

COUNTY DEMOCRATS HOLD CONVENTION

Met in Lillington Saturday To Elect Delegates And Transact Other Business

The Democrats of the county held their convention in the court house in Lillington last Saturday, April 15. There was a fairly good representation from the various precincts in the county, including most of the candidates who have announced themselves to date.

The meeting was called to order at 12 o'clock by Chas. Ross, who has been the county chairman for the past several years. In a few brief remarks Mr. Ross stated to the convention the record of the party since his inauguration as chairman and the progress that has been made along educational lines in public health work, and the building of good roads and permanent bridges throughout the county. This has been done Mr. Ross said, in spite of the late war, the financial depression and handicap the country has been laboring under since the Republican party assumed complete control of national affairs.

When Mr. Ross took his seat he called to the chair Hon. H. L. Godwin, who represented the Sixth district in Congress for four years. In his opening remarks Mr. Godwin stated that he was glad to get back to Harnett again and participate in a Democratic love feast in a private in the ranks. I am happy to be a Democrat, Mr. Godwin said, because I would be ashamed to be anything else. And after a brief synopsis of the record as an office holder, the speaker stated that he would not be a candidate again, "words are inadequate to express my appreciation for the honors that have been bestowed upon me by my friends and home folks." Mr. Godwin continued "and it is my desire now to help others and ask nothing more."

The speaker predicted that another victory would be won in the election held this year. People are growing tired of the Republican administration and are demanding a change. Harnett was the cause of Republican

will cause a national landslide to the Democratic party in November was the prediction of the temporary chairman.

At the close of Mr. Godwin's speech, on motion of Mr. Ross the temporary organization was made permanent.

The following resolution was read and adopted by convention:

Honorable Dan Hugh McLean
Honorable Thomas W. Harrington
Resolved by the Democrats of Harnett County in Convention Assembled:

We pause in our deliberations today to express our sorrow at the loss of the comradeship of a number of our loyal fellow Democrats—conspicuous among them being two of our most trusted and beloved leaders, Honorable Dan Hugh McLean and Honorable Thomas W. Harrington.

While we mourn their loss, we remember with gratitude their contributions to the cause of government in our county and State.

For half a century Harnett county's voice has been potent in the Democratic Councils of the State through the eloquent tongue of her most distinguished citizen—Dan Hugh McLean. Within our own borders we all recognize how he was forever on the watch tower—a vigil that never slept when his party's supremacy was at stake.

Then again, we miss the genial, poetic, philosophic spirit of Thomas W. Harrington. The ever loyal democracy of Harnettee with, we feel sure, remain a tower of strength to that party to which their distinguished son gave such loyal support in the administrative affairs of his county and the legislative halls of his State.

We cherish their memory.

Executive Committee

- The following gentlemen were named as an executive committee:
- Anderson Creek—Niven Ray.
 - Averasboro—O. P. Shell.
 - Burkeville—H. D. Cameron.
 - Buckhorn—J. R. Brown.
 - Hick River—C. S. Adams.
 - Duke—E. R. Thomas.
 - Grove—L. L. Levinson.
 - Hector's Creek—N. A. Smith.
 - Johnsonville—J. A. Darroch.
 - Lillington—Dr. J. W. Halford.
 - Neill's Creek—F. H. Taylor.
 - Stewart's Creek—J. C. Byrd.
 - Upper Little River—D. P. Ray.

The executive committee met immediately after the adjournment of the convention but deferred the election of a chairman until after the first Monday in May.

Committee on Platform and Resolutions

- The following were selected as a committee on platform and resolutions:
- Anderson Creek—D. C. McRae.
 - Averasboro—E. F. Young.
 - Burkeville—D. P. Harrington.
 - Buckhorn—E. M. Blanchard.

WINSTON-SALEM HAS A DEBT OF \$4,278,000

This Means Per Capita Indebtedness of \$87.50—Charlotte's Indebtedness \$3,141,000

Washington, April 14.—The census bureau today published figures covering the total and per capita gross and net debt of cities having a population of 45,000 to 50,000 in 1920, these figures including Charlotte and Winston-Salem in North Carolina.

The total debt of Winston-Salem is given as \$4,278,000 as of May 1921, comprising \$3,069,000 funded and floating debt and \$1,070,000 special assessments, with \$189,000 representing all other assessments. This, the census bureau says, means a per capita indebtedness of \$85.70.

Giving figures for Charlotte, the census bureau says that the total indebtedness of that city amounts to \$3,141,000 represented by \$2,762,000 funded and floating debt, \$132,000 special assessments and \$257,000 for all other purposes.

Harness your energy with common sense.

- Black River—S. H. Broadwell.
- Duke—J. D. Harrington.
- Grove—L. L. Levinson.
- Hector's Creek—H. S. Hollowell.
- Johnsonville—D. P. McDonald.
- Lillington—M. T. Spears.
- Neill's Creek—J. H. McAllister.
- Stewart's Creek—J. H. Williams.
- Upper Little River—A. E. Suggs.

HARNETT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION, APRIL 15, 1922

Platform

First. We renew our allegiance to the time-honored principles of our party, and pledge our devotion once again to that true conception of government expressed in the maxim of our fathers: "Equal rights to all—special privileges to none."

Second. We deplore the temporary eclipse of our national ideals of Equality, Justice, and Liberty, so ably proclaimed by that great apostle of applied Democracy—Woodrow Wilson; but rejoice in the steps which now indicate the promise of our nation to return to the path of progress.

Third. We deplore the conditions that have followed, the great works of education, public health, and good roads have not been allowed to lag. These foundations of our permanent civilization must be preserved.

Fourth. We commend our county government in that whereas crime waves have been so prevalent in all parts of the nation, that within our borders the law has been diligently enforced; that while educational work has been so interrupted by war and subsequent economic disturbances, that within our borders more than in any of our neighboring counties, and while our system is far from perfect much substantial progress has been made; that more good roads and good bridges have been built within the past six years than in all the previous years of our history; that more has been done than ever before in the dissemination of information about public health and preventable diseases, and the ravages of typhoid fever and diphtheria have been greatly reduced, and that all this is reflected in a lower death rate than we have known before.

Fifth. That we recognize that with all these expansions of public activities increased revenue has been required during the period of abnormal economic conditions through which we have passed it would be more than human if some unnecessary or uneconomic items of expenditure have not been added; and we further recognize that due to the failure of the National Republican party to permit the expansion of the program of peaceful reorganization of the world's war-torn conditions that our agricultural interests have been blighted and our industrial life stagnating, and that under these conditions the present taxation is burdensome to our people.

Therefore, we direct that the county executive committee shall appoint a committee of fifteen—one from each precinct in the county—to give earnest attention to the question of expenditures and taxation within our county, and report to subsequent meeting of this convention, to the end that we may wisely pledge and direct our nominees for the various county and legislative offices to perfect such measures as will effect every economy consistent with public service; and supplement our direct property taxes with such other sources of revenue as may be found feasible, to the end that our sorely pressed agricultural properties may be relieved until the blight of National Republicanism has passed from us.

Short talks were made by Hon. J. C. Clifford and others. Mrs. Clifford was unanimously endorsed by the convention as Harnett's candidate for membership on the State platform committee.

On motion of O. P. Shell it was decided that all true Democrats would be permitted to attend the State convention in Raleigh Thursday as delegates.

The meeting was harmonious throughout and adjourned at 1:00 o'clock.

FUQUAY SPRINGS ENJOY

All Day Celebration Featured By Concerts By Dunn Musician

Fuquay Springs, April 17.—Entire Monday—one of the two annual festival days in Fuquay Springs, the Fourth of July being the other—drew thousands of people from all parts of this section today. Two baseball games, band concerts, a minstrel show, a dance and other features holding the attention of a big crowd from early morning until well into the night. Many of the day's visitors were from Raleigh.

The baseball games held the center of the stage during the day, with the Dunn concert band as an added attraction. The Fuquay Springs team closed the Easter Monday program victorious, defeating the Apex diamond warriors in the morning by a score of 8 to 1 and knocking out a 5 to 4 victory over East Durham in the afternoon. The morning affair was the local's first start, and they were in no danger of being defeated.

But the afternoon engagement was a different story. The East Durham aggregation got next to Ed Jones' offerings early and at the end of the second frame had piled up a lead of four runs to none for the local McGuire, the East Durham southpaw, had the Fuquay outfit retiring from his hand for five frames, not allowing a single safety. In the sixth, however, the locals got next to his delivery and when the dust had blown the score was 4 to 4, the two teams tying the count being the result of Pitcher Jones' hit. Mr. Jones' tightness up and held the East Durham team helpless for the remainder of the game, brought in the winning run in the eighth with another hit.

The Dunn concert band, an organization of some 30 musicians under the direction of J. P. Shell, furnished music during the day at the ball game and at the baseball grounds at night.

The school children of the town were also present.

The "Jan. 1919 Revue" and it proved one of the best attractions of its kind seen here in many years. With experienced entertainers in the cast, the musicians gave an exhibition that for comedy and musical features and specialties was hard to beat.

Following the show a dance was given in the pavilion at the spring. The members of the Dunn band again showed their versatility at an entertainment by making up an orchestra which furnished the music for the dance.

Ice cream, cold drink and lunch stands did a thriving business, while many visiting groups brought their own picnic dinners.

\$4,000,000 A DAY IS BEING SAVED BY U. S.

Senator Willis Claims \$300,000,000 Five Times Over Has Been Saved in a Single Year.

New York, April 14.—Application of business methods to the various departments of the federal government has resulted in a saving of more than \$4,000,000 a day, Senator Frank B. Willis, of Ohio, stated in an address at the annual dinner of the American Paper and Pulp Association.

"More business in government is getting results," he said. "When an eminent political leader said a few years ago that \$300,000,000 per year could be cut from federal expenses without injury to the service, he was looked upon as a doctrinaire and theorist, yet the application of just plain business sense such as you use in your own affairs, has brought a saving of public funds five times \$200,000,000 in 12 months. Government can help business some, but business can help government more."

Senator Willis told the manufacturers that if the pulp and paper business "is permitted to become ambulatory, it will walk clear out of the country and across into Canada."

"We must keep it at home where it belongs," he added, "so far as economically possible. Canada is a vigorous, friendly competitor. She can produce mechanical pulp 25 per cent lower and chemical pulp 19 per cent lower than it can be produced here."

He had a little rabbit patch. His neighbors had some chickens. The only thing that both could raise was blue blazes and the dickens.

The vital and telling phrases coined day by day are soon incorporated into language. —Richmond (Va.) News-Leader.

AVONDALE BANKERS TO HEAR NOTED SPEAKERS

Senator Dial And Governor Seay Among Speakers For Pinehurst Meeting

Pinehurst, N. C., April 17.—The annual convention of the North Carolina Bankers' Association to be held at Pinehurst April 26, 28, will include Senator Dial of South Carolina; Walter W. Head, of Omaha, Neb., vice-president of the American Bankers' Association; George J. Seay, governor of the Richmond Federal Reserve Bank, and Oliver J. Sands, general manager of the Tobacco Co-operative Marketing Association.

The convention will be called to order at 11 o'clock on the morning of April 26th at the Carolina Hotel, and the address of welcome will be made by Hon. Robert N. Page, president of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company at Southern Pines. The response will be made by T. A. Aver, of Rocky Mount. C. C. Kirkpatrick, of Newbern, will deliver an address on "How To Make North Carolina Pay Dividends."

Judge C. F. Moore, of New York City, will deliver an address at the night session.

On the second day Messrs. Sands and Seay will speak and J. W. Vaughn, of Cartersville, Ga., will discuss the livestock industry. Senator Dial and Mr. Head will speak on the "third day of the convention which will close with a business session in the afternoon."

The Pinehurst management has made special provision for entertaining the visitors. There will be golf every day and dancing in the evening. A feature of the meeting will be shooting exhibitions by Miss Annie Oakley.

A. M. Dancy, of Washington, N. C., is president of the association, and Alan T. Bowler, of Raleigh, is secretary. The vice-presidents are: C. E. Brooks, of Waynesville; John D. Bigns, of Williamston, and S. A. Hubbard, of Asheville. T. A. Uzell, of New Bern, is treasurer.

BUSINESS IS KING UP IN THE WEST

Engine Meyer Reports Conditions Are Improving

Washington, April 15.—Business conditions in the West and the Southwest have improved 10 per cent over last fall, Eugene B. Meyer, Jr., managing director of the Finance Co-operative Association, declared upon his return from a survey of 30 states west of the Mississippi.

"The East is still in a slump," he said, "but the West is showing signs of recovery. The mortgage market is improving and the stock market is showing signs of recovery."

The buying power of the farmers, Mr. Meyer asserted, will be somewhat restricted this year as they are buying only necessities.

Improvement in the corn belt, he said, is reflected in the advertising in newspapers and farm journals. In the Northwest cattle country he said he found evidence of increased buying.

Mr. Meyer said it was too early to indicate cotton prospects for the coming year, although the remainder of last year's crop is being moved in an orderly manner. Some railroad construction, he declared, is starting up in the Southwest for the first time in five years, and a moderate but distinct movement of home-seekers to the Southwest has begun.

Mr. Meyer announced that for the past three weeks the War Finance Corporation loans had been less than repayments, disbursements and repayment for the period approximating about \$15,000,000.

BACK OF THE GREATEST FAMINE IN HISTORY OF WORLD BROKEN BY U. S.

London, April 15.—"America has broken the back of the biggest famine in the world's history," was the Easter message sent to America today by Walter Lottman Brown, European director of the American Relief Administration. His statement was based on dispatches received in London from the famine districts of Russia.

"We have not reached the end of our troubles," Mr. Brown said, "but we have succeeded in breaking a program for feeding four million hungry people as the American Relief Administration has done."

While the food situation in Russia is still a matter of concern, the American Relief Administration is being initiated in the famine districts of Russia.

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CAUSE OF LONG SLEEP SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

Refuses To Let Surgeons Examine Man Who Slept Nearly Four Years

Fort Smith, Ark., April 14.—Efforts of Fort Smith surgeons to perform an operation on the brain of Jim Elinger, who died yesterday at a hospital after nearly four years of slumber failed today when relatives of Elinger took charge of the body and refused to grant this permission.

Therefore, what actually caused the record-breaking sleep of Elinger will never be definitely known.

It was revealed today that Elinger during his long period of slumber never lost the instinct to accept food. His lips opened slightly the moment liquids of food value were placed to them and this was virtually the only sign of life.

SPEARS DECLINES; WILLIAMS ENTERS

Williams of Sanford Declines Invitation to Fight It Out With Siler of Chatham in June Primary

Marshall T. Spears, attorney of Lillington, who has been urged by his friends in Chatham, Lee, Harnett, Johnston and Wayne counties to enter the race for solicitor in this district (fourth judicial), has stated to The News that he has definitely decided, after due and deliberate consideration, not to make the race. He expresses appreciation to his friends for their courtesy.

C. L. Williams, attorney of Sanford, is being urged as a candidate by Lee county voters and it has been definitely stated by Mr. Williams that he can be depended upon to make the race against W. D. Siler of Chatham, who has held the office for about ten years. Mr. Williams has a number of friends in Harnett. He was here Wednesday and upon a visit to The News office he gave out the information that he would be sure to make the contest.

The following is taken from the Sanford Express:

"We understand from various sources of the fourth judicial district that W. D. Siler, who has been brought upon our countryman, Mr. C. L. Williams, to enter the primary on June 3 for solicitor of the district. As a candidate for the state senate in a district with an overwhelming Republican majority, he twice made the campaign for the Democratic party in Lee, Harnett, Johnston and Sampson counties, running ahead of the ticket in Lee county and winning down the majority in the district of close that the Democrats thought seriously of contesting it last time. He made these campaigns at great sacrifice of time and money, going wherever and whenever called by his party, and is an eloquent and convincing speaker."

"The wave of crime that has been spreading over the state in recent months makes it imperative that our solicitor be elected from the ablest and best lawyers we have. Mr. Williams, who is a graduate of the state university, has been practicing here ten years and is recognized as one of the ablest attorneys in the district. He is a vigorous and aggressive trial lawyer. The interests of the state in suppressing crime would be well taken care of in his hands."

"The incumbent, Mr. Siler, has held this office ten years, many think long enough, and it is time for a new man. Lee county has the man and would support him solidly."—Harnett County News.

LILLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BEGIN EXERCISES NEXT WEEK

Preliminary to the opening of the commencement season at Lillington High School, Miss Carpenter's music pupils will fill the program for next week. On next Wednesday, the 19th Misses Bule Long and Annie Lee Champion will give a recital, and will be assisted by Miss Gladys Senter. The hour is 8 o'clock in the evening. On next Friday the 21st, will occur the annual concert by the music school.

Thursday night, April 27th, several of the lower grades will hold exercises.

Friday night, April 28th, the declamation contest will be held.

The haccalaureate sermon will be preached Sunday morning, April 30.

On Monday night, May 1st, the senior class exercises will take place.

Tuesday night, the class play, "Nothing But the Truth," will bring the season to a close.—Harnett County News.

Verbal Savage

"Shall I go over the top?" asked the talkative barber, polishing his razor.

"Yes, as soon as your gas-stroke is over," answered the weary customer.—The Traveler's Season.

NARROW RANGE IN PRICE OF COTTON

Short Trading Week Without Unusual Features; Cotton Planting Progresses

New Orleans, April 18.—This was a short week in cotton. Trading ceased on Thursday for the usual triple Easter holidays. The range of the market was unusually narrow, the trading months from the highest to the lowest fluctuating 10 to 16 points. On the close of the net results were declines of five to 12 points. May closing at 16.44 and October at 18.44. In the spot department middling lost 12 points and closed at 16.50 which compared with 11.39 cents a pound as the closing a year ago.

Interest was centered in new crop developments and in this direction events as evenly balanced themselves in their effect on opinion that the motive power for price movements of consequence was lacking. Roughly speaking, both private and official reports from the Western belt were unfavorable while from the Eastern belt were favorable. Too much rain fell in Texas and Oklahoma, as well as in most sections of the more central states. Planting and preparations to plant were hindered and in Texas considerable young cotton was damaged by heavy rains, high winds and sandstorms so that at the end of the week much replanting appeared to be necessary. In the Eastern belt planting appeared to be quite forward in central and southern portions of Georgia and in the earliest sections of the Carolinas, but more or less complaint of too much moisture came from northern Georgia and sections of other states.

This coming week the new crop will be watched more closely than ever for the time is now here when planting should be extended well up toward the northern boundaries of the cotton region. Anything that will tend to retard planting will have a bullish effect on the market while conditions that will stimulate planting and the germination of seed already in the ground will have a bearish effect. More attention will probably be given to the matter of the average in the near future since with planting going on generally, a better idea of the area under cotton may be had.

First notice day for the May option is now only a little more than a week off and the liquidation of that month is likely to increase the activity of the market. First notice day for May here is April 25, although in the New York market it comes on the 14th. There is talk of considerable cotton to be tendered in both markets but in some quarters it is not thought that tenders will be very large, unless there is further weakening in the spot bids in the interior of the South.

DUNN MINSTRELS A GREAT SUCCESS

Will Play Return Engagement in Fuquay Springs Easter Monday Night

The Dunn Band Minstrels appeared in Fuquay Springs last Friday afternoon and evening under the auspices of the Local Post of the American Legion, giving their show at the high school auditorium. The show was everything that anyone could expect or wish for. The American Legion Post should feel gratified over the fact that they were able to get the show to come from Dunn to Fuquay Springs and give it. The minstrel was above the ordinary. There was nothing of the vulgar or anything bordering on the risque. It was a clean, wholesome, wide awake show that deserves a packed audience wherever it may choose to go.

The local people turned out in great numbers to see the show and the general report is that it was more than they expected to see although aware of the high caliber of the participants. As a matter of fact the people of Fuquay Springs and Varina and surrounding country were so carried away with it, as the saying goes, that it has been secured to play a return engagement at the high school auditorium next Monday night at 7 o'clock.

The band and orchestra will accompany the minstrel back to Fuquay Springs and will take part in the celebration there next Monday.—Fuquay Varina Weekly, 14th.

Mr. Henry Hood to Be Star

Mr. Henry Hood of Dunn will address the adult classes of the Methodist Sunday school here next Sunday morning. Mr. Hood is teacher of the men's class at Dunn Methodist church which class numbers about 100. He is one of the ablest Bible teachers in the State.—Smithfield Herald.