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Mr. Spruill is a Mason and Shriner, also a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. He served as County Road Commissioner and member of the School Board before going to the Legislature.

Service—

Mr. Spruill has served the best interest of his county and state as officer and representative of the people for 30 years. At all times he supported the farmer and the laborer.

Efficient—

His record of introducing and sponsoring measures that have been passed by his fellow legislators is ample proof of the faith the people with whom he served have in him.

Worker—

Mr. Spruill fought for lower taxes on farms and homes. He introduced the bill that took the 16c levy off State land tax in 1933. At all times he supported aid for more vocational and agriculture training schools.

In his campaign Mr. Spruill time and time again charged Kerr Scott with non-cooperation with the State Extension forces.

He always pointed out that there was a duplication of work and a waste of money because of this lack of cooperation.

Resolutions By Wilkes Democrats Favor Third Term; Reapportionment

Following are six resolutions which were passed in the Wilkes county Democratic convention held Saturday, May 11, in Wilkesboro:

Introduced by Floyd C. Forester, and passed unanimously by a rising vote.

Whereas, we are residents of a great Country which is not involved in the horrors of war and bloodshed, and which, through the able leadership of the National Administration, has been able to remain out of the great world conflict of trouble, war and strife, and,

Whereas, under our present National Administration for the past eight years this has been a Country of peace and prosperity, and that under the guidance of our great President, the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, the people of this Nation have had the privilege of enjoying liberty and peace and the principles of Democracy, and,

Whereas, great progress in this Country as a Nation has been achieved under the present National Administration and under the guidance of our matchless leader, the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt;

Therefore, Be It Resolved:

1. That this Convention do now go on record as endorsing the National Administration for the past eight years, and endorsing the Administration of the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of this great United States of America.

2. That this Convention do now go on record as endorsing the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt for nomination and election for a third term as President of the United States, provided he is a candidate for this high position.

3. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of this convention, and a copy furnished the press.

Respectfully submitted, this the 11th day of May, 1940.

Introduced by Julius C. Hubbard and passed unanimously by a rising vote.

Whereas, our distinguished Governor, the Honorable Clyde R. Hoey, in his wisdom, appointed an outstanding citizen of Wilkes County as a member of the State Highway Commission to represent this, the Eighth Highway District, and

Whereas, our local member of said commission has given much of his time, and has devoted his best efforts to carry on the highway work in his district in an impartial and unselfish manner, all of the time having only the best interests of all the people of his district at heart, although it is humanly impossible to construct all the highways the people want due to the lack of finances, and an impossibility to meet all of the demands that may have been made upon him in the way of road construction;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Democrats of Wilkes County, in Convention assembled, on this, the 11th day of May, 1940, at the courthouse in Wilkesboro, N. C., that said convention most heartily commends our member of the state highway commission, J. Gordon Hackett, for the splendid work he has done for the people of his district, and the state at large; furthermore, that the said convention commends the entire highway organization of this district for the efficient manner in which they have carried on their work, both in construction and maintenance;

Second: That a copy of this resolution be made a part of the permanent record of this convention; that a copy be sent His Excellency, Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, Governor of North Carolina; that a copy be sent to the chairman of the State Highway Commission; and that copies be sent to the local newspapers with request to publish.

Introduced by Floyd C. Forester and passed unanimously by a rising vote.

Whereas, The Constitution of North Carolina requires a reapportionment, of members of the House of Representatives and a

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redistricting for members of the Senate by the General Assembly after each ten-year Census enumerated by the Federal Government, and,

Whereas, Legislators from the eastern counties have organized each two years since 1930 to defeat this mandate, in direct violation of their oaths as legislators and as citizens to uphold the Constitution of the State, and have boasted that they will continue to defeat this provision, and,

Whereas, The eastern legislators, by political tricks and promises, have induced legislators from several western counties (20 representatives from 18 western counties in 1937) to vote partitionment and redistricting, in the face of explicit direction of the State's Constitution, and,

Whereas, A Federal Census was taken in 1940, giving a new population Status for reapportionment and redistricting the State on a new and equitable basis by the General Assembly of 1941, now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That the Democrats of Wilkes County favor a reapportionment of House members and redistricting for State Members by the 1941 session of the North Carolina General Assembly, based on the 1940 Census, in order that the western section of the State may not be deprived for another ten years of its just and proper representation in the General Assembly; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That with them to prevent this reapportionment the Legislature(s) from this county be urged to recognize (his) their duty to support the Constitution and the wishes of this Convention to work actively and diligently for legislation to bring about reapportionment and redistricting in the State at the next session of the General Assembly.

Introduced by Floyd C. Forester and passed unanimously by a rising vote.

Whereas, Seven of the eleven elective executive officials of the State of North Carolina are from the eastern section of the State, and only four are from the piedmont and western counties, and,

Whereas, These officials form several ex-officio boards and commissions which direct the policies and handle the bulk of the business of the people of the entire State Government, as shown by the following:

The Council of State is composed of five easterners, including the legal adviser, and only one from the piedmont and western counties;

The State Board of Education is composed of five easterners and only two from the piedmont and western counties;

The State Board of Assessments is composed of four easterners, one from the piedmont area and none from the west;

The Executive Committee of the Local Government Commission is composed of four easterners, with no piedmont or western member;

The Municipal Board of Control for the State is composed of three easterners (two of them from one small eastern county) and none from the west or piedmont;

The World War Veterans' Loan Fund Committee is composed of two easterners, one from the center and one from the west, with a director from the east; and numbers of other important commissions and boards are so composed including the State School Commission and the State Banking Commission, and,

Whereas, More than two-thirds of the major appointive officers

of the State are from the east, and, because of this, probably more than two-thirds of the lesser officials and employees of the State are from the east, and,

Whereas, The 46 counties of the east, containing almost exactly one-half of the land area of the State, have only 40 per cent of the State's population, have cast only 20 to 30 per cent of the Democratic votes in every general election in the past decade, and pay less than one-third of the taxes levied to operate the State Government, while the other 54 counties in the western half of the State, with an equal land area, have 60 per cent of the population, cast from 64 to 80 per cent of the Democratic votes in general election, and pay more than two-thirds of the taxes on which the State operates, and,

Whereas, It is about time the Democrats of the piedmont and western counties realize that they are casting the votes and paying the bills while the eastern minority levies the taxes, reaps the political rewards and honors, and controls the affairs of the State, and realize it is time for western Democrats to demand at least a fair and equitable share of these important positions; Now therefore:

Be It Resolved: That we, the Democrats of Wilkes County hereby declare that we will encourage honorable, able and trustworthy citizens of the piedmont and western counties of the State to become candidates for all State-wide elective executive offices, (meanwhile endorsing the plan of alternating candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor between east and west, and of a United States Senator each from east and west) and that, other things being equal, we promise to support candidates for these offices from the piedmont and west, until these sections get a fair and equitable representation in State offices and thus have a proper and just voice in the operation and business of the State Government.

Approved May 11, 1940, Wilkesboro, N. C.

Introduced by resolutions committee, composed of C. T. Doughton, C. O. McNeil, Grady Miller and Miss Elizabeth Finley, passed unanimously by the convention.

North Carolina, Wilkes County. Be it resolved by the Democrats of Wilkes County, in the Convention duly assembled:

That, Whereas, It has always been the policy and the primary purpose and interest of the Democratic Party to serve the best interest of Wilkes County and all of the people of Wilkes County regardless of political faith or party affiliation; and,

Whereas, it is the opinion of the Democratic Convention, which opinion is shared by a vast number of citizens of Wilkes County that the County of Wilkes has suffered a tragic and devastating loss, both financially, economically and otherwise in the flagrant and bias dismissal and discharge of Mr. Dan Holler, former County Agent of Wilkes County, and the Assistant County Agent, Mr. Jessie Giles; and,

Whereas, the County Agent's office, during their administration, was untiring in its efforts toward bringing greater productivity, wealth and economic security to the County of Wilkes and to its citizens, regardless of political affiliation, or regardless of who or what they were.

Now, Therefore, We, the Democrats in Convention assembled, do hereby express our deep regret of the loss which our county has suffered, and pledge our party to right this wrong and to do everything in its power, looking toward the return of the County Agent's Office to its former status, and to its former state of high efficiency and use-

to the families and citizens of Wilkes County.

Introduced by resolutions committee and passed unanimously by the convention.

Be it resolved that this convention go on record as endorsing the entire state administration for the efficient manner in which it has handled the affairs of the state during the past four years.

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