

# The Smithfield Herald

VOL 43

SMITHFIELD, N. C., TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 20, 1924

NO. 41

## REPUBLICANS HOLD COUNTY CONVENTION

### Nominate A County Ticket; Mr. James Raynor, of Benson, Makes the Keynote Speech.

#### NO CONTESTS STAGED

(Reported for The Herald)

The Republican County Convention, for the purpose of nominating all the County Officers, was held in the Court House on Saturday, May 17th. The convention was called to order by J. C. Stencil, county chairman, who called to the chair, Honorable James Raynor, of Benson, who delivered the keynote speech to the convention. Mr. Raynor felicitated the crowd gathered in the convention, stating that he had never stood before a more intelligent and patriotic looking crowd (which was about 150 to 175 of the usual crowd who met on such occasions.)

One of the first questions asked by the speaker, was, "Is there any man sitting here in his seat can say he lives in the land of Freedom?" Several in the audience answered "No," and this encouraged the speaker to say that "the Country is facing the greatest crisis since the signing of the Declaration of Independence." "We have got to meet and suppress the Ku Klux Klan because it is becoming a menace to the administration of Justice in this state and in this good County. If it is necessary to have the Ku Klux Klan to help enforce our laws, then we should turn out the Democratic party and put in power that party which will administer the laws and make the Ku Klux unnecessary."

This deliverance seemed to relieve the compositeness of the speaker, and he then settled down to the discussion of National affairs. The speaker said, "the daily papers are publishing columns of scandal occurring in Washington, but I tell you that this scandal started," shouted the speaker, "it started on March 4th, 1913, when Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated President of these United States." (considerable cheering from the crowd.) The speaker continuing said, "that the Democrats in Washington have aligned themselves with the radicals in Congress, such as Senator Wheeler and Brookhart, who have just returned from Bolshevik Russia, and are trying to put on the people of the United States Russian Bolshevism. The speaker shouted that "those Democrats who are aligned with those radicals are not honest men but are trying to block the making of honest laws by the Republican Congress."

The speaker then paid his respects to the investigation now being carried on in Congress and stated that they started off on the attack of Secretary of the Navy, Denby. "I say to you that Secretary Denby is as honest a man as ever lived and held public office," Senator Fall, in my opinion," shouted the speaker, "did accept money, but who knows how much the Democrats got?" The speaker, however, failed to show that Secretary of the Navy Daniels ever received one cent of ill-gotten gain; in fact made no reference to him.

The speaker charged that William McAdoo, who is so prominently mentioned for the Democratic nomination for President, did accept a fee of \$150,000.00 from E. L. Doheny, and he asked "why did Mr. McAdoo resign as counsel for Doheny when the investigation started?" He did not get an answer to his question, and then he turned and in vehement tones said, "we have a man in North Carolina by the name of Josiah William Bailey who says that he is a Democrat and ought to know about the Democratic machine, and says that the whole bunch are corrupt and ought to be put out of office," and he intimated that the Republicans ought to be put in, tho he did not say that Mr. Bailey said so. Continuing, the speaker said, "Mr. Bailey knows what he is talking about; the Democratic party is corrupt and the people are not going to stand for it, but will elect Isaac M. Meekins" shouted the speaker.

(Continued on Page 4)

## Curb Market Will Open Friday

Smithfield had the benefit of a curb market for about seven months last year during which time about a thousand dollars worth of produce was sold. The success of the undertaking which was prompted by members of the County Council and the Woman's Club of this city, warrants the operation of a curb market again an dnext Friday has been set as the opening day. The market will open two days instead of one, the days being Tuesdays and Fridays. The farmers room in the court house will be used again for the market.

In order to obviate some of the difficulties experienced last year, a committee from the County Council and the Woman's club met together Saturday afternoon and drew up the following rules to govern the market:

1. Club market shall open Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8:30 to 11 o'clock.
2. Nothing shall be sold before the hour for opening 8:30 o'clock.
3. Those who sell at the market must not peddle produce before the market opens.
4. Customers shall not ask for deliveries.
5. A fair price committee composed of one member of County Council and one from the Woman's club shall fix the price of produce.
6. Produce must be of good quality and attractively arranged.
7. All produce shall be sold for cash.

The committee plans to visit other curb markets in an effort to make the one here as satisfactory as possible. Several will probably attend the Fayetteville market next Saturday, this day being the close of the Kitchen Improvement Contest in Cumberland county.

A feature of the curb market here next Friday will be the exchange of flowers plants. Those having a surplus of annuals or perennials are requested to bring and exchange for something they do not have.

### REV. D. H. TUTTLE TO DELIVER ADDRESS

Rev. D. H. Tuttle will leave tomorrow to deliver the literary address at the Falcon School commencement. The address will be made at eleven o'clock.

### Mr. Eric Massey Will Sing at Concert Tonight

Mr. Eric Massey a well known tenor, of Selma, will appear on the program of the Stallings-Hinnant concert to be given at the high school auditorium this evening under the auspices of the Business and Professional Women's Club. The program which consists of music, vocal, instrumental and orchestral, is sure to please lovers of good music and the fact that the artists are local, being from Smithfield, Selma and Wilson, adds interest to the occasion. Mr. Massey sang for the offertory at the Baptist Tabernacle in Raleigh Sunday morning.

#### Arrives In City

Miss Lucile Taylor arrived in the city Saturday from Louisburg College to spend a few days with relatives before going to her home near New Bern.

#### Spend Saturday Here

Miss Eva Johnson and Mr. Cecil Johnson of Benson, Route 1, and Misses Mary and Verner Baker and Marion Jervis, of Buies Creek were in the city Saturday.

#### Mr. E. L. Edmundson Dead

Friends here will regret to learn of the death of Mr. E. L. Edmundson of Goldsboro, who died suddenly of heart trouble Saturday night. Mr. Edmundson was the father of Mrs. Frank O. Ray of this city.

#### Spend Week In South Carolina

Mr. M. G. Ennis of New York state spent the week end here with Mr. H. D. Ellington. Mr. Ennis and Mr. Ellington spent last week in South Carolina on business.

## RECORDER'S COURT HELD ON TUESDAY

### Violations of The Prohibition Laws Responsible For The Majority of the Cases Tried.

#### SUSPENDED JUDGMENT

Violations of the prohibition laws were responsible for the largest number of the cases tried in Tuesday's Recorder's Court, while automobiles drivers charged with operating upon the public highways while intoxicated were next in point of numbers.

One case of interest was that of Ross Stephenson, who was tried in Recorder's Court on March 25, charged with violating the prohibition laws. He was found guilty on three counts, was fined \$25 and costs and sentenced to four months in jail, assigned to work on roads in Smithfield township. The road sentence was suspended upon paying costs and the defendant not to operate motor vehicle for period of two years and not to drink any intoxicating liquors for two years. Sometime ago he was seen driving an automobile and capias was issued at the request of the solicitor. This case came up last week and the defendant was sentenced to four months on roads.

Other cases disposed of were:

State vs. Coats, charged with cursing on public highway. Defendant plead guilty. Fined \$15 and costs.

State vs. Coats and Harrell Wells, violating prohibition laws. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. B. L. Lancaster, operating car while drunk. Defendant plead guilty. Judgment suspended for two years upon payment of costs. Defendant not to operate auto on public highway for a period of two years.

State vs. Haywood Burch, carrying concealed weapon. Guilty; fined \$50 and costs.

State vs. Dock Hinton, violating prohibition laws. Guilty; \$25 and costs.

State vs. Lonnie Ryals and Willie McLamb, violating prohibition laws. Defendant McLamb not guilty. Defendant Ryals guilty. Judgment suspended for two years upon paying costs and not to operate motor vehicle on public roads for a term of twelve months.

State vs. Bradley Massengill, cursing on public highway, operating car while intoxicated, and assault with deadly weapon. Not guilty on charge of operating car while drunk. Guilty on other two counts. Judgment suspended on count charging assault deadly weapon; \$15 and costs on other counts.

State vs. S. D. Broadwell, giving worthless check. Guilty. Judgment suspended for two years upon paying costs and paying the prosecuting witness \$8.00, the amount of worthless check.

State vs. J. A. Canaday and Newman Tart, violating prohibition laws. Guilty. Defendant Canaday guilty; eight months on roads and costs. Defendant Tart four months on roads. Notice of appeal given to Superior Court. Bond fixed at \$1,000 with J. M. Royall and A. P. Tart securities.

State vs. Beasley, violating prohibition laws. Plead guilty. Judgment suspended upon defendant's paying costs. Defendant not to operate auto on public roads for twelve months except that defendant may use truck on business of farming.

State vs. John Foster and Blamo McKoy, assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapon. Defendant Blamo McKoy to pay to prosecuting witness, Theo. McFarland, \$50 for medical attention and loss of time and defendant McKoy and Foster to pay one-half costs each.

State vs. Hubert Austin and Shuford coats, breaking down gates. Defendants not guilty. It appearing to the court that this prosecution was not required by the public interest, it was ordered that the prosecuting witness, I. H. Stephenson, pay the costs including the cost of defendants necessary witnesses.

## M'CLEAN MAKES ROUSING SPEECH

### Large Number Johnston County Citizens Hear Candidate For Governor at Selma Friday.

#### SPEAKS AT OTHER POINTS

Selma, May 16.—"I do not want the nomination for governor at the hands of the Republican party nor would I accept it with their connivance," declared A. Wilton McLean candidate for governor in a speech at 3 o'clock this afternoon before a crowd of Johnston county citizens, men and women who filled the Selma town hall auditorium to capacity. He said it would be a great honor at the hands of the Democratic party.

The Robeson county candidate was cheered time and time again during his rousing Democratic speech to the voters of Selma and vicinity and the warmth of his welcome to Johnston county, where he spoke three times today, at the Archer Lodge school commencement at 11 o'clock, at Selma at 3 o'clock and at Benson tonight at 8 o'clock, has seldom been paralleled in the history of political campaigns in the pivotal county of historic old Johnston.

J. Dick Massey, Republican postmaster, appointee at Selma, admitted today to W. H. Call, McLean's Johnston county manager, that he contributed to the payment for a "Josiah William Bailey" banner that was stretched across the principal street of Selma this morning. It read "Josiah William Bailey; The Poor Man's Friend," the spelling of "friend" leaving out the "i" first attracted notice as indicating the haste with which it had been made out. The banner created a laugh among McLean supporters when it was learned who had contributed party to the expense of getting it up. And that this fact was admitted. Notice as attracted, too, to the edition of The Johnstonian, a weekly paper published here with three columns and a little bit more of Bailey advertising in it. There is much speculation as to just who contributed and how much to the payment of the political advertisement in the local paper.

George F. Brietz, of Selma, introduced the Lumberton man to his audience here. Mr. Brietz has known the Democratic candidate for many years and he referred to him in his introduction as a God-fearing Christian gentleman of the highest type. A man well fitted for the high office he is seeking.

Candidate McLean made one of the finest Democratic appeals that has ever been listened to here, according to almost unanimous opinion of his audience.

The subject of taxation was clearly discussed by the speaker and many declared that the heretofore to them obscure provisions and conditions of the tax problem were made startlingly plain by his splendid expose of the subject. They cheered the mention of the name of the beloved Aycock and when candidate McLean told them his candidacy was prompted principally by the urging of the late Claude Kitchen, he was again cheered.

Freight rate were discussed briefly by the speaker in his Selma speech but the matter of loyalty to the Democratic party and an appeal to its supporters to stand shoulder to shoulder against the foe from within and without met a hearty response from Johnston Simon pure Democrat.

At Archer Lodge today Candidate McLean made an educational address to an audience that packed the handsome school auditorium. It was estimated that approximately 1,500 people were in attendance. It was a picnic dinner affair, with plenty of barbecue, pickles, "fried chicken" etc. C. W. Pender, superintendent of the Pythian Orphanage, near Clayton and a man greatly beloved throughout the State, introduced the speaker. The exercises were opened with a prayer by Rev. O. L.

## Shooting Scrape In Cleveland

Trouble over a woman which started at a negro school commencement in Cleveland township Friday, resulted in a shooting scrape at the home of William White, colored, Philip Turner firing at and wounding Odell Badger. Both are negroes. Badger followed Turner to the White home, the shooting taking place about 11:30 o'clock. Turner was shot in the stomach and through the hips, and now lies in the Smithfield Memorial hospital.

Deputy Sheriff Percy Wood called at the home of Badger Saturday morning with a warrant for his arrest, but Badger made his escape out the back door. Deputy Wood fired at him twice but failed to prevent him from getting away and he is still at large. It is said that Badger has shot several men, has been shot himself, and has served on the roads.

#### Commencement at Four Oaks

Commencement began at Four Oaks Sunday with the baccalaureate sermon preached by Rev. John R. Potts, of Columbus, Ga.

Last night the Juniors piano recital was given and tonight the Senior piano recital will be given. On Thursday evening the Seniors will give a play. The entire day Friday will be given over to Commencement exercises. A chief feature being the dedication of the handsome new building. The Junior Order will have charge of the dedication exercises, which will take place at 11 a. m. This program will be followed by the Grammar School graduation exercises, and in the evening at eight o'clock the High School graduation exercises will be held.

#### Tomlinson-Cheatham

Mr. Charles Hamtin Cheatham announce the marriage of his sister, Olivia Burton, to Mr. John Henry Bernice Tomlinson, on Saturday, May the seventeenth, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, Oxford, North Carolina. At home after June the first Woodsdale farm, Smithfield, North Carolina.

#### MUSIC CLASSES TO GIVE RECITAL THIS WEEK

On Thursday and Friday evenings of this week the music classes of Miss Emma Louise Kehoe and Miss Thelma Peedin will give their recitals. The program for Friday evening will appear in Friday's issue.

### R. B. Whitley Re-elected Director Tobacco Co-ops

Tobacco Growers from Wake and Johnston County met here Saturday and re-elected unanimously Mr. R. B. Whitley, of Wendell as director of the Tobacco Growers Association to represent this district. This district is composed of Wake and Johnston Counties, Wake being entitled to fifteen delegates in the district meeting, and Johnston six.

Stringfield, of Wendell.—J. L. Hampton in News and Observer.

The school closed Friday at Archer Lodge and Hon. A. W. McLean, Democratic candidate for governor, made the literary address. A large crowd was present to hear Mr. McLean who pleased the audience with plain direct speech. He called attention to the fact that teachers are fairly proficient in getting books learning into the minds of their pupils, but stressed the importance of teaching character. Honesty and right living according to Mr. McLean's are quite as important as learning to read and write.

After Mr. McLean's speech, certificates were presented to ten graduates of the seventh grade by the County Superintendent of schools, H. B. Marrow. Miss Cleve Whitley, a member of this class, has the distinction of making the highest average of any seventh grade graduate of the six months school, her average being 89 1-2 per cent. She was presented with a five dollar gold piece, a reward offered by her teachers. Mr. Luther Denning is principal of the Archer Lodge school and he has a corps of five teachers.

## SELMA KIWANIS HEAR JAS. H. POU

### Former Johnstonian Tells of Progress Made in His Native County; Warns Against Sky Blue Stocks.

#### PREDICTS BETTER DAYS

(Special to The Herald)

Selma, May 17.—On Thursday evening, May 14, the Kiwanis Club at its dinner meeting had the pleasure of hearing Mr. James H. Pou, a former Johnston County man, speak to them. After being introduced by Clarence Harper, he in a very pleasing manner compared Johnston County as it was when he left it twenty-six and a half years ago with what it is today. At that time there was not in the county a single corporation except one or two Masonic lodges which were chartered by the legislature. There was not a single bank, a single saw mill corporation, not a cotton mill; absolutely the biggest things in the county were when two men formed a partnership. Not a place in the county where a person could deposit his money, not a place where tobacco could be sold at auction not a place where cotton could be spun. There was a small cotton mill at Lowell on the Little River, but it was discontinued; another at Smithfield, but it was abandoned; not a single thing looking to the manufacture of any product grown in the county.

"Our schools were not much, although Selma has always seemed to be favored. As far back as I can remember, Selma had a good school. More than forty years ago the man who is now the distinguished president of Washington and Lee, made an impression and left his imprints in Selma. It was ahead of any town in the county in educational progress. Outside of two or three towns there were no schools in the county. Forty or forty-five years ago very few went to college from this county. Now there is a Johnston County Club at all the colleges, ranking, first, second, and third in numbers of students in their institutions. Instead of the school buildings we had, there is now more money invested in school buildings in this county than in Wake County.

"Twenty six years ago the biggest crop of cotton was 30,000 bales at six cents a pound. A little less than a bale of the 30,000 was spun here. The crop this fall was over 60,000 bales at thirty cents a pound. Instead of \$900,000 more than \$9,000,000. There is nearly as much progress in the growth of tobacco. That is the material growth.

"Johnston County is not much more than in the beginning of prosperity. 60,000 bales of cotton is small compared with what you could do with more scientific farming. One bale to the acre was considered good farming then. All states laughed at us as a cotton producing state. Now North Carolina ranks next to Texas in cotton production, and in the number of bales it is good as Texas in production per acre. It totals as much as Georgia and Alabama combined. That is the progress made in the production of cotton. The state is keeping up with other things. This state is ahead of any other state except those states which use irrigation, we are way ahead in the produce of any of the others.

"We have one county in this state that pays more into the Internal Revenue Department than the entire state of Georgia; the county is not particularly large Durham does the same. This state pays more into the Internal Revenue Department than South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and Arkansas combined.

We have a fine climate with fifty inches of rainfall. We have two hundred and ten days between spring and fall frost; a homogeneous race of people, people who behave themselves reasonably well and have about the safest place in the world for anybody, put their labor and capital in their especially North Carolina people, to

(Continued on page 4)