

Instructed Vote From Surry Was Against Smith And Saved Hull Forces

In State Convention Surry Vote Was Hull 17-76, Smith 12-24—Smith Forces From Surry Were in Majority but Instructions Bound Them for Hull Majority.

The fever heat of politics that has pervaded the Democratic party in this state and county is now subsiding with the passing of the state convention. The county and state meetings passed without any blow-ups that might affect the harmony in the ranks of the party and each contending faction left the gathering claiming the victory. While it is a bitter dose for the Smith forces to see Senator Simmons and Josephus Daniels heading the North Carolina delegation to Houston, yet this medicine is flavored up a little for them when they remember that the Hull forces did not dare to make a try at involving the unit rule on the five votes that Smith gets from North Carolina. But it is now known that the people of the state are not for Smith for the nomination; there may be no other candidate that is as available, but just the same they have spoken and that word is against Mr. Smith's candidacy. With the delegation going to Houston uninstructed, allows Mr. Smith his five votes out of the state's 24. The Hull forces carried every congressional district except the 10th and the seat was almost solidly behind their veteran leader, Senator Simmons.

Money and social standing played no part in the selection of the delegates, for the fifth district had no mercy on Mr. Will Reynolds and Mr. Jefferson Penn, both of whom were craving an opportunity to represent the state at Houston. But with their millions they were fearlessly turned down by the fifth district meeting. They were Smith men and this placed them in the wrong pew. In the district meeting the delegates from Surry gave R. C. Freeman a complimentary vote as an alternate to Houston, but when the crowd called for whose man he was, Fred Folger had to answer Smith, and that sealed Dick's doom and his only balm to the defeat was the fact that he polled a better vote than Frank Holgood, of Greensboro, floor leader for Smith. Mr. Freeman was genuinely grateful to the Surry delegates, including the Hull forces, for throwing their entire strength to him, and he lacked less than 20 votes of being elected.

On all propositions submitted to the delegates at Raleigh the Smith forces predominated in the Surry gathering. The delegates began to gather Monday afternoon and that night a canvass of those from Surry showed the Smith cause probably in the minority. This fact must have reached Surry sometime during the night, for the next morning saw a dozen Smith supporters driving into the capital city from Surry. In the actual voting for delegates the Surry delegation held to its instructions from Surry and cast 17-76 votes for Hull and 12-24 votes for Smith. But on votes for state organization, motions and resolutions the Hull forces from Surry were rolled out of the way by the Smithites. Good humor prevailed throughout the meeting between both parties of the Surry folks and they returned to their homes determined to roll up a big majority in the county against the Republican party in the fall election.

In the state convention meeting Tuesday afternoon any move to speak was made impossible by supporters of the contending candidates. When Hon. A. L. Brooks had finished his key-note speech the convention had to elect a permanent chairman. A Hull supporter was placed before the convention, Thos. D. Warren, for years chairman of state. But for an hour the Smith folks in the audience tried to howl him down. He had an address prepared for the occasion, but this was never delivered. Only one sentence was ever uttered by him. But he stood at the speaker's desk and held on. The Smith leaders were not willing to show their strength by offering another name for chairman. J. W. Bailey tried to tame the roaring and hooting Smiths, but his words only intensified their howling. They had been trained in the tactics of Tammany Hall and they knew nothing but to howl any opponent down. Clyde Hoey appealed to the convention for harmony and order without avail. Tom Bowles told them they must recognize the constituted authority of the convention, but they still howl-

ed. And never did they allow the chairman to deliver his address, so well did they follow the teachings of their Tammany tutors. Several times during the afternoon as the convention was being organized for the actual voting a Hull speaker would have occasion to want to say something but those Smithites would start that Tiger howling and down he would go. The Smith managers saw their teachings had been too thorough for their own good, for they had lost control of their forces, and when any matter was to be put before the convention it was necessary for the managers to call upon a Smith man to do it. As one reporter to the state press wrote, "the Smith folks out-lunked the Hull folks."

An evidenced by the vote that was later cast the Hull folks were in charge of the convention but contented themselves with the knowledge of the control. The continued howling down of every Hull supporter all during the day got beneath the skin of the Hull folks and when Cameron Morrison took the stand that night he was fed some of the same medicine that the Hull folks had been getting all the afternoon. But Morrison would not give up so easy, and for an hour he tried to quell the storm that was raging around him. He hurled threats at his audience, he defied them to face him and he begged them to listen, but the Hull folks remembered the afternoon's affair and were not going to hear from him. Finally Morrison lost his temper, and endeavored to hurl forth a stream of wrath at his howlers and then it was that he was swamped in the storm and the convention adjourned.

Everybody was tired, it was hot, and many were hours away from home, the Hull forces were satisfied with Simmons and Daniels as heading the list of delegates, and the unit rule was not pushed forward. The convention platform as adopted among other things incorporated within it a provision endorsing a larger equalization fund for the support of the county schools of the state. In the Surry convention last week J. H. Folger offered a resolution of the same nature and the insertion of this plank in the state platform is a recognition of the principle that Mr. Folger fought for in the last legislature.

It was impossible to get a full and accurate list of all the people from Surry who attended the state convention but the following were noted as being on hand: O. E. Snow, W. M. Johnson, R. C. Llewellyn, A. L. Folger, E. C. James, J. R. Johnson, N. V. Poindexter, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Wolts, Mrs. J. L. Wolts, Mrs. Calvin Graves, W. R. Badgett, W. F. Swanson, W. E. Reid, Wes Ashburn, J. W. Beasley, W. P. Henley, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Bray, Mrs. W. M. Conduff, Miss Ethel Snow, Mrs. Wm. Welborn, R. M. Chatham, Martin Bennett, R. A. Freeman, R. C. Freeman, Bill Price, Malcom Brown, Fuller Mosley, Dr. Royall, H. H. Llewellyn, J. B. Hutchens, W. W. Carter, A. K. Sydnor, W. L. Sydnor, J. H. Gwyn, B. F. Folger, Wendell Stone, Marion Allen, Fred Llewellyn, Buck Freeman, J. H. Folger, W. J. Byerly, G. K. Snow, French Graham, J. F. Hendren and Geo. W. Sparger.

Let's Make Mount Airy Attractive

Mayor W. G. Sydnor has asked us to say to the public and to the merchants of Mount Airy that he and the Board of Commissioners most heartily appreciate the cooperation which has been given by the citizens in enforcing the new parking ordinance and he now asks that every merchant or proprietor of a business see to it that his section of the sidewalk is swept clean on Saturday night before closing. This will enable the street sweeper to take up all the dirt from the streets making them clean and attractive for Sunday.

Friends of Dr. Charles Lawrence will learn with regret that he has been quite ill at his hospital in Winston-Salem with sinus trouble. He is improving and left last week with Mrs. Lawrence and baby to recuperate in the Asheville section of the state.

Baptist Pastor Here Sunday

Dr. Jacobs Will Arrive Tonight and Occupy Residence on Cherry Street.

The newly elected pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dr. I. T. Jacobs, of Richmond, will arrive in this city tonight to take up his work here. He and his family are coming through the country and their household property is being shipped by truck at the same time. The Hollingsworth residence on Cherry Street has been leased by the church as a parsonage for the pastor and everything is in readiness for the reception of the pastor and his family.

Dr. Jacobs will hold services at the church Sunday, both morning and evening. He comes to this city with a record of superb work in the field he is leaving, Richmond, and strong pressure was exerted by his former congregation to retain him, but he saw a large field of usefulness in the Mount Airy church and held to his decision to come here. Coming with him are his wife and two daughters and one son.

Fine Season For Tobacco

W. A. York, of Round Peak, was in the city today and handed the editor his year's subscription to The News, remarking that he always wanted to know what the Democrats are doing. When questioned what the news was among the Republicans of the county as to probable candidates for county offices this fall he said he had heard the least said about politics this year since he could remember. People are putting their thoughts and labors on their farm work in his neighborhood, he said. He thinks the farmers are planting their usual acreage of tobacco and said that the seasons of the past week have been fine for the new and tender plants that have been set out. The showers in his section have given them a quick start and healthy growing plants.

Salvation Army Officially Re-opens Work Here

Since the coming of Capt. and Mrs. Jenkins to this city in March to take up Salvation Army work interest has revived and the work has been progressing nicely, and the work will be officially reopened here next Sunday June 17.

United open air meetings will be held Saturday afternoon and night with the Winston-Salem band to play for these services. Sunday morning there will be a prison service and at 2.30 p. m. Sunday school will be held in the army hall. An open air service will be held in the evening prior to a great Salvation Army meeting which will take place in the army hall 129 South street at 7.45 p. m.

Brigadier Hopkins, divisional commander from Charlotte and the Charlotte staff will have charge of the services and every one is cordially invited to attend.

Pasteur Treatment For Four Children

In the home of Jack Johnson, young farmer of the Siloam section, for months his four little children have enjoyed the company and companionship of a playful kitten. But the other day their pet became vicious and unmanageable, which caused Mr. Johnson to kill it. It had all the appearance of suffering from hydrophobia, and this belief was found to be correct when the head of the cat was forwarded to Raleigh for examination. The report clearly showed a fully developed case of hydrophobia, and the four children at once started taking the treatment for the disease which will extend for 21 days, one treatment a day being given to each of them. Since the children had been scratched by the cat during its play the parents were advised that it would be unsafe not to give them the treatment. The ages of the children run from two to eleven years. The incident is proving a hardship upon Mr. Johnson, as he is a hard-working farmer, and right in the busy season of his farm work.

A number of Mount Airy young people attended the opening dances at Piedmont Springs hotel last Saturday night.

Senator Tom Felts In An Auto Wreck

Car He Was Driving Left the Road, Went Through a Fence and Turned Over.

Senator T. L. Felts, met with an automobile accident Sunday night while on his way from Galax to Hillsfield. He was driving a Chrysler coupe and was alone. The rain had made the roads slippery and something caused his car to leave the road near through a rail fence and upset. The accident happened between Fort Chiswell and Wytheville.

The Senator had only a hazy idea of how the accident happened. He was driving at a moderate rate of speed on account of the rain, and did not know what caused the car to leave the road.

A passing motorist took Mr. Felts to the office of Dr. Chitwood at Wytheville, who rendered first aid. Gordon Felts his son, was then notified and with Dr. Roland Edwards, surgeon of the Galax hospital brought him here, where an examination was made and an X-ray taken. Fortunately Mr. Felts suffered only from shock, no bones were broken and the only evidence of the accident was a cut on his head.

Senator Felts was able to return to his home Tuesday.—Galax Herald.

G. C. Welch Stock Closed Out

The stock of goods of the G. C. Welch Co., on South Main Street, was this week sold to Leonard and Craver of Lexington. The new owners are now putting on a clearance sale and expect to close out the remainder of the stock within the next few weeks. W. F. Welch, who has had charge of the business for a number of years, is no longer connected with the business. At present he has not decided what business he will enter.

Fishing Season Is Legally Opened in State

Raleigh, June 9.—After today and for the rest of the summer North Carolina inland fishing waters are open for all types of legal angling.

Opening of the seasons for large and small mouth bass on June 10 marks the beginning of the summer angling activities for the last of the game fish of the state, and one of the most popular.

State regulations require a license of every angler who indulges in sport fishing or those who use rod and reel, jointed rod, or who fish by casting. Funds raised by this method are used for the benefit of the angler in the operation of hatcheries, enforcement of regulations to protect and safeguard the supply, and in other ways to increase the fishing facilities. All collections are spent for benefit of the sport.

Car Overtakes; Back Is Broken

Grover Jarrell of Lowgap, was desperately injured about 4.30 p. m. Saturday when he ran a car off the road about a mile from the foot of the mountain. Jarrell was an inexperienced driver and could not control the car after it began to climb the mountain. The car turned over three times and Jarrell's back was broken in two places and the spinal cord torn loose. He was carried to Galax hospital after first aid had been rendered by Dr. Caldwell who happened to be passing shortly after the accident. He is paralyzed below the waist and his condition is critical. He is about 33 years old and is a World War service man and has a wife and four children. His companion Judson Doby was practically unhurt.

Two other accidents of less serious nature occurred in the Lowgap vicinity Saturday. Lloyd Moore turned a car over about 10.30 p. m. after the drive shaft broke and his lights were out. There were four in the car but none seriously hurt.

Arthur Gilliam and Will Brown had an accident and the steering rod broke. Galliam's back was hurt but not seriously.

Friends of George Teah will be glad to know that he is recovering nicely from an operation performed about two weeks ago for the removal of his leg near the hip made necessary by disease bone in his knee.

East Poplar And Korner Streets Paving Authorized

Demented Man Kills Neighbor

Travelers coming to this city Wednesday reported the tragic death of John Rutledge, a farmer living on the Winston road near King. He was instantly killed with a load of shot fired by Wiley Edwards, a neighboring farmer, the load taking effect in his hand. The only statement made by Edwards after the shooting was that Rutledge had not treated him right. Friends of both parties state that the mind of Edwards had become demented some time back and this was possibly responsible for the tragedy. Edwards made no attempt to escape and was arrested and taken to Danbury to await his hearing.

The two men, who are both unmarried, had been out in the field at work, and had come up to a well at Edwards' place. A few minutes later, as the result of some little quarrel Edwards rushed into the house and came back with his shot gun, firing a load into the back of Rutledge's head. The deceased was about 25 years old, while Edwards is 40.

Dr. Gil Rowe Returning To North Carolina

Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe native North Carolinian, and brother of our former townsman, the late Dr. Henry B. Rowe, has been elected to teach Christian Doctrine in the Duke University School of Religion and will move to Durham in the summer to be ready for the school opening in the early fall. Since 1921 the Rev. Dr. Rowe has been Book Editor for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and editor of the Methodist Quarterly Review, residing in Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Dan Atkins, for four years editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate passed away at the home of his daughter in Weaverville June 4. He was stricken with paralysis while attending Weaver College commencement, where for four years following 1883 he served that institution as president. He was 81 years old and had served the Methodist Church as pastor, presiding elder, editor and college president for sixty years. In fifty-nine years prior to this year Dr. Atkins had not passed a single inactive year and had missed only one annual conference.

Two Aged Men Pass Away

Andrew Jackson Hill aged 82 passed away last Friday and the remains were laid to rest Saturday following a service conducted by Elder Jesse Dunbar at the Laurel Springs Church near Round Peak.

Charles Boyd of route 6 passed away last Friday aged 73 years. The funeral was conducted by Rev. C. D. Crouch from Mount Bethel Moravian Church Sunday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jeffries Sunday evening.

City Accepts Petition of Residents and Water and Sewer Taps Are Now Being Put In

Workmen this week started putting in sewer and water taps on East Lebanon Street, preparatory to the paving of that street during the summer. The petition of the residents of East Poplar and Korner Streets was finally accepted by the city last Friday and the paving of these two streets will soon get under way. Bids for the work will be called for and the lowest figure will get the contract.

The paving on East Poplar will extend from Main Street to the city limits toward Bailey's shop. It is said that practically every resident and owner of property on the street approved the paving program. Sidewalks will also be put down at the same time where not now found.

An effort was made to secure the paving of West Poplar Street at the same time, leading to Lebanon Street, making the project all one unit. However when the city officials began to look through the records as to whether East and West Poplar Streets were separate streets, or were all one street and accepted as one by the city, it was found that the city had no title to West Poplar. Sidewalks have been laid, and water mains traverse the entire length of the street, but technically the city has no claim to it. When this condition was discovered the authorities at once ordered condemnation proceedings instituted in order to clear up the title to the street. There is no objection to the street right of way but the city cannot secure a good title without going through certain legal procedures. The status of West Poplar Street caused the city to abandon the plan of making the paving a unit with East Poplar, and if it is paved it will be as a unit from Main to Lebanon.

Petitions for the paving of Broad and Junction Streets are now being signed up by the residents of these streets and are expected to be presented to the board next month.

Dr. Campbell Speaks Friday

Dr. J. A. Campbell, president of Campbell College, will speak at the First Baptist Church Friday evening, June 15, at eight o'clock p. m. The public is cordially invited to hear Dr. Campbell. He will have a worthwhile message for the people of our town and community.

Another Electric Sign Graces Main Street

The latest addition to the already large list of electric signs along Main Street is that of Carter-Walker Furniture Co. and it is a home product, being constructed by Joe W. Agnes, the tinner. It is an up-right sign, 15 feet high and bears the word, "Furniture," telling the people in passing letters that here is the place to buy furniture.

Daniel Boone's Trips Across Fancy Gap

Perhaps no one man in the state has done more to interest the people in the travels and life of Daniel Boone than J. Hampton Rich, who has been able to organize a Boone Association which has as one of its purposes the marking of the trails that Daniel Boone blazed through the mountains of North Carolina in his effort to keep in front of the march of the settlers who were forever "crowding" him.

Mr. Rich was in Mount Airy this week looking after some granite work now being done at the quarry by the Boone Association. While here he talked interestingly of Boone's travels through Surry County and across the Blue Ridge. He said, "The fact that Daniel Boone traversed the section through the Blue Ridge to Hillsville to the old lead mine near Wytheville is a historic fact and not long ago in a talk with Judge Bell at Hillsville the judge told me he could point out the very path Boone traversed in his travels through Fancy Gap."

"The story is this: When Boone came from his camp in Powell's Valley through Abingdon to the old lead mine to get his ammunition he discovered a large number of deer tracks

passing from the White Top section through what is now Abingdon. The deer went this way to lick salt to the salt licks where Saltville now is. Boone always with keen eye for game saw the opportunity to replenish his food supply and camped, shot deer and jerked venison. He then went on his way, got his ammunition and on through Fancy Gap into the Yadkin river country near Mocksville where his family lived and where his father and mother are buried. He often stopped with his kinfolks at Boone Hill just below Mount Airy.

On one occasion, while camping at night at Abingdon, wolves came out of the cave under what is now Abingdon and killed half his dogs. Boone calls this place Wolfe's Hill. This fact is recorded in "History of Southwest Virginia."

Mr. Rich stated that his organization had plans to place a large memorial here at Mount Airy commemorative of the path traversed by Boone as he passed through Fancy Gap, South. A tablet has already been placed in the hands of Judge Bell for Fancy Gap. "This route will be a most important link in the 'Lanes-to-Florida Highway' and will get emphasis on the route through this section," said Mr. Rich.