

# Perry Jackson Wins in Cleveland Primaries

CLEVELAND, Aug. 22.—Last Saturday closed one of the most dramatic and exciting campaigns in the history of this city. The primaries closed Tuesday night, at which time the results of the campaign were determined.

Hon. Perry B. Jackson, candidate for state representative, was nominated after a spectacular campaign, finishing up ninth in the race in a line-up of 70 or more competitors.

Attorney Moses H. Dixon did not fare so well, receiving a little more than 8,140 votes to Jackson's 15,333. J. Walter Willis Sr., candidate for state senator, received 12,450 votes, finishing ninth in the race of 15 competitors.

The meeting of the county central committee at the public hall was out-

standing in many ways. It was at this meeting that the ward leaders elected by the newly elected precinct committeemen were to be announced. These precinct committeemen were elected in the most hotly contested campaign in the history of Cleveland. Followers of former Councilman Thomas W. Fleming, in fact, many of the "old war horses," including such outstanding characters as Joe Hedges, Steve Ball and others, went down to defeat under the hammer of Councilman Lawrence O. Payne. Payne elected 21 of 23 committeemen. Steve Ball was defeated by an Italian. The announcement of the election of Payne as leader in the 11th ward, dominated many years by Fleming and wife, Mrs. Lethia Fleming, and their adherents, was received with rapturous applause. Mrs. Fleming was candidate for ward leader to succeed her husband.

In the 17th all opposition to Councilman Leroy N. Bundy seemed to have evaporated. Although it was reported that Louis Vinocour (white), would put up a stiff fight to hold the ward leadership in the 17th, the opposition to Bundy failed to materialize and Bundy was announced as the ward leader amid greatest applause. Bundy, apparently in an anti-Maschke fight in the primary campaign, clamored for Race leaders in wards dominated by our group and he was backed by Dr. D. O. Walker, Hazel Mountain Walker, Norman H. McGhee, Senator George Bender (white), and Attorney Ben Levin (white), defeated candidate for state representative. Bundy was victorious even though he had defied the "powers-that-be" in endorsing and fighting for the successful candidate for county prosecutor, Arthur H. Day (white).

An interesting spectacle was the announcement of the selection of Councilman Clayborne George as leader of ward 18. This announcement was a death blow to the Hazel Mountain Walker-Norman McGhee-D. O. Walker-Louise J. Pridgeon wing of the 18th ward. This wing had sponsored the election of Attorney John H. Stallard as ward leader. On Friday evening, it is said, the George H. Skinkle (white), win of the 18th held a secret meeting and in accord with the mandate of Hon. Maurice Maschke, Skinkle went in favor of George. When this announcement was made clamors of "bolt the party" were made by the anti-Sinkle and anti-George leaders.

In the 19th ward Hon. John D. Marshall, mayor of the city of Cleveland, was given the usual ovation, when the announcement was made that his election as leader was unanimous. This ward is well populated by our group.

In the 12th Alex Bernstein (white), deputy county treasurer, was re-elected ward leader, disregarding the mandate of Councilman Bundy that Negro leaders must control the affairs of all wards dominated by our group. Councilman Herman Finkle is still strong in this ward as his clientele does not turn on the "hand that feeds them." Mr. Finkle has the reputation of doing unlimited charity work among his clients.

It is interesting to note that Hazel Mountain Walker, Dwight R. Williams and former Councilman Thomas W. Fleming were dropped from the Republican executive committee of 100. Mrs. Fleming was re-appointed. Mrs. Walker was displaced by Miss Jane Hunter of the P. W. A. Mrs. Walker and Williams have been very active the past year in an anti-Maschke program. Others of the Race appointed on the executive committee included Clayborne George and Lawrence O. Payne. This committee is composed of the leading Republicans of the county and plays a very important part in the coming campaign. Hence, the desire of the party to weed out all undesirable material in the coming campaign, looking forward to a program of united front and co-operation.

In the precinct contests it is noteworthy to mention the defeat of Attorney James M. Williams by Mrs. Nettie R. Smith; the defeat of Norman McGhee by Rufus Smalls; the defeat of Attorney Frank Lyons and, the victory of Mrs. Lilly Mason over Robert S. Sills in the 18th. Alex O. Taylor swamped an Italian named Petro Euse in the 19th ward. In precinct L. 18th ward, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Robinson and Dave Quinn will have to fight it out before the board of elections. No tally was made of their candidacies which was unusual and the leader of this precinct will be determined by the election board this week. Neither would allow the other to be seated at the convention Saturday eliciting no little excitement and worry on the part of Mrs. Robinson.

Cleveland can boast of three Race ward leaders for the first time in its history: Payne, Bundy and George.

An announcement of the county executive committee of the Democrats discloses not a member of the Race was appointed on same although we have such active and outstanding Race Democrats in the city as Norman Selby Minor, assistant county prosecutor; Dr. Blaine Hubbard, Eugene F. Cheeks, editor of the Cleveland Call and Post; Dr. F. H. Hendricks, Dr. James Owens, Dr. L. L. Rodgers, Attorney Peter Boulton and Mrs. Jeanette Thomas.