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COX AND ROOSEVELT

Governor of Ohio Nominated for President by Democrats on 44th Ballot—Assistant Secretary of Navy Chosen for Second Place by Acclamation.

James M. Cox, three times Governor of Ohio, was nominated for the Presidency early Tuesday morning by the Democratic national convention at San Francisco in the breakup of one of the most prolonged deadlocks in the history of national political parties.

Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, Assistant Secretary of the Navy and relative of former President Roosevelt, was nominated for Vice President later in the day after the convention had adjourned and reassembled. Soon after Roosevelt was placed in nomination other candidates who had been placed in nomination, or those who had spoken for them, withdrew their names and Roosevelt's nomination was by acclamation.

It took 44 ballots to make a choice for President, states a San Francisco dispatch, and it was not until the 38th when Attorney General Palmer withdrew from the race, that the long succession of roll calls showed any definite trend.

In the turnover of the Palmer delegates Cox gained the advantage over William G. McAdoo, his rival for first place since early in the balloting, and that advantage never was lost.

Supporters of Governor Cox won a way to the nomination by persistent battering at the McAdoo and Palmer forces in many States throughout a long series of shifts and rallies which left no one and then another of the candidates in the lead.

On the opening ballot Friday the Ohio Governor was in third place. He soon passed Palmer, however, and on the twelfth ballot went ahead of McAdoo. Then began a see-sawing between the Cox and McAdoo camps which at the end of the 39th roll call at midnight found the two virtually the same.

On the 42nd ballot the accession of most of the Palmer strength to Cox put him well ahead and after that great and little State delegations went into the Cox column in a procession. On the forty-third he got a majority for the first time as all the votes cast and on the forty-fourth he was plunging toward the required two-thirds when Colorado changed its vote to him and made the nomination obvious. It was made unanimous on motion of Sam B. Amidon, of Kansas, a leader of the McAdoo forces.

Of the forty-four ballots, two were taken last Friday night; fourteen at the first session Saturday and six at the Saturday night session. These were 22 recorded Monday, 14 at the all day session, and eight Monday night.

BUY GAS BEFORE SUNDAY.

Sale of Gasoline on Sunday Only on Order of Police Chief—School Budget Requested.

An ordinance instructing the chief of police to limit the sale of gasoline in Lumberton on Sunday strictly to emergency cases was passed by the town fathers Tuesday evening. No sale of gasoline must be made according to the ordinance, except upon an order given by the chief of police. The ordinance provides that the police shall allow doctors to purchase gasoline, persons who wish to use automobiles in case of illness and non-resident auto drivers in case they run short of gasoline while making a through trip.

An order was passed asking the graded school trustees to present the school budget in order that it may be figured in with the budgets of the various municipal departments.

SPECIAL SESSION AUGUST 10.

Tuesday, August 10, was named by Gov. Brackett yesterday as the day for a special session of the legislature to convene to prescribe a new tax rate based upon revaluation of property, to consider constitutional amendments reducing the tax rate and to consider such other matters as it may see fit.

Ten Mile Community Club Meets July 29th.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

The ice cream supper which was to have been given by the Ten Mile community club at the home of Mrs. B. F. Townsend, Friday night, July 9th, has been changed to a later date, to be decided on at our next regular meeting, which will be July 20, 3:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. J. D. M'White.

Fruit Growers Meet at McDonalds Saturday.

A meeting of the McDonald Fruit Growers association will be held at McDonald Saturday of this week at 3:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Some important matters will be considered, according to Mr. D. H. Britt, Sr., president of the association.

Miss Margie Russell arrived home last evening from Greenwood, Va., where she taught in the graded school. Miss Russell stopped over at Rosemary, spending a few days there at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Edens.

ROAD SENTENCES FOR VIOLATORS OF LIQUOR LAWS.

County Commissioners Pass Resolutions Declaring That Chain Gang Sentences Should Be Given for Illicit Making and Selling of Whiskey.

At their meeting Monday the county commissioners passed the following resolutions:

"Whereas, it has been called to the attention of the board of commissioners that the illicit making and selling of intoxicating liquors is prevalent in Robeson county; and

"Whereas, the moral sense of the board has been shocked by some of the recent tragedies in the county caused by the effects of liquor; and

"Whereas, the putting of a fine on a party convicted of the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors is no more punishment on the guilty party than putting a high license on the illicit manufacture or sale of intoxicating drinks:

"Therefore, be it resolved by the board of commissioners of Robeson county, that it is the sense of the board that all parties who are convicted for either the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors in the county should be punished to the full limit of the law, and that every one convicted should be sent to the chain gang to serve a term on the roads."

FINDS WILT IN COTTON.

This Can Be Overcome by Planting Wilt-Resisting Seed—Farm Demonstrator Finds No Boll Weevil—Vaccinating Hogs.

Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, recently has made ten investigations of reported diseases and boll weevil in cotton in the county. He says he found no boll weevil, but finds quite a bit of wilt in cotton in some sections. The wilt can be overcome next year by planting wilt-resisting seed. A number of Robeson farmers are growing the wilt-resisting cotton this year and it will be easy to get the seed next year, according to Mr. Dukes.

Mr. Dukes says he will be glad to make investigation for any farmer who finds his cotton diseased or any indication of boll weevil.

Mr. Dukes vaccinated around 100 hogs against cholera in the Mt. Elin section last week. He will be glad to vaccinate hogs for any Robeson citizen upon request.

A SURPRISE MARRIAGE.

Miss Rosa Wishart Becomes Wife of Mr. Kenneth Gregg of Lincoln.

A surprise marriage took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. L. Williamson, Chestnut street, at 10 o'clock today when Miss Rosa Vaughn Wishart, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wishart, became the bride of Mr. Kenneth Gregg of Lincoln. Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiated. Only members of the Wishart family and a few intimate friends of the contracting parties witnessed the marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Gregg left by auto for Western North Carolina, where they will spend some time, after which they will be at home in Lincoln, where the bride taught in the graded school during the past session and where the groom is in business.

LAFAYETTE MUTUAL HAS HAD A WONDERFUL YEAR

Business in Force and Gross Assets Have Increased 50 Per Cent.—Annual Meeting of Policyholders.

Respectfully for The Robesonian.

The annual meeting of the policyholders of the La Fayette Mutual Life Insurance company was held in the company's building at Lumberton Monday.

Reports for the year were submitted at the meeting and enthusiastically received. A wonderful showing was made, business in force having increased 50 per cent, gross assets 50 per cent and net assets 37 per cent over last year. All death losses have been promptly paid and big things are in store for the company.

The following officers and directors were re-elected for the ensuing year: W. J. Beattie, Jr., president; K. M. Barnes, active vice-president; A. J. McKinnon, A. E. Poe, O. L. Clark, vice-presidents; E. E. Page, secretary and treasurer; Q. K. Nimocks, council; Dr. Seavy Highsmith, Dr. Thos. F. Costner, medical directors; K. M. Barnes, O. L. Clark, L. E. Whaley, executive committee.

NEGRO LYNCHED AT ROXBORO.

Ed Roach negro, 27 years old, was taken from the Person county jail at Roxboro early Tuesday morning by a mob of more than 200 masked men, was taken to a negro church 3 miles from town and hanged to a limb of a tree by a chain. The lynching occurred a few hours after the negro was arrested on the charge of attempted criminal assault on a white girl. When the sheriff pleaded with the mob to let the law take its course he was given 3 minutes to leave the vicinity of the jail and he left, according to a dispatch from Durham.

Mr. N. B. McArthur and son, Mr. Mack McArthur, and Mr. J. B. McLeod, all of Philadelphia community, were Lumberton visitors Monday.

BEST CROPS IN ROBESON.

Lumberton Man Says Crops in Robeson Are Best He Saw on Two Trips Covering About 300 Miles—Tobacco Fine in Southern Section of County.

Crops in Robeson county, especially tobacco, are much better than crops in near-by counties, according to Mr. C. A. D. Eakes, of the Star tobacco warehouse of Lumberton. Mr. Eakes recently has made two trips through this county and other counties, covering over 300 miles, and he says crops in Robeson far surpass crops in any other sections he has visited.

Mr. Eakes attended a meeting of warehousemen in Florence, S. C., Saturday last week. He went by way of Pembroke, Rowland, Dillon, Latta and Marion, and returned through Marion, Raines and about 20 miles below, around through Mullins, Nichols, Marietta and Fairmont. He thinks the crops in Robeson are worth as much as all the other crops he saw. With the exception of around Mullins, Nichols, Latta and Dillon, crops in other sections outside Robeson are late, irregular and sorry.

About 60 per cent. of the tobacco crop in Robeson is good, Mr. Eakes says, though it is about 10 days late. The crop is especially good in the lower section. Around Barnesville and Marietta the crop is as good as he ever saw, he says. In the upper sections the crop is not so good.

A week earlier than the trip to Florence Mr. Eakes drove through Red Springs, Raeford, Aberdeen, Southern Pines, Cameron, Lemon Springs, Sanford, Pine View, Manchester, Fayetteville and back to Lumberton. With the exception of around Aberdeen, Robeson has the best crops he observed on that trip.

SANITARY CONDITIONS AT LORRAINE HOTEL EXCELLENT

State Board of Health Gives Lorraine Certificate Showing 100 Per Cent. Sanitary Conditions.

Manager Dunham has received from the State Board of Health a certificate which states that sanitary conditions at the Lorraine hotel are "excellent." The certificate is signed by W. S. Rankin, State Health Officer, and means that the Lorraine gets 100 per cent. on inspection.

The certificate sets forth that the hotel was inspected as to sanitary conditions by a representative of the State Board of Health on May 9th and that sanitary condition were found to be entirely satisfactory.

With the certificate came a letter from the State Board of Health congratulating the management on the excellent conditions and suggesting that the certificate be posted in a conspicuous place.

The State Board of Health is doing a fine work in inspecting hotels all over North Carolina. Where conditions are found to be unsatisfactory the hotel is promptly given warning that certain conditions must be complied with within a specified time or the hotel will be closed. Very few hotels in the State have been given as high a rating as the Lorraine.

GARDNER CONCEDES DEFEAT.

Pledges Hearty Support to Ticket and Thanks Loyal Friends.

Lieutenant-Governor O. Max Gardner, after sending Cameron Morrison a telegram of congratulations Tuesday, gave out the following statement: "The unofficial returns indicate that my opponent, Hon. Cameron Morrison, was nominated for Governor in the primary last Saturday. "I shall not attempt any review of the campaign nor any discussion of the causes leading to my defeat. However, I wish to repeat that I conducted a clean, fair fight and I accept the result without bitterness and without resentments.

"No candidate ever had truer, more loyal or devoted friends, and I tender to each and every one of them the sincere gratitude of my heart for the heroic and unselfish service which they so freely rendered me in the contest. My chiefest regret is for them, rather than myself.

"It is needless to say that I shall give my hearty support to my opponent and the entire Democratic ticket in State and Nation."

—Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, yesterday inspected the town's water supply and says he found the filter plant in good condition. The water supply is pure, according to the findings of Dr. Hardin.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Ernest B. Ward and Rachel Oliver.

Mrs. J. S. Powers of the Ten Mile section and Miss Emely Barrington of Lumberton left yesterday for Lake Wales, Fla., where they will spend some time visiting relatives.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. Theodore Patrick, Jr., Rector.
SERVICES:
10 a. m. Sunday school.
11 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon.
8 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon.
Visitors welcome at all services.

COUNTY SCHOOL MATTERS.

Raemon and Hillside Schools Consolidated—Provision for New School Buildings and Equipment—Special School Tax Election Approved—Other Matters.

Raemon and Hillside public schools in Alfordville township were consolidated by the county board of education at their regular monthly meeting Monday upon petition from patrons and tax-payers who live in the two districts. The consolidation will take in a part of the McLeod, Spring Hill and Alfordville No. 2, districts, the lines running as follows: That part of McLeod school district beginning at road below the D. McRae place, leading to McLeod's mill, said school line running with the McRae line to the McLeod line with the McLeod southern line to center of the M. A. and S. railroad and down said railroad to Raemon district line, and that part of Spring Hill school district adjoining the Raemon and Hillside districts, taking in the C. J. McPharland lands, Robert Caddell lands and the A. J. Cottingham lands to the Hillside line and the part of the Alfordville school district No. 2, the lands of J. B. McCallum, D. A. McLean, adjoining the Raemon district and the lands of the estate of J. F. McLean, R. J. McLean, B. S. McLean, Kate Belle Taylor and the Christian Baker lands, which is now in no special district school to be located at Raemon.

District No. 1, Indian, Back Swamp township, was allowed \$1,750 for new school building, provided the district contribute a like amount.

An order was passed providing that if district No. 5, colored, Rennert township, deposit \$1,750 with the board that a like amount will be apportioned for the purpose of erecting a new school building.

An order was placed for one dozen double desks for district No. 1, colored, Alfordville township. Also for 20 double desks for district No. 3, Indian's Smith's township.

District No. 3, Indian, Smith's township, was allowed \$500 for new school building.

An application for the Parkton graded school for a State loan of \$2,500 was approved.

A petition asking that the boundary lines between the Iona and McDonald districts, D. B. McIntyre was not granted.

A. R. Lewis was transferred from the Pleasant Hope district to the McDonald district. D. R. McIntyre was transferred from the Pleasant Hope district to the Fairmont district.

A bill of \$161.95 for painting school building in district No. 2, Fairmont township, was ordered paid.

An election to vote upon a special school tax of 10 cents on the \$100 valuation and 30 cents on the poll was ordered in district No. 5, Britt's township.

Supt. J. R. Poole submitted his annual financial and statistical reports and they were approved and ordered filed.

T. A. Baxley was appointed committee in district No. 7, Thompson township; Don Inman in district No. 1, colored, White House; W. B. Parnell and S. W. Mercer in district No. 3, Wishart township. Other committee appointments will be published in Monday's Robesonian.

A bill of \$11.50 was paid to Freeman Printing Co. for stationery and printing.

PHILADELPHUS SCHOOL PLANS GREAT IMPROVEMENTS

New Dormitory Will Be Ready For Opening in September—Electric Light Plant Will Be Installed.

Philadelphia. (Red Springs, R. 2), July 6.—The Philadelphia school is planning a great deal of improvements for the coming school year. The work is progressing fine on the new dormitory and they expect to have it completed by the opening of the school in September. This will give them two good dormitories, one for the boys and one for the girls. An electric light plant will soon be installed, furnishing lights for all the rooms and school building. Also the trustees have already selected teachers for another year and they have selected only the best.

Philadelphia is going to try to be the best school in the county during the coming year. Any boys or girls wishing to attend school there during the coming year please write W. A. Smith, Red Springs, secretary of board of trustees, to reserve a room for you before they are taken up or for any other information.

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SCHOOL TAX ELECTION.

Special Tax Election to Be Held in Mt. Elin District Sept. 4—Reward of \$250 for Murderer of J. A. Kitchin—Appropriation for Farm Demonstration Work Increased to \$1500—Other County Matters.

At their regular monthly meeting Monday the board of county commissioners ordered a special election to be held in public school district No. 5 (Mt. Elin) in Britt's township on September 4 to determine whether or not a special school tax of 10 cents on the \$100 valuation and 30 cents on the poll shall be levied for school purposes. Thad Stone was appointed registrar and J. Z. Stone and Hezzie Phillips were appointed judges of election.

A reward of \$250 was offered for the delivery to the Sheriff of Robeson county of John Henry Bethea, colored, charged with killing Deputy Sheriff J. A. Kitchin.

The bond of A. P. Caldwell, public cotton weigher-grader for Lumberton, in the sum of \$500, with K. M. Barnes and Frank Gough as surety, was ordered filed.

The appropriation for farm demonstration work in Robeson was increased from \$1,200 to \$1,500 the year.

The lines between Red Springs and Burnt Swamp township were ordered changed so as to take all the lands belonging to the W. T. Jones estate into Red Springs township.

It was ordered that Malcom L. McRae, a Confederate veteran, be paid the regular county pension of \$25.

An order was passed instructing Sheriff Lewis to hire Levy Strickland from the road board at \$25 the month to do the janitor work at the court house.

It was ordered that the bills of the registrars and poll-holders in the various townships be paid.

The monthly report of Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, was ordered filed.

The regular pauper list was ordered paid. Jack and Frances Cason were placed on the pauper list at \$5 each the month. The regular monthly allowance of John T. and Pennie Howell was increased from \$5 to \$7.50 each the month, the allowance of Stephen Thomas from \$4 to \$6 and Beadie Thomas place on list at \$4 the month. Arch Locklear was placed on the pauper list at \$5 the month.

Ten thousand dollars was ordered transferred from the salary fund to the general county fund.

Wm. Armstrong of Maxton township was rebated \$3.20, poll tax.

Bills ordered paid will be published in the next issue.

RECORDER'S COURT.

Herman Parham Bound to Court on Charge of Larceny of an Automobile—Other Cases.

Herman Parham was bound over to the Superior court under a \$300 bond by Recorder E. M. Britt yesterday on the charge of the larceny of an automobile. The evidence was that Parham, a 16-year-old white boy who worked with Mr. Joe Biggs, took Mr. Biggs to Fayetteville Saturday night. Mr. Biggs boarded a train there and young Parham drove the car to Lake Waccamaw. While there a mule kicked a hole in the radiator. Parham later swapped the Biggs car, an Allen, to Mr. Jack Edmund for a stripped-down Ford. Edmund drove the Biggs car to Whiteville to have the radiator repaired and while there Mr. Dennis Biggs advised him that the car did not belong to Parham. Parham was arrested Tuesday night by Chief of Police D. M. Barker as he was coming into town with the Edmund car. Parham's testimony was that Mr. Biggs told him to take the car and do what he pleased with it when he left him. He failed to furnish the \$300 bond and was remanded to jail.

When Parham saw the officers he stopped the car and ran into some woods in the eastern part of town. Chief Barker and Night Policeman Vance McGill gave chase and caught young Parham, locating him in a ditch. Chief Barker fired one shot in an effort to scare the lad to a halt and this attracted considerable attention in that part of town.

Upon his agreement to enlist in the army, Mr. D. W. Biggs, who swore out the warrant, paid the costs in the case and young Parham was released before noon today, since the above was put in type, Recorder Britt agreeing to this course on account of Parham's age.

John Coble was before the recorder on the charge of being drunk. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

Clarence McEachern, colored, was found not guilty of false pretense. The evidence was that McEachern hired Ed McLean to take him to Lake Waccamaw and when they returned he said he did not have the money to pay for the trip.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case of C. B. Meares, charged with being drunk.

Norman Hardin and John Gillan were found guilty of being drunk and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

Jessie and Bessie Jones, both colored, were found guilty of an affray and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

Ed Johnson, colored, was found not guilty of larceny.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS.

—A very good rain fell throughout this section last evening. The rain was needed.

—Rev. Dr. G. E. Moorehouse went today to Clarkton to attend a Sunday school convention.

—The Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings cotton mills are closed down this week in order to give the operators a vacation.

—Mr. John McLean killed a dog which was thought to be rabid on the Creek road two miles from town Monday.

—Miss Vashti White returned Monday afternoon from Rockingham, where she attended a house party, and left the same afternoon to attend another house party in Fayetteville.

—A tobacco barn on a farm near Rozier church belonging to Mr. Robert Turner of R. 4, Lumberton, was burned early this morning. The barn was practically new and was filled with sand-lugs.

—Mr. W. A. Roach purchased yesterday a 7-room residence on Cedar street from Miss Minnie Lenon. The consideration was not stated. Mr. and Mrs. Roach expect to begin house-keeping in the residence September 1.

—Among Lumberton visitors Tuesday were: Mr. H. Kitchin of Center, Texas, and Mr. James Kitchin of Alfordville township, brother and son of Deputy J. A. Kitchin, whose death following a pistol-shot wound at the hands of a negro was mentioned in Monday's Robesonian; Mr. J. R. Thomason, a friend who came with Mr. Kitchin from Texas; Messrs. Alfred McLean and Charley Ray of Mt. Moriah. Mr. H. Kitchin arrived at the Kitchin home Monday, too late for the funeral, which took place Sunday. Mr. J. A. Kitchin of Sylvester, Ga., another brother of the slain man, arrived Sunday.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Burnie Nichols Killed by Will Price — Tobacco Market Opens July 20—Personal Mention.

Fairmont, July 5.—Burnie Nichols, a colored employee of the Beaufort County Lumber company, was stabbed and killed by Will Price, another colored man, in the course of a drunken brawl Saturday night. A coroner's inquest was held Sunday morning and the verdict was that Nichols came to his death at the hands of Will Price.

Chief of Police Harrelson immediately placed Price under arrest, and while attempting to take him to the local jail Price succeeded in getting away, but before he got far was shot by the officer and stopped. His wounds do not amount to much as they are in his legs. Officer Harrelson carried his man to Lumberton Sunday morning and placed him in jail.

Mrs. R. L. Owens has returned to her home at Gretna, Va. She came to Fairmont to spend the tobacco season with her husband, Mr. R. L. Owens, a prominent tobacco man here, but sickness in her family necessitated her return.

The election went off quietly here. Nothing happened to affect the peace of the neighborhood.

Misses Helen West and Jeddie Mae Bristow gave quite a delightful social, entertaining a large number of young people of the town, last Friday night. Miss West met the guests at the door and Mrs. George Grantham served delightful punch. One of the features of the evening were the recitations and readings of Miss Lillie Kyle. Ice cream and other refreshments were served at the close.

The tobacco warehouses announce that they will open here on July 20. While the crop is admitted to be short it is expected that this market will still hold its place among the markets of the county for first place.

Miss Anna West is spending the summer in Philadelphia.

Mr. F. F. Thompson, who has been spending the last several months at Norfolk, Va., is here for the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thompson.

Twin Boys Born to Ex-Captain and Mrs. H. L. Reeves.

(From the "Fifth U. S. Division (Regular) Diamond.")

Ex-Capt. H. L. Reeves, whom every one of the overseas members of the 11th Infantry remembers as commanding company "C" at "Frapelle" "St. Meheel" and the Meuse Argonne engagements and who is now resigned and in the mill business at Proctorville, N. C., is the proud father of twin 8-pound boys.

Mrs. Reeves is at the Thompson hospital, Lumberton, N. C., and she and the boys are in fine health.

Capt. Reeves says if they can fight like they can yell they will be in the 11th Infantry about 1940.

Mrs. Ben G. Floyd and two children, Helen Taylor and Benjamin, Jr., returned yesterday afternoon from Maiden, where they spent some time visiting at the home of Mrs. Floyd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Taylor.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER EYE SPECIALIST

Office: National Bank of Lumberton Building.