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Every Thursday

Smith Apparently Hopes To Deadlock Convention

Walter Brown, Washington correspondent, sent out the following interesting political news from that city Saturday:

As a result of his gains in the East during the past week, Alfred E. Smith has unquestionably made progress toward his most cherished ambition—that is to be "big boss" at the forthcoming Democratic national convention.

There is a division of opinion here as to just what kind of a political program Smith and his close personal friend, Chairman Raskob of the Democratic national committee, have in mind.

First of all, of course, Smith desires the nomination for himself because he feels that 1932 is going to be a Democratic year and as the presidential nominee he would have a free ride into the White House. The former New York governor has not let the country forget he received 15,000,000 votes in 1928, the largest vote ever received by a Democratic candidate. At every opportunity he rushes into print with the assertion that he is the same Al Smith he was when nominated in 1928. "No one seems to know whether Smith really thinks he has a chance to be nominated."

It now seems that Smith is going to the convention with around 200 votes. This is not enough to block nomination, but with a few favorite son votes which are expected to be under control of the Raskob machinery will tie the convention into a knot as it was done by Smith at the 1924 Madison Square Garden convention.

The 1928 Democratic nominee will in all probability base his appeal for the nomination on the grounds he received in 1928 more votes than any other previous Democratic nominee, that if he is denied a second try for the presidency it will be the first time the party has denied a second nomination to nominee who desired it, and that unless he is nominated there is a large personal following in the United States which will bolt the ticket.

It is generally agreed here in Washington that the religious issue came into play in the Massachusetts primary and was more than any other factor responsible for Smith's crushing defeat of Roosevelt in the Bay State. Those at the Capitol who speak frankly on political matters do not hesitate to state there is a danger of the Democratic party losing the Catholic vote unless Smith is nominated for a candidate of his choice.

While Smith may block Roosevelt the New York governor likewise can do some blocking. He will go to the convention with majority of delegates, according to present indications, and one may write it down in their little red book that Roosevelt will not let his one-time friend but now a bitter rival receive the nomination.

There may be a change of sentiment between now and convention time but the present outlook is for a convention marked with bitter strife between the Smith-conservative wing of the party and the Roosevelt-liberal faction.

What doubt remained in the minds of Democrats, if there was any at all, that Smith was referring to Roosevelt when he said he would take off his coat and vest and work to keep the convention in session all summer rather than see a demagogue nominated has now been removed. Smith, in commenting on the results in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania primaries, said:

"I ought to put a check under the Roosevelt bandwagon and stop people from jumping on it on the theory there is no where else to go."

Unquestionably Raskob has convinced Smith that Roosevelt is the wrong kind of a man to have in the White House. Raskob was Republican before becoming chairman of the Democratic national committee and he expresses the viewpoint of "big business." It is believed in Washington that Raskob is directing Smith in his fight against the New York governor.

Some of the Roosevelt senators are regretting Raskob has been allowed to remain in charge of the party machinery and unless the writer misses his guess they will regret it more by the time the convention rolls around.

Control of the party machinery gives to the "stop Roosevelt" forces a distinct advantage and one which will have telling effect.

If Smith blocks Roosevelt and Roosevelt blocks Smith then the convention must find some candidate which will satisfy both sides. This will be no easy matter. Newton D. Baker is without a doubt dark horse

number one in case of a deadlocked convention.

The first fight in the convention will come over the selection of permanent chairman. Jonett Shouse, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, a post created by Raskob especially for Shouse, is slated for this post. Roosevelt supporters are considering very carefully the advisability of giving a bitter foe such a power at the convention. There is quite a bit of opposition to Shouse and it is possible the first test vote in the convention will come on the vote for permanent chairman. Senator Berkley, of Kentucky, will be temporary chairman and keynote.

While the convention is being organized and leading Democratic orators denounce the fallure of the Hoover administration and predict a sweeping Democratic victory in November, the platform committee will be working day and night. Prohibition is one question which is going to cause plenty of trouble in the committee. The liberals and conservatives will also scrap it out over the plank stating the party's position on economic issues.

Regardless of the kind of platform adopted by the committee there will be a fight to amend it in the convention. "Alfalfa Bill" will be there seeking to give the declaration a favor of Murrayism. Al Smith will be on the floor and he will raise plenty of trouble if the platform is not so wet that liquor and beer can be wrung out of it.

Following the scrap on the platform the big battle over the nominee will take place. For months Shouse and Raskob have been trying to jockey Al Smith into the position of holding a veto power over the convention. By gaining all of the convention votes in Massachusetts, half in Pennsylvania, all in Connecticut the 1928 nominee now has over a hundred votes in his own name. If you give to him the New York vote, which he is slated to receive, Smith has in this time practically as many votes as Roosevelt.

Smith's opposition to Roosevelt has put renewed life into the Roosevelt camp and is solidifying his forces. Senator Cordell Hull and other Roosevelt leaders think this is the best thing that could happen to their candidate. They say that Roosevelt will now begin to demonstrate his real strength and nothing will be able to stop him. All agree that Smith's opposition to the New York governor is swinging the anti-Smith faction of the party behind Roosevelt.

Says Blue Mold Continues Spread

Blue mold, flea bugs and the early April cold snap will reduce the supply of healthy plants in the tobacco plant beds of eastern North Carolina to the place where it will hardly be possible for the growers to plant over 65 per cent of the acreage planted in 1931.

E. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist at State College, says that the blue mold disease is continuing to spread throughout the State and is working westward to the plant beds of the piedmont, yet, the greatest damage done thus far has been due to cold weather and flea bugs. However, earlier beds which have been sprayed properly show an excellent supply of quality plants. There has been much complaint of damage done by spraying the plants with the Bordeaux Mixture recommended by the college specialists. Examinations of affected beds show that the spraying was not done properly.

Mr. Floyd says some growers did not mix the material as recommended nor was the solution properly applied. The spray cannot be made by dumping the blue stone and lime into a tub and mashing it up and then applying water. Nor can proper spraying be done with a pine top. The solution must be of even strength and the plants must be thoroughly covered and kept covered as new growth appears.

Despite the lack of plants, Mr. Floyd does not expect the acreage to be reduced over 25 per cent. Growers generally plant far more tobacco than they expect to set in the field. Those who have plants are taking better care of them and Mr. Floyd says there should be enough left to plant 65 per cent of last year's acreage by May 10. Good tobacco may be produced if planting is finished in eastern Carolina by that date.

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Tax Sale Has Been Postoned 2 Months

In Regular Session Monday, The Board of Commissioners Deferred The Tax Sale Until August 1

At their regular meeting Monday Rockingham county board of county commissioners took the bit in their mouth and, heeding the call of hundreds of delinquent tax payers, postponed the advertising and sale of property on which no taxes have been paid for another two months. In other words, instead of advertising the property of delinquent tax payers this week, this advertising has been continued until the first week in July, the sale to follow the first week in August. This gives the tax payers two more months in which to come across with what they owe the State and county.

Regardless of the law, and the people are mightier than the law, this was a wise move and one that will be appreciated by a large number of people who find it impossible at this time to take care of their tax account. We notice that some of the counties refused to postpone this sale, while many others acted as did Rockingham. This means that hundreds who are not able to pay their taxes will do so before another two months roll around, and the county will be just that much better off. Yes, we feel that our able board did the just and right thing, regardless of what Mr. Johnson, chairman of local government commission, may think about the matter.

J. W. Carter Killed By Two Bandits

Sunday night two bandits halted at the service station of J. W. Carter about one mile south of Leaksville on the Leaksville-Reidsville highway and ordered him to "stick 'em up." Carter did not move fast enough to suit them, so they proceeded to shoot him. Seven bullets entered his body and death was almost instantaneous. Carter operated a store and filling station and he and Mrs. Carter also lived in the same building. When the shooting began she rushed out but the bandits, two white men, immediately left without securing any loot. There is no clue, except that the bandits were operating a blue roadster.

Routed The Jinx

Madison high school team, which has been playing against the jinx all the season, put a quietus on that animal last Thursday at Bethany when the boys romped on the Bethany school team to the tune of 20 to 4. This was the first win of the locals. Encouraged by this win, the locals played Walnut Cove on the local diamond next day, Friday, and downed the Covites by a score of 10 to 7. Howard Marshall was on the firing line in both games and came out with flying colors. The flight of the jinx seems to have been of short duration, for on Tuesday the Stoneville high team came down and outplayed the locals at every point, taking the game by the score of 10 to 1.

Finals Approach

On Monday night, the 9th, the primary and grammar grades of Mayodan school will present two operettas in the school auditorium. The primary grades will present "Washington's Birthday," in two acts, while the grammar grades will present "A Rose Dream," in two scenes.

The students of Miss Garnette Reynolds will present their piano recital on Friday evening, the 6th, at the school auditorium, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Shot Through Finger

Melvin Steele had the misfortune of shooting himself through the fore finger the other day with a 22 calibre pistol. Fortunately the bone deflected the bullet and the wound was not serious.

Hardware Co. Leaving

The Church Hardware Co., which purchased the Pratt Hardware Co. stock of goods a few months ago, has decided to move the stock to North Wilkesboro and began transferring the goods and fixtures to that place Tuesday morning.

A Son

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Ragsdale, Jr., Monday morning, a son.

Read The Messenger ads and buy it at home.

MAYODAN

John E. Dempster, Jr., of Charlotte spent the week end with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gass returned Tuesday, after spending a week at Hopewell, Va.

Earl Price of Pittsburg, Pa., is spending a short time with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Highfill and son spent the week end in Greensboro.

Mrs. and Mrs. G. B. Benton of Winston-Salem spent Sunday with Mrs. P. R. Vaden.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barrow spent Sunday afternoon in Walnut Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Powell of Danville spent Sunday with Mrs. Paul Barrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Murray spent Sunday in Mount Airy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dalton and Mrs. Jeff. Dalton visited Leaksville Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Dalton of Winston-Salem visited relatives Sunday.

C. L. Walters and E. F. Rader spent Tuesday at High Point.

E. F. Duncan, M. B. Simpson, Clayton White, Douglas Alfred, Pinnix Price and Joseph Dalton spent the week end at the home of Mr. Simpson in Union county.

Monday evening Mrs. M. L. Webb, Miss Grace Sheets and Marcus Simpson were joint hostesses to their bridge club. The home was beautifully decorated with spring flowers. Mrs. Harold Myers received the high score prize, a lovely vase. Visitors and members were: Mr. and Mrs. Perry Ashe, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Griggs, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Price, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Robah Veach, Mrs. C. L. Walters, Misses Lillian Gillette, Willie Mae Holton, Garnette Reynolds, Gladys Matthews Virginia Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bollen, Dr. M. L. Webb, Mrs. Bill Crews, Miss Irene Money, Prof. E. F. Duncan and Earl Price. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and ginger ale were served.

Tuesday evening Miss Virginia Smith was hostess to her bridge club. Mrs. Harvey Price received high score prize. Mrs. Carter also lived in the same building. When the shooting began she rushed out but the bandits, two white men, immediately left without securing any loot. There is no clue, except that the bandits were operating a blue roadster.

The last meeting of the P-T. A. was held Monday afternoon in the school library. It opened with the Lord's prayer. The annual report of the treasurer was read with great interest. The P-T. A. raised \$295.45 for the year by the diligent work of the members. The picture for having the most mothers present went to Miss Annie Martin's room. Miss Irene Money presented an attractive display of wild flowers native to this section. This was followed by an interesting paper on wild flowers by Anne Johnson and Edwin Price. New officers for the following school year were elected. The president, Mrs. Dick Crews, vice-president; Mrs. Fred Loftis, secretary, and Marcus Simpson, treasurer.

The school commencement is as follows: Monday evening at 8 o'clock the elementary and primary commencement. Friday evening at 8 o'clock, May 13, the senior Class Day Exercises. Sunday evening at 8 o'clock the baccalaureate sermon. Monday evening, 8 o'clock, the Graduation Exercises. Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the senior class play, "Two Days to Mary."

The Men's Bible class of the Episcopal Sunday school staged a most delightful banquet on Wednesday evening, April 27. Covers were laid for fifty members and guests. Kirby Reid, president of the class, presided as toastmaster. After Rev. E. W. Hurst, rector of the church offered the invocation, E. F. Duncan, the class teacher, gave the address of welcome. A delightful three course luncheon was served by the ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary. During the luncheon short talks were made by May-H. Roy Martin, J. F. Roach, Jesse Robertson and Rev. Jennings Johnson. Rev. D. W. Allen, rector of St. Mary's Church in High Point, made a short address and presented the speaker of the evening, Rev. E. Gilbert of St. Paul's Church, Winston-Salem, who gave a most interesting and helpful address to the men of the church. He congratulated the class on its splendid membership and urged that the interest be continued. Several numbers were rendered

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STONEVILLE

W. T. Lauten and son of near Madison visited in town Sunday afternoon.

Dr. T. A. Boaz, Jr., and son of Winston-Salem were in town Sunday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. O. R. Hodgkin and son of Thomasville visited in Stoneville Sunday.

Mrs. R. T. Stone and Charlie Stone attended services in Reynolds recently.

Mesdames S. D. Brown, Nean Hall, Martin Vernon, Ernest Smith, Lester Prilliman, Misses Nora Smith and Katherine Stanford attended the District Missionary meeting in the Leaksville Baptist Church in Leaksville Thursday.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Christian Church will meet at the church Tuesday afternoon.

Three fires occurred in town recently, but no serious damages were done. The fires were in the homes of R. T. Stone, T. P. Poole's rented house and the home of Mrs. J. A. Scales.

Mrs. Robert Knight of Stokesdale visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Vernon Sunday.

Mesdames T. J. Glenn and J. A. Scales visited Winston-Salem Monday.

Mrs. Kelley spent the week end in Yadkinville.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Vernon spent the week end in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Glenn of Winston-Salem and Mrs. Perry Tyler of New Jersey visited in town Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Matthews of Spray were in town Sunday. Mesdames H. L. Glenn, B. H. Wall and Miss Annie Smith visited Burlington Thursday.

Mrs. F. A. Brown and Miss Grace Fagg were recent Greensboro visitors.

Mesdames E. W. King, C. K. Nolen and Miss Lelia Nolen visited Leaksville Saturday.

Mrs. Lineberger visited Madison Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson of Madison visited Stoneville Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thrasher visited Miss Margie Fuller in Greensboro Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thrasher returned from Mt. Ulla, N. C. after having been teaching the past term.

Miss Mary Nolen of Leaksville spent the week end here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hazlip of Spray visited Mrs. George King Sunday.

H. L. Swain spent the week end in Harmony.

Miss Valada James spent the week end in Winston-Salem.

Miss Nancy Pickett spent the week end in Statesville with her sister, Mrs. Barron Mills.

Misses Sizemore and Brewer spent the week end out of town.

Jack Thomas of Vinton, Va., is on a visit to his grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Glenn.

Mrs. Tuttle of Walnut Cove is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Smith.

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Madison-Mayodan Team Takes Opener

Outplayed Fieldale Saturday; Ray Had One Bad Inning; 7th, When Six Runs Were Made

Madison-Mayodan team, new member of Bi-State league, had a good day Saturday when the season opened. She captured the game against Fieldale on the latter's ground with a 11-to-8 score.

Carl Ray was on the firing line for M-M, and went good until the 7th, when he gave up nine hits, which netted Fieldale 6 of their 8 runs. After that he was all to the good.

Lentz of the Fieldale aggregation was the only one to secure a home run, and that was a fluke. Byrd, first sacker for M-M, led the hitting with three doubles out of five trips to the plate. Ray caused eight of the Fieldale sluggers to whiff the air. Stigall, for Fieldale, had four strike-outs to his credit.

The following is the box score:

Madison-Mayodan		Fieldale	
AB	R H E	AB	R H E
Reynolds, 3b	5 1 2 0	Kuykendall, c	3 1 1 0
Kuykendall, c	3 1 1 0	Gratwood, lf	5 1 2 0
Gratwood, lf	5 1 2 0	Agee, 2b	3 3 1 0
Agee, 2b	3 3 1 0	Gillespie, rf	3 2 1 0
Gillespie, rf	3 2 1 0	Byrd, 1b	5 1 3 1
Byrd, 1b	5 1 3 1	Turner, ss	5 1 2 0
Turner, ss	5 1 2 0	Montgomery, cf	4 1 1 3
Montgomery, cf	4 1 1 3	Ray, p	5 0 1 0
Ray, p	5 0 1 0	Tipton, cf	5 2 3 0
Tipton, cf	5 2 3 0	Harrington, cf	5 1 0 0
Harrington, cf	5 1 0 0	Childress, ss	4 1 1 0
Childress, ss	4 1 1 0	Lentz, c	5 1 3 0
Lentz, c	5 1 3 0	Eggleston, rf	5 0 1 0
Eggleston, rf	5 0 1 0	Morton, 3b	5 1 2 1
Morton, 3b	5 1 2 1	Williams, c	5 1 2 0
Williams, c	5 1 2 0	Stigall, p	5 1 2 0
Stigall, p	5 1 2 0	Gilbert, 2b	5 0 2 0
Gilbert, 2b	5 0 2 0	Totals	38 11 15 4

The Madison-Mayodan-Reidsville game scheduled for last afternoon in Reidsville has been postponed until tomorrow afternoon, Friday. Saturday Reidsville plays M-M, in Mayodan and it is safe to say that a big crowd of fans will be on hand.

At Stuart Saturday Reidsville won over Stuart by the score 12 to 9.

Score by innings:
Reidsville 220 511 010
Stuart 014 002 020

Earnhart and Ward; Gray, Nall, Ernst and Bryan; Gray, Nall, Danville defeated Martinsville by the score of 6 to 2 in a well played game.

Score by innings:
Martinsville 010 010 000
Danville 201 100 20x

O. Hurd and Jones; Wilson and Shelton.

BI-STATE STANDING

	W. L. P. C.
Madison-Mayodan	1 0 1000
Reidsville	1 0 1000
Danville	1 0 1000
Stuart	0 1 000
Fieldale	0 1 003
Martinsville	0 1 000

New Gem-Dandy Product Popular

A few months ago the Gem-Dandy Garter company began manufacturing a new line—garter belts and brassiers. The machinery was installed on the second floor of Penn Handkerchief company building, and Louis Spire and Miss Virginia Marshall, who are experienced in this line of work, were engaged to superintend the work—instruct beginners. This new line has proven to be quite popular and at present the orders are being received faster than they can be filled. New machines are now being installed, and for a while it was necessary to put on a night force. It is a pleasure to note the success of this new venture and the Messenger wishes for it continued success. This does not mean that the garter, suspender and belt business of this popular goods are in great demand and a large force of hands is required to produce the goods to fill the orders.

Yacht Marcon Is Reported At Sea

Norfolk, Va., May 3—The yacht Marcon, presumably bringing John Hughes Curtis back from another cruise in connection with negotiations for the return of the Lindbergh baby, was reported to have been seen coming into Chesapeake Bay this afternoon from sea.

Efforts, however, to locate the boat were unsuccessful. It was believed to be heading for the naval base from which outsiders were barred.

The Marcon had made a secret get-away from the naval base at some time late this afternoon.

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HOME DEMONSTRATION NEWS

Marjorie Holmes, Home Demonstration Agent

Intelligence Club Meeting (Mrs. E. B. Carter, reporter)

The Intelligence Home Demonstration club held its regular monthly meeting in April with Mrs. J. S. Carter at her home on Melburny Island farm.

A good number of members were present.

Mrs. J. P. McCollum, club president, presided at the meeting. Each member answered to roll call with sayings of famous men.

After the regular routine of business, Mrs. C. H. Shelton read a paper on "Gardening."

Mrs. J. S. Carter read a newspaper clipping on progress of Home Demonstration club work in the county.

Rockingham was especially mentioned for the splendid work done by the club. Mrs. J. S. Carter did last week's work on the number of canners. The club women are busy preparing. When we see the results of club work like this, we would like to see it spread and upward to a high standard.

Mrs. J. P. McCollum reported that she had closed the Home Demonstration library, which she had opened for the school year. The books could get them out of the way. Some time ago it was returned to Mrs. J. P. McCollum.

Mrs. Virginia Lemons spent Monday evening in Walnut Cove.

Bobby Case and Tommy Sizemore of Oak Ridge were in town Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Holloway spent the week end in Rutherford College.

Mrs. Oscar Pogram and Mrs. Bobby Anrel motored to Reidsville Saturday.

Mrs. Tom Lemons of Roanoke visited in town one day last week.

Misses Ruth Edna Vaughn and Mary Ruth McCorrie attended a weiner roast at Oak Ridge Saturday evening.

Settle Graham of Greensboro was in town last week.

Miss Ruth Pickett spent the week end in Greensboro with her sister, Mrs. Grace Bailey.

David Boone of New York, who has been visiting his mother, he will open a law office.

Miss Carrie Brown spent the week end at her home in Sumnerfield.

L. N. Barker has returned after spending several days at his home in Melton.

Miss Frances Shelton and Miss Elizabeth McCollum of Siler City spent the week end with Miss Mary Vaughn.

The commencement exercises of the high school opens Friday evening at 8 o'clock with the senior play, "My Irish Rose." The baccalaureate sermon will be Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Dr. C. H. Rowland of Greensboro will deliver the sermon. On Monday evening at 8 o'clock the graduation exercises will take place.

Popular Troupe Will Come Here

Edward A. Reno and his theatrical company will bring their theatre and troupe to Madison next week, opening the season at 9 p.m. on Monday night, May 9th.

Madison has an excellent theatre throughout the large city. It is well known in North Carolina having been in this state for many years and is always well patronized by lovers of good entertainment. The company offers a program of popular plays, comedy and drama, and withstanding the fact that financial conditions are not at their best, it is necessary to have some diversion, and Reno's show furnishes this in abundance.

The show is much larger than in former years, says the advance man. It embraces a company of forty people, including a chorus of beautiful girls and a jazz orchestra.

Court Adjournd

The two weeks term of special court for the trial of civil cases adjourned the first of the week. But very few cases were disposed of, in view of the illness of Judge Ogilvie, who presided when he was able. This means that in all probability another special term will have to be ordered to clear up the docket, which is badly congested.

scathed preparation needed in the operation.

Not only is grass economical in milk production but it is a source of vitamins essential to the growth and health of the human body, says Kimrey.