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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN WILKES COUNTY; MR. HAMMER SPEAKS

Wilkes county Democratic convention was held at Wilkesboro Monday. A large crowd was present and delegations from every township in the county.

County Superintendent C. C. Wright presided over the convention, while W. E. Pharr was secretary. The ticket nominated is as follows:

Sheriff C. C. Paw, present clerk of the board of education; clerk of the superior court, J. C. Reins; register of deeds, John Rector, an executive man of the world war; representative, Attorney Eugene Trivette; commissioners, W. C. Seroggs, T. W. Church and Richard Wooten; coroner, J. E. Winkler; treasurer, Miss Essie Erwin.

Resolutions were adopted indorsing the record of Congressman W. C. Hammer, and the state administration. The tax rate levied by the Republican county commissioners was condemned. Since the revaluation act was in force, taxes have been raised from 89 cents to \$1.44.

Congressman Hammer addressed the convention, speaking especially on national politics. He congratulated the people of Wilkes upon their untiring efforts and for their loyalty.

Featuring the convention was the speech of Hammer, congressman of the seventh district. The speaker of the day was introduced by ex-congressman R. N. Hackett. The opening remarks made by Mr. Hammer were "that there is too much politics in the county at the present time," and "that Congress is doing absolutely nothing," and "that big interests now have the country by the throat."

Mr. Hammer predicted that the Democrats would carry the house of representatives this fall. The speaker explained the Muscle Shoals proposition and Mr. Ford's offer to lease this government property. He showed that capitalists, principally the fertilizer trusts, opposed Mr. Ford's offer, that they might keep the price of fertilizer high, thereby burdening the man of the soil even more.

Mr. Hammer referred to the ship subsidy bill as an abominable act and charged the Republicans as playing into the hands of the powerful ship owners.

Congressman R. L. Doughton of the eighth district was present at the convention. Owing to the fact that he had to take the afternoon train for Washington he did not address the gathering.

PROMINENT SILER CITY WOMAN DIES IN RALEIGH

The many friends of Mrs. John Haywood Siler, of Siler City, will regret to learn of her death last Thursday at Raleigh. Mrs. Siler had been ill for a month prior to her death. The funeral and burial services were held at Siler City Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Siler was the daughter of the late William and Jane Ray Cooper, and a descendant of Mark Cooper, who was a distinguished figure of the Revolutionary war, and who devoted himself to the promotion of culture, in which he was so ardently involved. She was also a descendant of James Fenimore Cooper, the novelist. December 13, 1882, Mrs. Siler married John Haywood Siler, son of the late William J. and Mary Holmes Siler and a relative of the late Samuel Siler, who settled in 1800, building his house by Rocky river and founded the town which is still called Siler City.

Besides her husband Mrs. Siler is survived by four sons and three daughters: W. J. Siler, of Cottonwood, Ariz.; F. D. Siler, Pasadena, Cal.; L. C. Siler, Greensboro; J. S. Siler, Raleigh; Rev. Mrs. G. W. Perry, Carthage; Mrs. Jerome P. Russell, Raleigh; and Miss Mary Bland Siler, Raleigh. Four sisters also survive, Mrs. Elizabeth Fox, Siler City; Mrs. Martha Plechett, Bloomington, Cal.; Mrs. Cornelia Thomas, Asheboro; and Mrs. Camilla Jones, Saxapahaw. Mrs. Siler had a rarely refined nature and aside from her church activities she made no attempt to engage in any occupation which did not comport with a quiet life in her home.

MISS ALTA PARKS BRIDE OF MR. NOLAN ALLEN

Miss Alta Parks and Mr. Nolan Allen surprised their friends last week when they drove to Bennettsville, S. C., and were married. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Parks, of Asheboro, and the groom a son of Mrs. S. E. Allen, of Seagrave route 2. They are popular and promising young people and have many friends throughout the county. Mr. Allen has had a position with Mr. A. O. Farree for the past few months.

MRS. J. K. WOOD URGES WOMEN TO SEND FLOWERS TO FAIR

I hope the people of the town and the entire county will be interested in the flower booth of the Randolph county fair, which is being held at the back of the courthouse on Saturday, August 19, and Sunday, August 20.

ANNUAL CONVENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AT RAMSEUR NEXT WEEK

The Sunday school workers of Randolph county will hold their annual county convention in the Ramses First Baptist church on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 22 and 23. The first session will begin at 8 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, another session Tuesday evening, with three sessions, morning, afternoon and night on Wednesday. Sunday school workers of all denominations are urged to attend these sessions.

Mr. D. W. Sims, general superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, will speak at each session of the convention. Mr. Sims has had many years of practical experience as a Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent and State Sunday school superintendent. Those who heard him last year can tell you whether or not he is entertaining and instructive. Miss Flora Davis, assistant to Mr. Sims, will also be present and will appear several times before the convention. Miss Davis is making the Sunday school work more attractive wherever she goes by being able to help teachers teach in a more attractive manner.

Mr. J. B. Ivey, of Charlotte, president of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, is expected to address the convention on Wednesday at 11 o'clock, his subject being "A Successful Sunday School."

The opening session of the convention will be presided over by W. L. Ward, president of the Randolph County Sunday School Association. The members of the entertainment committee are as follows: M. E. Johnson, chairman; Miss Gladys Leonard, Miss Grizelle Moore, Mr. N. F. Phillips.

Associated with Mr. Ward, the county president, are the following county and township officers: Vice presidents, Prof. Chas. M. Staley and L. F. Ross; secretary-treasurer, Miss Dora Redding; superintendent of Young People's Division, Mrs. A. O. Adams; Adult Division, F. M. Wright; administrative, Hugh Parks. Township presidents who served during past year, Prof. T. E. Storey, D. R. Bulla, J. R. Lamb, Miss Etta Nance, L. H. Smith, Jr., J. F. Hughes, S. E. Henley, C. E. Durham, M. E. Johnson, N. R. Prevost, T. L. Miller, W. H. Parks, C. E. Stuart, J. G. Lowdermilk, John T. Cooper, J. M. Trzodan, C. A. Bird and W. T. Wrenn.

The Randolph County Sunday School Association is auxiliary to the North Carolina Sunday School Association which is the co-operative effort of Sunday school workers of the evangelical denominations to extend and improve Sunday school work in North Carolina. The organization stands for those interests common to all Sunday school workers. It strives to help by way of suggestion, not by authority, therefore it helps many, it hinders none. It seeks helpful cooperation, not union. Its conventions and institutes discuss methods of work not church doctrines. All meetings held under the auspices of the association are free and open to all who will attend. In territories where there are no Sunday schools the association does not suggest the organization of union Sunday schools, but urges the organization of denominational Sunday schools of the denomination preferred by the people of the community.

COMMITTEES ARRANGING FOR FAIR TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH

The fair officials are making preparations for the fair which comes off next month. Each committee is arranging for his or her department and in order to have a successful fair everyone should co-operate with the committees. Mr. York announces that all livestock entered for premiums will be admitted free to the grounds. But must be entered and installed by 10 o'clock Wednesday morning the first day of the fair. There will be a sufficient number of stalls and plenty of water on the grounds and no entrance fee will be charged but each person must provide feed for four days' rations if possible to keep there all the week. The general farm exhibits will be in the large exhibit building and there will be plenty of room and police protection.

The judges will be from out of the county. Every one is urged to bring products of all kinds.

There will be space for all kinds of relics or curiosities, such as old-fashioned spinning wheels and the world war relics; bring them and let the people see what Randolph did in the world war.

We have secured reduced rates on all railroads for the fair, so be preparing now, it's only 30 days till the big week.

DEMOCRATS OF YADKIN TO NAME TICKET SEPTEMBER 3

The Democratic convention to nominate a ticket for county officers and for member of the house of representatives in the next general assembly will be held at the courthouse on Saturday, September 3.

TWO ASSAILANTS OF THE KETCHENS ARE SENTENCED TO CHAIR

Carthage is thronged with people this week attending the trial of the three negroes who wounded Mr. A. E. Ketchen and assaulted his wife about two weeks ago. The three men were brought to Carthage Monday from the state prison at Raleigh, and are guarded by sixty soldiers. The soldiers surround the jail, and no one is allowed within 300 yards of the jail without permission of the court. No violence is anticipated. Mrs. Ketchen was the first witness Monday and told of the affair in a vivid manner.

Mr. Ketchen is still in the hospital but is improving. Two of the negroes, Jasper Thomas and Angus Murphy were convicted of criminal assault on Mrs. Ketchen, and the third man, John Lee, who was convicted of assault on Mr. Ketchen and received a sentence of 12 years imprisonment. The two convicted of assault on Mrs. Ketchen will be electrocuted September 15.

MRS. D. H. TUTTLE DIES SUDDENLY IN LENOIR

A death that came as a great shock to the people of Asheboro was that of Mrs. D. H. Tuttle at Lenoir late Tuesday night. Rev. and Mrs. Tuttle had been the guests of their daughter, Mrs. I. C. Moser in North Asheboro for ten days leaving Asheboro Tuesday morning for Lenoir where they expected to visit friends and relatives. Mrs. Tuttle was in her usual state of health except for a slight headache when she left Asheboro, and died suddenly at the home of a relative at Lenoir. The body was taken to their home at Smithfield Wednesday and will be buried at Wilson Thursday. Rev. and Mrs. Tuttle have a large number of friends in the town, and are well known. Rev. Mr. Tuttle delivered a very fine sermon at the M. E. church Sunday morning, and the couple made many new friends to add to their older friends and acquaintances. Rev. and Mrs. Tuttle are well known throughout the entire state, having served in the M. E. church for many years, and were a couple who together with their several children, have staunch friends in almost every town in the state.

MORE ROAD CONTRACTS TO BE LET BY COMMISSION

(By Maxwell Gorman.) Raleigh, August 15.—Although state highway construction has been and is yet being seriously interfered with by the lack of transportation facilities, due to the railroad situation, the plans for continuing the work are going ahead.

Twenty-nine projects scheduled for letting August 30, with an aggregate mileage of 186.02 miles, will bring the year's letting of roads by the State Highway Commission to 1,114.25 miles, or more than a hundred miles beyond the \$1,000 miles in 1922' program, and the total obligation for new construction for the year to more than \$22,000,000.

Three projects included on the list remove the last unlet sections of the central highway from Smithfield to Salisbury, a distance of 170 miles continuous paving. The Thomasville-Lenoir link, the Hillsboro-Mebane link, and the bridge over the Yadkin river between Lexington and Salisbury are the most important projects.

With the award of contracts at the end of the month, the commission will have achieved more than a hundred miles beyond the mark set in February for twelve months, and will have set up a record that is without parallel in the record of road building in America. Since January 1 contracts will have been let for 568.31 miles of hard-surface road and 545.94 miles of gravel.

Take Advantage of Time.

The August letting will be the final big letting for the year, and thereafter the commission will focus attention on construction now temporarily held up on account of strike conditions. Chairman Pitze has pushed the work of getting roads under contract in anticipation of more widespread demand for contractors' when other states get their road programs underway next spring.

Altogether the road program outlined in 1919 is now approximately half done. Slightly more than 2,700 miles of new roads have been built, or are under construction, or under contract. In addition to this mileage, the system includes many hundreds of miles of good roads built by counties before the state took over the system.

Somewhat of the tremendous undertaking the 29 projects offered for August 30 presents may be gathered from the fact that the specifications call for the clearing of 153 acres of land, excavation totaling 1,349,450 cubic yards of earth and rock, and the bridges on the projects will require 2,339,110 pounds of structural steel.

Approximately 35,000 gallons of intoxicating liquor was poured out, 21 persons arrested, and 110 illicit stills were destroyed by prohibition officers in North Carolina during the month of August. Officers advised that the monthly report will be submitted to the state on August 25.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON HIGH POINT-GREENSBORO ROAD MONDAY

A fatal accident occurred very early Monday morning at Arch Hill, on the Greensboro-High Point road. Charlie Tillman, a colored man from Concord was instantly killed when the car which he was driving turned over. The police at High Point were notified and went at once to the scene of the accident. They found a letter in the dead man's pocket that gave the name as Charlie Tillman, of Concord. They telephoned to Concord and found that E. C. Brown, of Concord, had sent a man who answered to the description of the dead man to High Point for a car which had been left there for repairs. It is believed that there were two men in the car at the time of the accident, as two caps were found immediately afterwards, but the second man has not been located. Tillman was taken to High Point where his body was prepared for burial awaiting notice from some of his friends or relatives.

COMMUNITY SINGING MONDAY NIGHT AT THE COURTHOUSE

A community singing will be given by the students of the county summer school in the courthouse next Monday night, August 21. Following the singing Dr. E. C. Perisho, of Guilford College, will deliver an educational address. Dr. Perisho has been in the county several times and is well and favorably known. He is one of the leading educators of the county, and the teachers of the county are fortunate in securing Dr. Perisho. The public is cordially invited to attend. There will be no admission.

IF THE RAIL STRIKE GROWS—

Six of the railroad labor groups are now on strike. If the other 10 groups walk out, 1,500,000 rail workers will be added to the 1,500,000 rail workers already on strike. Class one steam roads, which carry about 95 per cent of all railway business, had a total of 1,628,228 employees on their payrolls in May. These employees received \$216,672,028; or an average of \$133 each for the month's work.

The railroads in the United States own approximately 69,000 locomotives, 2,350,000 freight cars and 56,000 passenger cars.

Every year the railroads of the United States carry one ton of freight approximately 350,000,000,000 miles. This is equivalent to carrying a ton of freight from the earth to the moon about 1,500,000 times.

On an average, each person in the United States rides 350 miles annually on railroad passenger cars.

It costs about \$5,000,000,000 a year to operate the railroads. There are approximately 260,000 miles of railroad track in the United States, or enough to go 10 times around the earth.

J. C. FARLOW, SOPHIA, SUFFERS STROKE OF PARALYSIS

Mr. J. C. Farlow was stricken suddenly Sunday morning with paralysis. He was for several hours unable to speak but is now improving. Mr. Farlow has held a position with the State Highway Commission for the past few months.

REITZEL REUNION AT RICHLAND CHURCH, NEAR LIBERTY

The fourth annual Reitzel reunion will be held at Richland church, about four miles east of Liberty, on Thursday, August 24.

All persons related to the Reitzel family, either by blood or marriage, also all friends of the family, are cordially invited to be present.

Everybody is urged to come with well filled baskets early in order that there will be much time for mingling with old acquaintances and making new ones.

Davie County Convention.

The Democrats of Davie county will hold their convention in September this year, probably the second Saturday, and there is mighty good grounds to believe that there will be large Democratic gains in that county as well as in most other sections this year.

Congressman Hammer has been invited to speak at the Davie county convention.

Special Term of Court for Guilford. On account of the unusually large number of criminal cases scheduled call for the clearing of 153 acres of land, excavation totaling 1,349,450 cubic yards of earth and rock, and the bridges on the projects will require 2,339,110 pounds of structural steel.

BOB CAMERON BESTS "LITTLE" BROTHER IN HOT PITCHERS' BATTLE

Saturday afternoon the Camerons staged a battle royal at the local base ball emporium. "Bob" Cameron occupied the mound for the local slug-gers, while his younger brother did the heaving for the fast Lexington crew, and in the end age triumphed over beauty for when the smoke of battle had cleared the locals had three markers to their credit while the visitors had drawn a deuce.

The visitors secured eight bingles to the locals seven, but "Bob" was invincible in the pinches and kept the hits scattered as thin as chicken soup in a Greek cafe, with the local boys supporting him with air tight ball, no one being accredited with an error.

The locals led off in their half of the first, scoring two markers on an error, a single by Cranford and a sacrifice by Wood. The visitors knotted the count in the second, and after this were unable to score again. The locals scored the winning run in the fifth after two were down. V. Johnson was safe on an infield hit and pilfered second, scoring on Armfield's hot single between third and short.

But after all is said and done one has only to look at the score to see that the Camerons are a family of pitchers.

Score by innings: R. H. E. Lexington 020 000 000 2 8 4 Asheboro 200 010 00x 3 7 0 Batteries: Cameron, Leonard and Cowans; Cameron and Cranford.

Asheboro Boys Defeat South Alamance. The Asheboro boys defeated the South Alamance team August 10 in an uninteresting slugfest the score being 20 to 5.

CHAUTAQUA CLOSED TUESDAY WITH GOOD PROGRAM

Redpath three day Chautauqua ended in Asheboro Tuesday evening. The Chautauqua was hampered from the beginning, first, the tent did not arrive in time for the first program Saturday afternoon on account of the strike and then rain began on the second day compelling the performance to be in the courthouse. The first performance therefore was in the evening and was a combination of the afternoon and evening entertainment with the Dunbar quartet who gave a splendid program of vocal, instrumental music and bell ringing. This was followed by a lecture by Harry C. Heffner on "Every Man's Fortune." The second afternoon a lecture on "Foes and Friends of Our National Household" that was well worth hearing. In the evening a play "Friendly Enemies" was presented by a New York company. Each member of the company was unusually good and the play was quite equal to those we drive to the various larger towns in the state to see and pay the price of the full Chautauqua ticket. The last day, those who enjoy music and negro dialect were entertained and in the evening an impersonator added to the program. As to the financial side, the guarantors lost about eight dollars each, which seems useless in a town this size, but they are taking it "like men" and feel that they have contributed a high class entertainment to the community that will perhaps bring better results another year. As yet no contract has been signed for another season.

PREMIUM LIST OF FAIR HAS BEEN REVISED UPWARD

The premium list in the Art Department of the Randolph County Fair has been increased over last year. Please look over revised premium list, printed after Fair book was gotten out and bring anything you have under this list. We assure you absolute protection for whatever you bring; the buildings being weather proof and pilfer proof. The premiums are much larger than last year and more varied. \$10.00 is given for best art collection. Call or write us for any information you would like.

MRS. J. T. UNDERWOOD, Supt. MRS. J. G. CRUTCHFIELD, Asst.

FINAL VOTE UPON TARIFF MEASURE SATURDAY

The administration tariff bill will be brought to a final vote in the senate next Saturday, under a unanimous consent agreement entered into Saturday.

Passage of the measure was regarded by senators generally as a foregone conclusion. At least three Democrats—Broussard and Ransdell, of Louisiana and Hendrick, of Wyoming—were counted upon to support it, while the expectation was that not to exceed six, if that many, Republicans would oppose it.

Under the terms of the agreement the senate, beginning at not later than 4 p. m. next Tuesday, will proceed to vote without further debate on all committee amendments then undisposed of and at not later than 10 p. m. next Thursday it will vote without further debate on all pending individual amendments.

Senator Simmons first suggested that the vote be taken next Saturday.

FARMERS OF RANDOLPH COUNTY HAD A GREAT MEETING HERE MONDAY

The meeting of Randolph county farmers held at the courthouse last Monday was a great success, although somewhat handicapped by the absence of Mr. R. C. Pollock, who was the main speaker for the occasion, and also Mr. T. D. McLean, who was detained by an auto breakdown between Asheboro and Aberdeen and did not reach Asheboro until after the meeting was adjourned. More than 200 attended.

The meeting was presided over by the county agent, who introduced Mr. L. N. Paine, of Statesville, state secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Mr. Paine in turn introduced Mr. E. S. Millsaps, of Statesville, district agent for piedmont North Carolina, who happened to be visiting in Asheboro, and made a speech of the occasion. Mr. Millsaps explained the co-operative movements in the state, especially the cotton and tobacco co-operative associations, and then led up to the main issue confronting the North Carolina farmer today. That is, carrying the co-operative movement further to embrace every farm commodity. This he stated was the most important issue facing the North Carolina farmer today, and should be given careful thought.

We have as good land as any one, we work as hard, our climatic conditions are ideal, making it possible for us to grow anything that we desire, but we are not getting ahead, we are not showing a profit on our farming operations. Why? Because we have no market. Again why? Because we have no co-operative organization through which we can market our produce collectively, and our local markets are not ample to take care of our farm products. Therefore we must organize and sell collectively, if we wish to keep step with other industries. Times have changed and we must change with them if we are to hold our own. This he stated could be done through the farm bureau which would handle all phases of our marketing problems from the smallest to our largest commodities. It would embrace all other marketing associations such as the tobacco and cotton associations.

Following Mr. Millsaps' address Mr. Paine explained the organization plan of the farm bureau, and perfected a temporary organization of forty-six men, through which to put on a county-wide campaign for farm bureau membership, after which a permanent organization will be formed.

The following county officers were elected: J. O. Forrester, of Ramses, president.

J. M. Allen, of Asheboro star route, vice president. E. S. Millsaps, of Asheboro, secretary. In addition to this a township chairman was elected for each township in the county. These men to constitute the county board of directors.

The annual Keerans-Wood reunion, held at Farmer August 12, was attended by between two and three hundred. Col. W. P. Wood, president, was on the grounds and ready to render any service. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Walter Thompson. Mrs. Ellen Welborn, of Greensboro, gave some very interesting history of ancestors, which had recently fallen into her hands. Short talks by others were also enjoyed. The long table on the campus was laden with good things which all appeared to heartily enjoy.

ANNUAL KEERANS-WOOD REUNION HELD SATURDAY

It was decided that the fifth reunion will be held at old Trinity, the second Saturday in next August.

BISHOP JOHN C. KILGO DEAD AFTER MONTHS ILLNESS

After an illness of several months Bishop John C. Kilgo, of the Southern M. E. church died at his home at Charlotte early last Friday morning. Bishop Kilgo had never fully recovered from the severe attack on his way from Hot Springs, Ark. last spring where he attended the meeting of general conference. He had recovered sufficiently, however, to ride out in a car and enjoy his friends. About a week ago he suffered a severe heart attack, and since then his condition has been considered serious. Bishop Kilgo was born at Laurens, S. C., in 1861, the son of James T. and Catherine Kilgo and received his education in his native state. In 1882 he was ordained a minister in the M. E. church and severed several pastorates in South Carolina. In 1889 when he was called to Wofford College as professor of philosophy and financial agent. In 1894 he was elected president of Trinity College, Durham, where he served until 1910 when he was elected bishop of the Methodist church at the conference in Asheville. Since that time he has had a great many honors conferred upon him from his church, among them he was a delegate to the Ecumenical Methodist conference in London in 1901. He was beloved by all his people and held in high esteem by all who knew him. For the past seven years Bishop Kilgo and his family have made their home at Charlotte where they have been