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JUDGE HULL OPENS 1922 CAMPAIGN FOR DEMOCRATIC PARTY

New Chairman Contrasts
Republican Record With
"Unparalleled Achievements"
of Democrats

MAKES FIRST SPEECH
SINCE HIS ELECTION
AS PARTY CHAIRMAN

Further Relief for Farmers,
Adequate Aid for World
War Veterans, Reduction
of Taxes and a Remedy
for Flood of Tax Exempt
Securities Among Big Issues
Outlined for Democratic
Congressional Pre-Election
Campaign; Accuses
Republicans of Breach of
Promises and Declares Record
of Democratic Administration
Still Holds True; Says Time Has
Come for Plain Talking

ELECTED NEW CHIEF
OF STATE DEMOCRACY



J. DAVE NORWOOD.

NORWOOD NAMED STATE CHAIRMAN

Democratic Executive Committee
Passes Resolutions
for Bickett

J. Dave Norwood, of Salisbury, banker, textile manufacturer, merchant and farmer, for eight years a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee from the Eighth Congressional District, was named to succeed Thomas D. Warren, of New Bern, as chairman of the committee at a called session held last night in the hall of the House of Representatives.

But little ceremony attended the formal resignation of Mr. Warren, and the election of Mr. Norwood. Much of the three quarters of an hour of the session was devoted to the eulogy of two dead leaders of the party, Edgar Love, former member of the committee, and the late T. W. Bickett, former Governor of North Carolina. Resolutions in memory of both were presented, and adopted by rising vote.

Address of Mr. Warren
Upon suggestion of Judge J. Crawford Biggs, the committee gave unanimous endorsement to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Fund, and pledged its active co-operation in the coming campaign for North Carolina's quota of the million dollar fund to be devoted to the perpetuation of the ideals of the Democratic Party. The endorsement was pledged by a rising vote.

Resolutions for Bickett
Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, read the following resolution to the memory of the late Governor Bickett, and seconded by a score of voices, it was passed by a rising vote.

SAPIRO ATTACKS WILSON TOBACCO BOARD OF TRADE

Criticises Advertisement
Saying Market Will Open
in 1922 as Usual

SPEAKS TO FARMERS
IN JOHNSTON COUNTY

Champion of Co-operative
Marketing Declares War
On Those Who Let Their
"Selfish Interests" Determine
Their Attitude Toward
Marketing Plan

By R. W. GREEN.
Smithfield, Dec. 28.—Action of the Wilson Tobacco Board of Trade in advertising the intention of the Wilson warehousemen to open that market September 5, 1922, for the sale of leaf tobacco by auction was sharply criticized by Aaron Sapiro, champion of co-operative marketing, in an address to Johnston county farmers and business men in the opera house here today.

After outlining just how co-operative marketing of tobacco is being done in Kentucky and how it will be done in North Carolina, Mr. Sapiro placed a copy of the News and Observer, which contained the advertisement of the Wilson Tobacco Board of Trade, on the desk where all could see it and declared war on all those who let their selfish interests determine their attitude to co-operative marketing.

Careful to Discriminate
Mr. Sapiro was careful to discriminate between the merchants of Wilson and the warehousemen and declared that the merchants, under the leadership of L. S. Tomlinson, were behind co-operative marketing, because they were big enough to see that if the farmer prospered they too would prosper.

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FRANCE PLAYING RETURN GAME AT ARMS CONGRESS

May Wreck American Plan
For Limitation of Naval
Armaments

PAYS BACK AMERICA
FOR TREATY FIASCO

French Delegates Came to
Washington Conference
Ready to Share in General
Disarmament Plan But
Determined to Secure
Certain Guarantees

By FRANK H. SIMONDS
Washington, Dec. 28.—"Why did the French do it?" This is the question heard on all sides tonight. "Doing it" means substantially wrecking the American plan for a limitation of naval armaments, for almost everyone recognizes that the real competition of the future will be in aircraft, submarines, and auxiliary ships.

Three years ago France proposed certain things following the allied victory—among these the permanent occupation of the left bank of the Rhine and the annexation of the Sarre Basin. Mr. Wilson opposed these proposals and in company with Mr. Lloyd George offered France in place of the possession of the left bank of the Rhine an American and British guarantee against German aggression.

Senate Blocked Treaty
Everyone knows that the American Senate later refused to accept this treaty and France, having surrendered her claim to the Rhine barrier, was left to whistle for the payment of the price offered. More than this from the signing of the treaty of Paris onward the French claim against Germany have steadily been attacked by the British and even by the Americans.

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Public Opinion Awakened
All the time, however, French public opinion has been awakening. The French are the Washington

THOMAS WALTER BICKETT, STATE'S WAR GOVERNOR, DIES 12 HOURS FOLLOWING STROKE OF PARALYSIS

MANY TRIBUTES
POUR INTO HOME

Messages of Condolence and
Sympathy Come to
Stricken Relatives

SANTFORD MARTIN
EXPRESSES HIS GRIEF

Hundreds of Telegrams Received
at Hayes-Bartlett
Residence of Governor
Bickett Attest Esteem in
Which He Was Held By
North Carolinians

Before death had ensued yesterday morning, when news of the former Governor's illness had gone throughout the State, messages of cheer and good wishes began to pour into the home here. Later in the day, when news of his death and followed out on the heels of tidings of his illness, the messages changed to deep sympathy and condolence to the grief-stricken relatives.

Among the first to reach the city in response to news of the Governor's illness was Santford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, and during the late administration, private secretary to the Governor. Mr. Martin was very close to the former Governor, and was deeply grieved.

Remembering as I do the achievements of his Administration, I am convinced that no man of his generation has rendered the State larger service than Governor Bickett. His name has added another name to the list of names that are immortal in North Carolina's history. Alongside those of Vance and Aycock a grateful people have written the name of Bickett. And their verdict will stand the test of time.

Through the film of shock and personal grief it is difficult to make an inventory of merit and achievement. It is the unspent years, full of promise of opportunity and of inspiring fellowship and friendship that weigh upon us. The distinctive note in the life of Governor Bickett was the breadth and delightful quality of his friendships and fellowships. It knew no creed, race or condition.

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North Carolina's War Governor Who Falls
Victim of Deadly Stroke At His Home Here



THOMAS WALTER BICKETT.

Thomas Walter Bickett: Record Of His Service

By FRANK SMETHURST
Thomas Walter Bickett was born in Monroe, February 28, 1869, the son of Thomas W. and Mary A. Bickett. Having received his early training in the Monroe High School, he began his studies at Wake Forest college in 1886, leaving that institution with an A. B. degree in 1890, and an annual record as a college leader and debater, popular and able.

For two years thereafter, the future War Governor of North Carolina taught school in Winston-Salem going to the University of North Carolina from Winston-Salem in 1892 to study law after preparation in the office of his uncle, Dr. A. Covington. It was in 1893 that he received his license and first began the practice of law in Monroe. But his practice in his home town was short. After six months, he removed to Danbury where he practiced for a year, going from there to Lenoir County in 1895. In Lenoir County he was married to Miss Fannie Yarborough on November 28, 1895 and it was while he was engaged in practicing law there that he began that active participation in State affairs that reached its climax in his election and four years of service as Governor of North Carolina.

In Lenoir County, he was senior member of the firm of Bickett, White & Malone and a prominent figure in the politics of the county and State. In 1907, he represented his county in the lower House of the General Assembly and in 1908 was nominated and elected Attorney General of North Carolina. His first nomination to State office was in the 1908 Democratic Convention in Charlotte. Governor Bickett, even then known for his rich humor, and his effective oratory made the speech putting in nomination Ashley Horns for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. Horns was defeated but Bickett stepped to the front as one of the outstanding State figures and in the same convention was nominated Attorney General.

Not Sudden Leap
It was not a sudden leap into prominence. His life in Lenoir County had been one of steady growth in which he established himself as a leader of the bar, a splendid advocate, a wise counsellor and a resourceful friend. His election as a member of the legislature in 1907, the first time he had allowed his name to be used for public office had been followed by sixty days of distinguished service in which he regulated and fought for measures to regulate lobbying, to give the State an equal number of challenges with its defendant, to allow the drawing of a jury from another county where there would be trouble in getting a jury. As an active member of the committee on education, he worked for the establishment of the Ed. Crockett Teachers' Training School while the bill appropriating \$600,000 for the purchase of land and the construction of necessary buildings in

Passes Away Quietly Wednesday Morning at 9:15; Night of Struggle, With Flickering Pulse and Slowly Ebbing Life, All Hope for Recovery Having Vanished With Physicians' Diagnosis

Funeral TO TAKE PLACE AT CHRIST CHURCH THIS MORNING 11:30 O'CLOCK

Body Will Be in State in Rotunda of Capitol for Two Hours. This Morning Preceding Funeral; Burial Will Be in Lenoir County, Funeral Party Going by Automobile From Christ Church; Raleigh and State Hours for Former Chief Executive While Scores of Messages of Sympathy Pour In

By BEN DIXON MacNEILL
Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina from 1907 to 1911, died at his home in Hayes Barton yesterday morning at 9:15, a little more than twelve hours after he had been stricken with paralysis Tuesday evening. He died without regaining consciousness, with all members of his family at his bedside except his sister, Mrs. F. B. Ashcraft, of Monroe, who reached Raleigh two hours later.

The going of the War Governor was peaceful. Throughout the night he struggled for each breath, but toward morning the flickering pulse grew weaker, the labored breath fainter. From the moment they reached him physicians held out no hope and as dawn drew on, the family realized that he would not live. At nine o'clock the breathing was almost imperceptible, the pulse was almost gone. Presently he ceased to struggle. North Carolina's beloved citizen and friend was dead.

Public May See Him
This morning the body will be removed from the residence to the Rotunda of the State Capitol, there to lie in state for two hours so that the thousands who would look for the last time upon his face may see him. At 11 o'clock the cortege will be removed to Christ Church, just across the Capitol grounds, where the former Governor was a member, and brief funeral services will be held at 11:30 o'clock. The body will then be taken to Lenoir County, his former home, for interment.

Honorary pallbearers will be Members of the Council of State who are in the city, State Auditor Baxter Durham, State Superintendent of Education J. C. Brooks, Attorney General J. B. Manning, Chief Justice Walter Clark, Associate Justices Hoke, Adams, Walker and Stacy, and former Secretary of the Navy Joseph Daniels, and members of the Wake County Bar. Arriving pallbearers for the services here will be W. B. Drayton, Jr., E. P. Hill, William Bailey, Ben Dixon, MacNeill, John Davis, Murray Allen, Dan W. S. Rankin, and B. H. Griffin.

The State is stunned by the terrible suddenness with which death has struck down the former Governor. Yesterday he was to have started on a little journey over into North Carolina, to Florence, where, with his close and lifelong friend, Dr. E. W. Shick, he was to address the North Carolina Society of the Talbotite State. But yesterday he was dead, and instead of journeying to Florence with him, Dr. Shick was hastening alone to Raleigh to stand beside the bier of his friend.

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