

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; Stencil 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 Getsinger, 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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The tension and strain of life today is such that men are compelled to live a maximum life. Living is serious business today. Our civilization is so complex and the problems of life are such that our lives are lived under the pressure of constant stress and strain. We, therefore, need more than minimum faith to match the maximum demands of living. Our salvation will consist not in changing our environment or reducing the strain of life. It will come rather in altering our own character. We must not pray that God will keep us out of danger, but for something far more desirable—that God will keep us strong and unafraid.

Jesus does not save men from storms. The great calm must come not outside, but inside us. The tempest that destroys is within. Men must have an inner security to meet the stress of life today. They invite tragedy if they try to live maximum lives on minimum faith.

There are three simple ways by which we can secure a maximum faith sufficient to match the maximum living required of people today. First of all, to gain an inner security of real faith, we must realize that this is God's world and that God is keeping watch over His own. In the second place, we must have a consciousness of the reality of the Christian fellowship. We live our lives as a part of a universal fellowship. And, finally to have a maximum faith one must have the conviction, the personal certainty that he has the presence of Christ to give him strength.

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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)

Observing from a window, a local citizen saw some swift action on Williamston's WPA paving project a few days ago. During the course of thirty minutes, a strapping man handled two shovels of dirt to establish what is believed an all-time progress record.

Just this week a safety engineer was on the project with a lot of comment about there being no salt preparation available to relieve the springing workers. All in all, it sounds like a lot of mushy tommyrot.

The Dodge car of Roosevelt Coltrain was damaged slightly in a wreck at the intersection of Main and Haughton Streets here late yesterday afternoon. Roosevelt, traveling west on Main Street, started to make a "U" turn in the intersection and pulled around and struck a highway truck driven by Lester Cherry. No one was hurt and little damage was done to the truck. The car damage will approximate \$50.

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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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Parents are urged to have their children in one of these groups, and to give full cooperation in having them present on time each day. The handicraft work is being done at the Presbyterian church for those in the junior and intermediate groups and this group meets immediately after the worship service, or around eleven o'clock.

The school will continue through this week and next, and at the close of the school a "commencement" program will be held. It is proposed to demonstrate at that time some of the work that has been done in the school.

Church attendance in Williamston showed a slight decrease last Sunday as compared with the preceding Sunday. The record follows:

Total Attendance

Church

S.S. Y.P. A.M. P.M.

Baptist 98 12 110

Christian 120 11 120 27

Episcopal 18 50 19

Holiness 110

Methodist 81 20 80 76

Presbyterian 28 38

Totals 454 43 398 192

Last Week 498 46 431 170

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Rev. Leon Russell Begins Series Of Revival Services

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:

Monday Morning

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County Democratic Convention Unanimous in Its Support for Roosevelt Here Last Saturday

John Henry Dawson Peel, prominent county citizen and a leading and well-known farmer of Cross Roads Township, died at his home there at 1 o'clock yesterday morning following a long period of declining health. Despite the infirmities of age, Mr. Peel was able to be up until about a week ago. He made his last visit to Williamston within ten days prior to his death.

The son of the late Turner and Edna Peel, he was born in this county nearly 83 years ago. Just a child during the War Between the States, he experienced hardships, but out of those hardships was molded a Christian character that made itself felt in the religious, community and political life of the county. He was recognized as a true Southern Gentleman, possessed of a Christ-like character. His daily walk through life, humble in its pretentiousness and thoughtful of others gained for him a lasting friendship among men. He was a good man, a devoted husband and a thoughtful father.

A faithful member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Bear Grass, Mr. Peel served as its clerk for nearly forty years. In 1916 he was elected to the board of Martin County Commissioners and was re-elected two years later. In his third year as commissioner he resigned to maintain peace with his many friends. The authorities at that time were promoting a program for the eradication of cattle ticks, and while he, as a progressive farmer, favored the program, he quit his post that he might live peacefully among his neighbors and fellowmen. His humble opinions and his sound judgment were valued by members of the board as well as by friends in all walks of life.

When a young man he was married to Miss Nellie Clark who preceded him to the grave a number of years ago. He is survived by the following children, Henry Peel, Mrs. Sam H. Mobley, Mrs. Lucy Mobley, all of Williamston, and Mrs. John H. Wynn, of Everetts, and a half-sister, Mrs. Mollie Garganus, of this county. He was the last member of his immediate family.

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Regulations For Retaining Cotton Allotments Given

Cotton farmers in Martin County are facing problems other than that caused by the boll weevil. Reliable reports indicate that a large number of Martin farmers might lose their cotton allotments for 1941 unless certain regulations are met.

Advised they would forfeit their allotments for 1941 unless they planted cotton in one of the three years of 1938, 1939, 1940, Martin farmers planted their cotton seed according to schedule this spring. Numbers of farmers point out that the seed have rotted, and now they want to know what to do. Will they get credit for a crop since they tried to raise one? The answer is no.

A ruling from the department states that the farmer who did not grow cotton either in 1938 or 1939 will lose his allotment for 1941 in the event that bolls do not form on cotton planted this year.

If a farmer planted cotton in either of the past two years, he does not have to plant the crop this year to retain his allotment for 1941. If he did not plant cotton in the past two years, and the seed rotted when he started a crop this year, he will have to replant it if he hopes to retain his allotment for next year, it was pointed out. Possibly half of the crop in this county has been affected by cold weather.

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