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Pleasants Wins Commissioner Race; McDonald, Blue Returned To Office

Clerk, Register Contests May End In Second Primaries

Sheriff's Race Draws Biggest Vote On County Ticket

Five county contests added to the interest of Saturday's primary vote in Moore, and, like the state senatorial race, ended with the possibility of a second primary.

This week, however, neither Hubert McCaskill, second to Carlton Kennedy in the clerk of court race, nor D. A. McDonald, Jr., runner-up to Bessie J. Griffin for register of deeds, would say whether he intended to exercise his right of challenge.

Beautiful weather attended the primary vote, doing its share to bring out the voters in numbers which shattered precedent in Moore as all over the state.

Most popular county race was that for sheriff, which attracted a total of 5,340 votes and put incumbent C. J. McDonald at the top of the county ticket with 3,230 votes. For a time, navy veteran J. W. "Bunch" Sheffield threatened Sheriff McDonald's majority, capturing four precincts and running close behind in others, but soon the strength of the man who has held the office for 22 respected years asserted itself for commanding lead. Sheffield ended the race with 1,840 votes, while C. H. Bennett trailed far behind with 270.

The clerk of court contest, which in the race, drew 5,285 votes. Carlton Kennedy, with 2,329, and Hubert McCaskill with 1804 dominated the field. Trailing were Ralph Steed, 564; Alex Fields, Jr., 336, and Dan Carter, 152.

Third largest contest was that for General Assembly representative. Political prophets had forecast a nip and tuck battle between J. Clifton Blue, whom the county has already sent to Raleigh for two terms, and Robert N. Page, attorney and World War 2 veteran. Aberdeen, home town of both men, was pretty well divided with Blue winning by only a 26-point margin. The county total, however, gave him a far stronger lead, with victory in 15 out of 17 precincts. Votes numbered 5,217, with 2,959 for Blue, 2,258 for Page.

Seeking the one contested seat in the county commission, newcomer Jim Pleasants was a decisive winner, to give Southern Pines its first county commissioner in more than 30 years. Of 5,277 votes cast he won 3,147 with 1980 going to longtime incumbent T. L. Blue. Aberdeen also voted strongly for Pleasants.

He was the winner in 11 out of 17 precincts, indicating a county-wide rather than sectional approval of his nomination.

The clerk of court race, drawing 1,087 votes, saw the only woman candidate a good distance out in front. Bessie J. Griffin, of Lakeview and Vass, was accorded 2,344 votes, to 1,882 for her nearest competitor, D. A. McDonald, Jr., of Carthage. Also-rans were W. E. Finison, with 654, and R. E. Bennett, 317.

Wildlife Wardens Wade Little River To Snare Rich Haul of Illegal Traps

Moore County Game Protector Woodrow McDonald and Oscar Chadwick, of the N. C. Wildlife Service Patrol, had a long, wet but successful journey Tuesday. They spent the whole day slowly navigating in a rowboat along miles of Little River from Haggards lake to Lakeview. Occasionally they had to get out of the boat and wade in the water, pulling their craft through the g-choked stream.

But at the end of the day they had a rich haul of 16 homemade traps, of all shapes and sizes, which had been hidden under the stumps attached by wires to trees in the bank—a strictly illegal operation.

Some of the traps had just been "shined" when the Wildlife men came along, and were empty, or nearly so. Others were filled with "im, with some jack and "cats,"

MAKES ADDRESS



Clary Thompson, Cameron native, now living in Washington, D. C., as special consultant to the Undersecretary of the Army, returned to Moore county as commencement speaker Tuesday night at the Vass-Lakeview school. Mr. Thompson, a Navy veteran, served in Washington first under Kenneth Royall, then Gordon Gray. He is the author of a two-volume pictorial history of the Infantry.

Early Newspapers Of Community Are Macauley Gift

This week the James Boyd collection of the Southern Pines Library received a valued addition of local historical interest, in the form of copies of most of the files of the early newspapers of this town.

The gift of Charles Macauley, a former member of the Pilot staff, the collection includes, besides the newspaper files, fourteen annotated boxes of clippings, relating to the history of the town and region. The items are alphabetically arranged, with complete card index for the use of students. Several books of value are included, as well as soil survey and other pamphlets for this area.

Commenting on the gift, Mrs. Dorothy Avery, Moore County librarian, was enthusiastic in her praise. "There is no doubt," she said, "of the value of such a collection. It is a splendid thing to have in our library."

Mrs. Boyd expressed herself, also, as delighted with the addition to the North Carolina room. "We are deeply grateful to Mr. Macauley," she said, "for this wonderful gift, which took him so many years of hard and skillful work to assemble."

There are fifteen newspapers in the collection, including the Pine Knot, The Free Press, The Tourist, The Yankee Settler, and many others, down to the present day of The Pilot.

The boxes of clippings contain much material also of value to research workers on the history of Southern Pines. Every phase of the town's development is covered, with many special pamphlets (Continued on Page 5)

Towns Protest Suspension Of Piedmont Service

Air Services Considered Vital To Area's Development

Mayors of Southern Pines, Carthage and Aberdeen and local civic and business leaders are protesting the Civil Aeronautics Board's authorization granted last Friday to Piedmont Airlines, Inc., to suspend their service here during the next five months.

A news story on the suspension came as a surprise to the communities, though Francis Harris, Piedmont representative here, said notices were sent out to all Sandhills mayors two or three weeks ago.

With business interests closely concerned in the continuation of airmail, parcel post, freight and express—considered perhaps more important at this time than the passenger service—action was started at once by Harry Fullenwider, president of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, and L. T. Clark, president of the Sandhill Merchants association.

The aid of Congressman C. B. Deane and of John McConnell, administrative assistant to Senator Graham, have been enlisted for a "stay of execution" until local views can be aired.

Leaders here are requesting that all others interested write or telegraph the chairman of the CAB at Washington, D. C.

Mayor Arch Barnes of Carthage joined in the protest on account of actual and potential business interest. Though Carthage is not on the airmail route, it is understood that possibilities of the mail, freight, and express services are rated as important to that community.

Piedmont's view is that during the summer keeping an office open at Resort airport here is a losing proposition. They are adding Myrtle Beach and Morehead City for summer service, and wish to drop the Pinehurst-Southern Pines stop as "winter resort" business.

However, leaders in the towns (Continued on Page 5)

More Patrolmen Will Be Assigned To US Highway 1

Law enforcement will be doubled on US Highway 1, with additional State Highway Patrolmen assigned to the area, in an effort to reduce the toll of accidents along the highway in Moore county, said Capt. W. B. Lentz of Greensboro visiting the area Tuesday.

Captain Lentz, commander of Troop C of the patrol, with Sgt. Wendell Kelly of Carthage, made an intensive survey of the highway from the Lee county line to below Aberdeen.

While accidents have occurred all along the way, the part from near Lakeview to a short distance north of Vass was given special study, as eight lives have been lost there in wrecks in the past three months.

Captain Lentz' verdict: "There appears to be no structural defect in the road. It is my belief the drivers are responsible."

This was the gist of his report made to Dr. J. C. Grier, Jr., of Pinehurst, chairman of safety services of the Moore county chapter, American Red Cross, who had requested that a survey be made. Additional patrolmen, for rigorous law enforcement, may be the answer, he said. "If we can catch the speeders and careless drivers before the accidents happen, we'll have gone a long way toward solution of the problem." He emphasized he meant no reflection on Moore county's State Highway Patrol personnel, but "they can't be but one place at a time."

Dr. Grier said that Captain Lentz had also offered cooperation in the safety campaign in county schools and among bus drivers of Moore county, starting next fall. The Red Cross accident prevention campaign will be sponsored by the Educo club in all the schools.

Welcome To Elks' Convention

Banners flying on Broad street, on hotels and the Elks clubhouse will give welcome today to several hundred representatives of Elks lodges all over the state, and their wives, here for the annual convention of the N. C. Elks association today (Friday) and Saturday.

The Southland hotel is convention headquarters. All space has been reserved also at the Jefferson Inn and Belvedere and it is anticipated that the smaller inns and some of the tourist homes and motor courts will be called into service.

Business sessions will be held at the Pine Needles club this morning and afternoon and Saturday morning, with a ritualistic contest for representatives of all lodges who wish to take part, starting Friday.

A picnic luncheon will be held for the delegates and their wives today in the pine grove of the Elks clubhouse. Tonight, the annual banquet will be given at the Pine Needles clubhouse at 7:30, followed by a ball at 9.

Graham High Man, May Face Runoff; Deane Wins In Moore, 8th District

GUARDSMEN'S BALL

Summer dancing and romancing will gain a good start Wednesday evening with the First Annual National Guardsmen's Ball to be given at the Southern Pines Country club by the 130th AAA AW Bn (SP) of Moore county.

Fifty Guardsmen and their ladies, with their friends of the general public, will dance to the music of Bill Lowder and his Fayette Orchestra "from 9 till—"

Members of the local battery are selling tickets to the event, for the benefit of the battery fund. A good crowd representing many county communities is expected at the dance, first social event to be sponsored by the eight-months-old organization.

Boyette Reelected District Solicitor

M. G. Boyette, of Carthage, won the Democratic nomination for his second term as solicitor of the 12th judicial district in Saturday's primary, over Joe Cox of Laurinburg.

Boyette's home county, which he served as Solicitor and as General Assembly representative before appointment to his present post in 1946, gave him a thumping vote of 4,390 to 739 for his opponent. He won in all six counties of the district except Scotland, home county of Cox.

Totals were: Boyette 17,156, Cox 13,753.

In two state contests in the Democratic primary (in addition to the senatorial), Moore followed the lead of the rest of the state in giving majorities to the incumbents. For Associate Supreme (Continued on page 8)

Boy Scouts Train For Jamboree



Members of Southern Pines troops 73 and 224 who will attend the National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa., June 26-July 4. Pictured while on a training camp-out in preparation for the Jamboree, held at Pinehurst last week end, they are, (from left) kneeling, Charles Covell, Jimmy Menzel, Edgar Smith; standing, Kenneth McCrimmon, David Bailey, Joe Horner, George Morrison. (Photo by Humphrey)

42 Will Graduate At High School Finals; Events Start Sunday

SPEAKERS



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Rural Folk Speak Their Minds About Telephone Service

A determined group of men and women, representing vast stretches of Moore county rural areas with no telephone service, spoke out strongly for such service at a meeting near Carthage Monday afternoon, attended by representatives of the four telephone companies which serve the county and a member of the State Utilities Commission.

Some of the people have telephones now but want better service, and said so in no uncertain terms.

Though representatives of the Central, Aberdeen and Pinebluff telephone companies were present, it was the Central Carolina company which bore the brunt, as the largest and the only one which can expand in the areas in question. The others are hemmed in either by Central Carolina Telephone company territory or county lines.

The meeting, one of many held over the years, gave some promise of results. John E. Cline, vice president and general manager of the Central Carolina company, which serves 23 communities in North and South Carolina, told the group he would talk business with any community which would produce a reasonable number of sure subscribers, willing to make a considerable advance payment on future telephone service. A meeting was arranged with residents of Cameron, and also with those of the Highfalls-Glendon area. A working arrangement with the Highfalls-Glendon people, in fact, came near to being made in an informal meeting held under a tree outdoors with George E. Thompson, assistant to John Cline, before the Monday meeting broke up. Afterwards Thompson reported, "I'm pretty sure we've worked out something there."

The meeting, held at the newly built hut of the Joseph G. Henson post, American Legion, was the climax of several months of activity on the part of the rural people, assisted by County Farm Agent E. H. Garrison, Jr., to survey their (Continued on Page 8)

Community Supper In New Cafeteria Tuesday Evening

Events marking the completion of high school education for 42 Southern Pines boys and girls will get under way Sunday evening with the baccalaureate service, to be held at the Church of Wide Fellowship at 8:15 o'clock.

Other events will be at the school auditorium. They will include the senior play, Monday at 8:15 p.m.; the Honors and Awards program, Tuesday at 11:15 a.m.; and the commencement exercises, Tuesday evening at 8:15, preceded by a supper in the new basement cafeteria at 6 o'clock.

Alumni, patrons, faculty, students and all other friends are invited to attend the supper, at which the newly furnished cafeteria will be displayed for the first time.

Later the alumni will don caps and gowns and join the senior procession for the commencement exercises.

Baccalaureate Speaker

The baccalaureate speaker Sunday evening will be the Rev. Lee F. Tuttle, of the First Methodist church, Charlotte. His sermon theme will be "Land of Hope and Glory." The glee club will sing.

The commencement speaker will be James M. Slay, assistant dean of Trinity college, Duke university. The band will play. Mrs. L. D. McDonald will be accompanist for both events. In accord with local tradition, all the local ministers will take part in the programs, Dr. William C. Holland, Dr. T. E. Davis and Dr. R. L. House for the baccalaureate service, the Rev. C. V. Covell and Father Herbert F. Harkins for the commencement.

Marshals chosen from the junior class on the basis of scholarship will serve at both the Sunday and Tuesday night events. These are Deirdre Dundas, chief marshal; Carol Sue Humphrey, Hazeline Hunsucker, Dorothy Swisher, Doris Bowden, Doris Bowles, Betty Jane Worsham, Barbara Guin, Sieger Herr, Toni Richards, Ann Pearson.

Honor Graduates

Seven honor graduates are listed for the class of 1950. These are headed by John Austin Beasley, Jr., first honor graduate, and Reginald Stanley Hamel, second honor graduate. Others are Edna Lucille Bailey, Ernestine Claire Calloway, Rosemary Dundas, Mary Grace McDonald and Winifred Nicholson.

The commencement exercises for the class of 1950 are dedicated this year to Miss Pauline Miller, class sponsor.

The public is cordially invited to attend all the events, said Supt. P. J. Weaver.

Beer, Wine Vote Set August 26

A countywide beer and wine referendum was set for Saturday, August 26, by action of the Moore County board of elections meeting at Carthage Tuesday morning.

Registration dates will be Saturdays July 29, August 5 and 12, with August 21 as Challenge day. This will not be a new registration. General election books will be used.

The referendum was granted on the basis of a petition of 2,010 names first presented by the Allied Church League December 31, 1948, which was qualified as representing 15 per cent of the registered voters who voted for governor in the last general election.

An amendment to Moore county's referendum law, which was passed by the 1949 General Assembly, upped this requirement from 15 to 25 per cent. However, the number of signatures on the petition more than fulfills this requirement if all are valid, as they have been judged to be. A total of 4,447 Moore County residents voted for governor in November, 1948.

Through another amendment passed in 1949, the vote will be decided by a simple majority, instead of by a majority against the registration.