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"If It Concerns Harnett, It's in THE NEWS"

DEMOCRACY OF HARNETT LETS BICKERING GO

What Semblance of Discord There Might Have Been Faded Away at Convention Saturday

Anyone who may have been looking for disruption in the ranks of Harnett Democracy, when the county convention was held here Saturday, found disappointment for himself because the Democrats were intent upon no such thing. If there was any feature of the convention more conspicuous than the large delegation that thronged the courthouse hall, it was the manifestation of party loyalty on the part of those who were most conspicuous in their claims for their favorite programs. But it might be said that the tremendous outpouring of Democrats to their county convention was the biggest feature. Not in the past decade, it is said, have such large numbers of Democrats attended the convention. "In a multitude of counsel there is wisdom," remarked a sage in attendance, and the spirit which predominated throughout the deliberation of the convention Saturday marked the truthfulness of the words.

Charles Ross, who for many years has been an outstanding and tireless worker for the party in Harnett, was called to the chair by Chairman Taylor after he had announced the convention assembled for its biennial session. Chairman Taylor indulged in no speech of introduction. Mr. Ross is so well-known for his party loyalty as well as for his unusual ability as a public speaker that the chairman took it for granted that the convention was ready for the keynote address. It was an address of which the Harnett Democracy may well be proud. Greeting his fellow-Democrats on the eve of another great battle, Mr. Ross extended his thanks for the honor conferred upon him and reminded them that he is constantly aware of the fact that his standing in the party, as well as even the State position he holds, comes by virtue of the hearty support which his home county Democracy accords him. Expressing appreciation of the fact also that he had not worn out his welcome as a speaker for his party here, he reminded his hearers that his 23 years of service for Harnett had only whetted his desire for further service. He was present then as in other days because of principle, and he hailed his fellow Democrats, whether of this or that creed or clan. For Democracy, he explained, is an attitude, a spirit of fellow-feeling one for another that shapes and influences all of man's relations with his fellows. Not recently has Democracy been instilled into the hearts and lives of true men, said the speaker, but back in the days when the world was receiving its great lessons in brotherly love, the Master in an upper room at Jerusalem washed the feet of his fellows after they had caviled about place in the kingdom so cherished in the Jewish breast. And when the Great Teacher led his followers out of a wilderness of selfishness and dispute, he told them that he who would be greatest in the Kingdom must be servant of all.

True it was that Christopher Columbus and his faithful voyagers, in the true spirit of world service brought the spirit of Democracy to the new world. It was the perpetuation of that democratic spirit manifested and taught by the Master. And here the speaker reminded his hearers that Democracy was so much older than Jefferson that it seemed almost to border on sacrilege not to recognize its foundation nineteen hundred years ago and perpetuated by servants of the masses ever since. The philosophy of government which we know as Democracy is the spirit of brotherhood which the world received in the long ago.

Mr. Ross brought to the attention of his hearers the story of progress begun under the Wilson administration and its utter vanishment in the days of the Republican rule that have followed. In the greed that has characterized protection of the favored few; in the scandal that has booted men from high place in the G. O. P. government circle, and in the "unknown myth" that has failed to perform for lack of stamina, Mr. Ross told his hearers there was ample room for doubting the ability of such a party to properly administer government righteously, and especially so after that party had conducted exhaustive search for whiff of scandal following the Wilson administration but

had found it abundant and stenchful in its own house.

Turning to State matters the speaker hurriedly referred to the phenomenal rise of North Carolina in the rank of progressive States through its development of schools, highways and the many other forms of progress that have come through on the program begun by Aycock and his associates. He then contrasted it with the little or nothing of importance achieved by the short rule of Republicanism in the State.

Concluding his address, Mr. Ross flung open the door of Democracy to all right-thinking people with the following declaration: "I do not care whether a man choose to worship God amid golden candlesticks and brazen images, using for his prayers the language of Caesar and Cicero, or whether he go forth into the forest, with some grassy mound for an altar, nature's myriad voices for his choir, and God's twinkling stars as the only witnesses of his devotion; I do not care whether he be content to remain at home at night and wear his night-shirt in the privacy of his own bed chamber, or whether he fare forth clad in its ample folds, to fellowship with others of his kind, in some secret lodging hall—if he loyally accepts and is willing to advance these principles of equal rights to all and special privilege to none, I declare him eligible to membership in this democratic organization."

Secretary James Best called the roll of townships and the following responded as precinct chairmen: Anderson Creek—J. L. Marsh. Aversboro 1 and 2—James Best (unit).

Barbecue—E. P. Harrington. Black River—C. S. Adams. Buckhorn—J. R. Brown. Duke 1—J. R. Whitley. Duke 2—W. H. Muse. Hector's Creek—J. C. Senter. Grove—T. D. Stewart. Johnsonville—W. A. Stewart. Lillington—Dr. J. W. Halford. Nell's Creek 1 and 2—W. M. Tally (unit). Upper Little River 1—D. P. Ray. Upper Little River 2—J. A. Buchanan. Stewart's Creek—I. W. Smith. Nell McK. Salmon moved and J. C. Clifford seconded that the temporary organization be made permanent and it was unanimously adopted. Representatives Britt and Steele of the county press were recognized with James Best as secretaries of the convention. Dr. J. W. Halford moved that a rising vote of thanks be extended Mr. Ross for his masterly address and it was unanimously adopted.

It was unanimously ordered that each precinct elect one member of a committee on platform. A meeting of this committee was held and adopted two resolutions offered in convention and recommended that a mass meeting be called some time in August by the county chairman to adopt a platform. Following are the resolutions offered:

By Nell McK. Salmon: "Resolved by the Democrats of Harnett County in Convention assembled, that we re-declare our confidence in the leadership of Senator F. M. Simmons, and we instruct our delegates to the Democratic State Convention which convenes on June 12th, to cast the vote of Harnett County for his re-election as member of the Democratic National Committee for North Carolina."

By M. M. Jernigan: "Resolved: That it is the constitutional obligation of the State and its manifest duty not only to supervise but also to support the Public School System and to provide adequate revenues for that purpose, so that educational opportunity and the burden of taxation may be more nearly equalized in the several Counties.

"Resolved further, that we instruct the delegates of Harnett County to the Democratic State Convention to be held June 12th at Raleigh, North Carolina, to endeavor to have the sense of this resolution incorporated in the Democratic Platform."

Test of strength of the favored candidates for President was taken by precinct caucuses, which showed 87 5-12 votes for Hull and 46 7-12 for Smith. For each 25 votes or major fraction thereof each precinct is entitled to one vote in the county convention. This made a total of 134. The county is entitled to 22 votes in the State convention. It was ordered that the votes be halved in order that a larger delegation might be afforded, each delegate to carry half a vote, thus affording 42 delegates with two alternates. The delegation was apportioned according to the test strength of the two candidates, Hull and Smith—28 for Hull and 16 for Smith. Following are the dele-

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RADIO PROGRAM FOR WORLD WAR VETS FRIDAY EVE

National Convention Headquarters in San Antonio to Broadcast Special Program for Legion Members

San Antonio, Tex., June 13.—Cowboy songs, in their old, traditional music as preserved by Oscar J. Fox, one of America's well known composers and leader in this folk-song specialty, will feature a radio program to be broadcast by Station WQAM on Friday night, June 15, in the interest of the tenth national convention of the American Legion, to be held in San Antonio October 8 to 12.

The broadcasting will be done on a wave length of 280.2 meters and on 1,070 kilocycles between 9 and 10 p. m. (Central Standard Time) on June 15.

The songs to be sung on the Legion program are among those which were presented by Mr. Fox and his singers before the biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs which has just closed in San Antonio and also before the National Federation of Music Clubs at Chicago and the music teachers' national convention at Rochester, New York.

They include: "A Home on the Range," "The Texas Cowboy's Last Song," "Sam Bass," "Rounded Up in Glory," "Come all ye Jolly Cowboys," "The Old Chisholm Trail," "O Bury Me not on the Lone Prairie," and "Old Paint."

The songs will be sung in true cowboy style, solo on the verses and the quartet on the choruses. Mr. Fox stated. William (Red) Irby, cowboy tenor, will do the solo work. Other members of the quartet are George Miller, Judson Phelps and Roger Cook. Mr. Fox, who has been for the past three years director of the glee club of the University of Texas which has featured these songs, will be at the piano.

CO-OPS BEGIN CO. MEETINGS

At the County Convention held in Lillington on May 16th, members of the Cotton Co-ops voted unanimously to begin having county meetings again and June 13 was selected as the time to hold the first meeting and effect a county organization.

At 10:30 o'clock in the court house in Lillington on the 13th the organization was held as ordered by the County Convention. Mr. U. B. Blalock, Gen-Mgr. of the N. C. Cotton Growers Association, was present and delivered an address. Mr. Blalock has just recently returned from a meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Cotton Growers Exchange at Memphis and brought first hand information of crop conditions in all of the cotton states. He also had other information of timely interest to cotton growers.

In addition to Mr. Blalock's address a musical treat was arranged in the form of a little negro quartette. These little negro children have one of the very best vocal quartettes in Harnett County almost regardless of the age of others. Their songs were genuinely enjoyed by all.

HARNETT PRACTICALLY FREE OF CONTAGION

According to the report of County Physician Wyatt to the State Board of Health, Harnett county is practically free of contagious diseases. The report as of June 2, printed in the bulletin of contagious diseases in the State, showed Harnett with one case of measles, one case of diphtheria and five cases of smallpox. The highest number of cases of smallpox was reported from Wako, the number being nine. Measles ran highest, the number at Greensboro (in the city) being reported as 39 and in Person county 54.

For the week ending June 9th Dr. Wyatt reported no contagious diseases in Harnett county.

REV. EDGAR F. McNEILL ILL IN TEXAS HOSPITAL

Friends and relatives throughout Harnett county will regret to learn of the illness of Rev. Edgar F. McNeill of Lamar, Colorado.

Mr. McNeill suffered a breakdown early in the year when he was confined to his room several weeks with an attack of influenza. After getting up he had a relapse; complications set in and he has not rallied but has gone to a hospital in San Antonio, Texas for several months rest and treatment.

MUCH INTEREST IN THE SCHOOL DIST. ELECTIONS

Seven Districts to Vote June 19th on Question of 50c Levy for Special School Purposes

Much interest is being shown in the seven school districts which will on June 19th vote on the question of levying a special tax of 50c in those districts for school purposes. Inasmuch as the question of the levy involves the difference of six months or an eight months school in each of the districts, interest in the outcome of the elections is not only district-wide, but is attracting attention from school authorities in the county. Superintendent Gentry of the school system stated to the News Monday that so far as he is able to see now, there will not likely develop enough opposition to the elections in any of the districts to defeat the levies. In one or two districts there has been shown some spirit of opposition, he says but he expects this to fade away as the people become better informed as to the real purpose of the measure.

Registrars have kept open their books for the required time and it is said that large numbers are registered in each of the districts. The vote, in order for the measure to carry, must be a majority of those registered, hence there will be lively working in the interest of the elections by those closely allied with the school cause.

In some of the districts the people have manifested a desire to hear discussion of the proposed levy, with explanation of its purpose to scope. To satisfy this desire, Superintendent Gentry and Nell McK. Salmon, attorney for the board, assisted by J. R. Baggett and others, have attended scheduled meetings and made talks upon the subject.

It is well for all voters to keep in mind that no one who is not registered can vote, and that a majority of the registered voters must vote "Yes" in order for the election to carry.

FRANK THAMES ATTENDING THE CHEVROLET SCHOOL

Mr. Frank Thames of the Lillington Motor Co. is in Charlotte this week attending the school being conducted by the Chevrolet company for the benefit of its dealers and mechanics.

PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC HERE FRIDAY MORNING 10 O'CLOCK

The pre-school clinic will be held at the Woman's Club House here Friday morning beginning at 10 o'clock. Parents who have children to enter school in September are requested to bring them to the clinic so that they can be examined for entrance. This will take the place of registration of all new students previous to entering school.

IMPORTANT BILLS PASSED BY CONGRESS

High Spots in Legislation Enacted by First Session of Seventieth Congress of United States

After a protracted filibuster in the Senate which prevented the Boulder Dam bill from coming to a vote, and during which distinguished members of that body engaged in extended dissertations upon various and sundry topics, occasionally breaking the monotony for themselves and the galleries by wise cracks at each other, the first session of the 70th Congress came to an end at 5:30 P. M., May 29th. Fortunately, the greater part of the session has not been marked by such scenes as were evident shortly previous to the adjournment of the Senate and a number of measures of national interest and importance received final congressional action. Among them were: tax reduction, farm relief, flood control, merchant marine, extension of the Inland Waterways Corporation, Muscle Shoals, and alien property legislation.

The tax bill, which was the first bill introduced in the House during the last session, was one of the last to receive final approval. As analyzed by the President it provides for a reduction in government revenue estimated at \$22,000,000 a year.

The flood control bill, which was almost constantly before the attention of the legislative body during its entire session and was passed only a few weeks before adjournment, provides \$325,000,000 for flood control work on the Mississippi River and directs a survey to be made of the principal tributaries of that stream with a view to the possibility of future flood control work on these smaller streams.

The Jones-White Shipping bill which was passed, provides for the expansion of the merchant marine under government control and operation with the possibility of eventually turning the ships over to private hands.

The McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, including the equalization fee provision for handling the exportable surplus of agricultural products, was passed by both Houses of Congress but was vetoed by the President.

Another proposal of long standing disposed of during the session just ended was the Muscle Shoals joint resolution, which provides for government operation of the power facilities at Muscle Shoals and for the manufacture of nitrates.

The life of the Federal Radio Commission was extended and provision made for an equitable division of wave lengths and power allocations among the various radio zones.

The expansion of the Inland Waterways Corporation to a capitalization of \$15,000,000, with a provision for more extensive operations of Government barge lines on the Mississippi and Warrior River systems, also was provided for by Congress. This bill in addition authorized a survey of the Beaufort, N. C., with the view to the possibility of operating a Government barge line on that route.

INVITATION TO ATTEND BARBECUE ON PEE DEE

The editor of The News has received an invitation to attend a barbecue to be given in celebration of the opening of the new hydro-electric development on the Pee Dee river near Mt. Gilead, June 20th. Admission is by card and guests are requested to assemble by noon. The Carolina Power & Light Company, which extends the invitations, is preparing for the entertainment of its guests an entertaining program, of which the barbecue dinner will be only one feature.

The development is located at the point on the Pee Dee near where the old bridge was bombarded to destruction by the army air service a few weeks ago.

LILLINGTON BAND IS FAST LEARNING TO RENDER MUSIC

With Seventeen Members of Horn Blowers and Drummer, Young Musical Organization Makes Progress

A marine band or a professional stage organization may "have something" on Lillington's brass-horn aggregation, but for a young and enterprising bunch of music-makers, the Lillington Brass Band has all other tunesters backed off the boards when it comes to making progress. A few weeks ago this tuneful society of the countryside was little more than a conglomeration of men and horns. Piece by piece the band was gathered, here and there, till the present state of perfection has been reached with sixteen horns and a drum. That is the progress made in acquisition of instruments with which to render music.

As to progress made in learning to bring forth music—the real tuneful stuff or whatever you may have in the way of a correct term for tunes and notes which poets declare "hath charms to soothe the savage beast—whatever it is, the Lillington band has it. They are using it, what's more. On practice nights the atmosphere within wave length of the courthouse is full of sound that would fill the heart of John Philip Sousa with envy or delight—depending on his mood. For the young band is going strong, its music is sounding good, and a heap of real charm is afforded the natives roundabout.

Following is a list of membership of the band with the instruments used:

Cornet—Clyde Haulty, Charles Loving, M. O. McLamb, E. D. Bunn. Clarinet—Grover Upchurch. French horn (alto)—Ben Spears, Saxophones—Barrotte McKinney, James Hockaday, Stewart Atkins. Baritone—Fugh Bradley, Austley. Trombones—Merrimon Lanier, Hal Austley, Henry Faucette. Bass—M. B. McKinney, T. R. Brown. Drum—John Faucette.

PROPERTY OWNERS ARE NEARLY ALL LISTED

H. T. Faucette, tax lister for Lillington township, states to The News that nearly all of the property in this township is now on the books of abstracts. About 75 or 100 names yet remain to be listed, but these are for personality or political and some of them are people who were listed last year but have removed from the township. He will close his books and report to the Commissioners on the first Monday in July.

It is learned that listers in the other townships in the county are meeting with like success and that they will be able to close their books on schedule time. The time for fixing the county-wide tax levy is fixed by law at "not later than Wednesday after the third Monday in August." The Commissioners will determine the amount of the levy after the auditor has determined from the listings how much valuation there is in the county. Heretofore the amount has ranged around \$25,000,000.

SERVICE AT COUNTY HOME

Members of Lillington Presbyterian church will conduct service at the County Home next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

convenes the people will make known their desires in this matter in such instant terms that some favorable action will be taken. H.

NOW MAKING TIMBER SURVEY IN HARNETT

Economic Survey of Wood Lands to Determine What Values Lie in County's Timber Resources

As part of a state-wide survey now being made by the United States Forestry Association, co-operating with the State Forestry Commission, W. A. Peterson began the first of June to make an economic survey of the wood lands of Harnett county to determine its timber resources. After completing a like survey in other states, Mr. Peterson finds that much cut-over land has become a financial burden rather than an asset. With some care and attention, however, he sees great possibilities in reforestation.

Mr. Peterson makes the following comment relative to his work as it relates to Harnett: "Most of the people of this county are aware of the fine work being done by the North Carolina State Forestry Service in the prevention and control of forest fires. Although in actual operation for only few years they have accomplished much in the way of education along forest lines, and in obtaining the cooperation of the people in this work."

"In the old days when timber had little or no value fine stands of virgin timber were cut and either allowed to rot, or burned to make clearings for farm and pasture land. It is a sad fact that these same areas covered with those forests today the timber alone, in many cases, would be worth more than the value of the tillable lands and improvements combined. Some will say that we have learned our lesson from other days but let us look into the facts a little and see what we find. How many owners of cut over lands are giving any actual attention to their woodlands? Until the advent of the Forest Service, in fire control work absolutely no thought or care was given to the areas where our future timber supply must come from except from a few individuals, who, as in any other worth-while movement, must of necessity be the pointers. To the cooperation and unselfish interest displayed by those few, together with the fine spirit shown by the men of the Forest Service can be given the credit for the advance that has taken place along forestry lines in this county. The old habit of burning over the woodland each spring was in many cases wasteful as the old one of allowing the cut down timber to rot. And yet some will still persist in setting their woods on fire each spring, when by so doing they are actually destroying the woods humus, which must from a large percentage of the food for the weeds and grasses, which they imagine will be helped by firing, and in many cases allowing these fires to spread to the lands of their neighbors, causing like damage. Not alone is the humus destroyed but in many cases the young growth is killed, delaying for many years the growth of the timber which before many years will be badly needed, and making necessary the importation into the state or large quantities of timber and forest products from the states of the west coast and Canada."

"Nowhere in the United States of that matter in any section of the world are conditions more ideal for the reforestation of cut over lands and the profitable growing of timber than in the Coastal plain country of which Eastern North Carolina forms a part. Merely by keeping fires out of cut over lands, nature will replant without cost to the individual and grow splendid stands of pine to take the place of the old stands which were in so many cases thrown away. And the cost of this fire protection is so small an item that one wonders how any right thinking individual can be other than a booster for this fine work."

"In order to know more fully the actual forest conditions in North Carolina, and to obtain some idea of the amount of merchantable timber remaining, together with the area on which young forests are now growing, and with the hope of co-operating with individuals and industries which may be interested in a fuller utilization of our timber resources, the State Forestry Service is now engaged in making an economic survey of the timber resources of the entire state by counties. Not only will an attempt be made to get the actual stand of mature and growing timber, but such other items of interest as the relation to

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