

GASTONIA LODGE, NO. 53, LEADS STATE IN MEMBERSHIP

With Total Membership of 320 Gastonia Lodge is Ranking Pythian Lodge in North Carolina - Asheville Second - Grand Lodge In Session Today - Dokie Day Thursday.

With the conferring of the rank of Knight upon 27 candidates Tuesday night before the Grand Lodge, Gastonia Lodge No. 53, Knights of Pythias, wrested the leadership in Pythian lodges in North Carolina from Pisgah lodge, Asheville, and stands today the premier lodge in point of membership in the State with a total of 320 members.

of Salisbury, and J. A. Seales, of Madison, are also being urged for the same office. The friends of Mayor R. G. Cherry, of Gastonia, and one of the most prominent fraternal men of the State, are urging his election as Grand Vice Chancellor of the Grand Lodge.

Charlotte has four Past Grand Chancellors, viz.: T. S. Franklin, W. M. Lyles, J. G. Baird, and A. E. McCausland.

The advance reports show a substantial increase in membership during the past year. There are 106 lodges in the State of North Carolina.

The Pythian Home reports that they have at Clayton 42 children, three of whom will graduate during the year. The home is under the direction of C. W. Pender. Thanksgiving and Christmas day the home received outside donations of \$993.76.

Thursday the "Dokies," the sunshine branch of the Pythian order, will have a big ceremonial in Gastonia, following the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, at which time a number of candidates will be introduced into the mysteries of Dokieism.

On every incoming train, representatives are reaching Gastonia tonight and doubtless a hundred members of the order will be added to those already on the scene. About 50 members of the order from Charlotte are here in attendance on the Grand Lodge session and meeting the representatives and officers of the Grand Lodge of the State.

The grand lodge session is honored with the presence of Supreme Vice Chancellor William Ladew of New York city, who is the second highest officer in the Pythian order in the United States. President Harry W. Wade of Indianapolis, head of the insurance department of the Pythian order is also a guest.

Following are the grand lodge committees: Grand Tribunal - Leonard Vyne, North Wilkesboro, 1922; J. H. Kennedy, Gastonia, 1920; W. A. Goodman, Salisbury, 1921.

Trustees of Orphan Home - Charles W. Horne, Clayton, 1925; George L. Hackney, Lexington, 1921; Charles Dewey, Goldsboro, 1924; G. Herbert Smith, Acme, 1923; Thomas H. Webb.

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MR. R. B. BABINGTON, Founder and President North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital

MAJOR BULWINKLE WILL PROBABLY BE NOMINEE

With Judge Council Out of the Race Major Bulwinkle Will Become Democratic Nominee - Judge Council's Friends Urge Him to Remain in Race.

Major A. L. Bulwinkle, leader in the congressional race, stated to The Gazette this morning that if Judge Council adheres to the statement made by him Saturday night in telephone conversation with Major Bulwinkle, and published in Sunday's Charlotte Observer, that he will withdraw from the race unless he is the highest man, there will be no second primary to decide the nominee.

In this connection, however, the following from the Hickory Record, under the heading "Council Urged to Remain in Fight," will be of interest:

"Although Judge W. B. Council, candidate for Congress, is disinclined to enter a second primary, preferring no further agitation of the voters this summer, he has been hearing from hundreds of friends throughout the district who urge him to remain for the final battle and win.

"On the face of returns, Major Bulwinkle has a lead of about 800 over the Hickory man, but this may be lessened when the official returns are in.

"Awaiting them and a decision of his friends, Judge Council will sit steady and determine his course later on."

The Charlotte Observer says: "That A. L. Bulwinkle, of Gastonia, is the nominee of the democrats of the Ninth district for Congress, unless Judge W. B. Council, of Hickory, enters as second man in the second primary, was the belief expressed by lawyers and politicians here yesterday, who stated, however, that there still may be a chance for A. L. Quickel, third man, to contest with Bulwinkle, in case Judge Council does not enter.

"The prevailing belief among lawyers and politicians seems to be that when a candidate is eliminated in the first primary, he is not permitted, under the election laws, to enter the second primary, regardless of the action of the second man, who may eliminate himself, thus leaving only the first man, in which case a second primary would not be necessary.

"Judge Council is reported to have announced several days ago that he would not enter the second primary unless he was high man in the first primary. If this announcement is accurate and Judge Council declines to enter the second primary, the general belief is that Bulwinkle will have no opposition in the second primary.

"With returns from all of the 10 counties in the Ninth district reported, the relative standing of the five candidates for the democratic nomination for Congressman Hoey's place remains as it was yesterday morning. Bulwinkle leading Judge Council by about 600 votes.

"Returns received yesterday give the following totals: Bulwinkle, 4,668; Council, 4,083; Quickel, 3,406; Marvin Ritch, 1,929; J. M. Peterson, 1,322."

The following letter has been received by Major Bulwinkle from Hon. A. L. Quickel, of Lincolnton: Lincolnton, N. C., June 8, 1920. Maj. A. L. Bulwinkle, Gastonia, N. C. Dear Bulwinkle: From the best information I can get it

G. O. P. FINDS LEAGUE OF NATIONS HARDEST NUT OF ALL TO CRACK

CHICAGO, June 9.—Final shifting of issues for the republican national platform began today in a special sub-committee of thirteen while the remainder of the full resolutions committee of 53 continued to hold open house to hear last minute suggestions and advice.

The league of nations question, conceded to be the hardest nut still uncracked by the platform workers, was the centre of speculation everywhere as the sub-committee began its deliberations, and delegates scanned carefully but without final conclusions the make-up of the bakers dozen entrusted with the real job of writing the league planks. It included two senators irrefragably opposed to the treaty, two senators who voted for it with reservations, and nine other men whose attitude has been less clearly defined.

On the program of the hearings before the full committee were several events regarded as likely to hold the interest of the members and perhaps start some new row among them. Included in those who were to appear during the day were Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who brought with him some suggested labor planks and a delegation headed by Frank P. Walsh, asking that the party declare for recognition of the Irish republic.

The subcommittee has for its chairman Senator Watson, of Indiana, who also is chairman of the resolutions committee. He is understood to have prepared a league plank fashioned in part after that adopted by Indiana republicans, but Senator Borah, of Idaho, aided by Senator McCormick, of Illinois, is expected to offer an amendment designed to make the declaration nearly coincide with the views of the treaty irrefragables. The fourth senator at the subcommittee table is Smoot, of Utah, who with Senator Watson, voted for ratification of the treaty with reservations.

PYTHIAN ACTIVITIES TODAY AND TOMORROW

- Wednesday: 9 a. m.—Grand Lodge Session. 12 m.—Dinner. 2 p. m.—Grand Lodge Session. 5 p. m.—Automobile ride of officers and representatives over the city of Gastonia. 6 p. m. to 8 p. m.—Barbecue at Armstrong Park. All Pythians and their families invited. 8 p. m.—Grand Lodge Session. Thursday: 9 a. m.—Grand Lodge Session. 12 m.—Dinner. 2 p. m. to 4 p. m.—Registration of D. O. K. K. Candidates. 5 p. m.—D. O. K. K. parade. 6 p. m.—D. O. K. K. banquet. 7 p. m.—D. O. K. K. Ceremonial, Armory Building.

appears that you have won first place in the contest for the democratic nomination for Congress in this district, and that I stand third in the race.

While it is always disappointing to lose, it is very gratifying to me that this honor has come to you. Your campaign has been of such high order that I feel the same kind friendship for you that has always existed between us, and from this on I am for you just as heartily as if I had never contested with you.

I want to pledge you my hearty support in the race that you still have ahead of you, and predict that you will win in November as easily as you have won this time.

Your friend, A. L. QUICKEL.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY MARKS CORNERSTONE LAYING OF N. C. ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL

After Eleven Long Years of Waiting R. B. Babington Sees Realization of Hopes - Governor Bickett Makes Memorable Speech - Crippled Children Present Add Realistic Touch to Scene - Grand Lodge Masons Lay Cornerstone - Many Visitors in Gastonia.

Declaring, as he stooped down and lifted in his arms to the view of the audience a five-year-old, twisted, crippled, club-footed boy, that it was worth more than all the money in the world to be able to make such as he able to run and jump and play as other boys, Governor T. W. Bickett brought to a conclusion an epochal event in the history of Gastonia, the laying of the cornerstone of the N. C. Orthopaedic Hospital at Babington Heights Tuesday, and in the opinion of those who heard him, closed one of the best speeches ever delivered by him. The occasion, staged amid most auspicious surroundings, and attended by a huge crowd of spectators and visitors, marked the culminating climax of eleven long years of hard work, consecration and faithful devotion to a cause dear to the heart of a Gastonian, Robert B. Babington, the founder and president of the institution.

In 1909 he first conceived the idea of erecting a hospital that should care for those children of sound mind and crippled bodies. For eight years he labored independently. In 1917 the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina appropriated an amount to help in the erection and maintenance of the institution. Such in brief is the history of an institution that now seems destined to take its rightful place among similar schools in the State which care for the deaf, the dumb, the blind and the insane of North Carolina.

Governor Bickett's speech came as the fitting conclusion of a day whose activities had been carefully planned and executed. Beginning with a parade that included the Oasis Band and Patrol, of Charlotte, the Grand Master and Grand Officers of the Masonic Grand Lodge, officers of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Knights Templar, Scottish Rite, Chapter and Master Masons and Pythian Drum Corps, the procession finally stretched into a caravan of automobiles three miles long extending from Broad street in Gastonia to the Hospital site. Preceding the procession was a patrol of mounted Knights Templar who acted as marshals.

The exercises at the hospital were in charge of Grand Master J. C. Braswell, of Whitakers. Following the invocation by Grand Chaplain J. H. Henderlote and music by a specially selected chorus choir, Mr. Stonewall J. Durham in a very excellent address told of the claims that the institution held upon the citizenship of North Carolina. He cited the claims of benevolence, of economy, of justice, and the constitutional right that crippled children had to ask for aid. He said that from an economical standpoint this institution deserved the support of the State, for no failure in life had ever gone out from an orthopaedic hospital. Untrained and uncurable cripples are beggars on the street. He showed how North Carolina had cared for her deaf, dumb and insane people, but had neglected the cripples. Following Mr. Durham, Lieutenant Governor Gardner, in a short but very appropriate speech, declared that the motto of every North Carolinian should be "above all, humanity." He said that the human factor is the greatest factor in North Carolina government today. Mr. Gardner gave a short history of the Hospital, paying eloquent tribute to "his friend, Bob Babington," the founder of the hospital. He recalled the fact that he and Mr. Stonewall Durham, while members of the North Carolina General Assembly in 1917, had drawn the bill authorizing the establishment of the institution. Mr. Gardner showed how the State of North Carolina is answering the call to humanity by the establishment of juvenile courts, welfare workers and other humane agencies throughout the State.

At this juncture the formal and impressive ceremony of laying the cornerstone was performed by the Grand Lodge. Officers taking part were Grand Master Braswell, Deputy Grand Master Everett, Senior Grand Deacon Dilling, of Gastonia, Junior Grand Deacon Thompson, of Gastonia, Grand Architect Peeps and Grand Marshal Marvin. There were placed in the cornerstone the following articles: The Bible, four coins, a copy of the program of the day, a photo of the building, a photo of President R. B. Babington, newspaper clippings, a copy of the Methodist and Presbyterian church bulletins which carried pictures of the building, the year-book of the Woman's Club of Gastonia for the year 1919, and a copy of the Grand Lodge

proclamation ordering the ceremony. Adding a saddening touch of realism to the scene was the presence of some ten or twelve crippled and deformed children from over the county. Many of them were unable to walk and had to be lifted bodily to the platform. There were some with simple deformities of the limbs, crooked and twisted feet, and others with complete paralysis of the lower limbs.

Governor Bickett in the beginning of his speech took occasion to pay a well deserved tribute to the beauty of the site on which the hospital is located. High above the surrounding country, it is situated on the top of a knoll 1,050 feet high, commanding a superb view of all the surrounding territory. From the porch of the hospital the outlines of no less than eight nearby towns and cities can be clearly discerned. Neighboring knolls in every direction push their way to the sky and the landscape is dotted with fertile fields, stately farm houses and picturesque wooded areas. Far to the east on a clear day, the outlines of the skyscrapers in Charlotte are visible. To the north the hill country of Spencer Mountain and Dallas rises in undulating waves of furrowed soil and ripening grain fields. To the south low lying mounds and mountains, topped with the full verdure of burgeoning spring, stand as mute reminders of some age-old glacial-period or other cataclysmic terrestrial disturbance. To the west, across and beyond the humming, throbbing, busy manufacturing center of Gastonia, hemmed in by a hundred smoke stacks, towers Crowders and Kings mountains. Said Governor Bickett: "It is good to be here for this high and noble ceremony on this beautiful site. These fertile valleys, these everlasting hills, the soft blue sky above, the mellow sunshine, the life-giving tonic of this air—all are an inspiration that appeal to that spark of divinity in those whom God has made in His own image."

Governor Bickett gave a short history of the institution, saying that the perpetuation of the idea of an orthopaedic hospital was due to the boundless energy, unconquerable faith and consecrated enthusiasm of R. B. Babington and Miss Lena Rivers Smith. Quoting the Bible story of David and Jonathan and the service done Mephibosheth, the cripple, Governor Bickett said that North Carolina proposed to see that all unfortunate children are cared for. He cited the growth of the movement for humane institutions. "Seventy years ago," he said, "there were no institutions save court houses, county jails and poorhouses. In 1848 a bill was introduced to create a home for North Carolina's insane, but it was overwhelmingly defeated.

"North Carolina proposes to straighten out the crippled limbs and bodies of her wards and give equal opportunity to these unfortunates along with the healthy children and without handicap. Seventy years ago, there was not a humane institution in the State. We maintained courthouses, jails and poorhouses, but nothing for God and humanity. In 1888, the agitation for institutions of this character came up and today there is one at Goldsboro; one at Morganton; school for feeble minded at Kinston; Jackson Training school; and tuberculosis hospital at Sanatorium. Last year 5,000 afflicted and unfortunate were cared for by the State at an expense of \$1,340,000."

Citing the fact that North Carolina is awaking to the needs of her children, Governor Bickett pointed out that in the education of her 800,000 children North Carolina was spending \$4,000,000 more this year than last. The General Assembly had increased the school tax from 29 cents to 65c on the thousand dollars.

Governor Bickett warmly defended his taxation program, saying that this was the age of constructive statecraft.

Rev. H. H. Jordan pronounced the benediction after which a splendid luncheon was served at the Lory cafe-teria.

In addition to the Grand Lodge officers named, the following took part: S. N. Boyce, grand treasurer; W. W. Wilson, grand secretary; W. T. Grigg, senior grand deacon; J. L. Curry, grand pursuivant; J. E. Lindsay, grand steward; L. R. Mauney, grand steward; and W. D. Young, grand tiler.

Mr. R. B. Babington was the recipient of many congratulations throughout the day as a result of the event. It was a happy day for the founder of the institution and his friends rejoiced with him.

REPUBLICANS STILL AT SEA AS TO WHO SHALL LEAD

No Sign of Preference Comes From Those Whose Votes Will Select Candidate - No Demonstrations For Wood, Lowden or Johnson.

(By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, June 9.—Delegates to the republican national convention assembled at the Coliseum today for the second session with their views as to who shall lead the party at the polls next November still a mystery, even to themselves.

While giving uproarious approval yesterday to Chairman Lodge's keynote address calling for destruction of the "Wilson dynasty," not a sign of any preference came from the thousand whose votes will select the republican presidential candidate to undertake the job. There were no demonstrations, even for favorite sons; no mention of the "big three" among the aspirants, Wood, Johnson and Lowden.

Working with unprecedented freedom from centralized leadership or "boss" controls, the delegates promptly ratified a program designed to make permanent the temporary organization. Adoption of the organization committee's report, a foregone result, will place its gavel, in Senator Lodge's hands as the permanent presiding officer and set the convention off on the second stage of its journey with little prospect that it will reach a ballot on the presidential nomination before Friday or possibly Friday night.

Out of other developments yesterday, however, which placed Senator Watson, of Indiana, at the head of the platform building machinery, the resolutions committee, and made Edward D. Duffield, of New Jersey, chairman of the credentials committee, General Wood's lieutenants

drew much comfort. Both men are delegates instructed for Wood. Frank Hitchcock, invested yesterday with the authority of supreme commander over the Wood field forces, saw a "psychological" advantage to his candidate in the "victory."

Leaders who, in other days, were the mainpring of party action, did not share Mr. Hitchcock's views. They continued to talk much of Governor Lowden's gaining strength; while from camps of Senator Johnson and the Illinois governor came assertions from the candidates themselves that they were "satisfied" with the situation, coupled with expressions of optimism as to the outcome of the balloting.

The election of Wood men to the two important chairmanships was regarded by the Wood supporters as tending to aid in holding delegations instructed for him in line during the balloting. Admittedly, any development which would have that effect would be valuable to any candidate.

Aside from guesses as to what the more than 500 uninstructed delegates will do when the roll is called for their votes, the main topic of conversation, assertion, counter assertion and conjecture has been the number of ballots through which the "big three" can hold the lines of their instructed cohorts. Should their forces remain firm indefinitely, the

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