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Approval Of 3rd Term Is Given In Convention Here

County Democrats Instruct Delegates To Favor Roosevelt; Approve Platforms.

Democrats of McDowell county in harmonious convention here last Saturday morning passed resolutions providing that delegates to the state and national Democratic convention be instructed to approve the platforms of the party as drawn up at the conventions and to support Franklin D. Roosevelt for a third term, if and when his name is mentioned at the state and national meetings.

Robert W. Proctor, chairman of the McDowell county Democratic executive committee, was elected chairman of the convention. In introductory remarks Mr. Proctor stated that Democrats had gathered at the convention to build and continue the unity of the party in the county. Fred Moody was elected secretary of the convention.

In the roll call of precincts 14 of the 17 in the county were found to be represented at the convention. Delegates from Bracketts, Higgins and Turkey Cove were not present.

Twelve delegates to the state Democratic convention to be held in Raleigh on May 17 were elected with others to be added to the list before the convention. Chosen official delegates were W. D. Lonon, Judge P. J. Story, Oscar Adkins, Robert W. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Pennington, W. W. Neal, Jr., Grady Nichols, Ben Hendley, Grayson Neal, Zeno Martin and Alford Morgan.

Reports of most of the precinct chairmen in the county indicated that Democratic registration in McDowell was nearly completed with few Republicans having been listed. Party leaders urged that special efforts be made to secure 100 percent Democratic registration in the county before the books closed Saturday.

On the motion of Mrs. J. A. Potteat, vice-chairman of the McDowell Democratic Executive committee, the convention went on record as favoring a strong national defense for the United States and voted to instruct delegates to the state and national conventions to urge the incorporation of this program in the party platforms. The motion to instruct delegates to the state and national conventions to support Roosevelt for a third term was made by Grady Nichols and seconded by Zeno Martin.

Judge P. J. Story, county manager for A. J. Maxwell in his campaign for the gubernatorial chair of North Carolina, called for party unity and a complete registration of Democrats before the primary of May 25. Grayson Neal, manager of the J. M. Broughton-for-governor campaign in McDowell county, urged all Democrats to uphold the party principles.

Several candidates for county and state offices spoke briefly. Ashby Robinson, seeking election to the State Senate from McDowell county, spoke in favor of a third term for Roosevelt, pointed to the need for clarifying sales tax legislation and urged that all Democrats in the county register. L. J. P. Cutlar, candidate for the State Senate, pointed to the growth and improvement that had been brought to North Carolina by the Democratic party and pledged himself to continue the progressive program.

D. F. Giles and J. C. Rabb, both candidates for the State House of Representatives, expressed their loyalty to the Democratic party and its principles. John M. Stepp and M. L. Dixon, candidates for Register of Deeds of McDowell county, pledged themselves to serve the Democratic party and the people of the county.

Mrs. Logan Tate made a report on the National Institute of Government convention in Washington which she attended as a representative of the county Democratic Woman's Organization. Mrs. Tate represented North Carolina at a precinct leaders luncheon at the national convention and spoke on "Organizing the Precinct."

Others speaking briefly at the county convention were Grady Nich-

TWO PERISH IN PLUNGE IN LAKE TAHOMA MONDAY

The bodies of two victims of a supposed suicide pact were recovered from Lake Tahoma near here Monday after Ramson Simmons, caretaker at the lake, had found headlights from a car and a girl's pocketbook floating on the water near his home.

Victims of the pact were Wilbur (Bill) Hendley, 24, and Laura Virginia Parker, 18, both residents of Marion. The couple plunged into the lake in a car owned by Hendley.

The couple left notes for their parents expressing regret at their contemplated actions, but saying it was the only way they saw to be together, according to sheriff's officials. Sheriff Grady Nichols and his deputies had been searching for the couple since Sunday morning when the suicide notes were found at the plant where Hendley, his father and brother were employed. The notes intimated they planned the action Saturday night but they were seen together a few miles north of Lake Tahoma about 6:00 o'clock Monday morning.

The car and both bodies were recovered Monday, the body of the girl being found when the car was dragged from about 30 feet of water and the boy's body being recovered a short while later near where the car in which they were riding struck the lake.

The car apparently was driven from the highway on a curve at the edge of the lake at high speed as it traveled some distance over small trees, skimming the tops of them before striking the water. It was found with grappling hooks approximately 50 feet from where it left the highway.

Hendley was married and the father of two children.

A revolver of .38 calibre was found in the glove compartment of the car, but it had not been fired.

Funeral services for Miss Parker were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the East Marion Baptist church by Rev. Von King and Rev. J. W. Kelley. Interment was in Oak Grove cemetery.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Parker, of Rutherford Road; two brothers, Spurgeon and Carroll Parker.

Funeral services for Hendley were conducted from the Westmoreland funeral home in Marion Tuesday morning at 10:00 o'clock with Rev. J. C. Cornett officiating. Interment was in the Oak Grove cemetery.

In addition to his wife and two children he is survived by his father, Mills Hendley, and two brothers, James, of Hickory, and Robert, of Marion.

REVIVAL BEGINS SUNDAY IN TABERNACLE IN MARION

A city-wide evangelistic campaign will begin Sunday, May 19th, at 3 p. m. in the tabernacle near Garden Creek Baptist church. The tabernacle now being erected will seat from a thousand to fifteen hundred, and will be ready for use Sunday.

Evangelist John A. Leland of Spartanburg, S. C., sponsor and conductor of Radio Revival over WSPA each morning at 8:15, will conduct the services. He will broadcast direct from Marion each morning at 8:15.

Evangelist Leland is widely known throughout the Southland as evangelist and radio revivalist. He has conducted revivals throughout this section of the country.

Services will continue through the coming weeks at 7:45 each evening and 3 p. m. each Sunday. A hearty welcome is extended to the public.

ols, Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., G. W. Kirkpatrick, C. W. Wilson, D. A. Foxx and Mrs. J. A. Potteat.

Following the convention a meeting was called of the executive committee and Robert W. Proctor was re-elected chairman by unanimous vote. Mrs. J. A. Potteat was re-elected vice-chairman.

Complete harmony prevailed throughout the convention with candidates for county and state offices confining their remarks mostly to party programs and principles and county managers for gubernatorial candidates making no direct appeal for votes.

Marion People Hear Horton In Campaign Talk

Candidate For Governor Gives Program For State Progress—Names Three Plans.

A program for building North Carolina by expanding the road system, extending rural electrification, and providing retirement funds for highway workers and teachers, was outlined here Monday night by W. P. Horton, Democratic candidate for governor of the state.

Mr. Horton spoke to a crowd that packed the courthouse here. He was introduced by Robert W. Proctor, of Marion, a member of the Horton-for-governor campaign staff. In introductory remarks Mr. Proctor referred to the public record of Mr. Horton and called him the man who has "never lost the common touch."

Tracing the growth of North Carolina during the past 40 years under Democratic government, Mr. Horton explained that the state last year appropriated \$53,000,000 for schools, \$750,000 for vocational training, \$2,080,000 for public health, \$3,800,000 for colleges and universities, and \$4,500,000 for social security. These funds have been used to fulfill the social obligations the state owes its people, he said.

For the future progress of the state Mr. Horton said he would use every dollar of the 'highway surplus fund to build farm to market roads, school bus routes and all-weather roads into the towns. As an incentive to keep rural youth on the farm he would extend electric lines that farm families might enjoy the comforts of electricity. To members of the low income group, such as teachers and highway workers, he would provide greater security by the setting up of retirement funds. With such funds available, he said, the aged could be retired and their places could be filled by youth.

The Roosevelt administration has given the country the kind of service that will not die with the president, he said. Roosevelt has set up reasonable hours and wages for industrial workers and has taken business out of the red into the black. These are a few of the valuable services rendered the country by the President, he said.

Mr. Horton stated his approval of the reapportionment of seats in the General Assembly as provided in the Constitution of North Carolina.

Concluding that his four years of service to the state as lieutenant-governor had given him valuable experience in government, he pledged himself as governor to make the state administration serviceable to the public and to carry on its work in the interest of the people.

GRIEG WILL PRESENT MOVIE-TALK IN MARION

Norman Grieg, general manager of Chimney Rock, will present a movie-talk before the Marion Kiwanis club at its next meeting Tuesday night, May 21. He will be assisted by Harry Nash, manager of the Cliff Dwellers Inn.

Members of the Rotary and Francis Marion clubs will meet with Kiwanians for the occasion and the public is invited to attend at eight o'clock. Reservations must be made in advance at the office of the Chamber of Commerce or with Hugh F. Beam.

Mr. Grieg will present movies showing the tourist possibilities of Chimney Rock, Lake Lure and other attractions in the western part of the state.

WORK IS BEGUN ON LAKE JAMES ROAD

Work on the Lake James road, leading from highway 70 to Catawba dam, has been begun, announced J. A. Potteat, resident engineer of the State Highway Department, this week.

Plans call for the surfacing of the road with oil treated gravel. Approximately four miles of the stretch will be paved, said Mr. Potteat, and several months will be required to complete the work.

County Scouts Advanced In Court Of Honor

Total Of 86 Promoted Or Receive Awards At Meeting In Morganton.

A total of 86 McDowell county Boy Scouts were advanced in rank or awarded merit badges at the court of honor held in Morganton last Friday night.

Troops three and six of Marion received banners for being 100 per cent Boys Life troops. The court of honor was the last to be held until next fall.

Tenderfoot awards were made to Walter Eckenrod, Jr., Dean Chapman, Marvin Summerlin, all of troop one, Marion; Albert Parker, Calvin Webb and Dean Padgett, Troop 4, Marion; Sam Stone, troop 1 Old Fort; and Bobby Carpenter, troop 1, Ashford.

Second class awards were made to the following: Lloyd Patterson and J. B. Davis, troop 4, Marion; Eugene Curtis, troop 3, Marion; Tom Gowan, Colon Williams and John Tate, troop 1, Marion; Ralph Alexander and William Miller, troop 6, Marion; and Dan Allison, troop 1, Old Fort.

Advanced to first class were: John Haire, George Conley, Henry Stauffer, Murray Tate, Emory Wilson, Laurence Edwards, and J. R. Quinn, troop 1, Marion; and George Early, troop 1, Old Fort.

Merit badges were awarded to the following:

Agriculture—Walter Crawford, troop 1, Marion.
Animal Industry—Roby Conley, Jr., troop 6, and Billy Burnette, of troop 1, Marion.
Architecture—Arthur Melton, troop 1, Marion.
Art—Lee Parkins, troop 3, Marion.

Basketry—Arthur Melton, troop 1, Marion.

Beef Production—Arthur Melton, troop 1, Marion.

Bird Study—Lee Parkins, troop 3, Marion.

Carpentry—Jasper Finley, Dewey Thornhill and Wayne Willis, troop 3, Marion.

Cement work—Lee Parkins, troop 3, Marion.

Civics—Sammie Homewood, troop 6, Marion.

Cooking—Billy Burnette, troop 1, Marion; Joe Nesbitt, troop 2, Old Fort.

Cycling—George Conley and Laurence Edwards, troop 1, Marion.

Farm home planning—Arthur Melton, troop 1, Marion.

Farm layout and building—Arthur Melton, troop 1, Marion.

Farm records—Arthur Melton, troop 1, Marion.

Firemanship—Van Brown, troop 1, Marion.

First Aid—Van Brown, troop 1, Marion; Sammie Homewood and Roby Conley, Jr., troop 6, Marion.

First aid to animals—L. D. Davis, troop 4, Marion; Roby Conley, Jr., troop 6, Marion.

Handicraft—George Gibbs, Billy (Continued on last page)

POWER PROJECT FOR NORTH COVE IS BEGUN

The extension of electric power lines into the North Cove section of McDowell county has been approved and preparation of the right of way was begun this week, J. A. Wier, manager of the Marion branch of the Duke Power Company, has announced.

The Woodlawn, Sevier and Ashford communities will be served by the power lines, said Mr. Wier. Some 101 home owners in that section of the county have already signified their intention to use the service, he said.

Consideration of the project by the Duke Power Company was begun during the latter part of April after residents of the North Cove had shown their willingness to use electrical facilities. A study of the possible power load that would be consumed by the community was made. Results of the survey showed that extension of electrical lines into that section would be justified by the amount of power to be used.

LOCAL OFFICE RANKS FIFTH IN BOND SALES

The Marion post office sold \$46,875.00 worth of United States bonds during the year 1939, it was announced this week by W. R. Burleson assistant postmaster. Among second class post offices in the state the Marion office ranked fifth in the sale of bonds per capita, being outranked only by offices in Wadesboro, Laurinburg, Franklin and Warrenton. The local office ranked eighth in the state in the amount of bonds sold.

At the local office \$46,837.00 in bonds were sold and mail order sales amounted to \$37.50.

Bonds purchased at all offices in the state amounted to \$5,471,925.00 in 1939. Purchases by mail were \$799,350.00 and the total of all the bonds bought in the state came to \$6,271,275.00.

The sale of the bonds per capita in North Carolina during 1939 amounted to \$1.98 as compared to the national average of \$6.74.

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau has announced that the total sales of savings bonds through March 31, 1940, aggregated in maturity value, more than \$3,860,273,475, and that purchases have been made by approximately 1,987,374 investors. Deducting bonds redeemed, the maturity value of savings bonds outstanding on March 31, 1940, was approximately \$3,495,573,600.

POPPY DAY IS TO BE OBSERVED ON MAY 25

Poppy Day will be observed in Marion and throughout the nation on May 25, the Saturday before Memorial Day. Mrs. H. C. Mangum, president of McDowell unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, announced this week. On that day all Americans will be asked to wear memorial poppies in tribute to the World War dead and to aid the living victims of the war.

The little red memorial flowers will be distributed here by women and girls of the McDowell unit, under the direction of Mrs. J. F. Miller, chairman of the Poppy Day committee. All contributions received for the poppies will go to Legion and Auxiliary welfare work for the disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead.

"We feel that Poppy Day will have increased meaning to America this year," said Mrs. Mangum, "because renewed warfare in Europe has renewed the memory of those boys of ours who gave their lives 'over there' twenty-two years ago. It is for them that we put on the poppy each year, to show that we still remember and honor their sacrifice. It is the flower that grows where they fell and which now blooms on the coats of Americans who appreciate their service."

"Events of the past year have shown us clearly that to be secure the United States must have men ready and able to defend the country, willing to give their lives in its defense, if necessary. We can be thankful today that we had such men twenty-two years ago. From them we can draw inspiration for the patriotic service necessary to maintain our freedom and democracy against today's dangers. Wearing their flowers over our hearts means that within our hearts their love of America still lives."

FIRE DAMAGES BEAUTY SALON HERE FRIDAY

Fire, thought to have started from a short circuit in the wiring, broke out in Raye's Beauty Salon on South Main street here last Friday night and destroyed most of the equipment in the building before it was extinguished. The blaze was first noticed at about 11:00 o'clock p. m.

Practically no damage was done to the exterior of the building. The blaze was extinguished by the Marion Fire Department.

M'NEILL, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE, TO SPEAK

Robert H. McNeill, Republican candidate for the nomination of governor on the Republican ticket, will speak at the courthouse in Marion Thursday, May 23, at 8:00 p. m., it was announced this week by Dr. D. H. Crawford, Republican county chairman.

Mr. McNeill is a native of Statesville.

County Receives Benefits From Social Security

Chairman Of State Commission Points To \$269,485 In Payments In McDowell.

McDowell county residents and communities have benefited about \$269,485 through operations of the Social Security program, it is estimated by Charles G. Powell, chairman of the North Carolina Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Unemployment compensation, or benefits to workers temporarily out of jobs, is usually the largest item in the ten divisions of the program, in counties with fairly large industries. In the two years of benefit payments, 1938 and 1939, the distribution was \$155,235.07, included in 22,130 checks to county residents.

Through cooperation of Mr. Nathan H. Yelton, State Director of Public Assistance, and Dr. Roma S. Cheek, executive secretary of the State Commission for the Blind, and with figures from Washington and in the Central UCC office in Raleigh, it is possible to get a fairly accurate picture of the benefits distributed in McDowell county.

Old Age Assistance, help for the needy passed 65 years of age, in McDowell county in 31 months of distribution amounted to \$70,461.50. The January amount was \$2,827, going to 304 needy aged persons, an average of \$9.30 each, as compared with the state average of \$9.72 for the month.

Aid to Dependent children, help in the support of children deprived of their natural breadwinners, amounted to \$19,356.50 in the same 31 months. The January amount was \$856, going to the support of 99 such children, an average of \$8.65 each, as compared with the state average of \$6.18 for the month.

Aid to the Blind in McDowell county was \$6,404. for the same 31 months. In January \$179 went to 13 blind persons, average \$13.77 each; state average, \$14.90.

In Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind, the funds are provided one-half by the Federal Government and one-fourth each by the state and county. In Aid to Dependent Children funds have been furnished one-third each by Federal, State and County Governments. Now the Federal Government will furnish one-half, as in cases of the needy aged and the blind.

Old Age Benefits, now Old Age and Survivors' Insurance, is not available by counties, but a proration can be made to get a county estimate. This has been small lump-sum payments to workers in covered employment since January 1, 1937, and who have since reached 65 years of age and quit work, or to the families of such workers who have died since that date. The importance of this part of the program will be more apparent now, since payments (Continued on last page)

COUNTY LIBRARY WORK BEING DONE BY WPA

Improvements in all phases of library work are being made by WPA employees in McDowell county, it was revealed this week by a report released in Marion.

During the last 12 months 4,423 books have been renovated, repaired and serviced by the workers, four school libraries have been organized, three public libraries have been established, four school libraries have been provided with assistants as well as three public, 3,340 books from school and 15,180 from public libraries have been circulated, and bookmobile service has been furnished in the county for two months.

Some 12 people are employed on WPA library projects in the county. These employees do repair work on books, encourage their use, assist librarians, extend book service to rural areas, and seek to establish accredited school and public libraries throughout McDowell.

WPA library work in the county is under the direction of Mrs. Ann C. Hawkins, supervisor.