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Democratic Precinct Officials Are Named In Saturday Meeting

Convention Is Largest Held by County Democrats in Number of Years

The re-organization of the Democratic party in Martin County was completed at a meeting of party members in convention at the courthouse last Saturday noon. Several of the precincts had perfected their organizations the Saturday before, and their delegates discussed politics and war while the organization was effected in its entirety Saturday.

All precincts were represented except one, the attendance upon the meeting being recognized as a record for recent years. Women members of the party were again recognized even though they did not participate in the convention. Several of the fairer sex were included in the precinct official groups, but none was named to the executive committee posts.

The party line-up as formulated at the last Saturday meeting, follows:

Jamesville: A. Corey, chairman; C. B. Martin, vice chairman; Staniel Brown, J. T. Uzzle and C. W. Mizelle, members.

Williams: Joshua L. Coltrain, chairman; W. W. Griffin, vice chairman; Mrs. R. J. Hardison and R. J. Hardison, members.

Griffins: Pleny Peel, chairman; James L. Coltrain, vice chairman; Mrs. J. Eason Lilley, George C. Griffin and W. T. Roberson.

Bear Grass: J. D. Wynne, chairman; Mrs. Dewey Leggett, vice chairman; LeRoy Harrison, T. L. Roberson and Gormer Harrison.

Williamston, No. 1 precinct: C. B. Roebuck, chairman; J. Sam Gettings, vice chairman; Mrs. A. J. Manning, C. H. Godwin, Sr., and S. C. Griffin.

Williamston, No. 2 precinct: H. G. Horton, chairman; C. D. Carstarphen, vice chairman; Iverson Skinner, C. H. Godwin, Jr., Mrs. E. S. Peel.

Cross Roads: J. S. Ayers, chairman; Mrs. V. G. Taylor, vice chairman; D. C. Peel, W. L. Ausbon and H. L. Roebuck.

Robersonville: A. E. James, chairman; A. M. Hasty, vice chairman; J. A. James, P. D. Roberson and Mrs. W. H. Gray.

Gold Point: J. R. Winslow, chairman; H. H. Roberson, vice chairman; Mrs. Ruth Everett, J. L. Croom and P. T. Edmondson.

Poplar Point: W. S. White, chairman; L. H. Taylor, vice chairman; W. S. Leggett and Herman Harrison.

Hamilton: J. R. Everett, chairman; Miss Effie Waldo, vice chairman; W. J. Beach, K. B. Etheridge and R. A. Edmondson.

Hassell: John W. Eubanks, chairman; R. T. Johnson, vice chairman; Woodrow Purvis, D. R. Edmondson and E. R. Edmondson.

Goose Nest: J. F. Crisp, chairman; N. W. Johnson, vice chairman; J. R. Perry, N. E. Hyman, Jack Smith and J. B. Whitfield.

H. G. Horton was endorsed for reelection as a member of the State Democratic committee.

A. E. James, of Robersonville, was re-elected as a member of the Congressional committee; and T. B. Slade was re-elected as a member of the Senatorial committee.

Clarence Griffin, of Griffins, and J. C. Smith, of Robersonville, were nominated for membership on the Judicial committee, but Griffin withdrew and Smith was re-elected without opposition.

For the most part, the personnel of the party's official family remained unchanged, the group being of one accord this year in its political preferences and policies.

Urgent Plea for Aid Follows Invasion of Holland-Belgium

Pathetic pleas for aid to relieve the untold suffering over the wide front attacked by a ruthless enemy in Holland and Germany are being received by the American Red Cross over the week-end. Fleeing before the German barbarians, hundreds of thousands of Hollanders and Belgians, mostly women and children, are now facing starvation and want, their man power and most of the resources of the two little countries having been thrown into the line of battle in an effort to stop the German hordes.

The appeal for aid was received by Harry Biggs, chairman of the Martin County Red Cross chapter late Sunday afternoon—Mother's Day—or just after news was flashed from Holland that refugee trains loaded with women and children had been bombed by Hitler's air forces.

The Martin County chapter's quota is \$400 and the chairman is appealing to the citizenry for donations which will be received by him direct and forwarded immediately to national headquarters.

Norman H. Davis, national chairman of the Red Cross, forwarded the following telegram here:

"With the invasion of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg the war has entered a phase which will inevitably and at once bring widespread and appalling suffering to millions of helpless men, women and children. In order to inaugurate widespread relief measures the American Red Cross is at once launching a campaign for a minimum war relief fund of ten million dollars. Your chapter quota is \$400.00. Please at once mobilize the entire leadership of your chapter and community in order that your quota may be raised and exceeded without delay."

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George Harry Bryant, native of Northampton county, died in the Martin county home, near here at 3 o'clock yesterday morning from a stroke of paralysis suffered three days before. Mr. Bryant had been in feeble health for some time, but was able to be up and about some until just before his last stroke. He suffered a stroke some months ago, but he continued his work until last February when a strong determination was forced to bow to his weakened body condition.

Mr. Bryant moved to Williamston (Continued on page six)

Dr. John W. Williams, popular Martin County health officer, was named president of the North Carolina Public Health Association at a meeting of the organization in Pinehurst yesterday.

Geo. Harry Bryant, Native of McDowell, Passes Here Monday

Last Rites Will Be Conducted At Funeral Home Here Tomorrow

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County Registrations Pass the 5,000 Mark

Reduced to zero by the action of the county board of elections in ordering a new registration, the voting strength of Martin County was built back to a point estimated at about 83 per cent of normal during the past fifteen days when registrars and election officials combed the highways and hedges for registrations. Fairly complete reports from the 13 voting precincts place the total registration at 5,432, the figure not including a dozen or fifteen citizens who registered as independents.

A concerted drive during the last few days of the registration period brought results, and pushed the registration figure from an estimated 3,500-4,000 to a point well over 5,000. Interest in the registration is the first indication pointing to a fairly sizable vote in the primary on Saturday next week.

It is estimated that the new registration fell short of a normal voting strength by 1,173 registrations. These figures, while based on a fairly careful study of the old books, are only estimates. A comparison of the new

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First Sessions Of Daily Bible School Held Yesterday

Attendance Upon Religious Service Shows Decrease For Second Week

By REV. S. J. STARNES, Pastor, Methodist Church

The Union Vacation Bible School, being conducted by the several churches of Williamston, was off to a good start yesterday morning when the first session was held beginning at 9 o'clock.

One hundred and seven pupils and fifteen workers were registered in the beginner, primary, junior and intermediate groups. Beginners meet at the Episcopal church and embrace all children who have not yet entered public school; the primary group meets at the Methodist church and embraces those between six and nine years; the junior group meets at the Baptist church and embraces those from nine to twelve; the intermediates meet at the Christian church and include those between twelve and fifteen years.

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Rev. Leon Russell Begins Series Of Revival Services

First in Series Group Well Attended in the Local Methodist Church

Starting a series of revival services in the local Methodist church this week, Rev. Leon Russell, Raleigh pastor, is delivering some strong sermons to sizable congregations.

Rev. S. J. Starnes, pastor, stated this morning that the meeting was off to a good start, and cordially invites members of other congregations and the general public to attend as many of the services as possible during the remainder of the meeting. Services are held twice daily at 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

A synopsis of Rev. Mr. Russell's sermons yesterday morning and last evening follows:

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