

## DEATH OF EX-GOVERNOR BICKETT

Raleigh, N. C., January 2.—The sole topic of discussion in Raleigh these days is the sudden passing of former Governor Thomas W. Bickett, who died at his home here on Wednesday morning of last week following a stroke of paralysis the evening previous. The fatal stroke came without warning as the former Governor was administering to a sick wife shortly before nine o'clock Tuesday night. Mrs. Bickett was confined to her bed with an attack of rheumatism, her servant had been taken to a hospital for treatment a day or two before, leaving only the Governor and his wife in the home. Mr. Bickett prepared the evening meal and together the two devoted companions had enjoyed it. Soon afterwards the ex-Governor screamed that his head was killing him, made his way from the reading room, fell across the foot of his wife's bed and never spoke again.

A little more than twelve hours after being stricken Governor Bickett breathed his last without regaining consciousness. At the bedside were his grief stricken wife and son and other members of the family except a brother and sister who could not reach Raleigh in the early morning. From the moment physicians reached him, no hope was held out for the recovery of North Carolina's war Governor. He had received a knock-out blow, while apparently in the best of health. His death was a shock to this city and state. Everybody was stunned by the suddenness with which the final summons came to the greatest of all Governors since Aycock and hundreds of sympathizing friends wired their deepest regrets, or called in personal to express them.

The body of the former Governor was removed from the residence on Thursday morning to the rotunda of the capitol where, for two hours, the public was permitted to gaze upon his face for the last time. Hundreds of people took advantage of the opportunity to pay their respects to this departed friend, after which a brief funeral service was held from Christ Church. The remains were taken to Louisburg, the former home of Governor and Mrs. Bickett, for interment and a large concourse of people were in waiting there to witness the last sad rites of their neighbor and friend.

We pluck the fairest and most beautiful flowers for special occasions, or for personal adornment, yet we marvel when an All-wise Providence takes from our midst the brightest specimens of genuine manhood in the prime of happy and fruitful lives. The sudden passing of Governor Bickett serves to remind us that every birth is a miracle and every death the ringing down of the curtain of an unfinished drama. But death has touched that great heart and it is stilled forever. We can only mingle our tears with those of the bereaved and recall, with them, the virtues of a departed friend.

Whether at home surrounded by loved ones, in his office silently and patiently listening to appeals for the unfortunate, or in distant states among strangers, Governor Bickett was always the same genial, affable, sunny spirited good fellow. And who rendered her people more loyal or effective service? He loved the people and delighted to serve them. He was in sympathy with their needs and withheld no effort which he conceived would add to their happiness and comfort.

The officials relations between Governor Bickett and the heads of all state departments were of a most agreeable character. He was approachable, considerate and possessed a soul overflowing with the milk of human kindness. He was a "folksy" executive and the folks loved him. Everyone who wished to see and talk with Governor Bickett was given the opportunity. The latch string was on the outside of the door at all times and a card was not necessary to secure admission.

The Bickett administration will unquestionably adorn one of the brightest pages of North Carolina history. He took the helm at a time when big things were happening in North Carolina and throughout the world and he measured up to every responsibility all the way through. He was to this State during the World War

## LIST OF HOGS KILLED AT ROSMAN TANERIES

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will please find a list of the hogs that have been killed at Rosman, N. C., and brought to the tannery to clean. The reason they are brought to the tannery for cleaning is because as they have hot water free. They open the mud valve of the boiler and a pipe carries the water right out and into a barrel where the hogs can be dipped and they have a frame with a chain hoist where they can be raised up for washing and taking the entrails out, and then they can be put right onto a pair of scales and weighed all free of charge to the employees of the company, few of the neighbors have brought them here to clean but only one or two outside of the employees.

The largest one so far was killed by B. B. White and weighed 610 pounds but we have not done killing yet and have a few more large ones to kill.

I may send in a few more later on for publication. We wish to call your attention to the fact that these are most all young hogs and run from a few months old to about 15 months and very few of them were over that.

The total amount of meat we figure is 20,240 pounds so far. Most of these hogs were Durcos and a few were Poland China. There were just a few exceptions of a mixed variety but they did not weigh very much.

We wish to thank you in advance for the publication, and oblige.

## LIST OF HOGS AS WEIGHED

W. T. Cantrell, 1 hog, 256 lbs; W.

H. Teasley, 1 hog, 385 lbs; Monroe

Smith, 1 hog, 210 lbs; W. A. Jameson,

1 hog, 145 lbs; L. R. Staton, 1

hog, 285 lbs; C. L. Gant, 1 hog, 125

lbs; W. B. Davis, 1 hog, 220 lbs;

R. M. Powell, 1 hog, 295 lbs; H.

Scott, 1 hog, 150 lbs; W. J. Gibson,

1 hog, 472 lbs; J. E. White, 1 hog,

42 lbs; C. Bailey, 1 hog, 380 lbs;

D. Randolph, 1 hog, 287 lbs; E. Eden,

1 hog, 212 lbs; D. L. Glazener, 1

hog, 350 lbs; R. F. Glazener, - hog,

480 lbs; Jess Love, 1 hog, 430 lbs;

W. Jackson, 1 hog, 335 lbs; C. B.

Mitchell, 1 hog, 360 lbs; C. B. Mitchell,

1 hog, 370 lbs; J. W. Steppé, 1

hog, 350 lbs; W. B. Reid, 1 hog,

315 lbs; H. E. Morrison, 1 hog, 392

lbs; J. Z. Stroupe, 1 hog, 340 lbs;

Rex Galloway, 1 hog, 400 lbs; W.

Jackson, 1 hog, 365 lbs; A. M.

White, 1 hog, 495 lbs; W. A. Thomas

1 hog, 317 lbs; L. M. Watkins, 1

hog, 305 lbs; Jordan Whitmire, 1

hog, 440 lbs; F. H. White, 1 hog,

495 lbs; Allen Sisk, 1 hog, 319 lbs;

L. L. Winchester, 1 hog, 330 lbs;

Chas. Green, 1 hog, 345 lbs; A. N.

Collins, 1 hog, 375 lbs; E. A. Glazener,

1 hog, 365 lbs; A. M. Paxton, 1

hog, 557 lbs; L. E. Galloway, 1 hog,

340 lbs; V. Webster, 1 hog, 150 lbs;

E. M. Whitmire, 1 hog, 385 lbs; L.

M. Glazener, 1 hog, 300 lbs; B. B.

White, 1 hog, 595 lbs; B. B. White,

1 hog, 610 lbs; Isaac Holden, 1 hog,

352 lbs; H. Scott, 1 hog, 265 lbs;

Bill Davis, 1 hog, 240 lbs; J. W.

Steppé, 1 hog, 400 lbs; A. M. Pharr,

1 hog, 370 lbs; C. L. Owen, 1 hog,

300 lbs; S. Winchester, 1 hog, 465

lbs; J. E. White, 1 hog, 455 lbs; G.

P. Hightower, 1 hog, 220 lbs; H. C.

Caplan, 1 hog, 230 lbs; H. P. Hodges,

1 hog, 285 lbs; L. E. Masters,

1 hog, 380 lbs; A. J. Manley, 1 hog,

245 lbs; Dan Glazener, 1 hog, 190

lbs; C. B. Mitchell, 1 hog, 340 lbs.

Yours Truly,

A. M. WHITE

## BUYS FINE COW.

R. W. Everett has recently purchased Ravendale Devergoil, the cow that was second to the grand champion of her class at the International show of Chicago.

## WOLF-HAMPTON

The following announcement has been received by many Brevard friends:

Announcing the marriage of

Mrs. Irene Maebell Wolf

to

Mr. Charles Edward Hampton

on Thursday, the twenty-ninth of

December,

Nineteen hundred and twenty-one

Akron, Ohio

a similar great leader to Zebulon Baird Vance during the Civil War. He is gone, but will never be forgotten.

## THE PRAYER CORNER.

## "HOPE"

"Hope is the eternal watchword of the human soul, and it is the duty of all of us to bid our fellow hope, to look up and not down, out and not in, forward and not back." More and more we are coming to recognize this duty that is laid upon us; newspaper writers, merchants, bankers — all of us recognize the futility of panic fear and if we are wise we shall never cease to point out the strengthening and recuperative power of faith and courage."

Amiel wrote: "At bottom everything depends upon the presence or absence of one single element in the soul — hope. All the activity of man, all his efforts and his enterprises, presupposes a hope in him of attaining an end. Once kill this hope and his movements become senseless, spasmodic and convulsive. A little blindness is necessary if life is to be carried on and illusion is the universal spring of the movements."

In the mail one morning came an envelope addressed. Inside was a card on which was printed:

"Don't let the world cheat you. Let it laugh at you; keep your youth, keep your ideals, be true to your dreams."

"Whence comes this? The address on the envelope had nothing personal about it, but is it not a fine, inspiring message with which to start off the day? The voice of hope whispering to you, the spirit of hope juggling your elbows.

It is so easy too, to be hopeful rather than fearful. It is your own mind that you must affect; you must have faith in your heart and soul, and remember that:

"The might is mother of the day. The winter of the spring, And even upon old decay. The greenest mosses cling Behind the cloud the starlight lurks; Through showers the sun beams fall, For God, who loveth all His works, Has left His hope with all."

## A PRAYER:

Our Heavenly Father, it is good for us to start upon the year's journey with hope, and with noble resolution. Let us not be dismayed by any consciousness of failure in the past. This is a New Year and Thou art still with us. Give us vision to see a better way; give us strength to carry our resolutions into actions. O may life seem real, may work be to us a constant joy, quicken and deepen our faith, enrich our lives, that this may be to us the best of all the years, and this we ask for Jesus' sake, Amen.

C. D. C.

## PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL NEWS

The school children rendered a very interesting program Friday afternoon, Dec. 23. It was as follows: We Wish You a Merry Christmas, song; Recitation, Why do Bells for Christmas Ring? by 5 children.

Recitation, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, by Velmer Aiken; song Away in a Manger, by school; recitation, Suppose Your Task, Norah Powell; recitation, What I Live For, Ethel Chapman; song, Away up North, school; recitation, Santa Claus, Ethel Chapman; recitation, Dear Dollie, Velmer Aiken; recitation, Raisins and Stars, Columbus Aiken; recitation, Ten Little Turkeys, Hassie Aiken; recitation, Ten Little Children, Leonard Chapman, song, Santa Claus Land, by school; recitation, The Busy Bee, Niner Galloway; play, safety first, by 15 school children; song, Santa Has Come to Town, school; recitation, Christmas, Arlie Galloway; song, Here comes Jolly Santa Claus; recitation, Bed in Summertime, Conner Aiken; recitation, It Couldn't be Done, Oscar Petit; recitation, The Golden Ride, Myrtle Petit; Truth, Lear Aiken; Kindness, Maxie Petit; One Thing at a Time, Dosha Aiken; play, The Prettiest Tree, by Norah Powell, Hassie Aiken, Arlie Galloway, and Dosha Aiken; Song, Santa Dear Santa.

Mr. Louis Whitmire, Mrs. George Dodson and Mr. William Dodson furnished string music which added greatly to entertainment of the audience. Everyone seemed to enjoy the contents of a Christmas tree after the program was rendered.

BEAUTIFUL BREVARD  
INVITES AN ENTRANCE  
TO SAPPHIRE COUNTRY

Centre of Great Natural Playground and Headquarters for Summer Camps, Alive to Commercial, Religious, Educational and Fraternal Interests to Promote Thriving City.

(By B. G. LEIPER)  
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At the entrance to the wonderful Sapphire country, high upon the plateau between the Blue Ridge and the mighty Balsam mountains, stands the beautiful town of Brevard, unusually well fitted to play a double role as a center of industry, upon the one hand, and a summer resort par excellence upon the other.

It lies in a land of majestic waterfalls, mighty forests, gliding streams, towering peaks and fertile valleys, at once a delight to the eye of a tourist, a source of pride to the landowner, and a vast reservoir of stored-up wealth for the many industries located throughout the section.

Hotels of ample accommodations and modern equipment are found in large numbers, inviting the visitor to rest and enjoy the beauties of nature in a climate admirably adapted to work and play. At the gateway of the Pisgah National Forest, Brevard occupies a site of particular advantage as a playground, reached by railroad facilities upon the Southern and by excellent highway from Asheville, either by Hendersonville or by a shorter route through the Davidson river country. The distance from Asheville is 44 miles, and from Hendersonville, half that number.

Brevard is not far from the Lake Toxaway site and the restoration of that summer resort is looked upon as a project of value to the entire community.

CITY SURROUNDED  
BY RICH RESOURCES

Surrounding the town, whose broad paved streets are in themselves an indication of wise planning for future growth, are fertile fields, sections of modern, attractive homes, and beyond, industrial plants whose value totals into the millions and whose annual payrolls put hundreds of thousands of dollars into circulation in the community.

Brevard is the county seat of Transylvania county. Standing in a central location in the town is an ornate courthouse that has just been remodeled upon the interior at a cost of \$50,000 to include large courtroom, steam heated, finished in oak; rooms for all officials, including a home demonstration agent's department and one for the farm demonstration department. Just as the citizens of Brevard have put into practice the paved street policy, so the citizens of the county have joined with them in a policy of highway building that bids fair to rival the most progressive in the state.

Under the direction of the state highway commission there is being built by the Asheville Construction company a highway with waterbound macadam surface from the Henderson county line to the Jackson county boundary, with a branch extending from this road at Rosman to the Pickens county (S. C.) line, where connection is had with the highway being built to that point by the South Carolina commission. Seven miles of the 41 to be finished now present a smooth, broad highway to the motorist. Much grading and bridge work has been completed at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Extensive improvements upon the highway from Brevard to Greenville, S. C., via Caesar's Head, the famous scenic phenomenon, are being carried out, the distance to the South Carolina line being 16 miles.

SHOW HEALTHY  
MUNICIPAL EXPANSION

Building industry at Brevard is showing a steady growth indicative of a healthy municipal expansion. Many projects are under way. Prominent among these is the large brick commercial building going up on Broad Street at a cost of between \$10,000 and \$12,000, property of Joe Picklesimer and his brothers, leading Brevard business men. This will house, in addition to other commercial firms, the newly-organized Pisgah Banking company, W. B. Davis, president.

of Misses Alice and Anna Picklesimer, daughters of the Hamlin brothers. The Hamlin brothers are the well-known leaders of town.

There is likelihood that new theaters will be constructed for the Brevard Banking company on Broad St., this being the leading bank of Transylvania and a flourishing institution of long standing.

Among other buildings plans are those of Messrs. Ashworth and Silverstein for a commercial building at Main and Broad streets; George Phillips, a bakery at Gaston and Broad and a large addition to the Brevard Motor company at an estimated cost of \$55,000. Many private homes have been built recently, among these being an attractive brick bungalow on Main Street built by Mr. Picklesimer.

The Harris brothers have completed a modern machine shop, an enterprise that, in view of the many industrial plants in or adjacent to Brevard is looked upon as an unusual opportunity for a splendid business.

The Welti Commercial building on East Main street has recently been remodeled to give Gus Roman ample space for a first-class cafe upon the ground floor.

TREBLE CAPACITY  
OF POWER PLANT