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## Johnston County Republicans Name Full Ticket

Representative and Harmonious Convention Is Held and Full County Ticket Nominated—Which Many Believe Will Be Elected.

The Republicans of Johnston County met in convention in the courthouse in Smithfield at 11:00 A. M., last Saturday, in accordance with adjournment of the previous convention which elected delegates to the State convention on April 9. Rev. J. D. Parker presided over the meeting and M. L. Stencil and Ernest Langley acted as secretaries.

The first item of business to come before the convention was the nomination of a sheriff. The names of A. H. Morgan, L. D. Mitchell, Howard M. Beasley and Walter Parrish were placed before the convention. After several ballots by townships, H. M. Beasley having taken the lead was declared the nominee of the convention.

Next came the call for nominees for Register of Deeds. The names of Miss Clara McLeod and L. D. Mitchell were offered for nomination, with the result that Miss McLeod won this nomination.

Next came county auditor, and the following names were presented: A. A. Williamson, Spurgeon Creech, Eugene Underwood and W. C. Massey. Spurgeon Creech seemed to take the lead from the very beginning, and after the third ballot was declared the nominee.

For County Treasurer the names of Forest Langley, W. H. Flowers, James Pittman and S. W. Brown were offered. Mr. Flowers soon took the lead and was nominated on the third ballot.

For Judge of Recorder's Court, Ezra Parker was nominated by acclamation without opposition.

For Solicitor of Recorder's Court Marion G. Lee was nominated by acclamation without opposition.

For House of Representatives the names of N. H. Lucas, W. Troy Lee, and Rev. J. W. Alford were offered. Lee and Alford having received the greater number of votes were declared the nominees.

For State Senator the names of W. W. Massey and T. C. Barbour were offered. The vote stood 80 for Massey and 72 for Barbour, therefore Massey was declared the nominee of the convention.

H. A. Herring was nominated for county surveyor by acclamation.

Dr. G. E. Parker was nominated for county coroner by acclamation.

The following names were presented to the convention for county commissioners: Ernest Langley, of Boon Hill; A. L. Tippet, of Oneals; Charles Johnson, of Benson; S. T. Blackman, of Meadow; I. V. Pittman, of Micro; J. T. Creech, of Pine Level; J. Q. Baker, of Ingrams and E. A. Parker, of Benson. After some balloting it was found that the one receiving the greatest number of votes were Ernest Langley, A. L. Tippet, Charles Johnson, S. T. Blackman, and I. V. Pittman, so these were declared the nominees of the convention.

The convention went on record as endorsing the Republican State Platform, and adopted a resolution that the Republican nominees get together and outline such a platform for Johnston county as they feel willing to bind themselves to put into effect. Upon further motion it was voted that the Johnston County Republican Executive Committee be empowered to fill any and all vacancies occurring with respect to the ticket above named, if for any reason such vacancy or vacancies should occur.

For the information of any one who may not know all of the nominees of the Republican convention, the following information might be of interest:

H. M. Beasley, the nominee for sheriff is a business man of Smithfield, being proprietor of the Smithfield Mercantile Co. He is a son of J. M. Beasley, of Bentonville Township.

Miss Clara McLeod, the nominee for Register of Deeds, is a stenographer in the office of Ezra Parker, of Benson. She is well qualified for the office of Register of Deeds.

Spurgeon Creech, the nominee for Auditor, is a book-keeper and accountant of Micro and his experience and training makes him well qualified for the office of auditor.

## Recorder's Court Has Busy Session

Tuesday, May 10th. State vs. Felton Barefoot, white age 30. Defendant in court on capias for non-payment of cost and for violation of suspended sentence. Defendant given 90 days on roads as set out in former judgment.

Wednesday, May 11th. State vs. Husky Moore, white laborer, aged 21; Toat Moore, white laborer, aged 19; Sexton Baker, white laborer, aged 19, for assault with deadly weapon. All defendants guilty. Each defendant given six months on roads.

State vs. Husky Moore, Toat Moore, Sexton Baker, for assault with deadly weapon. It is found that defendants have violated a former suspended sentence of six months each on roads and it is ordered that each one serve the sentence, this sentence to run concurrently with above sentence.

State vs. Luther White, a white farmer, for operating car while intoxicated. Plea of guilty, and defendant fined \$50 and cost and ordered not to operate a motor vehicle again in North Carolina during next 90 days.

State vs. Emmett Cain, white truck driver, aged 23, for careless and reckless driving. Guilty and fined \$25 and cost.

State vs. Yancy Hatings, colored laborer, aged 31, for violation of prohibition law. Guilty of possession and transportation of 3 gallons of whiskey for purposes of sale. Defendant given 6 months on roads. (The truck being driven by defendant to be confiscated and sold as provided by law.)

State vs. Miss Ann Thacker, white teacher, for assault. Not guilty.

State vs. Clara Whitley, colored laborer, for assault.

Tuesday, May 17th. State vs. Harvey Huches, white laborer. Defendant in court on capias for non-payment of cost. Time extended until June 14th, 1932. Defendant allowed to go under own recogno.

State vs. Nathaniel Fisher, colored laborer, aged 30; Walter Horton, colored laborer, aged 67, for violation of prohibition law. Both guilty of possession of beer. Let defendant Fisher be confined in jail for 90 days and assigned to work public roads. Defendant Horton given 60 days in jail and assigned to work at County Home. Jail sentence of Horton to be suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and cost.

State vs. Elliott Wallace, white laborer, aged 60, for violation of prohibition law. Guilty of possession and transportation of one-half quart of whiskey. \$10 fine and cost. Given one week to pay.

State vs. Kenneth Parrish, white laborer, aged 31, for being publicly drunk and disorderly and interfering and resisting officer, etc. Plea of guilty. Defendant given 60 days on roads. Sentence suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and cost and upon further condition that defendant does not drink, possess, transport any whiskey or intoxicating drinks or in any way violate the prohibition law again in North Carolina during next 2 years. Capias to issue at request of solicitor.

State vs. Ben Perry, colored laborer, for larceny. Not guilty.

State vs. Richard Barnes, colored laborer, aged 38, for larceny of dresses, shirts and merchandise of the value of \$17.50. Guilty. Defendant given 4 months on roads.

State vs. Herman Lassiter, colored laborer, aged 30, for violation of prohibition law. Guilty of possession of 4 gallons of whiskey for purpose of sale. Defendant given 60 days on roads.

State vs. John Turner Batten, white farmer, aged 50, for assault with deadly weapon. Guilty. Defendant given sentence of 4 months on roads, suspended upon condition that he pays cost and that he does not drink, possess, or transport any intoxicating drink or in any way violate the prohibition law in North Carolina again during next 2 years.

State vs. Milton Williams and Berkley Hamilton, for house breaking and larceny. Not probable cause as to Berkley Hamilton and he is discharged. Probable cause as to Milton Williams and he is bound to Superior Court under \$300 bond.

State vs. Rufe Fields, white farmer, aged 24; Albert Hayes, white farmer; Alton Hayes, white farmer. Violation of prohibition law. All 3 defendants guilty of possession of still outfit and manufacturing whiskey.

R. T. FOUNTAIN TO SPEAK IN SMITHFIELD MAY 20TH

We have been requested to announce that Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain, candidate for Governor of North Carolina, will speak in the Court House at Smithfield Friday night of this week. Mr. Fountain will discuss the tax situation, school legislation, the Ehringhaus campaign and other issues.

## Thieves Enter Smithfield Store

Smithfield, May 17.—Thieves entered the wholesale store of the Carolina Grocery Co., Inc., here last night, and carried away about \$400 worth of goods, mostly cigars and cigarettes.

About 1:30 o'clock this morning Night Policeman E. A. Johnson saw a large car parked on Market street near the entrance to the store, and becoming suspicious, he started in that direction; but before he got near the place the car moved to the corner of Sixth and Market streets, and stopped near the John Jones Cafe for about one minute, then made a quick get-away. When Policeman Johnson reached this store he found the front door partly open. He then telephoned to Chief C. R. Cable, and Mr. L. H. Sasser, manager of the store, and when they arrived the three went inside of the store and made an investigation. A vicious bull dog which had been kept on the inside of the store for several months, was found under a truck near the rear of the store in a somewhat dazed condition, and it was with difficulty that the dog was coaxed and induced to come out from under the truck. An examination failed to reveal any scars on the dog, and the supposition is that he had been drugged.

The indications were that the thieves had used bolt cutters to cut off the lock, and that they had then loaded their car with goods and escaped.

This store had been robbed two or three times before within the last year, and the total value of the goods taken by the thieves amounts to a considerable sum.

Markers Barred In Primary Election

Use of markers in primary elections is specifically prohibited under the Australian Ballot act (section 26), stated Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt in response to an inquiry from J. Crawford Biggs, chairman of the State Board of Elections.

"It is quite clear that markers are not to be appointed in the primary. It is also quite clear that no person should, on his own request, be permitted to assist a voter. Such assistance should be permitted only when the request is made directly and in person by the voter desiring the assistance," stated the Attorney General, citing the law which permits a voter to obtain aid only from an election official, a member of his family, or a person requested by the voter and approved by a majority of the election officials.—News and Observer, May 16th.

## Selma Kiwanians To Meet In Smithfield

President C. L. Richardson, of the local Kiwanis club, announces that the local club will meet with the Kiwanis club of Smithfield and the Rotary club, of Clayton, tonight at 7:30 at the Rose Glenn Tea Room in Smithfield. N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce is putting on the program and he has secured some of the best speakers in eastern North Carolina for this meeting. Judge F. H. Brooks, of Smithfield, will act as toastmaster and those secured to speak are Frank Page, former state highway commissioner; State Treasurer Steadman, of Raleigh; Kenneth Royall, state senator of Goldsboro, and D. M. Stringfield, prominent attorney, of Fayetteville. The Selma Kiwanis quartette will furnish special music.

## Methodist Protestant Head Predicts Union

Columbus, O., May 17.—Belief that the Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Protestant churches will be united by 1935 but that "Protestantism will never be a single, united body" was voiced today by Dr. J. C. Bromfield, president of the Methodist Protestant church.

Dr. Bromfield's prediction was made in advance of the opening of the 26th quadrennial general conference of his church. The sessions will last 10 days.

It also predicted the conference would delay any merger plans until 1934 and that it would take a "bone dry" stand on prohibition.

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