crushing poverty and monotony so often the lot of the tenant farmer, the simple plot develops naturally and logically. The dramatic tension is well sustained through Miss Gray's portrayal of the young wife was consistently excellent. Her role was an exacting one but gave every opportunity for the display of her remarkable dramatic power.

Mr. Pritchett's work as the young tenant farmer was a revelation if it was not perfect it certainly seemed so and we seriously doubt if that role could have been played more convincingly by any one.

The landlord was played by Mr. Shackell whose work was of the same high order of excellence as the other members of the cast. His make up and playing was extremely realistic. In a word "Fixings" is a very strong play and was splendidly played by a group of amateurs who displayed the dramatic power and authority of expression one would expect of professionals of a very high order.

The last play "Galus and Galus, Jr." was an artistic, polished comedy of old plantation days and being in a lighter vein was possibly even more enjoyed by the majority of the audience than the stronger play "Fixings". The same painstaking care for nicety of detail of costume and stage setting which characterized the other two productions was again in evidence in this delightful presentation. The char-

## "MICROBE OF LOVE," A MUSICAL COMEDY WITH A DEFT PLOT

Humor Rare and Refreshing—Lines and Lyrics Bright as Spangles—It is to be Presented Here Under the Auspices of the Methodist Church Next Tuesday Night at the Graded School Auditorium.

The "Microbe of Love" which the bachelors of the town were warned against last week, is actually here and ready for business, the inoculation will take place at the Graded school auditorium, next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. You simply can not afford to miss this sight for it will be worth \$10.00 of anybody's money.

The "Microbe of Love," without a doubt, is the most delightful home talent production ever staged in this part of the country. We feel fortunate in securing the services of the Wayne P. Sewell Lyceum and Producing Company of Atlanta, under whose management the production is being staged. The play is a three-act comedy dealing in Dan Cupid's method of conquering so-called marble hearts. Many funny situations are produced by the love sick spinsters and bawky bachelors.

The song hits are right up to the minute and the whole comedy is a class production, in fact, it is a whole of a hit from beginning to end, the audience recovering from one convulsion of laughter only to go into another.

The ridiculous OLD MAIDS and GOOD LOKKING BACHELORS, pretty chorus GIRLS, precious CUPIDS, Mr. and Mrs. Henpeck and the charming MADAM CUPID appeal to all classes. But the scene that stands out alone is the LEFT OVER SISTERS, they simply bring the house down, so bring along your handkerchief because you will laugh until you cry. Check your critical faculties at the box office when you come in the door so you may relax your face and give it a genuine treat in the way of a good laugh.

This play will be given in Louisburg on next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the Graded School auditorium for the benefit of the Methodist Church, under the auspices of Circle No. 5, Mrs. W. E. White, Leader. It will be produced entirely by local talent. Admission will be 50 and 75 cents.

## MASONIC LECTURES.

Rev. J. W. Patton, Grand Lecturer of the Masonic Grand Lodge of North Carolina, who was expected to be in Louisburg the week of February 11th to 16th to give a series of Masonic lectures, and was unable to meet his engagement, we are informed, will be here beginning March 3rd. All Masons are invited to attend these lectures.

Work with tobacco was a new feature of extension activity by agricultural workers of the State College last year. At least 35 demonstrations in growing better tobacco were staged by the tobacco specialist working with the county agents.

## FRANCESKA LAWSON, NOTED SOPRANO

Final arrangements have been made for the appearance of the noted soprano, Franceska Kaspar Lawson at Louisburg College auditorium, Monday night, February 25th, at 8 o'clock. She comes to us in this her eighth concert tour. Perhaps as never before she is winning her audiences with her beautiful soprano voice and charming personality. She is acclaimed one of the most talented and popular soloists before the public today.

The Louisburg music lovers will enjoy a rare pleasure in Franceska Kaspar Lawson and it is expected that a capacity audience will be on hand to greet her Monday night.

Tickets are now on sale at the Drug Stores and the College at the price of 50c.

acter of the dominating, irresistible master "Galus" was played by Mr. Denny who made the most of a role abounding in laughter provoking possibilities.

A well balanced cast gave Mr. Denny an excellent support and the play gave one an impression of delicacy and finish not often obtained from a comedy pure and simple.

## AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Mr. F. A. Roth returned Tuesday from the Northern Markets.

Mr. W. M. Person returned Sunday from a visit to Washington City.

Miss Beatrice Turner left Friday for Amityville, N. Y., to take training.

Rev. A. D. Wilcox, of Wilmington, was a visitor to Louisburg Wednesday.

Mrs. J. A. Turner left Friday for New York to purchase Spring stocks for the Ladies Shop.

Mrs. Julia P. Scott left last week for Baltimore and New York to purchase Spring millinery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Person and little son and Mrs. M. H. Aycock visited Roanoke Rapids Friday.

Mrs. W. H. Allen and Miss Lucy Allen went to Richmond last week to visit Mrs. P. S. Allen, who is quite ill in Johnson-Willis Hospital.

Mrs. Geo. T. Meade and daughter, Marie, accompanied by Miss Zena Bobbitt and Mr. W. G. Davis, motored to Petersburg, Va. Saturday.

Mrs. T. W. Bickett and Miss Kate Ballard, of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Ballard and Miss Mary Elizabeth Cheatham, of Franklinton, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Yarbrough Sunday.

Major S. P. Boddie, Messrs. C. K. Cooke, Jr., W. Y. Bickett, G. A. Ricka, Charles Adams and E. F. Thomas attended the District meeting of the American Legion at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Friday.

Mr. P. S. Allen returned Wednesday from Richmond, where he has been at the bedside of his wife who is quite ill at a hospital there. Their many friends will be glad to know that Mrs. Allen is gradually improving.

Mr. W. L. Beasley returned from Henderson this week, where he had been taken for treatment to his eyes, which were injured Friday by the explosion of an automobile battery which he was charging, the fluid being thrown into his eyes. His many friends will be glad to know that he will recover all right.

## The Children's Hour.

The above was the title of a three act play given at the Graded school auditorium on last Friday night under the auspices of the Woman's Club for the benefit of the lunch room at the school. Each of the three little plays overabounded with interest and amusement and reflected much credit to the little boys and girls who made up the castes and to those who instructed them. The castes of the different plays follow:

"THE EVER, EVER LAND"  
The Child; the fairy; Mother Goose—Billie Phillips, Helen Leigh Fleming, Eugenia Perry.

Jack Be Nimble and Jack Horner—James Person and Allen Cobb.

Pieman and Simple Simon—Felix Allen, Jr. and Sam Pearce.

Red Riding Hood and Bo Peep—Patricia Holden and Hazel Allen.

Lady Bug and Cinderella—Mamie Beam and Mary Malone Best.

Jack and Jill—Louis Leach and Lucille Hudson.

Hansel and Gretel—Douglas Perry and Sarah Sumner Hicks.

Little Women—Lula May Timberlake, Marion Hawkes, Gaia Mae Peoples.

Fauntleroy and Little Colonel—Helen Allen and Sophie Clifton.

Rebecca and Little Nell—T. Perry and Lydia Person.

Alice and Peter Pan—Margaret Holden and Betty Mohn.

Pirates—Edward Stovall, Ben Holden, Louis Wheelless and Frances Pleasants.

"LITTLE PINK LADY"  
Scene: Anne's Puritan Home. Puritan Maids

Prudence—Hazel Allen.  
Priscilla—Sophie Clifton.  
Molly—Margaret Holden.  
Patience—Patricia Holden.  
Anne—Lucy Best.

Little Pink Lady—Anna Gray Watson.

"WHEN THE TOYS AWAKE"  
Mother—Margaret Wilder.  
Child—Anna Gray Watson.  
French Doll—Billie Phillips.  
Soldiers—Dick Turner, Eustelia Hill, Felicia Allen, Mary Malone Best, Virginia Beck, Betty Mohn.