

REPUBLICANS IN HANDS OF BUTLER

Carl Duncan and Cy Thompson Think That Without Them "Grand Old Party" is in Bad Way

The following is an abridged account of the News and Observer's report of the meeting of the Republican State Convention held in Raleigh on Wednesday of this week:

Following the dictates of Marion Butler, the Republican State Convention yesterday unseated E. C. Duncan as National Committeeman and named in his stead John Motley Morehead of Charlotte, whose split with Duncan, after insistence of the Convention led by Butler furnished the sensation of the day.

In Tuesday night when, in the interest of harmony, he offered to efface himself from the fruits of the campaign if Duncan would do likewise, Marion Butler had the convention with him. Making his appearance always at decisive moments, playing his hand dramatically and confidently, he brought admiring ovations unto himself and success to his efforts.

What little hope there had been of a harmonious convention was disrupted Tuesday night. Butler returned to North Carolina making the proposition that E. C. Duncan, twelve years the National Committeeman and his own personal enemy, step down and out. In consideration of this he would do likewise, thus healing the Taft and Roosevelt split in the party. Duncan declined this obstinately, treating Butler's offer as impertinence.

Refused to Get Down

"It is folly," he is quoted as having said, "to compromise with a man holding a pair of deuces when you hold four aces yourself." Friends yesterday who saw how the convention was standing and who viewed the steam roller preparations with alarm, earnestly besought him to reconsider. He would not, declaring that Butler had stacked his honor had come to North Carolina to get control of the party on the pretext of seeking harmony, and he would not yield himself beaten.

A harmony gathering in the Wake county courthouse Tuesday night, with the Butler element completely in control, went on record for harmony even if a fight was necessary to get it. Moreover, it was the determination of the delegates there to annihilate any man who stood in the way.

During the night it became known that John Motley Morehead, C. J. Harris, E. C. Duncan, and Cyrus Thompson were slated for the delegates to the national convention by the Duncan forces, and that they had agreed to stand or fall by the national committeeman.

In the meantime the name of Morehead was seized upon by the Butler delegates. In another harmony meeting yesterday morning in the courthouse, several hours before the convention was called to order, Marion Butler called for action, and the name of Morehead was presented and received with acclamations of delight. But Morehead then would have none of it. He announced his allegiance to Duncan and emphatically declined to have his name considered, emphatically declaring that he would not serve even though elected. Here Tom Settle took hold of the delegates in the harmony meeting with a grip of compelling oratory.

Praises Morehead

"He can no more refuse to serve," he declared, "than Justice Hughes could refuse to serve to serve as a candidate for the

MRS ANNIE E. SPROUSE DEAD

Manteo, February 29—Mrs Annie E. Sprouse died Thursday evening at 10:30 o'clock at the home of her son, Rev. T. J. Ragland. She was a member of the Manteo Baptist church, was born at Charlottesville, Va., and lived there until 1905, when she moved to Stewart, Va., with her son, Rev. T. J. Ragland, thence to North Carolina, where Mr. Ragland held several pastorates. She was married twice; first to B. F. Ragland and after his death to Dabny Sprouse. She was 73 years old when she died. All that medical skill and loving hands could do for her was done, but to no avail. Rev. J. C. Humble conducted the burial services, and she was laid to rest in Manteo cemetery.

IN THE INTEREST OF BASEBALL

Mr. Bennett of Norfolk, Va. is in the city in the interest of the organization of a baseball club to represent this city in a Virginia-Carolina independent league.

Presidency. I will stake my life on the statement that John Motley Morehead is too big a man to slap the Republican party in the face by refusing to serve if you elect him as you should do."

The gathering of more than six hundred delegates then and there endorsed Morehead for National Committeeman and determined to make his election the first order of business.

When the convention assembled this had been passed by, and the election of delegates had been taken up when Butler and Settle manipulated the forces to reconsider. At all times, it was apparent that Morehead was overwhelming the choice of the convention, but Duncan persisted, even going so far as to take the platform and ask the withdrawal of Morehead and the support of his friends in a roll call vote as between himself and Butler.

It was one step too far. Morehead followed him, explained the situation, discharged the ethics of his obligation according to his conscience and yielded to the wishes of the majority. The vote that followed by roll call was 761 for Morehead and 325 for Duncan.

Thompson Expresses Disgust

Dr. Cy Thompson, staunch supporter of Duncan, expressed his intense disgust.

"If you can run the Republican party in North Carolina without such men as E. C. Duncan and me, take it and run it," he declared when hissed for his support of the National Committeeman.

Both Duncan and Thompson declined to have their names used later in nominations as delegates to the National Convention and more than one prominent Republican made open statement of intense disgust.

The convention went through the business with H. J. Seawell, chairman and William Grissom, secretary.

The other election results of the Convention were as follows:

State Chairman, Frank Linney Boone.

Delegates to National Convention, Thomas Settle, Asheville; J. L. Lewis, Randlemen; W. S. O'B. Robinson, Goldsboro; James J. Britt, Asheville.

Alternates to National Convention Clarence Call, Wilkes; L. L. Wrenn, Siler City; H. S. Williams, Concord; John E. Cameron, Kinston.

State electors, John E. Fowler, Sampson; John A. Hendricks, Madison.

Executive Committee, Hugh Paul, Washington; Geo. W. Stanton, Winston Salem; J. S. Basnight, New Bern; J. J. Jenkins, Siler City; William Grissom, Greensboro; A. F. Surles, Dunn; R. H. Belseccker, Lexington; J. D. Dorsett, Spencer; John Motley Morehead, Charlotte; C. A. Dickey, Black Mountain.

BODY WAS TAKEN HOME ON TRENTON

Remains of Young Man a Suicide at Norfolk Sent to Old Home at Wanchese For Interment

The body of Wallace Daniels, who shot himself Tuesday morning in Norfolk was brought here Wednesday on the one o'clock train and was taken on the Trenton to Manteo where it was met by relatives and taken to Wanchese for interment. Daniels' wife and two children live at Wanchese but at the time of his death he was living with his mother and two sisters in Norfolk.

In a moving trolley car Tuesday morning in Norfolk on Granby street near Twenty-third street, Motorman Wallace H. Daniels, while standing at the controller, pulled a revolver from his pocket and fired a bullet into his brain. He staggered backward and fell in to the arms of Mrs. Annie L. Myers, who when she saw the man pull the trigger and heard the explosion, sprang from her seat in the car and rushed to the motor man's booth. With one arm supporting the dying man, Mrs. Myers with her other hand, threw off the current of the motor. Mrs. Myers was a friend of the deceased. The car in charge of motor man Daniels and Conductor C. H. Springle, was Southbound, and was filled with passengers on their way downtown.

Dependancy over poor health and financial and other troubles are said to have been the cause of the suicide. After the current had been thrown off by Mrs. Myers, Conductor Springle hastened to the front of the car and applied the brakes, and the car was brought to a stop. Dr. A. M. Saunders was called but Daniels died before the physician arrived.

Daniels was motorman of River view car, No. 2112, with Conductor C. H. Springle. He went on duty about six o'clock Tuesday morning and had made several trips between Riverview and the Union station. Daniels talked pleasantly with his conductor on the early morning trips and did not seem in poor spirits. As the car passed Thirty-fourth street on Granby, about 8:15 going south, Daniels set his controller at half speed, took a 32 calibre revolver from his pocket and shot himself through the right temple. The effect of the shot was instantaneous. Daniels fell to the platform and was dead by the time Conductor Springle could get from the rear platform to his side.

The sound of the pistol and the sight of blood pouring from the motorman's head, in the car and but for the presence of mind of Conductor Springle, who immediately cut off the motor and applied the brakes, several persons might have been injured. One or two passengers tried to jump through the windows while the car was still in motion, but Conductor Springle stopped them and brought the car to a standstill.

The physician who arrived within a few minutes found that Daniels' death had been almost instantaneous. The bullet had entered the right temple, penetrated a portion of the brain and came out near the left eye.

The body was carried to the car barns at Church and Eighteenth streets in the car in which the suicide occurred, the passengers being transferred to other inbound cars. Conductor Springle accompanied the car to the barns, where Dr. R. N. S. Knight, City coroner, viewed the body, deciding that no inquest would be necessary and ordered it delivered to an undertaker

GLEE CLUB HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Will Appear at Alkrama And Rare Treat is Promised Those Who Will Attend Entertainment

"We will be there with the bells on." That is the message from the Wake Forest Glee Club which attorney T. J. Markham received the other day.

Just what that means it will not be necessary to explain to those who saw and heard the performance of this glee club here several years ago. At that time the college boys gave an entertainment which brought those present in the auditorium of the old school building such pleasure as has rarely been experienced by an Elizabeth City audience.

This time the Wake Forest Glee Club will appear before an audience in the Alkrama theatre and the change of auditorium will give the newcomers a distinct advantage over their predecessors. That the Club is as good as or better than it has ever been every body who knows Dr. Hubert M. Potat, the present director, will be ready to vouch for. The Wake Forest Glee Club won the distinction of being the best Glee Club in the State when Hubert Potat was a student member of the body. With Dr. Potat as director it easily holds that distinction today, if one may judge by the press reports of its recent performances. Said a recent issue of the Winston Salem 'Sentinel':

"The performance of the Wake Forest Glee Club was a notable success and was received by the audience with an enthusiasm such as it falls to the lot of few performances to be received. From the first number throughout the entire performance the audience kept up a perfect uproar of applause, often breaking in upon the singing of a song. The members of the Club responded with greatest cheerfulness to the applause, frequently giving two encores in succession.

"Hardly would it be possible to get together seven or eight men in a chorus whose voices would blend and harmonize more perfectly than do the voices of this Club. With more than four hundred men from whom to select his chorus and his quartette, Dr. Hubert Potat the director, has accomplished this difficult task. And the control under which the different parts perform, each part never in the least perceptible way overbalancing the other, is a tribute to his skill as a musical director. The seventeen voices rose and fell in volume from the whisper of the zephyr to the roll and roar of the raging surf. The best illustration of this power was brought out in the first number, 'Wake Forest Medley,' when after singing parts of it with softness of a wooing breeze the fellows swung into the chorus of the 'O'ld North State' with so much power that the audience broke in upon them to a member in the wildest applause.

"And this was only the beginning of a series of demonstrations of like nature recurring after each number and oftentimes during the performance of the selection. The entire program rendered by the choral division of the Club was of the highest order. To be sure there was nothing classical about it. But it was made up of a series of selections representing and interpreting to him who could understand, a major part of the gamut of the college man's sentimental life. There were selections built upon mock-paths, deep sentiment, and loyalty to the Old Col-

KNOTTS'S ISLAND ORGANIZES CORN AND CLANNING CLUBS

Knotts Island, N. C. March 1—Prof. R. W. Isley has recently organized a tomato canning and corn club at Knotts Island. Two meetings have been held resulting in a successful organization of the clubs electing Dr. J. D. Maynard president; E. D. Bowden, Vice President. There are 62 members and others expect to join later. In connection with this work here will be a committee on Education also one on Farm Life. The aims of the committee on Education are as follows:

1. To aid the teachers in making the work of the school room more efficient.
 2. To build and equip suitable school buildings, and to improve school grounds.
 3. To secure for the people suitable entertainments, such as lectures, debates, plays etc.
 4. To make the school rooms models of sanitation and neatness and thus promote the general
- The aims of the Committee on Farm Life are as follows:
1. To promote land improvement, rotation and diversification of crops and the raising of home supplies.
 2. To create a greater interest in live-stock poultry and pig raising and other home industries.
 3. To interest the farmer in better farm tools and machinery and in better equipment for the home.
 4. To enlist all of the boys and girls in our club work, corn clubs, pig clubs, poultry clubs and canning clubs.
- To co-operate with farmers organizations, women's clubs, to secure better roads, promote community fairs, to form credit unions and buy on a cash basis.

Much interest has been given to the work by a majority of the people here and it is hoped that the work will be successful.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

At the First Baptist church Sunday morning Dr. Henning will continue his morning series of sermons on certain aspects of the Bible. The subject of the morning sermon will be 'How to read the Bible.'

At night Dr. Henning will begin a series of sermons on practical conduct. The first sermon in the series will be from the subject 'The Tongue.'

The encores were especially clever and elicited the wildest applause."

This is the comment on the Wake Forest Glee Club's performance at Durham reprinted in a Goldsboro paper the other day:

"There is no college glee club in the State comparable to that of Wake Forest College. There is no music quite so reminiscent, pure and delightful as the songs of college boys in concert. Hence a great treat is in store for all Goldsboro as the Messenger Opera House on the evening of March 3rd, when the Wake Forest Glee Club will be heard."

"Recently the Durham Herald had this to say of a recent appearance of the club in that city: 'All who heard the concert given by the Wake Forest Glee Club at the Y. M. C. A. last night were amply repaid for going out in the wet night, for the quality of entertainment offered by the college boys was of the very highest order.'

"The club carries seventeen and is about the best aggregation of male voices that has been heard in Durham in a long time. The orchestra also carries ten pieces and will make a very favorable comparison with the average professional orchestra in any North Carolina town. It is larger than most of the towns can muster."

"Mr. Hubert M. Potat is director of the club this year, and this young man also takes a very prominent part in the concert offered by the club. He has a fine voice that combines strength with sweetness. His vocal solo 'The Bandolero,' was heartily applauded and his encore very much enjoyed."

Y.M.C.A. PLANS ARE TAKING SHAPE

Indications That Two or Three Hundred Members for Association Can be Had Here Easily

About fifty young men gathered in the eastern hall of the Kramer building Wednesday night and pledged themselves to membership in and to active work in behalf of the opening of a Y. M. C. A. in Elizabeth City.

These young men were given lists of names of other young men whom they are to see at once and secure their promise to attend a second meeting in the courthouse on Friday night. It is hoped that at this time an attendance of three or four hundred may be secured and that at this mass meeting a much larger number of members can be secured.

Up to this time no work has been done among the business men or other older citizens of the city, it being Mr. Markham's idea that help from them can be much more readily secured when the young men have shown their interest to such an extent as to assure that the membership in an association here would be large and enthusiastic.

The call of the meeting Wednesday night was issued by Attorney Thomas J. Markham and he expressed himself as much pleased and gratified at the presence of so large a number of workers.

THOUSANDS SEEK DESPERATE NEGRO

Convict Who Killed Pitt County Chain Gang Guard Gets Another Victim With Stolen Pistol

J. W. Shores was called to Greenville Wednesday night to assist in the search for Dave Evans.

Dave Evans the convict who led the mutiny in the Pitt county Camp when Joe McLawhorn, a guard, was killed, several days ago, Wednesday shot and probably fatally wounded Reddin A. Smith, supervisor of convict camps in Pitt County. The wounded man, accompanied by Joe Tripp, was heading a posse in search of the escaped convict. He and Tripp were some distance ahead of other members of the posse and were putting bloodhounds upon the negro's trail when Evan stepped from behind a tree and shot Smith in the abdomen with the pistol taken from the man he killed at the camp.

Tripp was armed, but through excitement made no effort to shoot the negro, it is said. Smith was so badly hurt that members of the party abandoned further search for the negro to take him to Ayden for immediate medical attention.

From Ayden police officials of all nearby towns were summoned and an army of thousands of determined citizens gathered to hunt for Evans.

Mr. Smith was carried to Kinston for hospital treatment Wednesday night.

At 11 o'clock he was on the operating table. It is feared that he cannot live. There are but few officers in the throng of men who are pursuing Evans and it is not thought that they will be able to prevent the crowd from giving short shift to Evans if he is caught