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Anti-Liquor Forces Ask For Referendum

G. Willie Lee Named Chairman of Campaign In Johnston County—Intensive Campaign Has Been Planned Against ABC Stores

Johnston county dry forces organized at a mass meeting in the courthouse Sunday afternoon and planned an intensive campaign to rid the county of the ABC stores.

G. Willie Lee of Pleasant Grove township, former member of the House from this county, was chosen chairman; W. A. Davis of Clayton and Howard Mitchiner of Wilson's Mills, vice chairman; Mrs. J. T. Lassiter of Smithfield, secretary; and Adam J. Whitley of near Smithfield, treasurer. Township committees will be chosen later.

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The Rev. D. M. Clemmons of Selma, chairman of the committee on temperance and public morals in the Johnston County Baptist Association, acted as temporary chairman. T. O. Davis of Zebulon volunteered to furnish handbills to be placed in the home of every voter in the county. A number of persons who said they worked for the establishment of the ABC stores and were admitting a mistake signified their willingness to help the drys' campaign.

Every township in the county except two were represented and blanks bearing a petition to the board of elections requesting that it call an election were distributed for signatures. No trouble is anticipated in getting more than the required number of signatures, leaders of the drive said.

Among others taking part in the meeting were F. H. Brooks, A. M. Noble, the Rev. C. L. Gillespie, the Rev. J. J. Boone, and W. H. Lyon of Smithfield; the Rev. N. W. Harrison of Four Oaks, the Rev. O. L. Hathaway and the Rev. J. H. Worley of Selma, and the Rev. R. R. McCulloch of Clayton.

Resolutions introduced by A. M. Noble denouncing the effects and the sale of alcohol and pledging those present to vote and work without ceasing to abolish the liquor stores from the county were adopted.

Jimmie Flowers represented Wilders township.

SELMA SCHOOLS TO CLOSE MAY 10

Dr. John C. Glenn, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist church of Raleigh, has accepted an invitation to deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon before the graduating class of the Selma high school on Sunday, May 5, at 8 p. m. Dr. Glenn is one of the outstanding ministers in the state, and Prof. Tuttle is to be congratulated on securing him to deliver our commencement sermon.

Superintendent I. G. Greer, of the Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville, will deliver the commencement address on Friday evening, May 10, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Greer is one of the outstanding educators in North Carolina. He is credited as being one of the most fascinating orators to be found in the state. His deep personal interest in young people make him a very fitting speaker for this occasion.

The local school will close on May 10, ending its most successful year in the history of the school.

The Junior-Senior banquet will be held at the Woman's club Friday evening, April 19, at 7 o'clock.

The annual oratorical contest will take place on Friday evening, April 26, at 8 o'clock.

The Glee Club and band will give a brief concert before and after the contest. This contest is sponsored each year by the Selma Kiwanis club. A \$10 gold medal, given by the Kiwanis club, will be awarded the winner.

The regular commencement program will be published at a later date.

Dome On City Hall Comes Back To Earth

The top most dome on Selma's city hall building has been removed in order to make some nee dy repairs on the town's historic old clock.

Johnston County Republicans Attend State Convention

Congressman Dewey Short of Missouri Delivers Key-Note Address—W. C. Meekins Presides Over Deliberations—Jake Newell Re-elected State Chairman—Convention Was Largely Attended and Harmonious.

Among the Johnston county Republicans who attended the Republican State convention at Charlotte Wednesday were: Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Raynor, Judge Parker and son, Alphonso, and Miss Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lee of Benson; Joel A. Dunn of Meadow township; Mr. and Mrs. J. Ira Lee, J. J. Batten and Clyde Stancil of Smithfield, and M. L. Stancil of Selma. There were possibly others whom we can't recall at this time.

There were a number of enthusiastic speeches in behalf of the Republican cause during the day, outstanding among which were John M. Morehead of New York; Irvin B. Tucker of Wilmington; L. L. Wall of Winston-Salem; W. C. Meekins of Hendersonville, and last, but by no means least, was the key-note address of the day by Congressman Dewey Short of Missouri, who spoke of the New Deal and the failure of President Roosevelt to stand by the platform on which he was first elected. There is hardly a single phase of the entire New Deal operations which the speaker did not cover in his address. After warming up to his address he threw off his coat, reminding the audience he was getting warm but that he would get hotter further on. This brought the audience to its feet with shouts of applause.

The convention was opened with prayer led by Dr. Luther Little, pastor of the First Baptist church of Charlotte, and we might add in passing that Dr. Little was the speaker of the evening at the Selma Kiwanis club last week.

The Mayor of Charlotte made the address of welcome, which was responded to in a masterly way by ex-mayor Watt Craig of Boone.

State Chairman Jake F. Newell called ex-State Chairman W. C. Meekins of Hendersonville to the chair who was made permanent chairman of the convention.

Republicans from all sections of the state were in a most optimistic mood throughout the convention, which was one of the most largely attended and harmonious in recent years. While Charlotte is noted for being the largest city in the state with ample accommodations for entertaining large gatherings, not a single hotel room was left untaken by nightfall Tuesday evening, and subsequent delegates found it difficult to get a place to sleep. This writer went to both the Charlotte and Selwyn hotels upon arrival about 11:30 Tuesday evening but was told by the clerks in charge that all rooms had long since been taken and that they had almost racked their brain telephoning and trying to locate rooms at other hotels and rooming houses which were also filled.

The outstanding points in the Republican platform adopted was against the sale of liquor and other intoxicants in North Carolina, but said the platform, "before liquor shall be manufactured or sold in North Carolina a state-wide referendum should be held." The platform favors the repeal of the sales tax, the lowering of tax on automobile tags, more adequate pay for school teachers, and better rural roads.

More Prizes Given

The following were awarded cash prizes on last Saturday afternoon by the B. F. Woodruff & Son's store: Argo Brown, Selma Route 2; J. W. Ellis, Selma; Hugh Radford, Selma, and Jodie Woodruff, Selma Route 1. Be on hand next Saturday at 4 o'clock, sharp, when this enterprising firm will give away more cash. Bring all your tickets.

Dr. Booker Building Sun Parlor To Home

Carpenters have been busy for some time building a sun parlor on the south side of Dr. E. N. Booker's residence here. This is in keeping with the doctor's contention that sunshine and fresh air are two very important essentials to good health and long life.

Selma Woman Badly Frightened By An Attempted Hold Up

Man Draws Gun On Mrs. C. E. Denning, Telling Her Not to Move—Would-be Robbers Frightened by Screams from Mrs. Denning and Little Son, Flew.

Tuesday night of this week about 9 o'clock, Mrs. C. E. Denning, who operates the Denn-Inn Cafe near the Union station, was sitting in the front part of the building sewing while her little son, Robert Lee, went to the bath room at the rear of the building. A scream by her son attracted her attention and when she raised her eyes and started to rush back to where her child was, to her utter horror she faced a white man with drawn pistol standing in the front door who admonished her not to move, but she was so horror stricken that she failed to obey orders as she screamed and ran toward the rear of the cafe. She then learned that another man had been seen at the back door by her child who also made advances with a drawn pistol. The screams of Mrs. Denning and her son apparently frightened the would-be robbers, who disappeared across the A. C. L. railway tracks just east of the cafe. Shortly before her harrassing experience Mrs. Denning said she saw a car pass very slowly in front of the cafe going toward the railroad, and wondering why it had crept by so easily, she went to the front door and saw the car park just beyond the railroad tracks in the direction of Pine Level from the cafe. Thinking nothing more about it she went back and resumed her sewing, and in a very few minutes the exciting moments came.

An emergency alarm was turned into police headquarters, and within three short minutes both Charlie Straughn and Chief Pearce were on the scene, but both the car and men had disappeared and no evidence of the presence of the molesters could be found.

The screams were heard by people at the Merchants Hotel and at the Union station, and it is believed that it was the presence of these people in the immediate neighborhood that caused the offenders to fail to make further advances and decide to make a quick get away.

Johnston Officials Urged To Check All Retail Beer Licenses

RALEIGH, April 15.—The Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee today requested city and county officials of Johnston county to scrutinize carefully "all applications for retail beer licenses to the end that the industry may be purged of illegal or undesirable outlets."

Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, State Director in charge of the beer industry's "clean up or close up" campaign in North Carolina, cited the 1939 statute which prohibits the issuance of retail beer licenses to persons guilty of liquor law violations "within the last two years prior to the filing of the application." He reminded that the new tax year for beer licenses begins May 1.

In venturing to call this section to your attention, Colonel Bain wrote city and county officials, "we courteously and respectfully urge you to refuse licenses to all dealers who cannot comply with the law."

In our investigation of beer dealers in North Carolina, we have found several instances where dealers convicted of liquor law violations in 1938 were re-licensed in 1939. We hope that all such dealers will be eliminated in 1940 for the welfare both of the communities and of the beer industry, which contributes more than ten billion dollars annually in taxes and wages in this state."

This letter to city and county officials was the latest move in the committee's fight against the small minority of beer dealers who violate the law and public decency, Colonel Bain said. He reminded that the committee had secured the revocation of 67 licenses since September. In addition, the committee has petitioned for revocation of 26 licenses in eight other counties, and has warned 97 dealers in 57 counties to "clean-up" or face more drastic action.

"A great majority of beer outlets are reputable places of business," the state director said, "and it is our intention to rid communities of those

Selma Airshow Draws Great Throng Visitors

Crowd Estimated Between 10,000 and 15,000—Feature Attraction Was Parachute Jump From A Height of About 10,000 Feet

The air show staged at Selma Airport Sunday by the Eastern Carolina Aviators Breakfast Club attracted a crowd estimated anywhere from 10,000 to 15,000 persons to watch the planes and parachute jump.

Late Sunday afternoon about the time of the parachute jump, cars were parked around the Selma depot and traffic was blocked along the Selma-Pine Level highway by the large throng. Sheriff Kirby L. Rose, his deputies and state highway patrolmen aided Selma officials in handling the crowd.

Twenty-four planes had arrived by ten o'clock. At ten o'clock H. H. Lowry and A. Z. Thompson, Jr., entertained 18 pilots at the Brick Hotel while William I. Godwin feted 15 pilots to breakfast at the White House and Albert Eason's cafe. Pilots came from Henderson, La Grange, Raleigh, Louisburg, Weldon, Goldsboro, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Tarboro, Four Oaks, Williamston, Dunn, and other towns.

Feature attraction of the day was the 10,000-foot parachute jump made by Jack Huber of Atlanta, Ga. Huber, carrying a sack of flour in his arms, was easily visible from the ground. He landed in a field about a quarter mile from the airport hangar.

During the day stunt flying was done by Cy Gates, nationally known stunt flyer from Hollywood, Calif. Other pilots went up during the day and kept the crowd interested with their antics.

Although there was a large crowd, no accidents or arrests were reported to the sheriff and his deputies.

The Selma airport was originally sponsored by William I. Godwin of Selma about three years ago when he started the development of the field here. From time to time he has made improvements on the field at his own personal expense, and we understand that about all the outside aid he has received in the development of the field was a permit from the Town of Selma for the use of their tractor in plowing and leveling the field from time to time.

On several occasions visiting planes have stopped over here, and this airport has more recently received national recognition, an inspector from the Federal Aeronautics Authority having come here a few weeks ago and after going over the field is quoted as saying that he was

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Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

It would be hard to decide which was enjoyed most by the 15,000 people at the Airport Sunday the talks by BILL GODWIN over the mike, the parachute jump or the stunts pulled by Y GATES—BILL, manager of the local airport, kept the big crowd in good humor during the entire day by his witty remarks—while GATES was doing the sky-writing BILL would yell, "wonder what that fellow will do next," "oh, my Lord, that man is going to get killed," etc.—LAWRENCE WALLACE says BILL was the best part of the show—that boy went down in his jeans to bring these famous aviators here to entertain the biggest crowd in the history of this town—Smithfield friends had to go around through Pine Level to get to the airport—BILL says he is already planning for another similar event early in June—MRS. C. E. KORNEGAY, MRS. C. W. MANNING, MRS. C. A. BAILEY, MRS. E. G. HOBBS, and other ladies are to be congratulated for the fine dinner served on last Tuesday evening at the Woman's club—more than 300 guests were present—a party of 37 from Micro attended in a body, while large delegations attended from other towns—the barbecue was excellent and everybody had all they could eat—the proceeds will go toward the erection of a new hut for the American Legion—LEON WOODRUFF and HAYDEN WIGGS are busy these days overhauling the building on the Maindrag recently occupied by DICK MASSEY and will soon announce their opening—these popular young men will have a hardware store second to none in Johnston county when completed.

Another thing Selma housewives will soon be worrying about is what became of last summer's fly-swatter.

Undesirable places which are a nuisance to the communities and a threat to a \$10,000,000 industry.

To Present Bible And Flag

On Wednesday afternoon, April 24, at 2 o'clock, Smithfield Council No. 102, Jr. Order United American Mechanics will present to the Pine Level school a Bible and Flag. State Bank Commissioner Gurney Hood will make the principal address. There will also be talks by other prominent Juniors. All members of the Junior Order in Johnston county are invited to attend and take part. The school and Boy Scouts of Pine Level will take part in the exercises. Committee on arrangements are Lawrence Wallace, Clyde Stancil and W. A. Powell.