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ROOSEVELT GIVEN STATE'S 26 VOTES BY CONVENTION

F. E. Alley Is Selected As Delegate To Democratic National Convention.

LARGE CROWD AT THE CONVENTION

Prohibition Question Draws Fire; Delegates To Go Uninstructed.

One of the largest State Democratic conventions ever held in the state was held at Raleigh last week when the North Carolina's 26 delegates to the National Convention met in Chicago on June 27, were instructed to vote for Franklin D. Roosevelt for nomination of president. The convention refused to instruct the delegates for the plan on prohibition. The convention, however, set forth in the party platform the following article on the subject: "The Democratic party has always been responsive to the will of the people, and in obedience thereto, has sponsored and enacted all the prohibitory laws of North Carolina. Recognizing, however, this right of the people in a legal way to amend the constitution of the United States at their pleasure and vote on all ques-

DELEGATES FROM 11TH DISTRICT

The delegates selected at the state Democratic convention to represent the Eleventh District at the National convention were as follows: F. E. Alley, of Waynesville, M. M. Redden, of Hendersonville, J. Y. Jordan, Jr., of Asheville, and S. P. Dunagan, of Rutherfordton.

points at issue, we declare our party stands firmly for the enforcement of these laws and every provision of the federal constitution, as long as it remains the law of the land."

With an abiding faith in the courage of the people of our commonwealth, the Democratic party pledges itself to a continuance of a program of constructive and helpful service and to this end we pledge:

1. An immediate revaluation of property throughout the state at its true value in money, to the end that inequity and injustice may be avoided.

2. The removal of the 15-cent property tax now levied for the support of the six months public school term.

3. We recognize the prime importance of preserving the credit of the State, and to that end the budget must be balanced.

4. The maintenance of the public school system and our higher institutions of learning in a state of efficiency, thus guaranteeing to every boy and girl in North Carolina the opportunity to "bargain out" that there is within them."

5. The promotion of public health and sanitation.

6. The care of the unfortunate and helpless in our humanitarian institutions.

7. A program of strict economy in every department and agency of the State government, including the discontinuance of any governmental agency which is not rendering a necessary and dispensable public service or saving money for the taxpayers of the State.

8. It has always been the policy of our party to levy no taxes except for the necessary expenses of efficient government, and in this time of unusual distress, we pledge every reasonable effort for the reduction of taxes.

Miss Ruth Davis Is Buried Last Monday

Funeral services for Miss Ruth Davis who died at the Haywood County Hospital Sunday morning were held at Davis Chapel in Iron Duff Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock with Rev. R. G. Mettamrock, pastor of the church, officiating, assisted by Dr. Goode of Waynesville and Dr. B. G. Childs of Duke University.

Miss Davis was the daughter of Joseph S. Davis, deceased, and Ella Moody Davis. She had just passed her twenty-first birthday. Miss Davis was stricken a few days ago with a sudden illness and was rushed to the hospital where it was found that she was suffering from an abscess on the brain from which she succumbed.

She graduated from the Waynesville Township High School with the class of 1928 and was one of the honor students of her class and the youngest student of the class. She has since that time attended Berea College in Kentucky for two years where she ranked high as a student, but was unable to finish her education on account of her health, having been in poor health for the last two years.

Miss Davis is survived by her mother, Mrs. Ella Moody Davis, by six brothers, Grover C. Moody, Harry, Joseph, Frank, and Lee Davis, and by three sisters, Mrs. W. R. Boyd, Mrs. Mark Galloway, and Miss Mary Davis.

Francis Calls Thinking People To Arms On Financial Affairs

Ed. Note—Mr. Francis from time to time has been sending in articles to this paper that have proven to be of special interest to our readers. Today Mr. Francis has gathered some startling figures regarding the money received when paid into a job millage. Within a few days he expects to give some equally interesting facts about millage in Wayne county. The Mountaineer invites everyone's attention to all the facts set forth by our contributor.

(By J. A. Francis.)

The election is over and the results have created some surprises and some disappointments. As usual the accusation of fraud and corruption are brought out to prejudice the minds of the people which will result in nothing in the end.

As the electorates have spoken, it is the duty of all good and loyal citizens to get behind those who have been chosen and assist them in every possible way in carrying out the purposes for which they were elected.

There are many problems to be solved by our lawmakers and those who have control of our public treasury as well as in their machine to run the people by the continuous floating bond issues which when paid will cost the tax payers two and probably three dollars for one received when paid; and at the same time furnish a way where they can place their funds where they are out of reach of taxation of any description.

At the same time these bonds will be held as get-out-of-hand, giving the holder a valuable opportunity to invest in further transactions in dull times, giving them another opportunity to squeeze the taxpayer again not saying anything about our national bond indebtedness.

In the year 1916 the bonded indebtedness for North Carolina was \$8,673,500.00 according to statistics received direct from the state auditor's office at Raleigh. The present bonded indebtedness amounts to \$175,509,900.00. \$7,230,000.00 current debt, add to this \$375,000,000.00 local unit counties and towns, making a total indebtedness of \$557,739,900.00 and

the end is not yet, according to the same information. There will be a benefit in the operation of government expenses this year 18,000,000.00—an average increase in indebtedness of \$18,020,500.00 per annum. While the wealth of North Carolina has increased 450 per cent, government expenses have increased 1000 per cent. New offices have been created to provide a job for some relative or pay some political debt, increasing government's pay roll fifty per cent, thus adding an uncalled-for burden on the shoulders of the tax payer.

This is a distressing situation and can't be laid at the door of the Republican party, but calls for some serious study in the part of our lawmakers and cooperation of all departments of our government and all honest thinking people.

As this article is quite lengthy, we leave the county affairs for the present.

American Legion Name Officers For Coming Year

W. A. Bradley Named Post Commander. Delegates Named For Convention.

At a recent meeting of the local post of the American Legion new officers for the coming year were elected and delegates to the annual convention of the organization, which meets in Asheville July 18-19 were named.

The following officers were named: Commander, William A. Bradley, 1st Vice Commander, Chas. McCrary, 2nd Vice Commander, Jarvis Caldwell, 3rd Vice Commander, Roy Phillips, Finance Officer and Adjutant, D. D. Alley, Sergeant-at-arms, J. D. Ezell, Chaplain, B. D. Bunn, Historian, F. L. Safford, Athletic Officer, C. A. George, Child Welfare Officer, Frank Compton, Americanism Officer, W. D. Smith, Membership Chairman, Fred A. Ferguson, Publicity Officer, J. C. Patrick.

Those named as delegates to the convention next month were, J. H. Howell, T. G. Massie and W. T. Lee, Jr. Alternates were, D. D. Alley, Fred Ferguson and C. A. George. J. C. Patrick, post commander said that a large number of the members are planning to attend the convention, but the above named will be the official representatives of the Waynesville post.

Party Of Hunters Capture Large Wild Hog In Park

Last Monday morning eleven hunters and fishermen went into the Great Smoky Mountain National Park from Haywood county and captured one of the largest wild hogs ever seen in this section. The hog was captured on Big Arm, after the party had walked eight miles into the heart of the park.

The hunters stayed three days in the park and reported many fish and ground hogs were caught. One member of the party reported from the trip tired out but jubilant over the success of the trip.

Those making the trip included: Tommie Caldwell, Horace Burress, Jim Caldwell, John Caldwell, Dick Caldwell, Lloyd Caldwell, Frank Caldwell, Thad Caldwell, Charlie Ray Caldwell and Hugh Rogers.

CHANGE IN LIBRARY HOURS
Beginning Monday, June 20th, the Library will be open from four to six in the afternoon.

Says Government's Pay Roll Too Big

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