

Wild Guesses Are Advanced On State Political Fronts

Broughton Camp Is Claiming First Position; Simmons Rated Last in List

Some wild guesses are emanating from the Raleigh political fronts as the electorate makes ready to tear down or substantiate the predictions. The observers around the capital are said to be on the right track in counting out Arthur Simmons, Paul Grady and Tom Cooper, but there is some difference of opinion as to the standings of the other four candidates for governor.

Broughton is given the favored position, one guess—and they all are doing nothing more than guessing—claiming that he will lead with thirty to forty-five thousand votes. The Raleigh guessers—and the opinions expressed here are those of the Raleigh political observers—rate Maxwell second in the list, meaning that he and Broughton will possibly go into a second primary. Horton is rated third; Gravelly, fourth; Tom Cooper, fifth; Paul Grady, sixth, and Arthur Simmons, the little heard-of candidate, seventh.

So little has been heard about Maxwell in this county that a report on his rating comes as a surprise. And as for Maxwell and Horton leading Gravelly, late reports from many sections of the State indicate that the Rocky Mount man might possibly make a strong bid for a rating higher than fourth place.

While Broughton still musters considerable strength in this county, considerable inroads have been made into his camp by other candidates in the past two weeks and especially during the past few days by L. Lee Gravelly.

The political situation, pushed into the background by the European broil, is one of confusion, and the best guesses may be made to appear wild at the conclusion of the count tomorrow night. When it comes to county politics, no one is daring to even venture a guess, and there seems to be no clear cut lines of strength being advanced for the battle of votes tomorrow.

It is fairly certain that the contest tomorrow will not settle party politics, that a second primary will be necessary on June 22 to determine the party nominee.

J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, will be high man in the Saturday, May 25, primary vote for the Democratic nomination as Governor. W. Tom Bost, dean of Raleigh newspapermen, declared categorically.

Henry Averill, Raleigh correspondent for 16 afternoon newspapers in North Carolina, corroborates the line-up of candidates by Mr. Bost.

Stanley Wohl, political writer for the Charlotte News, described the recent State Democratic convention as a "Broughton convention" and pointed out that the Mecklenburg County delegation was particularly strong for Broughton.

Plan Blitzkrieg For County Dogs

Recently completing the vaccination of 2,175 dogs, the sheriff's force is now planning a last round-up of county canines for June 1 or thereabouts. "I expect you can call it a blitzkrieg," Sheriff Roebuck said yesterday as he checked the list against the tax recordings.

It is estimated that there are 3,000 dogs in the county. According to that estimate more than 800 are yet to be vaccinated. The drive against rabies is recognized fairly complete in several townships including Jamesville and Robersonville. In most of the others, the owners have shown little willingness to cooperate in the campaign, and they will either have their dogs vaccinated in the round-up or face the courts. According to the records in the sheriff's office, 2,170 dogs have been vaccinated in the county as follows: Jamesville, 284; Williams, 80; Griffins, 179; Bear Grass, 175; Williamston, 330; Poplar Point, 103; Cross Roads, 161; Robersonville, 426; Hamilton, 162, and Goose Nest, 285.

The round-up will be centered at the office of Dr. A. J. Osteen in Williamston. Immediately after the round-up, the sheriff will recheck the lists and in those cases where dogs have not been vaccinated, the owners will be made subject to indictment and prosecution in the courts.

Two Resignations In Everetts School

With two exceptions, the Everetts School faculty will return for the new term. Principal J. Q. Patrick said this week. The two positions made vacant by the resignations of Miss Maggie Brown and Mrs. Elmer James, first grade teachers, have not yet been filled, but several applications are being considered.

The names of the faculty members expected to return are: Professor Patrick, Misses Cleo James, Doris Everett, Alma Lewis, Georgia Moore and Margaret Palmer. Miss Brown is planning on returning to the school at Hamilton.

Humanity Calls From War-Torn Areas Across The Seas

Many appeals have been received and answered by our people in the course of the years, but the all-important question now is will the people of the Martin County Red Cross chapter leave unanswered the pitiful call of suffering and down-trodden humanity across the seas? The refugee is sharing the horrors of war right along with the men in actual battle, reports stating that this week a refugee ship was fired by Nazi bombers and that weary women and children are subjected to machine-gun fire as they trod the open roads. Delayed action means mounting losses of life. The Martin County chapter is now urged to more than subscribe its \$400 quota. Less than \$25 of the original quota has been signed. Won't you make a liberal donation today?

Read the telegram received yesterday from Norman Davis, national chairman of the Red Cross and make your donation to Harry Biggs, county chairman, immediately. No personal solicitation is planned, but if ever there was cause to help suffering humanity, that cause presents itself now. Mr. Davis' telegram:

"With several million men locked in mortal combat on French and Belgium-French soil the relief needs of Belgium-French people are reaching staggering proportions. Already five million pitiful refugees are clogging every road in central southern France trying to escape bombing and strafing from airplanes. Our representatives in France report thousands dying by roadsides of wounds, fright and hunger. American Red Cross must rush relief of every kind if these innocent people are to be saved. We are expediting millions of dollars in money and supplies but we need more and bigger contributions to carry on. I cannot urge upon you too strongly the need for prompt action if we are to befriend these sorely tried victims of brutal warfare. We count upon you to reach and over subscribe your goal within shortest possible time. Every day's delay means hundreds may die because we have not brought them aid in their saddest hour."

Changes In Leaf Act Approved By House

MORE INTEREST

Added interest in political affairs was reported in this county yesterday and today, the late activities in the field pointing to a larger vote than was anticipated just a few days ago. More political talk was heard on local streets yesterday than at any time in past weeks, and the eligible voters are voicing their opinions more freely now than they did two weeks or even a week ago.

Accepting this added interest at its full value, it is now believed that the total vote in the county will approximate a figure close to 3,500 or even 3,750.

It isn't too late to get a year's subscription to this paper by submitting a winning guess.

Irregular Trend In Population Figures

An irregular trend in district population figures is reflected in the first unofficial reports coming from the census takers in this county. While appreciable gains are apparent in some of the towns, slight decreases are being reported in others with one township showing a negligible loss in its population.

Late reports, unofficial of course, indicate that Williamston will record a population close to the 4,300-4,500 mark.

Cross Roads Township reports a population of 1,580 and 24 under the 1930 census figure. Everetts, with 265 people, accounted for five of the 24-unit decrease.

The most startling fact revealed in the preliminary census figures centers around Jamesville's population. An increase of 155 persons was reported there, the population jumping from 344 in 1930 to 499 this year, a gain of about 24 per cent.

Commenting on his work in connection with taking the census, Mr. Will F. Crawford stated that the people had been very courteous and willingly cooperated with him in answering the numerous questions. He is now working in the Hassell section, and it is possible the survey in this county will be completed in its entirety within the next two or three weeks.

Campaigners Are Very Considerate Of Martin Voters

For the first time in recent, if not in the entire history of politics, candidates did not take the stump in Martin County and toot their horns and trumpets in behalf of their candidacies during the campaign drawing to a close today. Tom Cooper, the fiery candidate from Wilmington, did not even make a scheduled stop in the county to offer more for less. He did not drive his motorized hallyho truck through the county.

In years past as many as a dozen or fifteen political speeches were made in the course of a campaign by candidates for high and low offices. It is possible that the day for political oratory is about spent as far as the people of Martin County are concerned.

The campaigners have been considerate of Martin voters, but there's a second primary in the offing, and it is possible the political battle will establish a front somewhere within the county boundary lines.

Compliance Work Getting Underway In Martin County

Twenty Men Are Being Trained To Check Acreages Under Soil Program

Twenty men are being trained and made ready to enter the field and make a complete check of planted acreages to determine compliance under the soil conservation program in this county. A few measurements have already been effected, but the main work will hardly get underway before the latter part of next or early the following week. D. N. Hix, local school man, is slated to head the survey forces in his county.

"The man" will come around almost any day now to check your farm for compliance with the 1940 AAA program, announces E. Y. Floyd, Triple-A executive officer of State College, and he urges growers to cooperate fully with the compliance supervisors. Training schools have been held for the compliance checkers, and the annual visits to every farm in the State have started.

Floyd asked that farmers immediately notify their county AAA office when they have planted tobacco or cotton, or both. Every farmer who signed a Farm Plan indicating his intention to participate in the 1940 program will have his fields completely checked. Other farms also will be checked if they have a tobacco or cotton allotment, or both.

"If the compliance supervisor finds that tobacco and cotton have been planted within acreage allotments," Floyd said, "then the grower will be given a card allowing him to sell without penalty the entire production of the two crops for which marketing quotas were approved in referenda last fall. If either one or both of the crops is overplanted, then the grower will be given a reasonable time to plow enough to comply with the allotment, or face a penalty on excess marketings and loss of Agricultural Conservation payments."

Aerial photographs will speed the compliance check in the 40 counties where they are available.

"We are making every effort this year to complete the compliance check before the harvest of tobacco and cotton starts," Floyd stated, "and we want to urge every producer to cooperate fully so that there will be no delay. Have someone available who knows the set-up of the farm and the crops planted in every field, and the job will be much easier for the supervisor and will require a minimum of the farmer's time."

Had the bill not been passed today it could not have been considered until June 3rd.

Immediately Minority Leader Martin and Representatives Schafer, of Wisconsin, and Wolcott, of Michigan, entered objections, but were persuaded by Mr. Warren, Judge Kerr and Representative Burch, of Virginia, to withdraw them. Senate action is expected shortly.

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The changes approved today provide:

No. 1. allows for increased storage stocks resulting from the European war in determining marketing quotas.

No. 2. permits upward adjustments of marketing quotas so that elimination of tobacco over the reserve supply level may be spread over more than a one-year period.

No. 3. authorizes a referendum on the question of control for a three-year rather than one-year period.

No. 4. removes the provision that state marketing quotas shall not be less than 75 per cent of the 1937 fluctuated production and provides that the national marketing quota shall not be cut more than 10 per cent below the 1940-41 quota. Also provides that acreage allotments shall be adjusted uniformly in relation to acreage of preceding year and that fluctuated acreages of two acres or less shall not be reduced. Provides further for facilitating payment of penalties and for repayment of penalties collected in excess of amounts due.

No. 5. permits carrying over of tobacco from one marketing year to the next without paying penalties if it was within quota in the year from which carried over.

No. 6. increases fines upon tobacco warehousemen and dealers who fail

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Officers Wreck Six Liquor Distilleries

Aided by air flights the early part of last week, liquor law enforcement officers under the direction of A.B.C. Officer J. H. Roebuck are pushing for a record of achievement for the month of May. During the past few days or since the raids were directed from an airplane, the officers have wrecked six plants, pushing the total so far this month to about fifteen distilleries.

Going into Cross Roads, the officers wrecked three poorly equipped plants and poured out 250 gallons of beer. Last Wednesday the officers wrecked two plants in Bear Grass and poured out 200 gallons of beer. Yesterday a plant was wrecked in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township, the officers pouring out six barrels of beer.

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The union daily vacation Bible school, conducted for the past two weeks by the local churches, will come to an end tonight when "commencement" exercises will be held at the Methodist church. Taking part in the program will be the beginners which have been meeting at the Episcopal Church; the primaries, which have met at the Methodist Church; the juniors, who have met at the Baptist Church, and the intermediate, who have been holding their daily classes at the Christian Church.

Mrs. George Whitehurst has headed up the beginner group; Mrs. J. L. Goff, the primary group; Rev. J. H. Smith, the Juniors, and Rev. J. L. Goff, the intermediates. Rev. S. J. Starnes has been serving as director of the school. Between 125 and 150 pupils have been enrolled in the school, and about 20 volunteer workers have been engaged in the activities.

All parents and friends of the school are invited to attend the closing exercises Friday night at the Methodist church at 7:45, at which time it is proposed to demonstrate some of the work that has been done. As a part of the school offering has been received each day in the departments and is to be used for Chinese relief. An effort has been made to help the children feel that they were really helping the Chinese children secure food and clothing and have a chance in life by sharing with them in these offerings as a part of their worship. It is felt that the school has been a success, and it is hoped that it will extend its reach to embrace more of the children of the community as the years pass.

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Coming here yesterday for medical treatment, Mrs. Roberson, a victim of high blood pressure, was thought to be improving. Her blood pressure went down and she was thought to have been feeling better than usual. While here she visited Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Griffin and left for her home about 7 o'clock. She did not complain when she retired, and news of her death came as a shock to members of the family and a large circle of friends.

The daughter of the late Seth and Louisa Griffin Hardison, Mrs. Roberson was born in the Farm Life community of Griffins Township about 64 years ago. In early womanhood she was married to Mr. Roberson and he with four children, Mr. George R. Roberson, of Washington; Misses Callie and Fannie Roberson, and Mrs. Leonard Coltrain, all of the home community, survives. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. J. J. Roberson and Mrs. W. C. Whitley, both of Griffins Township, and four brothers, Messrs. Luther and Henry D. Hardison, both of Tarboro; John A. Hardison, of Griffins Township, and Sam Hardison, of New York. A sister, Mrs. James Daniel, died less than two weeks ago.

When a young girl she joined the church at Smithwicks Creek, remaining a loyal and devoted member until the end. She was a kind neighbor, a thoughtful wife and a devoted mother. Those in need found her a willing and helpful friend. She was a good woman and one whose goodness

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He was the son of the late Romulus and Willie Nicholson Wynne. In early manhood he married Miss Myrtle Moore. Following her death he married her sister, Miss Gladys Moore, who died nearly two years ago. Two children, Margaret and Bennie Harrell, survive. He also leaves two brothers, George D., and Herbert Wynne, both of Williamston.

Funeral services are being conducted at the home of his brother, George D. Wynne, on North Haughton Street this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. S. J. Starnes, Methodist minister. Interment will follow in the local cemetery.

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Thirteen community centers, gathering places for the citizenry under ordinary conditions and during the regular course of events, will become more popular on Saturday of this week when the electorate turns out between the hours of 7 a. m. and 7 p. m. to select the party nominees in the primary. Under a change in the law, the polls will not open until 7 o'clock Saturday morning—they used to be open at sunrise. The closing hour coincides with the sunset time.

Polling places in the thirteen precincts have been designated as follows: Jamesville: Town House. Williams: Township House. Griffins: Township House at Manning's Store. Bear Grass: Schoolhouse. Williamston: No. 1 precinct, Roanoke Chevrolet Showroom on Washington Street; No. 2 precinct, Fire Station in Town Hall on Main Street. Cross Roads: Schoolhouse. Robersonville: Old C. and W. Motor Company building. Gold Point: H. H. Roberson's Filling Station. Poplar Point: Log Cabin Filling Station. Hamilton: "Courthouse". Hassell: Mayor's office. Goose Nest: George Daniel Building.

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