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Johnston Republicans Meet In Convention

Clyde L. Stancil Re-elected County Chairman—Sam Morris Makes Keynote Speech—Ticket Is Named—Delegates Elected—Young Republican Club Is Organized

A delegation of Republicans, representing every section of Johnston county, met in convention in Smithfield Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Clyde L. Stancil, county chairman, called the convention to order. Ezra Parker, of Benson, was made permanent chairman. Sam J. Morris, of Raleigh, was the keynoter of the convention.

Mr. Morris confined his remarks chiefly to criticism of the New Deal as inaugurated and administered by President Roosevelt. He labeled the Republican party as the party which had always been the conservative party, the party that brought the country out of the Cleveland depression under the leadership of Presidents William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt by administering a program of sound business and economy in government, and ventured the prediction that if President Roosevelt had followed a similar course this country would have emerged from the 1930-33 depression long since and that the country would have greatly decreased its indebtedness rather than more than doubling it.

The convention then proceeded to nominate the following county candidates: State senate, Walter Batten of Smithfield; and for members of the lower House, E. Alphonso Parker of Benson, and Clyde Stancil of Smithfield. For county commissioners: M. B. Pleasant, of Angier, Route 1, and Matthew Raynor of Benson.

Five names were placed before the convention as candidates for the house. Stancil and Parker, the nominees, received 82 and 76 votes respectively, while the remaining votes were distributed as follows: Jesse McLamb, Banner, 27; Moses Tart, Meadow, 24; and Q. C. Parker, Banner, 10.

In the senate contest, Batten won over J. Ira Lee, Smithfield attorney, by a margin of 42 to 28.

Leading the voting for commissioner was M. B. Pleasant, who was nominated by County Chairman Stancil as a former member of the county board of commissioners and as "the man who put fear into the ranks of the Democrats" two years ago when he ran for sheriff on the Republican ticket. Pleasant received 99 votes and Raynor, the other nominee for commissioner, polled 57. The other candidates were Tillman Renfrow of O'Neals, 40 votes; A. H. Phillips of Banner, 13; and Harvey Jones of Beulah, 11.

A list of 28 delegates and 28 alternates were elected to go to the Congressional Convention to be held in Raleigh on Saturday, April 13, and to the State convention to be held in Charlotte on Wednesday, April 17. Clyde Stancil was re-elected County Chairman, and a resolution was adopted that the various township chairmen of the county shall constitute the Republican county Executive committee.

J. D. Parker, Republican member of the County Board of Elections, explained the working of the new law with reference to registration in the primary and general election.

A Young Republican club was (Continued on Last Page)

Selma Kiwanians Hear "Harmoneers"

Leading the program at the Selma Kiwanis club on last Thursday evening was a musical program by the "Harmoneers", a quartet composed of Miss Lillian Louise Woodard, talented daughter of Druggist and Mrs. E. V. Woodard of Selma, Ed and Fred MacDowell and Jerry Brent of Fayetteville. They recently returned from Nassau, Bahamas, where they filled a two weeks' engagement at the Royal Victoria hotel. Their appearance before the Kiwanis club brought down the house with loud applause, and the only regrets expressed were that they cut their program too short.

Following the musical program, Program Chairman M. L. Stancil put on a quiz program dealing exclusively with the population of Johnston county, together with places and events. Rev. D. M. Clemmons was the only Kiwanian left standing when the time limit was reached.

RE-ELECTED



CLYDE L. STANCIL

PAGE CONFESSES TO RAPE CHARGE PRIOR TO DEATH

Micro Negro Goes To Death At State's Central Prison.

Zeb Page, 29-year-old Micro Negro laborer, died in the gas chamber at Central Prison in Raleigh Friday morning shortly after confessing he raped a white woman near Micro last October.

Chaplain L. A. Watts informed reporters "he acknowledged that he committed the crime." Previously Page had denied his guilt in the rape of Mrs. Elizabeth Stancil, mother of three children.

The condemned man, who spent most of the previous 24 hours in prayer, went to the gas chamber at 9:59 and two minutes later the gas was generated. He was wearing a hood over his head.

A physician pronounced Page dead 11 minutes and 57 seconds after the fumes rose in the chamber. The Negro's mother, a Wake county resident, claimed the body.

Chaplain Watts, who held a worship period for Page before the execution, said, "He says he is sorry for all his sins."

Johnstonians who went to Raleigh to witness the execution were Don Ward, Page's attorney; Sheriff Kirby Rose and Deputies C. C. Liles and Norman Narron; Rev. Noble Hinnant and Richard Pittman, Micro; and Hugh Sanders of Smithfield.

HAILSTORM HERE MONDAY NIGHT

Monday was a day of southerly winds and threatening clouds, which cleared late in the afternoon to give way to a bright sun—but not for long—for the sun soon hid its face behind the western storm clouds. As the shadows of night began to lower, flashes of lightning could be seen to the west and southwest, and shortly before 8 o'clock a hailstorm from the southwest swept over the town. A furious wind accompanied the storm which brought a blinding gust of rain and considerable hail. Some of the hailstones were in disk shape and as large around as half silver dollars, but no damage has been reported as a result of the storm.

Mr. & Mrs. Davis Take Daughter To Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Davis took their daughter, Ava, to Duke hospital a few days ago for an examination.

LATE BULLETINS FROM WAR ZONE

LONDON, April 11.—(Thursday)—An unconfirmed report from Stockholm, circulated by the Reuter (British) news agency, early today placed the German losses in last night's Skagerrak naval battle at four cruisers and two or three large troop transports.

This report also said the 5,400-ton German cruiser Emden was believed to be the German warship which was sunk in Oslo fjord by the Norwegian cruiser Olaf Trygvason. This ship was identified first as a German destroyer, and later as a warship of the Deutschland class.

BERLIN, April 10.—Nazi Germany, fighting furiously with her fleet to keep Allied men o'war from the Norwegian coast, proclaimed tonight the destruction of at least three British destroyers in the battle of Narvik, Norway, big cruisers to the fire of Norwegian coastal guns, and strove systematically to get her bearings in the two Scandinavian countries which Adolf Hitler is "protecting"—against their will.

A fourth British destroyer was damaged and is unfit for battle, the German high command stated, as a result of the engagement at the entrance to the North Norway port where, as a communique put it, "English naval forces attempted to enter Narvik by force."

"The attack was fought off by units of our navy which are stationed there, with heavy damage and losses for the English," said the communique. "Three British destroyers were destroyed. The British Admiralty admits an additional destroyer was badly damaged and is unfit for battle. On Monday, a British destroyer was sunk on another occasion."

The German army high command officially denied early today reports that the British had captured Trondheim and Bergen.

Tonight, then, the German battlescore in the new theatre of sea and air war stood:

Selma To Have A New Hardware Store

The store building, formerly occupied by the Selma Hardware company, has been purchased by Mr. J. N. Wiggs, and is undergoing necessary repairs preparatory to the opening of a new and up-to-date hardware store by Leon Woodruff and J. Hayden Wiggs, who plan to be able to say: "If It's Hardware, We Have It."

Messrs. Wiggs and Woodruff are two of Selma's most progressive young business men and we predict for them a rosy future in their latest venture.

Postal Officials Of County To Meet

All postmasters, postal clerks, rural and city carriers are scheduled to meet at the Selma Woman's club building in Selma on Friday night, April 12, at 7 o'clock.

Carl Williamson, postmaster at Raleigh, will be the principal speaker of the evening. The post office inspector for the division is also expected to be present and make a talk and, an invitation has been extended to Congressman Harold D. Cooley to attend this meeting. It is hoped that every section of Johnston county will be represented.

Donald Lee Broadwell Ill At His Home Here

Friends of Donald Lee Broadwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Broadwell, will regret to learn that this popular young man is ill at his home here, suffering from a severe head ailment. This paper joins his friends in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Popular Railroad Man Is Seriously Ill Here

Mr. Riley Renfrow, who holds a responsible position with the Southern Railroad, is reported seriously ill at his home on Railroad street. Mr. Renfrow is suffering from an attack of influenza. His many friends hope he will soon be able to be out again.

Selma Airport Gets Recognition; 25 Planes to Visit Here Sunday

CANDIDATE



FLOYD C. PRICE

Floyd C. Price In Commissioner Race

Floyd C. Price, who makes his residence in Pine Level and operates a general supply store in Selma, announces that he is in the race for County Commissioner.

Mr. Price is a native born citizen of Pine Level, the son of Joseph and Cornelia Morgan Price. At the close of his schooling he opened a grocery business in Pine Level in 1909, later expanding into a general mercantile business. He opened a large mercantile business in Selma in 1932, which has grown into one of the largest general supply stores in Johnston county. This store is known as Floyd C. Price & Son. Mr. Price has served on the board of town commissioners of Pine Level for a number of years and takes an active interest in church and civic affairs. He is also one of the directors in the Bank of Pine Level.

A. F. Futrell Out For Commissioner

A. F. Futrell of Pine Level announced a few days ago that he had definitely decided to make the race for County Commissioner.

Mr. Futrell is making his second bid for a place on the board. He ran unsuccessfully in 1936, polling 3,000 votes or 600 less than enough to land him in a second primary.

Mr. Futrell was born in Pine Level 49 years ago, the son of E. T. and Josephine Hinnant Futrell.

As a young man he joined the National Guard at Selma and served six months with the Selma unit on the Mexican Border during a disturbance the latter part of 1916. He returned home in December of that year and several months later joined the United States Army for overseas service in the World War.

He served in the World War 13 months and upon his return home after the Armistice accepted a job as clerk with W. B. Oliver and Son at Pine Level, a position held for the next 17 years.

In the past five years, Mr. Futrell has devoted his time to supervising extensive farming interests.

He has been a member of the town board at Pine Level for six years. He is also a leader in the Pine Level Baptist church, being a member of the board of deacons.

He has served as foreman of the county grand jury since last July and has gained prominence as the leader of recent grand jury investigations of county affairs.

Large Hen Egg

Mrs. A. R. Stancil, of the Glendale section, sent a large hen egg to the office of The Johnstonian-Sun Monday. Mrs. Stancil said the egg was laid by one of her Barred Rock hens last Sunday. The egg measures 7 inches in circumference the round way and 8 inches around from tip to tip. It weighs 5 1-4 ounces.

Cy Gates, Nationally Known Stunt Flyer, Will Give Exhibition and Carry Passengers—Plenty of Parking Space Has Been Provided For Motorists

Eastern Carolina Aviators Breakfast club will visit the Selma airport Sunday morning about 8 o'clock, where they will spend the entire day. They will be the guests at breakfast of Solicitor William I. Godwin, A. Z. Thompson, Jr., and H. H. Lowry at the Brick Hotel.

Blue Mold Found

County Agent M. A. Morgan reports the first case of Blue Mold to be found this year in the county on the plant bed of Mr. J. C. Woodard, of Pine Level, Tuesday. Dr. Howard Garis of State College inspected the bed Wednesday and declared his findings to be Blue Mold. Considering the cool damp weather and the fact that plants are younger this year than they were a year ago, the County Agent expressed the opinion that the farmers will have a great deal of trouble with blue mold. Since the plants are so young at this time blue mold will quickly destroy them. All farmers are urged to watch their beds carefully, said Mr. Morgan.

This organization was organized a short time ago by Col. R. E. Lee, manager of the Rocky Mount airport, and Selma is the first airport to be visited by this organization.

Pilots and planes will be here from Rocky Mount, Henderson, Louisville, Wilson, Washington, Middlesex, Weldon, Goldsboro, Dunn, Raleigh, Clinton, Four Oaks, Williamston, and other towns in eastern Carolina.

It is expected that at least twenty-five planes will be in this visiting party. In the afternoon a regular air show will take place at the Selma airport, the main attraction being the noted stunt pilot from Hollywood, California, Cy Gates, who is nationally known for his skill as an acrobatic flier.

Cy Gates has a specially constructed plane for stunt flying and sky writing. This pilot really gives a beautiful exhibition. After his show this noted pilot will take passengers to ride in the same plane in which he uses for his show.

It will be a real treat to ride with this splendid pilot. Jack Hubber, of Atlanta, Ga., said to be the best parachute jumper in the entire south, is expected to make a death-defying leap from a height of 10,000 feet.

Colonel R. E. Lee, of Rocky Mount, will bring his trim Waco cabin plane and a newspaper photographer who will make numerous pictures of Selma and vicinity, which will give this town recognition as a public spirited and much interested community in aviation.

The manager of the local airport, Mr. Godwin, has made arrangements to take care of the many cars that will be on hand on this occasion. Parking space has been enlarged and he will see to it that you will have a place to park your car, so be on hand Sunday and see the best air show ever staged in this immediate section.

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

Sunday will be a big day at the local airport—seventeen planes will arrive early that morning and spend the day—MANAGER BILL GODWIN is busy making arrangements to take care of the big crowd that will be on hand—plenty of parking space has been provided by BILL—there will be stunt flying, parachute jumps, etc., come and spend the day—around thirty pilots will be on hand—DONALD LEE BROADWELL is missed from the Maindrag these days—DONALD LEE in confined to his room by illness—his many friends wish for him a speedy recovery—our old friend, RILEY RENFROW, is also on the sick list this week—hurry up and get well, RILEY, we miss seeing you on the Maindrag—don't fail to attend the barbecue dinner given by the AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY on next Tuesday night at the Woman's club—MRS. E. G. HOBBS, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, says one-half pound of the famous ADAM SCOTT'S Barbecue, together with all the accessories, will be served—tickets are only 50 cents—MRS. J. T. MATHEWS is a hustler when it comes to selling tickets—MRS. MATHEWS sold seventeen to Smithfield folk yesterday to the Big Barbecue here next Tuesday night—everybody's coming, get yours—the best entertainment on the Carnival grounds is the Pony and Dog Show, owned and operated by MR. IRWIN—he has the best trained dogs and ponies this writer has ever seen—one of his educated ponies is insured for \$7,000—WILBUR WILSON says since the paper came out last week announcing his approaching marriage, he has had no less than twenty-five applicants for best man—it pays to advertise.

Rev. & Mrs. Clemmons Given Surprise Party

Around 100 Baptists Gather At The Merchants Hotel to Do Honor to This Popular Couple—N. J. Creech Master of Ceremonies.

The Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Clemmons were given a complete surprise Wednesday evening when the members of the Baptist church entertained at dinner at the Merchants Hotel, honoring them on the fourth anniversary of their pastorate in Selma.

They had been invited to attend a barbecue supper elsewhere but instead were taken to the hotel where a large number awaited their arrival.

A special table was arranged in the center of the dining room where Mr. and Mrs. Clemmons, their daughter, Elaine, and their niece, Miss Irene Clemmons, were seated.

Members of the Junior and Intermediate choirs were also guests of honor. Other guests were seated at the long U-shaped table. Bowls of violets centered the tables. A two-course dinner was served by Mrs. Annie Barham and Mrs. J. T. Mathews.

Mr. N. J. Creech, superintendent of the Sunday school, acted as toastmaster. He presented Mr. C. Hub Brown, who remarked that he had been searching the records for deeds done by Mr. Clemmons and had secured complete information, including where the Rev. D. M. Clemmons is from. His speech was full of wit and he told numerous jokes applying to the minister.

At the close of his remarks he became serious and told of the high esteem in which this popular minister is held in the Johnston Association.

Mr. Floyd C. Price was asked to speak and also praised the life led by the pastor before his people. David S. Ball, E. C. Perry and E. V. Woodard expressed some of the many ways in which both the Rev. and Mrs. Clemmons have, by their untiring efforts, been an inspiration to the congregation.

Mrs. Maggie Chamblee sang a song composed by Mrs. Leon Woodruff, relative to their four years of service. She was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Woodruff.

Mr. and Mrs. Clemmons expressed their appreciation in appropriate words of gratitude.

Mr. J. P. Temple Enters Kinston Hospital

Mr. J. P. Temple is undergoing treatment at the General Memorial hospital in Kinston. His nephew, Dr. R. H. Temple, is treating him, preparatory to his entering Duke hospital.