

Distinguished Woodmen Visit Hendersonville

Sovereign Commander Fraser, Sovereign Adviser B. W. Jewell, Both of Omaha, Neb., and E. B. Lewis of Kinston, Spoke Here—V. E. Grant Presented With Handsome Fountain Pen—Need of Golf Course Stressed. Delightful Banquet Served at Kentucky Home in Honor of Guests.

Sovereign Commander William A. Fraser, head of the Woodmen of the World, Sovereign Adviser B. W. Jewell, both of Omaha, Neb., and E. B. Lewis, of Kinston, N. C., state manager for North Carolina, were guests of White Pine Camp No. 213 here last night at a public speaking in the city auditorium and a delightful banquet served afterwards at the Kentucky Home hotel.

Mr. Fraser and his party were met at the depot by a committee of Hendersonville citizens, and immediately after getting off the 5:15 train were taken over the city, riding in the car with John T. Wilkins and R. M. Oates. They were preceded by the Hendersonville band and about 40 automobiles followed. The Naterman property, the site of the proposed Root memorial park, was circled; then up Main street and back to the Park Hill hotel where the guests stopped while in the city.

At 8 o'clock, notwithstanding the cold weather, the auditorium of the city hall was well filled with Woodmen and their friends for the speaking. John T. Wilkins had charge of the meeting, and Rev. T. E. Simpson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, led in prayer. Mr. Wilkins introduced District Deputy V. E. Grant, who introduced E. B. Lewis. Mr. Lewis in turn presenting Mr. Fraser.

Mr. Fraser's address was highly enjoyed and he interspersed his words of thought with witty stories which kept the audience in good humor all the way through.

"I am glad of the privilege of coming to North Carolina," said the speaker, "and I told Lewis, who made the dates for me to be sure and include Hendersonville. I have found North Carolina to be a revelation of a lifetime. Having always thought of the state as a place where nothing but cotton and colored folks were raised, I was agreeably surprised to see so many manufacturing plants and other industries flourishing, but the greatest asset North Carolina has is the Woodmen of the World. While the power plants, the furniture factories, the cotton mills, give employment to thousands, thereby enabling them to earn a livelihood, the W. O. W. stands for protection of the home and assures independence for the widows and children should adversity overtake the head of the house.

"There is one town in North Carolina that somehow I have always wanted to visit, and that town is Hendersonville. It was here that on December 24, 1913, that the founder of the great order of which I am now at the head, died, and for this reason I have always wanted to visit your city. I am sorry the hotel where he breathed his last is burned down, but am glad to meet the good men and women who administered to him during his last hours.

"Some time ago I went to New York where I executed a contract with Tiffany for a magnificent memorial window to the memory of Mr. Root which when completed will be placed in the splendid Woodmen of the World building at Omaha.

"The Woodmen of the World was organized in 1890 and has far exceeded the dreams of the founder. Starting without capital and without stock the society now has over 800,000 members and has \$30,000,000 held in reserve in its vaults.

"The ladies make the work of our order much easier and far more successful and for them there has been founded the Woodmen Circle. The society came into existence for the purpose of making it easy for a man to provide for his family after he passes away. The 800,000 Sovereigns in the order carry protection amounting to \$85,000,000, ranging in amounts of from \$500 to \$3,000, so that their wives and mothers and children will be enabled to care for themselves in the event that the sovereign dies.

"The society is unique above all others in one particular. No member will sleep in an unmarked grave. Every deceased member has a monument erected to his memory costing \$100.

"The society has invested in North Carolina \$3,000,000 in road, municipal and school bonds, and right in Hendersonville has invested \$25,000 in bridge and funding bonds. I regret that we haven't invested \$10,000,000 in North Carolina bonds for they are first-class. Hereafter when North Carolina bonds are offered us we will buy them without question, and they ought to be on par with those of New York and Illinois because of the manufacturing interests here."

He said the local camp was as enthusiastic as any to be found anywhere and paid tribute to V. E. Grant who is doing so much for the good of the order. He read a telegram from the increase in membership for the

MILLS RIVER COMMUNITY FAIR WAS A BRILLIANT SUCCESS

Speeches Were Made by N. W. Walker of Chapel Hill and W. H. Hipps of Asheville—Prizes Given.

Lined up in brilliant array, the several schools of Mills River township Friday, November 10, at a signal's sound, started from Whitaker & Davenport's store for the Mills River school building. A long train of wagons, buggies, and automobiles loaded with school children, parents and friends—flags waving and children yelling to the top of their voices was formed by each school which was led with a float from that school. Much enthusiasm was manifested along the entire parade. The parade was led by Rugby school while Smoky Hollow brought up the rear. Each school (Smoky Hollow, Mills River and Rugby) presented a good display with their beautiful floats and their enthusiastic boys and girls. Large crowds greeted the children along the parade.

Good Speeches. Among those who were watching the parade was Prof. N. W. Walker of Chapel Hill, N. C. Immediately after the floats and other vehicles arrived at the school building, the older people assembled in the school auditorium where they were addressed by Prof. Walker and Supt. W. H. Hipps of Asheville. Both speeches were interesting and to the point on better equipment for the schools.

In substance Mr. Walker said that it was not a dream, that could not be realized, for Mills River to have a Farm Life school to prepare the young men and women for the vocations that they wished to follow. Mr. Hipps went right to the point on what Mills River should do in the way of school improvements and made a convincing speech on school improvements.

Fine Exhibits. After the speaking, the doors were opened to all of the exhibits inside the school rooms. Exhibits of apples, farm products, handicraft (works), old pieces of hand work, fancy work, crocheting, embroidery and tatting, canned goods, preserves, cakes, pies, breads and various other things were on.

In the exhibition of farm products large turnips, squash, and pumpkins added considerably to the general appearance of the rooms; in the exhibits of old articles could be found bed spreads more than a century and 23 years old, horns used in the Revolutionary war, a bible 200 years old, and numerous other things of interest.

The fancy work was excellent throughout. Each school presented a fine exhibit of needle work. The exhibit in this line would compare favorably with work done in schools where domestic science and art are taught; breads, pies, cakes, etc., were no less to be considered.

The exhibits were confined mostly to farm products and the works of domestic science and art. However, there were some farm exhibits of animals. The people of Mills River hope to have exhibits of live stock at next year's fair.

Prizes Awarded. Prizes were given for the best float, for the best exhibit of apples, for best exhibit of farm products, for the best piece of wood work, for the best exhibit of old hand work, for the best exhibit of canned goods, preserves, cakes, pies, etc., and for best exhibit of fancy work. Smoky Hollow school won the prize of \$2.00 given by H. Patterson's department store for the best float in the parade; Lila Osborne won the first prize for the best exhibit of farm products; Gather Meece first prize on best piece woodwork; Mrs. L. L. Johnson first prize on best collection of preserves, jellies, etc.; Mrs. Gallamore first prize for best exhibit old handwork; Russell Goodie first prize on best exhibit of apples. Uniform prizes were given on all the exhibits except on the float. Davenport & Whitaker, Hayes Bros., and J. C. Britain were among those who gave prizes. The prizes were given for general exhibits this time but it is hoped that there will be prizes for all exhibits next year. Blue ribbons, however, were used very extensively this time instead of prizes.

In the near future the people of Mills River will organize a fair association to promote the interest and further the work for a larger fair next year.

DELIVERY TRUCK WRECKED. The Ford delivery truck owned by the Southern Supply company was wrecked Saturday evening at the foot of Washington street when a tire blew out causing the driver to run into a pile of crossties. No one was hurt.

Cyrus B. Watson, one of the state's foremost citizens, died at his home in Winston-Salem last week.

HUSTLER KEPT BUSY GIVING ELECTION RETURNS

From the time the polls closed on Tuesday until the certain re-election of President Wilson became known late Thursday night the Hustler office was besieged with anxious inquiries from both men and women, wanting to know the results of the election, and all were answered to the best of our ability. Through the splendid cooperation of Manager Carpenter of the Western Union and the operators at the local telephone exchange we were enabled to keep pretty well posted on the way things were going, and outside of the conflicting claims made by the managers for Britt and Weaver at Asheville, almost definite returns could be given in every instance. On Tuesday night returns were given by the Western Union every few minutes and the telephone was kept busy getting returns from the county. By ten o'clock Tuesday night the result in the county from all precincts was practically definitely known. At that hour judging from returns from the eastern states the election of Hughes seemed a certainty, but later in the night those who remained at the Hustler office began to see that Wilson was gaining and Democrats then began to see a ray of hope. At three o'clock Wednesday morning they went to their homes feeling that the dawn of day would bring much better tidings and in this they were not disappointed.

All day Wednesday the suspense continued and the Hustler office was besieged by inquiries both by telephone and in person. It is estimated that over 1,000 calls were put up for the Hustler's single telephone during the day and night.

Thursday night the glad news came that Wilson had carried California and apparently was elected. Then the crowd dispersed, feeling that their ceaseless vigil had been sufficiently awarded.

COURT IN SESSION. Trial of Civil Cases in Progress—Judge Shaw of Greensboro, Presiding.

The November term of Henderson County Superior court for the trial of civil cases is now in progress, Judge Thos. J. Shaw of Greensboro, presiding.

In the case of W. C. Lyda vs. Kinless Lyda an absolute divorce was granted.

The judge Tuesday evening still had the case of Etta Whetstone vs. Tom Whetstone, in which the plaintiff is seeking divorce, under consideration.

A divorce was granted in the case of Berta Mills vs. T. M. Mills.

The case of John C. Rankin vs. R. M. Oates was continued.

The case of David H. Howard vs. city of Hendersonville was also continued.

A divorce was granted in the case of Florence Elise Harvey vs. George Harvey, custody of child to remain with plaintiff.

The marriage contract between Amanda Jackson and John Jackson was declared null and void, plaintiff allowed to take her maiden name.

In the case of Ray vs. Grove Park Inn plaintiff was allowed ten days to file amended complaint and defendant 20 days after that to file answer.

Slayden Fakes Co. vs. Gallamore, continued.

African Methodist Church vs. W. C. Jordan and James Summey, continued.

Southern Railway Co. vs. McD. Rav, continued.

B. R. L. Ry. Co. vs. Light and Power company, continued.

Holcombe and Hoke Mfg Co., vs. J. D. Boyd, continued.

The damage suit of T. A. Jackson vs. J. U. Kendall was on trial yesterday morning resulting in a verdict for the plaintiff.

FLETCHER R-2 NEWS. (Special to The Hustler.) Fletcher, R-2, Nov. 15.—Rev. and Mrs. A. Burgess and children of East Flat Rock, spent Wednesday in this section.

Mr. James Long, one of our most progressive farmers, has purchased an automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Livingston visited relatives on Fletcher, R-2, last Friday.

Prof. B. L. Edwards spent Tuesday at his home at Barnardville.

B. H. Youngblood is erecting a handsome residence at Good Luck.

Miss Bonnie Russell is visiting friends on Hendersonville, R-5.

Medical inspection of the public schools of Irredell county has been started by Dr. T. M. Jordan.

RESULT IN 10TH IS STILL IN DOUBT

Last week on the face of unofficial returns from the tenth district, the Hustler announced that Zebulon Weaver had been elected to congress by a majority of 100 votes. Later developments, however, showed that semi-official returns from over the district gave Mr. Britt a majority of 13. Moreover, the Buncombe county election board, after canvassing a part of the returns from Buncombe county, adjourned without certifying the congressional vote, to meet again this (Thursday) afternoon to go over the vote.

In the meantime both sides have gotten busy, charges and counter charges have been made until the situation has become somewhat complex and decidedly perplexing. The fight now seems to hinge on the unmarked ballots that were cast, and a dispatch from Washington says there will be a contest in Congress no matter in whose favor the election is decided.

Congressman Britt's Statement. "I am resting my case solely upon the ballots regularly, legally cast at the polls, and, up to this hour have made no charges whatever against anybody; not that I have not abundant grounds or complaints, but because I know that I am entitled to my certificate of election on the face of the official returns, and feel that the matter should rest there. Mr. Weaver now contends that unmarked ballots should be counted when he knows that the Democratic attorney general, Democratic state board of elections, and his Democratic chairman, D. S. Elias, have each and all held the law to be that all ballots must be marked in order to be valid; not only this but his chairman, who happens also to be chairman of the county board of elections, marked every Weaver ticket before sending them out, as his own letters now in my possession abundantly prove, while in the same letters he stated he was sending out my ballots unmarked and that the Republicans could mark them on the day of election, when they received them.

"Mr. Weaver and his friends should be the last to complain. I have beaten him at the polls, under election machinery provided by the Democratic party. Both his ballots and mine read as follows: 'To vote this ticket, make cross mark in square.' Knowing that this question had been threshed out before the Democratic state board of elections, by the Democratic attorney general, and also that every Democratic election official from state board elections down had so decreed it, I instructed my friends generally to abide by it and observe it fully, which they did, with the result that I lost heavily on that account, 29 votes in one county, and almost an equal number in another, and from one to 10 in many precincts throughout the district.

"I have won this election against the most fearful odds against which any man ever battled. I had to contend against federal, state, county and municipal officers; a solid opposition press, as well as the tremendous popularity of President Wilson. In spite of all these odds I have won, and Weaver now proposes to revoke the election laws and regulations all made by his party, in order to destroy my majority and get the certificate of election, to which he must know he is not entitled. But he and his friends have not reckoned with the public. The great Democratic masses will not uphold him in this, he will find that the people regardless of party will not support him in this unwarranted effort to deprive me of my election.

"On last Tuesday the American people re-elected Wilson president of the United States. We Republicans bow to their will without complaint. On the same day the people of this district re-elected me to Congress, and Weaver and his friends should as cheerfully concede my election and accord to the Republicans their rights."

The Democratic View. The Democratic view of the situation, as it now stands follows: "If the unmarked tickets should not have been counted then errors and mistakes have been made in counting and returning unmarked tickets for the candidates for congress. If the unmarked tickets should have been counted then errors and mistakes have been made in not counting the unmarked tickets and including them in the returns.

"In either view it is imperative, if the will of the people as legally expressed at the polls is to be arrived at, that a correction of these errors and mistakes be made.

"We understand that Mr. Britt and his advisers insist that unmarked tickets should not have been counted and included in the returns. If that be true, then it is necessary to correct the returns on that account. If, on the other hand, the unmarked tickets should have been counted, then the unmarked tickets which were thrown away and not counted must be included in the returns. So in any event the board of canvassers of Buncombe county must be presented with the facts in order to declare a result in accordance with the will of the people as legally expressed at the polls.

The facts should be found and then

either party who feels aggrieved can present the matter for final determination to the state board of canvassers, who have the final decision.

"It has been intimated that it was the purpose of Mr. Weaver, or some of his friends, to arbitrarily and without reason throw out certain votes and in this way bring about the election of Mr. Weaver. No such purpose or intent has at any time been entertained.

"There are persistent rumors that at certain precincts in Buncombe county gross frauds, bribery and corruption were practiced on behalf of some of the candidates at the election. If such frauds, bribery and corruption are discovered then, of course, something must be done to purify the ballot box."

CONGRESSMAN BRITT LED TICKET IN COUNTY.

Republican Majority in Henderson Ranges From 176 to 676—Hughes Gets a Majority of 629.

The entire republican ticket, both national, state and county, was given majorities in Henderson county in the election Tuesday, November 7.

Congressman Britt received the largest majority, leading his opponent by 676 votes. Brown for tax collector, led his opponent, Kuykendall, by 176 votes, the lowest majority recorded.

James Foy Justice, for state senator, was outdistanced in this county by his opponent by a majority of 605.

The following is the official vote in Henderson county for president on down:

Table with 2 columns: Candidate/Office and Votes. Includes Hughes (1795), Wilson (1166), Britt (1810), Weaver (1134), Linney (1794), Bickett (1154), Parker (1793), Manning (1155), Harris (1592), Lacy (1152), Pugh (1793), Joyner (1155), Jordan (1793), Shipman (1153), French (1792), Graham (1151), Hardin (1793), Young (1154), Case (1625), McCarrson (1238), Jackson (1735), Rogers (1188), DePriest (1777), Justice (1172), Brown (1495), Kuykendall (1319), Jones (unopposed) (176), Revis (unopposed) (1803), Cliff (unopposed) (1790), Sidney J. Whitaker, Jackson F. Stepp and John T. Stator, for county commissioners, received votes running right around 1800. They were unopposed.

French's majority... 638 For Insurance Commissioner.

Hardin's majority... 639 For Sheriff.

Case's majority... 387 For Legislature.

Jackson's majority... 567 For State Senate.

DePriest's majority... 605 For Tax Collector.

Brown's majority... 176 For Register of Deeds.

Jones (unopposed)... 1803 For Surveyor.

Cliff (unopposed)... 1790 For Coroner.

Sidney J. Whitaker, Jackson F. Stepp and John T. Stator, for county commissioners, received votes running right around 1800. They were unopposed.

BRIDGES NEEDED. To the Editor of the Hustler: We would be glad to know who is responsible for the rebuilding of the two bridges that were washed away between Mills River and Hendersonville on July 16, 1915. The crossing at the poor house is not only dangerous to autos but also to teams. We pay a heavy road and bridge tax and we think it is due the public that they should be repaired at once. Winter is coming on and if it sets in wet it will be impossible to cross either place.

TAX PAYER. Angeline, Nov. 13, 1914.

ELECTION CAUSES CUPID TO TAKE BACK SEAT. Along with everything else Cupid had to take a back seat and give way to the election of last week, only one marriage license having been issued from the office of Register of Deeds for this county. The license issued was for Rev. J. J. Gray and Miss Sallie Shipman, both of Etowah.

Arthur Evans of Winston-Salem, was instantly killed Monday afternoon when he leaped in front of an incoming passenger train.

WILSON'S GREAT VICTORY WAS CELEBRATED

Henderson county people gathered in Hendersonville Friday night and gave vent to their feelings of elation over the election of President Wilson, and for hours the intense joy went unconfined. Noise of every conceivable kind was made by auto horns, sirens, tin horns, cannon crackers, tin pans and most everything else that would make a noise. A big torchlight parade, headed by Mayor Brooks and Solicitor Schenck, each riding a democratic mule, and accompanied by the Hendersonville band playing patriotic airs, wended its way over the city. Many ladies took part in the parade, riding in automobiles.

Early Friday morning arrangements were being made for the big celebration. Sam T. Hodges attended to the details while Gordon F. Garlington got busy with the telephone and every section of the county was reached with the result that thousands assembled here in the evening and the celebration continued until late at night.

Banners carrying such inscriptions as "Thank God for Woodrow Wilson," "America First With Wilson," "Wilson the Farmers' Friend," "Mighty Hour Wilson," "Hughes Talked Himself to Death," and "Teddy's Bull is a Milch Cow," were carried in the parade.

The crowd was good-natured and no one was offended. "Wilson, That's All" was uppermost in the minds of everybody and it was a general thanksgiving spirit that prevailed. Every part of the county was represented and many came from Transylvania, they having been notified by telephone. The mules which were used for mounts for some who took part in the parade behaved nicely considering the noise, but would balk every once in a while when some ardent Republican, not to be outdone by the demonstration, would shout "Hurrah for Hughes."

The torchlights, fireworks, bon-fires, and the national colors carried by marchers in the parade, made an impressive spectacle, and all in all it was a great justification meeting.

Woodrow Wilson and Thomas R. Marshall have been re-elected president and vice president of the United States of America and there will be four more years of the policies inaugurated and put into effect by Mr. Wilson.

At 11 o'clock last Thursday night the definite news came that Wilson had carried California, one of the doubtful states on which the outcome of the election depended. The thirteen electoral votes of California gave Wilson a majority in the electoral college and were sufficient for his re-election. The final count of the ballots in California gave him a lead over Hughes of over 3,000 in the popular vote.

In New Mexico, New Hampshire and North Dakota, the president also nosed out ahead, Hughes carrying Minnesota and West Virginia, the other doubtful states, by a small margin.

It was fifty hours after the polls closed in California before Republican Chairman Rowell conceded the state to Wilson.

The electoral vote by states stands as follows, with little likelihood of there being any changes made:

Table with 2 columns: State and Votes. Includes Alabama (12), Arizona (3), Arkansas (9), California (13), Colorado (6), Connecticut (7), Delaware (3), Florida (6), Georgia (14), Idaho (4), Illinois (29), Indiana (15), Iowa (13), Kansas (10), Kentucky (13), Louisiana (10), Maine (6), Maryland (8), Massachusetts (18), Michigan (15), Minnesota (12), Mississippi (10), Missouri (18), Montana (4), Nebraska (8), Nevada (3), New Hampshire (4), New Jersey (14), New Mexico (3), New York (45), North Carolina (12), North Dakota (5), Ohio (24), Oklahoma (10), Oregon (5), Pennsylvania (38), Rhode Island (5), South Carolina (9), South Dakota (5), Tennessee (12), Texas (20), Utah (4), Vermont (4), Virginia (12), Washington (7), West Virginia (8), Wisconsin (13), Wyoming (3). Totals: 276, 255.