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WITH DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

Big Crowd at Raleigh Last Week From all of North Carolina.

(Bion H. Butler)

Last week I tagged along with others from the rural region to the state convention at Raleigh. The road is getting in right good shape most of the way, and the trip is attractive at this season of the year. Curtis McLeod, who is a forward looking fellow, had secured lodging for a bunch of us at the new Sir Walter Hotel, a fine big structure that is already overrun with business. But the thing that struck me there was that while several of us country jays had our names on the register, and went there to sleep, as soon as we located our quarters we footed over to the Yarborough to see who was on the trail. And there they all were, and presumably there they all will be as long as rural North Carolina heads at intervals toward the capital.

At the new house the doctors were in convention, and instead of signs of McLean for governor the things on display were surgical instruments, and medical preparations, and plunder of that sort. And the bunch of doctors, good fellows as there are in the world, made you feel as if you would be given a dose of apagohanko or have a leg sawed off, when what a fellow wanted at this time was to fall in with the man who would tell how Hammer will fare in Yadkin county or whether Pete Murphy will sew up McAdoo for Brock in North Carolina.

Funny how you get in the habit of herding up at the familiar place, and the way some of the crowd registered at the one hotel and then hurried over to the other was suggestive of the man who breaks away from home as soon as he eats supper, and then thinks he is staying close to the family if he gets back to the house to go to bed after the wife has tucked all the kids in and wound the clock and put the cat out. So we gathered at the Yarborough, and men stood round, and fought over the battles of other years, and pinned McLean buttons on the fresh fish that steadily streamed in, and when I say McLean buttons that is what I mean, for I saw only one Bailey button from the time I left home until I got off the train on my return to Southern Pines. That was on Doc Alexander, who came down on the train with me. I will be fair enough to say I was not at the meeting Mr. Bailey held in the court house Wednesday night, where I imagine the buttons should be more abundant than the one I saw, for I cannot conceive Mr. Bailey is so helplessly outnumbered in a general way as the signs at the Yarborough indicated.

I found at the Yarborough house one man who said he was for Bailey, and I was much surprised that I found no more. That does not necessarily delude me into the belief that Mr. Bailey has no following, although I could not understand why more of them were not making themselves known. And it was still further an unusual thing to me to note the tremendous applause that followed the name of McLean at the auditorium when the convention was in session, and the painfully small amount that came out with the mention of Mr. Bailey's name. The good natured laughter that followed the Bailey applause was more noisy and prolonged than the applause. The good nature at the convention was pleasing. I have seen democratic conventions, as well as other ones, where when the reporter said that great excitement prevailed he told the truth. But we were as docile on Thursday at the Raleigh convention as though we were a bunch of little lambs frisking on the green clover. Everybody declined to be indorsed for anything presumably for the sake of a wonderfully broad sentiment of unselfishness, but between you and me, I doped it out, rather for the purpose of preventing a

digging up of what the old timers in our section called a ciaymore in their youthful days. Brock and Murphy and the Daniels fellows were so sweet to each other that I know it will be worth while to watch the gentle debate when they really play for blood.

In our Moore county delegation it was of a similar character, only our folks have no particular hostility up their sleeves to bring home for the future. Spence was named as a delegate to the Federal convention, Burns as a vice-president of the convention, some others for other posts, and we all looked pleasant and several of us rode home in the other's fellow cars wholly different in our attitudes than before the primary law had taken all the kick out of a state convention. Sometimes I think the boys of this generation are missing something that the older one of us found interesting twenty or thirty or forty years ago. But then my boys point out to me that after the gray heads are bowed the boys will encounter some novelties that the old ones are going to miss by moving too soon.

The thing that made the biggest impression on me at the convention, where a fair sprinkling of the probably 2,500 present were women, was the utter defiance of all that Southern chivalry of which we heard more a few years ago than now, for the knights of last week saturated that big auditorium with tobacco smoke and the women were obliged to tolerate it through the whole session. As women have come into the right to join with men in public gatherings I am going to suggest for the comfort of the women that cigars and cigarettes, in common decency be left outside.

Some whiskey was in evidence at the hotels during the days of the meetings, and the folks who went down for the convention were not the only ones who had trouble to say shibboleth distinctly. But even at that there was less evidence of whiskey in this occasion than was the rule in the past before Mr. Volstead won fame with his celebrated act of congress. Prohibition is more of a success than some folks are aware, but those of us who remember yesterday as well as today know that this is a fact.

AMERICA GREATEST FIELD FOR WRITER

James Boyd Tells Kiwanis Club Something of Writing as an Industry

At the meeting of the Kiwanis club Wednesday at the Highland Pines Inn, James Boyd, one of the most promising writers of the country, talked a little about the industry of writing and the conditions that govern it. Mr. Boyd showed his audience that never in the world was the industry of writing on such a broad and satisfactory basis as today, both because the English language as developed in America is the most powerful and flexible language in the world, and because as time goes on and especially as development takes place as it is taking place in the United States the writer has so much more material from which to draw his facts and on which to base his creations in the domain of fiction.

Also he never had so wide a market for his work, for in the older days the printing press had not reached the ability to turn out mass production of printed pages, nor had the magazines and other publications found such a vast reading population as now. He compared the production of much of the modern literature with the production of other things, automobiles, for instance, of which the cheap ordinary car like the Ford sells in great numbers while the high-priced car sells a few in a community. But he argued that as men advance in material directions better cars and better literature will become more common.

The club received a proposition to join other clubs May 10 in a meeting (Continued on page 8)

GREAT DAY AT THE FARM LIFE SCHOOL

Special Commencement Sermon by the Rev. George Hanna, of Pinehurst

Last Sabbath, April 20, was a commencement, sabbath at the Farm Life School at Eureka. A large audience that taxed the seating capacity of the large auditorium assembled to hear the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class of nineteen splendid young men and women. Rev. George W. Hanna, pastor of the Pinehurst Presbyterian church, was the speaker for the occasion. He chose for his text the fifth verse of the forty-fifth chapter of Jeremiah, the words of the prophet to his young secretary Baruch. The speaker said that, like all normal young men and women, this young man was ambitious to get on in the world, to do something great and to become great in life. But he met a bitter disappointment. His hopes had been dashed to the ground. He had fallen into disfavor with the very ones on whom he felt he had to depend for the success of his ambitions, and he cries out in his disappointment: "Woe is me, for the Lord hath added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest." Then the prophet came to him with the message of the text: "Seekest thou great things for thyself, seek them not."

There is our nature that quality of mind and of soul that causes to admire and to desire the great.

We stand to look at the great river of water and our hearts are thrilled by the impression of its greatness. We look out over the great ocean and we are overawed by our sense of its greatness. We look at the great range of mountains and we feel like saying with the Psalmist: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made Heaven and earth."

We feel something of the same admiration for great men. We remember how we felt when we first saw the governor of our state. Never can we forget when we first looked upon the President of our country, how we were thrilled with the thought of the greatness of the man and his great office. And then we remember when we were permitted to look upon one of the kings of earth, and how we thought of the great place he occupied among his fellow men. I think God has implanted in us this quality, this spirit of admiration, and I think it is a part of our very beings. We could not rid ourselves of it if we would and we would not if we could.

What then shall we do with this quality, this spirit that admires and that desires the great? Let us say first of all that we ought by the grace of God to sanctify it, to take self out of it. What is wrong in our national capitol today, with all its investigations, all its corruption, all its turmoil, all its incrimination and recrimination? I think our answer must be that it is unsanctified ambition, self-seeking has come into the mastery in the hearts and lives of the men who are being held up before a scandalized nation. What is wrong with the restless world today, with all its degradation, all its hatred, and all its uncertainty everywhere? Again I think our answer must be that unsanctified ambition, self-seeking is at the bottom of it all. That was the trouble with the young man, Baruch, to whom the words of our text were addressed by the Prophet of God, and is the trouble with many a restless heart and life of today. The message of the Prophet is applicable today: "And seekest thou great things for thyself, seek them not."

After we have sanctified our ambitions, what then? Then we ought to dedicate our ambitions to the service of our fellow men. What do we mean by a dedicated life? Let us answer in the language of the Apostle Paul: "This one thing I do, forgetting the things that are behind and

reaching forth unto the things that are before, I press on toward the goal of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Those who have found a place in the "hall of fame" in our national capitol are those whose lives have been dedicated to an unselfish service to their fellow men.

The speaker then briefly emphasized three objects that ought to be had in mind and for which we ought to strive in our consecrated search after that which is great, great faith, great hope and great love. "For now abideth faith, hope, love, these three." Everything else is transient, unenduring. In seeking these three we need not bridle our ambition. On the other hand we spur it on by every stimulus at our command, and the more we stimulate it, the more we urge it on, the more nearly we shall attain to that ideal of true greatness of life and life's attainments. The more free rein we shall give to such an ambition the more nearly we shall attain to the ideal set forth by our Master himself when he said: "He who would become greatest among, let him be servant of all."

And so, my young friends of the class of 1924, let me offer you the injunction of the Prophet: "And seekest thou great things for thyself, seek them not." And may all our ambitions be purged of self and dedicated to that high ideal that shall cause us in the highest possible sense to be a blessing to our fellow men.

PEACH TREES SUFFER WINTER KILL

As the peach trees come out in leaf it is discovered that many trees are affected by the winter kill that gets some of the young trees in a severe season after a milder fall. The damage seems to be confined to the young trees and the extent of the damage is not yet known. The fruit crop is continuing to show up good, and the harvest will be as big as anybody is looking for.

MAKING PROGRESS IN DENTAL CLINIC

Miss McQueen Reports Six Hundred Cases in February and March

A report from the County Nurse, Miss McQueen, on the subject of the dental work that has been set on foot in the county for the benefit of the younger school children, shows that 600 cases were handled from the time the work commenced February 6th until April 1st. Of the cases 381 were found to have defective permanent teeth. Of these teeth 774 fillings were provided, ranging from one to six for the child. Temporary teeth to the number of 436 were taken out. The teeth cleaned totaled 583. The value of the work done ranged from one dollar to fourteen dollars.

The significant feature about this work is that it has been done for the children in the small schools, many of them far from the towns where dentists are found, and among children who are not very fully apprised of the importance of caring for the teeth. The hope is that it has established in the communities a much better understanding of the needs of the teeth of the children, and that it has saved the teeth for the days when they will be needed.

The number of schools contributing to the cost of the work has been 27, most of them small schools, the amount contributed reaching \$567.01. A few of the small schools have not yet made any contribution, but Miss McQueen says she is in hopes all will join the work of financing the movement. She says that as most of the small schools are closing now, the dentist will go to larger schools as they send in funds, and she is expecting the full amount, which is a dollar for each child of the age the clinic reaches, which is from six to thirteen years. When the schools close the dentist will be in the Red Cross office every Saturday morning and children from the school she has vis-

WAYLAND COOKE PREFERS McLEAN

Bailey's Conversion in Politics Does Not Fool the Farmer Very Much

(Gibsonville Post)

Dear Mr. Editor:

I have observed in your paper several articles with regard to the gubernatorial contest.

I have known both Mr. McLean and Mr. Bailey ever since I was a college student. The great majority of my kindred are farmers and I certainly feel a great interest in the welfare of the farmers of North Carolina, but the idea of looking upon Mr. Bailey as having an unselfish interest in the welfare of the farmers of North Carolina, separate and apart from any ambitions of his own, to me is ludicrous. His recent conversion in politics ought not to fool the farmers of North Carolina. He has taken many positions about many things and many of them entirely contradictory. Only a little while ago he was the most active machine man in North Carolina and only when he found that he couldn't get the undivided support of the machine in North Carolina did he break with the machine.

I am for Mr. McLean for governor. I have known him a long time. He never deceives any one. He makes no promises he cannot keep. He does not try to incite the people in order to derive from it a political advantage for himself. If anybody ought to know something about farming and what the farmer needs certainly Mr. McLean should know, as he owns about forty-five hundred acres of land and is one of the largest and best farmers in eastern North Carolina. He knows what it is to follow the plow handles himself and has by personal experience gone through all of the stages of a farmer's boy on the farm doing the work himself to the position of owning a farm where he could occupy a higher position.

Mr. Bailey opposed Will Kitchen when he ran for governor. He opposed Max Gardner and Page when they were candidates for governor, and in fact he has been the ring leader in machine politics in North Carolina for so long that he will have a hard time convincing the people of North Carolina that his recent conversion means anything, except a camouflage, by which he can get into office.

Mr. McLean is an elder in the Presbyterian church, and a man who has been successful in almost everything he has undertaken in life due to the fact that every man who has any dealings with him feels assured that he makes no promises that he cannot keep and performs to the letter every obligation that he incurs. He is a man of fine judgment, of poise and gifted to a remarkable degree with that rare quality known as executive ability, which is so necessary to one occupying the position of the Governor of North Carolina. I believe that he will make us a splendid governor, and if I did not think so I would not recommend him to my friends in North Carolina for this position.

With all good wishes, I am Sincerely yours, A. WAYLAND COOKE

ited may make an engagement for further work there.

The colored school children will be looked after when the white schools have been completed. The work is costing \$300 a month, but Miss McQueen figures that it is a tremendous saving to the children, for by the terms of the arrangement with the dentist the children are cared for at a marked reduction from regular rates, and also it is to be borne in mind that the children who are served in this way would in many cases neglect their teeth until too late to do much for them. She is greatly encouraged with the success of the movement.

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