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Resolutions Adopted by Madison County Republican Convention.

The Republicans of Madison county assembled in convention at Marshall, on March 8th, 1924, adopted the following resolutions

Resolved:

1st. That we deeply mourn the death of former President Harding, and we realize that his death was a great loss to the people of the United States and to the world. We most heartily endorse the course of his wise and patriotic administration.

2nd. We are persuaded to believe that divine providence had a hand in giving to the people as the successor of the beloved Harding, Calvin Coolidge, as the leader and head of our great nation. We endorse and commend, the quiet, unassuming, dignified, patriotic and wise leadership of President Coolidge.

"He hath a wisdom that doth guide his valor To act in safety."

From reports from every section of the country we believe that he has the utmost confidence of all patriotic citizens regardless of political affiliations.

So far as we have the power we hereby instruct our State and district delegates to the National Republican Convention to vote for Calvin Coolidge for the Republican candidate for President of the United States.

3rd. That the poll of the vote at the last presidential election shows that two fifths of the vote cast in North Carolina was white Republican. The Republican members of the general assembly of North Carolina represented two fifths of the people of this state and we most enthusiastically endorse our Republican members of the Legislature of North Carolina in voting and working for progressive and forward looking legislation.

We congratulate the people of this state upon having better roads, better schools and better state institutions, and so far as state legislation has contributed to these beneficent effects, the Republican party of the state justly claims its proportional share of the responsibility for these good things, for without Republican aid and influence we would not have them. Our farmers were busy getting ready for a new crop but the cold weather is putting them behind with their work.

4th. We demand a more economical administration of the affairs of the people of this state and such system in administering the state government that the spending of every dollar will get a dollar worth in return.

5th. We believe that by a judicious and strictly economical expenditure and management that within a very few

Delia Haynie of Marshall Died Saturday, March 1st

So far as we are now informed the death of Miss Haynie is the passing of the last of the older natives of the town of Marshall. Miss Haynie was about 70 years of age. During the flood of 1916 all of her belongings were washed away. The relief society of Marshall bought the lumber and built her a little house on the back street next to the railroad. Miss Haynie had lived there ever since the time of the flood until a few months ago when she moved to the upstairs of the Moore-Davis, Stuart store building. Miss Haynie was an honest hard working woman and supported herself by taking in washing. Several years ago she adopted a boy by the name of Earl who was very loyal to his foster mother.

We understand that by saving and close economy she left a few hundred dollars to this orphan boy for the purpose of educating him. Through her trials and hardships making a living she exhibited the spirit of the widow who contributed her mite and was commended by our Saviour for making the most liberal contribution on that occasion. The contribution that Delia Haynie has made for one who was cast helplessly on the world, we believe is just as commendable as the widow who contributed her mite when Jesus set over by the treasury. She was a consistent member of the Free Will Baptist church at Marshall. She was buried in the Pritchard cemetery. Peace to the ashes of this faithful godly woman—Editor.

Brush Creek Items

Mr. R. C. Lieb has gone back to War, West Va., where he has been working for some time for Harmon Lumber Co., but had been home on account of illness of his wife.

Some of the children of this place have had measles and chicken pox.

Miss Mary Lieb is home after spending the winter in Florida.

Our farmers were busy getting ready for a new crop but the cold weather is putting them behind with their work.

Mr. Guy Rice was a visitor of Brush Creek Sunday afternoon.

Quite a few people went from here to Walnut Sunday afternoon to the funeral of Mr. C. W. Fain.

A READER.

years every county seat and principal town in the state can be connected by hard surfaced roads, dependable the year around from money derived from license on motor vehicles and a tax on gasoline used in such vehicles, without any direct tax on property, and that all the principal highways can be maintained by the state under this system. And so far as we have the power we pledge the Republican party to such a policy.

JOHN A. HENDRICKS,
C. B. MASHBURN,
DR. FRANK ROBERTS,
Committee.

PROGRAM

FOR

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

TO BE HELD WITH

CALIFORNIA CHURCH, MARCH 29-30, 1924

SATURDAY, MARCH, 29th

9:30 A. M.—Music by California Class, Devotional Exercises by Rev. S. L. Ponder.

10:00 A. M.—Home Missions
1st.—Its history and relations to our Baptist Program—Rev. J. R. Owen.

2nd. Its problems as presented by Roman Catholicism—Miss Huggins.

3rd—Its relations to Mission Schools—Spurgeon Bradley.

4th—Work among Indians and Negroes—Bro. Stroup.

5th.—Evangelism and Church Building—Rev. S. L. Lamm.

6th.—Our Obligations as Pastors and Churches to Support this work—Rev. W. H. Hooker.

Nos 1-2 and 6 fifteen minutes each, 3 4 and 5 five minutes each.

11:00 A. M.—What are the Fundamentals of Christianity—Rev. R. D. Ponder.

11:30—The Laymans place in the Baptist Program—W. R. White.

DINNER ON THE GROUND

Devotional Exercises by Chelcy McMahan.

1:00 P. M.—Life work of Adoniram Judson—R. L. Moore.

1:30 P. M.—Foreign Missions—Rev. J. C. Pipes.

2:00 P. M.—Missions the Authority and Workers supplied. Isa. 6-8—Rev. L. C. Roberts.

2:30 P. M.—Stewardship of 1st life—J. M. Pickens—2nd. of property—Rev. W. W. Metcalf—3rd of Gospel—Rev. A. J. Sprinkle. 15 minutes each.

3:00 P. M.—B. Y. P. U. work—Ezra Burnett.

NIGHT

Sermon by Rev. Jesse Corn.

SUNDAY MARCH, 30th

Music by the Class.

9:30—Devotional Services by Everett Sprinkle.

10:00—Exposition of Mark, 16-15-16—L. R. Williams.

10:30—Womans Work—Mrs. E. R. Elmore.

11:00—Sermon by Rev. J. A. Bradley.

Local Marine With Fleet Maneuvers.

Taking part in the greatest peace time maneuvers ever held by the land, sea and air forces of the United States, Clarence M. Ramsey, son of Mr. John M. Ramsey of Marshall, N. C., is now on duty with a detachment of U. S. Marines in the West Indies. His name appears on the official list of Marines with the maneuver forces in the Caribbean.

The maneuvers began early in January and will not be completed until the last battleship returns to its home port in May or June. Certain problems in connection with the defense of the Panama Canal and regular battle practice by the ships of the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets are being held. Many of the operations are taking place in the vicinity of Culebra, one of a small group of islands in the Caribbean.

The United States Marines will remain in the West Indies for periods varying from five weeks to several months, certain units of the Corps being assigned to a variety of duties ashore or on ships of the navy during the operation.

Clarence joined the Marine Corps at Detroit, Mich., December 6, 1922, and is now with the 48th Company, 5th Regiment, on the island of Culebra.

Big Pine News

Mr. Zack Massey has bought Mr. Stokely Roberts farm and will move to this farm.

Mr. Fred Worley plans to move to Mr. Zack Massey's farm on the mountain.

Mr. Marion Lunsford is quite sick with pneumonia fever.

The Big Pine road is to have some improvements.

Rev. Mr. Graham preaches at Worley's Chapel next Saturday and Sunday.

A quite wedding on Big Pine last Saturday was that of Mr. Tyson Worley and Miss Lillie Waldroup.

Mr. Luther Worley has moved to Runyon.

Measels is still prevalent in our section, Mrs. Belvie Henderson is just recovering from and attack.

Mr. Ben Roberts is building for himself a new dwelling house.

Notice!

North Carolina
Madison County

My wife, Etta Stanton, having separated herself from me without cause, all persons are hereby notified that I am and will not be in no way responsible for any contract, debt or liability entered into or incurred by the said Etta Stanton, and that any and all persons contracting or trading with her will do so at their own risk.

This February 29th 1924.
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B. STANTON.

The Facts in The Oil Leasing Matter.

So much politics has been injected into the oil leasing investigation on Capitol hill that the fundamental facts have been hidden from the public. Briefly, they are as follows:

Under the Taft Administration certain portions of the public domain were set aside as oil reserves for the special use of the navy.

On Feb. 25, 1920, an act of Congress, fathered by Senator Walsh, became a law, authorizing the leasing of public oil reserves to private companies for development on a royalty basis, the Secretary of the Interior being invested with the authority to make the leases.

On March 5th, 1920, Secretary of the Navy Daniels addressed a letter to the chairman of the House Committee on Naval Affairs requesting that the law be amended to give the navy absolute power over all naval reserves, with authority to "develop, use and operate" the oil reserves directly or by lease, on the ground that drainage of these reserves by wells on adjacent territory made this necessary.

Following this requesting Secretary of the Interior Payne continued to grant leases on public lands adjacent to the naval reserves, increasing the danger of drainage of the naval reserves of their oil.

In June 1920, the request of the Secretary of the Navy to assume control of the naval oil reserves with a view to their "development" was granted by a "rider" in Congress.

Thereafter seven leases were granted on these naval reserves to private parties by Secretary of the Navy Daniels, the action being taken by him in conjunction with Secretary of the Interior Payne, without the formality of a presidential order, but only by correspondence between the two offices.

In line with this precedent the leases to Doheny and Sinclair were granted by Secretaries Denby and Fall. These leases were based on the same necessity to guard against drainage by adjacent operations mentioned by Secretary Daniels. The terms of the leases were as favorable as any granted under the preceding administration. They involved vast expenditures of money by Doheny and Sinclair which could be undertaken only by a few oil operating concerns. They provided for the erection of storage tanks and the storing of oil for navy purposes at huge expense to the operators, who were to be reimbursed in government oil.

Both Sinclair and Doheny publicly exploited these leases as being immensely profitable in order to boost the stocks of their oil companies, succeeded in doing so, and thus made huge profits in the market. Later the quotations on their stocks dropped. It is the belief of oil experts that the leases are not in fact profitable to the operators, especially in view of the facts that the drilling results have been far below expectations.

The scandal in connection with these leases is that Secretary Fall, preseed for money, borrowed \$100,000 from Doheny and \$25,000 from Sinclair, and lied about the transactions publicly

Death of C. W. Fain.

Clarence W. Fain, born January 25th, 1870, died March 7th, 1924, age 54 years, 1 month, 11 days. Surviving his first marriage to Miss Bessie Landers are two children, Charles and Juliet. Surviving his second marriage to Miss Lydia Hasket are his widow and five children, Helen Rose, Clarence, Jr., John, Dixon and William. He is also survived by four full sisters and two half sisters, Mrs. J. C. and Mrs. J. D. Shipe, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. W. T. Bradshaw and Miss May Fain, of Palmetto, Florida; Mrs. J. H. Hart and Miss Minnie Fain, of Knoxville, Tenn. Mr. Fain professed faith in Christ some twenty years ago and united with the Presbyterian church, serving for a time as elder in the church and retaining membership in the church to his death.

He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also of the Masonic fraternity, being a thirty-second degree Mason at the time of his death. As a citizen he was upright and honorable in all his ways. As a christian he was faithful and consecrated to his task. As a husband and father he was kind, thoughtful and devoted. He rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

Mr. Fain was running a saw mill on Laurel. He was called into the woods to see if some logs that had been cut were worth bringing to the mill. While inspecting the logs, a small dead chestnut tree blew down striking him on the head and neck killing him instantly.

The funeral services was conducted Sunday at 2 o'clock by Rev's. James L. Hyde, J. N. Andre and others. After the funeral services in the church, the Masonic fraternity took charge of the body and held a very impressive service at the grave.

Mr. Fain being well known over the county caused his funeral to be attended by a large number of people.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family in their great loss. B. E. Guthrie.

FOR SALE—PRINCE RAY Property—Tract known as mill tract containing 38 acres, good house and water mill, Nice six room dwelling formerly Presbyterian cottage, six rooms with necessary out building at a rare bargain. Located near residence of Mr. Solomon Shelton on Shelton Laurel. Very attractive terms. If interested write or call on A. W. WHITEHURST.

and privately when his financial relations with the two men were made public, thereby leading to the public belief that the transactions were corrupt and detrimental to the public interest.

That is all there is in the oil scandal, there isn't any more. Taft locked up the naval oil reserves Daniels and Payne opened them and Fall made leases to Doheny and Sinclair under circumstances now on the way to court determination as to whether they were criminal, but which everyone nows were reprehensible.