

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

Polk County Republicans Meet
at Columbus and Nom-
inate Full Ticket.

REFUSE TO DIVIDE TICKET.

The Republicans of Polk county held their nominating convention at Columbus, last Saturday.

The convention was called to order at noon, by W. C. Robertson, president of the county executive committee, who after reading the call, asked for the election of a temporary chairman, Mr. J. G. Hughes, of Co-Mr. C. L. Hill, of Saluda, secretary. Call of townships showed a full delegation with no contests. After the organization was completed the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock.

After being called together at 2 o'clock, Mr. Robertson read a letter from Mr. E. B. Cloud, chairman of the county democratic executive committee, regarding a fusion ticket. He stated that he had no authority to make any definite proposition, but thought if the republicans would make a fair one in getting his party to ratify in convention, and he thought a fair division would be to divide the offices between the two parties in proportion to the importance of same. The question was argued by the delegates, and they decided that as Mr. Cloud had made no definite proposition, and as he stated that he was not authorized to do so, that they had no basis on which to work, and by an overwhelming majority voted to put out a straight republican ticket, winner to take all. In fact but one vote in the convention was cast in favor of a divide.

The delegates then retired to another room and soon returned their report making the following nominations:

For delegate to the constitutional convention, J. Wiley Walker.

For member of legislature, Mr. W. F. Swan. Mr. Swan declined the nomination, but the convention refused to accept the same, and after much persuasion Mr. Swan finally agreed to make the race.

For Sheriff, Mr. W. C. Robertson. He also declined the nomination, but finally accepted.

For Clerk of Superior court, Mr. C. L. Hill. This gentleman followed suit of the others and declined, but the delegates seemed to think they had selected the right men for the various offices, and as in the other cases, refused to accept his declination.

For register of deeds, Mr. A. L. Pittman. As Mr. Pittman was sick and unable to attend the convention he had no chance to decline.

County commissioners: S. H. Slaughter, A. N. Kunkel and C. C. Owens. Mr. Slaughter absolutely refused to accept the nomination, giving as his reason that his health would not permit him to make the race. The convention would not hear of his declining, but Mr. Slaughter assures us that he will not make the race, and that the position will have to be filled later on.

For Surveyor, J. R. Blanton.

For coroner, W. T. Head.

Messrs. W. C. Robertson, S. B. Edwards, J. A. Bishop, S. T. Fowler, Wm. McGinnis, Fred Swan and T. F. Rowland were selected as delegates to the republican congressional convention which meets in Asheville, April 6th.

J. W. Walker, Henry Calvert and John W. McFarland were selected as delegates to the Judicial and Senatorial conventions, when called.

For delegates to the State convention, T. F. Rowland, W. C. Robertson and S. H. Slaughter were selected, with J. A. Shields, C. L. Hill and Fate Thompson as alternates.

—W. S. S.—
MILL SPRING ROUTE 2.

Mr. A. F. Corbin went to Tryon Saturday to attend Easter services, Sunday.

The young people of Sunny View had an egg hunt Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. F. R. Coggins spent Sunday night with Annie Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jackson were callers at Mr. W. D. Hilton's Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Gibbs had very bad luck with his car on Route 2, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Brown visited Mr. F. R. Coggins, Sunday.

Mr. Taylor Brown has been very busy repairing his house. He has one side covered.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Whitesides visited Mr. W. W. Gibbs, Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Williams spent Sunday with Annie Wilson.

Reuben Wilson, from Spartanburg, spent Saturday night at home, returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Wilson made a trip to Columbus, Sunday.

Mr. F. R. Coggins is visiting his brother, at Camp Sevier.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bennett spent Sunday night at Mr. N. E. Williams'.

Mr. Terrell Taylor, of Arcadia, S. C., spent Saturday night at home.

Mr. A. F. Corbin and Misses Maggie and Arkansas Arledge made a trip to Mr. Belton Jackson's, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Bill Jackson made a business trip to Rutherfordton, Saturday.

A lot of our boys are expecting to

be called to the camps soon. Every one should do their bit to help win this war.

—W. S. S.—
HILLCREST.

Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Kidd have gone to Virginia to visit Mrs. Kidd's parents.

Little Miss Patsy Gattis, of Charlotte, is spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. Boyd, at Mrs. J. T. Camp's.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. House spent the week-end with relatives near Shiloh.

Mr. John Wells spent the week-end with Mr. T. E. Wilkins.

Several of our republicans went to Columbus, Saturday. It is to be hoped that the men of Polk will put patriotism above politics, this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell visited Mrs. Powell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Abrams, Sunday, and Sunday night the son of the house, D. M. Abrams, came home from Camp Jackson to recuperate after an attack of mumps.

Mrs. E. C. Boyd and Miss Mary Camp spent Saturday in Rutherfordton.

There was an egg hunt at Hillcrest, Friday afternoon, which was enjoyed by the little people.

Easter Sunday dawned as bright and beautiful as Easter Sunday should, and many of our citizens, old and young, felt the holiday urge and went visiting.

Mr. Sams will speak at Cox's school house Tuesday night, and Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Hester and others at Hillcrest on Thursday afternoon, on topics of interest to every American.

Mr. J. T. Camp went to Columbus, Monday.

Whether the fruit crop is all lost or not is the question that is being debated with us. My opinion being that even if we have no fruit at all—which rarely occurs—we should not complain, for we had an unusually beautiful "crop" of bloom, and that is well worth while.

—W. S. S.—
HARRIS ROUTE 1.

Farmers in this section are very busy preparing to plant their crops since the weather is so favorable.

Mr. Ernest Ridings, of Fruitland Institute, spent the week-end with his parents, last week.

A number of young people around Green River attended an all day singing at Green's Creek, Easter Sunday, and report a good time.

A portion of the community held an egg hunt, Saturday afternoon, at Green River school house, and also a box supper for the purpose of raising funds to aid the starving Armenians and Syrians, whose country has been completely overrun and devastated by the Turkish armies, and whose inhabitants that have narrowly escaped death at the hands of their enemies are dying at the rate of a thousand a day. Over two millions have perished, and two millions more are dying slowly of starvation. We were successful in obtaining \$21.00 at the egg hunt, and box supper, which is 100 per cent charity, nothing being deducted to defray expenses. Come, patriots of the country, let's aid this starving people. There was also a cake sold at the supper which brought \$12.00. Miss Annie Davis, won the cake.

Miss Arkansas Arledge, of Round Hill Academy, visited Mrs. F. O. Miller, and attended the box supper Saturday night.

Mr. Pearson Calvert has returned home from Fruitland Institute, to farm.

—W. S. S.—
MILL SPRING.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barber visited relatives at Camp Sevier, Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a large crowd from here attended the egg hunt at Mr. S. B. Edwards' Sunday. They all report a nice time.

Mrs. L. C. Gibbs visited Mrs. J. H. Gibbs, Sunday afternoon.

Johnnie Cochrum spent Saturday night with George Vivian Brisco.

Mrs. Robbie Elliott and children left Friday for Hopewell, Va., after spending four months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Arledge.

Mrs. Lou Gear and daughter, Sallie, visited the former's brother, Mr. G. C. Brisco, a few days last week.

We are sorry to note the illness of Mr. J. H. Gibbs. Hope he will soon recover.

Say, Mill Spring Route 1, tell us how many eggs you ate last Sunday.

Miss Edith Gibbs was the guest of Miss Letha Barber, last Sunday.

The farmers of this section are taking advantage of this fine weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Barber, from King's Mountain, are visiting the former's parents.

Mr. Dru Hilton and family visited Mr. Louis Jackson last Sunday.

Mr. Reece Arledge who is at work at Guilfus' bakery, in Spartanburg, spent the Easter holidays at home.

Mr. Martin Walker has purchased a fine horse.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Dicus, Misses Annie Lee and Mattie Fae Gibbs visited relatives in Cooper Gap section during the Easter holidays.

Rah, rah, for our soldiers,
Our boys will win;
Fight on to victory,
Never give in.
Rah, rah, do your best boys,
We'll do the rest, boys.
Fight on to victory.

FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

Some Items of General Interest Gathered By Our Correspondents From Various Sections of Polk County

PEA RIDGE.

Johnnie Dalton has returned home from Hopewell, Va.

Mr. Louis Mills and Miss Mattie Waldron were happily married last Wednesday. Also Mr. Collette Fowler and Miss Pearl Bickerstaff, Sunday. We extend congratulations, and wish them much success.

Lewis Mills and wife spent Saturday night at Mr. W. A. Mills'.

Miss Bessie Thompson spent Friday night at Mrs. J. T. Green's.

Miss Louise Foster, from Rutherfordton, is visiting at St Thomas mission.

Uncle is calling, he'd just like to know

If you'll lend him money to fight

And remember he's got to have money to go.

Lend him something, if only a mite.

Uncle is calling—he called once before.

Ever' nephew should fight or chip in;

Won't you stand by your uncle and country at war?

If not, don't expect him to win.

Uncle is calling—to you and to me,

And he's waiting to hear what we'll do.

This loan will protect our great land of the free,

And preserve us the Red, White and Blue.

TRYON ROUTE 1.

April showers bring forth May flowers.

That help the bees to make honey

April planting may bring forth victory

With our "munitions," food and money.

Farmers, next to soldiers, states President Wilson, are serving the country and the world. Out of 13,800,000 men engaged in farm industries, 205, 000 have been drafted, or about 1.48 per cent. of the whole number. This makes the battle harder to fight, but victory must and will be ours.

Many on the route enjoyed Easter afternoon at the home of Mr. S. B. Edwards.

Mr. Rice and family were visitors at the Carpenter home, Sunday.

Mrs. Murphy Mull and babe were visiting relatives on the route ere they leave for their home in Landrum.

I wish to correct a mistake of the adjective describing the Huns in last week's letter. Guess the editor can explain how it came about, for I can't, and did not use it.

MEMORY.

I remember, I remember

The burg where I was born;

Where every daddy and his son

Took a drink of corn;

And our quaint little guardhouse

Held alike the rich and poor;

So full at times the sides bulged out

Till we had to prop the door.

I remember, I remember

Good old deacon Brown,

Who always got happy-like

When he came to town.

As our very best citizen,

A pint at a gulp would sink;

Remarked as he caught his breath,

"It's no harm to take a drink."

I remember, I remember

How the moonshine used to flow;

When you could find a bar-room

No matter where you'd go.

But now everywhere it's dry,

Dry as the desert breeze;

Pro-hi-bi-tion reigns supreme,

Even on the seas.

I remember, gladly remember,

How old booze has passed away;

Sure glad to see it banished

Forever and a day.

For the sake of that boy of mine,

With aspirations high;

For the love of that boy of yours,

We must keep it dry.

—Jas. W. Heatherly.

BRIGHT'S CREEK.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McCuan died March 18th, after a long illness.

Mr. J. A. McCraw passed through this section last week, on his way home from Spartanburg.

Mr. W. G. Hill, T. C. Laughter and son, Ernest, went to Mill Spring on business, the 18th.

Mr. Curtis McCraw, of Sacocon, was in this section recently.

Mr. Bynum Hill spent a few pleasant hours at the home of his cousin, Mr. Ernest Laughter, Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McCraw, a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hill returned to Spartanburg, Thursday, after an extended visit to friends and relatives here.

Mr. J. H. Bradley, of Mill Spring, spent Saturday with his mother.

Misses Harriet and Eva Hill were the guests of Perlia and Bertha Laughter, Thursday.

Messrs. Robert and Johnnie Jackson were in this part a few days since.

Mr. Will Hill of Edneyville, returned home Sunday, after spending several days with friends and relatives.

MELVIN HILL.

Mrs. Teriza Roach, who has been in declining health for a long time, died at her home near here, last Saturday. She leaves a husband and several grown children.

Mrs. M. E. Morris spent last Saturday night with her mother, Mrs. Sanders, who is sick.

There is a fresh case of measles near here.

Mr. Frank Branscom received notice to appear at Camp Jackson, Monday. Also, Mr. Columbus Ridings left Sunday for the camp.

The school closed here last Friday with an Easter egg hunt in the grove near Mr. Branscom's residence, where more than seven dozen eggs of every color had been hid. The children were wild with delight, and it was amusing to watch them diving into heaps and everywhere, in their search for the pretty red, blue, yellow, green, ring-streaked and striped treasures.

That Was the Reason.

"The paper states that you pleased a big audience at the banquet last night." "The paper is wrong. I did not appear." "Um, I guess the paper is right."

COLUMBUS.

Misses Bertha Kelz and Minnie Arledge spent Easter with Miss Carol Runion, at Marshall, N. C.

Misses Pearl Keenan and May Mills spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Howes, at Valhalla.

Mr. Marion Mills spent Easter with home folks.

Mr. J. E. Shipman and daughters, Garnet and Elizabeth, spent Monday in town.

Mr. Joe Camp, from Green's Creek, was in town Monday.

E. W. Dedmond has been very sick the past week.

Mr. V. Dedmond, of Newberry, S. C., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dedmond.

Mrs. Gaston Mills and two children have been sick, Dr. R. E. Waldron attending.

Mrs. E. B. Cloud is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Walker, at Green's Creek.

"Home Ties," given by the Betterment Club, Saturday night, at the High School auditorium, at 7:30. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

Betterment Club meets Saturday, April 6th, at 3 p. m.

Services at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening, April 6th, Rev. R. M. Pratt, pastor.

Mr. Gordon Johnson was named as delegate to attend the Y. M. C. A. convention at Blue Ridge, Saturday.

—W. S. S.—
CROSS KEYS.

The all day singing at Green's Creek, Sunday, was well attended. Had some interesting talks besides the good singing.

Miss Mary Searcy, teacher of Sandy Plains, spent last week at her home. Miss Miley McKinney taught in her place.

Miss Vadah Spurlin visited the home of the McKinney girls, last week.

The farmers of this section are planting corn this week.

A large crowd attended the egg cracking, Saturday night, in the W. O. W. hall; had some good string band music. All reported having a good time.

Mr. J. O. Bishop is still improving, but is not able to leave the hospital yet.

Mrs. Hinsdale does not seem to improve any.

Misses Miley McKinney and Vadah Spurlin spent last Thursday night with Miss Gladys Flynn.

Mr. Wallace Jackson, another one of our boys, has been called to the colors.

Mr. Elias Cantrell and Mr. Spurlin ran their automobiles together Sunday afternoon. Lucky that no one was hurt. Both cars were damaged.

Mr. Cantrell's the worst of the two. Some of the Green's Creek school teachers went to Spartanburg Saturday to see the training camp there.

—W. S. S.—
LYNN.

W. F. Swan has treated his house roof to a new coat of paint.

Tryon Hosiery Mfg. Co., is covering quite a number of its houses.

Mr. C. Clark and daughter, Mrs. Merchant, near Asheville are visiting relatives and friends in Lynn.

The school at this place will close Wednesday, April 3rd. It is to be hoped that arrangements can be made for a longer term by the opening of the next term.

Mrs. Scott Bridgman and daughter, of Forest City, paid friends and relatives a visit last week-end.

Edgar Foster, of Spindle, spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks.

Misses Morgan and Huntley, of Ruth, N. C., were visitors in Lynn, last Sunday.

Lucius L. Hicks, of Camp Wadsworth, spent Easter with relatives in Lynn.

R. B. Cannon, of Spartanburg, and W. H. Cannon, of Greenville, spent Easter with home folks.

W. T. Hammett spent Easter in Asheville.

Mr. Ernest Ballard and family spent Easter in Landrum.

The change of the clock seems to confuse some people. There's no reason for confusion. Just turn your clock up 1 hour then go by the clock as before. No change in anything else.

Miss Emily Reese who is with the A. M. A. people, has returned from a long visit up north, having been gone some two or three months, visiting a sick sister.

Earl Grady Hudson left for Camp Jackson Monday, April 1st. Earl was in the first call last fall, but was sick and could not go at that time.

Roy Swan, a student of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, at Morganton, has been excused from school on account of sickness, and is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Swan.

Willou Rhodes and Maud Foster spent Easter in Rutherfordton.

—W. S. S.—
FISH TOP.

A little too much rain for the farmers to plow.

Oscar Crane, of Walker, passed through, to Saluda, Saturday.

J. Gilbert has moved into the Isaac Case house.

E. J. Bradley went to Zeronica, on business, Saturday.

Dr. Levi Jones, of Zeronica, is in this section on business.

NECESSITY OF GOOD PASTURES.

Must First be Secured Before
We Can Expect to Raise
Thoroughbred Cattle.

SUGGESTIONS FROM
THE COUNTY AGENT.

Editor POLK COUNTY NEWS:

I have been too busy to keep my promise in giving you some copy every week, but I am taking a few moments now, and have the following suggestions to offer.

1st. CLUB WORK: Up to date I have club boys and girls enrolled for work this year in various clubs as follows: Green's Creek, leading all schools to date, 27; Pea Ridge, 7; Mill Spring, 10; McDonald, 10; Silver Creek, 3; Lebanon, 3; Red Mountain, 9; Lynn, 13; Fox Mountain, 2; Green River, 8; total, 92. Other schools have not returned enrollment cards.

2nd. Many farmers have admitted that clovers, alfalfa and all the useful grasses will grow in Polk county, and as evidence they are sowing small quantities this spring, and preparing for larger sowings this fall.

Farmers in every section of the county are being aroused to the importance of the clover and grass crops, and permanent pastures and live stock to follow. Just here I warn all farmers not to undertake to invest in either dairy or beef cattle without consulting the Division of Animal Industry, West Raleigh, N. C., of which Dan T. Gray is chief. That is what the Department of Agriculture at Washington and at Raleigh are for; to give farmers all over the State and Nation the benefit of expert knowledge along the lines of agricultural activities. Already a mistake has been made in ordering grade heifer calves for breeding purposes. Improvement of cattle comes by way of the bull and not by the female. Polk county is not ready for pure bred stock growing until pastures are made. 1st, soil improvement; 2nd, crops and pastures; 3rd, more and better live stock. You can't get away from this as an operating agricultural program.

3rd; we want some one in Polk county to offer \$5.00, \$10.00 or more dollars to the club boy or girl in Polk county who will, with their own labor, purchase the most Thrift Stamps and War Savings Certificates this year, before Dec. 25th, which will be Christmas day. Respectfully,

JOHN R. SAMS, County Agent.

—W. S. S.—
ABOLENE.

Farmers in this section are well up with their work, some corn being planted.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Miller motored to Lincolnton Saturday, returning Sunday.

Miss Gracie Hill, of Rutherfordton, is visiting her grandfather, Mr. N. D. Cole.