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McLEAN'S LEAD CLIMBING

With Only a Few Precincts in State To Be Heard From His Majority Is Over 60,000

LONG MAINTAINING LEAD OVER REYNOLDS

Shipman has 3,500 Lead Over Frank Grist, His Nearest Contestant, and Second Primary Appears Inevitable; Graham Still Ahead For Commissioner of Agriculture; and Brummitt Heads Race For Attorney General With Ross Second Man

Raleigh, June 10.—On the face of returns from 1,322 precincts out of a total of 1,719 in the State, representing complete returns from 45 counties of the 88 heard from Angus Wilton McLean, recognized nominee of the Democratic party for the governorship, has a lead of more than 60,000 over his opponent in Saturday's State primary, Josiah W. Bailey, who conceded his defeat.

McLean's vote was 130,288 to 60,148 for Mr. Bailey. The total vote approached the 200,000 mark and gave promise of reaching well toward 250,000 before all returns are in.

J. Elmer Long, when 1,036 precincts had been tabulated was still leading in the cornered race for Lieutenant governorship. R. R. Reynolds was second while T. C. Bowie trailed third. The vote stood: Long, 52,810; Reynolds, 46,732; and Bowie, 39,220.

From his home in Asheville, Mr. Reynolds yesterday afternoon put out a statement to the effect that according to tabulations kept by him, he was leading Long by 5,000 votes and was sure of the nomination. An agreement between Long and Reynolds would make unnecessary any second primary in the event either of the two led in the final returns.

Shipman Ahead
With 922 precincts reporting, M. L. Shipman, Commissioner of Labor and Printing was leading his nearest opponent, Frank Grist by approximately 3,500 votes. In the four cornered race for Commissioner of Labor and Printing in which a second primary appears inevitable, the vote with more than half the precincts in the State heard from, was: Shipman, 51,419; Grist, 47,715; O. J. Peterson and Luther M. Nash, who trailed the leaders had respectively 17,438 and 10,881.

A total of 1,024 precincts strengthened the lead of Dennis G. Brummitt over the field for the office of Attorney General. Mr. Brummitt's vote was 51,985. Charles Ross, of Lillington, had a total of 44,110; and Frank Nash, 33,694.

W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture has also stretched out in advance of his opposition. On the basis of returns from 1,033 precincts, Mr. Graham had a lead of 16,000. The vote at the tabulation of virtually two thirds of the precincts of the State

stood: Graham, 65,593; Fred Latham, 47,072; and T. B. Parker, 22,214.

Major Baxter Durham, on the basis of last report, was advancing his margin over J. P. Cook, of Concord, for State Auditor, while Judge George Pell, for the Corporation commission had outdistanced his opponent, Oscar Carpenter. Stacey W. Wade, Insurance Commissioner, who had merely semblance of a fight called it a day yesterday and today, after smashing defeat to J. Frank Flowers who undertook to beat him, will go to his home county of Carteret for a few days vacation.

McLean Majority Increases
The McLean majority, apparent in the first rush of scattered returns Saturday night has mounted slowly since that time. The expected reduction with later reports did not develop as more complete counts were available.

"That reduction might have been looked for years ago when returns were brought to the county seat by election officials on horseback over muddy roads several days after election," said one experienced politician yesterday. "It is noticeable now that the rural vote from which Mr. Bailey expected his great strength was reported along with city returns. When half of the counties in the State had been heard from, even though the returns were incomplete, the figures showed a very clear cross section of the sentiment in North Carolina."

In the face of his defeat, Mr. Bailey yesterday issued a formal statement in which he pledged his continued support of the party and expressed his wishes for a successful administration of his opponent. He announced that, after a very short vacation, he will be again in the practice of law in Raleigh.

Bailey Statement
"Five months ago," said Mr. Bailey, "I set out upon an undertaking—being nothing less than to interpret the spirit of Progressive Democracy in our Commonwealth—by means of the candidacy of myself for the nomination of the Democratic party for governor. I stated as the principle of this undertaking that politics ought not to be regarded as the means of power or honors or office or privilege, but as the means of maintaining human rights and welfare and progress. I declared that in a democracy the moral power of the people must prevail over mere self-seeking, whether by individuals, groups or machines. I undertook to apply these principles throughout the campaign in terms of a sound and just taxation system; just freight rates; election and primary laws providing every facility for the expression of the will of the voters and preventing the power of money in politics; and economic administration of public affairs. I have done my best to advance these principles and causes. To what extent I have succeeded remains to be disclosed."

"The primary has resulted in the nomination of my opponent. I wish for him and all who may be associated with him in the campaign the coming Fall the utmost success, and thereafter an administration that will redound to his honor, to the credit of our party, and to the advancement of our Commonwealth. It ought to be unnecessary for me to say that I shall support the Democratic cause and vote the full Democratic ticket, as I have always done since I became of age."

"I am deeply grateful to those who have supported the causes represented by my candidacy, and I shall always welcome an opportunity to manifest my gratitude. The number is sufficiently large to afford substantial encouragement. Let us remember that no good cause is ever defeated. The rise or fall of a candidate is an insignificant matter. Let us press on with patience born of courage and confidence founded upon faith in the right. We are at the beginning, not the end, of our struggle."

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OFFICIAL VOTE FRANKLIN COUNTY, N. C.

Primary June 7th, 1924

	DUNNS	HARRIS	YOUNGVILLE	FRANKLINTON	HAYESVILLE	SANDY CREEK	GOLD MINE	CEDAR ROCK	CYPRESS CREEK	LOUISBURG	TOTAL
Governor											
Bailey	159	128	340	211	31	141	160	230	115	345	1860
McLean	165	150	60	178	47	117	16	193	15	410	1351
For Congress											
Person	260	246	229	199	37	210	163	345	98	536	2317
Pou	57	37	175	186	40	43	15	76	31	230	890
For House											
Geo. H. Cooper	48	52	82	62	5	97	37	93	58	142	676
J. S. Massenburg	157	96	171	50	51	100	87	215	43	431	1401
C. C. Hudson	83	89	23	43	13	9	17	82	2	91	452
G. L. Whitfield	34	55	123	234	8	48	34	34	22	97	689
Sheriff											
J. J. Lancaster	151	68	69	43	33	70	94	206	28	232	994
F. W. Justice	128	181	224	162	28	126	62	17	49	402	1379
W. H. M. Jenkins	0	4	35	164	2	12	0	2	0	22	241
P. E. Dean	39	40	71	20	15	49	19	196	52	103	604
Register of Deeds											
S. C. Holden	214	197	217	169	51	292	141	347	106	617	2261
S. Elmo Pearce	96	84	178	209	23	27	19	42	6	72	756
R. C. Perry	9	18	3	11	4	26	16	28	12	71	198
Recorder											
G. M. Beam	74	92	164	159	10	70	135	251	34	192	1181
W. B. Morton	17	26	22	47	1	42	11	21	6	49	242
W. Y. Bickett	62	29	27	40	5	18	3	20	7	125	336
S. A. Newell	125	104	76	81	57	76	23	113	39	268	962
J. L. Palmer	41	42	82	43	5	40	5	17	34	130	439
County Commissioners											
District No. 3											
W. P. Wilson	97	92	214	157	78	107	32	202	75	426	1480
Henry P. Speed	191	94	118	203	0	148	143	203	30	309	1439
District No. 5											
R. P. Taylor	34	75	60	98	23	49	7	16	1	310	673
C. M. Vaughan	25	107	40	52	10	103	87	138	36	138	736
Arthur Strickland	244	74	261	211	45	88	70	262	96	286	1637
Board of Education											
District No. 1											
W. A. Mullen	284	150	257	317	73	208	134	333	89	643	2538
District No. 2											
E. L. Green	252	143	338	334	66	167	124	338	69	557	2388
H. W. Allen	42	69	49	24	9	46	24	53	14	131	461
District No. 3											
J. H. Joyner	181	126	177	174	2	181	149	260	31	375	1656
A. A. Medlin	105	52	139	179	75	58	15	136	51	212	1122
District No. 4											
T. H. Dickens	263	120	249	315	71	201	140	386	75	643	2463
District No. 5											
W. A. Jones	68	131	111	172	7	132	89	151	20	224	1105
A. F. Johnson	237	116	220	186	70	97	74	255	84	515	1854
Constables											
T. T. Young											129
W. M. King											10
H. C. Ayescue											150
J. S. Rowland											33
F. M. Ayscue											30
B. S. Mitchell											0
J. E. Thomas											333
J. A. Bledsoe											427

BAILEY LEADS McLEAN IN COUNTY

Holden, Strickland and Wilson Get By On First Ballot

FINE SPIRIT MAINTAINED AT POLLS

Justice Leads With Lancaster Second For Sheriff—Massenburg Leads With Whitfield Second For House—Beam Leads with Newell Second For Recorder—Members Board of Education Recommended—Constables Win

The primary held in Franklin County on last Saturday passed off very smoothly, only in isolated cases were there reports of confusion and in no case was there reported any disturbance. The most striking feature noticeable both from the crowds at the polls and the tabulated results, was the great work done for each candidate by their friends and supporters.

Interest centered in most all the offices and contests, but was strongest in the gubernatorial and House of Representatives contest and the members of the Board of County Commissioners and Education form District No. 5. The Recorders contest also came in for a share in the interest of the day.

The friends of Mr. Bailey who had made a strong speech to a court house full of people on Friday before, rallied to his support all over the county with the result that he carried six out of the ten precincts with a vote in the county of 1,860 or a majority of 509. The friends of Mr. McLean made a strong fight, and although they did not carry the county for their favorite, those closest in touch with the political situation concede the fact that they greatly reduced what otherwise would have been a much bigger majority. McLean carried Dunns, Harris, and Louisburg townships.

There was no special interest in the remainder of the state ticket. However Long lead his two opponents for Lieutenant Governor, while Durham for Auditor, Brummitt for Attorney General, Graham for Commissioner of Agriculture, Shipman Commissioner of Labor and Printing, Wade for Insurance Commissioner, and Pell for Corporation Commissioner lead their opponents for their respective offices.

In the Congressional contest Person received 2,317 and Pou 890, giving Person a good majority over his opponent.

In the Sheriff contest Justice lead his three opponents, but not sufficient to eliminate the second primary. Lancaster came in second best and is entitled to run it off with Justice if he so elects.

Sidney C. Holden got a big majority over both of his opponents for Register of Deeds thereby receiving the nomination on the first ballot.

The five cornered fight for the office of Judge of the Recorders Court was lead by Beam with Newell running second. The lead however was not sufficient to make a nomination.

There were only two contests for County Commissioners. In District No. 3 Wilson defeated Speed, the present incumbent by 41 votes. In District No. 5 Arthur Strickland, the present Chairman of the Board defeated his two opponents, C. M. Vaughan and R. P. Taylor, by a majority of 228.

The three contests on the Board of Education were conducted with much ease and smoothness, but with much interest. In District No. 2 Greende defeated Allen by a majority of 1,927. In District No. 3 Joyner defeated Medlin by a majority of 534, while in District No. 5 Johnson defeated Jones by a majority of 749. Mullen from District No. 1 and Dickens from District No. 4 had no opposition.

The Constable contests in the three townships resulted in Ayscue defeating his two opponents, King and Young in Harris township, in a majority of 11. In Hayesville township, the only Republican contest in the county was decided in favor of J. S. Rowland by a majority of 3 over his two opponents, F. M. Ayscue and B. S. Mitchell. In Louisburg Township J. A. Bledsoe won over his opponent, J. E. Thomas, by a majority of 94.

At present no positive request has been filed for a second primary, but indications are that it will be held. The second highest in each contest failing to nominate, has the right to file a request for the second primary within five days after the votes of the primary has been canvassed and the result announced, and therefore will have till Saturday June 14th to make such request.

We understand that several of the seconds have stated they would not cause the county to hold a second primary as an individual, but that if there is to be a second primary any way they will enter.

If the second primary is called it will be held on Saturday, July 4th, 1924, or four weeks from the first primary.

Every one speaks nicely of the fine order maintained throughout the county at the polls and voting places on last Saturday.

RETURNS TO LOUISBURG AFTER 40 YEARS ABSENCE

Mr. H. Chadwick Ruffin, brother of Mr. Wm. H. Ruffin and of Mrs. M. Stamps, has recently arrived from St. Louis, Mo., to make his home with his brother and sister. Mr. Ruffin came to Louisburg from South Alabama in 1879 and went to the old Academy under Mr. Matthew Davis and later under Messrs. E. H. Davis and J. A. White, for several years; but before finishing at the school went to the far West and has not therefore seen his relatives for many years and has not seen Louisburg for over 40 years. He, of course, observes many changes in people, in places and the methods of farming and business.

Within the last two or three years his health has become very much impaired and has almost lost his sight, but his memory for names of those he knew is strong and he recognizes a few of the old landmarks which have not been changed. At present he is visiting his sister, Mrs. M. Stamps



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LEONARD—GANTT

Mr. Herbert Leonard and Miss Nettie Gantt were happily married at the home of the brides parents in Louisburg on Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, in the presence of only a few intimate friends. They left immediately by automobile for Asheville. Upon their return they will occupy a residence next to Mr. M. S. Davis. Their many friends extend heartfelt congratulations.

Supt. W. R. Mills left Tuesday for Greenville where he will teach in the Summer School at the East Carolina Teachers College.

MRS. CARRIE RIFF DIES AT HOME HER PARENTS THIS CITY

Mrs. Carrie Riff, widow of the late Fred A. Riff, of Louisburg, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Leonard, of this city, died at the home of her parents, near the corner of Monroe and Ellis streets, last night about 10 o'clock, death coming after a prolonged illness. The funeral will take place at the residence Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. F. Kirk, of the First Methodist church, and the interment will be in Chestnut Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers will be H. T. Harrell, C. S. Sapp, J. H. Cook, H. E. Ruffy, J. C. Ketchie and M. O. Wyatt.

Mrs. Riff was about 85 years old and is survived by the father and mother, three brothers, Bishop C. Leonard, Walter D. Leonard and W. H. Leonard Jr., and three sisters, Mrs. J. O. Richardson, of Lynchburg; Mrs. J. K. Graves and Mrs. J. J. Ayers, of Greensboro. Her husband died at Louisburg several years ago. He was formerly a resident of Salisbury but had engaged in the jewelry business at that place, and since his death Mr. Walter Leonard had had charge of the business there for his sister.

Mrs. Riff was well known in this city and had a large circle of friends here. She was a most excellent woman and though she had been in ill health for some months she bore her affliction with Christian fortitude and was ready when the summons came. The bereaved parents and other relatives have the sympathy of a large number of friends.—Salisbury Post.

The many friends of Mrs. Riff in Louisburg will learn with sorrow of her death and extend sympathy to the bereaved.



SIDNEY C. HOLDEN Register of Deeds of Franklin County who lead both of his opponents in the recent primary, for renomination as Register of Deeds.