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Charlotte-Wilmington Highway Assured - An Enthusiastic Meeting Held in Laurinburg - Prominent Men Behind Movement.

An exceptionally intelligent and business-like body of men met in Laurinburg Friday and organized the Charlotte-Wilmington Highway Association. A crowd that comfortably filled the court room of Scotland county's splendid court house attended the convention, each of the ten counties through which the proposed highway will pass—New Hanover, Bladen, Columbus, Robeson, Scotland, Richmond, Anson, Union, Mecklenburg and Brunswick—being represented by prominent citizens whose determination and enthusiasm leave no room for doubt that the proposed highway will be built.

It was a business gathering and every moment of the convention was taken up in discussing practical ways and means for the construction of the highway. The convention was called to order by Editor E. H. Gibson, of the Laurinburg Exchange, who has been an enthusiastic advocate of the road from the start and at whose suggestion the convention was held in Laurinburg, which is about half way between Charlotte and Wilmington. Col. H. C. Dockery, editor of the Rockingham Post, the father of the movement for the highway, was elected permanent chairman by a rising vote, and in assuming the chair he declared that the Charlotte-to-Wilmington highway had not only started but would be difficult to stop. Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist, was called on and made a brief practical talk on the construction of a highway such as was proposed. He said that it would be necessary to employ a competent road engineer at the outset and showed that any discussion of the route the road would take would be premature, as that would have to be determined by the engineer. At the conclusion of Dr. Pratt's remarks the roll of the ten counties was called and a representative from each made a brief talk on the condition of the highway in his county. It appeared from these talks that little remains to be done, comparatively speaking, to put the road in fair condition for travel. Representative R. N. Page, of the seventh district, was called on and made a brief speech in which he pledged his support to the movement and endorsed a suggestion made by Dr. Pratt that State convicts should be used to work roads. A committee on permanent organization, composed of one member from each county, was appointed, and after the noon recess this committee made its report, which was adopted, in substance as follows: The organization to be made permanent under the name of the "Charlotte-Wilmington Highway Association;" the officers to be president, vice president, secretary and treasurer; the association to have an executive committee consisting of one member from each county through which the highway shall pass, a finance committee consisting of one member from each county, and a legislative committee of six; each member of the executive committee to form a local committee in his home county to work out the local route and report to the executive committee through their chairman; the final selection of the route to be left to the executive committee. The election of officers resulted as follows: Col. H. C. Dockery, of Rockingham, president; H. W. Malloy, of Wilmington, vice president; John L. Everett, of Rockingham, secretary-treasurer. Executive committee: Mecklenburg, C. B. Bryant, Charlotte; Union, R. F. Beasley, Monroe; Anson, T. W. Chambliss, Wadesboro; Richmond, W. I. Everette, Rockingham; Scotland, J. T. John, Jr., John's Station; Robeson, A. J. McKinnon, Maxton; Bladen, G. H. Currie, Clarkton; Columbus, K. B. Council, Wananish; Brunswick, A. M. Chinnis, Phoenix; New Hanover, A. B. Skelding, Wilmington. Finance committee:

GODWIN AND CLARK.

Only Candidates Who Comply With Conditions of Special Committee.

As was expected, only two candidates, H. L. Godwin and O. L. Clark, claimants of the nomination for Congress in the sensational conventions held in this district in July, have entered for the primary to be held on the 15th inst., so the contest settles down to these two. They have signed their pledges to abide by the result and paid in their money for the expense of the primary. Chairman Jas. R. Young, of the special committee from the State Democratic executive committee to settle the muddle in this district, announced Friday the entrance of only the two candidates.

Republicans are hoping for the worst in this district, of course, and Democrats are anxious, equally of course, for a friendly and unifying campaign.

News Notes and Personals From Elrod.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Elrod, Sept. 2.—The picnic at Purvis yesterday was quite a success.

Mrs. J. H. Canghai and children, of Columbia, S. C., are visiting relatives here.—Miss Maud Steward, who had been visiting Miss Mae McCall, left yesterday for her home at John's Station.—Miss Alma Floyd, of Fairmont, is visiting relatives here.—Mrs. D. D. Bullard, of Nashville, Ga., is visiting relatives here.—Miss Lula McCall, of Hasty, is visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Berta Bullard entertained a few of her friends last Tuesday evening. They all seemed to enjoy it very much.

Mr. James Draughon, of Savannah, Ga., is visiting relatives here.—Mr. Xenophon Barnard has accepted a position with C. T. Pate & Co.—Mrs. Brogan and daughter, of Georgia, are visiting relatives here.—Mr. Willie Graham, of Red Springs, is visiting his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Adams.—Mrs. Flora Smith and son, of Dillon, S. C., are visiting relatives near here.

Mecklenburg, Dr. Chas. Bland, Jr.; Union, B. G. Ashcraft; Anson, G. W. Huntley; Richmond, E. A. Lackey, Hamlet; Scotland, J. F. McNair, Laurinburg; Robeson, R. D. Caldwell, Lumberton; Bladen, A. A. Clark, Rosindale; Columbus, G. Herbert Smith, Cronly; Brunswick, R. W. Davis, Southport; New Hanover, Walker Taylor, Wilmington. Mr. R. D. Caldwell of Lumberton was elected chairman of the finance committee at a meeting held immediately after the convention adjourned. Legislative committee: Geo. Rountree, Wilmington; A. S. Dockery, Rockingham; A. E. White, Lumberton; C. E. Taylor, Southport; E. H. Gibson, Laurinburg; W. B. Love, Monroe.

In accordance with a recommendation made by Dr. Pratt, the convention passed resolutions favoring increased State appropriations for the purpose of furnishing engineering assistance to counties desiring it and legislation looking to the employment of State convicts upon county roads. A motion was adopted requesting the papers of Charlotte and Wilmington to conduct a reliability race between these two cities, dates and conditions to be determined by the papers.

The convention was a success in every way and there is no doubt that the highway will be built. The next meeting will be held in Wilmington at the call of President Dockery. Among those who attended from Robeson were: Dr. T. C. Johnson and Messrs. R. D. Caldwell and J. A. Sharpe, of Lumberton; Col. E. F. McRae, Major A. J. McKinnon, Chairman J. W. Carter of the board of county commissioners, ex-Congressman G. B. Patterson and Mr. H. C. McNair, of Maxton; and Mr. W. S. Cobb, of Lumber Bridge, president of the county Farmers' Union.

Laurinburg gave the delegates a royal welcome.

RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

Social Affairs—Godwin Club Organized—Personal Mention.

Red Springs, Sept. 2.—Mr. John McEachern, of Savannah, is visiting his parents for a few days. Mr. McEachern is studying for the ministry at Columbia University, and he will be graduated from that institution next year. During the summer months he filled the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church of Columbia, S. C.

Mr. Guy McLeod, of Maxton, spent Thursday night in Red Springs.—Miss Lucy Gaylor, of Wilmington, is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Callahan. Miss Jessie Singleton was the charming hostess to several of her friends Thursday evening. Many games were played which the jolly crowd greatly enjoyed, and in this way the time passed away all too quickly.

Misses Lucy and Annie Belle deVane have returned from a visit of several weeks at Faison, Clinton, and Wrightsville Beach.

On Tuesday evening Hotel Red Springs was the scene of much beauty and merriment as the young ladies of the town entertained in honor of the college boys and especially Mr. Monroe Gaddy, our talented young friend who has won the Rhodes scholarship and will sail for Oxford, England, next week. Many games and contests had been arranged for the evening's entertainment and all these were much enjoyed, but the most exciting one was the fortune cake. Each boy pulled a string and out came a package representing his life work; for example, one lucky fellow pulled a set of false teeth, so the conclusion was that he was to be forever a "puller of teeth." In the dining room, which was beautifully decorated and softly lighted with shaded lights, delicious refreshments were served, and before leaving the guests called on Mr. Gaddy for a toast. Though the demand was unexpected, Mr. Gaddy was equal to the occasion and he gave a graceful complimentary toast to the ladies. Just before leaving the Davidson boys gave their college yells, and then the Carolina bunch gave theirs.

Those going away to college are Messrs. Ernest Graham, Alex McQueen, Jim Hall, Clifton McLeod, Willie McKay, Davidson College; Messrs. Tom de Vane, Will Townsend, Frank and Douglas McMillan, Peter McKay, Angus Hodgins, University North Carolina; Mr. Monroe Gaddy, Oxford, England.

Mr. and Mrs. George McKay entertained Thursday evening in honor of Messrs. Peter and Willie McKay. The young people spent a very pleasant evening and went away thanking their kind host and hostess for their pleasure.

Dr. B. F. McMillan is enjoying a few days rest at Wrightsville and Virginia beaches.

A Godwin club was organized here with a membership of 463. The sentiment is growing in favor of Godwin every day and new members being added.

Mrs. J. A. Love entertained a few friends Thursday evening in honor of her sister. Mrs. Love is a charming hostess, so it is needless to say that the guests had a pleasant time.

Mrs. Jinnie McAlester has returned to Red Springs after a visit to relatives in Sampson county.—Miss Mary Wright, of Faison, is the guest of Miss Annie Belle de Vane.—Mr. Tom de Vane left Wednesday for Chapel Hill.—Messrs. Graham and Laurie McEachern, Tom Lovin and Francis Coxie and Gilbert Hodgins left Tuesday for Warrenton, where they entered the high school.—Misses Glennie Graham and Margaret and Carrie McNeill have returned from a visit to the Misses Gibson, at Gibson, S. C.—Mrs. Roe, who had been spending some time at Hotel Red Springs, left Wednesday for her home in Bennettsville, S. C.—Mr. J. B. McAlester is in Red Springs with his many friends.—Miss Anna de Vane has returned from Maxton, where she spent a few days.—Two automobiles from Lumberton were in town Sunday afternoon. One

GOOD ROADS MEETING.

To Consider Route Through Robeson for Charlotte-to-Wilmington Highway.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

At the organization of the Charlotte-to-Wilmington Highway Association I was appointed the member from Robeson county of the executive committee. One of the duties is that each member of the executive committee organize sub-committees in each county along the proposed or probable route. I, therefore, ask all persons in Robeson county who are interested in this route to meet me at Lumberton on Friday, September 9th, for the purpose of organizing these sub-committees and considering the different possible routes through the county, and anything else that may come up concerning better roads.

There is little doubt as to the temporary route of this highway from the Richmond county line to Harper's Ferry, but there may be difference of opinion from that point to Lumberton, and there may be difference of opinion from Lumberton to the Bladen county line. So we would like for all parties to be present on this occasion and set forth the advantages and disadvantages of the different routes in order that we may make an intelligent recommendation to the executive committee, which will eventually decide on the permanent route.

We would like for all interested to be present and if possible have their recommendations as to the different routes in writing. The advantage in having these recommendations in writing is, that they can be more fully considered when the State executive committee meets.

Remember, the day and date, Friday, September 9th.

A. J. McKinnon.

Maxton, N. C., Sept. 3, 1910.

First to Pay Taxes This Year and First for Fourteen Years.

Mr. Ellis Miller, of rural route No. 1 from Fairmont, and his son-in-law, Mr. P. H. Lewis, of rural route No. 1 from Marietta, who for the past 14 years have been the first and second men in the county, respectively, to pay their taxes, always paying on the first Saturday in September, kept up their record by coming to town Saturday, Mr. Miller paying his taxes first, according to custom, and Mr. Lewis second. And as per custom Sheriff E. C. McNeill made Mr. Miller a present of a good hat. Also according to their usual custom, Messrs. Miller and Lewis came into The Robesonian office and paid up their subscriptions. With Mr. Lewis were his wife and two daughters, little Misses Annie Neill and Tat.

Mr. Miller also paid for his son, Mr. C. E. Miller, who has just attained his majority, and for Berry Hammond. He says that he does not see why everybody does not do as he does and come in and pay right at the start and be done with it.

Unruly Convict Shot.

Robt. Roper, a young negro who is serving a term of 3 years on the chain gang for attempt at rape on an old colored woman, became unruly at the camp in Maxton township last Tuesday evening and was shot by Guard Prevatt. The ball struck the negro's head and glanced, only slight damage being done. The wound was dressed at the Maxton hospital and the negro is at work again. Mr. Prevatt threatened to whip some of the convicts for failing to work and Roper swore by all the gods that he would not submit to being whipped and threatened Mr. Prevatt with a shovel.

car belonging to Mr. Elwood Whaley drove to Hotel Red Springs and the five gentlemen stayed over for supper. The other returned to Lumberton before supper.—Mr. Evans, the new teacher for Antioch high school, arrived Thursday morning. He is a graduate of Davidson in the class of 1910.

ST. PAULS PACKAGE.

School Opens - A Business Change - Bank Begins Business Today - Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Pauls, Sept. 3.—The St. Paul high school opens Monday, September 5th. The principal, Pror. Arrowood, arrived last Saturday.

Miss Josie Evans, who had been visiting friends at Wade, returned home Tuesday afternoon.—Deputy Sheriff T. C. Barnes, of Lumberton, was in town Tuesday.—Mr. D. B. McCormick made a business trip to Lumberton Tuesday.—Messrs. J. C. Blanchard, J. A. Townsend and A. R. McEachern went to Lumberton Monday on business.

The furniture store formerly owned by L. M. Culbreth & Bros. has been purchased by Messrs. J. T. Bynum and Steven Rozier.

Mr. C. R. Hester spent Wednesday in Fayetteville.—Mr. L. Culbreth has left St. Pauls and gone to Tar Heel, whence he will construct the telephone line to Elizabethtown.

Friends will be glad to learn that Miss Eoline Shaw, who is in the Highsmith hospital of Fayetteville and who was operated on for appendicitis several days ago, is doing well. Mrs. Shaw, we regret to say, is still unimproved.

Mr. J. G. Blanchard has returned from his vacation trip.—Mr. Carter spent Thursday in Lumberton.—Mr. J. C. Lindsay went to Fayetteville Tuesday.—Mr. L. McInnis went to Fayetteville Wednesday.

The St. Paul bank building is nearly complete. Business will open up September 5th.

Mr. J. W. Tew went to Fayetteville Thursday.—Mr. G. F. Humphrey was in St. Paul Wednesday.—Mr. Howard McGoogan went to Fayetteville yesterday to consult an oculist.—Mrs. Lee McGoogan is spending today in Fayetteville.—Little Miss Theresa Broadwell is in St. Paul visiting her little niece, Miss Rosa Lee Townsend.—Mrs. Locke McGeachy went to Fayetteville today.—Mr. Frank Townsend has gone to Lumberton today on business.—Mr. L. H. Broadwell, of St. Paul R. F. D. 1, is in St. Pauls today.—Mr. L. H. Townsend went to Fayetteville Thursday.

Rev. B. Townsend will be here tomorrow and hold services at 7:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the public school building. We are looking forward to his coming with much pleasure.

Bank of St. Pauls Opens For Business.

The Bank of St. Pauls, at the thriving town of St. Pauls on the Virginia & Carolina Southern railroad, opened for business this morning. Its officers are: Dr. T. L. Northrop, president; A. R. McEachern, vice president; L. McInnis, cashier. These men are well known throughout the county and the Bank of St. Pauls will no doubt be as successful as other banks in Robeson have been. This makes the tenth bank for Robeson.

Dates of Farmers' Union Meetings 9th and 10th.

To the Members of Farmers' Union:

Notices sent out a few days ago calling attention to county meeting to be held on 8th and 9th inst. should have read 9th and 10th. Every Union member who reads this notice is requested to tell brother members of the error in dates.

E. W. Stone,
Sec'y.

Smallpox Well In Hand.

No new cases of smallpox have developed in the county since the cases reported in Thursday's Robesonian and all the victims heretofore reported are doing well. There is thought to be no special danger of an epidemic, but of course the safest thing to do is to be vaccinated.

Tomorrow evening is the regular time for a meeting of St. Albans Lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M. There will be degree work and a full attendance is desired.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Licenses have been issued for the marriage of Lizzie Britt and June Pitman; Lettie Branch and Gordon Davis.

—The Citizen announces that Red Springs is to have another bank with capital of at least \$40,000. Mr. R. C. Mullican, of Roxobel, formerly with a Durham bank, is the promoter.

—Mr. A. Weinstein left yesterday for the Northern markets, Baltimore, New York and other places, where he expects to spend about ten days purchasing his fall stock of goods. He says that he will continue his clearance sale until the fall goods arrive in order to make room for the new goods.

—Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Jones, Sr., who live on the corner of Third and Water streets, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Friday afternoon from three to six o'clock. They entertained in a most hospitable manner between 50 and 60 guests. Many handsome and valuable presents were received.

—Miss Josephine Breece returned yesterday from a visit of two weeks to Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, at which places she studied fall styles in millinery and purchased goods for her store. Miss Florence Dryden, of Pocomoke City, Md., who had been in Baltimore for some weeks studying styles, came with Miss Breece and will be her assistant trimmer this season.

—Interest in the motion picture shows at the opera house continues unabated. One is always certain of finding a large crowd there every evening and will always see good pictures. One-half the gross receipts every Friday evening are given to the Associated Charities and during August, in spite of other attractions that reduced the size of the crowds, the receipts footed up the neat sum of \$27.80 for this worthy cause.

—Mr. J. R. Morris, the bakery man, is on a deal for bakery establishment in Wilmington and if he buys there he will sell out here. He has an offer for his place here and if he and his Wilmington man can do business the trade will be made. Mr. Morris says that he thinks the deal will be perfected this afternoon or tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Morris have many friends in Lumberton who will regret to learn of their intention to leave.

—Rev. E. M. Hoyle filled his pulpit at the Methodist church yesterday morning and evening after a vacation of about 25 days. Last week Mr. Hoyle assisted Rev. D. B. Parker in a protracted meeting at Dublin. The meetings were well-attended and there were 25 conversions and 12 additions to the church. During his vacation Mr. Hoyle preached 33 times, assisting during the first two weeks in protracted meetings in Cleveland and Rutherford counties. Last evening he preached on "Christian Education."

—Mayor J. A. Rowland received a telegram Saturday from the Governor of South Carolina to the effect that requisition papers had been granted for W. O. Watts, an escaped convict from Marion county, S. C., who was arrested here and placed in jail about two weeks ago by Chief of Police H. H. Redfern. An officer from South Carolina is expected to arrive this afternoon for Watts. A Mr. Martin, manager of the chain gang of Marion county, was here about a week ago for Watts, but he refused to go without requisition papers.

CharlotteObserver, 5th: Farmers from all sections of the United States will begin arriving today for the great national meeting of the Farmers' Union which will convene in this city tomorrow. The first meeting will be called to order at 10:30 tomorrow morning in the Academy of Music by National President C. S. Barrett of Union City, Ga. There will be an address of welcome by Mayor T. W. Hawkins and one on behalf of the State Farmers' Union by Dr. J. M. Templeton of Cary.