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Must be Willing to Sacrifice Pleasures and Property of Today on Altar of a Greater Tomorrow

GOVERNOR BICKETT ON WORLD WAR

Delivered Great Address in Robeson Saturday Before Largest Crowd Ever Gathered in Court Room—Audience Thrilled and Inspired—North Carolina Will Do Her Duty.

MEETING OF CAMP POPE

"I have one son in the army and had been worrying about him, but after hearing Gov. Bickett's address I am sorry my other boys are not old enough to enter the fight". This was the remark of one lady who heard the address of Gov. Bickett Saturday.

Not since it was reared some ten years ago has Robeson county's temple of justice in Lumberton held such a crowd as gathered there Saturday eager to hear a message from the lips of North Carolina's Governor, Hon. Thomas W. Bickett. Chairs and benches were brought in to supplement the regular seating capacity of the court room, and every available inch of standing room was occupied besides, in both main auditorium and gallery. There must have been two thousand people in the room.

It was the sort of eager throng that inspires a speaker to do his best, and nobly did the Governor rise to the occasion. The hearts of his hearers burned within them as he told with eloquence of the heroism and sufferings of the French people, as he pictured the barbarous deeds of the Germans, as he told of world domination, and as he gave conclusive reasons why the United States could not stay out of the awful conflict with safety or self-respect.

The people expected a great speech from the Governor and they heard a great speech. Dull indeed must be the metal from which he did not strike some fire of resolve to bear cheerfully any and every hardship and make every sacrifice to win the war for righteousness and humanity.

As a prophet who should interpret to them the meaning of this time of storm of stress the people hung upon the words of the Governor of their State and for an hour and half while he spoke there was scarcely a movement save of applause at some striking utterance, and even from the ranks of those who had to stand throughout the address there were not half a dozen who stirred from the room.

Coming at the invitation of Camp Willis H. Pope to deliver the annual address on the anniversary of the birth of Robt. E. Lee, the Governor said the best way to praise Lee, "the knightliest Christian soldier the world has ever known," was to emulate his example and do as he would do, and his whole life declared that in a time like this he would lay his all on the altar of his country. "Today the nation is calling upon every man, woman and child to give all, if need be, to save the world from the grip of autocracy," said the Governor, and the man who is not willing to give his life and all that he has in this great, grandest and most righteous cause any nation ever fought for in the history of the world," he declared has lived too long already. He urged the purchase of War Savings and Thrift stamps, the campaign to sell which is one of the most important movements in connection with the war. Invest money in the war and your hearts will be in it, and "all the furies of hell cannot defeat the united hearts and minds of 110,000,000 American people."

A greater message than the famous "Hold Robeson and save the State" the Governor said he brought, and that was, "Let Robeson advance and save humanity."

Declaring that to be fit to have eternal life we must be willing to sacrifice our very all, the pleasures and the property of today upon the altar of a greater tomorrow, the Governor said there is not a yellow streak in all North Carolina, and the State will do its duty, as it always has done its duty in every crisis.

The government has gone about raising an army in the fairest and squarest way an army was ever raised in the history of the world, the Governor said, and the man who understands the selective draft law does not endorse it is not a good American, he is not willing to carry his end of the log. On the next call the emphasis is going to be laid on the selective feature, and there will not be left a loafer in the State. Men who have not been supporting their wives, goods-box whittlers, drug-store loafers, poolroom aristocracy and the coca-cola gentry will all be taken. He told how the United States

could not stay out of the war with self-respect and safety. Common gratitude to France for making this nation possible by coming to the rescue of the struggling colonies should have compelled us to go in, if nothing else. But our own safety and very life demanded it. The German program at the beginning of the war was: Paris in 3 weeks, London in 3 months, New York in 3 years. Germany planned to dominate the world, and the war is a struggle between ideals of government. If Germany should win, a gun would be god, every nation would be an armed camp, every citizen would carry a soldier on his back. For a thousand years the civilization of the world will be molded and colored by this war. If American ideals of government are to come out of the struggle, America must go into the struggle.

Germany is called the Fatherland, the Governor said, because nobody counts there but daddy. Women are valued only as mothers of soldiers. There is nothing of chivalry in the German attitude toward women. Outrages committed by German soldiers upon the women of other countries prove that. He told of a French woman outraged and then burned in oil; of German officers who went to the home of an old French family, compelled cultured ladies who were well known in high circles in Paris and London to strip stark naked and wait upon them at table, and then subjected them to the greatest and crowning indignity. "Between the trenches of the opposing armies there is a blood-soaked land of death known as No Man's Land, but behind the trenches of the Hun, from Hamburg to Warsaw, from Brussels to Constantinople, there lies No Woman's Land." Women are fighting in this war to win all that is dear to them.

In conclusion the Governor declared that for the next 50 years a man's value as a citizen is going to be measured by what he did in this supreme crisis. "Be ready to take part in the home-coming of the heroes who are going to win the victory," he urged.

Ex-Judge T. A. McNeill and Gen. F. A. Bond formed a committee from Camp Pope to conduct the Governor to the court house. Commander J. A. McAllister, called upon Mayor J. D. Proctor, who introduced the Governor in a neat and apropos speech. The crowd was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Wesley Thompson, chaplain of the camp.

At the conclusion of his address Gov. Bickett called upon Mr. R. C. Lawrence to explain War Savings and Thrift Stamps, which he did briefly and clearly. The plan has been explained several times in The Robesonian and will be explained often in subsequent issues. The government is urging every man, woman and child to purchase these stamps, which bear interest. North Carolina is asked to purchase to the extent of around \$50,000,000 this year.

The East Lumberton band furnished music for the occasion. Annual Meeting of Camp Pope. The annual meeting of Camp Willis H. Pope, Confederate veterans, was held in the court house at 10 a. m. Saturday. The old officers were re-elected as follows: commander, J. A. McAllister; first lieutenant, Rev. F. A. Frevert; second lieutenant, Judge T. A. McNeill; third lieutenant, Gen. F. A. Bond; adjutant, M. G. McKenzies; chaplain, Rev. Wesley Thompson.

Thirty-one members of the camp were present. Three deaths were reported since the last meeting of the camp. Quite a number of visiting veterans from other camps came in to hear Gov. Bickett's address. These and members of the camp were served a sumptuous dinner in the commissioner's room at the court house by Daughters of the Confederacy, Robeson chapter.

Robbers Entered J. T. Biggs' Store Saturday Night—Not Much Missed.

Robbers entered Mr. John T. Biggs' store, Elm street, Saturday night between 10 and 12:30 o'clock. The only things missed from the store were 50 cents in money, taken from the cash register, and some hosiery. Mr. Biggs says he does not doubt that some other things were taken, as he had a very busy day Saturday and it is difficult to determine what was taken. Entrance was made from the back door in the building and unlocking the door from the inside. The key was left in the door on the inside.

Night policeman Carl Bullard noticed a light burning in the store and upon investigation found that the door was open.

"Keep Well" Campaign Appointments.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, and Dr. A. J. Ellington, of the State Board of Health, who is assisting Dr. McPhaul in the "keep well" campaign in Robeson, will be at Red Springs Thursday of this week instead of Wednesday, as announced in Thursday's Robesonian. They will be at St. Pauls today and tomorrow and at Rowland Friday. They will be in the office here Wednesday and Saturday.

Alleged Embezzler Released.

C. N. Clark, who was arrested some two months ago at Tampa, Fla., and brought to jail here on the charge of embezzlement, arranged the night and was released Saturday. Clark sold pianos for a Winston-Salem concern in Robeson last summer and was charged with misplacing funds belonging to the company for which he worked.

CHILD FATALLY BURNED

Willie May, Small Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Norman, Severely Burned This Morning—But Little Hope of Her Recovery.

Willie May, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Norman, who live in the northern part of town, was probably fatally burned this morning about 10:30 when her clothing caught from a broom which another child stuck in the fire. All the clothing except the waist band of her dress and a part of her stockings was burned before the flames were extinguished. The hands of both Mr. and Mrs. Norman and of a 12-year-old son were painfully burned in trying to put out the fire. Mr. Norman was also burned about the face. The child was burned practically all over and said she swallowed some of the fire. Dr. John Knox was summoned and says there is but little hope of her recovery. The burned child was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bulard, some 50 yards from her home, when her clothing caught, and as soon as she learned that her clothing was burning she ran screaming for help.

STORES CLOSED TODAY

Government Order Being Religiously Observed—Grocery Stores Open till Noon and Drug Stores Open to Sell Medicines—Newspaper Excepted.

In compliance with the government orders, practically all the business houses in town are observing holiday today. Grocery stores were opened this morning, but were closed at noon. Banks are allowed to remain open during the regular banking hours. Drug stores are open for the purpose of selling medicines. Newspapers are allowed to print regular editions on Mondays.

As stated in Thursday's Robesonian, the four cotton mills here closed down Friday for five days and will be closed down each Monday for ten weeks unless the government order is changed before that time. When asked as to whether or not the operatives would be paid for the time the mills were closed down, officials of the mills said that the interest of the operatives would be looked after by the mill companies, so it is safe to say that the operatives will not be hurt by the order to close down.

The order says the stores must close each Monday for ten weeks. Grocery stores are allowed to remain open till noon and drug stores are allowed to remain open only for the purpose of selling medicines.

It has been suggested by some of the merchants that all stores, including grocery stores, close down each Monday for the ten weeks.

SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS

Another Russian Hope Blasted—Peace Conference Strikes Another Barrier—Fresh Troubles in Austria.

The Russian constituent assembly convened Friday in Petrograd during street fighting but was dissolved Saturday morning by the Bolsheviks after a vote had shown that the government headed by Lenine and Trotzky was greatly in the minority. Thus, for the moment at least, has passed away that in inception the executive order would be brought out of the anomalous situation that has existed in Russia since the revolution which resulted in the imperial family and the bureaucrats being thrown out of power.

Delegates to the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk again are at sixes and sevens and the pourparlers have ceased, the stumbling block being the German demands and their refusal to withdraw their troops from occupied portions of Russia.

The former German cruisers Goeben and Breslau have met their fate at the hands of British warships in a naval action at the entrance to the Dardanelles, the latter being sunk and the former beached.

Fresh troubles are reported to have broken out throughout Austria. General strikes have taken place and in Vienna and Neustadt all the war manufacturing plants are reported to have been closed. In these towns 100,000 men are said to have quit their jobs. The movement is political and economic and has as its basis the desire for peace. Anti-Germanism is declared to be especially prevalent throughout the country.

On the western front in France and Belgium the military operations apparently are increasing all along the line, as compared with those of the past few weeks, when little or no fighting, except artillery duels and minor raids, was carried out.

One indication of the probable early commencement of fighting is the resumption of aerial activity on a large scale, especially on the French front. Entente allied warships have bombarded Germany's submarine base at Ostend.

Mr. Emory Prevatt and family moved Thursday from Lumberton to a Lumberton visitor Friday. The condition of Mrs. Odum, who has been sick for two weeks with pneumonia, was somewhat improved Friday.

IN RE NITRATE OF SODA

Where There is No Demonstration Agent a Committee Will Handle—Applications Should be Made Now—Trying to Get Farm Demonstrator for Robeson.

Mr. F. Grover Britt, secretary-treasurer of the Robeson county division of the Farmers' union, has received a letter from Dr. B. W. Kilgore, of the State Department of Agriculture, in reply to an inquiry about the distribution of nitrate of soda by the government, in which he states: "It has been agreed that the county farm demonstration agents handle the distribution of nitrate of soda in counties, and my understanding is that where there are no agents a committee will be appointed for this purpose. I am suggesting to county agents that they find out the needs of the farmers, informing them that it will be necessary to pay cash, and that they are expected to make their requests about the same as they used last season."

Mr. Britt wrote R. W. Freeman of Wilson, district demonstration agent, asking him to name a committee of three in Robeson to handle the question, in case he cannot supply the county with an agent at once. In a letter received this morning Mr. Freeman advises that he will go to Raleigh today to consult with Dr. Kilgore about this matter and expects to be in Lumberton tomorrow or Wednesday.

In answer to Mr. Britt's inquiry to Dr. Kilgore about furnishing Robeson with a demonstration agent, Dr. Kilgore writes that the department is doing all possible to locate a good agent for the county and at the earliest possible time a man will be put in the county for this work.

Dr. Kilgore suggests that all Farmers' union members make out their orders and file them with the officials of the county union. It would be a good idea for all union locals in the county to call a meeting at once and make out the order for union members, giving the name of each applicant, the amount of land cultivated, the amount of soda used last year and also the amount of government soda wanted. Then send orders to Mr. W. P. Barker at Lumberton.

The price of soda has been fixed at \$75.00 the ton and must be paid for in advance.

RED SPRINGS NEWS ITEMS

Lee-Jackson Day Celebrated—Boy Scout Band Will Give Concert Tuesday Night.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, Jan. 19.—Lee-Jackson day was celebrated today in the college auditorium by the Daughters of the Confederacy of the town, the children's chapter, the Major Vardell chapter at Flora McDonald college and the veterans, of whom there were with red and white bunting and the Confederate flags. The exercises opened with prayer by Rev. A. J. Parker, followed by "America" played by the orchestra and sung by the college chorus and the audience. The speaker for the day, Mr. L. R. Varsor of Lumberton, was introduced by Major G. H. Hall. Major Hall was dressed in the Confederate gray and made a very striking appearance. Mr. Varsor made a very strong and forceful speech. The program closed with patriotic airs by the orchestra and the benediction by Dr. J. J. Hill. The Boy Scout band will give a concert in the auditorium on Tuesday night. Part of the proceeds will go to the Red Cross.

Mr. Jim Hall and Miss Glennie Graham, who teach at Glenwood school, spent the week-end with home people.

Mr. Archie T. Stone is in Service in Texas.

Archie T. Stone, son of Mr. Scott Stone of McDonalds, was reported in last week's paper as one to whom a questionnaire could not be delivered. Mr. Stone is already in service, in San Antonio, Texas, and this fact had already been phoned to the board, but was unknown to the chief clerk, who gave the names to the paper. It may be that others whose questionnaires have been returned are also in service, and if so, Mr. Johnson, chairman of the local board, will take pleasure in making the proper correction as soon as he is advised of this fact, so that no injustice may be done any registrant.

Governor Pardons 4 Robeson Negroes.

Governor Bickett Friday pardoned four Robeson county negroes serving terms in the State prison at Raleigh. The men pardoned were: Lacy McKae, convicted January 1914 and sentenced to ten years for the crime of manslaughter committed after a desperate struggle by the man he killed, Jack Adams, near Rowland; Bethel Press Adams, near Rowland, convicted in the recorder's court here about two years ago of beating up Rural Policeman L. H. Townsend. The sentence of each was eight years.

Mr. E. G. Odum of Buie, R. 1, was a Lumberton visitor Friday. The condition of Mrs. Odum, who has been sick for two weeks with pneumonia, was somewhat improved Friday.

ST. PAULS NEWS PACKAGE

Much Moving—Red Cross Chapter Will be Organized—Death of Mr. Will Powers—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. St. Pauls, Jan. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lindsay and little daughter, Mary, spent Thursday and Friday with Mr. Lindsay's mother at the old home place, near Fayetteville. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw McArthur of Parkton spent a few hours in our little town Friday morn.

We were all glad to see Miss Kate Sinclair of Fayetteville, if only for a brief visit. Miss Kate is a jolly good person, and always has a pleasant word for everyone she comes in contact with. Come again. Mr. Chas. McGoogan and Mrs. Rufus Bennette spent Thursday with friends here. They live in the little town of Lumber Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Britt have moved out to Buie. Mr. Chas. Terry and family have moved just outside of town. Mrs. Pate and children have moved into the dwelling just vacated by the Terrys. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McGeachy are now on Main street, in house Mr. Webb occupied. The Webbs are running hotel now. Mr. Neill H. McNeill has moved out to the Hamilton home a few miles from town. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton are now at home in the house Mr. McNeill was occupying. Moving and swapping houses seem to be all the go as the new year comes around.

The Red Cross ladies are preparing to knit sweaters, wristlets, etc., for the soldiers. From all accounts they will soon organize a Red Cross chapter here. May the good work continue. Anything to help the brave lads who are sacrificing their homes and dearest plans in behalf of their country.

Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie spent from Friday till Sunday with Mrs. McKenzie's sister Mrs. Roxie McMillan. Miss Addie Caudell spent Thursday in Fayetteville. Several others expect to spend today in town.

Mrs. Jones and daughter are now making their home with Mrs. Jones' daughter Mrs. John S. Butler. We gladly welcome them to our little town. Mr. Will Powers who had been ill for some time, died last week. His bereaved family have our deepest sympathy. Mr. Powers was a good man.

TOLARVILLE TOPICS

Demonstration Club Meets—Wholesale Chicken Stealing—B. Y. P. U. Hour Changed—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Tolarville, Jan. 19.—The Tolarville demonstration club met Thursday afternoon, January 17th. The meeting was called to order by the president Mrs. G. F. Humphrey. We first sang the Farmers Chorus. Then the reading of the minutes of last meeting. Next Miss Cassidey introduced Mr. W. K. Bethune, who talked for a while about community improvements, which was very much enjoyed. Then Miss Cassidey gave instruction on basket making.

Glad to welcome our new neighbors, Mr. John Cain and family. Mrs. R. W. Rozier and children of Roziers siding visited friends here last week-end.

Mrs. Haynes Johnson of Barnesville visited her daughter Mrs. H. C. Flowers last week-end. Mr. E. W. Britt and niece, Miss Mattie, visited relatives at Barnesville last week-end.

It seems that some one is going in to the poultry business, as Mrs. T. W. Maxwell had the misfortune to lose all her chickens except one last Thursday night.

The B. Y. P. U. hour has been changed from 7 p. m. Saturday to 3 p. m. Sunday.

Fairmont News Letter—Movements of the People.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Fairmont, Jan. 19.—Mr. Wade Baker and Miss Helen Doggett of Rowland were Fairmont visitors Saturday.

Mesdames Grace Thompson, J. L. Watson, Jas. B. Boyce, H. L. Blue and Ben Thompson went today to Lumberton where they heard Gov. Bickett speak.

Miss Lois Hayes, who is teaching at Kemper, is home spending the week-end with her parents here.

Miss Mary Belle Ricks left Tuesday for Rocky Mount, where she will spend a week with her cousin Miss Mamie Ruth Tunstall, after which she will return to Raleigh, where she will resume her studies at Meredith college.

Miss Quencie Mitchell from Dillon is home visiting her mother. Mrs. J. P. Ashby of Mt. Airy is visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector McNeill of Rockingham, Ga., arrived Saturday and will make their home here.

Miss Blanch Johnson of Rowland is home spending the week-end with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Blue and Mrs. F. C. Jones spent Saturday in Fayetteville.

Miss Kate Ratley, who is in school at Rowland, is home spending the week-end with her parents here.

Messrs. Wallace McIntyre and James Pope of Lumberton were in town Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson of Camp Jackson are home for a few days. Mr. Ben Thompson, who is in the navy, is home for a few days.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

The condition of Mrs. E. J. Britt, who has been very sick since Thursday with measles and grippe, is somewhat improved today.

Mr. E. P. Ross of Greensboro spent last week here doing some special work for the LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Messrs. A. T. McLean, H. B. Jennings and R. H. Crichton left Friday evening for South Florida, where they will spend several days on a hunting trip.

Mr. J. J. Goodwin returned last night from Raleigh, where at the Rex hospital Friday Mrs. Goodwin underwent an operation for tonsils. She will remain in Raleigh for ten days or two weeks. Mr. Goodwin reports 3 inches of snow in Raleigh yesterday.

Mrs. Beaman and Miss Kathryn Beaman, wife and daughter of Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, arrived Friday night from Henderson and the same evening members of the church gave Dr. Beaman and his family a poultice.

Mr. A. J. Holmes went yesterday to Raeford and was accompanied on his return by Mrs. Holmes. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes are rooming at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin, East Fifth street and boarding with Mrs. Daisy W. Jenkins, Sixth and Walnut streets. As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. Holmes came to Lumberton some two weeks ago, having bought the Bell & Jordan jewelry store here.

Lumberton is experiencing another gasoline shortage. The Standard Oil company's tanks have been empty since Monday of last week and local oil dealers have sold out their supply. However, Mr. A. V. G. Wishart, local distributor for the Gulf Refining Co., still has some gasoline on hand and is looking for another shipment soon. Mr. J. C. Bodenheimer, local Standard Oil man, says his company has some government orders to here.

The following is taken from the New York Hotel Review of December 15, 1917: "John S. Holman, formerly assistant manager of the hotel Wilmington, Wilmington, N. C., has taken over the hotel Lorraine in Lumberton, succeeding J. A. Crabtree, who had the lease last year. Mr. Crabtree turned his lease back to the directors December 1 and Mr. Holman made then a proposition which was accepted. Before going to Wilmington, Mr. Holman was for a number of years connected with the Monticello, Norfolk, Va."

MAXIMUM PRICE FLOUR \$12.50

Not Over Barrel to Farmer and Half Barrel to Town Man May be Sold.

To the Editor of The Robesonian: State Food Administrator Henry A. Page announces that from January 19 the maximum price that may be charged for flour at retail sale is \$12.50 per barrel. Merchants are forbidden to sell flour to town or city customers in quantities in excess of one-half barrel and to rural or farmer customers in quantities in excess of one barrel.

Any violation of these rulings upon the part of the retailers will invite prompt action by the food administration. H. E. STACY, County Food Administrator—Lumberton, N. C. Jan. 19, 1918.

Box Supper at Joe Branch a Success.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Joe Branch (Fairmont, R. 3), Jan. 19.—A large crowd attended the box supper at Joe Branch Thursday night. The exercises began about 8. After the opening Mr. J. N. Bowen, former teacher, was called on to make a speech. He responded with zeal. He made some remarks on his history of teaching at Joe Branch, then told an interesting story. Then Mr. Martin L. Lowry of Deep Branch school was called on to make a 5 or 10 minute speech. He made a speech mostly on war. After these speeches the teachers took up the tie contest between the school boys. The boy having the prettiest tie was awarded a prize. Several of the boys joined the contest. The judges were Misses Bettie Jacobs, Perlie L. and Bertie L. Lowry. They rendered their decision in favor of Mr. June Jacobs.

After this, the principal, Mr. O. H. Lowry, introduced the box supper, its purpose and its benefits toward the school. Then the auctioneer, Mr. L. W. Jacobs, also one of the teachers of the school, came forth with the beautiful boxes in different colors and sold them to the highest bidder. After this, the voting contest was taken up by the girls. Each young man was given a chance to call out any girl he chose to be the prettiest. Several were called out on the floor. Miss Perlie L. Lowry got the highest number of votes—1851—and Miss Rosa L. Carter received the 2nd highest number, which was 1629 votes. The amount received for the boxes and contents was \$65 which went to the benefit of the school.

A mob of several hundred citizens of Hazlehurst, Miss., headed, it is said, by the father of Miss Vera Wilks, who was murdered near Sim Edwards, Wednesday took Sim Edwards, a negro, from the county jail and burned him. The negro confessed the crime to 12 men but later repudiated it.