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REGISTRATION BOOKS CLOSE THIS SATURDAY

County Convention

DEMOCRATS ORGANIZE FOR THREE YEARS

The Democratic County Convention of Halifax was held at the Halifax Courthouse Saturday, when delegates from the 17 precincts of the county filled the courtroom to capacity to hear party speakers and organize the party for the next two years.

The County Executive Committee, consisting of the precinct chairmen, unanimously re-elected Dr. John W. Martin of Roanoke Rapids as County Chairman to serve for the next two years. Mrs. Anne Kitchin Travis of Scotland Neck was elected Vice Chairman.

Irvin Clark of Scotland Neck was elected chairman of the convention and presided at the deliberations of the meeting. The keynote speaker was W. J. Norwood of Roanoke Rapids who thrilled the Democrats with a masterful presentation of the party's history and achievements and gave helpful advice to aspirants for office.

Delegates were chosen to the State Democratic Convention after precincts caucused and nominated. The State Convention will be held in Raleigh, June 12th, a week before the National Convention at Philadelphia. County delegates to the State Convention were instructed for Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Only stir at the convention was in the meeting of the executive committee when Kehukee presented two chairmen. The precinct committee deadlocked, 2 voting for each of the two men, the fifth member refusing to break the tie. The executive committee gave the precinct 30 days to decide before taking official action.

Dr. Martin, who was selected to head the party, has just completed two years of service in this capacity, during which time he has spent much time and energy in taking care of the affairs of the Democratic organization.

ROANOKE RAPIDS BAND AT ROCKY MOUNT



Pictured above is Marshals on horseback as they appeared in the 1935 Gallopade Parade. The 1936 edition will include 80 horseback riders, as well as forty floats, fifteen band and drum corps. May 28 has been set as Parade Day in connection with the three day celebration on May 27-28-29, at Rocky Mount. The Rosemary Concert Band will compete on the 28th. They won first prize in 1935.

ALL MUST REGISTER TO VOTE

All qualified voters in Halifax County must be on the new registration books by sunset this Saturday in order to vote in the primary election on June 6th.

The books have now been open since May 9th and this will be the third Saturday they have been open. Those who have not registered should do so at once if they wish to vote in this and coming elections for county, State and National offices. The books close for this year at sunset Saturday.

Next Saturday, May 30th, is challenge day, when any voter may challenge the right of any other voter to participate in the party primaries. Two weeks from Saturday is election day, June 6th.

Several facts of interest have developed during the new registration. The four precincts in Roanoke Rapids had registered approximately 4,000 voters yesterday. The question of age has arisen. It is the law that any person who will be 21 years old for the November general election may participate in the party primary in June. So persons who will be 21 before November may register and vote in the primary altho they are not yet 21.

Another interesting question is that of how to register your party affiliation. All persons may vote in the general elections in the fall, which is between parties. But for the primary elections in June, voters will receive the ballots of only of that party under which they register.

Several are registering as Independents. By so doing they become members of the Independent Party. It does not mean they can vote as they wish in the primary. If their party (Independent) has no primary election on, they get no vote. They cannot vote in the Democratic or Republican primaries. So far as Halifax County is concerned, anyone registering as Independent might just as well not register so far as the June primary is concerned. They cannot vote.

A lot of people get the idea that registering Independent is like an Independent newspaper. You can write for either party. This is not the case in voting. A few seem to think the label "Independent Newspaper" means a lot. It

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