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## Hon. Felix E. Alley the Favorite Candidate

### The Meeting of Woman's Club

Mrs. R. H. Blackwell was hostess to the Woman's Club at her home on Main street Tuesday afternoon, April 20th. The meeting was opened by repeating the Club Collect in concert. The roll call was responded to with familiar quotations.

Mrs. Chas. Thomas and Mrs. R. H. Blackwell were elected alternates to the State Federation meeting.

Mrs. McDowell discussed the Forestry Association, stating that the government has given support and recognition to Forestry Week for five years. The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Francis Edmund Whitley encouraging forestry.

Several ladies discussed the project of a park to be located in the back yard of the court house. There were favorable and unfavorable comments made on this matter.

A most interesting paper on North Carolina Pottery and Mountain School Work was read and discussed by Mrs. R. N. Barber. Mrs. Barber had several samples of North Carolina pottery to illustrate her talk.

Following adjournment delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

### CLYDE SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR YEAR.

### Haywood Institute Holds Its Annual Graduating Exercises.

Clyde, May 3.—The Haywood Institute has just closed a most successful year with graduating exercises and other commencement events during the past week.

The graduating address was delivered by R. L. Moore, president of Mars Hill College and diplomas to the 1926 class were presented by Dr. P. A. Roberts, principal of the school. During the past week among the important events of commencement, were the class day program presented in the form of an interesting play, alumni banquet, graduating exercises, and the declamatory and oratorical contests. Clarke Jones was awarded the oratorical contests and Paul Morrow, the declamation medal.

Following the alumni banquet and Alumni Association reorganized and the following officers were elected: J. T. Quisenberry, president; C. G. Medford, vice president; Miss Catherine Osborne, secretary; and Miss Grace Francis, treasurer.

The seniors holding special honors in this year's class were Charles Bagwell, salutatorian; Bessie McClure, historian; Clarke Jones, prophet; Charles Prince, poet; Herbert Turner, giftorian; Thelma Duckett, testator; Dowell Barnett, key orator; Nina Clarke, song writer; and Bertha Grogan, valedictorian.

### SWIFT'S DAIRY.

One of the most up-to-date dairies in Western North Carolina is that of W. F. Swift, located near Hazelwood.

Mr. Swift always has his cows tubercular tested and his help have to show health certificates. He also complies with the State Board of Health laws.

The dairy is most up-to-date in every way. Mr. Swift has a splendid herd of Jersey and Guernsey cows. This dairy supplies milk both in Hazelwood and Waynesville, delivering twice daily.

Courtesy and prompt attention to all orders is the main asset of this tremendous business.

### ALL DAY QUILTING AT MRS. BLACKWELL'S WEDNESDAY.

Circle Number 3 of the Methodist church had an all day quilting at the home of Mrs. R. H. Blackwell's on North Main Wednesday. There were about twenty ladies present for the quilting and four quilts were completed for the bazaar that is to be held in the near future.

The guests enjoyed a bountiful dinner served by the ladies.

J. D. Maloney of Murphy spent the first part of the week attending court here.

### Plan Scenic Road Over Balsam

The Asheville Citizen.  
Waynesville, May 1.—Purchase of 4,000 acres in the Balsam mountains by J. D. Hood of Sanford, Fla., who plans a five million dollar development, was announced tonight.

Construction of 19 miles of 24-foot concrete scenic highway from Balsam to the top of Jones Knob, erection of a million dollar hotel and many similar improvements including a golf course at an elevation of 6,000 feet, are mapped out in the program which got under way recently with the letting of a contract for the grading of the highway, it was revealed tonight.

Real estate interests in Haywood county were electrified by the news of this mammoth project which was announced following weeks of quiet work on the part of Mr. Hood and his associates. The acquisition of the land has been undertaken systematically and little was known of any activity until the first details of the enterprise were made public.

### Scenic Property.

Included in this tract are thousands of acres of the finest scenic property in this section, including six mountain peaks that tower to an altitude of 6,000 feet or over, their balsam covered sides filling the air with the delicate aroma exuded by this growth.

While Mr. Hood is not yet ready to announce the complete details of this gigantic development, it is understood that more than a year will be required in getting the road constructed and concreted, the hotel site prepared for construction and other preliminary details attended to before the property can be placed upon the market. A substantial effect on the local market was noticed following the announcement through restricted circles tonight, of the construction and development planned by the Florida capitalist, who is regarded as one of the foremost business men in that state.

When the scenic highway is completed it will sweep from Balsam where it joins the State Highway up through the peaks of the Balsam range for 14 miles before it turns and drops off at an easy grade to rejoin the same State Highway at another point, completing a loop believed to be unsurpassed in America as a scenic motor route.

### Grading Started.

Contract for the grading of this road has been let to the Catawba Construction Company of Asheville, it was announced, John N. Bohanon of that concern having been here recently to complete the details of the deal. Work has actually started and is being pushed as rapidly as the natural ruggedness of the country will permit. Contract for the paving of this highway is now under negotiation and is expected to be closed within a very short time, it was stated.

The road starts from Balsam, with an altitude of 3,615 feet, said to be the highest railroad point east of the Rockies, and runs 14 miles along the top of the Balsam mountains, rising to an altitude of 6,200 feet when it reaches Yellow Face Knob, site of the proposed hotel.

Leaving Yellow Face Knob the highway will run along the divide for two miles to Black Rock which has an altitude of 6,100 feet. With a winding drop the scenic highway leaves Black Rock and drops rapidly to the level of State Highway No. 10, completing the 19-mile loop which is expected by the developers to be unsurpassed for scenic beauty.

In addition to the 14 miles of road leading from Balsam to the hotel-site there will be spur roads leading to some of the celebrated peaks in the vicinity.

"Hood Park," the name which Mr. Hood has chosen for this development, contains half a dozen mountains that are over 6,000 feet in elevation and from vantage points on these peaks some of the finest views to be had in Western North Carolina are obtainable. Those who have visited the area in question are enthusiastic in their praise of the rugged scenery.

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### OLD HAYWOOD AND FELIX E. ALLEY

(By Buel Benners Hyatt.)

I have just returned from the rolling hills of old Virginia, and "Sun, Sun, Sunny Tennessee," but there is no place on earth like old Haywood to me. There was a marker along the roadside that showed where Daniel Boone had made footprints on the bosom of nature. And, further up the road some fellow had the cleverest scarecrow I ever looked at. My sister gave me a bunch of tulips for mother. As we settled down before the warm hearth, I said to my father, "This is home." He replied, "Yes." Then I perused the Citizen and Chauncey Dewey declared that "Home" is the sweetest word in our language. The thought that occurred to me was that Home and Haywood are about the same. Then, I seemed to get an idea of the vast hosts that had at some time called Haywood "Home," and "Home" Haywood. Then I caught a vision of all those people, as if they were gathered in a prism and suddenly loosened before my eyes. Such a glorious caravan! Such exquisite elegance graced the assemblage. As I looked the vision grew, the splendor deepened, and I thought of that beautiful poem Mrs. M. J. Branner left as a heritage:

Old Haywood, I love thee, and ne'er from my heart  
Shall thy image of loveliness fade or depart;  
It will linger around me where'er I may roam,  
And sing of thee ever, my childhood's fair home.

There may be bright spots on this wide spreading earth,  
Fairer and brighter than the place of my birth,  
But oh! there is none over land, over sea,  
More dear to my heart—like Haywood to me.

There is none to be found that with me e'er can vie  
With this fairy-like home 'neath heaven's blue sky,  
Where the sons ever brave and the daughters e'er fair,  
Live in peace and contentment, without sorrow or care.

"Miss Margaret" used to play that song when I was a boy going to school. And, we sang another song that had something in it about "Glory and love to the man of old, Their sons must copy their virtues bold;" and, I sat to dreaming about those men of old, and their sons; and, who they were and what they are. I thought of an old lady at Chapel Hill. She patched my pants once for me—maybe twice. She had a French name. And, she claimed her name meant "The Salt of the Earth." However, that may be, the sons and daughters of Haywood county are more than the salt of the earth. Why, they are mining salt out in Virginia. And, so much for that.

WHO WERE THE MEN OF OLD HAYWOOD? Thomas Love, John Howell, John Dobson, William Deaver, Hugh Davidson, John Ferguson, William Welch John Fulbright, Francis M. Davis, John Robinson, William Burns, Joseph Chambers, John Shook, William H. Thomas, Adam Killian, Josiah Crawford, William Cathey, Holleman Battle, Abel Stamey, Humphrey Haynes, R. H. Penland, William Allen, Acton McCracken, Thomas Lenoir, Felix Walker, Geo. Hall, J. B. Allison, Robert Love, Edward Hyatt, Ben Parks, Robert Reed, Mark Colman, Robert Turner, Wilburn Campbell, S. J. Shelton, J. R. Hawkins, James A. Blaylock, W. H. Leatherwood, William Wright, Hiram Rogers, Henry Platt, W. W. Stringfield, G. S. Ferguson, J. F. Murray, John H. Turpin, Lorenzo Medford, William J. Wilson, Harrison Moody, William C. Brown, W. T. Sharp, John H. Smathers, Elizsha W. Morgan, Robert Boyd, Joseph Limer, Silas Kirkpatrick, R. A. Sentelle, J. C. L. Gudger, and a score of others. These men laid the foundation of Haywood county deep, firm and solid as are these eternal hills. So to speak, the present citizenship of a large portion of Western North Carolina are descendants of those men. Reproduction on the history of Haywood county will reveal their contribution to our present civilization.

Haywood county is known as the rock-ribbed Democratic county of the West, and the county has produced powerful minds and

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### Condensed State News From Raleigh

(By M. L. Shipman.)

Raleigh, N.C., May 3.—The State Democratic convention, the final certification of the rolls of candidates for the primary this summer and a variety of lesser affairs occupied the attention and time of officials in Raleigh this week. The convention was the outstanding feature of the week.

Thursday, in strength more than 2,000 setting a new record, the delegates moved down on Raleigh. Democratic leaders on hand were Governor McLean, who departed from the custom of his predecessor and attended the convention and received a rousing welcome, half a dozen Congressmen. Frank Hampton representing the two Senators and R. R. Reynolds who is aspiring to Senator Overman's seat, and Governor-to-be O. Max Gardner, perhaps the most popular and rightly so, man in Democratic circles of the State at this time.

The morning of the convention was spent in listening to the excellent keynote speech of Walter C. Feimster of Newton which praised the Democracy, state and national, and exporiated the Republicans. Mr. Feimster paid particular attention to the record of North Carolina's representatives in Congress and also paid tribute to the record of several past Governors and to Governor McLean.

After the speech, R. O. Everett introduced and Cameron Morrison seconded a resolution of regret at the passing of William Jennings Bryan. Then a similar resolution over the death of Former Governor Locke Craig was adopted. The convention then adjourned for lunch, re-entered the hall two hours later and in a 36 minute session held a love feast at which the platform was adopted and then adjournment was taken.

The State Board of Elections, after some squabbling, certified the list of candidates who may run in the next primary. The list was not made public the day of the closing of the books for fear the newspapers might print some name not approved by the board. The question of registering by mail or telegraph arose, but was finally settled by accepting all who registered in the prescribed form for taking the oath. This barred a half dozen who had failed so to do. There was some criticism of the board for not allowing Republicans to register by telegraph, but was finally settled.

Prof. Albert Ray Newsome of the University of North Carolina was selected during the week to succeed Robert House as secretary of the State Horticultural Commission. Mr. House will become executive secretary of the University of North Carolina. John A. Park, publisher of the Raleigh Times gave a dinner on Friday to Oscar J. Coffin who resigned as editor of the paper to become dean of the school of Journalism of the University of North Carolina, succeeding Gerald Johnson who will become editorial writer for the Baltimore Sun.

The death of Joseph R. Chamberlain, president of the Raleigh Phosphate and Fertilizer Company, was a great shock to Raleigh. He had been a leading citizen of this community for many years. Because of the wise financial policy of Governor McLean, North Carolina bonds are greatly in demand in New York and the demand cannot be met.

The convention of state farmers and farm women will be held on July 27-29, it is announced here. Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson believes cruelty to prisoners can be stopped by employing guards with greater mentality rather than by passing new laws. The state employees had a half holiday convention day in order that they might see their friends in the city attending the convention.

The North Carolina Welfare Commission has started on the task of collecting data on the number of women employed in industry in the forty largest communities of the State. E. F. Carter, executive secretary.

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### Interview With Felix E. Alley

In an interview with the editor of the Waynesville Mountaineer Honorable Felix E. Alley gave out the following interview in regard to his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Tenth district:

"I did not enter this contest, as the result of irresistible pressure urged by any man or group of men, but I can say with truth that before I decided to seek the nomination I was encouraged by offers of support from every county in the district. Whatever the outcome may be, I shall always be infinitely grateful for the unfaltering loyalty manifested by friends in every section of every county. Those in position to know will testify that for many years I have been a very busy man in the practice of my profession; but I have never been too busy to close my office to serve the cause of the Democratic party whenever and wherever it was thought I could serve it best.

Believing that those are most successful in life who render the greatest and best service to mankind, I beg my friends to believe that the desire for a broader field for service was the primary motive which prompted me to seek this nomination. A candidate moved by any other purpose would be unworthy to represent a district like this. A member of Congress comes in daily contact with the best brain of the nation. If he is a student and is actuated by the desire to serve, he should make rapid growth in knowledge and influence. No State can boast a greater district than ours. Rich in its natural resources; rich in the promises of its future, but above all, rich in the nobility of its manhood and the purity of its womanhood, it deserves the best of all that is good. I yearn for the opportunity to serve a land so fair and a citizenship so splendid. If I can win by honorable, dignified and legitimate effort, I shall be glad and grateful indeed; and in that event I pledge to serve unto the uttermost, with whatever ability I possess, every interest of the people of this district. But 'the voice of the people is the voice of God,' and if they decree that the honor and opportunity I seek shall again be given to my opponent, it is my further pledge that as far as my voice will reach, it will be lifted in behalf of Democracy's cause in every section of this district until the stars begin to shine on election night.

"I believe that the perpetuity of the institutions of this nation depends upon the triumph of democratic principles. They must eventually triumph because they represent the right. The principles of our party are as enduring and eternal as the granite in our everlasting hills. In every country on earth in which human beings dwell, there the spirit of Democracy lives and serves. Its spirit was born when the Morning Stars first sang Creation's Hymn. Its birth was coeval with the birth of Truth and Justice, for Justice is Truth and Truth is eternal. And at last, when Time shall be no more, and this world returns to the Nothingness from which it was formed, the spirit of Democracy will continue to live to survive the crash of matter and the wreck of worlds. Let us, therefore, in this contest, and in every other contest, keep the best interests of the Democratic party paramount."

### MARION TALLEY TO SING IN ASHEVILLE.

Marion Talley, the phenomenal 19 year old American piano donna of the Metropolitan Opera Co., will sing in the auditorium in Asheville Saturday night, May 22nd. Her concert will be managed by A. H. Lowe of 81 Chestnut street who reports the advance sale of tickets is breaking all previous records for concerts in Asheville, many people coming from a distance of several hundred miles.

Mr. H. A. Plummer of Brevard made a business trip here Wednesday.