

RACE IN COUNTY BETWEEN SMITH AND HULL CLOSE

No Meetings Held in Several Precincts; But Two Delegations Instructed

OAK CITY FOR HULL

36 Out of 37 Attending Goose Nest Meeting Vote Against Smith; Robersonville Splits

Reports coming from the several precinct meetings, held last Saturday, indicate a close race between Smith and Hull in the county; several of the meetings going solid against the New York man, several solid for him, one or two divided, and several selected delegates, giving them no instructions.

In the meeting held at Oak City, 36 of the 37 attending voted against Smith, instructing their delegates to the county convention to vote for Hull as a first choice, Reed as a second. For a third choice, the delegates were instructed to vote for anything except Smith. If any of the delegates from Goose Nest happen to go to Raleigh, they are to stick one day, one week, one month, one year, or six years, with the assurance that those attending the meeting Saturday will pay their expenses. 'It was hot against Smith,' stated an Oak City man yesterday.

Robersonville, it was reported, split with neither side claiming a victory. Jamesville held no meeting. Although there was no meeting held in Griffins last Saturday, it was reported that Smith delegates were appointed several days before.

Two attended the meeting in Williams, and delegates from that precinct will attend the county convention un-instructed.

Bear Grass went for Smith. Hamilton will send delegates un-instructed.

Williamston elected 16 delegates who are known to favor Smith although the delegation is un-instructed.

Reports from the other precincts were meager, but it is understood that their delegates will be un-instructed.

Adjusters Here to Settle Hail Damage Claims

Messrs. W. B. Strickland, of Whitakers, and John Hall, of Oxford, are in the county this week settling claims for those farmers who had hail insurance and whose crops were damaged by the storm last Friday and Sunday nights. They will complete the work tomorrow or Thursday, it is thought. Around seventy-five claims have been made, and they are being settled very rapidly by local insurance men and the assessors.

Methodist Revival Closed Sunday Night

The eight-day revival services of the local Methodist church were brought to a very successful close Sunday night, with the church's pastor, Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, delivering one of his best sermons during the meeting.

The meeting was largely attended throughout and the messages delivered by Dr. Fitzgerald were well received by members of the several denominations as well as by his own people.

Special Service At Holy Trinity Mission

According to an announcement made at noon today, a special service will be held in the Holy Trinity Mission, near here, Thursday night of this week. The Young People's Service League of the church will give a special program, and a short address will be made. The service will be opened at 8:15.

The public is cordially invited to attend and take part in the singing which is expected to be one of the service's features.

CROPS DAMAGED BY HAIL STORM

Leggett's Mill Section Hit Hardest; Some Damage At Hamilton

Crops of many farmers in this section were badly damaged and completely ruined in several places last Friday night when they were struck by a heavy rain and hail storm. Covering a streak several miles in width, the hail fell only a few young plants in its main path from near the Leggett's mill, in Bear Grass Township, to a point down in Washington County. The extent of the damage has not been estimated, but the destruction was so complete in many sections that farmers were forced to plant their crops anew.

Twenty-four hours after the storm, hail was found in large quantities in the Leggett's mill section. The path of the storm was almost the same as it was last year when a similar storm occurred.

Sunday night another storm struck the Hamilton section, but the damage there was not as great as it was in the path of the Friday night storm. Insurance claims numbering almost 75 have been made and adjusted by agents, and many farmers in the storm's wake will be paid for their losses.

SCHEDULE OF HOME AGENT

Hamilton Women Met Friday; County Club Girls' Council Held

The Hamilton women held their regular meeting Friday at 3:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Waldo. Eight women were present at this meeting. A discussion of eggs, egg cookery, was the theme of the demonstration given by the Home Agent.

Saturday, May 26th, at 2 p. m., the second County Girls' Club Council was held in Miss Sleeper's office. The two clubs of Jamesville, one from Robersonville and one from Parmele were the only clubs represented. The Girls' Council of Clubs is composed of the presidents, vice presidents and secretaries of all the Girls 4-H clubs in the county. These girls elected the following officers at Camp Leach last year, president of the Council, Icelene Martin, Jamesville; vice president, Pauline Jenkins, Robersonville; secretary, Vera Green Rogers, Bear Grass and Emma Hurst, Gold Point, treasurer. Miss Pauline Smith, District Agent, was present at this meeting and she told the girls about the State Club short course for girls in Raleigh this year from July 28 to August 4. The girls made plans for camp at this meeting. All the girls want canning, cooking, basketry, recreation, music and art appreciation. There will be room for fifty girls at camp this year.

The Women's Council met in the agent's office Saturday at 3 o'clock. This council, like that of the girls, is composed of all the club officers. The clubs of Williams Chapel, Holly Springs, Williamston, Jamesville and Robersonville were represented at the meeting. Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., president of the council called the meeting to order and Mrs. C. L. Wilson, of Robersonville, acted as secretary in the absence of Miss Effie Waldo, of Hamilton. Mrs. Martin stated that she found it impossible to continue as president of the organization owing to many other duties and she resigned in favor of Mrs. John D. Biggs, of Williamston. After the business session, Miss Pauline Smith, District Agent from Washington, made a talk on "Convenient and Efficient Kitchens." Her talk was well illustrated by the use of charts and pictures. She suggested that the women get the following bulletins, "Convenient Kitchens" No. 1518; "The Arm Kitchen as a Workshop," No. 607 and "Farm Home Conveniences," No. 927. These can be had from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

A kitchen campaign is to be planned for this county in the fall. The agent will meet with clubs in Everetts and Robersonville tomorrow, and Thursday she will be here to meet with the local girls' clothing club. Friday, the Jamesville clubs will meet. Meetings have been held this week in Gold Point, Parmele and Holly Springs.

To Present Minstrel at Farm Life Saturday

Students of the Jamesville school will appear in a minstrel at the Farm Life School next Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock. The cast staged the show in Jagsville recently, where it met with much success.

The proceeds of the show will be used by the agricultural class of the school. The students of the class each year have been unable to attend judging contests and camps on account of lack of funds. Professor Overby stated yesterday.

LOCAL PRECINCT MEETING NAMES ITS DELEGATES

Sixteen Delegates Elected To County Convention; No Instructions

ALL FAVOR AL SMITH

Smith Opponents Nominate Delegates But Withdraw List Before Vote Is Taken

Smith's opponents and Smith's supporters in this precinct expressed themselves here last Saturday when they, a half hundred or more, met at the courthouse and selected delegates to the county convention. It was a Smith meeting by a four to one count, but that it had been prearranged was denied by the Smith men. The anti-Smiths entered wholeheartedly into the contest, named their delegates, but withdrew their motions and admitted defeat before the meeting came to a close. "It was the hottest precinct meeting held in years," stated one of those who attended.

Harmony ruled in the beginning, and a motion was made and carried ordering an uninstructed delegation to the county convention, but following a few minutes' pause the battle started when Mr. A. R. Dunning nominated 16 delegates. Mr. Dunning's selection was declared an outrageous thing by Dr. John D. Biggs, who further stated that it was a stuffed convention and it looked to him as if the whole thing had been prearranged. Dr. Biggs then named a list of delegates, and his list was in clear opposition, or for the most part, to that selected by Mr. Dunning. In his reply to the accusation, Mr. Dunning stated that he was a Smith man from the crown of his head to his toes, that the meeting was not stuffed as Dr. Biggs claimed, and that the meeting had been duly advertised, and if the people were not interested enough to attend, it was their own fault.

Dr. Biggs, admitting defeat in no uncertain terms, made a motion favoring the endorsement of Smith by the meeting, but the motion was not seconded and was later withdrawn by Mr. Biggs when he asked that the list of delegates named by him be dropped. The meeting was then made an almost solid Smith meeting when Dr. Biggs and several other anti-Smith men left the building.

A vote was ordered and the nominees, W. J. Taylor, W. H. Carstarphen, Leslie Fowden, J. L. Hassell, Dr. W. E. Warren, K. B. Crawford, J. E. King, O. S. Anderson, H. T. Roberson, John Savage, C. B. Clark, H. D. Taylor, R. L. Coburn, A. F. Taylor, A. R. Dunning, and W. H. Booker, were declared delegates to the county convention which will be held here June 9. In opposition to this list R. J. Peel, W. T. Meadows, Dr. Wm. E. Warren, W. G. Lamb, F. C. Bennett, C. D. Carstarphen, Jr., W. C. Manning, W. C. Manning, Jr., S. H. Grimes, Miss Hattie Throver, Mrs. J. D. Biggs, Dr. P. B. Cone, J. S. Getsinger, L. B. Harrison, C. A. Harrison, and Miss Mayo Lamb were named by Mr. Mayo Lamb who withdrew. A twenty-one to nothing vote was recorded in favor of the slate put up by the Smith supporters, and while its members are not instructed they will in all probability, favor Smith's nomination here in the county convention.

Several short talks were made during the convention, but the climax was reached when Mr. W. T. Meadows, listed in the anti-Smith column, stood up and gave his position in politics, stating that he was in the wrong column, that he was in favor of Mr. Smith.

Tax Supervisor Says Listing Is About Same

While it is a matter of speculation, it is the belief of County Tax Supervisor John D. Lilly that tax values in the county will be practically the same as they were last year. The chances for values to drop this year were eliminated to a great extent by the revaluations made last year. The increase, however, is not expected to be in keeping with the actual wealth increase.

Mr. Lilly stated yesterday that the listing of property was moving along very rapidly at the time, but that it would be almost an impossibility to complete the work by Thursday, the last day for listing.

No Date Yet Set For Congress To Adjourn

With forty for and forty against adjournment of Congress, Vice President Dawes yesterday cast the deciding vote and now no definite date for adjournment of the body is known. Several dates for adjournment have been set, but they are passed now. A movement is expected to be started within a day or so that will bring the session to a close.

COUNTY CHURCH IS FACING CRISIS

Interpretation of Articles of Faith Brings About Division

Smithwick's Creek Primitive Baptist Church, for 125 years one of the greatest uplifting factors in the southeastern section of Martin county, now faces a crisis because of a different interpretation of the Articles of Faith proclaimed and recorded November 9, 1803 by thirty members who founded the church. Since that time its members have generally come from the leading families of that community and they have been known far and near for their honest dealings and reverence for truth and justice.

The interpretation of the Articles of Faith of the church has been discussed for some time and the discussion has widened until lineups have been developed, one for a liberal interpretation, the other for a more drastic adherence to a portion of the Articles.

Several months ago the pastor of the church stepped down in the interest of the peace of the church.

Elder Sylvester Hassell was called by both sides to serve the church temporarily and his splendid Christian leadership, for a time, apparently reduced differences to a minimum, at least with in forgiving distance of each other.

Last Saturday Elder Hassell preached a sermon, which was a great appeal for peace and love, emphasizing the one body, one Lord, and one spirit, the Christ and His love.

He pointed out the danger of the crime coming from our differences. In doing this he offered China as an illustration, stating that millions there are suffering of hunger and hardships while two mighty armies of the north and south are killing each other all because each wants to be master. He appealed to the membership that it might live together as one body in Christ.

He entreated all to return good for evil and to remember the words of Jesus, "He that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out."

After the sermon, the business session was called. The Articles of Faith, now 125 years old, were read and upon motion a roll call was ordered. About ninety percent voted "yea" and less than ten per cent voted "no". After several short talks peace look near and one of the old-time spiritual hymns was sung and the body was dismissed.

Later in the day about fifteen members returned to the church, opened another conference with prayer and hymns, and held a meeting under what they contend is the strict interpretation of the Primitive Baptist doctrine.

So far no actual split has occurred in the church, but friends to both sides fear such will finally result.

So far, not a word of disorderly conduct, dishonesty or other wrongs have been charged to either side. Some say, however, that several on both sides have talked rather indiscreetly. Both sides apparently want peace, that old time good feeling of love and fellowship that has been so evident there for years, and both sides admit that a great injury is being done to the community.

But neither side is quite ready to yield to the wishes of the other.

Outbreak of Hog Cholera In Jamesville Section

An outbreak of hog cholera has been reported in the Jamesville section, and while it is not large in its scope, the agricultural instructor, W. T. Overby, stated that it was the worst kind. Many hogs are being vaccinated in the section, and it is thought that the disease will be checked before it reaches serious proportions.

Will Huff's Horse Hurt In Collision With Auto

The horse belonging to Will Huff, drayman here, was badly hurt yesterday morning when a car driven by an Oak City Negro hit the wagon and caused the horse to run away. The auto hit the wagon and knocked the body of the horse. The drayman, failing to check the horse, hopped from the wagon and as the animal ran down the street its legs were badly cut. A colored boy stepped the horse near the courthouse.

It is understood that the matter was carried before the recorder's court here today, but the outcome of the hearing has not been learned.

Miss Lina Hooks, of Ayden, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Rose at the Atlantic hotel today.

Many of the local people are planning to attend the opening dance at Riverside Park tomorrow night.

Failure To List Means Being Double Taxed Warns Official

It means double taxation, Mr. W. T. Meadows, tax list taker for the town, state yesterday when he was asked what would be done with those who failed to list their properties before the listing is brought to a close Thursday. Approximately 300, or practically one-third, of the taxpayers had not listed their property up until yesterday, and it will be a busy time to

take their listings by Thursday night.

Colored taxpayers are far ahead of the whites in their listings, it was stated by several of the list takers here and in the other townships. And while the listing is better this year than it was last, there are yet hundreds who have failed to give in their property.

IN STREET FIGHT HERE SATURDAY

Participants Are Haled Before Mayor's Court and Relieved of \$20

The town's peace was cast off its equilibrium last Saturday night when a fist fight was recorded on the main street here, and it all developed from a quiet and peaceful sleep enjoyed by a young man named Bailey while he attended the show that night.

At the trial held by the town's mayor, R. L. Coburn, yesterday morning, Bailey stated that while he slept, \$3 were removed from his pocket, and charged a young boy by the name of Cowan with the theft. Some time after the show, Bailey saw the Cowan boy and asked him about the missing \$3, and a fight started. It had not gone far before a fellow by the name of Stevenson pointed out to Bailey that it wasn't fair for a man to fight a boy. This started an argument, resulting in a tie-up between the two. Bailey was knocked out, but his place was filled by a cousin and according to his own statement he was felled by Stevenson's first blow.

Officers Daniel and Allsbrook appeared on the scene and led the combatants away, and prepared the trial yesterday morning. The participants appeared in good spirits at the trial and handed out the fines amounting to \$20 and settled the costs.

APPROVE STATE WAR DEBT CLAIM

House Passes Measure After Dozen Years; Calls For \$118,000

Washington, May 28.—North Carolina's debt settlement bill got through the House today. It provides for the payment of \$118,000 by the Federal government on old war claims. As it has been approved by everybody else in Washington, it probably will be signed by the President.

Congressman Weaver has slept with the bill by night, Congressman Pou has stayed behind the House rules committee, Congressman Warren prevailed on official Republican objectors to keep their hands off the bill when it was called up, and Congressman Abernethy made a speech in its favor.

Senator Overman got it through the Senate after 12 or 15 years of work, and Congressman Pou worked on it for a dozen years or so. Governor McLean made a couple of trips to Washington, conferred with all members of the North Carolina delegation, attended a committee hearing, sent telegrams to members of the delegation, and wrote any number of letters about it.

The Governor wanted to keep the State's credit in good standing, and that reason pressed for settlement as well as for the fact that he thought it a just and meritorious claim.

Three Expeditions To Search for Dirigible

Oso, Norway, May 28.—Three expeditions, with a fourth in prospect, were under way tonight in an effort to bring aid to the dirigible Italia, now missing more than three days after her successful flight to the North Pole.

Included among the men pitting their knowledge of the inhospitable Polar regions against the disaster which may have overtaken General Umberto Nobile were such men as Roald Amundsen, noted Polar authority, and Captain Otto Sverdrup, famous as an Arctic explorer, who are giving their counsel to the Norwegian government in preparing for an extensive relief expedition.

Fined \$15 For Damaging County Jail Property

Sam Roberson, colored, was \$15 and costs in mayor's court here yesterday for partaking too freely of the spirits of the woods and damaging jail property. Roberson was placed in jail Saturday night when he tore off the radiator and damaged plumbing fixtures in his cell. It was the court's order that he pay for having the fixtures repaired.

LOOK FOR HEAVY VOTE IN PRIMARY HERE SATURDAY

Two County Offices At Stake Besides District And State Contests

ONE TOWNSHIP RACE

Griffins Has Contest for Road Commissioners; Three Tickets in Other Townships

Opinion differs widely as to the extent of primary patronage in the county next Saturday when the Democrats hold their State, district, county and township preliminary contests. Several are of the opinion that the polls will be visited by large numbers, while others state that the vote will be fair. The voting will vary greatly in this county, some of the townships having matters of more or less individual interest to be settled; while in others the voters will be attracted mainly by the county and district tickets alone. Probably the largest comparative vote will be cast in Griffins township, where four tickets will be used, one for road commissioners of the township, one for the State, a third for district, and the fourth for county.

Martin County, comparatively speaking, will have a larger vote than many counties in this section, where there are no county and township tickets to be voted upon.

The polls will be opened from sunrise to sunset in the eleven precincts in the county, and a large vote is urged.

LOCAL COUNCIL MEETS MONDAY

District Scout Executive Explains Duties Of Council Members

District Scout Executive Herbert Stuckey, of Wilson, met the members of the local Boy Scout executive committee here last night and explained their duties to them. The executive committee is composed of the chairmen of the various committees appointed by the Kiwanis club, which is sponsoring the Scout movement here. Several members were unable to attend the meeting on account of conflicting engagements, but those who were there entered heartily into the spirit of the meeting, and as a result have a definite understanding as to what is expected of them and what they may expect from the organization.

Mr. Stuckey made it plain that the success or failure of Scouting, in so far as it applies to Williamston, depends almost entirely upon the Scoutmaster and the local committee, although they are to receive assistance from a number of sources.

Members of the committee present included Wheeler Martin, district chairman; C. E. Clark, vice chairman; G. H. Harrison, chairman of the finance committee; Frank J. Margolis, chairman of civic service committee; T. B. Brandon and J. D. Woolard, members of associate committee representing the Kiwanis club; and Harper Holliday, Scoutmaster.

County Banks To Close Tomorrow

Tomorrow, Decoration Day, will be observed as a holiday by practically all the banks in the county, it was learned this morning. The Farmers and Merchants bank here, the Planters and Merchants bank, Everetts, Bank of Oak City and the Bank of Hamilton will be closed for the day. Postoffices throughout the country will also observe the day as a holiday, and no city or rural deliveries will be made.

Other than the banks and postoffices, the day will be treated as a regular business day by stores and offices.

Special Service At Everetts Church

Everetts, May 29.—On Sunday, June 3, at 11:00 a. m., a special Memorial service will be held in the Everetts Baptist Church. Judge Clayton Moore will deliver the address, and the public is cordially invited to hear him.

At the regular meeting of the Everetts Modern Woodmen held last night, each of the thirty-five members present thoroughly enjoyed the program. Mr. Sam Roberson was added by initiation to roll of the order.

The special program presented by Kaiama's native Hawaiians in the school auditorium here last night was greatly enjoyed by a large number of local people and visitors. The Tryon sisters, Hawaiian whirlwind acrobats, were thoroughly enjoyed in their acts, it was stated by several who attended the evening's performance.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY TOM MIX
with TONY in "TUMBLING RIVER"

Added
2-REEL COMEDY
And Serial
WILLIAM DESMOND in "THE VANISHING RIDER"

Also
FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY