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DEMOCRATS WILL NAME CITY TICKET FRIDAY, 26th

Dissatisfaction in Past Has Led to "Citizen Movements"; Mayor Sydnor First Elected on Citizen Ticket

Mayor's Contest Between W. G. Sydnor and John D. Thompson.

The Democratic Executive Committee of this city has issued its call for a convention to nominate candidates for the Democratic offices to be voted upon on May 6th when the voters will elect a Mayor and five commissioners to serve for the next two years. The convention will meet in the city hall Friday night, this week, at eight o'clock when the Democratic nominees will be selected, and should everything go off satisfactorily there is not expected to be any opposition to the Democratic ticket.

As has been the experience of the past, there is always present the risk of bringing about a citizen's ticket which makes things serious for the Democratic cause. This very thing happened when the late S. G. Pace was nominated as the Democratic candidate for Mayor with a full set of commissioners. At that time there arose dissatisfaction over the action of the convention and a citizen's ticket was put out and elected by a substantial majority, the entire Democratic ticket being defeated. The ticket run by the citizen's convention was headed by W. G. Sydnor, this being his first election as Mayor of the city. This was in the year 1911. Two years before that J. H. Folger had served as Mayor succeeding the late J. H. Prather, who declined to run a third time.

After completing his first term as Mayor under the citizen's ticket Mr. Sydnor was nominated in the Democratic convention in 1913. In that year the citizen's movement was again launched and two of their candidates were elected on the board of commissioners—Mal Davis and Thos. Woodruffe. The Democratic members elected were F. D. Muse, A. G. Webb and G. C. Welch.

In 1918, at the completion of Mayor Sydnor's second term in office, E. O. Bivens threw his hat into the ring, and getting the support of the Democrats who had joined the citizens movement two years before, succeeded in defeating Mr. Sydnor and A. G. Webb in a convention fight which was the hottest in years. The Republicans tried to take advantage of the situation created by Mr. Bivens' sudden entrance into city politics and put out a ticket headed by S. E. Marshall. Mr. Bivens was elected by a majority of 212, together with his entire board composed of W. T. Haynes, T. N. Brock, J. F. Yokley, Bausley Beasley and F. P. Sparger.

For a second term as Mayor Mr. Bivens again found opposition in Mr. Sydnor, and in the primary held that year the vote was Bivens 210, Sydnor 122. The Republicans put no ticket out against the Democrats and Mr. Bivens was elected for a second term with S.

M. Hale, Dr. R. W. Reese, J. E. Johnson, A. G. Bowman and Bausley Beasley as commissioners.

With the completion of his second term Mr. Bivens was again a candidate in 1919 and in the old armory hall in the Goldsmith block in a packed convention he narrowly missed defeat at the hands of A. G. Webb. Again the Republicans thought they might slip in and this time they named a ticket headed by Edw. M. Liville as their candidate for Mayor. In the election that followed Mr. Bivens received a majority of 94 and started out on his third term, serving with him as commissioners being J. W. Lovell, C. A. Shelton, H. M. Foy, Bausley Beasley and A. G. Bowman.

The Democratic primary of 1921 found two new entries to city politics when A. V. West and H. H. Llewellyn appeared to be the party's candidate for Mayor. So warm was the contest that a half day primary was held. This was the first time in which the women had taken part in politics and they saved the day for Mr. West it being plain that the vote they cast for him was the deciding factor in the contest. No other ticket was put out and Mr. West was elected along with commissioners J. L. Banner, W. I. Monday, T. C. Barber, J. W. Fulk and W. F. Carter, Jr.

Mr. West stood for reelection in 1923, for his second term, and in the convention was opposed by Mr. Sydnor. Mr. West received the nomination, but in the election friends of Mr. Sydnor entered his name over his protest. The result of the election was West 370, Sydnor 270. The same commissioners were re-elected.

In 1925 Mr. West declined to consider the office any longer and in the convention Mr. Sydnor was nominated over R. H. Leonard by one vote. In the election there was no opposition. C. E. Cox, D. H. Cooke, G. A. Kittrell, F. M. Poore and J. F. Yokley were named as commissioners. Mr. Kittrell and Mr. Poore declined to serve and the remaining members of the board elected Dr. E. C. Ashby and G. E. Welch in their place.

There was no opposition to Mr. Sydnor in 1927, and he, with the old board, was elected with less than 100 people voting.

This brings us to the present time when the question of who will be the Democratic nominee for Mayor for the next two years must be settled. This will be done Friday night by the Democrats in their convention. Already there is talk that there may be another citizen's ticket. It is understood that Mayor Sydnor stands for re-election and is advocating the selection of the old board to serve with him, with the exception of D. H. Cooke. Mr. Welch who was elected from the lower ward, has since moved into the upper ward and Mr. Sydnor wants Mr.

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Galax Aviators Land Here for Gasoline

Loss Way Enroute From Roanoke to Galax When Compass Goes Wrong.

Already it appears that this city will soon need to take some step to secure an airport if it is to keep step with other sections of the country. Wednesday morning an airplane flew over the city for ten minutes hunting for a suitable landing place in order to secure a supply of gasoline and oil before continuing on its journey through the air. The pilot saw several good level places free from trees and power wires but on coming close to earth found that they had been newly plowed. Finally he selected the meadow of C. W. Taylor on the Fancy Gap road and made a safe landing, but in doing so broke a wheel to his airplane. The field was too short and his machine was headed for the creek when the pilot had to make a quick sharp turn, throwing a heavy strain on the landing wheels and causing one of them to give way. One wing dug against the ground and the fabric was torn loose.

On landing the aviators had to get in touch with an oil truck and have a supply of gas and oil brought out. After a short rest they made a quick get-away and headed for Winston-Salem where they expected to have the injured wing repaired at the municipal airport.

The pilots accompanying the airplanes were McCamet Higgins and W. T. Berry of Galax, two young men who have entered the commercial aviation business. They have been among the leaders of Galax in putting across the airport project that is now being constructed at the Glades on the Lowgap-Galax road.

Sunday they went to Hagerstown, Md., where they purchased a new Challenger airplane, and flew it to Roanoke Tuesday night. They left the airport at Roanoke 10 A. M. Wednesday and expected to arrive in Galax about 11, making the 100 miles at the leisurely rate of 100 miles per hour. Visibility became poor as they reached the mountains in Floyd County and they had to depend on their compass for direction, but the equipment being new they soon found their compass was not functioning and when they reached the top of the Blue Ridge overlooking the valley into North Carolina they found they had drifted considerably off their course. The clouds began to clear away and a glance at the gasoline gauge showed they did not have sufficient gas to take them on to Galax. It was then that they made for Mount Airy. On landing here they found that the gasoline gauge was not working correctly and measurements of the gasoline in the tank showed they had sufficient gas to continue without making the stop. But they were taking no chance and when the gauge said they were running short of fuel they made the stop here.

These young men are now building a hangar at the new air field near Galax on the Lowgap road and will soon be ready to accept passenger service from the public. Both are experienced pilots as evidenced by their successful landing here and will soon be granted their government license for commercial aviation.

Boyles Bros. Bankruptcy Case Is Closed

A group of orders, signed by Judge Johnson J. Hayes yesterday in middle district federal court gave five firms and individuals discharges from bankruptcy.

George K. Snow, attorney for Boyles Brothers, Inc., of Mount Airy, bankrupt, was allowed a fee of \$150 upon recommendation of L. C. McKaughon, of Winston-Salem, acting as special master. For this service Mr. McKaughon received \$75.00. From the sale of the assets of the corporation \$2,500 was realized. After the costs were paid the balance was distributed among claims of \$250 of secured creditors and \$7,988 of unsecured creditors.

Hospital News

Mrs. Rosa Baker, of Rusk, submitted to an operation for appendicitis Wednesday.

Mrs. Etta Collins, of Rockford, is a patient for treatment.

Miss Susie Nelson, of Pinnacle route 2 is a patient for treatment.

Mrs. Nell Sprinkle has returned to her home in Dobson after a minor operation performed in the hospital.

Mrs. Sarah Alexander, of Duppur, Va., is a patient for treatment.

Mrs. Nannie Taylor has sufficiently recovered to be allowed to return to her home at White Plains Tuesday.

Mrs. Naomi McMillan had an operation for appendicitis Monday.

Olena Matthews, of Guilford College, is recovering from an operation for appendicitis performed Saturday.

Mr. Nell Wood, of White Plains, is a patient for treatment.

Mrs. Alice Calahan, of Longview, had an operation for appendicitis Tuesday.

B. F. Folger Names County Tax Listers

Attorney General Rules He is The One Given The Power Under the Law

Notice are this week being posted over the county by the tax listers giving the dates and places for the listing of property for the ensuing year. The listers will begin their work on Tuesday, May 7th and all property on hand the first day of May is expected to be listed for taxation.

The appointment of the list takers fell to the lot of B. F. Folger, county purchasing agent and treasurer. Some weeks ago he presented his list of appointments to the county commissioners, and at that time the list was held up. The commissioners thought it was their job to make the appointments but a ruling from the attorney general at Raleigh gave the power to Mr. Folger and his list of appointees was then accepted by the board.

The following are the list takers for the various townships:

Bryan J. I. Thompson
Dobson, H. C. Lawrence and J. A. Logg
Eldora Marcus Shackelford
Elkin Worth Gray and Frank Joyce
Franklin C. S. Carson
Long Hill D. B. Needham
Marsh W. H. Chandler
Mount Airy
M. D. Moore and E. L. Patterson
Pilot Kent Swanson
Rockford R. S. Burrus
Shoals Lustr Whitaker
Siloam Jap Patterson
Stewarts Creek S. E. Boyles
Westfield J. E. Hall

Galax Rebekahs Visit Local Lodge

Fifteen members of the Galax Rebekah lodge No. 19 Galax, Va., met with the Mary Rebekah lodge in this city Thursday evening. The occasion of their visit was not only an evidence of the fraternal and early relation of all Rebekah lodges for other lodges of their kind but was inspired by the presence of Mrs. J. J. Myers, of Greensboro, vice-president of the Rebekah Assembly of North Carolina who is fully qualified to give instruction in floor and degree work, in which both the Galax and Mary Rebekah lodges feel themselves deficient.

Local Produce Man In Jail Here For Embezzlement

C. J. Baker Turns Out To Be Chas. Schaeffer. To Be Returned to Philadelphia.

Several weeks ago a young man came to this city and entered the wholesale produce business, securing as a partner Roosevelt Gunnell, local resident. The stranger gave his name as C. J. Baker and soon the new firm was enjoying a good business, buying and shipping large quantities of chickens, eggs and produce. Accompanying Baker here was a young woman who passed as his wife.

This week Baker's life in this peaceful community was interrupted when a warrant was received by the police department from the officers of Philadelphia asking for his arrest and detention on a charge of embezzlement. In the meantime his former wife, or woman who posed as his wife, has left and another woman has arrived who says she is his real wife. Baker is now held in the city jail awaiting the arrival of the officers from Philadelphia. The papers charge him with the embezzlement of about \$13,900 while handling produce for a firm of that city. His right name, he now admits is Chas. Schaeffer but was living here under the name of C. J. Baker evidently to throw the officers off his track.

Deaths

Mr. Nathan Hutchens aged 82 passed away at his home near White Plains last Thursday. The funeral was conducted from the White Plains Friends Church Sunday Rev. Messrs. Bartley and Wooten and Mrs. Lottie Roberson officiating.

Curtis Carl Booker son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Booker died Monday aged three years at their home on South street. The funeral was conducted Tuesday by the Rev. Mr. Hedrick.

Charles G. Cragger aged 38 years died Sunday at his home on route 2 of pneumonia. His remains were carried to Blaind, Va., for interment. His wife and four children survive.

Junior-Senior Banquet May Third

Invitations are being issued this week by the Junior class of the Mount Airy High school to the annual Junior-Senior banquet which will be held in the dining room of the Blue Ridge hotel Monday at 7:30 p. m.

FARMERS' COUNCIL WILL AID COUNTY FARM AGENT

Two Representative Farmers From Each Township Will Act in Advisory Capacity With New Farm Agent, July 1st

Mending Virginia's Political Fences

Hon. Murray Hooker Passes Through City After Visiting Counties in Southwest Virginia.

They say the time to start a political campaign is the day after the election and Hon. Murray Hooker, of Patrick County, evidently is one who subscribes to such an axiom. At least he revealed to some friends while in the city Wednesday that he was returning from a visit to the counties of Southwest Virginia where he looked over the Democratic fences and did a little patching here and there. And from the vote given Hoover by the Old Dominion last November Mr. Hooker will have more patching of fences than ever before, but the early start he has made gives him time to get the job completed by another election.

Mr. Hooker is chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee of Virginia, is a hard political worker, and is now laying out his plans to redeem the Old Dominion for Democracy in the next election.

Members Will Be Named in May

The county commissioners, so we have been informed by W. E. Lindsay, chairman of the board, will at its next meeting appoint a Farmers' Council whose function will be to confer and cooperate with the new county farm agent in the work that will be taken up in the county on July 1st.

Mr. V. C. Taylor, now of Blauy, but former resident of this county, will be the new farm agent and will soon move to the county to take up the work.

The plan of the commissioners to secure the cooperation of the farmers in the work is now but should work with success and is a good move. The idea is to have this farmers council to keep in close touch with the work that is being done by the farm agent, and through the council the agent will be in better position to get his work before the farmers of the county.

It is planned to have on the council two representative farmers from each township of the county. The council will select a chairman of their number, organize and have such rules and regulations as it may seem proper for the best cooperation with the agent and the furtherance of his work. The council may find it to the advantage of the farm agent work to hold monthly meetings at the court house or other places in the county to confer with the agent and other farmers on the problems that face the rural people and to discuss with them the things that they want to be done by the agent.

Junior Order Raises Flag at The Quarry

A large crowd attended the flag raising and Bible presentation at the Flat Rock school Sunday afternoon. This is a long established custom of the Junior Order and one that is attended with much interest by the public as well as the membership of the order. One of the chief objects of the order is to promote the cause of education and one of its works is to raise the American flag and to present a Bible to every new school building erected when requested by the patrons of the school.

Thieves Enter Belk and Bowman Stores

Tuesday night thieves gained entrance to the stores of A. G. Bowman and of Belk's, through the basement windows. They pulled out one of the iron bars over the Bowman window and squeezed their way through the narrow opening. It was hard for Mr. Bowman to determine the amount of goods taken from his stock, but missed some cigarettes and canned goods. The thieves who entered the Belk store were not able to get from the basement to the first floor where their stock of goods is, and therefore were unable to carry off any merchandise. They left no clue upon which the officers can work.

Little Clodhopper

The Girl Scouts will give a play "Little Clodhopper" at North Main school at 8 p. m. Tuesday.

This is a three-act comedy and is being directed by Miss Cornelia Carroll Admission 15 and 25c. The girls are working hard to make their play a success. Come out and have a good laugh and encourage the Scouts.

DOESN'T PAY TO APPEAL FROM RECORDER ACCORDING TO JUDGE

In the Superior Court in session at Dobson, this week Ben Terry pleaded guilty to an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill upon H. T. Moore, of Copeland, who is his father-in-law. Several years ago Terry married Mr. Moore's daughter, and soon developed into a worthless character, deserting his family and failing to give them any means of support. His wife and the three little children returned to the home of Mr. Moore and one day when Terry passed through the neighborhood he engaged in a quarrel with his father-in-law, later striking him with a rock and fracturing his skull. Mr. Moore spent several weeks in the hospital and yet suffers from the injury. Terry left the country and only a short time ago was he captured and lodged in the jail at Dobson. After the evidence was heard he changed his plea to one of guilty and now awaits the sentence of the Judge.

at Dobson to hear this case as many of the citizens from there lost much money in Frazier's furniture industry there. Both sides will be represented by a multitude of lawyers.

His Honor in the early part of the court made it plain that it did not pay a defendant to appeal a case from a lower court where the case was of a small nature. This was brought out when Ashberry Myers and Neil McCraw pleaded guilty to violating the prohibition law. Before the Recorder they had been found guilty and fined \$100 each. From this they appealed to the Superior Court. His Honor, although recognizing their right of appeal, remarked that they should have accepted the sentence and then made their fine \$200 each with 18 months on the roads if it was not paid.

Judge Walter E. Moore, of Syria, is presiding and he makes an impressive jurist. He is a past master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, former speaker of the house and conducts his court in a most orderly manner. Sheriff Smith at the opening of court has the audience to stand while the proclamation is being made. This was put into practice during the court held by Judge Johnson in March and Sheriff Smith has kept up the plan. This is one of the older ways of opening court but the younger generation never before saw it used in the Surry courts.

The grand jury is composed of the following: B. A. Grooms, Foreman; J. L. Gould, C. W. Ray, J. S. Hollingsworth, E. V. Martin, E. L. Brown, J. P. Collier, J. P. Smith, W. S. Brown, E. C. Brown, L. P. Gould, D. M. Johnson, John Mann, T. L. Anderson, W. S. Smith, J. S. Ray, E. S. Williams and W. D. Sikes.

The court will convene on Monday.

POLICE RECEIVE BAPTISM OF FIRE IN HOT CHASE

Snow and Brannock Get Car Shot Up When They Try to Stop Liquor Outfit

Policemen Snow and Brannock had their baptism of fire Tuesday night when they attempted to capture a supposed liquor car that came through this city, and to all appearances loaded down to the axles with the contraband from Wilkes. While making a tour over the city in the police car they came upon the Ford roadster coming up Rockford street. They swung in behind the car, which was seen to contain three negroes. As soon as the negroes saw they were being followed they at once put on more speed, turning down the Winston-Salem highway. Soon both cars were clipping the miles off at the 80 rate. All at once the negro driver swerved over in front of the police car, and slammed on his brakes, thus making a desperate effort to wreck the police car and trust to chance that they could keep going. Policeman Brannock managed to stop before making a wreck of the negro's effort, and the race down the highway began. When the negroes found they could not escape from the cars of the officers one of them opened fire on the officers through the rear of his back seat.

the side of the car shooting at the tires of the fleeing car. All at once they realized they were marks of the negro when a bullet came crashing through the windshield right at the place where it would have hit Mr. Snow if he had not then been leaning out the side of the car.

This brought a deadly aim of fire from the pistol of Mr. Snow and he at once emptied both guns in their possession taking dead aim at the occupants of the car. Whether or not the bullets reached their mark is not known.

After a few miles the officers' car began to heat and lose speed, and finally came to a stop. It was then they realized how accurate the fire of the negro had been. Two bullets had entered the radiator, causing all the water to run out and thus eventually heating up the engine until it would not run. One bullet had entered the gas tank, just below the windshield, and there was the bullet hole in the center of the windshield.

The chase was continued but the negroes made their escape, before the officers could secure another car in Pilot Mountain. They went on to Winston-Salem and reported the case and other information to the police of that city.