

## DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Met Last Tuesday. Senator Harrison Makes Rousing Key-note Speech.

The Democratic National Convention met in Madison Square Garden, New York, last Tuesday, at twelve o'clock.

For many days, Democratic leaders from all parts of the country had been gathering and setting the stage for the gigantic meeting. The campaign headquarters of the various candidates were bustling with activity long before the opening day of the convention.

William G. McAdoo, of California, and Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, are the leading candidates, but there is talk of "dark horses" and no certainty that either McAdoo or Smith will be nominated, though McAdoo is thought to stand the better chance. North Carolina's delegates are pledged to him. The veteran William J. Bryan is present as a delegate-at-large from Florida, the delegation being pledged to the California man. The Commoner is fighting for peace and campaign contribution planks in the platform. McAdoo supporters claim they will get 450 votes on the first ballot. O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, is chairman of the North Carolina delegation.

Other prominent candidates besides McAdoo and Smith are the following: Carter Glass, of Virginia; John W. Davis, of West Virginia; Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama; Ralston, of Indiana; Gov. Charles W. Bryan, of Nebraska; and others.

Any of these who fail to land the Presidential nomination will be vice-presidential possibilities.

The following are said to be pledged to McAdoo under the unit rule: Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Kansas, Nevada, Washington, Utah, Idaho, New Mexico, Kentucky, Canal Zone.

North Carolina, North Dakota, South Dakota, Florida, California, and Oregon are bound by primary results.

The California man has many scattering delegates pledged from other states.

The Smith forces claim the following states in whole or in part: Virginia, Tennessee, North and South and South Dakota, Kentucky, Missouri, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Colorado, Nebraska, Louisiana, Florida, Mississippi, West Virginia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Maine.

It will be seen from the above that both McAdoo and Smith forces claim strength in some of the same states.

The program for Tuesday, the opening day of the convention, was as follows:

Called to order at 12 o'clock noon, daylight saving time, by National Chairman Hull.

Invocation by Cardinal Hayes. Singing of National Anthem. Official photograph.

Brief address by Chairman Hull. Reading of the official call of the convention.

Recommendations for the officers and their election.

Appointment of a committee of three to escort Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, the temporary chairman, to the platform.

Address by Senator Harrison. Appointment of committees and transaction of sundry business.

Optional speeches. Presentation and adoption of resolution of respect in memory of Woodrow Wilson.

Adjournment.

Other vice-presidential possibilities are the following: George Berry, head of the printing pressmen's union; Houston Thompson, of the Federal Trade Commission; Congressman William D. Upshaw, of Georgia; Carl Woodman, of Illinois, assistant secretary of agriculture under President Wilson; and Col. Alvin M. Owsley, of Texas, post commander of the American Legion.

There is talk of abolishing the two-third rule, which has long been observed by the Democratic Party, but it is not yet known whether this will be done or not.

Prominent in the various delegations, are the women who are taking their places right along with the men.

Among the North Carolinians attending the convention are Governor Morrison, Hon. A. W. McLean, Democratic candidate for Governor, Senator F. M. Simmons, Hon. Josephus Daniels, A. D. Watts, Miss Harriett Berry, Miss Mary Henderson, O. Max Gardner, Congressman Hammer, Frank A. Hampton and others. There are sixty in the North Carolina delegation.

The first day's session was largely taken up with an old-time Democratic demonstration in honor of the memory of Woodrow Wilson, whose name fired the convention with the wildest enthusiasm.

Senator Pat Harrison, temporary chairman, in his keynote speech, plead for party harmony and a reconstruction to the fundamental principles of democracy. He told the convention all about what the Republicans have done and what they have not done, and his audience enjoyed listening. When he came to plead for the day when there would again be a Democrat in the White House like Woodrow Wilson, himself broke loose with

## REVIVAL MEETING STILL IN PROGRESS

Will Continue Through Next Sunday. Much Interest Is Being Shown.

The union revival meeting being conducted at the corner of North Fayetteville and Salisbury streets, which has been in progress since June 8, is expected to continue through next Sunday, June 29. Dr. L. J. Miller, of Nashville, Tennessee, who does the preaching, has made a most favorable impression on the people of Asheboro. He has a pleasing personality, a gift of oratory, and a deep knowledge of the Bible. Although broad-minded, he is not a modernist, but believes in the old-fashioned religion. The singing, conducted by Prof. D. Ward Milan, of Lincolnton, is an important feature of the meeting.

Two services are held each day, except Monday and Saturday, one at nine in the morning, and another at 7:45 in the evening. The leading business men of the town close their places of business from nine to ten in the morning so that they and their employes may attend the service of the hour. Numbers of men in overalls come from the industrial plants at this time to hear Dr. Miller.

On Sunday before last, a religious census of the town was taken, from which the fact was brought out that Asheboro contained six hundred people above the age of ten who were not members of any church. Following this, a great campaign has been waged to get these people to attend the meetings. Committees of personal workers have visited the people and invited them to services.

Large crowds attend twice a day. During the past ten days many have asked for prayers and numbers have been converted.

Last Sunday morning at ten o'clock, the evangelist held a children's service, preaching to a vast audience that included hundreds of grown people as well as children. The big tent overflowed and a large number of people sat in chairs extending back on Mrs. A. E. Burn's lawn. At the close of this service fifty children and young people went forward for prayers, and later stood to pledge themselves to the Christian life.

Following the children's service, Dr. Miller preached a short sermon, addressed principally to the church people whom he urged to do their part in bringing about a great revival. At the close of this service the five pastors of the town stood with Dr. Miller while hundreds of people filed past, shook hands with the ministers and pledged their full support to the meeting. At the Sunday service, Dr. Miller requested that, as far as possible, social functions be omitted during the rest of the meeting. As a result, a number of social affairs planned for the week have been cancelled.

Special services are being held at different times this week for fathers and sons, for mothers and daughters, and for elderly people. It is an opportunity for not only Asheboro people but for the citizenship of the county to hear one of the leading preachers of the country and business should be suspended and sacrifices should be made in order to hear Dr. Miller.

## MR. REYNOLDS THANKS SUPPORTERS

Mr. Robert R. Reynolds, of Asheville, thanks his friends in Randolph county for their loyal support in the recent primary. Mr. Reynolds was a candidate for lieutenant governor but Hon. Elmer Long, of Durham, won the nomination. Mr. Reynolds says that he accepts the decision of the party and offers his best services to help carry the banner of Democracy to success in the November election.

## Mrs. Sarah K. Epland Dies at Her Home Near Liberty.

Mrs. Sarah K. Epland, aged 76, died at her home eight miles north of Liberty, June 18, after being paralyzed one week. Mrs. Epland had been a prominent member of Mt. Pleasant M. P. church for 30 years. She is survived by two sons, Robert Epland, of Rockingham; and Chas. R. Epland, of Burlington; and one daughter, Miss Lizzie Epland.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. G. H. Willows, June 19th at Mt. Pleasant church, and interment was made in the church cemetery.

In the galleries and in the convention itself and lasted for many minutes. The speech closed with a plea for party harmony.

The following telegram was received from Congressman Hammer Tuesday afternoon:

"Convention cheers Senator Harrison thirty minutes when he said what country needs not a sphinx in White House but a Paul Revere to awaken the country, the honesty of Grover Cleveland and splendid fighting qualities of Wilson. Nominee may be McAdoo despite combined opposition of Metropolitan newspaper or Copeland or Ralston but Smith never."

The session yesterday were principally taken up with the address of Permanent Chairman Walsh, of Montana, and various committee reports.

When the balloting is reached a number will probably be necessary.

## HISTORY OF THE ASHEBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT SINCE ORGANIZATION

Was Organized on the Fifteenth Day of May, 1911, Three Days Before Asheboro Had Water System. Many Interesting Incidents Related in History.



ASHEBORO FIRE TRUCK

The Asheboro Fire Department, which is one of the finest organizations of its kind in the town, was organized on the fifteenth day of May, 1911, with the following named men as charter members: Jim Kivett, Captain; S. B. Stedman, Chief; D. K. Lockheart, Secretary; C. C. Hayworth, George Cox, George Russell, John Branson, Basil Britain, W. J. Armfield, Jr., Will Hinshaw, Joe Betts, Herman Cranford, C. Rush.

The formation of this organization was completed just three days before the construction company turned over to the city of Asheboro the finished water and sewer system. The hose carts, two of them, were ordered on the night that the organization was completed. Two days after the hose carts arrived in town and on the same night that the water was turned into the new pipe line a fire was discovered in the eastern section of Asheboro at midnight. The whistles of the factories blew the alarm and within five minutes after the first alarm the town was a mass of excited citizens. The night was foggy and the reflection of the rays made it appear as though the entire eastern section of Asheboro was in flames. It was on that night that the original Asheboro Firemen proved to the hundreds of citizens that even though they were new in the game of fire fighting they had the ability and the nerve to risk their lives in line of duty. There is not a citizen in town who was living in Asheboro on the night of the first fire after the fire department had been organized who does not remember, and remember well, the night that Mr. Ernest Auman's house was destroyed by fire. The firemen had only had two drills in the use of the hose carts, but their gallant work in their efforts to save the house of Mr. Auman will never be forgotten by those who were present, because fires were uncommon, and hose carts were rare indeed. When the crew reached the hydrant in front of the burning building and after quickly attaching the hose, the voice of Captain Kivett shouted, "Water! Turn the water on." The nozzle man braced his feet and prepared to steady himself against the expected rushing flow from the hose. The spectators stood spellbound watching and waiting for that stream of water which would extinguish the raging flame. The Captain again shouted, "Water! Water! I said," but no water came, and the house kept burning. It was then discovered that the pump at the power house had to

be put into action in order to get the necessary pressure to furnish force enough to extinguish the destructive flame. Captain Kivett sent a detail to the power house to start the pump, but when the detail arrived at the power house they found that the boilers had not been fired. The men immediately began throwing in wood and coal, and soon the huge boilers, which so recently had been installed, were belching forth heat and flame. The pumps were then put into action, and none too soon because the house in the vicinity of the Auman home were in great danger. The heat was intense. Already the roofs of several houses were smoking. Then the Captain again shouted, and he shouted loud and long, "Water or all is lost." And then the water came with such force that it upset the nozzle man and several very distinguished citizens and members of the crew. But order was soon restored and by the faithful work of the original Asheboro Fire Department several of the homes are standing today as a memorial to the gallant work of Asheboro's original Fire Department.

Something amusing happens at all fires, although one of the saddest sights that one can witness is the burning down of a home. On the night of this particular fire the writer was among those excited citizens who at the first alarm rushed from his home out into the street, and there he heard an unusual sound coming from the direction of Jonathan O. O'Connell's old home place near the old Randolph jail, and then from behind the shadows of some giant oaks, which bordered the sidewalk, a scene that would have startled even the bravest of us came into view. A crouching figure, holding out its arms occasionally and uttering a grunt at the same time, jumping as it appeared, straight into the air. The writer being of a curious nature approached the lunging, jumping object, very cautiously, of course, and when within a very few feet of the curious object something happened; a huge grunt, a splash in the mud and then deathly silence, and then the fire and brimstone rolled forth from the eloquent lips of the victim of the mud-hole, who proved to be our reliable and life-long friend, Mr. Jonathan Steed. After rescuing Mr. Steed from this situation, the mystery of the lunging object was solved. Mr. Steed explained that he was awakened by the furious blowing of the whistles.

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## MR. A. J. OVERTON DIES IN WASHINGTON

Had Many Interests in Randolph County.

Mr. A. J. Overton, who was well known in Asheboro and Randolph county, died at his home in Washington, D. C., Tuesday night following an illness from heart dropsy.

Mr. Overton had the leading interest in the Alford mine near Gray's Chapel, this county. He had traveled in different parts of the country, having mining interest in several states. He was a native of Eastern Carolina. His wife and one daughter survive.

The deceased was deeply attached to the town of Asheboro. Several months ago he had a severe illness from pneumonia, and was treated in Memorial hospital, his daughter coming from Washington to be with her father during his illness. Mr. Overton was delighted with the attention given him at the local hospital, and during his last illness expressed the wish that he might be in Memorial hospital again. Shortly before his death, the deceased expressed a wish to see Mr. J. D. Ross, of Asheboro. A telegram was sent to Mr. Ross and he hurried to Washington but arrived about two hours after Mr. Overton had passed away.

## BUTLER CHILD LAID TO REST IN BETHANY CEMETERY

Little John Butler, two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Butler, of Liberty, who met death by falling into a spring Tuesday evening, was laid to rest Wednesday at 4 o'clock in the Bethany M. E. cemetery, Rev. A. L. Lucas, pastor, officiating. The little boy was loved by all who knew him and sorrow was in the hearts of the large crowd who attended the funeral.

## SUPERIOR COURT CLOSED SATURDAY

Judge Harding's Last Term For This County. Made Many Friends Here.

Criminal Court closed last Saturday afternoon. A large number of cases being tried. This was Judge Harding's last term for court in this county for several years. He has been here for the past four courts and has made many friends throughout the county. The following are the cases:

In the case State vs. Ernest Mosley the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

State vs. Edgar Lewis, defendant plead guilty and was fined \$50.00 and the costs.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case State vs. John Siler.

State vs. Roe Siler and Will Siler defendants plead guilty and were fined \$25. each and costs.

Lillian Patterson, convicted of breaking into and entering the store of J. M. Brewer and stealing, was given one year on the roads.

In the case State vs. Leroy Isley and Calvin Lineberry was convicted of breaking in the store of J. M. Brewer and were sentenced to the road for one year.

State vs. Bill Butler, defendant got a sentence of 6 months on the roads.

State vs. Bill Butler, a verdict of not guilty was returned.

State vs. Clarence Welborn continued until next criminal court up on the defendant paying \$100.00 and the costs.

State vs. Edward Brown, judgment one year on the public roads.

In the case State vs. Cushman Foose, the defendant received a sentence of 60 days on the roads.

State vs. Tom Hatwood, the defendant was sent to the road for 3 months.

State vs. John Mick Kivett, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

State vs. E. C. Lambeth, judgment that defendant pay fine of \$10.00 and costs.

In the case State vs. E. C. Lambeth defendant was fined \$50.00 and costs.

State vs. E. C. Lambeth, judgment that defendant pay a fine of \$10.00 and the costs.

In the case State vs. Robert Reitzel, judgment was suspended on paying the costs.

State vs. A. W. Hedrick, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. Judgment was suspended on payment of the costs in the case State vs. Babe Jarrell.

In the cases State vs. John Johnson alias Williamson and State vs. Teaster Smith, a verdict of not guilty was returned in both cases.

State vs. Edward Brown the defendant was sentenced to the public roads for one year.

## ASHEBORO'S NEW SWITCHBOARD NOW IN USE

Mr. Al. Parsons, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, who has been in Asheboro since May 8, installing the new switchboard for the Randolph telephone company, finished his work and turned over the board last night at eleven o'clock.

This board is a Kellogg service board with full automatic features. The signal of the calling party reaches the operator by a small lamp lighted, and the operator answering, the call is put across the line automatically going away with the old-style listening key. When the operator rings the party that is called, the bells ring automatically for one second and stops for five seconds. This will continue until the called party answers or the calling party hangs up the receiver. In either case this will stop the bell from ringing. Should the calling party recall, his call is again transferred to the line signal. With this kind of board, there can be no listening to conversation by the operator.

At present the board is equipped for four hundred common battery lines, thirty magneto lines, and ten toll lines. It has an ultimate capacity of twelve hundred lines. Everything about the equipment is new, the entire cost amounting to about fifteen thousand dollars. At present there are only two or three boards of this kind in North Carolina.

## AGED RANDOLPH COUNTY CITIZEN DEAD

Daniel Horton Fogleman, a prominent farmer of the Staley section, aged 80, died suddenly at his home June 17, of heart trouble.

The funeral services were held at Kivett's Baptist church, June 18, conducted by Rev. A. B. Shelton.

The deceased is survived by his wife, two sons, James Fogleman, of Staley, and William Fogleman, of Evington, Va.; three daughters, Mrs. R. E. Williams, of Greensboro; Mrs. L. S. Kivett, of Liberty; Mrs. J. E. Kivett, Staley, and 23 grand children.

## DEATH OF MRS. L. D. KIVETT

Mrs. L. D. Kivett died at her home near Liberty last Sunday night after an illness of several days, at the age of 80 years.

The funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning by Rev. W. C. Dowd at Kivett's Baptist church, of which Mrs. Kivett was a faithful member.

The deceased is survived by her husband, five sons, H. J., J. M., Walter and David Kivett, all of whom live near liberty and T. M. Kivett, of High Point, and three daughters, Mesdames J. M. Williams and Bud Turner, of Liberty, and Jerry Lindley, of Staley.

## MONDAY BEGINS BIG FESTIVAL

All Kinds of Entertainment. Special Arrangements for July Fourth.

The Firemen's Festival which begins next Monday evening, June 30th, is creating wide spread attention throughout Randolph County. The firemen are leaving no stone unturned in putting forth efforts to make this festival, the first of its kind in Randolph County, a marked success. Mr. E. O. Heritage with his assistant, Mr. T. L. McPherson, of Burlington, have been in Asheboro for the past week making all necessary arrangements. Mr. Heritage has had extensive experience in putting on entertainments of this kind among which are those at the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, in Winston-Salem and other places throughout the county.

Kenneth T. Miller, the South's premier decorator, with his assistants have reached Asheboro and are arranging for the street decorations and those of the business houses, floats and the Fair Grounds, where the Festival is to be held. The fire company has made arrangements with Mr. Miller to decorate floats for individuals at a nominal price, which will be set by the fire company. Mr. Miller has had experience in some of the larger places in decorating; one of the recent ones being in Atlanta where he decorated for the Elks Convention. The Fair Grounds and buildings are undergoing extensive improvements, the buildings are being decorated for the occasion. The north side of the Fair Grounds has been set aside as parking grounds. Posters have been put up practically all over the county and attractive markers with arrows saying: "All roads lead to Asheboro for the great Firemen's Festival."

Dr. J. G. Crutchfield is in charge of the sale of tickets and is urging that the young ladies of Asheboro assist the fire department in selling the tickets. He has appointed committees throughout the county. To the young lady in Asheboro who sells the most tickets a choice of either a string of pearls or a wrist watch is given.

Cash prizes will be given to the persons in the various townships selling the largest number of tickets. Season tickets for adults (12 in number) will cost \$2.00 each and for children from 8 to 15 season tickets will cost \$1.00. The following are the chairmen of committees in the various townships:

Asheboro: Mr. S. D. Lowe (Asheboro).

Brower: Mr. B. T. Brown (Erect). Back Creek: Mr. J. T. Redding (Asheboro Rt. 4).

Cedar Grove: Mr. Charlie E. Keenan (Asheboro Rt. 3).

Coleridge: Mr. G. C. Ellis, (Ramseur Rt. 1).

Concord: Mr. J. C. Ridge (Mechanic).

Columbia: J. A. Ward (Ramseur).

Franklinville: G. L. Craven (Cedar Falls).

Grant: O. D. King (Asheboro Rt. 1).

New Market: W. L. Coltrane (Randelman R. 1).

Providence: O. K. Pugh (Climax).

Level Cross: T. T. Adams (Randelman R. 1).

Pleasant Grove: C. J. Steadman (Bennett).

Randleman: S. O. Frazier (Randleman).

Liberty: A. L. Cambell (Staley Rt. 1).

Richland: D. O. Lawrence (Seagrove).

New Hope: P. L. Walker (Pinson Union); Walter Strider (Pisgah).

Tabernacle: H. W. Younts (Fullers).

The chairman of all committees is C. Rush, Chief of Fire Department.

Chief Marshall, Sheriff A. C. Cox; R. A. Gaddis, C. W. Steed; parade and decoration, James Burns; W. C. York charge of fair grounds; sale of tickets J. G. Crutchfield.

Miller's Brass Band from Winston-Salem has been secured. A concert will be given on the streets each afternoon. Among the attractions during the Firemen's Festival next week are the following:

Each evening there will be an old time square dance. It is urged that contests be had among the different townships. On the closing night Alamance County has challenged Randolph County for a contest in an old time square dance. The couple voted as best dancers during the week will be contestants on the last evening. The oldest couple dancing at set will receive a prize.

Probably more extensive preparations have been made for the celebration of the Fourth than has been in Asheboro for many years. There will be a big parade, which will be headed by Mayor Arthur Ross in a decorated car. All persons from the county as well as from the town are urged to co-operate in making this parade a great success and in having a Fourth of July celebration. The business men are urged to prepare floats. It is likely that the various organizations will also have floats. Inasmuch as the decorators are here it will be easier for the business people to join in preparing floats than heretofore.

For the benefit of the children especially in the county, arrangements have been made to have a street clown with a pig. The clown will be on the streets and furnish fun for the young folk every day. There will be free acts on the streets from two P. M. to six P. M. in the afternoons and

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