

Be Sure To Vote Saturday

SAMPLE BALLOT Official Democratic Primary Ballot For County Officers

INSTRUCTIONS

- To vote for a candidate on the ballot make a cross (X) 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 STATE SENATE SEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

(Vote For One)

- WILBUR M. JOLLY
 EDWARD F. GRIFFIN

FOR MEMBER OF STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 16th DISTRICT.

SEAT NO. 2
(Vote For One)

- JOHN T. CHURCH
 BOBBY W. ROGERS

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE 9th DISTRICT

(Vote For Three)

- THOMAS D. HARDIE
 CLAUDE W. ALLEN, JR.
 WALLACE P. CHAPPELL
 ROYALL H. ROYSTER
 LINWOOD T. PEOPLES
 JULIUS BANZET

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT NO. 2

(Vote For One)

- RICHARD CASH
 BOOSTER WHITE
 JOHN W. HOUSE

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT NO. 4

(Vote For One)

- LEMUEL S. WARD
 E.M. (BUCK) SYKES

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Times To Be Election Return Headquarters

As in the past, The Franklin Times will act as election return headquarters Saturday night. All precinct Registrars are requested to phone in their returns as soon as possible. Results will be posted in the window of the Times' office and the public is requested to refrain from calling to ask results in order that the line might be open for registrar calls.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. and the Times' office will be open until all votes are tallied. Radio communication will be established from the Times' office with the State network and results from throughout North Carolina will be revealed throughout the evening.

As in the past, the public is welcomed to visit The Times and to watch as the returns come in.

Record Turnout Is Seen For Saturday Primaries

Franklin County voters are expected to turn out in record numbers Saturday to decide a number of local, state and congressional races. Tabulation of the recent new registration shows 10,484 persons are registered. The new registration and the response to it, is one reason local observers predict a turnout Saturday in excess of the 6,342 who voted in the last primary in 1965.

In addition to the heated gubernatorial race on the state ticket, there is one other that holds particular interest to Franklin voters. A native son, Dr. Raymond Stone is running for Superintendent of Public Instruction in a field of five. He is the first Franklin citizen to vie for high state office in

modern times. Other state races include a hot contest between incumbent Attorney General T. Wade Bruton and Lillington State Senator Robert Morgan. The contest between incumbent Edwin Gill and Sneed High for State Treasurer has also created some local interest.

The race for Lt. Governor, Labor Commissioner and two Appeals Court Judges have created little attention locally.

The contest drawing the most interest among county voters is the race for the North Carolina Senate between two of the county's most prominent citizens.

Two former Senators are running for the office, which falls to Franklin County this year under the Granville-Vance-Franklin rotation agreement. General E. F. Griffin, former State Civil Defense chief and Louisburg attorney Wilbur M. Jolly, active civic and state leader have conducted a high-level campaign. Vigorous efforts on the part of supporters have flooded the county with literature in favor of both candidates. Even the most seasoned politicians are declining to predict the outcome of this contest.

Some stirrings have been noted in recent days in the race between incumbent County Commissioner E. M. (Buck) Sykes and challenger Lemuel S. Ward of Centerville. Both men are running for the District 4 seat to represent Cedar Rock-Gold Mine townships.

The three-man race for District 2 seat between incumbent Richard Cash, Franklinton farmer John W. House and tobacconist Booster White has been relatively quiet. All three are touring the county seeking support, but campaigning has been held mostly to personal contact by the candidates.

The six-man race for the three District Court seats has touched Franklin County in recent days with most of the aspirants making tours of the area. An intense newspaper and radio campaign is in progress for most of the six who must campaign in five counties for the coveted position.

The only other race on the local

ticket is the run between two Henderson men for seat no. 2 in the State House of Representatives. Incumbent John T. Church is being challenged by Vance Solicitor Bobby W. Rogers. Both candidates have been touring the three-county area of Vance, Warren and Franklin meeting and talking with the voters. Both have conducted high-level campaigns with emphasis on newspaper and radio advertising.

In Cedar Rock township a race exists between incumbent Township Constable Vann Champlin and challenger Ronald West. This campaign has been limited to distributing political cards and hand-shaking tours.

There has been no local activity in the four-man race for the United States Senate. Most observers feel that incumbent Senator Sam Ervin, Jr. is a shoo-in. He is, however, opposed by three other Democrats in the Saturday primary.

A vigorous campaign has been staged by Mrs. Eva M. Clayton, a Warrenton Negro to unseat incumbent U. S. Congressman L. H. Fountain. Rallies, speeches and newspaper and radio advertisements as well as posters and cards have highlighted the Clayton campaign. Fountain's efforts have been limited mostly to advertisements in newspapers and by radio. Most observers believe that Mrs. Clayton will receive a sizable vote, although few predict victory for her in this first attempt at public office.

On the Republican side of the precincts Saturday is expected to see a substantial majority of the county's 672 registered Republicans voting for gubernatorial candidate Jim Gardner, who is also a favorite among many county Democrats. There has been no campaigning in the county by Republican candidates and although Gardner's opponent Jack Stickley earlier announced a county campaign manager, little has been noted from his camp here.

In the Republican races for Lt. Gov. and Commissioner of Insurance, where two candidates are running for each

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Group To Withgo Federal Aid

Members of the Town and Country Recreation Center, totaling around 200, met here Tuesday night and decided to forego a federally insured loan of \$105,700.00 for the construction of a swimming pool. The organization, formed here in the past several months to erect a recreational facility, including a modern swimming pool. Several weeks ago, word was received that the federal government through the Farmers Home Administration, had approved the loan.

"The Association decided to try to finance the project without the federally insured loan," David Daniel, President of the group said Wednesday. "We believe it is in the best interest of the Association to go without federal participation," he added.

It was learned that the organization received a letter last week informing it that a non-discriminatory agreement would be required in order to obtain

a loan of private funds, insured by the government. According to one source, this would mean the federal government would have the authority to inspect the facility, the books, accounts and any other part of the operation to determine if discrimination was practiced and would also have the authority to act as attorney in taking the case to court and/or take over the entire operation as a federal project.

Daniel would say only that the original purpose of the organization was to "provide a facility" and that the members feel, "that a private non-profit organization carrying the load is desired instead of depending on an outside source."

Precinct Meetings

Meetings of the eleven Democratic precinct committees will take place on Saturday, May 11, according to an announcement this week by Mrs. Betsy Pernel, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee. The time set for meeting in all precincts, except Franklinton, was announced as 10 A.M. The Franklinton organization will meet at 4 P.M., according to the announcement.

First Graders To Register

Children not enrolled in the Franklin County Schools during the present school year, but who will be enrolled in September 1968 are requested to register in the schools on May 10, 1968 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Parents should bring a copy of the birth certificate and a health record in order to properly register the child.

Parents are urged to register all prospective first grade children and any other child not now enrolled in the Franklin County Schools on this date.

Welfare and county and state officials from ten counties met here Wednesday for an all-day session designed to acquaint local and state officials with the problems faced by the other. Mrs. Jane York, Director of Welfare for Franklin County acted as hostess for the group meeting at The Murphy House.

Participating on the programs were representatives from Bertie, Northampton, Halifax, Vance, Warren, Granville, Nash, Edgecombe, Greene and Franklin counties.

The meeting convened at 9:30 a.m. with a coffee session. Mrs. Anne

Droppelman, Field Representative of the N. C. State Department of Public Welfare presided at the main session starting at 10 a.m. Mrs. York introduced the speakers for the day's programs.

Mr. Robert Ward, Assistant Commissioner, N. C. Department of Public Welfare addressed the group on the subject "Policies, Programs, and Projected Changes". Mr. Roy L. Holley, Comptroller of the State Department talked on "Budgeting 1968-69 Fiscal Year" before the luncheon break.

At the afternoon session, Mr. Emmett L. Sellars, Medical Services Director of the State Department spoke on the topic, "Past, Present, and Future Trends in Medical Assistance."

Mrs. York said, "It was a very good meeting. It was called for the purpose of allowing the counties to become more aware of the problems being faced by the state and for the state to become more aware of the problems being faced on the county levels." Around thirty persons participated in the day's event.

Total County Registration Is 10,484

The final tabulation of all precincts in the recent voter registration campaign in Franklin County has been made. According to George Champion, Secretary to the Board of Elections, 10,484 persons registered under the new registration with 9,787 registering as Democrats, 672 as Republicans, ten as independents and 15 designating no party affiliation at all.

There are 7,787 whites and 2,690 Negroes registered and seven persons whose registration form shows no race. This is about the estimated number of Negroes registered on the old books.

The final six precincts to be tabulated show the following totals: Louisburg, 2,661 Democrats, 126 Republicans, seven independents, 1943 whites,

854 Negro for a total of 2,797; Sandy Creek, 558 Democrats, 84 Republicans, 2 no party designation, 429 whites, 215 Negro for a total of 644; Hayesville, 447 Democrats, 42 Republicans, 365 whites, 123 Negroes and one with no race designated, for a total of 489; Cypress Creek, 268 Democrats, 32 Republicans, 165 whites, 134 Negroes and one with no race designated, for a total of 300; Harris, 655 Democrats, 41 Republicans, six no party designation, 627 whites, 75 Negroes for a total of 702; and Dunn, 891 Democrats, 43 Republicans, 2 no party designation, 720 whites, 216 Negroes for a total of 936.

Previous reports showed Franklinton with a total of 2,041; Pearces, 325;

Cedar Rock, 910; Gold Mine, 605 and Youngsville, 736.

Broken into percentages, the report shows 74.7 percent of those registered are white with 25.6 percent Negro. By party, 93.3 percent are Democrats and 6.9 percent are Republicans. There are more Republicans registered now, however than before. Some estimates said there were only 30 GOP followers on the old books and the 672 now registered is a large increase. In the 1964 general election as many as 2,097 voters marked some Republican candidates. This total was in the presidential race between President Johnson and Senator Goldwater.

County political observers are predicting a larger number of Democrats crossing the line, or splitting the ticket this November. However, the registration does not show a great "switch-over" for the GOP as had been predicted by Congressman Jim Gardner, a candidate for Governor under the Republican banner.

An early surge of Negro registration tapered off in the last days of the registration period and the total number fell short of earlier predictions. A slow start by white voters, on the other hand picked up, and accounted for the almost 3 to one margin.

Negro voters, many registering for the first time, are expected to cast their ballots in almost 100 percent numbers in Saturday's election and it is also expected that they will vote in a bloc for Negro and selected candidates among the whites.

Courthouse Project Cost Adjusted

Richard H. Cash, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, announced a revision in cost figures for the courthouse renovation project this morning. Cash said contracts are now being drawn for the project and disclosed cost figures which vary slightly from those discussed by the Board earlier this week.

Cash revealed the General Construction, awarded the J. M. Thompson Construction Co. of Raleigh, calls for an expenditure of \$109,915.00. Plumbing work, awarded to Richardson and Skinner of Wilson, is listed at \$8,260.00 and Heating and Air-conditioning, awarded to W. R. Proctor of Raleigh,

is to cost \$45,704.00.

Electrical work, awarded to Carolina Electric Service of Henderson, is to cost \$20,430.00. Cutbacks are apparent in the Thompson contract, which was originally listed at \$114,400 and the Proctor bid, which was originally \$47,400.00.

The total cost of the project is listed by Cash at \$184,309.00 plus the architect's fee of \$12,191.00, leaving \$3,500 of the \$200,000 bond money as a contingency fund. Cash revealed that the new figures were given him Wednesday night by telephone by the architect, Harry J. Harles of Rocky Mount.



In Meeting Here

Participants in the day-long meeting of state and county Welfare officials are shown above. Left to right, County Commissioners E. M. (Buck) Sykes and N. E. Faulkner, Mrs. Jane York, Director of Welfare for Franklin County, Emmett L. Sellars, Medical Services Director, State Department of Public Welfare, Mrs. Anne Droppelman, Field

Representative, State Dept., Robert Ward, Assistant Commissioner of Welfare, Miss Lucy Burt, member of the Franklin Welfare Board and Roy L. Holley, Comptroller, State Department. The ten-county group met here Wednesday.

Photo by Clint Fuller.