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## POLITICAL SPEAKINGS IN McDOWELL COUNTY

### Strong Addresses By W. A. Self, Robert Williams and Congressman Weaver.

The Democrats of McDowell county are waging the most aggressive campaign in the history of local politics. In order that the people may hear the issues of the day discussed by able speakers, speaking engagements are being made at many centers in the county.

On last Thursday night, Hon. W. A. Self, of Hickory, made a stirring address at the Clinchfield High School building. A great crowd was present and listened to Mr. Self with close attention, as he discussed the revaluation act and the League of Nations. Mr. Self pointed out clearly that the revaluation act equalizes the tax burden, placing it on the people in proportion to their ability to pay it. The League of Nations was explained clearly and those present, after hearing Mr. Self's explanation, understood that the great League does not make it necessary for nations to again go to war, but that its purpose is to prevent war.

On Friday night, Captain R. R. Williams, of Asheville, spoke to a packed house at the auditorium of the Nebo High School building. A large part of the audience was ladies and Mr. Williams lived up to his reputation as a speaker. He talked on State issues, the great world war, and the League of Nations. Captain Williams served in the late war with distinction. The large crowd at Nebo were, therefore, fortunate in being able to hear a man who could talk, not from precept alone, but from example. He drove his points home with grand flights of oratory and convinced the large crowd that the League of Nations is the greatest instrument ever devised by man, the purpose of which is to prevent war.

On Monday night Congressman Weaver spoke to the largest crowd ever assembled at the auditorium of the Old Fort Graded school. Long before the hour of the speaking had arrived, the auditorium was filled to its maximum capacity and many were not able to find room even in the aisles.

Congressman spoke briefly of the State issues, making the main part of his speech on the national questions, especially the League of Nations. He swept the large crowd off its feet in his dramatic appeal for the support of the great instrument which will forever abolish war from the face of the earth. Congressman Weaver had before him a copy of the draft as now submitted for ratification, and he read many of the leading articles, explaining them in detail. It is said that many who had never heard the League question explained before, expressed themselves as greatly disappointed in the manner in which they had been misled as to the content and provisions of the great compact. The speaker reminded the voters that the only way that they could help to secure the ratification of the League of Nations was to vote for Governor Cox, on the Democratic ticket. Governor Cox proposes to enter the League of Nations, and Senator Harding, the Republican candidate, proposes to stay out. At the conclusion of the great speech, a large part of the audience rushed to the front, a number of whom were ladies, to congratulate Mr. Weaver and to assure him of their support on November 2nd.

The meeting at Old Fort was by far the most successful political meeting ever held at this place. The people came out to hear the great questions discussed and were eager to know the truth. The fires of patriotism and democracy ran high, and if there were any Democrats present who had grown luke-warm, from every indication there were none left whose hearts and soul were not re-dedicated and re-consecrated

to the cause of democracy.

The feature of the meeting was the introduction of the county candidates who were given a great ovation by the large enthusiastic audience present.

### LAEL-JAMES.

On last Thursday morning at nine o'clock the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. James on East Court street was the scene of a simple but pretty home wedding when their daughter, Miss Loma, became the bride of Mr. Clarence Lael. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. L. Hutchins in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The living room was artistically decorated in yellow and white for the occasion.

The vows were spoken before a large mound of ferns, on either side of which stood tall white pedestals twined round with vines, and each pedestal held a large basket of yellow chrysanthemums tied with yellow tulle.

Preceding the ceremony Miss Naomi Wells of Rutherfordton sang "At Dawning."

When Miss Edna Tate struck the opening chords of Mendelssohn's wedding march, little Jack James, brother of the bride, and little Wm. J. Wilkinson, dressed in suits of black velvet and white satin, carrying white ribbon, entered the living room and stood on each side of the mound of ferns. Next came little Miss Virginia McConnell, ring bearer, dressed in white net and carrying the ring in a silver basket. The ring bearer was followed by the bride and groom. During the ceremony Miss Edna Tate played softly. "My Isle of Golden Dreams."

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom slipped away in a car, to the great disappointment of a great number who were prepared with rice and old shoes.

Mr. and Mrs. Lael have a host of friends who wish them every happiness. Their popularity with both the young and old and the love and esteem the people of the town have for them was evidenced by the many beautiful wedding gifts.

Many out of town guests were present, among whom were: Miss Naomi Wells of Rutherfordton, Miss Etta Gray of Spencer; Mrs. W. H. Hagar, James Hagar, Mrs. John Hawkins and daughter, Miss Julia, Miss Thelma Alexander, and Mrs. W. R. Deal and daughter, Miss Lela Belle, of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Cline of Hildebrand, B. B. Gillen of Greensboro, R. O. Huffman of Morganton, A. Sawyer of Old Fort, and Misses Emma Redman and Amelia Galloway of Brevard.

### GRADED SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR SEPTEMBER

Primary Department: Reba Parker, Annie Ray Jones, Charlotte Winborne, Archie Byrd, Dula Hawkins.

Grammar School: James Hendley, Louise Tate, Ella Smith, Kate Cowan, Elizabeth Conley, Jeanette Gilkey, Josephine Schafhausen, Edwin Finley, Owen Morrow, Margaret Craig, Lila Mae Lonon, Dorothy Tanner, Florence Yancey, Clyde Moody, Dorothy Gilkey, Mildred Holton, Mary Kellah Ouzts.

High School: David Blanton, Simmie Cross, Julia Cogdill, Sara Conley, Mildred Hudgins, Alma Link, William Story, K. Lucile Conley, Jack Justice, Josephine Bush, Alice Roan Cross, Irene Franklin, Elma Houck, Luna Wall.

Distinction Honor Roll: Carlton Gilkey, Guyon Whitten, Kathryn McCall, Frances Holmes, Pearl Lewis, Alice Holmes, Ben Wilson.

### ARMISTICE DAY WILL BE OBSERVED NOVEMBER 14.

Sunday, Nov. 14, has been designated by President Wilson for observance in this country as Armistice Day and on that occasion flags will float at half mast in honor of the American soldiers who laid down their lives that the great day might be established.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

#### OLD FORT

Old Fort, Oct. 12.—Miss Emily Masburn visited friends in Marion Monday and Tuesday.

Misses Mary Hoffman and Fay Tate spent Saturday in Marion.

Congressman Weaver spoke at the Old Fort school auditorium Monday night to a large and enthusiastic crowd of men and women voters.

Grayson Bailey was in Marion Saturday on business.

Clyde Miller, Sr., has returned from Florida, where he was called on account of the sudden death of his father.

Miss Anna Schrock spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brown in Asheville.

Miss Helen Davis spent Friday and Saturday in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Early and little son have returned from a visit to relatives in Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCurry and daughter, Frances, spent Saturday and Sunday in Old Fort.

The Camp Fire Girls of Black Mountain gave a play entitled, "Spruce Cone and Bunch-Berry," Friday night of last week at the auditorium.

Jack Fortune of Asheville spent Sunday and Monday in Old Fort.

Theo. Carver killed a black bear at the Conley house a few miles north of Old Fort one day last week.

Annie White spent last Monday in Marion.

Dr. Delia Dixon-Carroll will speak Friday morning at 10:30 in the Old Fort school auditorium.

Miss Pearl Evans spent the week-end with Mrs. Robert Spears at Ridgecrest.

Mrs. P. C. Harmon was shopping in Asheville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Early were in Marion Sunday with friends.

Mrs. R. L. Jordan is in the Mission Hospital where she will undergo a serious operation.

Mrs. Ben LeFevre is visiting relatives at Connelly Springs.

Miss Cora Lewis and Mr. Melvin Dean were united in marriage Oct. 11th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jordan. The marriage was a quiet affair, being witnessed by a few intimate friends.

Two black bears have been killed recently in the mountains north of Old Fort. This has created some excitement and a big bear hunt is planned for next Saturday.

#### HANKINS

Marion, Rt. 3, Oct. 11.—Miss Anna Wall has returned to take up her school work again after three weeks' stop for fodder.

Grady Davenport of Carlyle visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Dysart and daughter, Mrs. Peyer, of Kentucky, are visiting Mrs. C. F. Barnes in Morganton.

Joe Hall of High Point is visiting homefolks here.

Robert Erwin has returned home from Canton, Ohio, to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Erwin visited friends at Nebo last week.

Mr. Wise of Burke county is visiting his daughter, Mrs. George Cooper.

Quite a number of people from Hankins attended the fair at Spruce Pine last week and report a pleasant time.

Mrs. S. W. Cannon was shopping in Marion last week.

J. M. Edwards made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Mrs. Grayson Craig of Glenwood visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Whetstone, last week.

Grady Davenport and Howard Carpenter will leave this week for Canton, Ohio.

There will be a cake supper at Hankins school house Saturday

night, Oct. 16. Everybody invited to attend.

#### CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, Rt. 1, Oct. 11.—Thomas Goforth of Glenwood visited his sister, Mrs. T. A. Porter, the latter part of last week.

A crowd enjoyed a bean shelling at the home of Will Nichols Saturday night.

We are glad to welcome C. S. Bailey's new wife in our midst.

William Porter of Swannanoa is visiting his brother for a few days.

Miss Frances Hicks, who is teaching school at Ashford, spent the week-end with homefolks.

We are all busy making molasses and getting ready to sow wheat.

A crowd of young people enjoyed a pleasure trip up Curtis Creek Sunday.

Mrs. James Luther of Old Fort spent Sunday with homefolks here.

Miss Annie Bradley spent the latter part of last week with homefolks.

Leonard Bailey, who holds a position with the Noyes Land and Lumber Company on Curtis Creek, spent a few days last week with relatives here.

#### ASHFORD

Ashford, Oct. 11.—S. M. McCall and J. O. Wilson made a business trip to Switzerland, Saturday.

Vernon Wilson is spending a few weeks with homefolks here.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Claton and children have returned from a visit to Asheville.

Miss Hicks, assistant teacher here, spent the week-end with homefolks in Old Fort.

Mrs. T. D. Crockett and Mrs. F. A. Keefe made a visit to Hickory Friday.

The eight-months-old baby of John McGee died Wednesday night with whooping cough.

Mrs. Charlie Pyatt is seriously ill. Dixon Brown, who has been seriously ill with typhoid, is improving rapidly.

Mrs. Charles Laughridge of Marion spent the week-end with her mother here.

Mrs. J. E. Swofford of Pitts is visiting here this week.

#### CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, Oct. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gilliam of Asheville are visiting relatives here.

Dan Davis of Cedar Creek visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. John Harris Gilliam spent last week with relatives in Marion.

Miss Addie Lavender, who is teaching at Curtis Creek, spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Mrs. Callie Davis of Asheville is visiting her father, John Hoyle.

Lee Lavender is teaching at Belmont.

Mrs. A. W. Lavender and little daughter, Lois, have returned from Henrietta, after spending some time with the former's mother, Mrs. C. L. Erwin, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis of Old Fort visited Mr. and Mrs. Nat. Davis Sunday.

Mrs. Ross, known as "Grandma" Ross, is suffering from severe injuries received in a fall some days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan and children of Curfew visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Dock Morris of Old Fort was buried at Cherry Springs Saturday.

#### CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Oct. 11.—J. A. Swann is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. C. D. Holland spent Friday in Stroudtown at the home of her uncle, W. M. England.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Parker and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Holland.

Ed. Holler spent last week in Hickory.

Miss Lena Swann of Marion spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Mrs. Rhinehart of Hickory spent the week-end with her niece, Mrs. Ed. Holler.

M. A. Swann of Marion spent Sunday with relatives in this vicinity.

## POPULATION OF THE NATION ANNOUNCED

### Figures Show 105,683,108 People in the United States—Increase of 13,710,842.

Washington, Oct. 7.—The 1920 population of continental United States was announced today by the census bureau as 105,683,108. This was an increase of 13,710,842 or 14.9 per cent since 1910.

Today's total does not include the population of outlying possessions, which will be announced as soon as the figures for Alaska and the military and naval services abroad are tabulated. It is estimated, however, that those possessions have 13,250,000 inhabitants, so that the total number of people living under the American flag is in round numbers 118,000,000.

The figures for continental United States compare with 91,972,266 ten years ago and 75,994,575 20 years ago.

The increase for the last ten years however, fell 2,266,849, or 6.1 per cent below that of the preceding decade.

Director Rogers, of the census bureau, in a formal statement, attributed this reduction to the almost complete stoppage of immigration during the world war, an increase in immigration during the same period, deaths in the influenza epidemic of 1917-18 and war casualties.

The statement noted that the trend of population from the country to the city had been greatly accentuated since 1910. For the first time in the country's history, it said, more than half the entire population was now living in urban territory.

Preliminary tabulations, Mr. Rogers said, showed that 54,816,209 or 51.9 per cent of the people were living in incorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more and 50,866,899 or 48.1 per cent in rural territory.

This situation was clearly reflected in the figures as to farms in the country, which also were made public today. These placed the total of farms at 6,459,998, an increase of only 98,496 or 1.5 per cent in ten years as against an increase of 624,170 or 10.9 per cent during the decade ended in 1910.

In the table showing the relative population rank of all the state North Carolina stands 14th. In 1910 North Carolina was 16th and in 1900 the state stood 15th.

### ROBBERS IN ASHEVILLE.

Finding that all efforts of the police and city detectives have failed to bring to justice the perpetrators of 17 robberies that have been reported in Asheville during the past three weeks, a number of Asheville people are preparing to employ detectives from some large city to try to get evidence which will end the robbery menace.

The straw that broke the camel's back is the report that the thieves entered the room of Commissioner of Public Safety R. I. Fitzgerald, and stole clothing valued at \$200. Houses, stores and residences in all sections of the city have been entered and robbed and no clues apparently have been left behind.

### BIG CORN CROP FOR NATION.

The 1920 corn crop promises to be the largest in the history of the country by more than ninety million bushels.

The yield of 3,216,192,000 bushels, compared with the previous record production of 3,124,746,000 bushels in 1912 was the forecast Friday by the Department of Agriculture from a condition of 89.1 on October first. The yield will exceed that of last year by practically 300,000,000 bushels. Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri will contribute practically all the increase.

Two-thirds of all farmers in America own their homes. Two-thirds of the city dwellers do not own their homes.