

Bryce Beard Elected N. C. Legion Commander

LOCAL LEADER IS HONORED BY EX-SERVICE MEN

Pledges Active Campaign To Help Disabled Veterans; Move Legion Headquarters To This City.

BY THE LIAISON AGENT

Bryce Parker Beard, of Salisbury, was elected Department Commander of the American Legion in the Asheville convention, Tuesday afternoon.

The first ballot was incomplete and the Beard landslide was piling up when Fred Myrick, Greensboro's candidate, arose to his feet and addressed the chair moving that his Salisbury opponent be elected by acclamation. The vote then stood 260 for Beard and 112 for Myrick, with eighteen out of the twenty districts having completed their votes. Myrick's motion received a score of seconds and the vote was unanimous with the thundering ayes of 422 delegates. Instantly Bryce P. Beard was hoisted to the shoulders of some of his Salisbury supporters and carried to the platform where he addressed the convention and commended Fred Myrick and the Greensboro lads for the clean campaign they staged for the defeated candidate. The other officers were elected with little or no opposition and the delegates left immediately for the trains, busses and automobiles, happy that the Legion's greatest state convention was over and ready to go back to their homes.

The election of Bryce P. Beard places a regular army man at the head of North Carolina's legion. Beard served as a commissioned officer for 16 months overseas in the famous 30th Infantry of the 3rd Regular Army Division. This division was known as the "Rock of the Marne". This title was won when the Allied troops retreated south of the Marne from Chateau-Thierry to Jaulegonne. There was no time left to even dynamite the bridges and the 3rd Division dug in on the river bank south of Chateau-Thierry and covered the bridges with machine guns. Soon the Prussian troops entered the bridges, believing that the Americans had retreated far south of the river. A sweeping fire from the French Hotchkiss guns in the hands of the 3rd Division men drove them in disorder into the city. Farther up the river French cavalry drove the Boche into the Marne. South of Jaulegonne the 15th German Division reached a point five kilometers below the river where another U. S. Regular Army Division swept their ranks with rifle fire. A German officer later commenting on this action said: "We left sixty per cent of our men south of the Marne thanks to the terrific rifle fire of the American troops who opposed us." The next day Marshal Foch delivered his famous counter attack and the Franco-American troops swept on driving the disordered German divisions North of the Vesle. A number of American Divisions took part in the counter offensive, some being National Army units, other National Guard and the rest Regulars. From that day, July 18th, the Central Powers were doomed. The 106 reserve divisions hurled against the British in March, which troops had been released from the Russian front by the treaty of Brest-Litovsk, had melted away. The British had disposed of 40 of these divisions and their Franco-American allies had eliminated the rest, save those few units which melted away before the 2nd Italian Army Corps in front of Laon Plateau. The part played by Bryce Beard's outfit was magnificent and in stopping the Boche on the bridges in front of Chateau-Thierry the "Old Rock of the Marne" had materially assisted in blasting the German descent on Paris.

With the election of a 3rd Division man as department commander everybody was happy, especially those of us who saw service with the regulars. National Guard and National Army men have already had the honor several times over. The Navy and Marine Corps are still to get the break and elect one of their men to the office.

With the election of the Salisbury man, the Department Headquarters will be moved to our city. It is understood that Jim Caldwell, a disabled veteran, will be named Department Adjutant and will soon move to Salisbury. The legion headquarters will be established in the Strand Theatre Building on the second floor, which will be repainted and repaired.

Shin guards for catcher's use were introduced by Roger P. Bresnahan of the New York Giants in 1908.

HIGH LIGHTS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION

BY J. ALLAN DUNN

Salisbury's slogan "Beard or Bust" was the keynote of the Convention.

The Legion Parade at Asheville, Monday afternoon, was the finest ever held in North Carolina. The Greenville, S. C., Legion drum and bugle corps, the champion outfit of the Palmetto State, led the procession. The North Carolina outfits in uniform were as follows: Asheville drum corps, Charlotte drum corps, Auxiliary drill team, Salisbury Memorial Flag Escort, Kannapolis drum corps, Raleigh drum corps, Albemarle corps, Greensboro drum corps, Charlotte Negro drum corps. Many other outfits were there also.

Bryce Williford was undoubtedly the finest strutting drum major at the convention. Kannapolis certainly has a right to be proud of that boy!

J. S. Stricker won first place as the best bugler. The Salisbury "Gob" was in a class by himself. J. C. Harmon, of Kannapolis, was adjudged the best individual drummer. Kannapolis also won first prize as the best drum and bugle corps, also won first place for having best music. In short the "Old Fourteenth District" copped about everything in sight. Bryce Beard, Hubert Olive and Con Johnson have certainly made this the banner legion district of the state.

The Salisbury Memorial Escort received a wonderful "hand" in Asheville. I talked with Ex-Secretary and Mrs. Josephus Daniels and they said it was the prettiest organization they had ever seen, excepting, of course, their home town (Raleigh) drum corps.

The Albemarle Drum and Bugle Corps, with its new green coats and caps and white trousers, was one of

the outstanding units at the convention. That outfit, with Raymond Witherspoon, bass drummer, and "Doc" Castevens, bugler, former Salisbury boys, certainly did yeoman's service for Bryce Beard, staging two different parades through the streets of Asheville bearing banners: "Beard for Commander", Kannapolis, Mooresville, Statesville, Lexington, China Grove, Monroe and many other posts were on the job too and did their part.

Durham was one of the strongest Beard camps and when that Lenoir County post announced its vote during the roll call, a leather lunged veteran shouted: "Durham is proud as H—I to cast its seven votes for Bryce Parker Beard of Salisbury". The applause following this frank avowal of support was deafening and Henry C. Bourne had a job, as chairman of the convention, to restore order before the voting could proceed.

When Fred Myrick of Greensboro, the defeated candidate, moved Beard's election by acclamation, the vote stood 260 for Bryce Beard; 112 for Myrick.

Twice defeated for District Commander, once in 1930 and again on Tuesday, Fred Myrick was glorious in his defeat. His marvelous good sportsmanship made him more friends than he has ever had. Fred will receive the honor he seeks one of these days. A good sport may be defeated but he never loses in the long run. Fred, Salisbury hails you!

When Hon. Grady Gaston of Gastonia completed his splendid speech placing Bryce P. Beard's name in nomination before the convention, a third division veteran yelled: "Whoopie, Old Rock of the Marne." This was the title given to Bryce's division (the Third) in France, and the convention gave it to Bryce as a nickname. So, here's to you, "Old Rock of the Marne"! May your term of office be a happy one! You deserve the honor.

Clyde Gooch, Charlie Coggin, Bill Hardin, Lawrence Haynes, Clarence Roberts, Dick Russell, and the Salisbury legionnaires as a whole worked day and night for Bryce Beard. J. S. Stricker and Hiram Beaver, Salisbury's two little buglers, were also on the job for Bryce. Kent Goley, Frank Buck, Jim McKenzie button-holed every delegate in sight. Space forbids naming all the boys who helped make the victory possible, but one thing is certain every man from Rowan did his part and there was not a slacker in the bunch.

A Myrick banner was politely but firmly removed from a Beard parade by the Kannapolis boys. The towel city lads were 100 per cent for Beard and objected to any interference in Bryce's parade. No Beard banners were inserted in the Myrick processions.

The convention goes to Wilmington and Wrightsville next year.

The South Carolina Legion Convention meets next year in Spartanburg. It would be a fine thing if some of our North Carolina uniformed outfits repay the visit of the Greenville drum and bugle corps on that occasion. How about it, Bryce?

The happiest lady in Asheville Tuesday was Mrs. Bryce Beard.

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SOME ODD FACTS ABOUT CANDIDATES

THE QUESTIONS

1. Which candidate was a prospector in the Alaskan Gold rush of 1898?
2. Which candidate was born in a log cabin in Kentucky?
3. What is the candidate who was barred from the Democratic national convention in 1920?
4. What candidate got his first job as a clerk in a fish market?
5. Can you name a candidate now holding a high office in a northern state whose father was a Confederate soldier?
6. A certain candidate started his campaign for governor on \$12—which one is he?
7. Who, among the candidates, is known as "the best dressed man in the senate?"
8. Which candidate was the son of a vice president of a large railroad?
9. Can you name the candidate whose brother is a famous explorer?
10. Who is the candidate who once spent money at the rate of \$1,500,000 an hour?
11. One candidate married his sixth cousin—can you name him?
12. Which candidate declined a cabinet position offered by President Wilson?
13. Can you name the candidate who once led a group of colonists to South America?
14. Who is the candidate who was once editor of the Harvard Crimson?
15. Which candidate won 285 convictions out of 287 cases that he brought to trial as prosecuting attorney?
16. A president attended the wedding of a certain candidate—who is this candidate?
17. Can you name the candidate who was formerly a cowboy?
18. Two candidates have been elected governor of their states four times—who are they?
19. Which candidate comes from a family of three noted brothers whose names are Tom, Dick and Harry?
20. Who is the candidate who rode a horse through the streets, bowing to all he met when he was trying to attract clients as a young lawyer?
21. For years, a certain candidate has advocated a plan to cut up Texas into several states—who is he?
22. Can you name the candidate who defeated a woman for the United States senate?
23. A certain candidate is often called "the handsomest man in public life"—what is his name?
24. Who is the candidate whose father was a truck driver?
25. Which candidate, if elected in November, will be so chosen within a few days of his 71st birthday?
26. Do you know which candidate is, by adoption, a member of an Indian tribe?
27. Which candidate (a widower) has a young daughter who will be the nation's "First lady" if he is elected?
28. Can you name the candidate who maintained a private zoo in his back yard when he was a governor?
29. Who, among the candidates, is noted for his fine collection of postage stamps?
30. Which candidate refuses to have an automobile and rides the street cars, or walks, to work?
31. A certain candidate who was once nationally famous for his pink whiskers—who is he?
32. Do you know which candidate when a boy, toured Europe on a bicycle with his private tutor?
33. Can you name the candidate who, as a college student, studied under Woodrow Wilson at Princeton?
34. A certain candidate has twice placed the name of another man in nomination for the presidency—who is he?
35. Which candidate served 18 years in U. S. senate and voluntarily retired?
36. Can you name the candidate who ran away from his boyhood home in Texas and became a cotton picker?

THE ANSWERS

1. Governor George White, of Ohio was a gold prospector in Alaska in 1898.
2. Melvin A. Taylor, of Chicago, was born in a log cabin in Kentucky.
3. Ex-Senator James A. Reed was barred from the Democratic national convention in San Francisco in 1920 as the result of his historic fight with Woodrow Wilson over the League of Nations.
4. Al Smith, of New York, worked at his first job in the Fulton fish market.
5. The father of Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, was a Confederate soldier. (The fathers of Speaker Jack Garner and Newton D. Baker were also Confederate soldiers).
6. Governor "Alfalfa Bill" Mur-

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ray, of Oklahoma, started his campaign for governor on \$12.

7. Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, is noted for his elegant attire.

8. Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt's father was vice president of the Delaware & Hudson railroad.

9. Ex-Governor Harry F. Byrd, of Virginia, is a brother of Admiral Richard E. Byrd, the explorer.

10. Newton D. Baker spent billions as secretary of war in 1917-18, and at times the figure reached \$1,500,000 an hour.

11. Franklin D. Roosevelt married Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, his sixth cousin—a niece of President Theodore Roosevelt.

12. Newton D. Baker declined President Wilson's offer as secretary of interior and later accepted as secretary of war.

13. Governor Murray, of Oklahoma, headed an unsuccessful colony of Oklahoma farmers to Bolivia.

14. Franklin D. Roosevelt, while a student at Harvard, was editor of The Crimson.

15. James A. Reed, as prosecuting attorney at Kansas City in 1898, scored this remarkable record for convictions.

16. Franklin D. Roosevelt's wedding, in 1905, was attended by President Roosevelt, his fifth cousin.

17. Speaker Jack Garner, of Texas, was formerly a cowboy.

18. Governor Albert C. Ritchie, of Maryland, and ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, each have been elected four times.

19. Ex-Governor Harry F. Byrd, of Virginia, is a brother of Admiral Richard E. Byrd and Thomas Byrd, a world war hero; the three brothers are famous as "Tom, Dick and Harry."

20. Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, when starting the practice of law in Seattle, Wash., rode a horse to attract attention and clients.

21. Speaker Jack Garner, of Texas, has for many years insisted that Texas is too big and should be divided into several states.

22. Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, defeated Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, Republican nominee, for the senate in 1930.

23. Governor Albert C. Ritchie, of Maryland, is often called "the handsomest man in public life"—and he is unmarried.

24. Al Smith's father was a truckman in New York and drove a team of horses.

25. Ex-Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, was born on November 9, 1861.

26. Governor "Alfalfa Bill" Murray, of Oklahoma, was adopted by the Chickasaw tribe when he became their tribal attorney.

27. Governor George White, of Ohio, is a widower and his attractive daughter, Miss Mary White, serves as his hostess.

28. Al Smith had a private zoo in the back yard of the executive mansion at Albany when he was governor of New York.

29. Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, of New York, has one of the finest stamp collections in the United States.

30. Jack Garner declines to use the auto that congress provides for the speaker and rides a street car, or walks to his office.

31. J. Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, during his former service in the senate in the Wilson administration, was famed for his "pink whiskers." (They are gray now).

32. Governor Roosevelt, of New York, toured Europe on a bicycle with his tutor when he was a boy.

33. Governor George White, of Ohio, was a student at Princeton under Woodrow Wilson. (Newton D. Baker attended lectures given by Wilson at John Hopkins).

34. Franklin D. Roosevelt made the speech placing Al Smith's name before the Democratic convention at New York in 1924 and again at Houston in 1928.

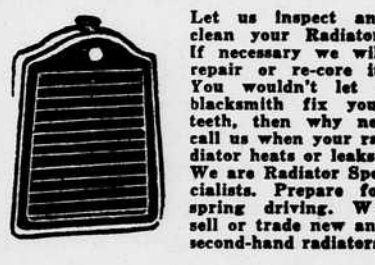
35. Ex-Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, retired from the senate voluntarily on March 4, 1929, after 18 years of service.

36. Governor "Alfalfa Bill" Murray ran away from his boyhood home in Texas and became a cotton picker when he was 12 years old.

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