

Confused Over The Primaries? Read This!

As if the campaigns themselves have not already confused the voter, many in Franklin County are finding it hard to completely understand procedures to be followed Saturday. Some people will vote for the first time. Others will be voting as a Republican or perhaps, as a Democrat for the first time. And still a few others are going to be surprised when they are told they can't vote at all. The latter, either having not registered under the new registration or having listed as an independent or as having no party

affiliation at all.

Persons registered either as a Democrat or a Republican are eligible to vote Saturday. There will be the usual Democratic primary as there has been in the past. The something new for Franklin County is a Republican primary. Herein lies some of the confusion. The Republican primary will be held Saturday and Republicans are eligible to vote at the same polling place as Democrats.

There are no Republican candidates for county or district offices. There

are, however, Republican candidates for Governor; Lt. Governor, Commissioner of Labor and the U. S. Senate. GOP voters will select nominees from among those listed on the Republican ballot. These GOP nominees will oppose those selected by the Democrats in November.

There is little chance for confusion if voters of both parties remember to go to the polls Saturday and vote. The poll holders will give Democrats three ballots (four in Cedar Rock precinct, where a constable race exists). These

will contain names of candidates for local and district on one; state on a second and the third ballot will be for Congressional candidates. Republicans will receive one ballot only, which will contain all candidates for the above mentioned GOP races.

One point in need of clarification, according to Elections Board Secretary George Champion, concerns absentee balloting. Champion explains that in the primaries only servicemen stationed away from home, veterans hospitalized with service-connected dis-

abilities and members of the R.O.T.C. may vote absentee. There are no civilian absentee ballots for the primaries and this means that anyone traveling away from home Saturday will not be able to vote.

Ballots will be counted Saturday night in much the same manner as in the past. However, Republican ballots will be counted separately from Democratic and results will be announced for two primaries, where in the past there was only one.

If an attempt to explain Saturday's

procedures tends to add to the confusion, one can only repeat that all Republican and all Democratic voters, who registered as such in the recent registration are eligible to vote and should, by all means, do so. Those failing to register since March 30 and those registering either as an independent or as having no party affiliation at all cannot vote in the primaries Saturday. These can, however, vote in the general election in November.

Sample Democratic Primary Ballot for UNITED STATES SENATOR AND MEMBER OF CONGRESS (SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT)

INSTRUCTIONS

- To vote for a candidate on the ballot make a cross mark in the square at the left of his name.
- If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the registrar and get another.

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for One)

- JOHN T. GATHINGS, SR.
 CHARLES A. PRATT
 FRED G. BRUMMITT
 SAM J. ERVIN, JR.

FOR MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Second Congressional District
(Vote for One)

- MRS. EVA M. CLAYTON
 L. H. FOUNTAIN

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Chairman State Board of Elections.

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Commissioner Injured In Accident

Richard Cash, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners suffered painful, but not believed serious head injuries here Saturday in a three-vehicle accident on N.C. 39 near Ingleside. Several other persons received minor injuries and were treated at Franklin Memorial Hospital and released. Cash required ten stitches in his head, but was able to attend two Board functions here Monday.

Others listed as having been involved in the two-car, one-truck mishap, include William Edward Jones, c/m/19, Rt. 1, Youngsville; Minnie Jones, c/t/38, Rt. 1, Youngsville; Joe Raymond Smith, c/m/23, Rt. 3, Louisburg; Lonnie Marrow, c/m/58, reportedly the driver of the other car; Jasper Hartsfield, c/m/35, Rt. 1, Louisburg; Eugene Jones, c/m/14, Rt. 1, Youngsville and Hezekiah Johnson, c/m/36, Rt. 3, Louisburg, reportedly the driver of the truck. Cash was alone at the time of the accident.



Attend Groundbreaking

County leaders are shown above attending the groundbreaking ceremonies held here Monday for a new rest home. Pictured left to right are, County Commissioner E. M. (Buck) Sykes, Mrs. Jane York, Director of Public Welfare, Francis Holt, head of Holt Properties, Inc., the firm that is to erect the new building, Richard Cash, Chairman of

the Board of County Commissioners, Miss Lucy Burt, member of the Welfare Board, J. Harold Talton, Chairman of the Industrial Development Commission, who is responsible for bringing the Holt firm to Louisburg, Commissioner Brooks W. Young and Archie Brown, Chairman of the Welfare Board. Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.

Five Of Eleven Precincts Report

The job of placing thousands of new registration forms in the various precinct books in preparation for Saturday's primaries is continuing in the county courthouse, under the direction of George Champion, Secretary to the Board of Elections.

Tabulations of registrations through Monday disclose that five of the eleven precincts have been completed with a total registration of 4,617. Of these, 4,307 are Democrats, 305 are Republicans, three are registered as independents and two designated "no party".

There are, in the five precincts reported, 3,538 white voters and 1,074 Negro voters. Five cards carried no indication of the race of the applicant, four of them were in Franklinton and one was in Youngsville.

Registration by precincts reporting follows: Franklinton, 1394 white; 643

Negro; 4 no race; 1881 Democrats, 157 Republicans, 3 independents for a total of 2,041; Pearce, 283 white; 42 Negro; 301 Democrats; 22 Republicans; 2 no party for a total of 325; Cedar Rock, 756 whites; 154 Negro; 866 Democrats; 44 Republicans for a total of 910.

Gold Mine, 470 white; 135 Negro; 576 Democrats; 29 Republicans for a total of 605; Youngsville, 635 white; 100 Negro; one no race; 683 Democrats; 53 Republican for a total of 736.

The remaining six precincts, which include Louisburg, Harris, Cypress Creek, Hayesville, Sandy Creek and Dunn, are expected to be tabulated late Wednesday. Unofficial estimates range upwards to 11,000 as to the number of registrants in the recent re-registration.

Rites Held For Vietnam Victim

Funeral services for PFC William Clifton Shearin, 21, of Route 4, Louisburg were held Monday afternoon at 4 P.M. at White Level Baptist Church. The Franklin native was killed in Vietnam on Thursday, April 18. Details of his death have not been disclosed, but it was reported that death resulted from an accident shortly after Shearin had returned from the fighting lines.

Monday's services were conducted by Rev. F.G. Barnhill, pastor and an unidentified Army Chaplain. Full military honors were extended the deceased and burial followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are one daughter of Louisburg, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Shearin of Rt. 4, Louisburg; one sister, Mrs. B.T. Rowe, Jr., of Ayden; one brother, Larry Shearin of the home and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Collins of Rt. 4, Louisburg.

AAUW Holds Eastern Workshop Here

The Louisburg Branch of the American Association of University Women was hostess Saturday to the Eastern Workshop of AAUW for the North Carolina Division. The meeting was held in the Cecil W. Robbins Library, Louisburg College, with 67 attending from 11 branches.

The theme of the workshop was "The Politics of Public Education," the fourth of the program topic series for 1967-68.

Upon arrival, members were greeted by Mrs. Michael Palmer and Dr. Ann Blumenfeld and invited to the coffee table in the main lobby where Mrs. John Matthews and Mrs. Joe Pearce presided.

Registration was conducted by Mesdames Richard Whitfield, C. Ray Pruette, and Tommie Stephens of Franklinton.

General Session

Dr. John W. Bridgman, Jr., Director of Advancement School, Winston-Salem, N.C., spoke describing the recently reorganized school for the slow or retarded school boys in North Carolina.

"With a faculty of 21, the school enrolls 108 boys from some 500 recommended of which 275 are qualified for admission in the resident program. The Day school program serves the purpose of getting the children away from their unfavorable home environment. The Summer program is for younger boys with the belief that it might pay off to attack their problems early. It is hoped that a fourth program for teachers and administrative personnel might be started.

Dr. Bridgman stated physical characteristics as poor eyesight, poor coordination, being left handed etc. as contributing factors of retardation, coupled with school fears, home conditions, and group influences. He stat-

ed that each child must make his own "self concept", in order to become well adjusted and function at his best.

Mrs. T. Frederick Henry, Salisbury, North Carolina AAUW Division President, welcomed the members of Eastern North Carolina to the workshop. Mrs. J.D. Mode, president of the Louisburg Branch, welcomed them as guests of the local branch, and Mr. David Daniel, Director of College Relations

Louisburg College, assured the group that the College was most happy to have them on its campus and wished them a pleasant visit.

Mrs. John B. Chase, Jr. of Chapel Hill, acting Division program chairman, introduced Miss Ella McDearman of Raleigh, N.C., 1969 Legislative Program, U.F.E., and Miss Jessie Belle Lewis of Chapel Hill, N.C., who

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Attend Workshop

Participants at the luncheon of the AAUW Workshop are pictured left to right - Mrs. J. D. Mode, Franklinton, Louisburg Branch President; Dr. Guion Johnson, Chapel Hill, Forum Moderator; Mrs. John B. Chase, Jr., Chapel Hill, Acting Workshop Chairman; Dr. Ben Fountain, President

Lenoir County Community College, Kinston, speaker; Mrs. T. Fred Henry, Salisbury, AAUW Division President; and Dr. Leslie Syron, Meredith College, Raleigh, Division Vice President.

Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.

New Boarding Home Is To Be Constructed Here

Ground breaking ceremonies were held here Monday for a new 52-bed boarding home to be erected on N. C. 39 about one mile east of Louisburg by a Kinston firm. Mr. Francis Holt, head of Holt Properties, Inc., made the announcement at the site that lengthy negotiations had been completed and work would begin immediately on the structure.

This morning the area has been cleared and ground leveling is underway in keeping with the announcement.

Attending the early morning ceremonies were, J. H. Talton, Chairman of the Industrial Development Commission, who Holt said, "Was the first person to contact me about the project"; County Commissioner Chairman Richard Cash, Commissioners E. M. (Buck) Sykes and Brooks Young; Mrs. Jane York, county Welfare Director; Miss Lucy Burt, a member of the Welfare Board and Archie Brown of Youngsville, Chairman of the Welfare

Board and local newsmen.

Holt disclosed the new structure will contain 14,500 square feet and will sit just off N. C. 39 near the Fox Park Road on a site covering 5 1/4 acres. He said plans call for the clearing of the area between the building site and the highway, leaving the trees as they are now. There will be a side drive to the building.

Holt told the group, "I am proud to be a part of the economy of your county and of Louisburg. I am happy to make this contribution and hope it will be successful." He said he plans to employ between 15 and 18 people and expects to purchase be-

tween \$40,000 and \$50,000 in local products and services annually.

The name has not yet been selected for the new rest home facility and neither has the method of operation for the establishment. "We have not yet determined if we will lease the property or operate it ourselves", Holt commented.

Those present welcomed the Kinston man and expressed their pleasure that the new facility was now to become a reality.

The new structure is expected to cost around \$175,000 and is to be completed in about five months, according to the announcement.

Board Ok's Cutbacks In Courthouse Plans

The Board of County Commissioners approved certain alterations to the original plans for renovation of the county courthouse, here Monday afternoon and agreed to sign final contracts next week designed to get the project underway.

Original bids exceeded the \$200,000 in funds, approved by voters last November. Cutbacks, discussed at a meeting here last week amounted to \$6,801.36, however adjustments to this figure were made Monday. The project as it now stands will cost \$148,189.00 to construct plus \$12,250.00 in architect's fees, bringing the total expected cost to \$196,439.00. This leaves a balance of \$3,561.00 as a contingency fund to cover any unexpected problems arising out of the construction itself.

All of the cuts discussed last week were made, however, a planned exchange from plastering certain walls to paneling was eliminated when it was determined that paneling would be more expensive. Four fire-doors were added, as required and the Board approved a suggestion by Alex Wood, Register of Deeds to replace proposed cement block with brick in the vault areas of the Deeds office and the office of the Clerk of Court. These additions added \$835 to the cost. Certain work to the courtroom floor was left in the contract,

which it was found would have saved only \$434 if removed. It was believed that doing this work later would result in a much higher cost.

Some announcement is expected in a few days as to the various locations of the offices forced to move out of the courthouse when work begins there in the next few weeks. The project is expected to be completed late this year.

Negro Shoots Into Home

Wife Knifed To Death

A Franklinton Negro man is charged with murder in the stabbing of his common-law wife on West Green Street in Franklinton around 12:30 A.M. Monday, according to reports. The man, identified as Charlie Taylor, c/m/40 reportedly stabbed Grace Davis, c/t/ age unknown, in the back. The woman was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital and transferred to Duke, where she died shortly after her arrival. Herbert Alston, c/m/22, is free on \$300 bond, charged with assault with a deadly weapon and damage to real estate. See SHOOTING Page 5