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Hon. W. M. Person at Pittsboro

MAKES A SPLENDID SPEECH THERE LAST SATURDAY TO REPRESENTATIVE AUDIENCE.

Plays The Court House Ring and Political Bosses and Lays High Taxes at Law-Makers' Door.

INTRODUCED BY MR. RAY

Compliments This Paper on Being Independent.

Hon. Wylie M. Person, candidate for Congress from this district, was introduced to a fair sized audience in the court house last Saturday by Hon. A. C. Ray.

There would probably have been a larger audience, but the political bosses have him branded as a black sheep in the Democratic party and of course a few of the pie eaters were conspicuous by their absence. As a matter of fact Person is a friend to the tax payer, and this was clearly demonstrated in his talk to the people who were there.

He told them that he had been a Democrat for 38 years, was born a Democrat, intended to always be a Democrat and expected to die a Democrat.

He held the present leadership of the Democratic party, both in the nation, State and counties as being responsible for the oppressive tax system everywhere. Mr. Person said with emphasis that the Court House ring and party politicians called it progress and improvement.

Mr. Person said that in his county there had been 250 of the tax payers homes sold because they were unable to pay their taxes and that in a neighboring town there had been 1000 homes sold.

In his home county, last year, he stated that the total amount of taxes was around \$286,000, while the county only raised about 11,000 bales of cotton.

Why this discrimination? asked the speaker. It is because the "Ring" leaders and moneyed interest have the tax payer hog-tied, and did not know a Republican from a Democrat. Also that 55 per cent of the taxable values are hidden.

Mr. Person very rightfully made the assertion that at the same rate that taxes are being advanced in North Carolina, that in less than ten years there is not a farmer but that would be buried by the county in a cheap coffin and in a shallow grave.

He believes in the equality of men by the corporation interests in North Carolina, and that it was now time for the home dweller to assert his manhood.

Mr. Person made it emphatic that the voter should exercise the utmost care in selecting a representative in all the law making bodies of this State and nation. The tax payers are the victims of false leadership and that the laws have been written by the corporation interests and bond holders to the detriment of the tax payer. The office holding trust in North Carolina are in power, and the voter should be careful not to surrender his liberties and privileges at the polls to a court house ring, if we do then we will suffer the consequences.

Mr. Person stated that in the last three years the bonded indebtedness in North Carolina had increased 300 per cent and that unless the tax system was changed that in less than three years the land owners would be unable to meet the obligations imposed upon them, while the corporation interests, bond holders and stock owners were not being taxed at all.

Mr. Person now has a suit pending against the state tax commission to compel the listing of tax exempt property. These non taxable securities now amount to over a billion dollars in North Carolina, and if he can win the case, it will mean a great reduction in the taxes of the farmer and land owner.

The case will be heard before Judge T. H. Calvert in Raleigh on May 22nd.

Mr. Person has saved the taxpayers of his county more than \$50,000 during the past year, and they are supporting him solidly for the House of Representatives, to succeed Hon. E. W. Pou, the present incumbent.

Out of the eleven to twelve million dollars of valuation of stock, bonds or interest held by foreign stockholders in this state, less than 1-10th of 1 per cent was paid in taxes. Not one cent do they pay for roads, or

other tax burdens, but they do enjoy the privileges of the good roads and continue to advocate the building, because they are not called upon to assist financially in their construction.

Mr. Person stated that nine-tenths of the weekly press of the State was hog-tied by the court house ring, politicians and corporation interests, but complimented this paper on its independence and on being outspoken in the interests of the tax payers and the farmers of Chatham county.

He stated that bonds, stocks, or corporation securities must be taxed in order to bring about an equality in taxation and that the only remedy was in the BALLOT.

Person made many friends in Chatham and they will remember him on June 3rd.

MINSTREL TO BE GIVEN.

Visitors to Pittsboro and Other Movements of People.

Brickhaven, May 16.—Mrs. O. C. Kennedy and little Miss Ruth Kennedy, motored to Raleigh Friday morning and were the week-end guests of Mrs. Penick Smith of that place.

Mrs. J. H. Overby and children have returned home after an extended visit with relatives in Charlotte. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. James Honeycutt and children.

Mrs. H. T. Johnson, of Morrisville, attended the Memorial services at Christian Chapel last week, and will spend awhile here with relatives, before returning to their home.

Quite a number motored from here to Pittsboro for the play, "The Dream of Queen Esther." Needless to say everyone thoroughly enjoyed the play. Well gotten up and well rendered.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harrington and children were dinner guests of Mrs. Watkins at Moncure last Sunday.

Let's not forget the minstrel to be given at the school here on Saturday evening, May 27th, (4th Saturday). We are eager for a crowd. The proceeds will go for payment on the piano recently installed. Come everyone who can and we promise you an evening of clean, wholesome fun.

O. C. Kennedy spent the week-end in Raleigh.

The slight storm that passed through this section Saturday night did quite a bit of damage. The old hickory tree, a land mark that stood in front of Mr. Darnell's home was blown down, and a tree in H. A. Harrington's grove was demolished. Also two large shade trees on O. C. Kennedy's lawn were damaged and the top of a chimney was crushed.

We have so many holidays and occasions for special celebration that in the hurry, hurly, of life, the rush of business and pleasure, many of them are but slightly regarded, by the general public, that is they are times of hilarity and amusement that removes from the memory the thought that inspired them. But the sentiment from which originated Mother's Day is growing more general and the day is being more widely observed as the years go by. It is well that this is true, for there is nothing more sacred than the thought that inspired Mother's Day—the glory and significance of other special occasions fade into insignificance and we stand speechless before the wonder and depth of Mother's Love, and it is good that we can let the little flower speak for us, and show to all that we consider his day—Mother's Day—the most sacred of all days. We who failed to honor the best mother who ever lived, our mother, last Sunday, by wearing a flower, let's resolve that next year we will not forget.

Hundreds of bees in the sunny woods of birds on the lawn together, Hundreds of lambs in the purple clover, But only one mother, the wide world over.

MT. GILEAD PERSONALS.

Pittsboro, Route 1, May 15.—Misses Annie, Nellie and Eunice Hatley spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Noah Williams at Riggsbee.

Miss Lillian Hatley spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Maggie Tripp.

Miss Anna Johnson, of Durham, visited her cousin Miss Maggie Tripp last week.

Miss Leonie Neal spent a few days in Durham last week, visiting her sister.

Mr. Frank Seymour spent Sunday with his mother, of Raleigh, is visiting relatives near Bynum this week.

Mrs. Ralph Burnett and family spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Griffin, of Durham, is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. L. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hatley spent Sunday with their son, Walter Hatley.

Mr. and Mrs. Yancy Neal and family spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Neal.

Mr. J. W. Neal and Miss Leonie Neal spent Monday with Mrs. W. H. Windham.

Mrs. A. R. Griffin spent Monday with Mrs. Flossie Burnett.

The home of Ab. Byrd, of Fayetteville, was burned Friday night and he was cremated. Byrd lived alone.

MEMORIAL DAY HERE.

Observed by the Daughters of Confederacy

Memorial Day in Pittsboro was observed by the Daughters of Confederacy, Children of the Confederacy, and citizens, who formed in line at 4 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. H. A. London, president of the Winnie Davis Chapter. Led by chief marshal E. R. Franklin, they marched to the monument, which with the court house had been decorated with wreaths and flags. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. W. E. Allen, rector of St. Bartholomew's Church. After which was sung, "How Firm a Foundation." A. C. Ray, who was master of ceremonies, said that this hymn had been sung at the funeral of General Lee and Stonewall Jackson. He explained why we celebrate Memorial Day on May 10th, as it was the day that Gen. Jackson was killed. He then read chosen words he introduced Walter D. Siler, who spoke on this occasion.

At the conclusion of the speech was sung, "Tenting On The Old Camp Ground." Then came the exhortation and benediction, and everyone marched to the various burial places of the Confederate dead and decorated the resting place of these splendid old heroes.

A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING.

Victor R. Johnson and Miss Pilkington Married.

A wedding marked by its beautiful simplicity was solemnized Thursday of last week in St. Bartholomew's Church, when Miss Nellie Pilkington became the bride of Mr. Victor R. Johnson. The historic old church was lovely with its white star coverings and candles, white lilies and ferns being used for additional decorations.

Prior to the ceremony, a beautiful musical program was rendered with Miss Ethel Johnson at the organ and Mrs. H. A. Bynum as soloist. Miss Johnson played Souvenir and To A Wild Rose besides accompanying Mrs. Bynum when she sang "O Perfect Love and Constancy." "Lohengrin's Wedding March" was used as a processional. Beethoven's Minuet in G was played softly during the ceremony. First came the ushers Messrs D. B. Nooe and William Bell, of Moncure, then Miss Evelyn Alston, maid of honor, and Mrs. L. A. Nooe, dame of honor, both wearing Castle crepe frocks with corsages of Columbian roses. Next came Master Bobbie Hinton in Oliver Twist suit of white faille silk, carrying the ring in a silver tray.

The bride wearing a traveling dress of navy Point twill with grey accessories, entered on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage. The bridegroom, attended by his best man, Mr. Bell, met at the altar.

Mrs. Johnson is the eldest daughter of Mr. G. R. Pilkington and is one of Pittsboro's most popular and accomplished young women. She is a graduate of Salem College and has taught with marked success in the high school here.

Mr. Johnson is the son of Prof. R. P. Johnson and is a young man of sterling character. He is a lawyer by profession and is regarded very highly in Chatham county. He is a candidate for the state senate and dame rumor says he will be nominated by a large majority.

After their return from a bridal tour, they will be at home in Pittsboro.

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THE CONTRACT LET

The Durham Public Service Company Bid Lowest—Gets Job.

HAVE 400 HORSE POWER.

There Were Nine Bids Made—

Cost Will be \$4000.

The contract for putting up poles and wiring the town of Pittsboro was let to the lowest bidder last week.

Nine bids were submitted, but the Public Service Company, of Durham being the lowest bidder, the contract was awarded to them. Their bid was submitted to the town commissioners, was \$7,877.92, which was based on one transformer of 100 K V A capacity for the substitution. The commissioners decided to put in three transformers instead of one, which will make the total cost of installation and wiring the town complete approximately \$10,616.00.

This is about \$4,000 less than the engineers employed by the town, W. M. Platt, of Durham, estimated it would cost to install the substitution and wiring the place.

This substitution of 300 K V A capacity will furnish the town with current of about 400 horse-power, and will supply sufficient power to light the town and enable the commissioners to sell electric current to any prospective industries that might wish to locate here.

Work on wiring is to be commenced immediately and will be finished in approximately 60 days. The power Company promises to furnish current to the town by July 4th.

Right here we wish to call attention to the citizens who have their houses wired as quickly as possible. Everyone ought to take enough pride in the place to not be behind, because when the lights are turned on the streets, every owner should be ready to turn the lights on in their business places and homes. Get busy people, get busy.

There will be approximately 50 street lights and these lights will hang from all the wires of the street, at each corner, and not stuck upon a pole on the sidewalks, as some people thought would be the case. There will be four lights around the court house, and a light at each corner of the street leading from the court house to the town limits. Salisbury street will have at least eight lights, from the east of town to the west. Don't be kicking, folks, the town commissioners are going to light up the streets so bright that you will be proud to live in Pittsboro.

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ABOUT THE SCHOOL.

The Storm—Local and About Ausley Leaving.

Corinth, May 17.—J. A. Ausley left the community last Saturday in his new Ford for a two-weeks' vacation and when we saw him last night he was headed due west for "points" along the Norfolk-Southern railroad.

The storm Sunday night was quite severe over this end of the county. The lightning chased over the phone lines and power wires in great fashion for about an hour. Some high winds but no hail and not much damage done to crops.

The party at Buckhorn last Thursday night given by Miss Carrie Lee Cross, in honor of Miss Tudor of Raleigh, was enjoyed by all who attended.

The patrons of the Corinth school will be interested to know that \$400.00 of the school indebtedness was paid from 1921 taxes. But now after getting our new building all equipped for two or more teachers it is most likely that the new ruling by the State Superintendent of Schools will again cut us down to spent Sunday.

This is a vital topic and all Corinthians must get their thinking caps on and work out some plan that will prevent