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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Full Ticket Named at Meeting here Saturday—W. J. Souther Selected for Legislature.

The Republican county convention was held in the court house on last Saturday afternoon, being called to order by Chairman J. L. Morgan. Mr. C. C. Lisenbee was made chairman of the convention and C. M. Pool, secretary. Mr. Lisenbee made a short address in which he emphasized the importance of the times, the winning of the war, and the election of the Republican ticket. The convention then proceeded with the nomination of the ticket. The ticket as nominated follows:

For Representative: William J. Souther.

Clerk of Court: W. H. Hawkins. Sheriff: Jos. M. Mashburn.

Register of Deeds: T. L. Epley. Treasurer: W. Arthur McCall.

Surveyor: John M. Houck. Coroner: Dr. James Reynolds.

Commissioners: L. W. Gettys, I. W. Davis and Robt. J. Lonon.

C. C. Lisenbee was named as a delegate to the Constitutional convention, and J. M. Kanipe of Old Fort was recommended to the Legislature as a member of the County Board of Education.

After the nomination of the ticket, C. F. James was elected chairman of the county executive committee and E. K. Hild was re-elected secretary.

From a Republican political standpoint the convention was in every sense a complete success, absolute harmony being in evidence. All nominations, with one exception, were made by acclamation, being unanimous. In the case of county commissioners four men, Gettys, Davis, Lonon and C. M. Banning, were placed before the convention. The township delegates, after a short conference, cast their ballots in favor of Gettys, Davis and Lonon.

Gov. Bickett to Speak in Marion on September 30th.

We are gratified to report that Governor Bickett will make a patriotic speech in Marion on September 30th. Governor Bickett writes Mr. J. W. Pless that this will probably be the only speech he will be able to make in this county this year. It is to be a "War speech." It is possible that in the whole country there can be found no speaker superior to Governor Bickett, and the greatest speeches of his life are being made in this war campaign. There should be the greatest crowd ever assembled in the county to hear this speech, as Governor Bickett is a great speaker who is speaking on the greatest theme the world has ever known. He especially desires to reach the people from the country. The hour of the speaking will be announced later.

America's aircraft program calls for 350 complete squadrons of planes, and the main part of the program already is ahead of schedule with 3,000 pilots trained. This information and many other facts hitherto held secret, were disclosed when the Senate military committee made public testimony taken behind closed doors, during three months of investigations by the aviation sub-committee.

Community Labor Board Created for McDowell County.

The United States Government is reaching out to assist war industries and agriculture by branch organizations of the Labor Department under the Public Service Reserve in every community in the country, and requiring the immediate listing and reporting of the names of all men from 18 to 45 years of age who do not keep constantly employed in some work essential to the maintenance of the war. Ship yards and all government work must have men, food must be produced and various other necessary work must be done, and unnecessary work must cease till the war is over.

Those who continue to idle or who run about and "turn over" from job to job, or who continue to do non-essential work, will find themselves at an early date in class one and on their way to the war.

The Community Labor Board for McDowell County has been created with W. T. Morgan, chairman, and H. E. Little and H. H. Tate as members, and enlisting agents have been appointed for the several townships in the county as follows: Marion township, J. E. Jimerson; North Cove, C. A. McCall; Nebo, Vance Wilson; Dysartsville, W. H. Taylor; Brackets, W. C. Raburn; Glenwood, T. W. Wilson; Sugar Hill, W. M. Wilson; Crooked Creek, Jas. M. Gibson; Broad River, Johnson Ledbetter; Old Fort, I. H. Greene.

This notice is published to give all persons an opportunity to settle down to continuous essential work which all men who do not go to the war must devote themselves to until the war is over, as this is one of the things the government has emphatically settled.

COMMUNITY LABOR BOARD.

Fairs Aplenty.

With a total of 202 fairs making application to date for State aid, the fair season of 1918 gives promise of being one of the largest yet had in the State and presumably in the South. To date 20 negro fairs, 138 community fairs, 37 county fairs, 6 district fairs and one State fair, or a total of 202 have been registered with the fair committee of the agricultural extension service. Mr. S. G. Rubinow, chairman of this committee, states that around fifty more are expected to come in within the next day or two.

Added to this record is the fact that a total of 16 judging contests have been planned for the fairs. In these, young people will be taught the essentials of judging a good farm animal. Liberal prizes will be offered and such animals as hogs, poultry, beef cattle, dairy cattle and sheep will be judged. One butterfat contest will be staged, this being at the State Fair and held under the auspices of the dairy field office.

Ten ships with a total dead-weight tonnage of 51,700 were added to the American merchant marine in the week ending August 15, the shipping board announced. Seven of the ships were steel and three wood. Eight steel vessels and two wooden ships, a total tonnage of 53,850 were launched during the week.

HUN LINE HAS GIVEN WAY

French and British Troops Have Captured Large Number of Towns and Villages.

Frenzied counter-attacks by the foe have failed to hold back the British and French armies who are hard after the Germans on the seventy-five mile battle front from the north of Arras to the region of Soissons.

All along the front the German line has given way before the pressure of the British and French troops at points where the falling back of the enemy or the capture of towns and roads running eastward adds greatly to his already serious predicament from the standpoint of strategy.

Numerous towns, villages and hamlets have fallen into the hands of the British and French in the continuation of the fighting, and scarcely anywhere along the battle front have the Germans been able to do more than delay the allies when they knock for admittance to the German line. Rearguard actions also are serving merely to keep the allied advance slowed down as far as possible while the main German bodies make their way eastward in retreat toward new positions.

In the region around Arras the British now are well astride the roads leading to Douai and Cambrai and further south along the Somme they have pressed forward until they are almost at the gates of Peronne.

Between the Somme and the Oise the French have broken the backbone of the German resistance at Roye, capturing this pivotal point to an invasion eastward of the plains of Picardy and advancing their lines north and south of the town over a front of about twelve and a half miles to a depth of more than two and a half miles at certain points.

North of Soissons, the French, although the Germans are fighting them bitterly, again have advanced slightly their line in the outflanking movement both against the Chemin-Des-Dames region and the Noyon sector.

Everywhere the Germans have lost heavily in men killed or made prisoner and in addition the allied troops again have captured numerous guns, machine guns and war stores. The prisoners taken by the British from last Wednesday to Monday of the present week aggregated 21,000. In the fighting Tuesday around St. Mard, west of Roye, the French secured 1,100 captives.

Lime, Land, Legumes and Labor.

Lime the land to grow clover to reduce the demand for labor on the farm; also for profit and soil fertility. Let me know the amount of lime you need, and when and where you want delivery.

How about wheat? A landowner can increase acreage, but it takes a farmer to increase yield.

Let me know when you want terracing surveyed to save your land from washing. Call for me.

J. L. THURMAN,
County Agent.

Buy War Savings Stamps; buy them today.

Fatal Auto Wreck Near Marion.

Mr. J. B. Blades, formerly of Greensboro, but recently of New Bern, N. C., was killed in an accident to his own automobile while driving alone on the public highway about one and one-half miles west of Marion on last Friday evening about 7:30 o'clock. Just how the accident occurred is not and probably will never be known, as there were no eye-witnesses to the tragedy. The first information was brought to town by Mr. Lucius Biddix, who was driving to Marion. Noticing the over-turned car several yards from the road at the foot of an embankment a short distance below the drinking fountain on the roadside between Marion and Garden City, Mr. Biddix stopped his car and went down to investigate. He found Mr. Blades fastened in the steering-wheel of his car, which was a heavy touring Cadillac of recent model. The dead man's neck had been broken and otherwise suffered bodily injury in the accident. Death must have been instantaneous, as the car had rolled down and turned over on a steep bank immediately after making the sharp curve near the scene of the tragedy.

Immediately after news of the accident reached town several people went to the scene. The body was brought to town and placed in charge of McCall Brothers, undertakers. Messrs. D. E. Hudgins and J. W. Winborne succeeded in identifying the dead man and in locating his family, who were spending the summer at Black Mountain. It seems that Mr. Blades and his family had left New Bern in his car recently and that after reaching Statesville, upon being caught in a rain, that the car was abandoned and the party made the trip from Statesville to Black Mountain by railroad. After the roads dried up Mr. Blades went to Statesville for the purpose of driving his car on to Black Mountain.

Mr. Blades was 62 years of age. He was prominent in business and social circles, being one of the officials of the Dixie Fire Insurance Company, and at the head of one of the large banking and trust companies of New Bern. He is survived by his wife and two sons, who were associated with him in business, and two small adopted children.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Rifles to the number of 2,000 have been sent to Adjutant General Young for the use of civilian soldiers of the State.

The operation of passenger trains from Black Mountain to Mt. Mitchell will be discontinued for the present on account of war conditions.

The merchants of Raleigh have signed a petition to the city commissioners, asking them to keep carnivals from the city during the war.

A colored registrant called a halt in the mustering in program of the local board of Rutherford county until he could be married. He was given the time.

A severe storm visited the eastern part of the State Saturday night, doing considerable damage. The storm was severe about Morehead City, New Bern and Kinston. John Crabtree, city alderman of New Bern was killed when the roof of a shanty was blown on him.

The New Registration.

The age limit bill extending the ages to 18 and 45 has been passed and now goes to conference between the house and senate. In conference the differences are expected to be compromised and the bill will be transmitted to President Wilson for his signature this week. The War department has taken steps to make every preparation for the registration and has forwarded to the local board the necessary forms, so that there will be no delay in putting through a complete registration on the shortest notice of the completion of the bill. Every man between 18 and 45 should watch the papers and be ready to register within the first few days of September.

Nat B. Dial, of Laurens, has been nominated for the long term in the United States senate to succeed B. R. Tillman, defeating both Cole L. Blease and James F. Rice in the South Carolina primary Tuesday. Dial had a majority of approximately 10,000 over both his opponents, according to late returns. For governor, Robert A. Cooper seems to have been nominated.

Government Orders Discontinuance of Newspapers to Subscribers Not Paid in Advance.

Owing to the serious shortage of news print paper, the Government War Industries Board has issued an order to newspapers to discontinue at once any free copies and to discontinue sending papers to any but paid-in-advance subscribers, not later than October 1st.

This order gives only one month in which subscribers in arrears must pay up in order that we may continue sending the papers to any subscribers now in arrears.

Will you not, therefore, examine the date after your name, which shows the time when your subscription expired, or will expire. If your time has run out, please send in your renewal at once, for we expect to abide strictly by the government order.

The consumption of print paper, the War Industries Board says, must be reduced at least 15 per cent, or there will be a paper famine.

The government orders relating to weekly newspapers and which must be complied with, are:

First—To discontinue all sample or free copies.

Second—To discontinue sending paper after date of expiration of subscription, unless the subscription is renewed and paid for. (This ruling to be effective October 1, 1918).

We must comply with this ruling in order to secure supplies with which to continue business. Notice your label, and if your subscription is not paid in advance, remit at once, please.