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OUR RALEIGH COMMUNICATION

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 27, 1922.—The State Democratic Executive Committee gave a big dinner at the Yarrowborough Hotel here tonight in honor of the county chairmen and vice-chairmen of the Democratic executive committees of the various counties of the State in recognition of the fine service rendered during the recent campaign which resulted in the grandest victory the party has achieved since the memorable fight for supremacy in 1898, and again two years later when Aycock swept the old Commonwealth from the mountains to the sea.

In addition to those mentioned the dinner was attended by the party's advisory committee, State officers, former chairmen of the State executive committee, former Lieutenant Governors, former Speakers of the House and other prominent in party councils.

Results of the recent election and the outlining of plans for the future were among the features discussed by those who were called upon by chairman Norwood to "tell how it happened." No great amount of boasting was indulged in, but everyone present was visibly happy. The bid victory was not considered altogether democratic. Reports from many sections gave independent republicans measurable credit for kicking over the traces and supporting democratic candidates in the hope of obtaining more efficient local government.

It was quite a representative assemblage of Democratic men and women who responded to the invitation of Chairman Norwood to present themselves around the festive board and the idea made a great hit. But the announced purpose of the meeting was reversed and Mr. Norwood came in for the lion's share of the glory attaching to the splendid termination of the late campaign. And he deserved everything complimentary that was said about him.

Unofficial election figures indicate the majority of 85,000 for the head of the Democratic state ticket this year, the largest any candidate for office ever received in the State. At the election of 1920, the Republican candidate for governor polled a greater vote, more than 5,000, than did the head of the Democratic ticket in November, 1922. Two years ago the Democratic nominee for governor received 308,151 votes, while his opponent received 231,175. This year the head of the Republican State ticket polled only a little more than 140,000 votes, showing a heavier loss in the Republican than in the Democratic vote over the last election.

There was a tremendous stay-at-home vote this year in both parties. Democrats remained away from the polls in the East and the Republicans in the West is the way most political prognosticators figure it out. Nearly 200,000 people who voted two years ago stayed at home this year, which, viewed from the standpoint of the future outlook, is not considered very encouraging.

In a recent statement Chairman Norwood sounded the following cheerful note, in which those who had a part in the victory may concur:

"The Democrats elected all ten congressmen with majorities ranging from 7,000 to 12,000. They gained two solicitors, eight senators and nine representatives in the Legislature, with about an equal number of clerks, sheriffs, registers of deeds, county treasurers, boards of county commissioners, and other county offices, as representatives. Counties have gone democratic for the first time in twenty years, and one—Henderson—for the first time since the Republican party was organized. That party in the state has only one solicitor, three senators and ten representatives in the Legislature. Only four counties—Mitchell, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin—will be represented in both branches of the next Legislature by Republicans."

This statement would appear to accord the banner to Henderson Democrats, if any banner is to be awarded.

Speaking of Christmas presents, wouldn't the home town paper prove a most acceptable gift to one who has moved away from the community but still retains his interest in what happens there?

NIGHT SCHOOL TO BE ORGANIZED

Plans are being discussed whereby a night school may be added to the present excellent school facilities of our town. The night school will be held in the Brevard high school building, and will afford an excellent opportunity for boys and girls, and older persons, who wish to continue their studies.

If interest is aroused, and a number of pupils express a desire for such a school, every effort will be made to suit the work to the requirements of those attending. There will be both men and women teachers.

Anyone wishing to learn more about the proposed night school may call at the Brevard high school, where Miss Tyner has kindly offered to give information to any who may be interested. Those who do not find it convenient to call at the high school may receive information from Rev. John Seagle. If a sufficient number of pupils are enrolled during the next few weeks, the night school will open early in January.

The advantages of such a school are rarely to be had in the smaller towns, and therefore young men and women who have stopped going to school when too young to appreciate an education, rarely have an opportunity to attend school later, and this will be an opportunity for all those who are anxious to make up for lost or wasted time. A class will be organized, also, for adults who wish to enroll as pupils.

MRS. J. S. SILVERSTEEN
Chairman of Committee

NEAR EAST RELIEF

The Committee for the Near East Relief Campaign have decided to carry on the campaign another week.

Contributions are being received daily and are sent to headquarters as fast as received.

We feel confident that our quota will be reached.

Send contributions to Mrs. David Ward or Miss Caroline Trowbridge.

PISGAH FOREST PERSONALS

Miss, Beatrice, Carr left the first of the week to visit Miss Lucy Hunter in Winchester, Kentucky.

Mr. Geo. M. Spiegle, a prominent lumberman of New York was calling on the Carr Lumber Co Tuesday.

Mr. E. P. McCoy left Tuesday for Virginia to attend the North Carolina Virginia foot ball game.

The many friends of Mr. Tom, Patton will be sorry to hear of the accident which he had on Tuesday.

Mr. Patton was knocked down by a automobile while he was crossing the road in front of his house.

He was very painfully, but not seriously injured.

Mr. F. L. Formyduvall, who has been connected with Carr Lumber Co Store, left on Sunday morning for his home at Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina. Mr. Formyduvall was compelled to return home on account of his mother's health, and the many friends which he made here were very sorry to see him leave.

Mr. Astor H. Welch has accepted a position with the Carr Lumber Co store. Mr. Welch is a native of Buncombe County.

Mrs. E. P. McCoy left for Asheville on Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with relatives.

Mr. H. L. Southern has been attending court in Brevard this week.

Mr. Louis Carr returned on Wednesday from a business trip to Virginia and West Virginia.

Mr. F. A. Talbot of Greenville South Carolina was the guest Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr the first of the week.

BREVARD INSTITUTE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller of Hendersonville made us a short visit on Saturday, taking home with them Miss Nannie Moore and Miss Bertha Gantt to spend the week end. Mrs. Miller, as Ruth Drummond, was formerly a student here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray, with Arthur Harrell, motored to Hendersonville on Monday.

We will have a holiday on Thanksgiving day, with a special program Thanksgiving night. A few of our students will go home for the day, but most of them will remain here.

We have had a number of interesting reels shown here recently, most of them coming from the North Carolina Board of Education.

GREENVILLE ROAD NOW ASSURED

County Solons Vote To Authorize State Highway Commission To Have Work Started At Early Date On Road Which Will Connect With Brevard.

The long proposed Transylvania highway, to connect Greenville with Brevard, N. C., by way of Travelers Rest and Caesar's Head, will be constructed within the next few months, the county legislative delegation having voted yesterday to authorize the South Carolina Highway Commission to arrange for early beginning of work on the road. Greenville county will have to do only with construction of that part of the road running from Travelers Rest to the Tar Heel state line, from which point the sister commonwealth is constructing the highway on to Brevard. The road will be one of the most important in the upper state section and will become one of the main tourist thoroughfares of the mountain section of the southeast.

Two bids, ranging slightly above \$175,000 on the stretch of road lying in Greenville county, are now before the delegation. The State Highway Commission has advised the local solons to go ahead with the work of letting contracts for construction of the road and to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. However, with something like \$50,000 additional money needed to construct the road the delegation is working on means of raising this amount.

Just how soon the highway will be completed depends, it was said, on how quickly the contract can be let and work started. However, it is believed that the highway may be open for maximum traffic not later than the spring or early summer of 1924.

Interest In Road

Action of the delegation in voting to have work begun at once on the Brevard road caused no little comment here yesterday afternoon. For months, the much talked of highway, which would open up miles and miles of the wonderful scenic county of upper Greenville county and Western North Carolina, has provoked much interest not only here but throughout this part of the state. Satisfaction was generally expressed with the prospect of the great road being constructed within a few months.

The decisive action of the county delegation came after months of consideration and the appearance at the meeting yesterday of several prominent citizens, urging that construction of the road be authorized. Ben E. Geer; C. O. Allen, F. F. Beattie and W. G. Sirmine gathered with the delegation yesterday and spoke in behalf of the proposed highway.

Mr. Geer, who has been a consistent booster for the road since the inception of the plan, said that the importance of the road could hardly be overestimated. Opening up of an almost virgin region, from which new business will flow into Greenville was one of the advantages mentioned bound to result from the project. Mr. Geer also mentioned the fact that Furman University owns property at Caesar's Head and had pledged the sum of \$20,000 toward construction of the new highway.

All members of the county delegation were present at the meeting, held at 11 o'clock in the grand jury room, and to a man voted for authorizing construction of the road. Representative Raven I. McDavid offered the motion in behalf of the road which was seconded by Representative Joseph R. Bryson.

93rd CHRISTMAS

Mr. Editor,
This will be my 93rd Christmas. God has permitted me to live a long, laborious, and, I trust, useful life. I have done a great deal of solid pioneer foundation work in my day that will tell in time, and through all eternity. A Christmas present would be thankfully received and highly appreciated.

I am very feeble, almost helpless. A word to the wise is sufficient.

A happy Christmas to all my friends. Thanking them for their kind remembrances of me in my old age and great affliction.
Sincerely,
F. M. JORDAN

TUBERCULOSIS CHRISTMAS SEALS ON SALE NOW

The Annual Tuberculosis Christmas Seal sale will begin today in every town and hamlet in North Carolina. The little seals will find their way into the most remote corners of the state. Everyone is asked to purchase and use these seals to provide funds for the tuberculosis cause.

Just what does one buy when one makes an annual purchase of Christmas seals? Surely the purchase includes more than paper and printing, more even than the charm of colors and design the seal may possess.

Perhaps you think first of relief work, and picture milk and other necessary food for consumptives. Perhaps your minds turns to the doctor's bills. There is also the sanatorium where the flushed cheeks of the tuberculous grow rosy as health is restored by proper treatment. Possibly you have been reading of the need for popular education in health and the seals you buy represent to you tuberculosis clinics and health lectures. As a matter of fact, in most communities some part of your seal money is expended in each of these ways.

But along with this investment in the machinery of community improvement you have invested in properties less tangible but quite as valuable. You have made yourself a sharer in the human faith, love and courage that have secured for the tuberculosis movement whatever success it has known.

Very properly, sentiment has little place in tuberculosis work or in any other social health work. And yet the purchaser of seals has the right to see the human value in his purchase.

The seal is more than a gay sticker, bought of a pretty girl. It is more, even, than a rational means of protection for the purchaser and those he loves. It is a witness to love that seeks out the miserable everywhere to heal them; to faith that can dream of a better day; to will that is staunch enough to move to bring that day.

It is in these qualities that the buyer of seals makes his ultimate investment.

THE BETTERMENT MEETS

The usual Betterment meeting was held on Monday in the high school auditorium. While the weather prevented the presence of many who wished to come, there was a large attendance of members and parents to hear the well-rendered program on "play." After the usual opening exercises, the audience joined in singing America, and then the following program was presented.

The Shoemaker, a game demonstrated by Miss Eisele's pupils.

Talk: The Co-relation of Play with the Curriculum.

"Roger is Dead." A game demonstrated by Misses Jenkins and Walker's pupils.

Paper: The Playground as the Citizenship Laboratory, by Dr. Summey.

In Dr. Summey's regrettable, tho unavoidable, absence his paper was read by Miss Bertie Ballard. It was interesting and instructive. The paper showed depth of thought and earnest solicitude for the best development of the children.

Several ladies took part in the discussion on the moral and civic development of the boys and girls thru play.

Some important business was transacted. Mrs. C. C. Smith resigned as vice-president, and Mrs. D. G. Ward was elected in her place. Mrs. Smith was elected second vice-president and appointed committee on programs. The reports of the committees on the entertainment and on night schools was received and adopted. A committee with Mrs. Ralph Zachary as chairman was appointed to look after a Christmas treat for the County Home. The Betterment voted ten dollars to the Near East Relief. Members present paid their yearly dues to the treasurer, who announced that the Society had fifty names on the roll. These represent the best of Brevard's womanhood, the true mother of our public school.

The Betterment endorsed the work of the Home and Farm Demonstrators, and stands ready to do all in its power to further the ends of these important offices.

OUR WEEKLY SERMON

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

(By CHAS. C. SMITH)

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." This commandment as directed against the wrong use of speech. One of the most powerful things in the world is human speech. The author of Proverbs says it brings life or death. Happiness or misery are caused by our speech. Jesus says there is much in words. "By thy words thou shalt be condemned; by the words thou shalt be justified." Great is the power of the human tongue so to twist speech as to blast reputation and to ruin the character of a person in a community.

The devil gets hold of a human tongue and finds it a ready and prepared instrument for doing his nefarious work. The Bible has frequent warnings against unholly uses of the tongue and tells of its evil possibilities. "The tongue is a fire; a world of iniquity; it is an unruly evil, and full of deadly poison." "They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adder's poison is under their lips." The source of the tongue's evil is the devil: "The tongue setteth on fire the course of nature, and it is set on fire of hell."

It is against such uses of the tongue that the ninth commandment is directed.

I. THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMANDMENT. This is to protect the reputation, that good character may not be blackened in the estimation of the public. Further, it is to preserve from the damaging effects of wrong, or false, testimony in courts. Again, its purpose is to ground human relations in truth.

SOME WAYS IN WHICH THE COMMANDMENT IS VIOLATED.

1. The primary violation of this commandment is perjury in courts of justice with the intention of injuring those testified against.

2. The secondary application of this is in private speech. Not many of us now are in danger of giving false testimony in court, but in private we are in danger of doing the very thing against which the spirit of the commandment is directed. Slander is the most frequent violation. While all have a right to a just judgement from a jury or a judge, all have fully as much right to just and unbiased judgements from the court of public opinion; and private testimony should be equally as free from injurious statements as that given in a court. Slander is the lie invented and distributed with malicious intent. Or it may be the truth distributed in such a way as to injure. The highwayman is a gentleman compared to the slanderer. On election day I prepared my ballot as I thought in private. Imagine my surprise when I heard a few days ago that a woman said she looked over my shoulders, saw that I had scratched the names of two of the members of my church who were running for the same office, only she told it so that both candidates seemed to think that I voted for the other one. As long as two gentlemen from my church were running for the same office I did what I conceived to be an act of courtesy toward both by not voting for either. But this woman told it so as to create a false impression. I do not know who the woman is, nor do I want to know, but she stole the information and peddled it about in an injurious way. If I were low enough down to look over another's shoulder and see what he was writing I would be very particular not to let anyone know that I was such a sneak-thief.

Tattling, tale-bearing, gossiping, telling things that are calculated to injure another, on a better authority than hearsay, violates this commandment.

False recommendation also violates it. Merchants are guilty of this in commending a clerk who they know is not competent to another firm. Ministers are guilty when they commend to a church a brother minister whom they know can not fill acceptably its pastorate.

III. HOW TO KEEP THE COMMANDMENT.

In a very pre-eminent way love here is the fulfilling of the law. Love does not even think evil, much as slander the good name of another. Love persists in seeing the good in others, and ever minimizes the shortcomings, and absolutely refuses to call the attention of

EPWORTH

The Epworth Members spent a Friday, Nov. 24, at the Supt., Miss Gertrude.

It being the meeting of the Epworth Society, they had dinner with her. "regrets" were received and at 10 o'clock the entire Council being present, with the exception of Miss Mary Sledge, who is enjoying a leave of absence, dinner was announced, and those present enjoyed the good eats placed before them and all delights that only an informal dinner affords. After dinner they had a round table business meeting and plans were made for the following month's work and they decided to re-organize committees and do more systematic work next month.

The Council consists of: Mr. Pat Hook, President; Miss Mary Sledge, Secretary; Miss Nan Kilpatrick, Treasurer; Mr. Flave Corpening, 1st. Dept. Supt.; Miss Jennie Aiken, 2nd. Dept. Supt.; Miss Gladys Kilpatrick, 3rd. Dept. Supt.; Miss Nell Aiken, 4th Dept. Supt.; Mr. Jeff Staggs, Epworth Era Agent; Miss Clara King, Pianist.

LETTER FROM MR. BELL

Willets, N. C.
Nov. 27, 1922

Editor Brevard News:

We all have heard about old time revival meetings. The writer once heard a good brother express a desire for an "Old time revival, conducted in the old time way." We have just had two weeks of this sort of revival at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church conducted without any modern frills and furbulows. Rev. Lawrence Crawford, the pastor, conducted the services, assisted by Rev. Frank Arlington and Rev. Julius Carson. The Servants of the Lord "cried aloud and spewed not." They preached the love of God, hell and damnation straight from the shoulder. Sinners fell into the altar crying and praying for mercy. Some rolled in the dust on the floor. One service sometimes lasted four hours. Some of the good old sisters, together with new converts, furnished a generous amount of shouting through out the meeting. As a result of the meeting fourteen souls were converted and the faith of many was strengthened.

Sunday, November 26, was the appointed day for the baptizing. In spite of the fact that a cold north wind was blowing and ice floated in the water, twelve candidates took the plunge and came forth cold but happy. It is barely possible that in the future one of these may doubt whether he ever had any religion, but he can't forget he was once baptized.

A. P. BELL

He who would look with contempt upon the farmer's pursuit is not worthy the name of a man.—Beecher.

others to them. Loving, the right word is apt to be said, and, "a word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

We may be helped in keeping the commandment by remembering that under no circumstances is a lie ever justifiable.

Then, too, there must be firm determination on our part not to violate it even in spirit. The psalmist set us a fine example: "I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress." Again hear him: "I will take heed to my ways that I sin not with my tongue; I will keep my mouth with a bridle."

Dependence on God will supply the indispensable power. Again the psalmist as he leans on divine grace: "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, keep the door of my lips." Not only may we trust in Him to give us the words that we should say: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my lips, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."

The control of the tongue brings its own rich reward. "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from trouble." And the apostle James has this fine word: "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body." Let us all pray it now and then: "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my