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UP TO BRITT TO EXPLAIN

His Vaunted "Sincerity and Conscience" Are Put to Test—Weaver Stock Rising.

Asheville, Oct. 9.—Reports received at the Tenth District Congressional headquarters here indicate a daily rise in the stock of Democracy in all parts of the district. Hon. Zebulon Weaver, Democratic congressional candidate, declares that in every section he has visited thus far he has been unable to find even the suggestion of dissatisfaction among the members of the party; that they are standing solidly together for a common cause and expect to show their appreciation of the magnificent administration of Woodrow Wilson not only with a vote for their great national leader, but with a vote for a Democratic congressman from the Tenth who may be depended upon to support the Wilson program at all times. Every indication is that the Democracy of the district is thoroughly united; and harmony reigns supreme.

In his campaign speeches over the district Mr. Weaver has successfully broken down the position assumed by his Republican opponent, who is attempting to regain re-election by riding two parties into the political camp, asking the Republicans of the district to stand by their party lines, and asking for Democratic support because he has on one or more occasions supported Democratic measures in Congress.

Now Mr. Weaver is asking Mr. Britt the pointed question: "Are you going to give your personal support to Woodrow Wilson or to Charles E. Hughes?" Mr. Hughes is declaring that every legislative measure enacted by Democracy during the Wilson administration must be repealed. If Mr. Britt proposes to support him, therefore, he cannot in any manner pose as a man who wishes to uphold the hands of Mr. Wilson in his attempts to give the people of the country what they need in great legislative reforms. Mr. Britt has not answered, because, quite evidently, he is afraid to commit himself. He would, in the event of declaring for Mr. Hughes, have to abandon his game of playing to both sides; and he knows well enough that he can never hope for re-election except with the aid of Democratic votes. And Democrats are reminded by Mr. Weaver that Mr. Britt stands for nothing whatever that is Democratic. He is Republican to the core.

Another matter that is bringing embarrassment to Mr. Britt in the situation is that Mr. Hughes, his national leader, is the man who introduced the issue of sectionalism into the present campaign, in a speech at Butte, Mont. And following that speech the Republican national congressional committee, of which Mr. Britt is a member, formally made it an issue of the campaign. The issue attempts to cast a slur upon the South by insinuating that its leaders are incompetent and its people lacking in patriotism to the flag.

Mr. Britt has professed indignation that this issue has been mentioned in the South, but he does not say that he protested to his

committee against its use North of the Mason and Dixon Line. And now Mr. Weaver has asked him to either stand by this issue, which the national republican party has made paramount in its campaign north, or denounce the party which made it an issue. If Mr. Britt shall confess, therefore, that he still stands as a supporter of Mr. Hughes and the national Republican party, he must at the same time confess allegiance to a party that slurs the Southland and its people.

It seems to remain solely with Mr. Britt to explain his position fully to the people of the Tenth District, and it is evident that he must abandon his policy of trying to carry water on both shoulders. His vaunted "sincerity and conscience" are put to the test.

With the County Schools.

Several of the county schools, having their schedules now in good working order, are already extending their activities beyond the schoolroom routine.

Nebo led off on September 29th with a minstrel show and box supper whereby the school highly entertained the neighborhood and visitors from abroad, at the same time improving her finances by about fifty dollars. The sum will be applied to the equipment of school and dormitory.

Strouttown was at home to the mothers of the district on Friday, October 6. A good program was presented, including an excellent declamation on education by the principal. Refreshments were served, and twenty-five mothers expressed interest in and appreciation of this most important of institutions in their midst. We congratulate the Strouttown school upon having, at this early date, secured such cordial cooperation from the home.

The Upper Graphiteville school offered an all-day entertainment on Sunday, October 1. A children's program in the morning, picnic dinner on the grounds, addresses by Rev. Mr. Knight, Mr. B. L. Lunsford and Farm Demonstrator Bailey, and a sermon by Rev. Mr. Mock, interspersed with pleasant social intercourse, constituted an enjoyable and wholesome neighborhood day.

The Clinchfield school was opened on Monday, the 9th, with an enrollment of 101. Indications are that, in the course of the week, the schoolhouse will be unable to accommodate those seeking entrance.

Democratic Speakings.

Chairman Blanton announces that Hon. Robt. N. Page, the representative of the 7th district, will speak at Marion on Monday night, October 23, at 8 o'clock.

Governor Locke Craig is also scheduled for two addresses in McDowell county. He will address the people at Marion on Saturday, October 28, at 2 o'clock, and will speak at Old Fort Saturday night, the 28th.

Hon. Lee S. Overman, United States Senator, will also speak at Marion on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 2 o'clock.

A cordial invitation is given to all persons to go out and hear these able and distinguished gentlemen discuss public affairs.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

NEBO

Nebo, Oct. 10.—The school here is progressing nicely this year under the direction of Prof. Tyler. The minstrel show and box supper given last Friday night was a success. The proceeds will go to the benefit of the school.

Mrs. Burgess and children of Erwin, Tenn., are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. T. W. Alexander.

Miss Mamie Stacy, who is teaching in the graded school of Rutherfordton, spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Miss Estelle Wilson was shopping in Marion Saturday.

Miss Belle Hunter spent the week-end with relatives in Bridgewater.

Misses Iowa Sigmon and Lottie Wilson, who are teaching at Pitts, spent the week-end here with homefolks.

J. L. Padgett has moved his family to Morristown, Tenn., and Mr. Sam McCall of Linville has moved into the house vacated by Mr. Padgett.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Tyler spent Saturday and Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gibbs, at Marion.

Miss Essie Hemphill left Sunday for Belfont where she opened school Monday.

HARMONY GROVE

Harmony Grove, Oct. 9.—Floyd Lawing, who has been engaged in work at Halltown, spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Long, Oct. 7, a daughter.

Robert Simmons spent a few days here last week with his mother, Mrs. Anna Simmons.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watson died at their home near Bridgewater Thursday and the remains were brought here for burial.

Miss Hettie Crawley spent Sunday here with her mother who has been very ill but is improving.

Hazel, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Crawley, died Wednesday. The funeral services were held at Pinnacle Thursday. Rev. M. L. Kaylor conducted the services. The very deepest sympathy of the people goes out to the bereaved parents.

LAUREL HILL

Nebo, Route 1.—Rev. Mr. Womack of Rutherford county has closed a very successful revival at Laurel Hill, resulting in seven conversions and a number of church members being revived. Mr. Womack preached plain gospel sermons which were well received. He stirred up much interest which will result in great good to the community.

A Sunday school was organized here last Sunday. We were glad to have with us Mr. B. B. Price, of Marion, who gave us a splendid talk on Sunday School work. He made an able plea in behalf of the Sunday School.

Mrs. M. L. Cooper is recovering from a severe attack of fever. Hope she will be able to be out again in a few days.

Best wishes to The Progress.

Lenoir Apples Weigh a Pound Each.

Newton, Oct. 6.—Apples that weigh a pound a piece were brought here today by H. H. Lowery, a newspaper man who has been to Lenoir. They came from the Henkel farm and were of the Dula Beauty variety. No finer fruit was ever shown in Newton. Mr. Lowery stated that the orchard was overflowing with such apples and they were selling at Lenoir for as low as 50 cents a bushel.

The Newton Enterprise says Clyde Rowe of the Southern depot force took a notion the other day to count the trains being handled on this division in one week. He counted 190 trains for the week ending Sunday. The movement of freight is very heavy and passenger traffic is also heavy.

Crooked Creek Credit Union to Be Formed.

Crooked Creek, Oct. 9.—The farmers of Crooked Creek township held a meeting last week to consider the advisability of a credit union organization for the community. After an address by William R. Camp, superintendent of credit unions, the sum of \$130 was subscribed for stock. An organization committee consisting of the following was formed:

J. A. Burgin, C. L. Lytle, S. L. Noblitt, J. M. Gibson, J. S. Lavelendar and M. A. Gilliam. This committee will nominate a board of directors, a credit committee and supervisory committee to recommend by-laws and to report to the next meeting, which will be held at 7 p. m., Thursday, November 2.

At the meeting held at Glenwood, the following farmers were especially interested in a credit union and were authorized to proceed with an educational campaign to secure the necessary co-operation:

T. W. Wilson, B. G. Hensley, J. H. Raburn, A. D. Epley and A. M. Goodman.

It is evident that there is sufficient cooperative spirit in McDowell county to make a good beginning with credit unions. As soon as several Credit Unions have been formed a national farm loan association will be organized.

Do You Keep Bees?

Raleigh, Oct. 7.—In starting the state work in Bee-keeping, a list of those who are interested is needed. Every person who keeps bees and takes special interest in them is urged to write at once to Mr. George H. Rea, Specialist in Bee-keeping, N. C. Extension Service, at Raleigh, stating the number of swarms, kind of hives used, etc. This list will be used in sending out information and arranging visits.

A recent trip in the western half of the state in which over a thousand hives of bees were seen, showed that many swarms will enter the winter with scant supplies, and must be fed in order to be strong in the spring, and this is highly important so that they may take full advantage of the spring honey-flow. The past year has not been very successful, though some of the more skillful beekeepers made satisfactory crops of honey. Skill and knowledge pay in bee-keeping same as in other lines of business.

B. W. KILGORE, Director.

Federal Aid Fund is Apportioned—\$10,000 for McDowell.

Raleigh, Oct. 10.—Apportionments have just been made by the state highway commission of the federal aid money in the first distribution to counties in the state. The larger portion of the federal fund used in 1917, will be spent in the counties worst hurt by the floods of July. Person county gets \$10,000; Madison, \$9,500; Henderson, \$10,000; Burke, \$5,000; Rutherford, \$8,000; Catawba, \$5,000; McDowell, \$10,000; Wilkes, \$25,000; Avery, \$5,000; Johnston, \$4,000; Carteret, \$1,000. The Wilmington-Fayetteville highway, \$7,500; Mecklenburg and Gaston counties, \$10,000.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The annual State Fair will be held in Raleigh October 16-21.

Ringling Brothers' circus is scheduled to exhibit in Spartanburg October 14 and in Charlotte October 16.

Col. John S. Henderson, one of the most prominent and useful citizens of the state, and a former member of congress from the Salisbury district died Monday at this home in Salisbury after a lingering illness.

Poley C. Lail died last week at his home at Conover, from the effects of a fall from a wagon load of hay, two weeks prior. Several ribs were broken by the fall and pneumonia developed. Mr. Lail was 72 years old.

The Boone Democrat says the frosts in Watauga county Sunday and Monday nights, 1st and 2d, were almost light snows. Some of the farmers are of the opinion that the fruit, in some sections of the county, was slightly damaged and the crop is being gathered as rapidly as possible.

One of the greatest fires in the history of Asheville occurred Friday morning when the entire finishing department of the Hans Rees Sons' tannery, with all the finishing machinery and an immense stock of leather was totally destroyed by fire. The loss of the company is variously estimated at from \$300,000 to a half million dollars.

The meeting of the council of the North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs, which was to have been held at Morganton during the month of October, has been postponed until November 15, according to the latest information. The reason given for the postponement was that Morganton had been so badly damaged in the July floods that the streets should be repaired before entertaining so distinguished a body as the women composing the council of the state federation.

The Hickory Record says Deputy Collector P. P. Jones and R. B. Boger, special employe, raided and destroyed a sheet iron still of 110 gallons capacity at a point near the intersection of the Mitchell, McDowell and Burke county lines Sunday night. About 500 gallons of beer were poured out and other things destroyed. The men drove 25 miles from Morganton, and walked 12 miles through wild mountain country to get at their blockader. A few days before officers destroyed a still four miles from where this one was found.

To Form Democratic Club.

In order to further the cause of Democracy in McDowell county, a meeting will be held in the court house in Marion on Saturday night, October 14, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a Democratic club. Speeches will be made by some of the leading Democrats of Western North Carolina. Come and bring your neighbors.

J. D. BLANTON, Chr.

W. M. McNAIRY, Sec'y.