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Democrats Poll Big Majority in Watauga

Pritchard Defeated in Democratic Landslide

BAILEY IS EASY WINNER, EARLY RETURNS SHOW

Raleigh Lawyer Amasses a Lead of 75,000 Over George M. Pritchard as News of Democratic Successes Continue to Pour in. Early Returns Indicate Defeat of Jonas and Jackson; Doughton Leads.

On the face of incomplete returns, North Carolina voters gave Democratic candidates for the House and Senate overwhelming majorities. Josiah William Bailey had a lead of nearly 75,000 votes over his Republican opponent for the Senate, George M. Pritchard of Asheville, when 190,000 votes had been tabulated from 625 of the State's 1,811 precincts, but Pritchard had refused to concede defeat.

Democratic leaders, including Governor Gardner, made statements last night asserting that the Bailey majority would exceed 100,000 and would be the greatest the party had ever polled up.

In the two districts lost by the Democrats in 1928, Democratic candidates were far in the lead on the face of incomplete returns. Major A. L. Bulwinkle, of Gastonia, has a lead of 8,000 votes over Charles A. Jonas, with more than half the precincts tabulated.

In the Tenth District Zeb V. Weaver, essaying a comeback like Bulwinkle, had 15,976 votes against 9,301 for Brownlow Jackson, his Republican opponent.

In the other districts the Democratic candidates piled up what appeared to be winning majorities, although the returns were meagre. Representative Bob Doughton in the Eighth District, was credited with 16,581 votes from 52 precincts against 4,272 for E. P. Wakefield, the Republican nominee. Bad weather in the mountains is largely responsible for the slow returns being made, many precincts being without telephone connections.

The early returns indicate that the full Democratic delegation will be returned to the House from this State.

ROOSEVELT ELECTED

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor of New York, was winner over his Republican opponent, Charles P. Tamm, for what was termed a Democratic landslide. Two-thirds of the State reported a plurality for Roosevelt of 570,000. Roosevelt showed a huge majority against as well as in the city. His election was so decisive that his opponent conceded defeat shortly after the counting began.

HEFF IN FAIR'S BEHIND

Senator J. Thomas Heff, seeking re-election to the U. S. Senate, from Alabama on a "Jeffersonian" ticket, fell far behind his Democratic opponent as a third of the ballot boxes were counted. The tabulated returns gave Bankhead, 52,722; Heff, 37,880.

LEWIS DEFEATS Mc-CORMICK

J. Hamilton Lewis, last Democrat to represent Illinois in the United States Senate, was far ahead of his Republican opponent, Mrs. Ruth McCormick, in complete returns indicate. Riding on the crest of an unprecedented landslide, Lewis' majority is expected to reach half a million votes.

Watauga Receives \$239 From Mothers' Aid Fund

Raleigh, N. C.—Watauga County received \$239.46 from the Mothers' Aid Fund of \$50,000, appropriated by the General Assembly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1930, which combined with a like amount furnished by the county, resulted in the use of \$478.90 for general Mothers' Aid, according to the figures compiled for the biennial report of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

The Mothers' Aid fund was established in 1923 to help widowed mothers raise their children. The fund has a total of \$50,000, of which \$25,000 is set aside for the purpose. The 1930 report specified that \$ be set aside for bands or prizes for children, and that \$ be set aside for the health, moral and mental care of mothers who are widowed.

The general fund granted the last fiscal year was \$35,345.18, with an equal amount from the counties, and the prisoners' mothers' aid was \$2,978.25, also with an equal amount from the counties. Seventy-nine counties participated in the general fund, but only 32 of these in the fund for wives and prisoners.

Five carloads of beef cattle have been shipped to Hyde County by Alleghany farmers to be wintered on the swampy meadows of that eastern county.

Jones: Describe your sister's new baby.
Brown: "Small features, red faced, clean-shaven and a hard drinker."

Red Cross Campaign To Be Made Saturday

On next Saturday, November 11, in commemoration of the signing of the Armistice at the close of the World War, throughout the entire United States the annual Red Cross Roll Call for membership will be made for the benefit of the World War veterans, and for the relief of suffering humanity throughout our great domain. Boone and Watauga have always, since the organization of Watauga County Chapter during the war, answered to the call and contributed nicely to the fund by paying in the small membership fee of \$1 per year.

Two ladies of the town will make the canvass within the corporate limits of the city, and the chairman will keep open books at the Democrat office for the convenience of those who might want to join and not having the time to look up the ladies who will have the active campaign in charge.

Forty cents of each dollar is retained by the local chapter, which is held as a fund for the benefit of charitable cases in the county. The small sum that the local chapter has had from time to time has literally been a Godsend to the afflicted, and others in dire distress. Let us all pull together for the largest roll-call membership we have ever had, thereby helping God's unfortunate.

News of the Week At the State Capital

(Special to the Democrat.)
Raleigh, Nov. 4.—"Consolidation of counties, suggested as a means of combining administrative units and thereby reducing operating costs, probably will not be accomplished by the 1931 session of the General Assembly, and, if it comes, will develop over a period of years and as a result of urgent need for the lowering of county costs and therefore tax rates," said Governor O. Max Gardner, relative to the suggested combinations of counties in the state.

"Too much sentiment is attached to names of counties and county seats that would lose their identity, and too many office holders and politicians would oppose the movement for it to get over now, even though it would doubtless result in more efficient and economical operation of county affairs," said Governor Gardner.

He does feel, however, that there will be a movement, probably successful, in consolidation of various administrative units, mentioning especially the combination of counties into a school unit, under one administrative head. Suggestions have been made that this also extend to jails and prison farms for small counties, as well as county poor homes, and it is considered likely that an act permitting such combinations will be passed.

Elimination of county road boards or commissions and placing county road construction, maintenance and supervision back in the hands of the county commissioners, is one of the plans that is being studied and will be the subject of a report by the government experts engaged in studying methods of reducing costs and increasing efficiency in state and county administrations.

The 100 counties of the state fall into two general classes, 36 of them handling their roads through the county commissioners and 64 by special road boards, four of the latter having township or road districts in the county. Watauga county's roads are handled by a road commission of three members.

Purgings more carefully the lists of Confederate veterans, widows and colored servants, pensioners of the state as a result of the War Between the States, in the 100 counties will probably result from the disclosure and charges against Mason W. Cant, Clerk of the Superior Court of Guilford county, in the distribution of pension checks.

Distribution of these funds is in the hands of the State Board of Pensions, composed of the Governor, the Auditor and the Attorney General, the auditor being designated more particularly as distributor. Each county has a county board, composed of Confederate veterans or sons or daughters of veterans for one or two of the places, which is directed to meet annually and purge the lists. Often this is merely a matter of form, details being handled by the Clerk of the Court.

The General Assembly appropriated \$1,200,000 for such pensions for the fiscal year 1929-30, and on the assumption that several veterans would die, reduced the amount to \$1,035,000 for the fiscal year 1930-31. The actual number of veterans now living is around 1700, an average of about 17 to the county while the widows number three or four times as many.

A group of Cumberland farmers made a pilgrimage to Stanly last week to learn about lespedeza and what it will do to a worn-out impoverished soil.

DOUGHTON POLLS LARGEST MAJORITY



Veteran Eighth District Congressman polls largest vote in his career. Majority over Wakefield may exceed twelve thousand votes.

S. E. DAY IS SHOT BY S. C. WEBSTER; LIKELY RECOVER

Former Boone Citizen, Now Resident of North Wilkesboro, Receives a Near Fatal Gunshot Wound. Condition Was Regarded as Critical, But Recovery Is Now Expected. Domestic Troubles the Cause.

S. E. Day, native Watauga and former business man of Boone, is in the Wilkes Hospital recovering from wounds received last Wednesday night when he was shot in the back by Sewell C. Webster. Webster escaped after the shot but submitted a couple of days later and was placed under a \$5,000 bond, pending the death or recovery of the wounded man.

The trouble was said to have been of domestic nature. The immediate circumstance, however, according to the Wilkes Patriot, was that Day had stepped to the front of his place of business to ascertain the cause of the cry of murder that came from a child on the street, when Webster, who was following the child, announced that Day was the man back of the trouble. Day is said to have turned and entered his market, closing the door behind him when Webster fired through the glass of the door, the bullet penetrating the left lung from the back.

At first it was thought that the wound might prove fatal, but latest information is to the effect that recovery is confidently expected.

Mr. Day is proprietor of the City Market and used to be engaged in similar business in Boone.

WEATHER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Weather report for the month of October, as compiled by the Co-operative Station, Appalachian State Teachers' College, J. T. C. Wright, Asheville:

Average maximum temperature, 54.3 degrees.
Average minimum temperature, 35.6 degrees.
Average temperature, 45 degrees.
Average daily range in temperature, 18.7 degrees.
Greatest daily range in temperature, 40 degrees; date, 26th.
Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 50.8 degrees.
Highest temperature reached, 65 degrees; date, 13th.
Lowest temperature reached, 14 degrees; date, 22nd.
Number inches of rainfall (including melted snow), 1.90.
Number inches of snowfall, 1.50.
Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 0.53; date 29th.
Number of days with 0.01 inch or more rainfall, 12.
Number of clear days, 18.
Number of cloudy days, 7.7.
Number of partly cloudy days, 6.
Direction of prevailing wind, west and northwest.
Dates of heavy frost, 1st, 2nd, 22nd and 27th.
Dates of light frost, 3rd, 4th, 21st, 26th, 30th.
Other phenomena described as follows: Solar halo on 27th, lunar halo on 4th and 27th.

Wins Easily



Josiah William Bailey, who was elected to the United States Senate by a majority which may reach 100,000 when complete returns are in.

APPALACHIA AND CATAWBA LEAD STATE IN SCORING

Harris, Mountaineer Star, Is Leading the Individuals in Gridiron Conference. Red O'Hare Adds Most Points. Seven Teams Represented in Conference Statistics.

(Charlotte News)
Catawba and Appalachian, trailed closely by Elon, are putting off with the scoring honors in the North State Athletic Conference, according to figures compiled by The Charlotte News following statistics furnished by the seven elevens that make up the group.

Quarterback O'Hare of Appalachian State leads in extra points made, having a total of nine. Williams and Appalachee, the latter of Catawba, are tied for second with five each. The Appalachians have the best record with a dozen extra points made from nineteen attempts. This, of course, excludes Guilford's two for two.

Christian's showing has caused that team to be labeled the poorest defensively of the league, since 175 counters have been chalked up against its foes in five games.

A group of Georgia farmers bought 100 head of ordinary cattle from Marion County growers paying them \$2,511 for the animals.

Doughton's Majority Is Mounting Up to 12,000

Congressman Robert L. Doughton came up to Boone Wednesday afternoon and brings the Democrat the assurance that he has carried every county in the Eighth District, and most of them by overwhelming and unprecedented majorities. When the final tabulation is made Mr. Doughton's majority will be around 12,000, the greatest vote he has ever polled.

This is the second time Mr. Doughton has carried every county in the district, the first time in 1926, and he has the distinction of being the only candidate west of Raleigh ever to accomplish the feat. It is to be recalled that in 1910 there were only three Democratic counties in the district, Alleghany, Rowan and Iredell. Mr. Doughton is of opinion further that on the basis of returns up to now, the Democrats will undoubtedly control the House after the 7th of March.

Mr. Doughton wishes to take this opportunity of thanking his friends locally for their unqualified support and promises them a continuation of his fine and unselfish services.

Trouble Occurs When Voting Starts Tuesday

Considerably more of disorder than has been experienced in former years characterized Tuesday's election in Watauga County. The trouble for the most part is said to have arisen from dissatisfaction among members of the Republican Party in the matter of the arrangement of the polling places and the assignment of the duties of the Republican judge by the registrar. In Boone Township the opening of the polls was delayed for only a few minutes when officers began clearing the hall for voting. Minor affairs were engaged in but order was quickly restored.

In Cove Creek Township voting did not begin until about 9:30, due to the fact, it is alleged, that N. T. Byers, Republican judge, rebelled at the assignment of the registrar, and set upon one of the ballot boxes preventing the casting of ballots. Deputy Sheriff Lee Mast came upon the scene, took Byers into custody and brought him to the county jail where he was confined during the remainder of the day. Whether or not he will be prosecuted further for interfering with the holding of the election is not known.

In Beaver Dam officers of the law were called to open the polls when objection was taken to the location of the ballot boxes. The situation was promptly taken in hand and no further disorders were reported.

No voting was done in Laurel Creek Township until afternoon. Republican voters, it appears, refused to abide by the edicts of the registrar and blocked the lawful holding of the election to the extent that local deputies returned the ballot boxes to Boone. Sheriff Farthing was notified and promptly returned the boxes, restored order and the election proceeded.

The Democrat has been unable to verify reports that a dozen or more warrants have been issued for those responsible for preventing the holding of the elections in the different townships.

High School Football Team Is Making Good

The Boone High School football team is enjoying a very successful season this fall under the leadership of Coach George F. Four games have been played, Boone being outscored by the players as follows: West Jefferson vs. Boone, 0-6; West Jefferson vs. Boone, 0-7; Rogersville, Tenn. vs. Boone, 13-12; Wilkesboro vs. Boone, 0-21.

The game with Wilkesboro was hard-fought, neither team scoring in the first quarter. Boone began the second quarter with renewed vim. During the first two minutes of play our boys carried the ball across the line for the first touchdown of the game. The Boone boys played scientifically throughout the game and were successful at scoring in both quarters. Both teams played clean ball. Wilkesboro was not penalized during the entire game. Boone was penalized 15 yards for backfield being in motion, and was "off side" a number of times.

On Friday, November 7, Crossmore will play Boone on the college field. The school invites everyone to attend the game and give support to the home team.

SIMMONS VOTES A STRAIGHT DEMOCRATIC TICKET TUES.

New Bern, Nev. 4.—Watchers at the Second Ward polling place where Senator F. M. Simmons, Democrat, incumbent defeated in the June primary by Josiah W. Bailey, cast his vote said he voted the straight Democratic ticket. From Senator to constable—Tuesday.

The Senator, the watchers said, displayed his tickets before folding them and dropping them into the ballot boxes.

Senator Simmons will retire in March after three decades of service in the Senate.

EVERY CANDIDATE TICKET STACKS UP A HUGE MARGIN

Undaunted by a blinding snow storm and the accompanying slush that rendered some of the roads almost impassible, Wataugans rallied to the ballot boxes Tuesday in full numbers and from reports coming in up until noon today (Wednesday) the entire Democratic ticket from United States Senator to the lowest county officer has been elected by the most decisive majorities ever registered by that party in this county.

A detailed report of the majorities of the respective candidates may not be worked out until the official canvass of the votes today, however from available information, leaders have placed the final majorities all the way around at no less than 1,000. "Split tickets" were practically taboo and it is believed that the official tabulation will reveal no candidate appreciably ahead of the ticket. The following vote by townships is pretty nearly accurate and the variation as to individual majorities is expected to be almost negligible.

Bald Mountain, normally a Republican stronghold, has about broken even, according to reports, some of the Democratic candidates having polled slight majorities.

Blue Ridge maintains a Republican majority of 190.

Beaver Dam gives an average Democratic majority of about 250.

Blowing Rock, shortly Republican two years ago, reports a Democratic majority, slightly varying downward from 119.

Boone gave the Democratic ticket a majority of 866 to 610.

Cove Creek, although the ballot boxes were not opened until 9:30, returned a Democratic majority of 277.

Elk show, Sheriff Farthing with a Republican majority of 103.

In Laurel Creek a majority for the Democrats of 328 down to 125 was polled.

North Fork, normally Republican, has not made returns. There is no telephone connection into the precinct and the news will not be available until the canvass is made. Democratic leaders had hoped to almost break even there.

Mill Camp No. 1 goes Democratic by 69 to 90.

Mill Camp No. 2 is not reported, but the majority either way will be very small.

Stony Fork, ordinarily Republican by about 260, reduces the majority to 134.

Shawneehaw, 25 Republican, with the exception of Sheriff Farthing and Clerk of the Court South, who are said to have carried the township. No figures, however, are available.

Watauga returns a Republican majority of 71.

Thus it is to be noticed that the total Democratic majority is at this time 1,050. When returns are complete, however, it is expected that there will be a deflection of about 50 votes. Those who have brought these incomplete returns, and those who have telephoned information insist that the vote for the respective candidates will vary to an extremely slight degree.

The canvassers will probably complete the work of tabulating and certifying the vote today, however, it will be next week before the Democrats will be able to give its readers the detailed result.

Democratic officers elected are: Robt. T. Greer for Representative; Austin E. South for Clerk of Superior Court; Luther M. Farthing for Sheriff; Heien Underdown for Register of Deeds; Dr. J. E. Hazaman for Coroner; W. R. Vines for Surveyor; T. C. Baird, J. Y. Walker and Eller McNeil for County Commissioners.

On the face of incomplete returns from Ashe and Alleghany, it appears that William K. Lovill has been elected to the State Senate by a majority of around three thousand.

No definite figures are available as to the vote for United States Senate and Congress. The county ballots were first disposed of, and the Congressional and Senatorial candidates appearing on separate ones, delayed the count to the extent that men were yet working at the gigantic task on Wednesday morning. Congressman Doughton and Hon. J. W. Bailey, however, are expected to have polled a vote in proportion to that received by the county candidates.

When the Pea Milk Products Company bought the North State Creamery at Burlington recently, the management increased the price of butterfat to farmers and decreased the price of milk to consumers.