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IS BAILEY THE FARMERS' FRIEND

His Record Discussed by Mr. G. K. Grantham, Member of Legislature of 1919

When did Mr. Bailey become the friend of the farmer?

The views of a candidate for public office are subject to analysis to ascertain if he offers a safe leadership to follow. Mr. Bailey talks a great deal about taxes. This is not a new subject with Mr. Bailey. He has discussed taxes many times and often, and there is no position that he has at any time taken on any phase of the tax question that is not directly in conflict with the position that he has taken on the same question at other times. Until he became a candidate for Governor, all of these positions were hostile to the farmer and small land owner.

Mr. Bailey's first serious effort to reform the tax system of the State was in his sponsoring the proposed taxation amendment to the Constitution, which was voted on in 1914. This provided for "segregation," on the theory that the State would take all the ad valorem and otherwise taxes on all the property of railroads and all other corporations for State revenue, and leave to the counties, cities and school districts only the property of individuals to tax for all local purposes. This amendment, though favored by Mr. Bailey, was largely defeated by the people, and mainly for the reason that they did not want the counties to be deprived of all taxes on railroad and other corporation property. Mr. Bailey is now complaining, though the counties have all the ad valorem taxes on railroad and other corporate property.

In December 1923, just a short time before he announced his candidacy for Governor, he proposed in public addresses that the farm land should be taxed on the basis of its earning power, and that unimproved land should go tax free. Under this scheme, a rich man who held unused farm land or city property for speculative purposes only would pay no tax on his land, while upon the other hand, if a small farmer, by diligent effort and hard work, made his little farm highly productive, he would be compelled to pay a very high tax. In other words, farmers who were diligent, thrifty and economical, would pay all the land tax, and the speculator would pay no tax even though he should own thousands of acres of unused farm lands and thousands of dollars worth of unimproved city property. This proposal was so outrageous that, on December 17, 1923, Mr. Bailey "changed his mind," and practically "took it all back."

In the Legislature of 1919, there were fifty-five farmers. These men felt that farmers should have genuine relief from the burden of taxes, and that land and personal property should be exempt from taxation for all State purposes. The question arose as to how this vast sum of money could be raised so as to relieve land and personal property. It appeared that there were many rich men in the State who were earning large incomes. It also appeared that there were hundreds of rich and powerful corporations earning tremendous sums of money each year. The Legislature thought that more of the burden of taxation should be placed upon those who were able to pay and not upon the farmer and small home owner. It was therefore proposed that a constitutional amendment be submitted to the people permitting the levying of a tax upon the incomes of these corporations and rich capitalists.

Who appeared as the only champion of the capitalists and corporations? Mr. Josiah W. Bailey, now candidate for Governor. Do not take my word for it. Read the News and Observer of February 11th, 1919, read the Greensboro Daily News of the same date. Read the record in the Charlotte Observer. Read the record in the Raleigh Times of February 11th, 1919, where the exact words of Mr. Bailey are recorded. Listen to Mr.

Bailey's own words on that occasion, as follows:

"If you want some revenue right badly, assess the lands of North Carolina, thirty-three million acres of them, at their market value, as is your constitutional duty," he (Bailey) thundered, turning to Maxwell, "and you will get some revenue, all that you need. Why don't you do it? Is it easier to make corporations shell out once more? Why, in North Carolina, hogs are valued at less than I pay for a ham," he shouted, "goats, sheep, jacks, lady jacks, etc., are very low down."

Victor S. Bryant, of Durham, was a member of that Legislature. He has gone to his reward, but in him the farmer and the small home owner had a mighty friend and special privilege a mighty foe. He was in favor of the income tax amendment and took part in the debate with Mr. Bailey. Bailey turned upon him with the remarkable declaration that "dogs in Durham are taxed higher than mules." Now, listen to Bryant's withering reply to Bailey, as follows: "Anything short of this income tax will bring anarchy. Your plan of running down the man with the cow and letting the man with the income go is not fair." Read the record for yourself in the News and Observer of February 11th, 1919.

So you have the famous "Hog and Ham" and "Dog and Mule" speech of Mr. Bailey. Was he the friend of the Farmer and small home owner when he was so strongly advocating that nearly four million dollars of additional revenue ought to be laid upon land, hogs, goats, jacks, sheep and mules? If so, then I shall be compelled to say: From such destructive friendship, "Good Lord, deliver us."

Then Mr. Bailey was the bold champion of the capitalist. Then, his chief fear was that the corporations would be compelled to "shell out once more." Then, he was in favor of making the farmer and small home owner "shell out." Yes, "shell out" four million dollars from land and goats and hogs and mules.

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TOBACCO CO-OPS MAKE GOOD REPORT

Good Prices and Friendly Relations With Manufacturers are Announced

The co-operative tobacco farmers held a meeting in the Vass warehouse Saturday at which they heard some substantial reports from John R. McQueen, the director from this district, and the members in session were able to go home well satisfied with the conditions that have been attained by the organization. At the meeting were also George R. Ross, head of the state bureau of markets, and T. D. McLean, of the cotton association, and both of these men addressed the association on co-operation and marketing. Both men are thoroughly posted on the situation, and they told some things that cleared the skies to a considerable extent.

Mr. McQueen's talk was largely in the nature of a report of the work of the management of the tobacco association. He told his hearers that not only had prices been good, but that closer relations are being established with the manufacturers. At the beginning of the association's work some doubt was felt as to the willingness of the manufacturers to encourage the association. But during the past winter tobacco has been sold to all of the big buyers, and with one exception the contact between association and buyers is becoming decidedly encouraging. The association has introduced into the tobacco trade one feature that is of wide reaching influence, and that is the job of grading the leaf and establishing the grades. Heretofore every buyer on the open market was his own judge of grading, and little of the tobacco was intelligently graded at all, and every sale was a guess sale. But in the co-operative association the first thing that is done is to grade the tobacco, and when it is offered for sale the buyer of the big factory and the seller for the association can confi-

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PATRIARCH DIES AT JACKSON SPRINGS

Daniel Clark Called at the Advanced Age of Ninety-three Years

Niven Daniel Josephus Clark died at the home of his son, J. P. Clark, here Wednesday morning, May 4th, at 2 o'clock, at an advanced age following an attack of pneumonia. He was born November 26, 1830, in Montgomery county, moving to Moore county with his family in 1835 where he has since made his home. He was the last of a large family of children and the only one to reach ninety-three, the age his father died. He was a man of temperate habits, never drinking to excess, and stopped the use of tobacco many years ago. In 1870 he had an attack of typhoid fever which was the only time he was confined to his home with sickness until recently.

He was the oldest man in the community and one of the oldest in the



N. D. J. CLARK,

county. He was one of the oldest alumni of the University of North Carolina, graduating from that institution in 1858 at the age of twenty-eight, with second honors. He left one class mate, but there is a question in the community whether it was Major Bingham, of Asheville, or Major Chas. M. Stedman, of Greensboro, who represents the fifth district in Congress, and the only Confederate Veteran in Congress.

After graduation he taught school for a long period except during the Civil War, when he was captain of militia under Zeb Vance. His school here was a success. When a young man he left here for college he ranked high. Leading business and professional men who were his pupils have died at an advanced age. His training bore fruit. Among those who went to school to him were the late John Blue of the Aberdeen and Rockfish railroad. Rev. Dougald Monroe who died at his home near Red Springs a few days ago was one of three brothers of Dr. J. P. Monroe, of Charlotte, who attended his school and later became Presbyterian ministers. The three brothers have all died. Among the associated survivors are Rev. J. M. Clark, of Statesville, evangelist for Concord Presbytery, Rev. W. H. Lawhon, chairman of Moore County Board of Education, now active in his eighties, Arran W. E. Capel, of Troy. Many looking for greater opportunities went away to seek their fortunes.

Mr. Clark was a great help to a grandson in high school this winter in explaining problems. He readily and quickly gave help. He had never been known to sit down in a spelling match, even in later years. His memory was remarkable. He was an authority on the history of this section.

He was a strong democrat, taking great interest in politics. In his younger days he was an old time whig. Up until about three months ago he went daily for his mail, and sometimes would be seen walking along the road reading. He was interested in the Teapot Dome Scandal and tried to keep up with it in his declining health. The gubernatorial

campaign he was interested in. He knew Wilton McLean, holding some office in church, as trustee of the Theological Seminary at Richmond, and as a business man. He knew Bailey because he was a reader of the "Old Reliable," and watched the legislature.

Mr. Clark had been an elder in the Presbyterian church for years. Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, from the church by his pastor, Rev. R. G. Matheson, assisted by Rev. W. L. Wilson, of Hemp, a former pastor. Interment was made in the cemetery beside that of his wife who preceded him to his grave several years. He was faithful to his church and attended regularly up until about three months ago. Since then he had been out but once. That was on Easter Sunday when Mac Clark, of Statesville, preached. Rev. Clark grew up in this community, and was an old student. Communion services were held.

He leaves one daughter, Miss Janie Clark and two sons, M. A., and J. P. Clark; one daughter, Mrs. W. L. Holiday, died several years ago. Two of the three grand-daughters are students at the North Carolina College for Women, one graduating this year. Both girls came home for the funeral.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR SALE OF SANDHILL POWER COMPANY

Rumors have been afloat to the effect that the Sandhill Power Company has been sold. This is not correct. Negotiations have been in progress and it is possible the sale may take place in the near future, but before a deal is closed certain things will have to be arranged. A definite statement will not be possible before next week, if then. The Carolina Power and Light Company, of Raleigh, through their New York office, is carrying on the negotiations.

BIRDS PLENTIFUL AROUND SANDHILLS

Varieties from North and South Meet Here at Common Boundary Line

At the meeting of the Kiwanis Club at Southern Pines, Dr. Achorn of Pinebluff, talked to the gathering on birds of the Sandhills. He told the members that here is a point of unusual interest to bird lovers, as many of the migratory birds of the North make the Sandhills the limit of their southern journey while they meet here the birds from the South which come this far northward and then return southward again in the spring. Northern robins comes to the Sandhills in the fall as the southern robin is preparing to wind up his summer here and move back toward the milder climate. Many birds from everywhere are here at one period or other of the year, and no other section of the country has as many distinct varieties of birds as the North Carolina Sandhills.

Dr. Achorn is an enthusiastic hunter of birds, but not with a gun. He uses a glass and a camera. He has built up a bird society at Pinebluff, and that society is one of the assets of the Sandhills. Many persons from distant points come to Moore county to study the broad range of birds found here, and it would be surprising to know how many strangers who have been attracted by the birds, have become interested enough to buy homes and stay during the winter, year after year. Dr. Achorn says that while the men come to play golf many of the women come here to study the birds, and the colony of bird lovers has grown until it is a big factor in the winter population. Many eminent persons are among the colony of bird friends which has its center at Pinebluff.

Dr. Achorn recommends a bird refuge in this section where migratory varieties may be safe from shooting so that the bird population may be given a chance to survive. Gradually the encroachments of civilization are

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ELISE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Will be Held May 18-20—Other News from the Hemp Section

The Elise high school commencement will be held May 18-20. The opening exercises will be on Sunday morning when the commencement sermon will be preached at 11 o'clock by Rev. F. M. Bain, of Lillington. Mr. Bain is a graduate of Elise high school, and we are always glad to welcome back our own boys who are doing such splendid work in advancing the Kingdom of God. Mr. Bain will address the Christian Endeavor Society at 7:30 p. m.

On Monday night at 8 o'clock the Recitation and Declamation contest will be held.

Program

Farfelleta, Pauline Smith and Swannie Reynolds; declamation, The Flag We Follow, Charles McRae; recitation, The Dying Boy, Pearl Helm; March de Concert, Aureade Frye; recitation, An Old Sweetheart of Mine, Eugenia Bain; declamation, Abraham Lincoln, Giles Lytle; Sing, Robin, Sing, Gladys Brown and Helen Frye; declamation, The Southern Soldier after the War, Odell Butler; recitation, Sister and I, Aline Trogden; Autumn Days, Virginia Brown and Etta McFadyen; recitation, The Correction of Bennie, Swannie Reynolds; declamation, The Modern Cain, De Witt Helm; In the Merry Month of May, Spring Dance, Good Bye, by primary class and Louvine Kennedy; Floating Song, Swannie Reynolds.

The senior class exercises will be held on Tuesday, May 20, at 11 a. m. The program follows:

Salutatory, Richard Spainhour; History, Pauline Smith; Statistics, Collier Bridgers; Poem, Grace Auman; Piano Duet, The Soldiers' March, Pauline Smith and Swannie Reynolds; Grumbler, Charles McRae; Impersonator, Leta Ritter; Will, Jeanette Hipson; Prophecy, Mayme Lewis; Trophy Oration, David Stucky; Valedictory, not decided; Class Song.

The following is the program of the Graduating Exercises, Tuesday, May 20th, 1:30 p. m.:

Invocation. Faust Waltz, Aureade Frye and Louvine Kennedy; Presentation of Medals and Awards, Rev. W. L. Wilson; Literary Address, Rev. W. E. Hill, Fayetteville; Presentation of Diplomas.

On Tuesday, May 20th, 8 p. m., a play, "The Thread of Destiny, in three acts, will be given. Scene, Virginia; time, the Civil War.

The senior class of the Elise high school are as follows:—H. Collier Bridges, Dan A. Currie, Samuel H. Currie, Occia Currie, Etta Currie, Annie H. Davis, Mary Duke, John Evans, Jeanette Hinson, Mayme Lewis, Giles Lytle, Swannie Reynolds, Leta Ritter, Richard Spainhour, Pauline Smith, David Stucky, Bonnie Teal, Lela Teal, Charles McRae.

Elise Presbyterian church was opened on Easter Sunday. Rev. C. E. Clark, of Carthage, preached a splendid sermon at the morning service; appropriate music was rendered by the choir, and Mr. W. G. Carter, on behalf of the Building Committee, presented the church to the congregation and Rev. W. L. Wilson received it from him. The church cost \$5,000 exclusive of the five-corner lot presented by the trustees of Elise high school, and the furniture. It is a handsome brick building with basement Sunday school rooms. The evening service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Cummings, pastor of Tabernacle M. E. Church, who delivered a fine address.

Mrs. R. W. Orr, of Statesville, a daughter of Dr. Daniel McGilvary, for many years a missionary to Siam, visited Rev. W. L. Wilson whose father, Dr. Jonathan Wilson, was Dr. McGilvary's associate in the mission work in Siam for 54 years. Mrs. Orr and Mr. Wilson were both born in Siam and enjoyed comparing childhood memories.

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