

HARDING'S TOUR NOT A SUCCESS

(By David F. St. Clair.)

Washington, June 27.—In the estimation of impartial observers in Washington, President Harding in his league court speech at St. Louis has stirred up a deal of mud in the already muddy waters of politics. He has greatly complicated the situation in his effort to please the irreconcilables in his party by proposing modifications that will alienate a large number of Hughes-Hoover-Roosevelt Republicans and less indispensable Democratic support in the senate. The President's speech is regarded here as a renewal of his 1920 plea for his vague, nebulous "association of nations" to which he has never attempted to give a concrete definition. The speech is filled with glaring contradictions and leaders here in both parties believe that it will certainly increase the chances of adverse action on the court proposal. Before the President had made the St. Louis speech only 28 senators had been counted as certain to oppose the ratification of the court but other senators said on reading the text of the speech that if Mr. Harding stood out for the modifications he now proposes the hostile group of senators would certainly be increased.

The Democrats had been won to the court because they considered it would carry this country as definitely and as far into the league of nations as they could hope at this time. In view of the ignorance and prejudice of a large body of the American public on the league, Democrats have been willing to help the Republicans smuggle the country in at the back door but now here is the President saying that the court must be separated and divorced completely from the league, that the judges and not the league council should be elected their successors, that the power to fix the compensation of the judges should be transferred from the league to the House of Representatives and that the league should be denied the exclusive right to seek legal guidance from the court. He would make these changes in order to remove the objections that Great Britain would cast six votes to our one in the league council in electing the judges but at the same time he admits he has no fear that Great Britain's six votes would ever be cast to the disadvantage of our own country. He admits that America has no right to insist that nations now members of the league should scrap the league by agreeing to such changes but he thinks they would do so to please America and secure her cooperation.

Now in offering to scrap the league and organize on its ruins his association of nations Mr. Harding does not gain one recruit from the opponents of the league. The enemies of the league are just as hostile to his plan whatever it is as they are to the plan Mr. Wilson asked the senate to ratify. On the other hand Mr. Harding can not get any court at all without strong Democratic support in the senate and we are told that he will never get the support of the Democrats if he attempts to scrap the league with his associations of nations.

Leaders here are going further in their prediction that if he fails to secure the court as a part of the league of nations, he will fall of renomination. He must look to the Hughes-Hoover wing of his party for support in the convention. He will have forfeited that support if he stands by his St. Louis speech in which so clearly repudiates the position of his own secretary of state. Hughes' friends say there is no firmer believer in the league of nations than the secretary himself. We are told that the so-called "best minds" in the Republican party will never consent to scrap the league in an effort to find something to conciliate the irreconcilables.

But intimate friends of the President are saying today that his proposed modifications of the court are nothing more than trial balloons sent up at this time to harmonize his party. They are confident that he will accept any sort of a court he can get from the senate. They point out that he has said so much in his St. Louis speech and that the only thing he is committed to is a court of some sort. The critics report that the statement shows the President has no real conviction on the subject or is looking in vain to stand by his conviction.

Democrats see the President hedging in deference to the objections to the court of such loyal administration men as Senator Jim Watson. Mr. Watson who told the President some time ago that he could not vote for the court if Britain must have a voice in America's own selecting the judges. The President is said to have assured the Indiana senator that he had a plan that would ensure that no such a voice would be heard. But no formal administration change would ensure McKinley of Illinois would command on the President's stand. Senator Charles of Kansas said today that he had no intention of saying the President was in the wrong. The President is said to have said to the senator and who is his party in the senate and who always been a close associate of the Wilson House. When Mr. Watson said that.

McCord Parrish Popular Asheboro Unit Weds Shelby Business Man

The Methodist Episcopal church was the scene of a beautiful wedding at twelve o'clock last Tuesday, when Miss Lilly Parrish became the bride of Mr. W. L. McCord, of Shelby. The church was tastefully decorated with ferns, Queen Anne's lace, and trailing ivy, a color scheme of green and white being carried out.

Just before the ceremony, Mr. H. Grady Miller sang "As the Dawn" after which Mrs. S. B. Stedman gave a violin solo, "Meditation" from Thal's. Mr. Miller then sang again, his second number being "O Perfect Love". The bride party then entered to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Miss Nannie Bulla. First came the ushers, Messrs. Fred Smith, Monroe; Harold Groffin, Shelby; L. F. Ross, and Dr. Olie Pransell, Asheboro.

Then, down the left aisle, came the maid of honor, Miss Mabel Parrish, sister of the bride, handsomely gowned in a dress of rose crepe material, wearing a rose-colored hat, and carrying a bouquet of pink gladioli, followed by the dainty little ring bearer, Miss Annie Gilbert Ross, cousin of the bride, dressed in white organdy and carrying the ring in the heart of a lily, down the same aisle, leaning on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage, came the fair bride, wearing a becoming suit of navy blue with hat to match, and sand-colored accessories and carrying a shower bouquet of bride's roses and valley lilies, while down the right aisle came the groom and his best man, Mr. Ralph Royce, of Shelby.

Rev. W. H. Willis, pastor of the bride, performed the ceremony, using an impressive ring service of the Methodist Episcopal church. During the ceremony, Miss Nannie Bulla, softly played Chopin's Nocturne, and later played Mendelssohn's wedding march as a recessional. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. McCord left in their car for Asheville and other points in Western North Carolina, where they are spending their honeymoon.

The bride party was entertained at a two-course luncheon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Parrish, on South Fayetteville street, at one o'clock.

Among the out-of-town guests for the wedding were the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCord, Mrs. Joe Nash, Mr. Riley McCord, of Shelby; and Miss Viola Riley, of Spartanburg.

Mrs. McCord is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Parrish, and is a young woman of charming and gracious personality, who numbers her friends by the score. She was educated at North Carolina College for Women, and has been a popular music teacher in the schools of Asheboro and Shelby for several years.

Mr. McCord is a prominent hardware dealer of Shelby.

PICNIC PARTIES INVITED TO GREYSTONE TERRACE

Mr. J. S. McAllister kindly extends an invitation to the people of Asheboro to have their picnic and Fourth of July parties at Greystone Terrace, in East Asheboro, where there are three good springs and plenty of cool shade.

Birthday Dinner for Mr. J. E. Davidson and Mrs. Gurney Hansen

On June 17, many neighbors and friends of Mr. J. E. Davidson, of Spino, gathered at his home to celebrate his 29th birthday. About 125 were present on this happy occasion. The crowd gathered while Mr. Davidson was at church; and when he returned, accompanied by the minister, Rev. Mr. Jones, he wondered what was taking place.

In the shady grove, in front of Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, a table 40 feet long had been set and completely loaded with chicken, beef, cake, pies, pickles and all kinds of delicious sandwiches. After Rev. Mr. Jones had read a Psalm and returned thanks, the crowd enjoyed the feast to the fullest extent.

The dinner was in honor of Mr. Davidson's 29th birthday and Mr. Gurney Hansen's 44th birthday.

WINS PONY

At the land sale in the colored section of East Asheboro, last Saturday, the free pony was won by Albert Gelp, the little son of Lum Gelp, white.

Mr. J. Y. Underwood Buys Interest in Liberty Drug Store

Mr. J. Y. Underwood has purchased an interest in the Liberty Drug Store and has gone over and begun work. He expects to move his family within the next month. Liberty is to be reorganized upon selling the Underwoods as citizens. Their many friends in Asheboro regret to give them up but are glad they are not leaving the county.

M. P. YOUNG PEOPLE AT WEAVERVILLE

No finer site could have been selected for the ten day's conference for young people of the M. P. church than Weaver College, at Weaverville, nine miles north west of Asheville; in the heart of the Blue Ridge mountains. About 800 people from all over the state, Virginia, South Carolina, and Washington, D. C., attended this wonderful convention which opened June 12th and closed Friday June 22nd. A special train carried the delegates from Greensboro to Baltimore where the citizens of Weaverville met the delegation.

Rev. N. M. Harrison, Jr., pastor of West End church, Greensboro, is president of the young people's work in this state, and F. N. Stout, of the Odell Hardware Co., Greensboro is vice-president. It was through the efforts of these men that the conference proved such a success. The faculty was composed of fifteen men and women of the M. P. church and other denominations from Ohio, West Virginia, Georgia, Maryland, and North Carolina. Splendid courses were offered in every department of Church, Sunday school and Christian Endeavor work. About one hundred people received certificates for special work taken while at the conference.

The citizens of Weaverville gave an informal reception Wednesday evening, in the college auditorium, honoring the delegation. Thursday afternoon a picnic was enjoyed on the campus, this being given by the Weaverville people, as a farewell meeting, before the conference adjourned Friday morning.

The people attending the convention had the pleasure of attending an organ recital at Grove Park Inn, given especially for the delegates. This organ at Grove Park is considered the finest orchestral organ in the world. Mr. James Anderson, H. A. Mrs. Back, of England is organist and the recital was enjoyed very much. After this the party motored to the top of Sunset Mountain for a picnic supper given by Weaver College, and for a "Sunset Vesper Service", conducted by Dr. Dixon, president of the N. C. Conference. Before attending the recital the delegation visited the famous Baltimore estate.

Monday June 18th, about 250 people who were attending the conference enjoyed an outing at Mt. Mitchell, highest peak east of the Rockies. The Asheville Citizen, last Sunday contained a special picture which was taken on top of Mt. Mitchell. Several other interesting places were visited on the trip.

The same conference will meet at Weaverville again next June and a much larger number of young people are expected to attend this great meeting. In appreciation of the splendid work done by Rev. Mr. Harrison, the delegates who attended the conference are giving him a free trip to a Young People's Conference at Western Maryland college, Westminster, Maryland, this week. This is the largest conference for young people of the M. P. church, in the U. S.

M. E. MATTERS

(By W. H. Willis.)

H. Grady Miller delighted his large circle of friends by rendering a beautiful solo at our church Sunday morning.

The writer "said grace" Sunday at a birthday dinner at the home of Henry Osborne on Miller street. Almost 100 people were present.

The old church was the scene of a beautiful wedding Tuesday, that of Miss Lilly Parrish and William Lucius McCord. What couple will be first in the new?

HOT AND COLD WAVES

While the southern, eastern, central, and north western United States, including Alaska, sweltered in a heat wave, last week, California and other western states had unusually cold weather for the time of year. Frost damaged crops considerably in some of the western states.

At the same time, much of Europe and Asia has been having unusually cold weather. Italy has actually suffered from a cold wave for the past week.

FATALLY INJURED

Unky Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Green, of High Point, died in a High Point hospital, last Monday morning, as a result of injuries suffered while operating a rip saw for the Smiths Pump Company. The young man is survived by his parents, three brothers and four sisters.

CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

Mrs. Anne Reed has a number of plans on foot to make her administration a most successful one. Among his plans is one for a clean-up campaign to make Asheboro the cleanest town in the state. He would like to have the people of the town.

STATE PRESS ASSOCIATION MEETS

The State Press association met at Asheville, last week in its 61st annual convention.

President J. B. Sherrill, in his annual address, declared, "The weekly newspaper, if it be progressive, is closer to the people in the rural districts than the daily." Mr. Sherrill also described the efforts now under way to establish a school of journalism at Washington and Lee as a memorial to General Robert E. Lee and urged upon the members their duty to support the undertaking to the utmost extent.

Mr. Sanford Martin, editor and general manager of the Winston-Salem Journal, called on the city newspapers of the state to imitate the courage and unselfishness of the country by exchanging reporters and city editors as the colleges exchange professors. He suggested the innovation as a means of instilling in the student his subject being, "Inter-City Spirit and What the Newspapers Should Do to Promote It."

At the closing session on Friday, John B. Sherrill, of Concord, was re-elected president of the association over his protest, and immediately resigned. C. A. Webb, publisher of the Asheville Citizen was then elected in his stead. The other officers are as follows: First vice president, A. C. Honeycutt, of Albemarle; second vice president, H. Galt Braxton, of Winston; third vice president, Mrs. J. J. Lassiter, of Smithfield; the office of secretary and treasurer having been consolidated, Miss Beatrice Cobb, secretary, was re-elected, and is a full both offices; historian, M. L. Chapman, of Raleigh; orator, J. L. Conner, Jr., of Rocky Mount; poet, J. P. Hawley, of High Point; members of the executive committee, T. C. A. Webb, Miss Beatrice Cobb, Sanford Martin, Fred H. May, M. E. Fries, J. T. Hurley and H. H. Varner.

J. P. Hawley, of High Point, and H. Galt Braxton, discussed advertising problems on Friday morning.

The Savory loyng cup was awarded the Vasa Print as the best weekly newspaper in the state. Stacy Brewer, editor and publisher of the Pilot, is editor and publisher of the Pilot.

Brief sketches or tributes to two of the association's members, who have passed away since the last annual meeting were submitted and read. A. H. Joyner, of the Greensboro Daily News, read a sketch on the late G. S. Bradshaw, Josephus Daniels, who was to have read a sketch on Dr. E. N. Ivey, who died a few weeks ago, could not attend the meeting. His paper, however, was sent in to be spread upon the minutes.

A very pleasant incident of the Friday morning session was the visit of Mrs. Moses H. Cone. Mrs. Cone said she wanted to know the newspaper men and women of North Carolina and passed among them shaking hands.

All of Friday afternoon was spent in sightseeing. Places of interest about the village were visited. This was the first opportunity visiting newspaper men had for getting out into the Blowing Rock community. The rock itself has not ceased to be a wonder.

The address of Walter H. Savory, of New York, was saved until Thursday night's banquet. This banquet was one of the many courtesies extended the association by the management of Mayview Manor.

About 50 or 60 stayed over for the trip to Linville Saturday.

The next meeting of the editors will be at Pinehurst.

COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Arrangements are being completed for the County Sunday School Convention to be held in the Methodist Episcopal church, Trinity, N. C., Monday and Tuesday, July 30 and 31, 1923.

The County President, Mr. H. B. Moore, and the county secretary, Miss Hester Patterson, are sending communications to Sunday school leaders of all denominations in the county, urging each Sunday school to have a large delegation at the convention. It is expected that practically every Sunday school in the county will be represented.

Announcements concerning speakers and program for the convention will be sent out later. Several of the best Sunday school workers in the county will take part at different sessions of the convention.

In addition to the local talent, Mr. L. W. Sims, of Raleigh, General Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, and Miss Flora Davis, assistant superintendent of the same organization, have been secured to speak at each session of the convention.

The Randolph county Sunday school association under whose auspices the convention is being held, is an inter-denominational organization. The County Association is made up of the spiritual sons of the North Carolina Sunday School Association which is a co-operative effort of work and from the different denominations to extend and improve Sunday school work in North Carolina. The Association stands for these interests that are common to Sunday school workers of all denominations.

Every citizen in Asheboro is becoming interested in the growth and progress of the town. The merchants of Asheboro Monday night decided as a means of bringing back to Asheboro rather than letting it go elsewhere to offer during the month of July, August, and September a special inducement for the people of the county to trade in Asheboro. They have ordered a Ford car to give as a prize the last of September to the person who is fortunate in drawing a lucky number. Each person who purchases a \$1.00 worth of goods from any of the merchants will receive a ticket for the drawing.

NEW SWIMMING POOL IN RUSH WOOD PARKS OPENS JULY 1

Robert Moffitt's new swimming pool on Cedar Fork will soon be completed and will be open to the public, July 4th.

It is in Rush Wood Park 200 yards from the asphalt street near Sunset avenue. There will be a bath-house separate for men and women fifty feet long and swimming ladders and spring boards. The swimming pool will cover an acre of land with pure, cool, clear, water.

MERCHANTS OF ASHEBORO LAUNCH BOOSTING CAMPAIGN

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MRS. PIERCE WISHES FOR HONEY AND GETH IT

Mrs. R. Pierce, of the Calvary society, recently purchased a whole lot of honey and some honey. Her husband was coming to town and Mrs. Pierce asked him to bring back some honey. That was day a swarm of bees came and stung him and he died. The honey was not good for him.

CELEBRATE THE FOURTH COUNTY SUMMER SCHOOL JULY 23

Asheboro Planning for Big Day Next Wednesday

The business men of Asheboro in co-operation with the Woman's club, are planning for one of the biggest Fourth of July celebrations in the history of the town. A brass band from Greensboro will furnish music for the occasion.

There will be a big parade at ten o'clock, made up of floats, and decorated cars. Comedians and clowns will amuse the crowds. The parade will start on South Fayetteville street and go north on this street to Depot street, then west on Depot street to Church street, then north on Church street to Salisbury street, then east on Salisbury street to the old court-house site, then along old Main street and Worth street to the north side.

At 2 P. M. various athletic contests will take place at the ball park under the direction of Mr. W. C. King. A number of prizes will be given. Many amusing stunts will be performed.

At 4 P. M. Asheboro and Denton will play a game of baseball at the ball park. Cameron and Cameron will be the pitchers.

At 8 p. m. an old-time fiddler's convention will be held at the court-house, and every musician in the county is invited to be here. Be sure that you hear these people play.

Prizes for contestants in parade will be as follows: Best decorated float: First prize, \$5.00; second prize, \$2.50 or equivalent.

Best decorated automobile: First prize, \$5.00; second prize, \$2.50 or equivalent.

Best clown in parade: First prize, \$3.50; second prize, \$2.00 or equivalent.

Car having five of the heaviest women: Prize, \$3.50.

Car having five of the prettiest girls: Prize, \$3.50.

Worst looking car and ugliest driver: Prize, \$3.50.

The athletic contest will begin at 1:45 p. m. at the ball park, and prizes will be given as follows: 100-yard dash, \$2.50.

250-yard dash, \$2.50.

Running broad jump, \$2.50.

Standing broad jump, \$2.50.

Wheelbarrow race, \$2.50.

Obstacle race, \$2.50.

Other prizes will be given for: Car coming the longest distance, \$2.50.

Car bringing the most people to celebration in one load, \$2.50.

Best decorated business house in Asheboro, prize \$2.50.

Best decorated residence in Asheboro, prize \$2.50.

The car coming the longest distance and those bringing the most people will report at Ingram's filling station to be adjudged for prizes.

Other contests: Pie eating contest open to white boys and girls 16 and under of Randolph county, contest to take place in front of main building in the afternoon. No cost to enter but name and age with post office must be entered with the manager.

Fifty-yard dash and stepping over a hurdle holding an open bottle filled with water on a waiter.

To the contestant who in the quickest and most graceful manner runs 50 yards carrying a waiter with bottle filled with water and half of the distance steps over a hurdle 3 feet high without spilling the water.

To the young lady having the most beautiful hands in Randolph county. For the young boy 16 and under who can run a hundred-yard dash carrying a suitcase containing a pair of shoes, a duster, and hat, also carrying an umbrella, who at the end of the 100 yards takes off his shoes, duster and hat and puts on the clothing articles in suit case the quickest.

The young lady 16 or under who can make the most noise while running 50 yards.

Everybody come to Asheboro and enjoy the day.

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