

DEMOCRATS READY TO NOMINATE ROOSEVELT TONIGHT

Board Sets New Tax Rate At 40 Cents

Cites PWA School Bonds, Poor Funds Cause For Raise

\$226,947 Budget Given Approval

Fiscal Policy Of New Year Is Outlined Following All-Day Meet.

Added expenses of the Cleveland county school system, mainly the PWA building program, the new county agricultural building and a generous increase in the poor fund are the main items which will cause the tax rate for the next fiscal year to be extended from 36 to 40 cents per \$100 valuation.

This announcement was made following an all day meeting of the county board of commissioners yesterday which extended into the night.

\$27,484 Increase The 1936-1937 budget calls for an expenditure of \$226,947 as compared to the budget of \$199,463 adopted by the board last year, an increase of \$27,484 for the year.

Table with 2 columns: 1936-37, 1935-36. Rows include General fund, Poor fund, County-wide-bridge bonds, principal and interest, Township road bonds and interest, Schools, Total.

Low Tax Rate

The tax increase from 36 to 40 cents still leaves this county with the lowest tax rate in the state and with one of the best financial systems of any of the counties, the commissioners believed.

With the exception of the debt service, caused mainly by the schools' increase, the tax ratio will remain the same. Here they are:

Table with 2 columns: 1936-37, 1935-36. Rows include General fund, Poor fund, Debt Service, County School Tax, Debt service, Capital outlay, Maintenance, Total, Tax supervisor and county auditor.

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Denounces Smith

PHILADELPHIA, June 26.—(P)—Senator E. D. Smith's second walk-out on the Democratic convention prompted Representative Arthur W. Mitchell, Chicago negro, to denounce the Carolinian today as "ignorant and steeped in prejudice."

Morning Cotton LETTER

NEW YORK, June 26.—Scattered profit taking, selling of the near months through spot houses and a moderate quantity of foreign selling was easily absorbed mainly by trade interests yesterday. Weather conditions mostly satisfactory but the crop's progress at present is apparently secondary to the other factors surrounding cotton, foremost of which is gradually tightening supply situation.

Table with 2 columns: Cotton, spot, Cotton seed, wagon, ton, Cotton seed, car lot, ton.

New York cotton close today: Jan. 11.84, March 11.65, May 11.70, July 11.33, Oct. 11.68, Dec. 11.84.

Dairymen Convention Finds Organized Price Difficult; Statewide Meeting Is Here

Speakers Address Cream, Milk, Cheese And Ice-Cream Manufacturers; Mooresboro And Shelby Pioneers

Shelby's first State of North Carolina Dairy Producers Convention was held here yesterday in an all day session at the Hotel Charles as members of the association met in their second quarterly gathering.

Fire Destroys Eton Cafe In Mystery Blaze

Fire of unknown origin last night gutted the Eton cafe, involving a damage roughly estimated at \$1,500, in a stubborn blaze which for a time threatened nearby structures.

The cafe was operated by Glenn Blanton but the building was owned by the Eton mill. The fire started in the back and damage by water and heat ruined the place almost beyond repair.

Another fire occurred Wednesday afternoon at the Shelby mill village when the home of Fred Currier was damaged to the extent of about \$300 when a blaze started in the ceiling, damaging the walls and roof.

Little damage was done to the articles in the house, and officials at the Shelby mill, owners of the house, said today the insurance claims have been adjusted and repair of the building is under way.

Mrs. Hoey's Sister Pneumonia Victim

Miss Candace Henkel, eldest sister of Mrs. S. E. Hoey of this place, died yesterday afternoon at 5:30 at her home in Stony Point after years of invalidism.

Mrs. Hoey, who had been called to her bedside Wednesday morning, had returned home yesterday, thinking her slightly improved, only to be notified of her death late yesterday afternoon.

Funeral services were held at Stony Point at 2 o'clock this afternoon and the body was taken to Hickory, former home of Miss Henkel, for burial.

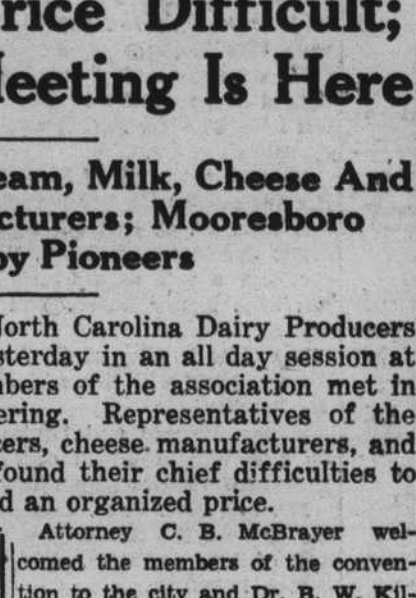
COMMUNISTS CHEER bullet NEW YORK, June 26.—(P)—James W. Ford, negro communist organizer in Harlem was cheered today by the national communist convention after his attack on both the Democratic and Republican parties.

Cotton Ed Walks Out Again; Once Sat By Negro In S. C.

Senator E. D. Smith of South Carolina walked out of the Democratic convention hall in Philadelphia again last night when Representative Arthur W. Mitchell, negro member of Congress, spoke from the platform.

"This is another dose," the veteran South Carolina "Cotton Ed Smith" stated as he repeated his spectacular march from the convention hall. "I have had enough. This time I am leaving the convention to stay gone," he continued as he stalked off the floor.

Pretty Delegates At Convention



Pretty Sarah Hale, 21 (right), from Rogersville, Tenn., smiles as she hears herself called the convention's youngest delegate. Her alternate, Lillie Freedman (left), equally young, hails from Knoxville.

Hoey Forces More Confident As Race Enters Home Stretch

Rush Of Graham Supporters To Hoey Colors Seen As Ardor Of McDonaldises Tends To Cool

RALEIGH, June 26.—As North Carolina's most heated campaign for governor enters the home stretch, headquarters of Clyde R. Hoey, leader in the first primary June 6, grows more and more confident of finishing the job by defeating Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, who trailed Mr. Hoey in the first round of the political battle.

A spontaneous rush of Sandy Graham supporters to the Hoey colors, coupled with a noticeable cooling in the ardor of many McDonaldises and a growing impression that the Winston-Salem man's campaign is near the collapsing point has contributed to the optimism which pervades the camp of Shelby's gifted orator.

Strung by his unexpected setback in the first primary, Mr. McDonald and his campaign manager, Willie Lee Lumpkin, seem to have abandoned all the issues on which they harped so loudly before June 6 and their bid for support in the run off has been based on a purely personal attack on Mr. Hoey and all those who are supporting him.

In his speech last night, Mr. Hoey added a charge of his own to the campaign—that Dr. McDonald had on four occasions tried to dodge payment of personal taxes.

"I've been running under my own head of steam for 58 years now and I intend to keep on doing it," Hoey said in a speech. "Nobody has ever run me and nobody is going to run me when I become governor. The only orders I will take will come from the people of North Carolina. They will boss me, but nobody else will."

If President Roosevelt had not insisted that Representative Robert L. Doughton remain at his post in Washington, instead of running for governor, the Shelby candidate said, he (Hoey) would not have been a candidate for governor.

"And yet Ralph McDonald says to me, a machine decided I was to run," he continued. "His campaign is getting so ridiculous that any morning now I expect to pick up the newspaper and find him charging that I was hand-picked by the White House itself."

Repeating his charges that McDonald had voted the Democratic ticket but twice in his life, Hoey added:

"He sets himself up as a tax expert and denounces all those who disagree with him as being tax dodgers. I reply that in 1929, 1932 and 1935 he himself tried to dodge taxes to the extent of not listing his taxes, even his poll tax, according to the public records in Forsyth county."

Captain Ben R. Jones, newly appointed head of Salvation Army work in Shelby arrived in the city yesterday to take active of the Shelby organization. He comes, with his wife, from High Point and both will take active part in the enlargement and strengthening of the Shelby unit.

Captain Jones will seek at once to begin the general program of Salvation Army work which is carried on in cities with full time work. He is planning regular church services on Tuesday and Fridays and Sunday school on Sunday afternoons with preaching Sunday evenings. During the summer he will emphasize athletics and young people's work.

Mrs. Jones will specialize in work with girls and women and will organize what is known as the Band of Love for children from six to nine years of age.

Shelby civic organizations and a number of leaders have just concluded a campaign to raise the needed funds for the establishment of a permanent post of the Salvation Army here. Sergeant-major L. W. Morton who has been in charge will remain here until fall when he will attend the Army school in Atlanta.

Benoy, McDowell Will Lead Legion For Coming Year

Arthur W. Benoy and J. L. McDowell were nominated for Commander of the Warren F. Hoyle post of the American Legion for next year by the nominating committee recently named, with the recommendation that the one receiving the most votes become commander and the second man in the count be first vice commander.

For second vice commander the committee nominated two men, Thamer Beam and Remm G. Honeycutt. For third vice commander likewise two men were named, Tom Dedmon and Sham Blackley.

The committee recommended only one man each for consideration for service officer, T. H. Abernathy, Jr., and for finance officer and adjutant, Jack Hartigan. Heretofore two men have handled these positions but the committee recommends that the positions be consolidated.

Before vote is taken for nominees the post will have either to ratify or reject the committee's recommendations.

The committee, which was composed of Dr. A. Pitt Beam, Chas. P. Service and Finance.

Capt. Ben R. Jones Is New Leader Of S. A. Work In City

Money Vanishes PAWTUCKET, R. I., June 26.—(P)—An armored truck containing a \$19,000 payroll and its driver, Walter Hussey, disappeared today from main street. Bank guards who had gone into the R. I. Hospital Trust bank, discovered its disappearance. Police believed the driver had been kidnapped.

Ask Nominators To Submit Funds

Cleveland Democratic committeemen who are engaged in raising funds for the National Democratic campaign are asked by Chairman Everett Houser to turn over their lists of names and the contributions to Troy McKinney, treasurer, Saturday or Monday.

All who contribute to this fund will be listed as original Roosevelt nominators and lists of these names, together with their contributions, will be forwarded by National Democratic headquarters to President Roosevelt.

List of those qualifying as Roosevelt nominators by making contribution of \$1.00 or more will be published sometime next week.

Ship Workers Strike PARIS, June 26.—(P)—Naval shipyard workers declared a general strike at St. Nazaire today, hoisting red flags.

They stopped all work on new units of the navy and occupied the yard. The strike movement involved 10,000 employees and five yards.

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Democrats Leave Two Thirds Rule; Submit Platform

Harmony Is Kept At Huge Meeting

Platform Majors On Family, Democracy And Relief Measures.

CONVENTION HALL, PHILADELPHIA, June 26.—(P)—In swift order, the Democratic national convention last night abrogated its traditional two-thirds rule and accepted a Roosevelt platform declaring frankly for an amendment of the Constitution "if necessary," but pledging joint Federal-State action to meet national problems.

The party's new platform, phrased for the most part in general terms and seldom going beyond a wide statement of objectives, called for "sound currency," government centralized relief, continued soil conservation and agricultural "production of all the market will absorb."

The platform was adopted on a voice vote. There were a few "noes," but they were disregarded by the permanent chairman, Senator Robinson of Arkansas, who pronounced acceptance unanimous.

The platform laid down a guiding rule. It asserted government has three inescapable obligations:

- 1. Protection of the family and the home. 2. Establishment of a democracy of opportunity for all the people. 3. Aid to those overtaken by disaster.

They seek Amendment.

It went further to say that drought, dust storms, minimum wages, maximum hours, child labor, working conditions in industry and monopolistic and unfair business practices could not be handled adequately by 48 states, and "if these problems cannot be solved by legislation within the Constitution," it promised to seek "clarifying amendments."

It called the Republicans those who have "and would again, regiment (the American people) in the service of privileged groups."

It praised Democratic leadership for having put the nation "back on the road to restored health and prosperity" after 12 years of Republican leadership that "left our nation sorely stricken in body, mind and spirit."

The party's declaration for agriculture, which the subcommittee (Continued on page ten)

ICE CREAM AND CAKE TO BE SOLD SATURDAY

Ice cream and cake will be sold by the Mothers' Missionary society of the Missionary Methodist church at the home of A. L. Laws on Smith street, Shelby Mill, Saturday afternoon. The sale will begin at 2 o'clock.

Proceeds from the sale will go to the church.

Six Women Relatives Witness Electrocution Of 18-Year Boy

COLUMBIA, June 26.—(P)—Robert Ashley, 18 year old ex-convict, tied in the electric chair at the state penitentiary today for the murder of Joe Byrd, prison guard, last March 12.

A state constable fainted but other spectators including six women relatives of the slain man apparently were unmoved.

Ashley told how he had hidden in Byrd's car and steal it two days after ending a three year jail term for larceny and how he killed Byrd with an axe after the guard got into the car.

The witnesses included Mrs. L. B. Byrd, of Concord, N. C., mother of the dead guard, Mrs. Joe Byrd of Lancaster, his wife, and four of his sisters, Mrs. S. L. Mitchen and Mrs. Hattie Green, Kannapolis, Mrs. C. Z. Baker of Concord and Mrs. Evelyn Hill of Gaffney.

Four brothers of the negro's victim accompanied the women relatives. Their names were given as Hazel and Vernon Byrd, of Concord, Cleve Byrd of Lancaster and Bob Byrd of Great Falls.

Joe Byrd, 8 year old son of the slain man, went to the prison with his mother but declined to see the execution.

Given Degree



Katharine Cornell, noted actress, lends charm to the cap and gown which she wore when honored by the University of Wisconsin, at Madison, with the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters.

2 Meetings Close On Sunday Night; Many Attending

Dr. Morgan And Chester Swor Will Close Services; Features Are Listed.

The two religious meetings which are being conducted in the city Bible conference at the Presbyterian church and young peoples revival at the First Baptist church will come to a close Sunday night.

Dr. F. Crossley Morgan is still drawing large crowds to the Presbyterian church morning and evening to hear his expositions on portions of the scriptures. He finished the discussions on the prophecy of Habakkuk today. He will speak at the open air service again tonight on "The Ultimate Call of God to Man. He will conduct no Saturday services, but will preach both morning and evening on Sunday.

Rev. Chester Swor, student secretary of Mississippi college will continue the young peoples revival on through Sunday night. Services are held only in the evening.

Hundreds of young people and the leaders of the various groups have been swarming to hear his discussions of Christine doctrine, Christian ethics and evangelism. A feature of the meeting has been an open forum session following the services in which practical and personal problems of modern youth are taken in detail.

Violations of the Sabbath were taken yesterday with Mr. Swor putting definite taboos on any form of activity which prevents "keeping the Sabbath holy."

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Oratory, Acclaim Marks Convention; Will Vote Tonight

Name Is Formally Presented Body

Judge John E. Mack, Former Tutor Leads Way; Demonstration Held.

(By Associated Press)

PHILADELPHIA, June 26.—A tidal wave of oratory and acclaim swept Franklin D. Roosevelt today toward his second nomination for the presidency.

Already enlisted under a party platform promising amendment to the constitution, "if necessary," to meet national problems, shouting ranks of Democratic convention delegates joined in an hour long marching demonstration as Judge John E. Mack of New York, formally presented the name of Roosevelt for re-nomination.

The actual nominating was not expected until about midnight, daylight time. No other name was presented. Over fifty governors and party leaders from every state lined up behind Judge Mack to second his tribute to the president as a friend of "the masses."

Acclaimed A Leader

His political tutor in youth, Judge Mack started the demonstration by acclaiming the New Deal founder as an inspired leader in a war of "humanity" against "greed."

Mack spoke for 20 minutes pointing his address toward the climatic statement:

"With our decks cleared for battle, with justice and right and progress with us, we are ready for more action under the inspired leadership of that great American whose name I give you as our candidate for president, no longer a citizen of merely one state but a son of all the 48 states, Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Long before Mack could reach his climax the delegates were bustling to go on another of those shouting, stamping processions through the aisle. Banners were produced announcing "Albany 100 Percent for Roosevelt," "North Carolina Wants Roosevelt, Garner and the New Deal" and other similar sentiments.

At the start of the roll of states for nominations Alabama yielded to New York and the show was on. Governor Bibb Graves of Alabama led off the long list of seconds which read like a miniature who's who of the party.

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