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DELEGATION OFF TO CONVENTION

Democratic State Convention In Session Today at Raleigh

COUNTY MEET HELD Albert Ramsey Elected To Head County Organization Next Two Years

Albert Ramsey, recently named temporary chairman of the Democratic organization in Macon county, was made the permanent chairman for the next two years at the county convention of the party at the courthouse Saturday afternoon.

Despite the prospects of one or more major second primaries, with the possibilities of someone endeavoring to commit the convention to this or that candidate, all went off smoothly without a single hitch, the whole proceedings taking less than half an hour.

Mr. Ramsey, whose election as county chairman was unanimous, reported that there had been "no contention" in the Democratic primaries held the previous Saturday, expressing the opinion that this augured well for the party.

Delegation Uninstructed

The convention voted to send an uninstructed delegation to the state convention, which meets in Raleigh today. Thirty-one delegates and alternates were elected, but only four were able to go to Raleigh. These were C. L. Ingram, nominee for representative; R. A. Patton, nominee for state senator; J. A. Porter and John W. Edwards. This group, however, will be entitled to vote the full strength of the Macon county delegation at the convention, the principal business of which will be to draw up a state platform.

Delegates Named

Following is the full list of delegates named at last Saturday's convention:

- Lee Mason, Cowee; John Dalton, Cowee; J. R. Shields, Nantahala No. 2; H. O. Penland, Flats; Robert Burnett, Nantahala No. 1; Dock Stanley, Cartoogechaye; C. T. Bryson, Ellijay; Robert Ramsey, Burnington; Sam Howard, Smith's Bridge; Carl Slagle, Cartoogechaye; C. L. Ingram, Mill Shoal; Frank Potts, Highlands; Howard Valentine, Franklin; John W. Edwards, Franklin; Mrs. L. S. Kelly Cunningham, Franklin; F. I. Murray, Franklin; J. A. Porter, Franklin; G. A. Jones, Franklin; J. R. Morrison, Franklin; Dr. S. H. Lyle, Franklin; Dr. W. A. Rogers, Franklin; Lawrence Linder, Franklin; J. E. Perry, Franklin; J. S. Conley, Franklin; Jim Palmer, Franklin; Ras Penland, Franklin; Albert Ramsey, Franklin; W. L. Ramsey, Franklin; B. W. Johnson, Franklin.

Woodmen Invited To Attend Unveiling Service at Addie

A monument to William Thaddeus Clayton will be unveiled with appropriate memorial ceremonies by the Woodmen of the World at Addie, N. C., at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, June 19, according to a communication from J. K. Kenney, an officer of the Balsam camp of Woodmen. E. B. Lewis, state manager of the Woodmen, is scheduled to be the principal speaker. Woodmen from Franklin and other camps are invited to attend.

Highlands High School Put on Accredited List

The Highlands high school has been placed on the accredited list of the State Department of Education, it was announced this week by Prof. M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools. O. F. Sumner is principal of the school.

Recognition as an accredited high school came following the submission of the school's 1931-1932 report. In a letter to Mr. Sumner, J. Henry Highsmith, director of school inspection for the state department, said:

"We have given due consideration to the matter of accredited rating for the high school and I take pleasure in informing you that it has been placed upon the accredited list in Group II, Class B. I congratulate you and the community upon this achievement."

NEWS SUMMARY

A Survey of State and National Events Concisely Told in Brief Up-to-Date News Reports

Killed in Dog Dispute

A Monday dispute over a dog resulted in fatal wounding of Wayne Norman, North Wilkesboro. His father-in-law, Bryan Stope, is held charged with firing a load of buckshot into Norman's body.

Red Stanley Caught

Red Stanley, suspected of engineering the release of six prisoners from the Johnston county jail last week, was caught Saturday in the county. Three other escapees were nabbed the preceding night.

Slain By Hold-Up Men

A. C. Willis refused to yield to three men demanding he turn over the money from his Fayetteville meat market, Saturday night. When he seized a butcher knife, the robbers shot him through the lung and arm, grabbed all money in sight and fled. Willis died on Monday.

\$3,100,000 For Franchise

High Point's council is debating acceptance of a \$3,100,000 bid of the Duke power interests for a 60-year utility franchise there.

Democrat County Meetings

Democratic county conventions were held throughout North Carolina Saturday, with naming of delegates to the state convention on Thursday, at Raleigh, the chief task. Twenty-five or more of the conventions endorsed the presidential candidacy of Franklin D. Roosevelt or instructed delegates to vote for him at Raleigh.

Gaston Means Convicted

Gaston B. Means, Concord native with a fantastic record of national notoriety, was found guilty by a District of Columbia jury Monday night of larceny of \$104,000 from Mrs. Evelyn McLean, securing the money by fraudulently claiming he could recover the kidnaped Lindbergh baby.

Rap New Jersey Police

The suicide of Violet Sharpe, English girl, who had been persistently questioned by New Jersey police in connection with the Lindbergh kidnaping, and the disclosure that she had no connection with the case, has aroused sharp criticism in England and the United States, of the police methods used.

10 Caught in Mine Blast

Ten men caught in a mine explosion near Norton, Va., Monday, are thought to have died at once. Six bodies were found shortly after the blast.

G. O. P. CONVENTION OPENS

The Republican national convention opened in Chicago, Tuesday, faced with two certainties, the renomination of President Hoover, and a bitter fight over prohibition repeal commitments.

William Redfield Dies

William C. Redfield, 73, commerce secretary in World War days, died at his Brooklyn home, Monday. He was an opponent of high tariffs.

16 Die in Battle

A large band of liquor thieves over-powered a detachment of guards at Cuenca, Ecuador, Sunday, and killed all 16 of them. Six

of the rum runners were also killed.

Discord in Chile

Discord is disrupting the week-old socialist government of Chile, which forced President Montoro to resign. Carlos Davila, one of the revolution's mainstays and chief publicist of the country, has been forced out of the controlling junta.

Is Robbed By Three

Three men, suspected of being those who slew a state's prison camp steward when they escaped last week, held up L. E. Hollar at his filling station near Hickory, Friday night and took \$115.

Eliminate 89 Schools

The state equalization board has ordered 89 small schools eliminated for the next school year by consolidation with larger schools. There are left 559 white and 1,017 one-teacher schools in the state.

Green Acquitted

Marion J. Green was exonerated by the Charlotte recorder's court, Saturday of embezzling \$3,000 from the Ninth Avenue Baptist church, of which he was treasurer. Members accused him of stealing the money and burning a fake mortgage to hide his guilt.

Crop-Saving Rain Falls

Much of the state was covered in a persistent rainfall on Saturday and Sunday, relieving a serious threat from drought against all crops, particularly in the piedmont and northern sections of the state.

RECORD PRIMARY VOTE

The official canvass of the June 4 primary vote shows over 379,000 ballots cast, in the N. C. gubernatorial nomination race, a record which exceeds the previous mark set in 1930, by over 50,000.

Seven Banks Reopened

Of the 143 state banks which have closed since 1927, seven have been completely liquidated, the state banking department reports. Eight banks closed in 1927, five in 1928, 14 in 1929, 46 in 1930, 50 in 1931, and 20 so far in 1932.

FAVOR PROHIBITION VOTE

By a big majority, the Virginia Democratic convention last week went on record for resubmission of the prohibition question to the states and approved the plan of Harry F. Byrd for a direct vote of the people. Byrd was formally endorsed for the presidency and will receive Virginia's vote in convention.

Noted Gangster Caught

Harry Fleisher, Detroit gangster suspected of a part in the Lindbergh kidnaping, surrendered at Detroit last week, and denied any connection with the case. New Jersey officials will question Fleisher.

POLISH AVIATOR IS SAFE

A week after he had disappeared on a non-stop flight attempt from New York to Europe, Felix Hauser, Polish aviator, was picked up Saturday, 500 miles off Portugal by a British tanker. Hauser was drifting on his machine which appeared in good condition.

TO PREACH HERE



REV. J. WATSON SHOCKLEY

SHOCKLEY TO HOLD REVIVAL

Two Weeks Series of Services To Open Sunday Night In Courthouse

The Rev. J. Watson Shockley, pastor of the First Church of Christ, Asheville, is expected to arrive here Sunday to begin a two weeks series of revival services in the courthouse. Dr. Shockley will be remembered as having conducted services here during the first week in March.

One of the features of the revival to be conducted by the Asheville minister will be the part to be played by his audiences. In order to attract the participation of his hearers he has planned to have a question box and also to let the people select his sermon topics. He invites questions on any part of the Bible and a box will be provided in which persons desiring to have questions answered may place these questions written on slips of paper. To avoid misuse of the question privilege, Dr. Shockley has requested that each questioner sign his name, but the names will not be read out if not desired. At the first service Sunday night a list of suggested sermon subjects will be circulated with a request that each individual check 15 of his preference.

Besides the services each night, it is also planned to have a series of afternoon Bible study classes. Those desiring to enroll in these classes are requested to give their names to Dr. Shockley Sunday night. Classes will be conducted both for young and old and it is planned to have separate classes for the two age groups.

Dr. Shockley is known as an able preacher, speaking clearly and to the point. A Virginian by birth, he has traveled widely, his evangelistic activities having taken him from coast to coast. He also is an educator of note, having taught in several colleges.

Bryan's Daughter Beaten

Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, daughter of William J. Bryan, militant dry, was beaten for Democratic congressional nomination in the fourth, Miami, district of Florida, by Mark Wilcox, who advocates repeal of the 18th amendment.

Dynamite in Bonus Camp

Discovery of dynamite charges in the camp of 12,000 cash bonus seekers at Washington, caused excitement on Saturday and a thorough search was started of the camp. Leaders of the army are seeking concentration of 50,000 bonus marchers at the capital.

SURPRISE PICNIC

A surprise picnic dinner was given Sunday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Robert T. Keener, at the home of her father, Mr. Henry D. West. The occasion was enjoyed by many of their relatives and friends. Miss Nell Cleaveland, of Highlands, was a special invited guest.

INSTALL MICA WASHING PLANT

Charlie Shields and Ed Duvall Plan To Work Old Lyle Knob Mine

A new mica washing plant is being established at the old Lyle Knob mine by Charlie Shields and Ed Duvall, of Iotla, who said they expected to have it in operation within a week.

BULGIN RECOVERS

George Bulgin has sufficiently recovered from his recent serious illness to be out again. Although he has not regained his full strength, he is back at work in his machine shop on Main street.

COUNTY LEAGUE OPENS SEASON

Holly Springs Nine Defeats Cowee Team by Score Of 5 to 2

FRANKLIN IS LOSER

Prentiss Becomes Member of League in Place of Oak Grove

The official schedule of the Macon County Baseball league got under way Saturday, but only one completed game was played, Holly Springs winning from Cowee, 5 to 2. Two games—Highlands at Cartoogechaye, and Franklin at West End—were called on account of rain.

As Franklin did not follow the league's rules in calling off Saturday's game, it was held that the game was forfeited to West End. The West End boys, however, did not want it settled this way and a play-off game was held Monday afternoon, resulting in a 11-to-3 defeat for Franklin.

The Highlands - Cartoogechaye game was rained out at the end of the fifth inning with the score standing 9 to 8 in favor of Highlands, but the game was not counted so there had been no agreement as to the number of innings. J. Frank Ray, president of the league, has ruled that games called on account of rain before the finish of nine innings will not be counted, unless agreement has been reached by team managers before starting play as to how many innings shall be considered official.

Mountain Grove was scheduled to play Oak Grove Saturday, but the latter team failed to show up and the game was called off. Mountain Grove, it was reported, had failed to organize a team and was dropped from the league. Prentiss was instituted in its place.

This week's league schedule calls for the following games: Saturday, June 18—Cartoogechaye at Cowee; Franklin at Prentiss; West End vs. Mountain Grove on the Holly Springs diamond; Holly Springs at Highlands.

R. D. Sisk, Jr., Awarded Degree at State College

R. D. Sisk, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sisk of Franklin, was awarded his master's degree in mechanical engineering at the recent commencement exercises at North Carolina State College, Raleigh. Mr. Sisk, who is manager of the Piedmont Engineering company of Charlotte, was graduated from State college in 1922 with the degree of bachelor of science.

Father Racette To Hold Services Here on Sunday

Catholic services will be held on Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Byrne. Rev. Father A. J. Racette, of St. John's Church, Waynesville, will officiate.

Man Shot from Ambush Ready To Leave Hospital

John Williamson, of Warren, N. C., shot from ambush on June 8, will be discharged from Angel Brothers' hospital Saturday, it was reported at the hospital. Williamson suffered several perforations of the intestines, having been wounded with shot from a shot gun used at close range.

Thieves Enter Warehouse Second Time in Few Months

The Carolina Provision company's warehouse was entered late Saturday night or early Sunday morning and a quantity of merchandise stolen. It was the second time within a few months that the building has been entered by thieves. Two bags of flour and 18 packages of snuff were reported stolen the last time.

Cooperative Wool Sale To Be Held on Tuesday

A cooperative wool sale will be held next Tuesday at the Franklin depot, it was announced Monday by F. S. Sloan, county farm agent. The sale has been arranged through the United Wool Growers' association.

Hospital Training School To Graduate Five Nurses

Graduation exercises of the Nurses' Training School of Angel Brothers' hospital will be held at 8 o'clock next Wednesday night at the First Baptist church. Diplomas and pins are to be presented five nurses, as follows: Miss Myrtle Dillard, Sylva; Miss Clyde Berry, Franklin; Miss Dorothy Gribble, Hayesville; Miss Flora Talley, Franklin; Miss Katherine Wilson, Laurens, S. C.

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An advance payment of 7 1/2 cents a pound will be paid for the first grade of wool, while smaller advance payments will be made on lower grades, Mr. Sloan said. Further payments on the wool will be made after it has been disposed of through the Wool Growers' association.

Thomas J. Johnston, Prominent Lawyer, Dies Unexpectedly

OFFICERS CATCH 2 RUM RUNNERS

64 Gallons Liquor Seized and 5 Men Arrested on Cowee Mountain

Two whisky laden cars were captured by Federal prohibition officers on Cowee mountain about six miles east of Franklin Saturday morning about 4 o'clock. One of the cars, a Pontiac coupe, carried three men and 34 gallons of whisky. The other car, a Ford roadster, with two men, carried 30 gallons of whisky.

The officers were J. M. Worley, U. S. Deputy marshal; Charles Blanton, prohibition agent, and D. T. Crisp, H. E. Eller, and Frank McClain, deputy sheriffs of Swain county.

The officers had the road blocked and in waiting. The five young men, who said they were from Asheville, gave up without resistance; but it has been reported since that two of the five escaped. The two cars captured had North Carolina license tags. Three cars have been captured by the same officers, all on Cowee mountain, during the past month.

PLANS ARE MADE FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING OF B. Y. P. U.

Representatives from Baptist churches of Macon county held an important business meeting in the Franklin Baptist church last Sunday. David T. Mashburn presided and plans were made for the associational meeting in July. Cowee Baptist church was suggested for the associational meeting place.

Many Attend Funeral

Several hundred persons of all walks of life thronged the Methodist church for the funeral. The services were conducted by the Rev. O. P. Ader, pastor of the church, and the Rev. L. B. Hayes, of Waynesville, presiding elder of the district. The service was marked by simplicity throughout.

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Poindexter To Be Coach At Cullowhee This Year

Charles C. Poindexter, better known as "Poindy," who coached the successful Weaver college football team last year, has accepted the position of athletic director at Western Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee, it was announced Wednesday by H. T. Hunter, president of the college. Mr. Poindexter, a native of this county and who formerly practiced law in Franklin as a member of the firm of Horn, Patton and Poindexter, plans to come back to this section from Asheville, where he has had his law office for the past year or two. He said he would establish his residence at Cullowhee and probably open his law office at Sylva. Mr. Poindexter was married several weeks ago to Miss Sophia Ray, of this county. The former University of North Carolina football and wrestling star will have complete charge of all athletic activities at Cullowhee. The college has been without a full time coach for more than a year. A short time ago the college heads decided to build a new athletic field and this is expected to be completed by fall. President Hunter expressed much satisfaction in obtaining Poindexter's services for W. C. T. C.

End Comes While Seated on Porch; In Ill Health Long Time

MANY ATTEND FUNERAL

Leader in Civic and Church Life of Community for Many Years

Funeral services for Thomas Jackson Johnston, one of the most prominent lawyers of Western North Carolina, who died at his home on Main street a few minutes after 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, were conducted at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist church with burial following in the cemetery a mile west of town on highway No. 28.

Mr. Johnston had been in poor health for two years. His condition became serious about three months ago, but he was able, however, to get about his home and occasionally to take short automobile rides. His death came unexpectedly while seated on the front porch of his home. His wife, who was with him almost constantly during his illness, had left him only momentarily and he was on the porch alone. He was found dead, seated in his chair, by Dr. W. A. Rogers, who stopped by to make his customary daily call. Just a few moments before Mr. Johnston had called a greeting to a friend who was passing on the other side of the street.

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Scores of beautiful floral tributes attested the love and esteem in which Mr. Johnston was held.

The pall bearers were Dr. W. A. Rogers, Gus Leach, J. O. Harrison, W. B. McGuire, M. D. Billings and Dr. F. T. Smith.

Members of the Macon county bar attended the funeral in a group, together with a number of visiting lawyers, including Captain A. M. Frye, S. W. Black, McKinley Edwards and Baxter Jones, of Bryson City.

Mr. Johnston is survived by his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Ethelwyn Deal; three sons, G. J. Johnston, manager of the Western Carolina Telephone company; Thomas J. Johnston, Jr., and Hugh Johnston, and one sister, Mrs. W. N. Allman, all of Franklin, and by a brother, W. R. Johnston, of Sylvestor, Ga.

57 Years Old

Mr. Johnston was born on June 7, 1875, and after receiving his preparatory education in the common schools of Macon county he attended Emory college at Oxford, Ga., from which he was graduated with an A. B. degree. He then studied law at the University of North Carolina, later receiving his license to practice. He was married on June 9, 1903, to Miss Ethelwyn Deal, daughter of the late Rev. J. A. Deal, rector of St. Agnes church, and Mrs. Deal.

For some years Mr. Johnston was principal of the Franklin public schools and then county superintendent of schools. Many men and women of the county received

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