

MEMORIAL DAY

Plans are being completed today for colorful, impressive Memorial Day services which will be held Tuesday at the Green Hill Cemetery in Waynesville.

The services will start at 3 p.m. at the Memorial Plot, with Admiral C. N. Thomas as principal speaker.

Haywood Post 47 (Waynesville) of the American Legion with the ladies of its Auxiliary cooperating, are sponsoring this traditional public tribute to the dead of World War I and World War II.

In connection with this program, Miles Ferguson, commander of the Waynesville post, asked relatives of all deceased Haywood County veterans of World War I or World War II to notify Legion representatives of the exact location of the veterans' graves in the county.

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Clean, Quiet Election, With Big Majorities, Noted In Democratic Primary 8,587 Ballots Cast In Haywood Primary

Democratic Nominees, According To Unofficial Tabulations



CHARLES C. FRANCIS
Chairman of Board



FRED Y. CAMPBELL
Sheriff



WILLIAM MEDFORD
State Senate



ORAL L. YATES
Representative



J. B. SILER
Clerk of Court



T. D. BRYSON, JR.
Solicitor



SEBE T. BRYSON
Tax Collector



JARVIS H. ALLISON
Commissioner



JULE NOLAND
Register of Deeds



J. W. KILLIAN
School Board



J. L. WORLEY
School Board



FRANK M. DAVIS
Commissioner

Counting Was Slow; Some Workers On Job 36 Hours; Interest Ran High.

About 9,000 Haywood voters cast their ballots in a quiet, and orderly primary election here Saturday.

Voters found election officials rigidly carrying out election regulations to the letter, and in some instances balloting was slower because of the double check system.

The counting of the heavy ballot took several hours longer than normal, and in some cases almost 24 hours were required to tabulate the final vote.

Interest in the election was on a par with the campaign. Many citizens stayed up all night listening to the returns over WHCC which were prepared by the staff of The Mountaineer. Some reporters got to bed at noon Sunday, while others were called from their slumbers in 30 minutes after getting to bed after daylight Sunday morning.

Thad Bryson, Jr., solicitor, received the largest vote, with 6,797 according to the unofficial tabulations as compiled by this newspaper. Fred Y. Campbell, candidate for sheriff, polled 6,454 for the second highest.

Haywood followed the state trends in giving Senator Frank P. Graham a large majority. While returns were incomplete, the vote in 18 out of Haywood's 24 precincts gave Senator Graham 4,304, Smith 1,939; Reynolds 438 and Boyd 76.

Voting was steady throughout the day, being slackened in the late afternoon by a rain storm.

Highway Patrolmen and police reported a "quiet day" with 22 landing in jail—17 on charges of public drunkenness, 2 traffic violations, and 2 for assault and resisting an officer.

After 10:30 Saturday night very few people were on the streets, but the lights burned in almost every home as returns came in by radio. Some listeners called to complain that returns were not coming fast enough, but never realizing the gigantic task of counting some 9,000 ballots.

Bryson polled a majority of 5,704 over his opponent A. A. Rice for solicitor.

William Medford held a majority of 2658 over J. Paul Murray in the race for State Senate.

Fred Y. Campbell got a majority (See Election—Page 3)

"Back To Work."

Among the warmest congratulations received by Charles C. Francis was from his opponent in Saturday's primary—David F. Underwood, Jr.

The two men met this morning in the commissioner's room, and there Underwood told Francis: "I'll be out there working as hard as anyone for you in the general election this fall. I congratulate you on your victory, and you have my best wishes for a successful administration. Although I did not win, I'm still a hard-working Democrat."

Both men seemed relieved that the primary was over, and they both laughed over how far behind they had gotten in their work due to the hard campaigning that had been staged.

Primary 'Generally Clean' Says Elections Board

The Haywood County Board of Elections today expressed satisfaction with the general conduct of Saturday's Primary.

"Some irregularities were reported," said one member of the board, "and these are being investigated."

He did not elaborate.

Generally, the Primary was described by both officials and impartial observers as "clean."

The great major instance of serious congestion lay in the Waynesville No. 1 Precinct (North Ward), where some 1,582 persons of the approximately 3,300 registered cast ballots Saturday.

But this morning, one member of the Board indicated that this precinct would be divided into at least two precincts "before the next general election."

Frank M. Ferguson, a member of the elections body, declared: "The Board hopes to remedy the congestion that occurred Saturday by providing more voting places."

"This," he added, however, "cannot be done before the first and the second primary (June 24) under the law."

Referring to the long time the hundreds of voters spent standing in line at the Court House waiting to cast their ballots, he said: "The board regrets it was necessary for long lines of electors to form, thus necessitating a long wait in the process of voting."

"But," he explained, "this was necessary due to the heavy registration in the North Ward, and due to the fact that the law requires the registrar to look up every voter and check his or her name off before permitting the voter to cast his or her ballot."

In general, the voting, rated as among the heaviest Haywood County has seen, was quiet. Police and sheriff's officers reported that, aside from approximately 30 instances of public drunkenness, the long Primary day was unmarred by any cases of violence.

Knots of voters gathered after the polls closed, as interest in the quartets,

Highway Record For 1950 In Haywood (To Date) Injured . . . 17 Killed . . . 3

(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol)

Loads Of Promotional Material To Be Given Out In South Carolina

News from Upper South Carolina this morning revealed that the "welcome" sign in big letters would be out to greet the motorcade from this area on Wednesday and Thursday.

A large number of cars from here will leave at 7:30 Wednesday morning for Brevard, and there be joined by about 30 cars and a 55-piece Eusebia band in buses for a two-day stay of fostering good-

will in upper South Carolina.

The motorcade will be escorted all the way by highway patrolmen of this state and South Carolina.

Mrs. Gordon Schenck, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the event, said that banners for all cars would be ready at noon Tuesday, and all persons making the trip are requested to get the banners early in the afternoon.

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Dr. Frank Graham, U. S. Senator of North Carolina, who was leading late Saturday night in his bid for renomination in the Democratic primary, grins and waves to supporters as he arrived at Chapel Hill, to cast his ballot Saturday. The former president of the University of North Carolina led Willis Smith, his conservative opponent, by a 50,000 margin. Robert Reynolds, former senator, was a poor third. There were indications a run-off might be necessary between Sen. Graham, a liberal, and Smith. In North Carolina the second high man may demand a run-off if the leader fails of a majority of votes cast. (AP Wirephoto).

Local Radio, Newsmen Lose Sleep Over Primary

Even more than lop-sided victories for their pet candidates, Waynesville's newsmen wanted most fervently one thing above all Saturday.

That was a severe case of insomnia.

Those spot returns Saturday night and a good part of Sunday on the progress of the Primary were produced by all-night work on the part of reporters and newscasters of Radio Station WHCC and the Waynesville Mountaineer, and precinct and county elections officials.

Two men from the Mountaineer made themselves at home in County Auditor Charlie Metcalfe's office at about 7:30 p.m.

Over at WHCC's studios, two more men from the Mountaineer and practically the entire station staff were posted at microphones and charts.

From then on the theme song for both teams was: "By The Telephone."

The two men in the auditor's office received the returns from precinct officials, then relayed them to the radio station for broadcast.

When the phone rang in the auditor's office, everybody jumped.

"Pardon me," said the lady's voice at the other end, "but is this the dog pound?"

Everybody relaxed again. Catalogue, as usual, was the (See Newsmen—Page 8)

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58 Canton High School Seniors To Get Diplomas

Canton High School's 1950 Commencement Week program opened last night as the Rev. C. W. Kirby, pastor of Canton's Central Methodist Church delivered the traditional baccalaureate sermon before a capacity audience which filled the school's auditorium.

The undergraduates will honor principal speakers at Commencement. (See Canton—Page 8)

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Duplicate Of Liberty Bell To Be Shown Here

Elaborate preparations are being completed this week in connection with the display of the duplicate of America's famed Liberty Bell here Friday afternoon.

The bell will be exhibited from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

J. E. Massie, chairman of the U. S. Savings Bonds sales for Haywood County, said today the Motor Company is supplying the truck to transport the duplicate, and the Johnson Motor Company of Charlotte is providing the driver.

Five-Day School On Food Freezing Starts Today

One hundred and 25 county home demonstration agents and other specialists from the entire section of North Carolina west of Raleigh this morning opened five-days of lectures at a Freezer School at the 4-H Club Camp here.

Lectures from the N. C. State College Extension Service and National (See Freezer—Page 8)

Sidelights Of The News

Change

Started across the street Court House polls, an elderly confided to friends which candidate he was going for.

door of the Court House, candidate stopped him. He shook it, slapped around his shoulder, and greeted him like a long-lost friend.

water took it all graciously, and cast his ballot.

"I said a friend as he stood in the Court House a few minutes later, 'you got your vote here?'"

elderly man grinned, and declared, "I voted for my opponent."

as he walked away he added, "I don't like anybody to go on the back right in front of me."

Church

gentleman with slightly bloodshot eyes stepped fluidly into line of the county's polling place. After he got his ballots after patiently for about 15 minutes, he flowed over to one of the booths and started frowning at the clerks.

searching through the list of names, he walked out of the line and took one of the precinct clerks indignantly by the arm.

he growled, "how come you ain't on this ballot?"

"muttered the official, 'what's he running for?'"

sheriff, of course," the man in irritation.

precinct man studied his opponent thoughtfully, then whispered something to him.

man's glare gave way to a grin. He apologized and went out of the room.

"the voters in the line behind me, 'How did I ever get out of Buncombe County any other way?'"

Percentage

largest percentage of voting in Haywood County precincts, of Cataloochee, apparently the Waynesville South Ward.

totals reported 632 of the 799 registered voters cast ballots Saturday. The figure is even better in consideration of the fact that of the total registered voters, about 20 in that precinct were Republicans and were in line to vote Saturday.

Night

Saturday lasted 36 hours for the precinct officials of Waynesville Precinct No. 1, where 1,582 ballots were cast.

reported for work at 6 A.M. Saturday, a half hour before the polls opened.

working all through the night, counting and checking voters, they had a brief stop for a sandwich-lunch, they took a half an hour off for supper.

they started the big job of counting the ballots.

hours later, they reported returns in the race for the state legislature.

24 hours later, they were counting the ballots in the county and township races.

they finished the counting at 10 p.m. — everybody went to bed.

Except Mrs. Paul Gough, the registrar, and Roy Campbell, who started work, counting the ballots and a few other odds and ends, the rest of the staff called it a day at one o'clock this morning.

"I know," said Mrs. Gough, "they mean by 'the Lost'."



WARMER

The weather is warmer.

By The Press

May 29—Partly cloudy with scattered showers and even showers Monday and Tuesday.

Waynesville temperature recorded by the staff of the State Test Farm:

| Time | Max. | Min. | Rainfall |
|------|------|------|----------|
| 5:00 | 80 | 40 | — |
| 6:00 | 78 | 42 | — |
| 7:00 | 82 | 47 | — |
| 8:00 | 77 | 56 | .65 |