

DEMOCRATS HELD CONVENTION HERE

Elected 11 Delegates For Hull and 4 For Smith—Meeting Was Harmless—One—New Chairman Elected—Vote of Thanks Given Retiring Chairman.

Stokes Democrats met in the court house here Saturday at 11 o'clock in regular county convention and elected delegates to the State Democratic convention which met in Raleigh yesterday.

The delegates elected were as follows:

J. K. Smith, J. L. Christian, Dr. G. E. Stone, J. C. Frans, John Hutcherson, C. E. Davis, S. W. Pulliam, J. C. Hutcherson, E. W. Carroll, N. S. Mullikan, Rev. H. W. Hudspeth, H. H. Williamson, E. O. Creakman, Thomas Dalton, N. E. Pepper.

The delegates were elected after a test of the strength of the two candidates for president—Smith and Hull—was taken. This revealed the fact that the Hull delegates were entitled to sixty-three and a fraction votes and the Smith delegates to nineteen and a fraction votes. It was then agreed upon to allow the Smith supporters four delegates and those for Hull eleven delegates.

The meeting was a harmonious one and everyone went away feeling that fair play had prevailed throughout the meeting.

Immediately after the convention a meeting of the county Democratic Executive Committee was held and N. E. Pepper was elected chairman of the committee to succeed W. S. Hart, resigned.

A vote of thanks for his untiring efforts was given Mr. Hart at the conclusion of the meeting.

Smith Doesn't Think Hoover Will Be "So Hard" To Beat

Rochester, N. Y., June 12.—The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle tomorrow will print the following:

"Well, he ought not to be so hard to beat," Governor Smith commented to Representative Myer Jacobstein here when the congressman showed him evening papers announcing Herbert Hoover as probable presidential nominee of the Republicans. Jacobstein is a Democrat. The governor changed trains here on the way from Buffalo to Albany.

Automobile Wreck Here Saturday Night

A Ford car driven by Harry Mabe and occupied by several other men ran into a fence just at the west end of the river bridge here Saturday night. Turner Bulla was cut severely about the head, Lem Mabe had his arm dislocated and the others were bruised considerably.

Forty-five demonstrations with tobacco farmers in 20 counties are being conducted under the direction of the tobacco specialist at State College this season to find the best fertilizer mixtures, varieties and cultivation methods to use for highest profits per acre.

GIVE STOKES FARM DEMONSTRATOR

County Commissioners Now Have This Question Under Consideration—State Will Bear Half the Expense.

At the last meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Stokes the question of employing a farm demonstrator was considered by the board, but the matter was deferred until a future meeting, probably the first Monday in July. It is stated that the State will pay half the salary of a demonstrator, and the commissioners are looking with favor on the proposition.

During the past few years farmers have to a great extent lost interest in their farms, apparently, and very little, if any, intensive farming is being done in this county. It is the opinion of many people that automobiles have caused this loss of interest, and there is no doubt but that we need the assistance of a live, wide-awake demonstrator to help bring back the interest in farming. It is the county's chief industry and anything that can be done by our officials to help stimulate interest in it will pay big dividends in the long run.

It would be a poor farm demonstrator, indeed, who would not be worth half his salary to the county. The state is ready to pay the other half and will let the county select the man. They have seen the results of the work of demonstrators in practically all the progressive counties of the State.

By all means give us a first-class energetic farm demonstrator and let's get the folks interested in farming once more.

Native Stokes Man Dies At Pilot Mt.

Mt. Airy Star.

Dr. J. B. Smith, prominent physician of Pilot Mtn., died in a hospital in Winston-Salem Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Death followed an illness of several weeks with Bright's disease and complications. He had been a hospital patient for the past ten days.

Dr. Smith was 67 years of age, having been born in Stokes county, Oct. 15, 1860. He was educated at V. P. I. Blacksburg, Va., and at College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore. Since 1885 he had been practicing medicine, spending the greater part of the time at Pilot Mountain. He was widely known throughout that section.

Surviving, besides the widow, are three daughters, Mrs. R. O. Bagby, of Buena Vista, Va.; Mrs. George W. Hiatt, of Miami, Fla., and Mrs. Ben F. Hoggard, of Aulander, N. C., and one son, James R. Smith, of Pilot Mtn.

Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church at Pilot Mountain Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment followed in the cemetery there.

Eight business organizations of Oxford in Granville county have donated \$600 to be used in prizes by County Agent J. H. Blackwell for club projects.

Cutworms are damaging much tobacco this season.

HOOVER WILL BE CHOSEN

Has More Than Enough Votes In Kansas City Convention To Give Him the Nomination.

Kansas City, Mo., June 12.—Herbert Hoover's fast moving cohorts stampeded the Republican national convention even before its opening session began today and made it virtually a gathering to ratify his nomination for President of the United States.

Unless there is a political earthquake, which no seer will predict, the secretary of commerce will be declared the choice of his party Thursday on the first ballot. Then a vice presidential selection will be made and the big show will be over.

The Hoover hordes marched on convention hall exuberant with confidence and even as many of them were seating themselves in the flagbedecked auditorium the news was flashed among them that Mellon had led 79 Pennsylvanians into their camp; that the Idaho delegation of 11, headed by Borah, had capitulated; that William Butler and his Bay-Staters were ready to give up any hope that Coolidge would run, and that New Jersey had definitely placed her fortunes with the leader.

These votes were more than enough to give Hoover a majority. Even Jim Watson gave up the ghost and urged his allies to "organize for a vote of protest."

Lowden headquarters said they would carry on, but without much hope and the others of the coalition forces looked upon the convention with smileless faces.

Much of the spirit of contest and expectancy was taken away from the opening session of the convention by the final sudden slide to Hoover. There was the usual music; the opening prayer; the "Star Spangled Banner" sung by Mme. Schumann-Heink; the flaring of countless flashlight photographers; the roving messengers; the hand-shaking; the back-slapping; the laughter, and everything that should be expected of a crowd of 15,000 persons at a national political convention.

COOLIDGE WILL POSTPONE TRIP

Illness of Mrs. Coolidge Forces Plans For Western Trip Held Off.

Washington, June 11.—It was announced at the White House tonight that owing to the illness of Mrs. Coolidge the departure of the President and his party for Brule, Wis., has been temporarily postponed.

Mrs. Coolidge's physicians announced that while her condition is not considered serious it was thought best not to undertake the trip at this particular time on account of the wear and tear of the journey.

The postponement would be merely temporary, the White House announcement said.

A railroad appoints a florist to beautify with flowers. Now let it appoint an official burglar to jimmy open the car windows.

20 OR MORE STILL CUT UP

Had Been Stored In Stokes Jail—Sold As Junk At 8 Cents Per Pound—County Loses Money.

On Monday of this week, acting under instructions from the county authorities, Sheriff J. Frank Dunlap cut to pieces twenty or more copper stills that have been stored in the county jail for some months. Immediately after being cut the stills were sold as junk to a Winston-Salem dealer at eight cents per pound. The stills weighed 1100 pounds and brought \$88.00.

This transaction reveals the fact that the county is losing money on the proposition. Under the law the county is required to pay \$20 each for stills, and this lot of twenty coppers cost us \$400.00, while we receive less than one-fourth this amount when they are sold.

Quite a few old galvanized tanks and other contraptions, that had been used as stills, were also destroyed Monday, but the junk dealer would not even make the county an offer on these.

News Items of Germanton Route 1

Germanton, June 11.—Little Miss Helen Boles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Boles, who has been very sick at her home, is much improved.

The many friends of C. B. Rutledge gave him a surprise birthday dinner Sunday.

Misses Cleone and Iris Boles and Charlie Rutledge and Roscoe Vaughn enjoyed a pleasure trip to High Rock Sunday.

Miss Ethel Boles, a student at Guilford College, has returned home to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Boles.

Miss Iris Boles and Mr. Charlie Rutledge attended the commencement exercises at Guilford College last Monday night.

Mrs. J. R. Rutledge, who has been ill at her home, is somewhat improved.

Miss Beulah Boles visited Miss Sallie Fowler Sunday.

Among those who visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Boles Sunday were: Mrs. Tom Shore, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tuttle, Mrs. W. E. Rutledge, Charlie Rutledge and others.

Piedmont Hotel Opens For Guests

The hotel at Piedmont Springs opened for guests Saturday. The first dance of the season, given Saturday night, was attended by hundreds, probably the largest gathering ever seen at the resort. Manager Harry Dalton reports quite a number of regular guests at the hotel with quite a large number of reservations for the next few days.

Tobacco Planting Finished This Week

The tobacco crop is planted in Stokes. At least, it is too late to plant the weed from this time on, as the plants will not make tobacco worth marketing, according to the opinions of our best farmers. A full crop has been put out and the plants are looking well.

BYRON RUTLEDGE FATALLY SHOT

Killed By Wiley Edwards Near King—Edwards' Mind Has Been Affected, It Is Stated.

Byron Rutledge, about 25 years of age, was shot and instantly killed today about noon, by Wiley Edwards, the shooting occurring in the yard at Edwards' home.

The only statement made by Edwards, after the shooting, was that Rutledge had not treated him right.

According to information brought here shortly after the crime was committed, the two men had been out in the field at work; that they came up to the well at Edwards' place and that as a result of a quarrel, Edwards went in the house, got his shotgun and fired upon Rutledge, the load of shot tearing off nearly the entire back part of Rutledge's head.

Edwards, who is about 40 years of age, belongs to one of the best families in Yadkin township and is well known here, having attended school in Danbury a number of years since. His friends say that his mind has been affected for some time. He made no attempt to escape and was brought to Danbury and placed in jail. Neither Rutledge or Edwards were married men.

It is learned that a hearing will be given Edwards in the next few days.

Recent Real Estate Deals In Stokes

During the past week the following real estate deals have been recorded at the court house:

L. J. Kiser, Yadkin township, to Board of Education 2.16 acres, consideration \$691.

E. P. Edwards, Yadkin township, to Board of Education lot, consideration \$113.

W. B. Sprinkle, Yadkin township, to Board of Education lot, consideration \$110.

C. F. White, Yadkin township, to Board of Education 3.48 acres, consideration \$1,113.60.

C. J. Helsabeck, Meadowy township, to W. M. Plummer lot, consideration \$19.

G. H. Lawson, Quaker Gap township, to J. G. Lawson 4 acres, consideration \$150.

G. H. Lawson, Quaker Gap township, to James G. Lawson 45.25 acres.

G. H. Lawson, Quaker Gap township, to Jesse F. Lawson 40 acres.

J. A. Dillon, Sauratown township, to J. D. Lewis 2 lots, consideration \$100.

J. A. Newsom, Sauratown township, to Elmer Tuttle 13 acres, consideration \$1,900.

Ernest Beasley Hurt By Motorcycle

Ernest Beasley, of Francisco, was thrown from his motorcycle last Sunday and suffered a broken leg and other injuries.

The announcement that Eamon de Valera desires to start a newspaper seems to signify also a desire on his part to take on a batch of new and as yet undreamed of troubles.

Elmo Petree, of Danbury, and Carl Joyce, of Walnut Cove, returned today from a visit to relatives in Oklahoma.

SMITH GETS ONE-THIRD VOTES

Hull Gets Two-Thirds But Delegates Are Not Instructed—Probable That Smith Will Get Nine Votes From North Carolina.

The State Democratic Convention at Raleigh came to a close Tuesday night about 9 o'clock. Nearly 2,000 delegates were in attendance.

A vote on delegates to the Houston convention gave Judge Hull sixteen delegates and Gov. Smith eight. The associated press says it looks like Smith will get nine votes out of the lot.

Some extracts from the Associated Press reports of the convention follow:

A delegation to Houston is not instructed conventionally. It is not identified politically. That the Smith men got eight of the 24 is virtually certain, but nine is a safer figure.

The Smith men got so much more than they had been conceded, gave so much more trouble and fought so much harder than the saints had expected that the "smashing victory" dwindled to dwarf size. Indeed, "our great leader" must pass around such glory as has been won. The Smith men have "smashed" the solid south some more.

There has come about a terrible Simmons defection. And with anything but religious rancor, to which there has been such unspeakable pandering, there would have been another smashing. It may be written in truth that Hull headquarters at last have heard that there is something a little wrong.

All delegates will go to Houston uninstructed. The claims of both Smith and Hull leaders as to strength are based on their understanding of the personal preference of the delegates, since the failure of the convention to instruct leaves the delegates free to vote as expediency directs at Houston.

The outcome of today's convention was regarded as making certain the re-election of Senator Simmons as National Executive Committeeman by the delegation from this State, and it said Josephus Daniels would in all likelihood be North Carolina's representative on the Platform Committee.

Reidsville Gets New Warehouse

Reidsville, June 11.—Arrangements were entered into here this morning whereby Reidsville will have another splendid warehouse for the sale of leaf tobacco. This house will probably be known as the "New Clark Warehouse" and will be located on the Wray property, on Williams street.

The new warehouse will contain 30,000 square feet of floor space and will be built with particular attention to lighting and other conveniences. Its frontage on Williams Street will be 150 feet and it will have a depth of 200 feet with ample entrance, exit, loading and handling facilities.

Construction of the new warehouse will begin as soon as plans can be completed and will be ready for use by September 1.