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GOV. BICKETT MAKES STIRRING ADDRESS

Delivers Strong Plea for League of Nations and Defends Revaluation Act in Address Here Last Friday.

On last Friday, October 1st, at the court house, Governor T. W. Bickett made one of the greatest speeches ever heard in local annals.

The Governor confined his address, for the most part, to a strong endorsement and appeal in behalf of the League of Nations. The Governor discussed the League strictly upon its merits, showing under the League plan the impossibility of war should the League be adopted. He reviewed the incidents leading up to the war, its conclusion, and the draft of the League of Nations by President Wilson and his colleagues at the Versailles conference. The fact that all the leading nations of the world except Russia, Turkey, Mexico and the United States have ratified the treaty and the League of Nations, the Governor thought, was indisputable evidence of the soundness of the League principles and sufficient reason within itself that the United States could not afford to remain isolated from the rest of the civilized world, and be classed with the uncivilized nations that have failed to ratify. Speaking of Article X the Governor said that any person who makes the statement that the League of Nations would make it necessary for America to send her sons across the sea to fight again without the act of Congress, was either a liar or a fool. The Governor read a letter from a young captain who made the supreme sacrifice a few days after writing to his mother of the great principles for which America was fighting, the letter itself being a great appeal for such a plan as the proposed League of Nations. The address was listened to by an overflow audience, and notwithstanding the fact that the Governor talked nearly two hours, he received the closest of attention, and at most any time during his address there was such a silence that the falling of a pin might have been heard.

In his defense of the revaluation act, the Governor proved conclusively that the new system of taxation is a system which places the tax burden upon all alike. Under the old, iniquitous system many persons paid more than their just proportional share of the taxes, while others escaped their just part. The Governor gave many instances of such injustices, and showed how, under the revaluation act, such practices in the future would be impossible. It was the first time, the Governor said, that the people of North Carolina had been given an opportunity to tell the truth about the valuation of their property, and the Governor congratulated the property holders of the State for their honesty in telling the truth. Seventy-five per cent of the property holders, under the revaluation act, listed their property at such valuation as was accepted by the boards of appraisers. Twenty per cent failed to list their property at full value and five per cent listed property at such figures as were lowered by the assessors.

Speaking of woman suffrage, the Governor said that he had not felt any necessity for woman suffrage, but now that they were given the right to vote, he appealed to the new voters to vote for men and measures that meant for the best interests of the country. In this he had no doubt of what they would do, and he said that he would be willing for the men to remain away from the polls and leave it to the women to decide by their ballot the great issues that are now before the voters.

In the audience were a large number of women and they showed their appreciation of what the Governor had to say throughout his speech by much applause. Much favorable comment has been heard on the

Governor's great speech and many have volunteered the statement that if the same speech could be made throughout the country there would be no doubt as to the outcome in the November election. The Governor was at his best and spoke with courage and great conviction.

MORRISON MAKES GREAT SPEECH TO BIG CROWD.

Hon. Cameron Morrison addressed an overflow meeting of Democrats at the court house here last night in a speech which is said by many to be the greatest ever delivered in the county. As early as seven o'clock the court house was packed with McDowell citizens, both men and women, and they came with much zest and enthusiasm to hear the champion of their party deliver his great democratic sermon.

Mr. Morrison was introduced by Hon. J. W. Winborne in a happy speech of introduction and the long public career of the candidate was given in a few well chosen words, which made a hit with the audience. The speaker entered the room amid cheers and applause and delivered a two hour address covering every phase of the Revaluation Act, the history of the two parties in North Carolina and the Nation, and his condemnation of Senator Lodge and his colleagues in the senate was greeted with hearty applause. At the name of Woodrow Wilson the people cheered for several minutes and no fair minded person who heard the speech could say that he spoke anything but the truth.

What he said on party unity was great and he answered every argument that has been used in the campaign by the Republicans. He said he loved a Republican better than anybody in the world except a Democrat and he promised them that if they would come to the Democratic party they would receive "free grace and never dying" political love. His discussion of the "Covenant of Proprietary Peace" attracted much attention. No one who heard him read Article 10 and discuss its fair and impartial provisions can say that there is anything in the argument advanced by the Republicans that the League of Nations is a dangerous adventure for the United States.

At the close of his address citizens in great numbers came up and warmly congratulated the speaker, and his visit to Marion will ever be remembered by our people of all classes.

STEWARDS HOLD MEETING.

The stewards of the Methodist church met at the parsonage Monday night and discussed the various phases of the work of the past year and made plans for the coming year. The financial affairs of the church were found to be in good shape and all of the various church causes will be taken care of in full at the close of the conference year.

The stewards expressed their appreciation of the efforts of the pastor, W. L. Hutchins, and unanimously requested that he be returned to his church for next year. A committee consisting of J. Q. Gilkey, D. F. Giles and N. F. Steppe were appointed to draft suitable resolutions to the annual conference which meets at Salisbury on October 20th asking for the return of Rev. Hutchins, and expressing the gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Parker Holmes, presiding elder, for the work that he has accomplished during his four years service on the Marion charge.

Plans were made for the improvement and remodeling of the parsonage. A committee was appointed to have such improvements made as are necessary.

FARMERS UNION MEETING.

The McDowell County Farmers Union will meet at the Farm Supply company's warehouse in Marion next Saturday, Oct. 9, at 1 o'clock. Full attendance is desired as delegates will be selected to the State meeting at Monroe, Oct. 13 and 14.

L. H. Miller, Pres.
C. M. Pool, Sec'y.

TEACHERS HOLD INTERESTING MEETING

Dr. J. H. Highsmith and D. F. Giles Make Addresses—Next Meeting in January.

The teachers of McDowell county held the last meeting of the year last Saturday at the graded school auditorium. Notice of the meeting had been sent out from the office of the County Superintendent and practically all the teachers were present.

The meeting was opened with a short prayer and talk by Rev. W. L. Hutchins, pastor of the Methodist church.

Dr. J. H. Highsmith, State inspector of schools, was present and talked at length on the matter of certification as relating to salaries. Dr. Highsmith's address was very illuminating and threw much light upon the new plan of teacher training and certification. Certification, said Dr. Highsmith, is applying the yard stick to the training and qualifications of teachers, thus regulating the matter of compensation in proportion to the ability of the teacher to teach. He emphasized the importance of adequate salaries, but qualifications, he said, come before salaries. Teachers should be paid according to their earning capacity, for their earning capacity will be in proportion to their ability to teach. Dr. Highsmith so interwove the matter of certification and salaries as to thoroughly convince teachers that they must be qualified to earn high salaries. He also emphasized the importance of the work of the teacher as a means of educating the people to the appreciation of the right sort of teachers, for if once the people understand the importance of good teaching, the people will be willing to pay for it.

Following Dr. Highsmith, Mr. D. F. Giles, of the State Board of Examiners, made a very interesting talk on the work of the State Board of Examiners. He told the plans for the improvement of teachers and the organization of summer schools in the reading circle groups. The Board of Examiners, he said, thought in the terms of the child, rather than in terms of the teacher. In the requirements of teacher training Mr. Giles made it clear that the real purpose was to render service to children through training teachers, the teachers, therefore, being a means to an end. If the end is successfully accomplished, then teachers must be prepared for their part of the work, according to Mr. Giles. Mr. Giles was listened to with close attention and the teachers were much pleased with his talk.

Mr. C. C. Lisenbee, president of the Association of County School Committees, made a short talk in which he expressed his appreciation of the work that the teachers are doing and of his interest in the matter of education. He spoke of the importance of adequate salaries based upon the qualification of teachers to render service. A number of the committeemen were present and expressed themselves as being much pleased with the matter.

Superintendent N. F. Steppe talked briefly of the compulsory school law, emphasizing the importance of schools that attract children, thus obviating the necessity of compelling their attendance. He made it a point that if a teacher makes her school all it should be that there will be little trouble in getting the children to attend.

Plans were set on foot to organize a local unit of the teacher assembly. Under the new plan of organization the assembly is made up of units, every county constituting a unit. The membership fee is \$1.00, fifty cents of which goes to the State organization and fifty cents remaining with the county organization. The Assembly meets at Asheville during Thanksgiving this year, and it is hoped that practically every teacher in McDowell county will attend.

The next meeting of the county

teachers will be held in January, when a department program will be worked out. The teachers will come together for a whole day's work, when work that is being done in the schools will be reviewed and plans set forward for its improvement at the January meeting. The question of County commencement will very probably be brought up at this meeting. If it is decided to hold a county commencement, plans will be set on foot for making it a great day for the cause of education in McDowell county.

WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB GIVEN POINTS

A most enthusiastic meeting of the Democratic women was held at the court house Saturday afternoon, a number of the prominent women of the county being present. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Ed. Dysart, chairman of the Women's Democratic Club, who in a few well chosen words stated the object of the meeting; that it was an open meeting and any question the women wished to ask would be answered by Messrs. Lunsford, Hudgins and Pless, who were present and would be glad to give any necessary information.

Mr. Lunsford addressed the women, telling them he was gratified to see them taking such an active interest in politics and assured them he felt they could have a wonderful influence in purifying politics. He told them where and how to register and answered a number of questions asked, and explained that under the laws of North Carolina a woman must have been in this state two years and a resident of the town or county six months before she is entitled to the ballot.

Mr. Lunsford's address was followed by a question box discussion, which proved very interesting and helpful.

Mr. Pless was then asked to address the women on the League of Nations which he did in a forceful manner, explaining why the enemies prevent the truth to mislead the public for selfish and political reasons, and how there could be no possible objection to the covenant but for the perfidy and treason of the Republican party.

The women are in earnest in their determination to insure a continuance of good government in state and nation.

WAKEFIELD AND ALEXANDER ELECTIONEERING IN McDOWELL

Hon. Lawrence Wakefield and James Alexander, democratic nominees for State senate of this district, were in Marion the first of the week in the interest of their election. They state that conditions throughout the district are very favorable to their election. They found the condition of McDowell quite satisfactory and are well pleased with the outlook for November.

Mr. Wakefield is not without experience in matters of politics, having served in the State senate a few years ago. He is a successful lawyer in Lenoir and is well known throughout the senatorial district where he has many friends. Mr. Alexander is also a lawyer, where he enjoys a successful practice at his home town of Taylorsville. He is a young man of sterling qualities and fine personality. He is popular in his home county where he expects to run far in advance on the county ticket.

PLAY AT GLENWOOD.

"Miss Fearless and Company," a two hour play of three acts, will be given at Glenwood High School, Saturday night, October 16, by ten young women of the school faculty and community. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school.

Quite a number of McDowell women have registered during the past week for the approaching election. News comes from Crooked Creek township that seventy women registered there Saturday—65 Republicans and 5 Democrats.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Oct. 4.—Miss Annie Justice, a graduate nurse of the Mission Hospital in Asheville, visited Miss Emily Mashburn, Sunday.

Issac Joyner of Greenville, N. C., arrived Saturday to enter the Old Fort High School.

Harry Burgin left today for Raleigh where he will attend King's business college.

Miss Geneva Allison visited Cora Laus Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. L. N. Mock arrived Saturday from Winston-Salem to spend some time with her son, Rev. R. F. Mock.

Miss Thelma Grant spent the week-end with homefolks.

Miss Gertrude Durham returned Saturday from Knoxville, Tenn., where she has been visiting her mother.

The Green River Baptist Association held its annual session in Old Fort last week, closing Friday night.

Miss Nannie Nichols, who is attending school at Forest City, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

Miss Margaret White of Asheville visited in Old Fort last week.

A revival meeting is being held at the Baptist church this week. The pastor, Rev. C. P. Holland, is assisted by Dr. Adams of Rutherfordton. J. C. Greene, Jr., spent Saturday and Sunday in Old Fort.

The teachers of the Old Fort High School attended the teachers' meeting in Marion, Saturday, Oct. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Marshall took several of their friends out camping up on Curtis Creek for the week-end. Those in the party were Misses Mary Burgin, Ethel Miller, Elizabeth Biddix, Clara Griffin and Messrs. John Artz, Eugene Keeter, Herbert Duncan and Fred Bradley.

Telephone subscribers in Old Fort were disappointed Monday morning when they were informed that the telephone service in Old Fort had been discontinued. The public will demand telephone service. Why not form a stock company in Old Fort and buy the system? Rightly managed, it should be a paying proposition.

The Saxon family, who spent the summer in Old Fort, have returned to their home in Florida.

Some of the progressive citizens of Old Fort have signed up for a four-day Music festival to take place in the spring. The entertainments will be given by the best talent in the country. It will be a treat to those who attend. Such a movement means education to the community and deserves the unanimous support of all the people.

NEBO

Nebo, Oct. 4.—On Friday evening, Sept. 24, the ladies of the Community League gave a play, Aunt Jerusha's Quilting Party, in the school auditorium. Notwithstanding the fact that it was pouring rain a large number of people were present and thoroughly enjoyed the review of an old fashioned quilting party. To Mrs. E. L. Tate, the coach, and her co-workers, who gave up many hours of pleasure and rest while preparing this program, the school owes a hearty vote of thanks.

After the play the ladies sold ice cream and cake. For two of the cakes couples both old and young enjoyed old-fashioned cake walks. Miss Hattie Taylor and Mrs. Anna Alexander won the first cake and Mr. Watson Wilson and Miss Mabel Morrow, the second. The receipts for the evening were \$47.45.

Before the play the school children vied with each other in selling tickets. Miss Louise Alexander sold the maximum number and received the prize of \$2.50.

At a call meeting of the Communi-

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