

Surry County Democrats Hold Convention at Dobson

A. D. Folger Re-elected County Chairman—County Executive Committee Named—Plans Going Forward For An Aggressive Campaign.

O. E. SNOW FILES FOR STATE SENATE

The Democrats of Surry County held their convention in Dobson last Saturday and amid a burst of enthusiasm unanimously re-elected A. D. Folger as its chairman and pledged him their united support during the coming months which will precede the fall election. On every hand expression was given to the fact that never before in the history of the county has there been such universal satisfaction over the management of the county's affairs as under the leadership of the present incumbents. A strict policy of economy in the expenditure of county funds has been adhered to by all the officials and this has rightfully merited the approval and commendation of every fair-minded taxpayer in the county.

The County Commissioners, under the chairmanship of W. J. Byerly, president of the Bank of Mount Airy, have with relentless determination brought to a settlement two ex-county treasurers who were short in their accounts a total of more than forty thousand dollars. And were it not for the stern and uncompromising stand taken by the Commissioners much of this money no doubt would never have been recovered by the county. Two years ago when Mr. Byerly consented to serve as Commissioner for a second term he made the announcement that "if the people of the county want me as one of its commissioners I shall use my best efforts in making the ex-officials settle for every cent they are due the county—the money belongs to the people of the county and those who are short shall not rest until they make full settlement." And so it has been. And the taxpayers are grateful for the service of the Commissioners in seeing that none of the county's money was diverted from its proper use and intent.

Following the election of Mr. Folger as Chairman the appointment of delegates to the various conventions was taken up. There was no squabble or fight between any factions for the selection of favorite ones but the convention heartily voted that every democrat in the county who should attend any of the conventions of the state should be permitted to go as a full delegate with power to vote. The state convention is meeting in Raleigh this week and numbers of democrats signified their intention of going.

An executive committee for every township was nominated and elected. This committee in the whole is practically the same as two years ago with the exception of a few vacancies made by reason of death or other causes. The County Executive Committee by townships is as follows:

Bryan—W. L. Haynes, Morgan Cockerham, Robert Wilmoth, John Fields, Auty Norman.

Dobson—E. W. Holt, P. B. Wolz, B. F. Folger, N. J. Marion, J. H. Jones.

Eldora—Jasper Key, G. T. Jones, S. J. Jones, Sam Shackelford.

Elkin—R. M. Chatham, H. H. Barker, I. A. Eldridge, J. S. Atkinson, J. F. Hendren.

Franklin—Porter Lowe, John Ramsey, T. N. Woodruff, C. L. Mathis, Charlie Atkins.

Long Hill—D. B. Needham, F. A. Ashburn, Silas Stone, G. J. Key.

Marsh—W. H. Chandler, Joe Lane, Mrs. Alice Martin, J. R. Barker, Avery Jenkins.

Mount Airy—C. F. Melton, J. B. Haynes, E. C. Bivens, W. I. Monday, W. W. Carter.

Pilot—O. E. Snow, Frank Swanson, Rex Smith, O. T. Fowler, Mrs. R. E. L. Flippin.

Rockford—J. G. Wood, Hillary Coe, J. G. Key, W. J. Evans, Mrs. C. A. Houck.

Shoals—P. G. Scott, Charlie Key, Oliver Hauser, R. S. Scott, R. E. True-love.

Siloam—Mrs. S. T. Flippin, Mrs. S. R. Reeves, Hugh Atkinson, L. A. Whitaker, A. C. Snow.

Stewarts Creek—Will Lovill, C. L. Beamer, Newl Boyles, Sam Cook, J. W. Johnson.

Westfield—Dr. Tom Smith, Reid Snoddy, R. K. Siamons.

Within the next few days Chairman Folger expects to get the various township committees together and

lay plans for the registration of all democrats while the books are being kept open for the June primary. In order to select candidates for the state senate and also the U. S. senate a legal primary will be held in the county the first Saturday in June. The registration books will be open four weeks prior to the holding of the primary and it is the purpose of the executive committee to get every unregistered democrat on the books at this time and not wait until the rush that usually attends the fall election.

The time for the filing of candidates for the state senate closed last Friday night with O. E. Snow filing as the Democratic candidate and S. O. Maguire of Elkin for the Republicans. Attorney W. W. Carter represented this district in the state senate two years ago, winning over his Republican opponent in both Surry and Stokes Counties by a substantial majority, but he declined to accept the nomination for a second term and friends of Mr. Snow prevailed upon him to file his name for the office. Mr. Maguire has represented Surry in the legislature in previous years and in the coming months can be counted upon making an aggressive campaign for his party. The candidates for the lower house do not have to enter the state primary but will be selected by the county conventions. It is reported that H. H. Barker, representative two years ago, will not accept the nomination a second time, and friends are suggesting the names of A. G. Click or R. M. Chatham, both of Elkin. Either of these gentlemen would make the county an able representative, being among the best business men in the state. There is much talk heard among the farmers about running W. E. Woodruff, of Lowgap. And this talk is not only confined to the farmers but he has many friends around Dobson and Mount Airy who are anxious to see him get the nomination on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Woodruff is one of the best scholars of the county holding high degrees from Wake Forest College and Chicago University, and would be amply able to take care of Surry's interest in the legislature along all lines.

Among other county offices it is a settled conclusion that the present incumbents will be renominated by the Democrats. Sheriff Haynes, Frank Lewellyn and Willis Lawrence have all made most efficient officers and they warrant the approval of both the nomination in the Democratic convention and the election at the polls for the honest efforts they have made in giving the county such satisfactory and prompt service in their respective offices.

The Republicans are making a desperate effort to effect a strong organization that will enable them to wrest the county from the Democratic candidates, but from all reports they are meeting with little encouragement on account of the universal satisfaction that has been rendered by the candidates that have been put in office by the Democrats with the aid of many Republicans who had grown tired of ring politics and wanted to see their county run on a business basis.

Spend Million and Half in Advertising State
Greensboro, April 24.—The executive committee of "North Carolinians, Inc." which was chartered this week to advertise the resources of the state to the world, met here today and decided that \$1,500,000 shall be spent in "telling the world." Details in the shape of selection of a managing agency to direct the expenditure of the fund will be made in the near future.

The executive committee is composed of Fred N. Tate, High Point; Homer Jole, Greensboro; C. O. Kuester, Charlotte; W. P. Budd, Durham, and George Montcastle, Lexington.

Backing North Carolinians, Inc., are a number of men in the state who want its resources developed in an agricultural, industrial and commercial way. About 50 representative men availed themselves of the opportunity to become charter members.

ELECTION OFFICIALS ARE NAMED

Election Board Puts Into Operation Machinery For State Primary

The County Board of Elections held a meeting last Saturday at Dobson and completed all the arrangements necessary for holding the state primaries the first Saturday in June. At that time the Republicans and Democrats will select their candidates for the State Senate, Judges, Solicitors, Congressmen and a member of the U. S. Senate. In this county the Republicans will have only one candidate for the respective offices and consequently will not be expected to cast very many votes. And the Democrats also have only one candidate in the field with the exception of the U. S. Senate. For that office Robt. R. Reynolds is opposing Senator Lee S. Overman as the Democratic candidate and the Democrats will be called upon to select their choice.

The registration books will open on Saturday May 1st and remain open every day except Sunday until Saturday, May 22nd. At the meeting of the board last Saturday the Judges and Registrars for the precincts were named. The board of elections is now composed of R. A. Freeman, Chairman, T. N. Woodruff and J. F. Carter. Mr. Woodruff succeeds J. D. Thompson, who resigned when he was elected on the county school board and J. F. Carter, of Elkin, succeeds T. W. Davis of this city.

The following is the list of Registrars and Judges, the first named person in each precinct being the Registrar:

Bryan—J. R. Norman, C. W. Williams, J. F. Fields.

Dobson—F. F. Riggs, J. A. White, C. L. Jarvis.

Eldora—S. J. Jones, W. L. Chilton, S. G. Harbour.

Elkin, French Graham, Walter Collins, W. G. Church.

Franklin, R. N. Leftwich, W. A. Gentry, C. E. Bartley.

Long Hill—D. B. Needham, Joe H. Samuels, S. M. Stone.

Marsh—W. H. Chandler, W. L. Alberty, Alex Mounce.

Mt. Airy, Precinct 1—P. S. Rothrock, W. O. Clement, E. L. Patterson.

Mt. Airy, Precinct 2—Thomas B. Ashby, Banner Simpson, J. W. Badgett.

Mt. Airy, Precinct 3—B. Y. Graves, J. M. Hiatt, G. C. Hauser.

Mt. Airy, Precinct 4—J. Frank Martin, J. A. Sparger, A. M. Beamer.

Mt. Airy, Precinct 5—R. E. Ashby, D. C. Bowman, C. F. Melton.

Pilot—R. E. Smith, I. M. Gordon, F. M. Dodson.

Rockford—J. G. Key, E. C. Flynn, A. W. Shinault.

Shoals—P. G. Scott, T. M. Chilton, S. W. Scott.

Siloam—A. L. Stewart, W. T. Crisman, R. W. Fulk.

Stewarts Creek—J. Everett Hill, Arthur Booker, R. L. Snow.

Westfield—Reid Snoddy, J. M. Chilton, T. J. Smith.

Johnson Hayes Nominated For U. S. Senate

Greensboro, April 22.—Johnson J. Hayes, of Wilkes county, was nominated for the United States senate at a meeting here this afternoon of the state Republican executive committee. He accepted the nomination in a rousing speech, and declared it is not a forlorn hope, but one to be fought for vigorously.

The committee also selected eleven candidates for superior court judges and sixteen candidates of the party for solicitorship. All the nominations were for places where there are vacancies on the Republican ticket. In some of the judicial districts, district conventions have already been held and nominees placed. The committee did not nominate for those districts. The nomination of Hayes was to fill the place on the ticket declined by Charles A. Cannon, of Concord and Kannapolis, who was nominated at the state convention in Durham on April 8.

Johnson Hayes came out of the meeting as the strong man of the party, young but powerful, regarded as the standard bearer.

J. J. Britt, of Asheville, who was placed on the ticket at the Durham convention for supreme court justice of North Carolina, suggested that he be replaced by another man so he could make a vigorous campaign for the whole Republican ticket, but he was able to be convinced that it is best for him to stay on the ticket and make the race, so as to encourage all the candidates and the party.

NEW AUTO LICENSE TAGS HAVE ARRIVED

Department of Revenue at Raleigh Ready to Start Delivering Same June 1—Description of Plates

Seven carloads of the new automobile license plates have been received by the license bureau of the State department of revenue, at Raleigh and will be ready for mailing out by June 1.

The new license plates will be classified this year for the first time, that is a letter will follow the license number which will show whether the car carries a \$40, \$30, \$20, or \$12.50 plate.

The '26-27 plates are much smaller than the ones this year and have white figures on a black background. Three small figures on the left hand margin gives the month, the date, and the year. The license number is in the middle, and on the right hand side is the letter showing the class of the car, and just above the letter the N. C. sign.

The first 50 numbers will be given to the State officials, the governor's car as usual will bear license plate number 1. According to the law, the governor of this State is required to pay \$1 for his license, and all other officials must pay the regular price.

A total of 382,853 cars have been registered to April 1. This is an increase of 43,647 in the past 10 months, the total June 30, 1925, being 339,206. The license plates have been blocked out so that they will run from 1 to 420,000.

The lower numbers will be marked with an "A" signifying the car is one of the more expensive makes, such as a Lafayette, Pierce Arrow, Locomobile, Lincoln or Packard twin six. In the "B" class falls the Cadillac, the Marmon, and Packard straight eight. "C" class will include the Buick, Hudson, some types of Studebakers, Dodge, Durant, Jordan, King and the like. There will be no class "D" as this signifies "dealer" on a license plate. In the "E" class will be the Ford, Chevrolet, Overland, Oldsmobile, and lower priced cars.

The new license plates are 5 by 15 inches, while the license plates for 1925-26 are 6 by 16 inches.

News of Westfield and Vicinity

Westfield, April 26.—Some weeks since one of the most remarkable revivals of religion that has ever occurred in this section was conducted by a Billy Sunday club from Winston-Salem at Pilot Mountain and as a result of that meeting about twenty of the new converts came to Westfield Sunday and held a meeting in the Quaker Church here. Walter Matthews seems to be the captain, there were many interesting experiences by some of the most prominent men and boys of Pilot, among the number Dr. Bob Flippin, Joseph Pell, Mr. Bell the Southern agent and many other. There was a large crowd and every body seemed to be moved, certainly we are undergoing a transition in religion. The laymen seem to be more successful than the ministers. I don't know the exact result but was very evident that many were moved to tears.

We have had frost and ice but no damage, fine prospect for fruit. The wheat is promising and farmers are cheerful.

The county is full of chickens and it costs \$1.00 to get two lbs.

Tobacco plants are doing well and the usual crop will probably be planted.

Mr. Creed Owens, a prominent farmer of this section spent several hours here on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Christian spent Friday in Greensboro.

Rev. Robt. George is quite ill but slightly improved today.

Mrs. R. T. Joyce and Mrs. J. D. Smith, of Mount Airy left here Sunday for Greensboro to spend a few days there with their sisters and two brothers.

Lots of corn and potatoes planted farmers are taking notice.

Our school will be out next week. Little Josephine Cook is right sick but is improving.

Dr. Tom Smith is about two days behind on calls, don't know what Westfield would do without him.

Mrs. Isom Cook of King is visiting her brother John H. Love.

Wheat is the largest grain crop in the world, corn is second, and rice third. The United States produces 20 per cent of the wheat crop, 75 per cent of the corn, and less than 1 per cent of the rice.

Grand Jury's Report to Surry County April Term Court

Strong Recommendations Are Made as to Forest Fires and Care of Wayward Youths.

To the Honorable James L. Webb, Judge of the Superior Court.

Greeting:
The Grand Jury for the Spring term of the Surry county court respectfully submits the following report:

The County Jail

1. The Grand Jury in a body visited both the County Jail and the County Home. The jail we found to be in a cleanly, sanitary condition, notwithstanding its rather crowded condition. None of the prisoners we talked to made any complaint either as to their treatment or food. The jailer seems to have the respect of the prisoners; and has been so fortunate as not to have lost a prisoner by jail breaking and escape during his incumbency.

The County Home

2. At the County Home we found the buildings somewhat overcrowded, but the inmates, the clothes of the inmates, the bedding and everything in fact about the place was clean and in as sanitary a condition as could be reasonably expected at an institution of this kind. There are about 50 unfortunates in this home, all of them defectives or very old people. We found some of the younger and stronger men plowing or otherwise working on the place while the younger and stronger women were doing the family wash. From the looks of the garden stuff and the strawberry patch we believe Superintendent Marion's force of unfortunates are pretty good farmers. At least the condition of the fields and crops compare favorably with those of the best of farms over the county. Superintendent Marion as well as the County Commissioners are to be congratulated for the provisions they have made at the County Home for the necessary comforts of our unfortunate folks.

3. The attention of the Grand Jury was early in the session called to the destructive fires that devastated large areas in the western part of the county the first part of April. An inquiry was made. It was ascertained that the county has had three serious forest fires this spring, one east of Mount Airy, and two in the section between Mitchell's River and Fish River. One of these latter fires originated just over the line in Alleghany County, having caught out from where a farmer was burning brush. Whether this farmer had taken the precaution required by law and given the adjoining land owners five days notice of his intention to put out fire, we were unable to ascertain.

These two fires burned over some 15,000 acres of forest land and the damage done runs into a high figure. Mr. W. F. Thompson, County Game Warden and one of the Grand Jurors, told the jury that he tried to get a sufficient force Easter Sunday morning to surround and stop one of these fires. He says that there were sufficient men available to have done so, but the young men refused to help, as it was Sunday and they had social engagements for the day. If there had been on the job an authorized Fire Warden to have taken command and pressed those young men into service several thousands of dollars worth of property could have been saved.

The Grand Jury in the face of the serious situation that faces Surry County every year recommends to the County Commissioners that they cooperate with the State Forestry Department in employing a Fire Warden for Surry County for at least three months in the year, for March, April and May. And lest any taxpayer should feel that we can not afford the expense, we assert that a fire warden would save the individual taxpayers of the county many times more than his salary. This is how it works out in practice. Land owners whose lands are burned over will go before the assessor next June and ask that the valuation on these burned over lands be lowered. This should be and will be done. Thereupon either the assessed valuation of the rest of the property in the county will have to be raised or the rate of tax levy will have to be increased. If a Fire Warden can help to prevent this annual holocaust, and we believe he can to a large extent, it will prove to be a good investment for the taxpayers of Surry County to employ a

Fire Warden.

Cottage at Jackson Training School

4. The Grand Jury was impressed with His Honor's charge to the jury and most particularly with that portion of his charge dealing with the prevalence of stealing on the part of boys and young men. By invitation Mr. I. F. Armfield County Welfare Officer appeared before the Grand Jury and gave us a striking survey of the situation as it obtains in Surry county. He explained the methods used at the state's training school, known as the Jackson Training school, and pointed to several instances that had been called to his attention where boys who were growing into criminals had been taken there and reformed. He pointed out that only four Surry boys could be taken into the institution at the time, owing to the crowded condition of the school. It is his opinion that at the present time there are more than a hundred boys in Surry county that would actually be benefitted if they could be gotten into the school and stated positively that if the room was available for 25 or 30 boys that he could keep that many of Surry's delinquent boys there constantly.

Officer Armstrong says that there has broken out in the county among the boys a veritable epidemic of stealing and suggests that if this condition is permitted to continue for a few years our county will reap the whirlwind in the form of lawlessness and general lawbreaking. He says many of the county's delinquent boys when threatened with being sent to the training school inform him with a smile that there is no room for them there.

The Grand Jury understands that the county Commissioners have taken up the matter of the advisability of sharing with some other county the expense of erecting a cottage at the Jackson Training School to provide accommodations for 32 delinquent boys, the two counties to divide the expense, which we understand will be \$22,000 for the building. That arrangement will permit each of the counties to have 16 pupils at the school at all times. The state takes care of all future expense of maintaining, disciplining and educating the boys. We believe that county money spent for this purpose will be worth more to Surry county in years to come than possibly any expenditure we could make. If we do not prevent these boys from developing into hardened criminals, we will in the next decade spend many times \$11,000.00 in our effort to restrain and punish them.

The Grand Jury, therefore, urge upon our county Commissioners and all good people in the county to leave no stone unturned to the end that Surry county shall have at the Jackson Training School a cottage to take care of our delinquent boys.

The members of the Grand Jury visited the several offices in the court house and found them amply provided with the necessary furnishings and equipment. As to the court house we have no recommendations to make.

Respectfully submitted,
W. E. Woodruff,
Foreman Grand Jury.
April 22nd, 1926.

Farmers of Lee County Ship Hams to Chicago

Sanford, April 18.—The farmers of Lee county have the distinction of curing and shipping hams to Chicago, the greatest meat market in the world. For the third successive year a representative of a Chicago firm has been in the Carabontion section buying hams and shipping them to that city.

North Carolina has long been known in the large markets for the high quality of its fruits, berries and truck, and now another North Carolina product has been added to the menu.

The fact that Chicago people are buying North Carolina hams show that they have good taste as well as good judgement.

Counterfeiters are so clever and numerous in China that native and foreign banks are compelled to have a large staff of experts to detect spurious coins and paper.

The American annual medicine bill totals \$345,000,000, two-thirds of it being for treatment of preventable diseases.