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URGE EQUALIZATION OF SCHOOL TAXES IN STATE

Democratic County Convention Passes Resolution Saturday

VOTE IS UNANIMOUS

R. J. Peel Submitted Resolution in This County; Other Counties Pass Similar Requests

As the county Democratic convention held here last Saturday a resolution urging a State system of taxation for schools was read and unanimously carried by the more than 100 citizens present. Similar resolutions were passed in many of the other counties in this section, and it is expected that some disposition of the matter will follow at the next legislative session.

The resolution was introduced by Mr. R. J. Peel at the convention here Saturday and is as follows: Resolved, That it is the constitutional obligation of the State of North Carolina, and its manifest duty, not only to supervise the public schools of the State but to provide adequate revenues for their support, so that the educational opportunities and the burden of taxation in each county in the State shall be as nearly equal as possible;

And, whereas, under the present system of taxation for the support of the public schools of the State, the taxpayers in some counties have to pay three or four times as much on each \$100 valuation of property as do the taxpayers in other counties: Be it therefore

Resolved: That the Martin County Democratic convention, assembled in the courthouse in the city of Williamston, North Carolina, on Saturday, June 9, 1928, does most heartily petition the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of North Carolina, to convene in the city of Raleigh in January, 1929, to have the above and other wrongs and inequalities in the present school system of the State remedied.

LOCAL CHURCH BEGINS REVIVAL

Rev. C. B. Mashburn, of Robersonville, Is Doing The Preaching

Rev. C. B. Mashburn preached the first of a series of sermons at the Christian Church here Sunday night. The text was "For God so loved the world." The breadth and depth of God's love is far beyond the comprehension of man, according to the words of the preacher. It is certain that man can never go beyond the bounds of God's love, which reaches all types of men. It matters not whether they are rich or poor, high or low, God loves them all. Race lines do not cut off God's love, which abideth forever.

Although it may be possible for a soul to wander beyond God's mercy, and He may refuse to draw it to Himself on account of evil deeds, yet He loves them still.

The first service was well attended, the music was good, and the meeting has a very successful outlook.

For his sermon last evening, Rev. Mashburn took the text, "Repent ye therefore and turn again that your sins may be blotted out, that there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." In developing the text, Mr. Mashburn stressed the physical, the mental and the spiritual need of refreshing. To get it in the fullest, it is necessary, as the text points out, to repent, to turn again and be baptized. Even though the joy of refreshing ourselves with the many things of this world may be very great, they are nothing compared with the job that comes to the individual when the spirit of Jesus is received and revived.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY
BUCK JONES
in
"THE BRANDED SOMBRERO"
Added
2-REEL COMEDY
And Serial
WILLIAM DESMOND in
"THE VANISHING RIDER"
Also
FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY

To Receive Bids For New School Building June 25

Bids for the erection of the Williamston and Robersonville school buildings will be received Monday, June 25, it was definitely learned yesterday morning when advertisements of the projects were ordered inserted in newspapers. Approximately \$100,000 have been allotted for the erection of the two buildings, \$50,000 for each building. Plans for the two buildings are now in the hands of the architect.

Eric C. Flanagan, Henderson, N. C. The bids will be opened at 2 o'clock p. m. here June 25th. While no exact date is known as to when work will be started on the two buildings, it is thought that the successful bidder will start construction within a month after the contract has been let. The completion date of the two projects is not known, but it will be early next year, it is thought.

HULL LEADS IN CONVENTIONS

774 Delegates Instructed for Tennessee At Meets Saturday

Tabulated reports from practically all the counties show that there were 774 delegates instructed for Hull at the county conventions held over the State last Saturday. Four hundred and forty-four were instructed for Smith, while 755 were not instructed. Both the pro-Smiths and the anti-Smiths are claiming a victory on the strength to be found in uninstructed delegates.

Zeb V. Turlington, State manager for Cordell Hull, stated Saturday night that the anti-Smiths had carried nine of the ten congressional districts without the shadow of a doubt by large majorities and that they would break even in the tenth, although the chances in that district were against him. Mr. Turlington states, "I desire to call attention to the fact that the very large vote listed as uninstructed is really not uninstructed. Ninety per cent of the votes officially recorded as uninstructed have been carefully selected by the Smith and Hull managers in the respective counties. There is no doubt but that we have a proportion of the uninstructed vote as we have of the instructed vote."

"The vote in the State at large is over two to one in favor of Hull," W. B. Jones, chairman of the Smith campaign committee, claimed a Smith victory and said:

"On the face of the instructed county convention vote for Governor Smith and the undoubted color of the uninstructed vote, which is now more than half the State convention vote of 1928, the State without a question has gone for Governor Smith by a very large majority."

Mr. Jones stated that Smith carried the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth congressional districts, with a very good chance upon an accurate tabulation of carrying the fifth congressional district. He also calls attention to a very satisfactory vote in several of the other districts. His claim was not as great as that of Turlington, who claimed all of the districts except one.

STAGE MINSTREL AT BEAR GRASS

Jamesville Tar Heel Club To Present Program There Friday

Members of the Young Tar Heel Farmers' Club, of Jamesville, will appear in a minstrel at Bear Grass next Friday night, June 15, at 8:30. Professor W. T. Overy stated yesterday.

The players have presented the minstrel at Jamesville and Fava Life, where it was well received. On account of bad weather at the Farm Life showing, there were not very many out, but those who saw it say it was unusually good and are after the management to show there again.

The proceeds of the play will be used in sending the young farmers to judging contests and for other things.

Republican National Convention This Week

The Republican National Convention opened in Kansas City today, but it will be Thursday before the first ballot on a Presidential nominee will be taken. Hoover and Lowden go to the convention with the greatest number of pledged delegates while there is some talk about Cal Coolidge wanting the convention to cram the nomination down his throat.

It is stated that Hoover is gaining in strength and that the lines are all set for his nomination. If Coolidge sticks to his statement, "I do not choose to run," Hoover's nomination in that case, will probably come about on the first ballot.

It is the opinion of the 'draft Coolidge' advocates that the failure of the President to announce that he would refuse to accept if renominated certainly will make him the convention's choice not later than the third ballot. According to politicians, another thing is even more certain—the Coolidge-Hoover forces in the convention will never permit Lowden or Charles Dawes to be the party's candidate.

D. D. BOZEMAN ARRESTED ON FOUR CHARGES

Also Alleged To Have Attempted To Blackmail Local Cafe Man

WOMAN ALSO HELD

Arrested in Washington On Saturday Night At Request of Local Authorities

After threatening to institute a charge of white slavery against D. A. Dlykan, local cafe proprietor, it now looks as if his would-be prosecutors, D. D. Bozeman and Mabel Morris, will be carried before the court on a charge similar to the one they planned against the cafe man. The plot to blackmail the cafe proprietor fell through when an investigation was made and it was found that Bozeman and the Morris woman had mapped it all out. Dlykan would not enter into the agreement proposed by Bozeman and the Morris woman, and was ready to go before the court. A hearing was called, but when the time came no one was there except the justice of the peace and the defendant. There the charge against the cafe man was rightfully dropped.

Saturday night, local officers arrested Bozeman in Washington, where he was living with the Morris woman as man and wife. Charged with giving bad checks and abandonment of his two children, who were left with Mr. O. T. Newton, Bozeman was placed in jail here Saturday night. Local authorities had no charge against the Morris woman, but she was arrested by Washington police on a charge of prostitution, and was ordered held in jail here until her trial in that county. After Bozeman answers to the two charges brought by local authorities, he will be turned over to Beaufort County authorities to face charges there. It is also understood that the Federal authorities will investigate grounds for bringing a charge of white slavery against the man and woman.

It was thought that Bozeman and the Morris woman had left part of the State after they failed in their attempt to blackmail the local cafe proprietor, but Saturday officers here learned that they were in Washington, and warrants were issued for their arrest. There were three warrants issued charging Bozeman with the issuance of bad checks and a fourth charging him with abandonment. The amount of the checks given is not known.

LIQUOR MAKERS BURN TO DEATH

Remains of 2 Bertie Negroes Are Found in Ashes of Barn Distillery

Windsor, June 9.—Thursday afternoon, two hearts, two livers, and some ashes were buried in White's Township, Bertie County. They were the remains of two negroes, J. P. Tyler and his brother. The gruesome objects were found in the ruins of a tobacco barn which burned down with the two young negroes in it. The fire was on a backwoods farm known as the Jack Bass farm, recently bought by J. F. Taylor and sold to the Tyler and Outlaw boys.

For some time it has been the general rumor of the community that the Tyler boys from near Mount Gould and the Outlaw boys near Capehart's church, were making liquor; in fact, some months ago a third Tyler brother was caught and sent to the county farm for having liquor in his possession in his home, at which time a liquor still and barrels of mash and all the paraphernalia were destroyed near where the recent tragedy occurred.

Hard by the side of the hearts and livers found in the ruins of this barn was a liquor still and other equipment. There was evidence that the plant was steamed by gasoline, and through some mishap there was an explosion which caused the conflagration and attendant tragedy.

Children's Service At Baptist Church

Following the baptismal service, which will be held at the church tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, the pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church said today that the 11 o'clock service next Sunday morning would be a children's service.

It is the pastor's desire that both the parents and Sunday school teachers of the church cooperate in every possible way in having all the children possible present. It is especially desired that all children over 7 years old be present.

While the service is primarily for children, the adults, it is thought, will find it both pleasant and profitable. Consequently, the general public is invited.

Little Change in Town's Tax Valuation This Year

Although a complete tabulation of the tax listings, both personal and real property, has not been made, it is the belief that the valuation will vary but little this year from that of the past year. Mr. W. T. Meadows who took the listings this year, stated that he found many errors in the list used heretofore, and that when the books are made ready for the collector there should be very little trouble with improper listings.

"Next year, we are expecting a big increase in the total valuation," Mr. Meadows stated. The total valuation at the present time was not given.

O. P. Dickinson, of Wilson, spent yesterday in town.

County Convention Splits Its 13 Votes To State Convention

SUBMITS PLAN FOR PAVING OF SIDEWALKS

Board Member Submits a Tentative Program for Consideration

AWAIT BOARD ACTION

Plan Submitted Would Divide Cost Between Property Owner and Town

With a tentative program of improvements for the town already prepared, the citizens are anxiously awaiting the action of the board of commissioners at the next meeting of that body.

According to information gained from one of the board members yesterday, the commissioners are considering paving all the principal sidewalks of the town, and the expense will probably be handled cooperatively between the town and property owners.

The money will be raised, provided the order for sidewalks is passed, by a bond issue. The cost to the town for the improvement of the sidewalks will be around \$15,000, it was stated.

From the best information obtainable; there is little hope for a white way and a wider Main Street.

The tentative sidewalk program is as follows: Main Street from Sycamore to Harrell, 5 feet; Haughton Street from Simmons Avenue to intersection of Washington and Haughton, 4 feet, except one block in business portion, that block width to be decided on; from intersection of Washington and Haughton Street to William Street, 4 feet; Simmons Avenue from Haughton Street to Smithwick Street, 4 feet; from corner of Smithwick Street and Simmons Avenue to the railroad crossing, 4 feet. All the above are to be paved on both sides of the street.

From the railroad crossing on Smithwick to Beach Street, one side, 4 feet.

From the corner of Watts and Church to Main Street, 4 feet, both sides of street. From the corner of Main and Watts to Ray Street, 4 feet, one side of street. From the corner of Ray and Watts Street to Harton, 4 feet, both sides.

From the corner of Ray and Watts to Biggs Street, one side, 4 feet.

From the corner of Haughton and Church Street to Watts, both sides, 4 feet.

From the corner of Washington and Main down Washington Street to the intersection of Haughton, full width of sidewalk (business section), both sides.

From the corner of Warren and Haughton to Watts, one side, 4 feet.

KIDS TURN TO ICE PLANT POOL

Manager Says They Are Welcome But Company Not Responsible

With no ponds or pools suitable for bathing near here, the kids of the town are flocking to the cooling pit of the Lindsley Ice Company these hot days. While the water is only two or three feet deep, the small children make a go of it, and from all appearances thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Mr. Lindsley stated yesterday that while the children were welcome to the use of the little pool, he felt it necessary that the children get permission from their parents before entering the pool, as his company could not be responsible for any accident that might happen.

The need for a swimming pool here steadily grows, and it is hoped that the Woman's club will be successful in its efforts to get one.

Mrs. Newton Hardison Died Manday Morning

Mrs. Newton Hardison, aged 60, died at her home in the Jamesville community yesterday morning. She had been in a poor state of health for some time.

While the burial arrangements could not be learned late yesterday, it is understood that interment will be made in the Lilley cemetery this afternoon.

Important Meeting Of Local Masons Tonight

A large attendance upon the meeting of Skewarkee Lodge No. 90, A. F. & A. M., is urged tonight, as officers for the coming year will be elected. There will also be work in the third degree.

BUY LOT FOR NEW CHURCH

Presbyterians Secure Lot at Corner of Watts and Main

The purchase of a lot for a new Presbyterian church here was effected yesterday morning by Dr. E. E. Gillespie, superintendent of missions in this State, and several local members of that denomination. The lot purchased from Mrs. J. B. H. Knight faces Main and Watts Street, and is a block from the business district of the town. The purchase price was not given.

According to Dr. Gillespie, who has been here during the past several days, plans for a modern brick building will be made immediately and construction work will be started as soon as possible. Details as to the size and style have not been definitely decided upon.

The church, with its 20 charter members, will have one of the best locations in town, and will be the only one fronting Main Street.

SAYS UNIT RULE FIGHT BREWING

Smith Forces To Ask For Representation At Houston

Raleigh, June 11.—With every indication that the Hull forces will have a safe majority in the State Democratic convention here tomorrow, Smith forces were yesterday arguing against the unit rule while in Hull headquarters State Manager Zeb V. Turlington and Frank Hampton, secretary to Senator Simmons, were holding forth in favor of a solid North Carolina vote at Houston.

"They demanded a minority representation from the precinct meetings to the county conventions and from the county conventions to the State convention," declared J. Crawford Biggs, prominent Smith follower. "Now, if the Smith forces are in the minority, how can they hold that the minority strength shouldn't be represented in the vote at the Houston convention? If they don't allow it, there's going to be the biggest row you ever heard of."

To this line of argument, which yesterday was general among Smith supporters, Frank Hampton replied that the relation of county to State convention is entirely different from that of State to national convention, and it is the plan of the party organization for States to vote as a unit in the national convention just as States vote as a unit in the electoral college.

"The national convention will not recognize the county conventions, which are mere units of the party in this State," said Senator Simmons' secretary.

When told that the Smith forces would probably contest any decision in line with his thought, Mr. Hampton said that there was nothing they could do about it and no appeal for them to make. He cited the case of an appeal made by Senator Reed, who was in 1920 elected a delegate to the national convention by the fifth district convention of Missouri vote the seat away from him. When Reed took this on appeal to the national convention, that body voted to uphold the decision of the State body, recognizing the district organization as only a unit of the self-controlling State machine.

"The fact that they are now arguing for a minority representation looks like an admission of defeat," said Mr. Turlington. But the Smith forces claim that they admit nothing, but are merely demanding a fair representation for the losing side.

Crew of Dirigible Italia Adrift on Ice

The crew of the dirigible Italia, which was wrecked a few days ago while attempting a trip to the North Pole is adrift on ice floes of the polar seas. Dividing into parties of eight, the members of the crew are working to reach rescue ships. Open water among the floes is making the progress slow and dangerous, it was learned from radio conversations. Rescue work was urged and the peril of the dirigible's crew was pointed out in the messages.

Town Commissioners Again Postpone Meet

For a third time, the June meeting of the town commissioners was postponed yesterday, and it is not known just when the meeting will be held. The meeting was postponed on account of the absence of one or two of the officials. Tonight was mentioned as a probable time for the meeting, but it was not officially announced.

VOTE IS DIVIDED FIFTY-FIFTY FOR SMITH AND HULL

Smith Forces Had Majority At Meeting, But No Test Of Strength Made

HARMONY PREVAILS

Meeting Was Well Attended; Two Townships Not Represented; Committeemen Named

Aside from approving an agreement to split the delegates to the State convention in Raleigh today, the Democratic county convention here last Saturday did practically nothing and was about as lifeless a meeting as has been held. The meeting was well attended and in the main harmony prevailed.

A few minutes after 12 o'clock, Elbert S. Peel, county chairman, called the meeting to order, and Mr. R. J. Peel was made temporary chairman. Mr. T. B. Slade was selected as temporary secretary, both offices being made permanent. In taking charge of the convention, Chairman Peel read a resolution calling attention to a plan that would provide a true equalization of property. Mayor Robert L. Coburn made a motion that the resolution be adopted and communicated to the proper authorities when the time comes. The motion was seconded by Dr. John D. Biggs, and when put before the convention, it was passed by a unanimous vote.

When the chair called for a selection of delegates, Mr. Leslie Fowden, a Smith supporter, called attention to an agreement affecting this precinct only, and made soon after the precinct meeting May 26. Mr. Fowden asked that those familiar with the agreement to discuss it before the county convention. Dr. John D. Biggs admitted the "licking" administered by the pro-Smiths, and as for this precinct he stated that he heartily favored splitting the delegation to the convention in Raleigh. Judge Clayton Moore who acted as "moderator" at the time the agreement was made, explained it to the body and stressed the need of harmony right here in our own county. Mr. Fowden then presented his motion providing that 6 1-2 votes be instructed for Smith and 6 1-2 for Hull and allowing every Democrat in good standing to attend the convention in Raleigh today as a delegate.

A vote on the motion was ordered and a show-down was averted, preserving party harmony and good feeling in the county's politics. The vote upon the motion, by precincts, follows:

	For	Against	Not Vot.
Williams	0	0	0
Jamesville	5	5	0
Griffins	7	0	0
Williamston	16	0	0
Bear Grass	4	0	0
Cross Roads	4	1	1
Poplar Point	0	0	2
Robersonville	14	0	0
Hamilton	0	6	0
Gold Point	0	3	0
Goose Nest	0	5	0
Totals	50	20	7

It was the desire of a few to vote upon the delegates, but it was understood that the anti-Smiths were in favor of such a procedure rather than the pro-Smiths, while it was evident that the Smithites would have polled a larger vote than the anti-Smiths. Party harmony in the county was urged, and the motion was carried 50 to 20, with 7 not voting.

Various committeemen were chosen as follows:

J. C. Smith, congressional executive committee; H. W. Stubbs, judicial executive committee; B. M. Worsley, senatorial executive committee. Township committeemen: R. O. Martin, Jamesville; Williams, not represented at convention; P. Peel, Griffins; Nathan Rogers, Bear Grass; L. Z. Fowden, Williamston; J. S. Ayers, Cross Roads; Ed James, Robersonville; Poplar Point not represented at convention; F. L. Gladstone, Hamilton; B. M. Worsley, Goose Nest.

E. S. Peel was elected county chairman and Ephraim Peel secretary.

Presbyterians Hold Services Here Sunday

Dr. E. E. Gillespie, superintendent of missions for the Presbyterian Church in this State, preached a strong and forceful sermon to a large number in the school auditorium here last Sunday morning. On account of the Christian revival which was started in the Christian church that evening, no service was held by the Presbyterians.

Dr. Gillespie conducted the services in the special tent here a few weeks ago, and his sermon last Sunday morning was well received by many.