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EDITORS HAVE MID WINTER MEETING

J. W. Bailey Makes Address—Sessions Devoted Largely to Business

Members of the North Carolina Press Association met in a mid-winter session at High Point last week, the meeting proving both enjoyable and helpful. The program was devoted to business questions and the editors generally felt that the discussions of problems common to the fraternity were quite worth while. The outstanding speech of the sessions was delivered by Mr. J. W. Bailey, probable gubernatorial candidate in 1924. Mr. Bailey spoke at the close of a banquet given Thursday evening by the Rotary, Kiwanis, Civitan Clubs and Chamber of Commerce of High Point. He outlined the forces and factors in the present test of civilization. His discourse was thoughtful, his argument being backed by facts of history. It was couched in language characteristic of the scholar and whether those present agreed with the speaker or not, they were certainly given something to think about. It is our purpose to reprint the gist of Mr. Bailey's speech either in this or an early issue of this paper.

Among the social features of the press meeting was a trip to the Thomasville Orphanage Friday where an elegant luncheon was served. Automobiles from Thomasville and High Point transported the members of the association to the Orphanage going over fifteen miles of hard surfaced roads between the two towns in record time. The luncheon was a courtesy of the Thomasville Rotary Club, served by young ladies of the Orphanage. Dr. M. L. Kesler, General Manager of the Orphanage, was toastmaster. Mr. J. W. Noell, of Roxboro, was called on for the invocation after which the Kindergarten tots of the Orphanage sang a welcome song. These tiny boys and girls as they marched into the dining-hall some of them with musical instruments to accompany the singing captured the entire audience and were warmly applauded. Mayor T. E. Jennings made an address of welcome to which Mr. A. W. Burch of Charlotte responded on behalf of the editors.

Mr. Aribald Johnson, who has been a member of the N. C. Press Association for a number of years, but who was never host to his brother editors before, gave a "Bit of History" concerning the Orphanage and the work of John H. Mills, who was formerly closely associated with the Orphanage.

Miss Kate Johnson sang two beautiful selections after which Dr. C. A. Julian boosted "Thomasville, the Chair Town" until those present were convinced that Thomasville is one of the best towns in the state. He reviewed the history of the chair industry from the time when an old man in the country sold from a dozen to a dozen and a half chairs each week which he had made himself, down to the present when the output is such that there are enough chairs made within the city to furnish every man, woman and child in the town a new chair each morning if they wanted one.

The luncheon came to a close with Dr. Julian's address. Music was furnished for the occasion by the Main Street Methodist church orchestra.

The last business session of the Association was held Friday afternoon at which the resolutions committee gave its report.

Among the propositions endorsed by the Association was one offered by Mr. Roland Beasley, of Goldsboro, which favors the plan of the state furnishing aid to mothers of fatherless children to enable the family to keep together rather than sending the children to orphanages. Such a bill has been introduced in the legislature. The editors also went on record as appreciating the value of water transportation from this state to northern points, but did not definitely endorse Governor Morrison's plan of a state-owned ship line.

An invitation for the Association to meet at Blowing Rock next summer was accepted and the time will probably be the last of June.

Out of the Mouths of Babies
Kind Old Gentleman: "How do you like school, my little man?"
Little Man: "I like it closed, sir."
—Judge.

J. BRYAN GRIMES DIES—PNEUMONIA

Secretary of State since 1900—Legislature Adjourns Out of Respect

Col. J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State since 1900 died at his home in Raleigh Thursday night after a brief illness of pneumonia. He was fifty-four years of age. The funeral took place Saturday afternoon at 3:30, conducted by Rev. A. Milton Barber, rector of Christ church, and interment was made in Oakwood cemetery. From ten o'clock Saturday morning until time for the funeral services, the body of Colonel Grimes lay in state in the rotunda of the Capitol. State offices were closed, the flag lowered at half mast, and the Capitol Building was draped in black out of respect for the former official of the State. Friday the General Assembly adjourned until Monday night and the Legislators in a body attended the funeral. Numbers of friends from all over the State also attended the funeral.

Col. Grimes was one of the outstanding men in the State, having an active interest in Agriculture, history, and education. His chief interest, however, was in farming, and he did not take an active interest in politics until his name went before the Democratic Convention of 1900 as a candidate for the office of Secretary of State, which he held from 1900 until his death. From that time he was an active figure in politics and it was only his refusal that kept his name from being presented as a candidate for Congress from his district in 1898. He held the chairmanship of his party in Pitt county from the time he was twenty-one years old until he was elected Secretary of State.

As a result of his active interest in farming, he has been an active member of several organizations which were designed to aid farmers in their problems. Among these were the Farmers Alliance, the State Grange, and the Farmers Union. When the co-operative marketing system was introduced in North Carolina, he took a prominent part in its promotion and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association when he died. He was also one of the most active members of the N. C. Agricultural Society in promotion of the State Fair along sane lines, and for years he was a member of the State Board of Agriculture.

The following short history of his life was taken from Friday's News and Observer:

Coming from a distinguished family J. Bryan Grimes was born in Raleigh, June 3, 1868, the son of General Bryan Grimes, one of the heroic officers of the Army of Northern Virginia during the War Between the States, and Charlotte Emily Bryan Grimes, the daughter of John Heritage Bryan, a noted lawyer and a member of the United States Congress.

His early life was spent at Grimesland in Pitt county, where, until he reached the age of twelve, he received instruction at the hands of private tutors. At a later period, he was a student of the Raleigh Male Academy, then under the control of Fray and Morson. He received further preparation at the Trinity School, a church institution at Chocowinity, and at Lynch's School at High Point, and later attended the University of North Carolina. In later life some of his finest thoughts were given as a member of the board of trustees of this institution, to the development of the University.

After leaving the University, he prepared himself for a business career by a course in the Bryant and Stratton Business College of Baltimore, and with the death of his father, he, along with his brother Alston, came early into responsibilities in connection with the large landed possessions of the family.

In his administration of the office of the Secretary of State, the work of the department has been broadened and systematized and throughout the State, that department is known for its promptness and courtesy in meeting the needs of the people it serves. The increase in the corporate business of the State, the growth of the automobile industry has increased several times the amount of the work of the department.

CHILD HURT WHEN MACHINES COLLIDE

Six Year Old Son of Mr. E. N. Coats in Hospital as Result Auto Accident

Thurman, the six-year old and only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Coats who live near Wilson's Mills, met a very serious accident Friday morning when the car upon which he and his father were riding was struck by the State Highway truck. The accident occurred in front of Mr. Coats' home as the car was being carried around to the house to make preparation for bringing it to town to have some repair work done. The child was standing upon the running board and when the truck, which was coming up behind Mr. Coats struck the car, he fell and was caught between the car and truck, the truck dragging the car with him caught between for some distance before it was brought to a stop. When the truck was finally stopped and efforts made to extricate the child, he was found lying face downward. Upon being raised up his scalp fell over his face.

He was immediately rushed here to the hospital and examination was made by Doctors Hooks, Wharton and Tyner, who are hopeful of his recovery. Besides being completely scalped it was found that his back was bruised and that he had received internal injuries. At this writing (Monday) he is resting quietly and is some what improved.

It is thought by the witnesses to this tragedy that there were no brakes on the truck, but in the rush to get the boy to the hospital, no investigation could be made. It was thought too, that the driver of the truck did not see the car as it was being driven along by a fence until it came through a gate and started across the road. The driver turned quickly but the truck ran into the car, and dragging it along, knocked down a corner post of the fence, a mail box and a telephone pole before it stopped.

The beauty of the house is order,
The blessing of the house is contentment,
The glory of the house is hospitality.
—House Motto.

ment since he went into the office in 1900, but the improvement of the office machinery has kept pace with the demands made upon it.

The systematizing of records, invaluable for the preservation of the history of North Carolina, was one of his important contributions to the department and to the State. The history of his State and the desire to see it accurately recorded was almost a passion with him. In this connection, it should be mentioned that he was a member of the North Carolina Historical Commission, a member of the executive committee of the State Literary and Historical Association, a member of the Board of Managers of the North Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution. His enthusiasm for Confederate history and the welfare of the veterans of the Confederacy was generally known.

His address on June 10, 1905 at Bethel, Virginia, on the occasion of the unveiling of the Virginia-Carolina monument and Wyatt memorial is regarded as a highly valuable contribution to North Carolina's war record. In booklets and pamphlets he has set down the results of some of his historical researches, and at his death he was the owner of one of the most extensive private historical libraries in the State. Among the works credited to him are: "Notes of Colonial North Carolina;" "Abstracts of North Carolina Wills;" "North Carolina Wills and Inventions."

Colonel Grimes, in his fraternal connections, was a member of the Masonic order, Knights of Pythias, and Junior Order United American Mechanics.

The first marriage of Colonel Grimes occurred November 14, 1894 when he married Miss Mary Octavia Laughinghouse, daughter of Captain J. J. Laughinghouse, of Pitt county. Mrs. Grimes died at Grimesland December 2, 1899, leaving one daughter, Helen Elsie Grimes. On February 3, 1904, Colonel Grimes married Miss Elizabeth Forrest Laughinghouse, also a daughter of Captain Laughinghouse. She together with three sons by this marriage survive him.

FEDERATION MET HERE SUNDAY P.M.

Will Meet Next Sunday Afternoon at Smith's Chapel—List of Members

The Johnston County Christian Laymen's Federation held a meeting at the Methodist church at 3:30 Sunday afternoon with seventeen members of the Federation present and seven ladies, who were interested in the work to come out. The President, J. A. Keen requested F. H. Brooks to take charge of the meeting and he did so, calling on the congregation to join in singing "Stand up for Jesus," after which Rev. D. H. Tuttle led in prayer. The congregation then sang "It is well with my soul."

Judge Brooks read the Scripture lesson from First Samuel ten to the twenty-fifth verses and read the entire 11th Chapter, and made a few remarks on the organization and its work, and then called on Brothers J. D. Spiers, W. H. Lyon, Rev. D. H. Tuttle and Rev. W. C. Cumming, each of whom made every helpful and interesting remarks.

Miss Lucile Johnson and Mr. Paul Eason rendered a duet, "He Walks With Me and He Talks With Me," accompanied on the piano by Mrs. C. V. Johnson.

Miss Lucile Johnson presided at the piano accompanied by Mr. W. H. Lyon on the violin, and Mr. Theron Johnson on the clarinet, and the music was very much enjoyed.

It was decided to go to Smith's Chapel next Sunday afternoon, just below Sanders Chapel, leaving the Methodist church corner at 2:30. All members of the Federation and any one else who feels interested in the work are requested to be at the church corner promptly at 2:30 so that they all may go in a body and be on time.

At the meeting Sunday it was decided to publish the names of the members who joined thus far and make an appeal to all of the other Christians of the towns to join the Federation and meet with us in the Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 28, 1923 at 3 o'clock. We are printing a list of the members who have joined at the Baptist Church, which list has been misplaced by the Secretary. If any one who has joined and whose name does not appear below, if they will see the President or Secretary, we will be glad to enter the same at once.

Only a certain per cent of the members of the Federation have been attending these various meetings held in the County, and the President urgently requests every member of the Federation to go on its trip whenever possible. The Federation has held meetings at Pisgah, Jones School House, Burnell and Smithfield, but we need the active support of all the Christian Laymen in the town so that we may get lined up on the work and get busy during the Spring and Summer.

The list of members follows:

J. H. Woodall, E. F. Boyett, St. Julien L. Springs, G. E. Thornton, H. D. Ellington, M. B. Strickland, J. W. Setzer, F. H. Brooks, W. L. Ellis, J. W. Keen, T. R. Hood, C. A. Creech, J. H. Kirkman, J. E. Whitehurst, R. E. Whitehurst, W. H. Lyon, Paul Eason, W. C. Coats, C. W. Lindsay, B. T. Bart, L. T. Royall, W. A. Massengill, J. D. Spiers, J. A. Keen, Rev. D. H. Tuttle, Rev. W. C. Cumming, Rev. R. L. Ray, the last three named being honorary members. Joined at Pisgah December 3rd, 1922, are J. A. Smith, E. R. Jones, E. W. Massey, G. T. Whitley.

J. A. KEEN, President.
F. H. BROOKS, Secretary.

CHILD DIES FROM EFFECTS OF BURNS

GREENSBORO, Jan. 12.—The second death from fire within a week occurred this morning, when the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tysinger died as a result of burns received Wednesday morning. The child's mother was in the back yard of the house when its clothing caught fire from an open grate. The other child, died earlier in the week from burns received the same way.

Shocking.

Willie: "Mother, my Sunday school teacher never takes a bath."
Mother: "Why Willie, who told you that?"

Willie: "She did. She said she never did anything in private that she wouldn't do in public."

SMITHFIELD WINS TWO GAMES BALL

Local Basket Ball Team Defeats Selma and Roanoke Rapids on Home Court

(By DONNELL WHARTON)

Fourteen field goals to Selma's five and a score of 31-15, indicate the margin between Smithfield and Selma in a basketball game here Friday night before a record crowd. The game started off in promise of a close and exciting contest but soon the Smithfield bunch began to show their superiority over the Selma aggregation. After only a few minutes the score stood 6-4 for Selma but when the whistle blew for the end of the half Smithfield had run it up to 15 points while Selma had added to foul goals.

The second half showed even more that the locals would win, 16 points being chalked up for her against Selma's seven.

Jean Caudill was up to his old form, leading the court with five field goals. Holland (Smithfield) and Godwin each were good for three while Smith and Jeffries played the best games for Selma.

Held in check by Coach Park for the Roanoke Rapids game which followed Saturday night Stephenson and Brown were played only a few minutes but the subs were run in also.

Line up and summary:

Smithfield	Selma
Caudill	Holland
Holland	Jeffries
Stephenson	Smith
Skinner	Debnam (Capt)
Godwin (Capt)	Raines
Substitution for Smithfield: Stephenson for Holland, Caudill for Stephenson, Brown for Skinner, Patrick for Brown, Hill for Godwin; for Selma: Shuler for Raines, Raines for Shuler. Referee: Parrish (Oak Ridge). Fields (U. N. C.) Time halves 20-20.	

Completely outclassing their opponents in every department of the game, Smithfield High won its third successive game when it defeated Roanoke Rapids here Saturday night by a 24-8 score. The game at the start promised to be one of the closest ever played in Smithfield, the score standing a 0-0 for at least five minutes. Finally Smithfield broke through the wonderful five-man defense of the visitors and Stephenson rang up the first score of the season. When the first half ended the score was 10-0.

In the second half the defense of the Roanoke Rapids team went to pieces and Smithfield advanced the score to 20 points before Anderson broke the ice for the visitors with two neat shots from the free throw line. The second and third teams went in a substitute forward scored two field goals against them. Skinner at guard played the prettiest floor game seen, his accurate passing causing a good many of the Smithfield scores.

Line up and summary:

Smithfield	Roanoke Rapids
C. Stephenson	Taylor
Holland	Anderson (Capt)
R. Stephenson	Vinson
Godwin (Capt)	Glover
Brown	Vick

Scoring field goals for Smithfield: Caudill four; Hill three; R. Stephenson five. For Roanoke: Welch two. Fouls Anderson four.

Substitution for Roanoke Rapids: Edmundson and Welch. For Smithfield: Caudill, Hill, Caudill, Skinner, Patrick, Mahler, Pittman, Hill. Referee: Parrish (Oak Ridge).

BAVARIA IS READY FOR REAL SERVICE

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—The conference of premiers of the federal states here today unanimously approved the central government's attitude on reparations and occupation of the Ruhr.

Dr. Von Knilling, Premier of Bavaria, aid the Bavarian people were ready to support the central government to the last against the "insults and rapacity of France," and declared unity of the states was essential to a solution of the difficulties. —Associated Press.

"A good worker but talks too much," the report read. After signing his name the father wrote to the teacher: "You should just hear his mother." —Worcester Gazette.

W. N. EVERETT BE SECRETARY STATE

Has Not Decided Yet to Accept; Is Popular in the General Assembly

Representative W. N. Everett, of Richmond county, was tendered the appointment to complete the unexpired term of the late Colonel J. Bryan Grimes as Secretary of State last night by Governor Morrison. Mr. Everett has asked the Governor for several days in which to consider the matter before coming to any final decision, but his close friends are of the opinion that he will accept the appointment.

The tender of the appointment to Mr. Everett brought no surprise in legislative and administrative circles last night.

The place of Secretary of State appeals strongly to Mr. Everett, but he is unwilling to surrender his seat in the House during the crucial period of the General Assembly when it is just coming to the consideration of the Appropriations Bill, which Mr. Everett has prepared for introduction Tuesday morning. He feels that his obligation lies in the House until he has completed the task on which he has been working almost without intermission for the past six weeks.

Other considerations that will enter into his decision on the appointment will be his large private interests, and the possibility of so arranging them that he will be able to devote his time to the office. Life in Raleigh appeals very much to Mr. Everett, and to his six years' service in the General Assembly.

Mr. Everett first came to the General Assembly as a member of the State Senate in 1917, returning in 1919, 1921, and 1923 as a member of the House of Representatives. In 1921 and 1923 he was made chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, and in that capacity he has played an important role in the preparation of the State budget. He is a member of the State Budget Commission by virtue of his chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee.

No man in the General Assembly is more popular than the member from Richmond. During the past week a movement was started among the members of the General Assembly to nominate him for Governor in 1924. Friday morning when the Assembly came to realize that a successor to the lamented Colonel Grimes would be necessary, the choice was almost unanimous for Mr. Everett. Without regard to factional affiliation scores of members volunteered their support and urged him to accept the appointment if it should be offered.

Throughout his legislative career Mr. Everett has been listed among the progressives. In 1917 he led the fight for woman suffrage. He was in the thick of the fight again in 1919 and in 1920, when the State turned down the 19th Amendment he was still fighting for the right of women to vote. He was a strong advocate of the road program, and for the expansion of the State's educational institutions. —News and Observer, January 15.

MEN DRESS BETTER SINCE PROHIBITION

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 12.—American men have become snappier dressers as a result of prohibition, A. P. Wettstein, of Milwaukee, president of the American Association of Wholesale Hatters, today told the delegates at the annual convention.

"Since the saloon has passed into oblivion," he said, "money that was formerly spent on liquor goes into the purchase of wearing apparel. Where formerly drinking men would allow themselves to become shabby, they now keep themselves neat. This change applies to other forms of wearing apparel besides hats." —Associated Press.

Mr. John W. Vinson Dead.

Mr. John W. Vinson, of the Olive neighborhood in this township, died Friday morning about eleven o'clock after an illness of about fifteen days with flu and complications. He was buried Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the family burial ground.

The deceased was about 65 years old. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss.