

Balloting For Candidates Began Yesterday With Deadlock Certain

Smith Receives 240; McAdoo 431; Vote Is Widely Scattered Among Field of Starters.

"DARK HORSE" MAY WIN

Madison Square Grden, New York, June 30.—The Democratic National Convention found no candidate on its first ballot today. On the unofficial figures McAdoo's total of the first ballot ran up to 240 1-2. How far those figures represented the maximum or minimum strength no one could determine.

The remainder of the voting was scattered among the other candidates. In the entire field of sixteen, with two added starters, Houston Thompson, of Colorado, and Senator Kendrick of Wisconsin. There was nothing notable in the voting on the first ballot. It was quiet and orderly and almost without a feeling of tension that goes with the first test of strength in a national convention.

Convention got to balloting without any recurrence of the disorders of Saturday night over the Klan issue an reports that there was to be an attempt to re-open that subject melted away.—Raleigh Times.

The vote at the end of the first ballot stood as follows: Total vote, 1096; McAdoo of California, 431; Underwood of Alabama, 42 1-2; Robinson of Arkansas, 21; Sweet of Colorado, 12; Brown of New Hampshire, 17; Smith of New York, 240 1-2; Saulsbury of Delaware, 7; Silzer of New Jersey, 38; John W. Davis, of West Virginia, 31; Ritchie of Maryland 22 1-2; Harrison of Mississippi, 43 1-2; Cox of Ohio, 59; Charles W. Bryan of Nebraska, 18; Ralston, of Indiana, 30; Jonathan Davis, of Kansas, 20; Ferris of Michigan, 30; Glass of Virginia 25; Kendrick of Wisconsin, 6; Thompson of Colorado, 1; absent 2.

During the balloting Mrs. McAdoo sat in a box busy with her paper and pencil keeping an account of the balloting. The box formerly occupied by Mrs. Smith was empty.

LOCAL SCOUTS GO TO RALLY AT KINSTON

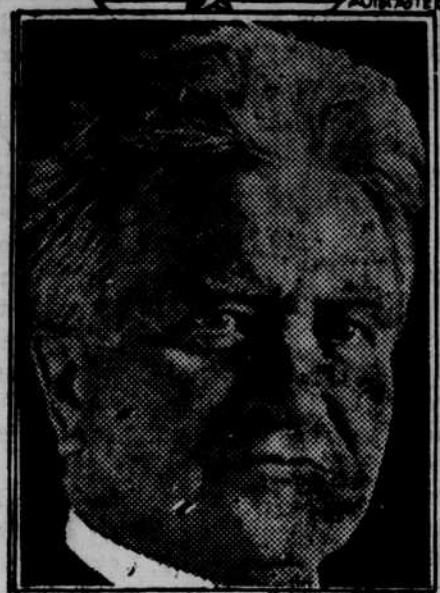
The Boy Scouts of Smithfield, troops No. 1 and 2 attended the Scout Rally at Kinston Thursday. Six cars were used in carrying the local scouts to the rally. At Goldsboro the Smithfield scouts were joined by the Goldsboro boys. After arriving at Kinston the Scout officials arranged for the parade. When the troops were counted it was found that Smithfield troop 2 had the largest representation, Nineteen scouts out of twenty-two enrolled in the troop were present at the rally.

Dinner was eaten at twelve o'clock and each troop eating together. At three P. M. the rally started. The events were as follows: 1—Inspection. 2—First Aid. 3—Boiling water. 4—Rescue Race. 5—Signaling. 6—Message Relay. 7—Tug O' War. Goldsboro Troop 1 carried away first honors while Kinston No. 1 came second. The other troops ranked as Troop No. 2, Kinston, 3rd place. Troop No. 3, Kinston, 4th place. Troop No. 6, Goldsboro, 5th place. Troop No. 2, Smithfield, 6th place. Troop No. 5, Goldsboro, 7th place. Troop No. 4, Kinston, 8th place. Troop No. 1, Smithfield, 9th place. Troop No. 2, of Smithfield made a very good showing for the time it has been organized, taking first place in two of the events. This troop has been organized only three months. Under the leadership of Scoutmaster Marvin Woodall the troop has been making great progress.

M. E. Baracas Furnish Flag

The Boy Scout camp which opened last week at Holt Lake with a bunch of Goldsboro Scouts in attendance, is using an American flag donated while the camp is open. by the Baracas class of the Methodist Sunday school. Mr. Rivers, who is in charge of the camp, uses this flag for certain patriotic ceremonies with the Scouts.

White House Hopes No. 3



Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, Progressive Republican, whose sensational showing of strength in the North Dakota primary has the whole country talking. He ran second to President Coolidge and ahead of Hiram Johnson despite the fact that his name was not on the ballot but had to be written in or placed on a sticker.

Storm Does Lot Damage

The storm that visited this vicinity Thursday morning and which did considerable damage in the Sanders Chapel section, according to our report in Friday's issue, also played havoc with the crops near Selma. Mr. Stencil, of Selma, R. F. D. was in the city Friday and said he visited the storm area Thursday afternoon and according to his estimation cotton, corn and tobacco was damaged 75 per cent. The storm seemed to be worse between Selma and Pine Level, the heaviest losers perhaps being Dr. Person, Messrs. W. N. Faulkner, Charlie Creech, P. D. Yelverton, Charlie Dale, Tobe White, Charlie Eason, and a colored man, Oscar Mitchner.

The crops were damaged both by hail and wind. The wind up rooted trees, unroofed houses and blew down telephone poles for several hundred yards.

FOUR OAKS PEOPLE POUND PASTOR

Several days ago the pastor of Four Oaks Baptist church and his wife met with a very pleasant surprise. Having been married for just a few days, housekeeping was an entirely new experience so surprises were in order.

About 8:30 p. m. a host of Four Oaks Baptist church members came "en masse" to visit the pastor and his wife. Mr. C. E. Parrish led the parade with a five-gallon can of kerosene. Those who followed had glass ware, linens, good things to eat and many other nice things. This was only a beginning of so many useful gifts that have come since the "pounding."

The Four Oaks people have demonstrated in no uncertain terms their love for their pastor and his wife. These good people have greatly endeared themselves to Mrs. Ivey and me. We are made happy.

With a greater love, a more intense zeal, we will push forward to give our lives more wholly to our people here in the Master's work. Jas. A. Ivey, Pastor.

FOUR OAKS, JUNE 30.

REVIVAL

A revival will begin at New Light Second Advent Christian Church at Smithfield July 11th, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday and will continue 10 days.

Everybody cordially invited to attend these services. Come it may do thee good. Elder J. V. Moore, pastor.

Having Store Remodelled

Mr. W. Rubenstein is having his store remodelled by having a new front put in. When completed it will be much improved and up-to-date in appearance.

SPECTACULAR FIGHT OVER KU KLUX KLAN

Anti-Klan Forces Defeated By Margin of One Vote; McAdoo and Smith May Bot h Lose.

MRS. McADOO ON HAND

New York, June 29.—Emerging wearily from a titanic struggle over its platform, the Democratic National Convention prepared today to plunge into another battle over candidates.

The platform was perfected at two o'clock this morning, when amid scenic of confusion seldom paralleled in party history, a plank condemning the Ku Klux Klan by name was pronounced rejected by the narrow margin of a single vote. Another serious contest had been decided previously by adoption of a plank reaffirming in general terms only the party's faith in the League of Nations.

The convention's action on the all-absorbing question of the Klan apparently had no effect on the relative standing of the candidates, except as it provided a further argument for use by those who are predicting that neither McAdoo nor Smith can be nominated. The out-and-out anti-Klan plank, according to Permanent Chairman Walsh's announcement, received 541 votes, with the active supporters of Governor Smith and many others friendly to him voting for it, while 542 votes were announced as cast against it, largely from the states that are giving their support to Mr. McAdoo.

The convention's floor fight over the League issue had been accompanied by an unusual display of passion, but it became colorless and uninteresting in contest with the battle waged over the Klan plank through the midnight hours and into the early morning of the Sabbath.

Like those who wanted to name the Klan specifically in the platform the leaders who preferred instead the general religious liberty plank that was adopted seemed completely satisfied after a Sunday's reflection. Both sides declared the sore spots left by the fight soon would disappear, and insisted that no party split would result from the public airing that had been given the religious disagreements of the delegates.

Everywhere tonight the outward disposition was to leave well enough alone and to let the close vote by which the party escaped an open condemnation of the Klan speak for itself. There were many echoes among party leaders of a sentiment expressed by Tex Rickard, lessee of Madison Square Garden and famous prize fight promoter, who remarked as the weary bedraggled delegates filed out into the night.

"Of all the fights I ever pulled off in the old garden, that was the best draw I ever saw."

Party leaders tonight also took pains to disseminate word that they did not regard the battle as having raised any permanent religious issue within the party. They pointed out that both Protestant and Catholic spokesmen against the Klan. They recalled also that some of those of the Catholic faith high in party councils had advised against the anti-Klan plank, and that Senator Walsh, of Massachusetts, in voicing the sentiment of others of his church in favor of the plank, incorporated in his plea this assurance:

"We are Democrats; whatever the outcome, we will accept it."—News and Observer.

ENJOY FISHING AT MOREHEAD CITY

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Ragsdale, Messrs. N. L. Perkins, Frederick Brooks, and George Ragsdale have returned from Morehead City where they spent several days. The gentlemen of the party enjoyed some fine fishing while there, catching more than 300 fish, some of which weighed three and four pounds.

Gin House Hit By Lightning

During a terrific rain and thunder storm Saturday night, the cotton gin of J. G. Barbour & Sons was struck by lightning and totally destroyed by fire that followed the lightning's stroke. The plant was struck about nine o'clock when the town was in darkness, the lights having been cut off some time previously by lightning.

Mr. Dwight Barbour who lives near the gin, discovered the fire and turned in the alarm, but by the time help arrived the entire building where the gin plant was operated was a mass of flames on the inside and the efforts of the firemen were directed towards keeping the fire within bounds and prevent its spreading to nearby buildings. The building was of iron and roofed with tin and for some time it was hard work to get on the inside where the fire was raging, due to the protection afforded by the iron sides and roof. The building was located with a group of other buildings and sheds on the Barbour's lot and in these nearby buildings was much valuable machinery and supplies, including some cotton, wagons, farm implements, a number of head of fine cattle and mules. For a while these were in danger, but by aid of the excessive rain which was falling and the heroic efforts of the firemen the flames were subdued before they had spread and all the damage was confined to the machinery and building where the fire originated.

The building was built in 1920 and for four seasons the plant had been operated to gin the cotton from the farms and other customers over the county. While not the largest, it was one of the best and most modern gin plants in the country, consisting of three seventy-saw gins and was operated by electricity. The damage amounted to around eight or ten thousand dollars and was well covered by insurance.—Clayton News, June 26.

CABBAGE WEIGHS 16 POUNDS

Recently a cabbage weighing twelve and a half pounds grown by Mr. Kirby of Selma was brought to our office and we thought it the biggest cabbage we had ever seen. However, Mr. George Beatty who lives near Wilson's Mills has that beat, considerably. His largest cabbage weighed sixteen pounds. He grew four that tipped the scales at 39 pounds. He said he used no soda around his cabbage and they were the ordinary Flat Dutch variety.

FOUR STILLS CAPTURED

During the week ending June 28 Federal officers captured four whiskey stills in Johnston County. One 40-gallon copper still was found in Pine Level township; a 50-gallon still in Boon Hill; a 50-gallon and a 35-gallon still in Pleasant Grove, making a total of 175-gallon capacity. They were all made of copper. Eleven gallons of whiskey and several thousand gallons of mash were seized. No arrests have been made.

BIG RAIN NEAR PRINCETON

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Eason who live near Princeton were in the city yesterday. Mr. Eason, who is eighty years old, and a Confederate veteran was here to confer with the pension board. Mr. Eason says his children, grand children and great-grand children number over 90. Mr. and Mrs. Eason reported an unusually heavy rain in their section Sunday night. Water was running across the highway in three places between Smithfield and Holt's Mill when they came to town.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

There will be two services of peculiar interest at the Presbyterian church this week. There will be no prayer meeting service on Wednesday but at 8:15 p. m. on Saturday there will be held a service preparatory to the communion service to be observed at eleven o'clock Sunday morning. All are cordially invited and urged to arrange the engagements of the week so as to be present at these services.

MERCHANTS TO CLOSE JULY 4TH

We the undersigned merchants agree to close our store on July 4th.

Woodall's Inc., by H. H. Woodall; J. D. Spiers, Peedin & Peedin, M. Hurwitz, Vara L. Smith & Co., Pender's Store, T. C. Jordan & Son, Crumpler-Jones Fur Co., Coats Hdw. Co., Turnage & Talton, Jordan, Edmundson, J. W. Phillips, R. Lewis, J. E. Gregory, A. & P. Tea Co., W. Rubenstein, W. M. Sanders & Son, Cotter-Underwood Co., A. G. Rabil, W. J. Huntley, Austin-Stephenson Co., Charles Davis, Quality Shop, N. B. Grantham.

LOCAL UNIT GOES TO CAMP IN AUG.

Date Set For Local National Guards To Camp At Fort Bragg Is August 2nd to 16th.

ENTITLED TO 76 MEN

The 2nd Bn. Hq. Det. & Com. Trn., 17th F. A. NC-NG St. Julien L. Springs, Commanding officer received General orders No. 11 from the Adjutant General's Department, Raleigh, which directs (1) That under authority of the Secretary of War and the provisions of the National Defense Act a fifteen day camp of instruction inclusive. (2) The following organizations of the 17th Field Artillery North Carolina National Guard having received Federal recognition, will attend the fifteen day camp, and at the conclusion of the same will return to their proper stations.

Headquarters & Headquarters Battery, Dunn.

Service Battery, New Bern, (with band section).

1st Bn. Hq. Det. & Com. Trn., Youngsville.

Battery A. Goldsboro.

Battery B. Louisburg.

2nd Bn. Hq. Det. & Com. Smithfield.

Battery C. Washington.

Battery D. New Bern.

3rd Bn. Hq. Det. & Com. trn., Bryson City.

Battery E. Hendersonville.

Battery F. Monroe.

Medical Detachment, Goldsboro.

It is estimated that the present NC-NG is 1110 men and 61 officers under command of Col. William T. Joyner, Raleigh. The roster of the Smithfield organization is as follows:

St. Julien L. Springs, Commanding officer. 1st Lt. Horace L. Johnson; 2nd Lt. Luby Royall; 1st Sgt. (vacant until order for appointment). Staff Sgt. William E. Barbour; Supply Sgt. Junius V. Peterson; Mess Sgt. Lonzo R. Dodd; Duty Sgts. Lyndon Jordan, William H. Fuller, Frank L. Skinner, Nicolas A. Avera; Corporals Sam H. Stallings, Frank M. Wallace, Norwood T. Holland, Maurice A. Biggs, Hugh S. Wellons, Thomas E. Fuller, Clarence E. Stephenson, Kenneth L. Parrish Marvin E. Woodall; Privates 1st class, C. G. Grady C. R. Adams, S. R. Lassiter, C. R. Pittman, R. S. Stanley, Raymond Stephenson, T. S. Ragsdale, Jr., A. H. Johnson, H. B. Wellons, T. B. Creech, Wilbert Blackman, W. L. Turner, R. F. Lee, J. L. Strickland, Jesse Coats, Willie M. Parker, T. F. Stallings, C. L. Beasley; Privates, Walter J. Barbour, Henry A. Benson, B. W. Booker, Frederick H. Brooks, Jr., Thomas R. Fulghum, J. J. Hamilton, Cleveland Eason, N. C. Hathaway, Thel Hooks, Bugler: J. L. Jones, Cook; W. J. Jordan, E. C. Lamm, Richard Moore, W. L. Moore, D. G. Patrick, L. A. Peterson, Horace Smith, J. F. Stencil, L. U. Stencil, C. W. Stanley, Roscoe Taylor, E. W. Turner, James Utely, V. B. Warren, L. E. Watson, Jr., J. H. Wellons, J. A. Wood, J. J. Young, W. E. Parker, M. R. Good.

Capt. Springs stated "that it is noted from the schedule outlining the

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SELMA REGISTRAR GIVES STATEMENT

Mr. W. L. Roberts Answers Article of Judge A. M. Noble In Recent Issue of The Smithfield Herald.

DENIES ANY FRAUD

In reply to Mr. A. M. Noble's article in a recent issue of The Smithfield Herald in which he claims that he was defrauded out of the nomination for Judge of the Recorder's Court by fellow Democrats and charges me with having assisted in defrauding him in Selma, I wish to say that I gave the defeated candidate my vote and support and, as an officer of the Primary, honestly endeavored to deal equal justice to him and his opponent, Mr. Martin. I deny that I, or any one else in my knowledge, defrauded him of a single vote in Selma Township, and I believe that he was defeated simply because the people preferred to have another man in his place.

I have had no experience in politics and was asked to serve as Registrar in another's place. I received printed instructions a few days before the Primary but admit that I was so busy with my own business affairs that I did not study them as I should have done. However, it was my idea and the idea of the officers of the Election to conduct an honest and square election and I know that it was conducted. After having voted for him and after having conducted the election as well as I knew how, the defeated candidate has seen fit to publicly publish me as a crook and a liar. It is not my purpose to enter into a controversy with a disappointed candidate. The object of this letter is to explain the facts of the public as they really are. My conscience is clear and I can sleep at night.

I opened the polls in Selma on sunrise on Saturday. I was there all day, missing my dinner and supper. When the polls closed at sunset in was decided that I should take charge of the State box and that Mr. Whitley, the Poll Holder and others, should count the County box. Mr. Whitley was assisted in that county by friends and relatives of the defeated candidate. The tally of the County box, with which I had nothing to do, was made upon four sheets of paper. As soon as that count was completed, the totals of the four sheets were added together, showing a total of 236 for Noble and 107 for Martin, and this result was phoned to Smithfield.

When the count was completed around 11 o'clock, it was found that we had nothing with which to rail up the County box, and thereupon, F. B. Whitley, E. J. Sasser and I took all boxes to my store, entered the store, which had been closed, concealed boxes under a box counter and placed all books and tally sheets in the safe. We were all tired and hungry and had no time to fill out the returns as directed by a strict compliance with the election law.

On Monday morning we took the books and papers from the safe, but overlooked one of the four tally sheets, and carried them to Smithfield. There, with the help of Mr. W. T. Adams, I filled out the returns on a basis of three sheets, instead of four, honestly under the impression that the three sheets represented the full vote. That result showed 151 for Noble and 72 for Martin.

When Mr. Noble learned of that report and saw the difference between his majority in that count and the Saturday night report, he naturally wished to see the tally sheets. Not until then did I know that I had failed to carry all sheets to Smithfield and that the entire vote had not been returned. I went with him to Selma and found the missing sheet in my safe, where I had left it. A retally of all four sheets gave the original vote of 236 for Noble and 107 for Martin.

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