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## Democrats Meet On October 10

Wilson To Be Scene Of Session On  
Night Of October 10—Speakers  
Given

Wilson, Oct. 2.—Second Congressional district democrats will gather here, the night of October 10 for a banquet, speeches, and organization work preparatory to an intensive drive in the district to get out the democratic vote in November, officials said today.

The Young Democratic clubs of the district, with clubs from Warren, Halifax, Northampton, Bertie, Edgecombe, Wilson, Greene, and Lenoir counties participating, are sponsoring this meeting.

Leading young democrats of the state will appear on the program, including J. Ed Butler, of Morganton, state president; J. T. Gresham, of Warsaw, national committee man; and Robert C. Wells, of Kenansville, eastern organizer. Older democrats will also have a part in the program.

The Dixie Inn, near Wilson, will be the meeting place where arrangements are being made to feed several hundred persons.

The executive committee includes Carroll L. Wilson, Roanoke Rapids chairman; Mrs. R. M. Hoggard, Lewiston, vice-chairman; and Leonard E. Britt, LeGrange, secretary. Edgecombe county ticket chairman is W. G. Clark, Jr.

## Legion Sponsors Festival In City

Fall Festival And Exposition To Be  
Presented Here During Coming  
Week

The Coleman-Pitt post No. 58 of the American Legion will sponsor a fall festival and exposition at H. H. Duke's lot here starting October 12 and continuing throughout the week, it was announced.

The Legion post is sponsoring this in an effort to raise funds for the construction of a proposed American Legion hut, Adjutant George W. Bachelor disclosed.

The Demers and Knepp shows have been engaged for the event, and come highly recommended as providing one of the largest gladiators on tour, officials said. Comprised of Shaw's rides and free attractions, the festival and exposition will provide amusement for the masses and the classes, its sponsors claim.

Two "sensational" free acts will be presented each night throughout the engagement. The six flying Melzoras, will present flying trapeze act and the aerial Laboze team, who defy death on a tight wire 75 feet in the air, are slated. A nightly display of fireworks is also included.

Special features will be staged nightly with the highlights of the week coming Thursday night (October 15) when a local couple will be married high above the clouds atop the giant ferris wheel.

Prof. Crinia and his royal Italian band will furnish music during the week.

Officers of the local Legion post include Commander P. V. Boyd, Vice Commanders L. H. Howell, J. W. Reid, and H. W. Cutchin, Adjutant and Finance Officer Bachelor, Service Officer P. E. Mallison, Guardsman Officer R. C. Williamson, Sergeant-at-arms A. B. Melrod, Chaplain Roscoe T. Hatch.

Historian T. A. Avera, Athletic Officer J. R. Ellen, Child Welfare Officers J. F. Avenet, Americanism Officer B. E. Fountain, Graves Registration Officer C. C. Gray Employment Officer S. D. Bennett, Membership Chairman T. L. Simmons, and Publicity Officer Robert Dennis.

## Mrs. Myrtle Camp Dies In Richmond

Former Resident Was Buried Here  
Saturday Afternoon

Mrs. C. A. (Myrtle) Camp, 80, who lived here 30 years, before moving to Richmond, Va., two years ago, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. D. Phillips, in Richmond of old age complications Thursday.

Mrs. Camp, widow of the late C. A. Camp, hotel operator at South Rocky Mount of years past, was buried here Saturday afternoon. The body arrived Saturday, and the funeral was conducted from First Baptist church at 3:30 o'clock with Dr. J. W. Kincheloe, pastor, in charge.

Interment was at Pineview cemetery.

The Camps were well known to railroad men up and down the line. Survivors include her daughters, Mrs. Phillips, at Richmond; and Mrs. P. P. Powell, Drewryville, Va.; a son, J. G. Camp, Aoshkie; a brother, Walter Holiday, Enfield; and a sister, Miss Annie Holiday, Washington, D. C.

Band Goes To Clayton

The W. H. S. Band went to Clayton to lead the Fair parade last Tuesday. The Johnston County Fair was held last week in Clayton. The band paraded and played several numbers. They enjoyed their trip very much.

## Nash Officers In Three Raids

Aid In Three raids Netting 1500 Gal-  
lons of Mash

Nash county officers, combining forces with U. S. Revenue department investigators from Wilson, plunged into the Mineral Springs section of Nash county late Thursday to emerge with three captured stills and about 1,500 gallons of beer mash, it was reported.

Led by Sheriff Charlie L. Johnston, the officers included Nash Deputies P. H. Johnston, C. V. Faulkner, Lewis Beal, Frank Manning, and J. R. Tanner; Nash ABC Board Officers Cuthrell Cooper and M. A. McLin; and the two federal men, Revenue Department investigators Dempsey and Hanshaw, stationed at Wilson.

This was the section where early in August the two Nash ABC officers were allegedly fired at from ambush and wounded. One of the stills seized was in operation, and no men or illegal liquor was found.

## Pioneer Citizen Dead At Wilson

Jonas Oettinger, Prominent Merchant,  
To Be Laid To Rest On  
Sunday Afternoon

Wilson, Oct. 3.—Jonas Oettinger, 79, prominent Wilson merchant for the last half century and one of the town's oldest citizens, died at a local hospital here Friday around noon. He had been ill for several weeks. He passed away quietly.

Funeral services will be held from the home here on Goldsboro street Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and will be conducted by Rabbi Isler Freund, of Goldsboro and Rabbi Frederick Frank, of Raleigh. Interment will be in Maplewood cemetery.

Born in Baltimore, Md., on May 14, 1857, the son of Solomon and Rosetta Oettinger, and lived there until the end of the Civil War when he came to Wilson at the age of 12 in 1869 to work as a clerk in the store of his uncle, Emil Rosenthal here.

Though he went to work at an early age evidence that he was like any other child can be gleaned from the story he used to tell of his life in Baltimore during the war between the states when each day his mother would give him the choice between a penny and sugar for his coffee. He would almost always take the penny and go to the store to buy candy with it.

In 1882 he and his brother, David, purchased Mr. Rosenthal's business here, and the store that now bears his name here was born. He remained a partner in the business until his death, his sons, also, becoming partners after his brother's death.

In June 7, 1887 he married Miss Martha Rosenthal in Alexandria, Va. who died in 1931.

Never talkative unless he had something of importance to say he received his education in business, and continued to come to work at his store here up to the last few months when he has stayed a good deal of the time at home because of failing health.

At various times during his life here he was President of the Wilson Real Estate, Loan and Trust Company; a director on the Home and Loan Association of Wilson; Vice-President of the First National Bank and of the Wilson Trust and Savings Bank; Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Wilson Graded Schools; a member of the Board of governors of the Wilson Country Club; and was appointed by Governor Bickett as a member of the Board of Directors of the State Sanatorium at Sanatorium, a position he continued to hold until a year ago. He was also the first president of the Wilson Chamber of Commerce and of the Wilson Business Men's Association.

He is survived by his son, Elmer A. Oettinger, of Wilson; a daughter, Mrs. Emil Rosenthal, of Goldsboro; a sister, Mrs. E. I. Wolf of Cleveland, Ohio; and 8 grandchildren, Elmer, Jr., Josephine David, Ernestine and Albrt Oettinger and Kala, Martha and Joas Oettinger Rosenthal.

## Father Of Local People Dies Here

J. R. Sikes, 80-year-old Sampson county native who is father of two local residents, was dead here. He died about five o'clock Monday afternoon at the home of a son, J. W. Sikes, No. 11 River drive.

Mr. Sikes, a life long farmer, had been living here with his son since, early in June, and had ill health for about the last half year. The funeral was held in Sampson county Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment in the family grounds.

Surviving are the local son, Mr. Sikes; his daughter, Mrs. Annabelle Ray, of this city; Mrs. Lizzie Wil-Long, of Bladen county; his other sons, Charlie and Johnnie Sikes, of Sampson county; and his sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Powell and Mrs. Mary Knowles.

## Election Head Resigns In Clay

Alexander Replaces Cherry On Board  
As Aftermath Of Scandal

As an aftermath of the admission by the Clay County Board of Elections of gross irregularities in its conduct of the Democratic primaries, George Cherry, chairman of the board, has resigned as a board member, it was learned here.

Raymond C. Maxwell, executive secretary of the State Board of Elections, said that M. H. Alexander had been named a member of the board to replace Cherry. The board will elect its own chairman, Maxwell said.

The executive secretary said Cherry had relinquished his post last week, assigning "ill health" as the reason.

An investigation of the conduct of the second primary in Clay county, as a result of complaints to the State Board of Dr. Ralph McDonald, defeated gubernatorial candidate, brought the admission by the county board of customary irregularity in the conduct of elections in the county, but no action was taken against the group by the State board.

The Clay board admitted that it had allowed the practice of "family voting" for 15 or more years. Under the procedure approved by the board, the head or any representative of a family was allowed to go to the polls and cast the vote of his entire family.

Admitting it knew that the practice was irregular, the Clay board pointed out in justification of its use that it was "a custom of many years standing" and that it was used in behalf of all candidates, regardless of party affiliation, and also was used by both parties in general elections.

No action was taken against the Clay board, Major L. P. McLendon, State Board chairman, said because of the "unusual frankness of the members," which indicated a willingness to conform to the law in the future, he said.

## New Club Being Organized Here

Junior Progressives Club, Headed  
By Arrington, Already Has About  
20 Members

A brand new civic organization for young persons, still in process of organization, awaited its third meeting as its president, Ben Arrington, disclosed details of its organization, membership, and purposes here.

This organization, termed the Junior Progressive club, has Mr. Arrington at its head, and with him are Dallas Alford, Jr., vice-president; and Leslie Hinson, secretary-treasurer. About 20 members, including bankers, tobaccoists, lawyers, insurance agents, wholesalers and other businesses and professions, are already on the membership book.

The club's next session will be Wednesday night at 6:30 o'clock at Winstead's cafeteria, and at present weekly meetings are being held each Wednesday night at 6:30 at the cafeteria. The coming session will be the third.

Asked to describe its aims, Mr. Arrington explained the membership was desirous of accomplishing things civic-minded citizens considered desirable. The club he called "100 per cent civic," affirming vigorously it was not political or socialistic.

He said the group wishes to do things that will improve the community in cooperation with other civic organizations or alone. "Everybody is really enthused," he commented, saying the club will immediately go to work and endeavor to get completed some civic projects.

## David Sullivan Interred In City

Local Beauty Shop Operator Died  
In Hospital

David Earl Sullivan, 34, who with his wife, formerly, Miss Ethel Carter, of Rocky Mount, operated Jean's Beauty Shoppe here, was laid to rest in Pineview cemetery. He died at a local hospital after having been ill since February of this year.

Mr. Sullivan, who had lived here several years, was a native of Wayne county, and his parents are Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Sullivan, of Goldsboro.

The funeral was conducted from the First Baptist church with Rev. J. W. Kincheloe, pastor, officiating and Rev. G. W. Perry, pastor of the First Methodist church, assisting. Interment followed at Pineview.

Mr. Sullivan's trouble was diagnosed as cancer, and he had been to a number of hospitals for medical aid. He died about eight o'clock.

Surviving beside his wife and parents are his child, Jean Carter Sullivan, here; and his brothers, Claude, J. F. G. E., Charlie, and Chester Sullivan, all of Goldsboro; and sisters Mrs. Richard Pierce, (Please turn to page four)

## Dr. Abbot's Solar Heat Collector



Delegates to the World Power conference in Washington were intensely interested in the solar heat collector devised by Dr. Charles G. Abbot, secretary of the Smithsonian institution, who is shown above demonstrating it. The three curved mirrors collect enough solar heat to generate steam sufficient to produce 1/4 horsepower.

## The Supreme Court Amendment

The Honorable Julius Brown of Greenville has rendered a public service in calling to the attention of the people of North Carolina the provision in the proposed Constitutional Amendment to increase the Supreme Court Judges from five to seven. There is more in this amendment than just increasing the number of judges from five to seven and there is also a provision that would permit the Court to divide itself and sit in divisions. The cases would be divided up and heard by only a part of the judges.

This to our mind is a bad provision and there is no necessity for it. As Mr. Brown has aptly stated the Supreme Court of the United States does not do that with all of its work and why give this authority to our Court.

Court work has greatly fallen off in the last few years and there is some question as to whether we need the special judges provided for by the legislature. So many of these have been political. The Court has been made up largely of Campaign Managers in the past. We do not need a divided sitting of the Court in our opinion.

## ELECTION FRAUDS

On last week an official of the board of elections of Wake County was convicted of a felony and sentenced for stuffing ballots in the ballot boxes of the names of people who never appeared or visited the polls on election day. The judge of his own motion ordered the plea to be withdrawn and directed that he be held guilty of a misdemeanor and sentenced him to jail.

We do not understand why the judge should have changed the charge, except probably he was not in favor of the severe penalty.

In Clay County all the election officials were removed, because the votes cast were in the names of people, who never visited or appeared at the polls. One member from the neighborhood being allowed to vote for the whole family and connections.

The state board of elections never asked that these officials be prosecuted. They have not been prosecuted and probably will not be prosecuted.

How are frauds and stealing in elections going to be stopped unless the law is enforced?

It is not fair, or certainly it is not feeding everybody out of the same spoon, for one group to be sentenced to the penitentiary and jailed, while the other group were permitted to go with the benediction of the state election board.

We notice that even it is hard to hold an election even in the labor circles. For the putting into effect of federal laws, because of the charge of unfair elections. It is more than smoke and it is the duty of the Democratic Party, who are responsible for clean elections to see that they are clean.

When a candidate is nominated, his nomination should be above honest suspicion.

## REDGATE AND SCHOOL STREETS SHOULD BE CONNECTED

The people on Red Gate Avenue are justly entitled to have a connection from School Street into Red Gate Avenue. The lay out of a 100 foot street would connect these two streets and would be a necessary convenience, which the people of both School Street and Red Gate Avenue should have as well as all other citizens of Rocky Mount, who travel these streets. It would shorten the distance 100 per cent to Edgemont School.

For the life of us, we are not able to fathom, why the board of aldermen continues to decline this request. We are informed that this question was raised in the last campaign in the aldermanic race and that a definite promise was made to citizens that this street would be opened. The citizenship of both of these streets are as fine as we have and their petition for this simple convenience should be granted.

There would be no necessity of buying land, because there is an undeveloped piece of land belonging to the school board, and we are sure the board would raise no objections to the use of this land for that purpose.

The members of the board of aldermen that represent this territory should give immediate attention to this request. It would relieve the traffic on Cokey Road and take away the danger of children being run over.

## Declares Borah Opposes Landon

Paper Says Senator Defied G. O. P.  
Chiefs; Jimmy Walker For  
Roosevelt

Philadelphia, Oct. 3.—The Philadelphia Record tonight quoted Senator William E. Borah as saying he would not support the Presidential candidacy of Governor Alf M. Landon.

Robert S. Allen, Record Washington correspondent, said that in an exclusive interview at Boise, Idaho, "Borah not only flatly denied he will take up the cudgels for Landon, but declared that if certain reactionary Republican elements go through with a reported threat to force a statement from him, he will blast them with a pro-Roosevelt pronouncement."

Allen's story quoted Borah, in part: "I am not for Landon, and I have absolutely no intention to speak in his behalf. Principles are more important to me than my election."

"Further, if, as I am told, certain persons in the Republican party contemplate forcing the issue of my position in the Presidential situation, I shall meet their challenge with a statement they will regret."

"I am keeping hands off the Presidential contest. I am a candidate for re-election as Senator. I am confining my campaigning strictly to that question."

## Fifteen Wounded Officers Improve

Possemen Pronounced Out of Danger  
After Hectic Week-end at  
Windsor

Windsor, Oct. 5.—Fifteen possemen wounded before a straight-shooting Negro was flushed by fire from his barricaded shanty and killed, were pronounced out of danger, of death.

The Negro, Dennis Thrower, 30, his clothing in flames, rushed screaming and shooting from the burning frame dwelling after a six hour siege, and officers killed him with rifle bullets.

Half an hour before a crowd estimated by Mayor J. A. Pritchett at 2,000 had cheered youthful J. C. Johnston when he crawled to the rear door, tossed a bundle of oil-soaked rags on to the porch and set the tiny structure afire.

The more seriously wounded were Chief of Police J. M. Waters, shot in the chest and lung, and State Highway Patrolman A. W. Welch, shot in the mouth and the back of the head.

Chief Waters was reported to have spent an uncomfortable night at the hospital, but physicians said that his condition was good and that he would recover if his injuries were not complicated by pneumonia.

Among those less seriously wounded were Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, of Williamson; Sheriff F. M. Dunston of Bertie; assistant police chief W. L. Smallwood, who fired the shots that killed Thrower; and C. E. Helms, E. P. Spivey, Lewis Byrd, M. H. Morris and A. B. Gillman, all of Bertie County.

Officers Seek Help  
The Negro wounded Smallwood in the mouth, leg and chest when the officer went to the house to investigate a report of a disturbance. Smallwood returned the fire and then went for help.

Officers and citizens armed with rifles, shotguns and pistols circled the shanty and began the six-hour bombardment as the Negro slipped from window to window and picked off his victims at distances up to 150 yards.

Dynamite hurled at the house, blew off a part of the roof, but officers were unable to get near enough to use tear gas.

A truck with three cotton bales stacked on its rear was backed almost to the house, but when patrolman Welch sought to discharge a tear gas gun across the broad-work, Thrower peppered him in the face with small shot from a 12-gauge shotgun.

Then Johnston wriggled to the shanty and cast the flames. Through smoke and fire, Thrower continued his sniping but half an hour afterward, a pistol in one hand and gun in the other, he raced out shrieking, was struck by rifle volleys and died instantly.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Green moved from Zebulon, Tuesday, into the apartment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hester. Mr. Green holds a position with the Carolina Power and Light Company.

Mrs. E. C. Holmes and infant daughter, Martha Wilmouth, returned to their home in Farmville, Sunday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Holmes' mother, Mrs. M. C. Todd, who is spending the week.

## Sentenced For Election Fraud

H. P. Earp Confesses To Stuffing  
Auburn Box; Exonerates Two  
Others

Shouldering full responsibility for the election scandal in Auburn precinct last July 4, Henry P. Earp, 33-year-old judge of election, took the stand in Wake Superior Court to confess that he stuffed the ballot box in a vain effort to show a friend that he could "carry" the precinct for his favorite candidate for Governor.

Earp pleaded guilty to felony charges after Solicitor William X. Bickett had refused his offer to submit to a misdemeanor count, but Judge Walter L. Small, presiding at the trial, held that the official probably had no fraudulent intent, and on his own motion changed the plea to a misdemeanor charge.

Term And Fine  
Earp was given four months in Central Prison and a \$250 fine. This sentence later was changed to four months in the Wake County jail, the fine standing. Earp expressed a preference for the jail term. The amending of Earp's plea from a felony to a misdemeanor meant that he retains his citizenship.

Two other election officials indicted with Earp, Registrar Exam Sturdivant and Judge D. R. Johnson, were exonerated by Earp's confession and the cases against them were not pressed by the Solicitor. Earp and Sturdivant were Democratic appointees while Johnson was the Republican judge.

'Explains' Act  
"I guess I was over-zealous," Earp replied when asked by his counsel, J. W. Bunn, why he had stuffed a handful of ballots in the State box and then entered the names of a dozen persons on the poll books when they had not visited the polling place.

Earp went on to relate that a friend of his, Leland Pool, had "switched" at the last minute from Clyde E. Hoey and decided to support Dr. Ralph McDonald. Both he and Pool had declared their intention of working hard to carry the precinct for their respective candidates, Earp said.

Earp declared he remained loyal to Hoey.

## One Hurt In Accident Here

W. B. Oakley, City, Receives Fractured  
Leg—He and J. L. Fowlkes  
Charged

An automobile-motorcycle accident sent a Rocky Mount young man to a hospital with a fractured left leg and lesser injuries, and resulted in warrants being issued charging him and the driver of the car, also from near here, with reckless driving.

W. B. Oakley, of this city, was the one riding the motorcycle, and J. L. Fowlkes, of Rocky Mount, Route two, was the driver of the automobile, Oakley, 23, was taken to the hospital where examination showed he suffered a fractured left leg and lacerations of the head as well as considerable shock.

Oakley was charged with reckless driving and running into and damaging the machine of Fowlkes. Besides being charged with reckless driving, Fowlkes, 40, was also charged with running into and injuring Oakley.

Police Officers M. N. Hinton and C. E. Warren on a police radio car were investigating officers.

The accident happened on the corner of Union street and South Church street. The officers found Fowlkes, alone, was headed north on Church street, and made a left turn into Union street in front of the motorcycle that Oakley was driving.

Oakley, going south, hit the car of Fowlkes between the right front fender and right headlight after sliding the brakes 63 feet. The young man then dived 30 feet over the car before he struck the ground on the southwest corner of the intersection.

The fronts of both machines were badly damaged while Fowlkes was not hurt.

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