

Democrats Hold Big Meeting In District

Thousand Attends Thursday Meeting At Robersonville

Gospel Preached For More Than Two Hours By Party Leaders

Holding one of the best rallies in the entire State, Democrats meeting in Robersonville's new high school gymnasium last Thursday evening formed their ranks to offer a united front against the Republicans in the next Tuesday election. That the ranks are well formed was evidenced when Senator Willis Smith, first on record as not being too enthusiastic about the ticket, "warmly" said he would vote the ballot from top to bottom. Rally followers across the State declared Smith was the warmest he had been, possibly taking his cue from Secretary of State Thad Eure's determined declaration about party loyalty and party favors, and impressed by the more than 1,000 party stalwarts from all over the First Congressional District.

A Corey, nominee for the State House of Representatives from this county, opened the meeting with prayer, and Mayor H. S. Everett welcomed the visitors. Jim Gray, chairman of the Martin County Democratic Executive Committee, introduced the host congressman, Herbert Bonner, who opened up on mugwumps and sized up Richard Nixon, the nominee for vice president on the Republican ticket.

The host congressman said he admired a man who says he is a Democrat, "and I admire the man who says he is a Republican, but we don't want any mugwumps in the Democratic Party." He warned against the enemy trying to infiltrate into the party ranks and take our young men and women away, and went on to explain that a revival is needed in the party.

"Our party has made it possible for young men and women to make money. Some of them do not remember the day of the Hoover cart, and we must get off the sidelines and tell them about it. Unless we tell them the record, the Republicans will mislead them. The Republicans already have young men and women in their ranks that should be in ours," Congressman Bonner said.

Pleased that such a large crowd had turned out all the way from

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Native Of County Died In Hospital

Funeral services were conducted in the Smithfield Free Will Baptist Church last Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Mrs. Geraldine Williams Faircloth, a native of this county, who died in a hospital there last Wednesday afternoon. Suffering with a heart condition, she had an attack of asthma early that morning and entered the hospital. The Rev. Earl Gleen, her pastor, officiated and interment was in Sunset Memorial Park at Smithfield.

The daughter of the late John Staton Williams and Emma Taylor Williams, she was born near Robersonville 27 years ago on May 18, 1925, and spent her early life in the community. About 1942 she came to Williamston and made her home with her sister, Mrs. Kater Rawls. In 1944 she met and married E. P. Faircloth, Johnston County young man who was in the service at the time. Following her marriage she has made her home in Johnston County. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield.

Surviving besides her sister and husband are two children, James and Gwynn Yvonne, both of the home; and six brothers, Clarence and Raymond Williams of Robersonville, Dallas of Newport News, Lorie of Bethel, Cecil of Williamston and James D. Williams of Richmond.

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YOUNG DEMOCRATS

The organization holding an inactive status for some months, young Martin County Democrats are meeting in the Wilson Hotel at Robersonville this evening at 7:30 o'clock to perfect a working organization.

Billy Harrison, State president of Rocky Mount, is to meet with the group. The new organization is expected to go into action immediately and throw its support behind the Democratic ticket.

Democratic Rally Urged To Take No Election Chances

County Leaders Say There Are Some Democrats For Eisenhower

First District Democrats, attending a big party rally in Robersonville last Thursday evening, were warned to take no chances but get out and work for an overwhelming vote next Tuesday. It was admitted that there are some Eisenhowerers in this section, but they are not expected to make much showing. However, it was pointed out by Mrs. B. B. Everett, National Committeeman, that the Republicans have strength in the west and that every Democratic vote is needed in this section to offset the opposition in other areas.

Each of the fourteen counties in the district had large delegations present, including far-off Dare. Most of the county chairmen pointed out that there were Eisenhowerers in their counties, but they predicted sizable majorities for the entire Democratic ticket. Reporting for this county, E. G. Anderson, pinch hitting for Chairman Jim Gray, said that there were possibly thirty or forty in Robersonville who would vote the Republican ticket, but that he thought the county would go about 99 percent Democratic. D. C. Barnes of Murfreesboro said there were possibly two or three hundred Ike votes in Hertford County, but that he expected some of them to reconsider their stand when they entered the voting booth.

Elton Aydtlett, reporting for Pasquotank, said, "We have a few jackasses with very short memories. They are known as Eisenhowerers, but despite them our county

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Sales On Tobacco Market Continue To Hold Up Well

Hundred And Fifty Thousand Pounds Sold Monday For \$53 Average

Despite a short crop, dry and cool weather and the lateness of the season, tobacco sales on Williamston's market continue to hold up unusually well. Yesterday, the market sold 150,046 pounds for a \$53 price average. Farmers, questioned on the warehouse floors, declared the price was just about the highest of the season, considering the quality of the leaf. Last Friday the market handled 100,160 pounds for an average right at \$53 per hundred pounds.

Up until this morning, the market had sold 10,397,662 pounds for \$5,254,433.00, or an average near \$51.00 per hundred pounds.

A review of activities on all the markets in the belt as prepared by the Federal and State Departments of Agriculture, follows:

Generally steady prices continued last week for most grades of Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco. Volume of sales was fairly heavy on Monday and Friday, but extremely light on the other days, reports the Federal-State Market News Service. Quality of offerings was about the

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Thousands Attend Annual Harvest Festival



By 2:00 o'clock thousands of visitors from all over this and many parts of other eastern Carolina counties started gathering for the town's annual harvest festival parade an hour later last

Wednesday afternoon. The clowns are seen in the main street alley, amusing the waiting crowds. It was estimated that between 12,000 and 15,000 persons saw the annual event. —Photo by Royal Studio

Party Leaders At Big Rally



Democratic Party Leaders (left to right) Bruce Etheridge, Harry McMullan, Thad Eure, Herbert Bonner and Bill Umstead, at a First District rally in Robersonville last Thursday evening urged the Democrats in this section to get busy and work for a large vote in the election next Tuesday. —Photo by Royal Studio.

Harvest Festival Queen



Miss Elizabeth Walker of Enfield was chosen queen of Williamston 1952 harvest festival last Thursday evening. She was crowned by Miss Patricia Taylor, the 1951 queen.

Funeral Sunday For Moore Infant

Graveside services were held in Woodlawn Cemetery here Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock for the infant daughter of Maurice

and Jane Goff Moore, Jr., who died in a Florence, South Carolina, hospital late Saturday night. The Rev. Thos. Hastings, rector of the Church of the Advent, conducted the rites. Mrs. and Mrs. Moore, formerly of Williamston, are now living in Hartsville, South Carolina.

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Peanut Prices Open Near Support Level

THIRD TIME

Using a brick to break out a window, robbers entered the Roanoke Chevrolet garage on Washington Street here last Sunday night for the time in less than two weeks. After breaking the glass, the robber released the latch and crawled into the garage and then moved toward the front where he ransacked the cash register.

Only a few pennies were left in the register and nothing else was missed.

Heavy Deliveries On Local Market In Past Few Days

Price Holding Firm To The Loan Rate Schedule On Open Market

Hardly before the first dust of the season had settled around the threshers, the local peanut market went into action here last week, and by late yesterday it was conservatively estimated that the growers had sold and delivered between five and six thousand bags of the goobers.

No official reports could be had, but it is fairly evident that the open market price is holding right to the loan rate schedule advanced by the Peanut Growers Cooperative. That places the open market price just about three-quarters to one cent per pound below the theoretical support figures.

In other words, a farmer whose peanuts have a 65 percent meat content and as many as 22 percent extra large is receiving right at \$10.98 per hundred for them. The theoretical support price is \$11.98 per hundred pounds. If the farmer chooses to turn to the government he can get the support price, but he has to guarantee weights, pay storage costs, which it is estimated will approximate one cent or more.

It is believed that the open market has set what appears to be a matching price in that the cleaners will have to provide their own storage, insurance and take any shrinkage in weight that might follow between the time of purchase and sale.

The open market apparently is anxious for the crop, and it is believed that if marketing is handled after an orderly fashion the government will not find it necessary to step in and hold the price up. It is certain that the government will act if the price structure on the open market wavers much.

Reports from the buyers maintain that the early deliveries were not of the best quality, that the weights are running low and the meat content is off several points. Quite a few of the nuts are not mature, indicating they were dug possibly too early.

The yield is running considerably ahead of that reported last year. Farmer Roland Farmer on the Terry farm in Bear Grass Township was said to have picked 100 bags from four acres, and combined reports from various parts of the county point to a yield of seventeen to twenty-five

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Twenty Cases In The County Court Saturday Morning

Free-For-All Fight Takes Up Much Time In The Court

Judge R. T. Johnson called twenty cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Saturday and held the tribunal in session about three hours before clearing the docket. Considerable time was spent hearing a free-for-all fight in Williams Township. Fines amounted to \$400 and one defendant, a carnival worker, was sentenced to the roads for four months when he pleaded guilty of drunken driving. Eleven of the cases involved speeding.

Proceedings: James Hawkins was found not guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

The cases in which Octavious Daniel was charged with assaulting a female and Guilford Brown, Jr., with non-support, were not passed.

Charged with assaults, Russell Lilley was adjudged guilty of simple assault and was taxed with the costs. Eugene Bembridge, a second defendant in the case, was found not guilty. The two young men along with Bruce Lilley were charged with assaulting Ben Barber. Lilley is a minor and goes into the juvenile court.

Joseph Lewis was sentenced to the roads for four months for

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Fire Threatened Load Of Peanuts

A large truckload of Farmer Hopkins' peanuts was threatened by fire shortly after 5:00 o'clock last Friday evening. Hay falling between the body and cab was ignited by the exhaust pipe and the truck caught fire as the vehicle traveled Highway 64 a short distance beyond Sweet Water Creek.

Hopkins, Williams Township farmer, stopped to pick up a couple of bags of peanuts that had fallen from the load and discovered the fire. Jack Harrison, operator of a transport truck and who lived close to where the truck was stopped, put the fire out with extinguishers from his truck. The Williamston fire department was called, but the fire was out when the truck reached the scene.

Plan To Add Equipment To Weather Station Here

Although making fairly good progress, the annual Farm Bureau membership drive in this county got a shot in the arm last Friday evening when farm leaders met in the agriculture building and pledged time and effort to the task of getting out and pushing the campaign over the top.

"Regardless of who is elected on November 4, we will need a strong farm organization to represent us in Washington," President Chas. L. Daniel told the group. Continuing, Mr. Daniel said, "If we let the Farm Bureau go down, we will soon be back to 1932, for we'll have no strong agency to underwrite our programs. It is our responsibility to put the drive over the 2,050 goal in this county. We are going to have to sacrifice,

and we should get behind the drive or quit." The group frowned upon quitting and several said they would quit their other work and devote considerable time to the membership drive this week.

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COUNTY FAIR

Plans are just about complete for the Martin County fair which will be held in the New Carolina warehouse here next week. Members of the Lions and Kiwanis Clubs, the joint sponsoring organizations, are clearing off the adjoining lot for the Virginia Greater Shows which will play the fair. But there'll be no tent shows or gambling devices, it was explained.

Special entertainment will be provided inside and outside the warehouse, and exhibits are being lined up in a big way with \$1,000 in premiums being offered.

The sale of exhibit spaces is progressing very satisfactorily at the Martin County Agricultural Fair according to an announcement by Fletcher Thomas, Director of the event. He stated, however, that several commercial booths are still available and anyone interested should contact him.

Appointments In Methodist Church

Holding its annual sessions in Burlington last week-end the North Carolina Methodist Conference reported a successful year, favored legislation providing a State-wide liquor referendum and announced its appointments for the new year.

The Rev. R. E. Walston was returned to the local church for his second year. The Rev. J. B. Hurley is succeeding the Rev. Mr. Johnson in Robersonville, and the Rev. Vance Lewis, with headquarters in Roper, is succeeding the Rev. Mr. Bingham as pastor of the Jamesville and Siloam churches in this county.

The Rev. B. Duke Criteher, former local man, is transferring from Durham to Beaufort where he will pastor the Ann Street Church.

The Rev. B. T. Hurley, a former local pastor, will be at the Tar River church in the Raleigh district.

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PRE-INDUCTION

Because next Tuesday is election day, the thirty-seven Martin County men scheduled to report for pre-induction examinations that day are having their trip to Raleigh delayed.

The young men are to report on Friday, November 7, it was announced today by Mrs. Olivia Lee Handy, draft board clerk.

Eure Says Work For Party Or Stop Accepting Favors From It

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Liquor Traffic In The Streets

Lurking in the bushes, joints and other dark places all these years, the illicit liquor traffic reared its head and took to the open streets here last Sunday afternoon.

Riding out Washington Street, local officers saw Leander Winbush transferring a five gallon demijohn from an old warehouse storage room to a car. Closing in on the man, the officers saw Winbush throw the container with about two gallons of white liquor in it, to the cement walk. When it did not burst, the container was picked up and thrown to the concrete a second time. Unable to break the glass jug, Winbush picked it up and placed it in his car.

Winbush declared he was running the errand for a friend and maintained that he did not know who handed the liquor out the warehouse window. He would not tell who sent him on the errand. Police are of the opinion that Columbus Williams passed the liquor out the window to Winbush. Williams is out of town this week and no hearing in the case has been scheduled.

Officers said that the Winbush car was not confiscated since he did not drive away with the liquor.