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A GREAT SERVICE.

Union Services at Baptist Church Sunday Night Almost Put Waynesville Over the Top in Syrian-Armenian Relief.

That was a fine congregation which filled the auditorium and the Sunday school room at the Baptist church Sunday evening when more than \$250 was subscribed for the Armenians, Greeks and Syrians in the Near East. Talks were made by Pastors Joyner of the Baptist church and West of the Methodist church, and Dave Kerr and J. T. Bailey of Canton on the needs and conditions of these oppressed and down-trodden people who have suffered more than the Belgians on account of the war and the Turks who have robbed thousands of these victims who are Christians and good citizens. They need food, clothing and seeds until another crop can be raised. America proposes to raise \$85,000,000 for this purpose and Waynesville's part is \$500. Canton has raised more than that already, while Clyde and other communities are helping.

Waynesville had already raised nearly \$200 before this service was held and about \$266 was pledged Sunday night, some of which was paid. J. T. Bailey of Canton is county chairman and appointed Rev. A. W. Joyner as chairman here to collect the pledges. Many of the pledges made Sunday night are still unpaid and Mr. Joyner urges all to pay him at once or leave their amounts with G. C. Plott or C. A. Haynes as this money should be sent off promptly. About \$40 or \$50 is still needed if all the pledges are paid to send us over the top. Haywood hasn't failed in other collections and drives and we should not fail in this case.

Solos and other special music besides the good singing of the choir featured the meeting Sunday night. The orchestra would have played also but for the illness of two of its members.

It was a disappointment to his friends that Secretary Edwards of the Asheville Y. M. C. A. failed to speak, but it was his choice to not further prolong a necessarily long service. It is hoped that he will soon return and let his Waynesville friends hear him. He has some great experiences to relate of his stay in France where wonderful things were taking place every day and hour.

REV. W. M. SIKES AT CANTON.

Canton Enterprise.

Beginning with last Monday evening, a revival meeting has been held all this week, and will be held tonight, closing on Sunday, the 30th inst., at the Presbyterian church. The attendance and interest manifested at these meetings, auger well for the future growth of the church.

The speaker is the Rev. Dr. Sikes of Waynesville, whose sermons are delivered in a terse, forcible manner that is proving very acceptable to his audiences. Without striving after oratorical effect, Dr. Sikes is successful in making a deep impression on the minds of his hearers.

The every member canvass, conducted last Sunday by the men of the church, was in every way successful. Not a few members have volunteered to this beginning April 1st.

MICKIE SAYS

DID YA EVER NOTICE IT?
THE BELLS WHO GOSS
AROUND SEVEN WE GONT
BELIEVE IN ADVERTISING
IS ALWAYS MAKIN SOME OTHER
STONE AGE CRACK, SUCH AS
"AUTOS AINT COME TO
STAY. THERES JEST A
PASSIN FAD."



THE BIG TAX QUESTION.

Revaluation, Act Non-Partisan and Non-Political—Guarantee Against Excessive Increase in Taxes—The Organization for Revaluation.

By A. J. Maxwell.

None of the features of the revaluation act is more remarkable than the manner of its passage by the General Assembly. An ordinary revision of the Machinery Act for the quadrennial assessment of real property usually occupies several days of discussion in each House, and generally sharp division over some of its provisions. The revaluation act—well understood to anticipate a radical departure from past practice, and an appraisal of property at its actual value—was passed without an opposition vote in either House, practically without discussion, and without an amendment being offered except incidental ones offered by the committees which prepared the bill. This showed unanimous recognition for the necessity of the undertaking, as well as complete confidence in the work of the committees which had carefully formulated the plans for carrying it out.

Non-Partisan and Non-Political. The manner of its passage, with support of members of both parties, as well as the provisions of the act, declare its non-partisan and non-political purpose. It is a helpful indication that a fundamental economic reform of this great importance can be undertaken without partisan disagreement upon the main question or upon the details of the measure for carrying it out. The act gives representation to the minority party in each county by providing that one member of the County Board of Appraisers and Review shall be appointed from the minority party, and it also provides that any undue political activity by any appointee under the act shall be cause for summary dismissal.

Guarantee Against Excessive Increase in Taxes.

The act carries its own specific guarantee that its purpose is to provide more equitable means of raising revenue, and not to unduly increase the tax burden. When real estate was revalued in 1915 the total increase in valuation was 25.72 per cent. In 1911 the increase was 32.54 per cent, and in 1907 30.38 per cent. These increased valuations did not result in any reduction in tax rates. On the contrary the tendency of tax rates have upon an average during these years been higher. The revaluation act provides specifically that not more than ten per cent increase in revenue shall be raised upon the revaluation at actual value in 1920 than will be raised under the old assessment this year, by the State or by any county, city, town or special tax district. So the net increase in taxes under this reassessment will be less than the increase made in any reassessment year in twelve years.

Special Session to Fix Tax Rates.

As a further safeguard and assurance, it is provided that the reassessment, when made, shall not be used until approved by the General Assembly, nor until the tax rates have been adjusted to the new basis of valuation as above indicated, and that the rates when so adjusted shall in all cases become the maximum rates until the General Assembly authorizes an increase. This provision anticipates that there will be a special session of the General Assembly, upon call of the Governor, about the first of July, 1920.

District Supervisors. The State Tax Commission is to divide the State into ten districts and appoint a supervisor for each district. The district supervisors will be given employment for at least a year at a salary of \$250 per month and actual traveling expenses, to be paid by the State. They will be expected to give their whole time to the work. They will divide their time between the several counties in their districts, cooperating with the county assessing officers. They will be the direct means of contact between the State Commission and the assessing officers, and it will be their duty to see that the work is being done according to law, and according to the same interpretation of the law, in each county, and will be expected to determine this by specific and detailed investigations as assessments are being made in the several counties.

County Supervisors. The State Tax Commission is to appoint a county supervisor in each county, who is to be the executive officer in charge of the revaluation work. No township lines are recog-

When The Evening Shadows Fall.

(By Jesse Daniel Boone)

In the evening, when the shadows
Mark the closing of the day,
Can you say with full assurance
You have earned a full day's pay?
Does it seem that you were faithful?
Have you done the best you could?
In the rush, and in the turmoil,
Have you done as Christians should?
If your conscience reassures you,
If regrets do not annoy,
Lift your voice in supplication
To the source of love and joy;
Then when courting rest and slumber
You will never seek in vain;
Pleasant dreams in countless number
Will enchant, and come again.

Meet the Boys At the Train!

The Waynesville Boys of the
115th Machine Gun Battalion
will arrive on the afternoon train
from Asheville

Thursday, April 3rd

Come and give them a warm
welcome. They deserve it.

DEBATE FRIDAY NIGHT.

Triangle State-Wide Debate at the School Auditorium and at Asheville.

The High schools of the State will have their debating contests Friday night, April 4th.

The Waynesville High school will be represented this year by Grace Albright and Howard Leatherwood on the affirmative, who will meet the negative team from Asheville here; and Julius Welch and Bryan Walpole on the negative who will meet the Asheville affirmative in Asheville at the same time.

The subject for discussion is Universal Military Training.

All the friends of the school are cordially invited Friday night at 8:30.

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

The new State Highway Commission has been appointed by Gov. Bickett as follows: Lieut. Frank Page of Aberdeen, Moore Co., chairman, at a salary of \$5,500, John E. Cameron, Kinston, republican, James K. Norfleet, Winston, and James G. Stikeleather of Asheville.

The new board met at Raleigh April 1st for organization and to take over the important duties of their positions. It looks like a better day has dawned for the lovers of good roads in North Carolina.

COL. CLAUDE RHINEHART IS INJURED NEAR AUSTIN.

Austin, Texas, March 22.—Colonel Claude Rhinehart, officer in charge of flying at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, was seriously hurt here when the plane in which he was riding at Pecos Field dashed to the ground about 2 o'clock this afternoon. Colonel Rhinehart's head was badly injured, being apparently struck by something causing a slight concussion.

OUR GREAT WEALTH.

A Clyde Man Discusses the Financial Condition of the United States.

Editor Mountaineer-Courier:

Five years ago England was recognized as the richest nation on the globe. At that time we owed England so much money that the annual interest amounted to three hundred million dollars a year. Now England is paying us interest amounting to one hundred and fifty million dollars a year. Before the war we owed four billion dollars abroad. Now the net indebtedness of Europe to the United States of America and to private interests in this country is ten million dollars. The annual interest payments on this indebtedness amounts to at least five hundred million dollars. In brief, we possess at least one-third of the total wealth of the earth. The United States is now the richest nation, and the money bag of the world. We own but 7% of the world's land, and represent but 6% of the world's population, but we produce 85% of the world's automobiles, 75% of the corn, 70% of the copper 60% of the cotton, 52% of the coal, 40% of the iron and steel, 33% of the silver, 25% of the wheat, 20% of the gold and we operate 40% of the world's railroads. The above is democratic prosperity unquestioned.

JESS.

BOX SUPPER AT HAZELWOOD.

There will be a box supper given at the Hazelwood school house Saturday night from 8 to 11 o'clock for the benefit of the Waynesville Hospital Elevator fund. Misses Caldwell and McArver have that territory and they expect a cordial invitation to every girl in Haywood county to bring a box and every man to come and they extend a cordial invitation to games, cake and cream and a good time for everybody.

NOTICE TO HUNGRY FOLKS.

Come to the Library Tea! We will have the nicest kind of eats "N Everything." If you are not there, your absence will be the only thing to spoil the occasion. Don't be a "kill-joy." Come on, ladies, just as you are either in your best bib and tucker or your apron and sunbonnet. Come on gentlemen just as you are—we know the way to your hearts alright—all we are crying for is opportunity, we want to feed you.

Don't forget the time and place: Saturday afternoon, April the fifth, 4 o'clock (everybody is hungry then) at the Girls' Club rooms, on Main street. Now remember—this is a chance of a life time, come one, come all!

HOME SERVICE CONFERENCE AT MURPHY.

On March 27, 28 and 29, a Red Cross conference on Home Service was held in Murphy. Representatives from seven counties in Western North Carolina, four in Southeastern Tennessee and five in Northern Georgia attended the conference. Haywood county was represented by Mrs. Chas. E. Quinlan, Chairman of Home Service committee in Waynesville and Miss Victoria Bell, Chairman of the Home Service committee in Canton.

The following directors from Southern Division of the American Red Cross whose headquarters are in Atlanta, addressed the delegates: Mr. Joseph E. Logan, Director of Civilian Relief, talked on The Purpose of Home Service; Boyd M. Edens, Director of Bureau of Information, talked on Organization of a Home Service Section; Dr. Alexander Johnson, although he had been in social work for over forty years, and at present is director of Bureau of Supervision Home Service Section, talked on the Good Neighbor in Peace and War. Miss Mildred Hason, Federal Social Worker at Oteen, gave a talk on Social Service at the Army Hospital. Miss Alice Durkee talked on The Home Treatment of Returned Soldiers.

At the round table discussions, problems and questions relative to the individual chapters were discussed. The need of a trained worker was especially emphasized.

Waynesville chapter was congratulated on being the only one represented that had realized the need of such a worker and having one in training at the institute in Jacksonville.

The local Home Service Section is ready and anxious to give assistance of any kind to any soldier's family in Haywood county.

A MOBILE SCHOOL.

About Fifty Baptist Preachers and Sunday School Workers Training Here This Week To Teach Other Schools.

Secretary Walter Johnson of the Baptist State Mission Board conceived a great work in his denomination when he planned schools of methods in Sunday School, Mission and other departments to be taught in every corner of the State next summer by trained workers who are now getting instruction at nine places in the State in Mobile schools one of which is now in session in the Waynesville Baptist church where about 50 preachers of the Tenth Congressional district are being taught these branches each morning and afternoon.

The Mobile school began Monday night by organizing the classes after which an able sermon was preached by Dr. Q. C. Davis of Albemarle who is to preach each night this week until Saturday when these preachers will return home to their appointments.

The dean of the school is Rev. J. A. McKaughan of Rutherfordton, while the other members of the teaching force are Rev. J. J. Slattery of Hendersonville; Rev. W. E. Wilson, Murphy; Rev. W. N. Cook, Beta; Rev. J. E. Kirk, Farmville; Rev. A. A. Walker, New Berne.

Besides the preacher and faculty, others who are in attendance are:

Rev. A. I. Justice, Hendersonville; Rev. A. B. Smith, Hayesville; Rev. John C. Bennett, Candler; Rev. T. F. Deitz, Bryson City; Rev. C. A. Miller, Black Mountain; Rev. D. C. McCoy, Etna; Miss Florence Reid, Sylva; Rev. J. H. Winkler, Blowing Rock; Revs. R. A. Sentelle and A. V. Joyner, Waynesville; J. C. Pipes, Mars Hill; Rev. W. T. Truett, Murphy, route; Prof. J. B. Huff, Mars Hill; Rev. S. T. Hensley, Asheville; Frank T. Rhinehart, Webster; Rev. A. J. Manly, Rosman; Rev. J. E. Owen, Mars Hill; Rev. C. S. Blackburn, Hendersonville; Rev. Benjamin Sorges, Asheville; Rev. Joe W. Yessie, Asheville; Revs. J. B. Grice and C. E. Garten, Asheville; Rev. John Hogien, Cullowhee; Rev. W. F. Sinclair, Horseshore; Rev. J. M. Hilliard, High Point.

WAYNESVILLE SHOULD FEEL JUSTIFIED BY THIS STATEMENT.

When Lt. Col. Charles E. Davis, who was removed from his command of Base Hospital No. 18 (now at 286, Washington avenue, Albany, N. Y.), made this remark: "One hundred and eighteen names of the women of Waynesville have been sent to the Department of Justice at Washington, D. C.," he told a falsehood. Upon investigation it was found not the slightest discourtesy in any manner, shape or form rested on any lady or ladies of Waynesville. Col. Davis bluffed the committee of six or seven men by threats of what he would do to the town and would not do. It took a woman who loves her Flag, Country and Town to CALL his BLUFF and remove this seemingly discourteous taint from the ladies of the town and show up his chicanery.

LOYALTY.

MICKIE SAYS—

IF YOU'VE FOUND A
\$10 BILL, LOST YOUR PET
BULL DOG, WANT TO BUY A
LIBERTY BOND OR WANT
TO SELL THE FAMILY FLY-
WEE, TAKE A CHANCE ON
OUR LI'L WANT ADS. THEY
DONT COST HARDLY ANYTHIN
AN' THEY GOT THE PEP,
BUN-LEAVE-NE!

