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EISENHOWER WINS



Strickland Elected By Tiny Majority; Under Two Per Cent

City Judge H. Paul Strickland yesterday survived one of the tightest political races in the history of Harnett to win another term on the bench but his margin of victory was so small that the contest was hailed "a moral victory" for his opponent.

Out of a total vote of 2866 cast in the township, Strickland's majority was only 42 votes, less than two per cent of the total cast.

Judge Strickland received 1454 votes and his Republican opponent, J. O. West, received 1412 votes in an exciting race that was nip and tuck until the last handful of ballots were counted.

HISTORICAL RACE

Averasboro Democrats crossed party lines by the hundreds to support West in opposition to Judge Strickland.

Seldom in the history of local politics, if ever, has a race been so close even in a Democratic Primary and for a Democrat to suffer such a close call in a race with a Republican is practically unheard of here.

Judge Strickland himself conceded that West had won a moral victory.

West, who has been a leading attorney and an active leader in the American Legion here for years, was leading Strickland by a 24-vote margin when counting had been completed in three of the township's four precincts.

But when he reached Averasboro No. 4, largest precinct in the township, Strickland pulled ahead.

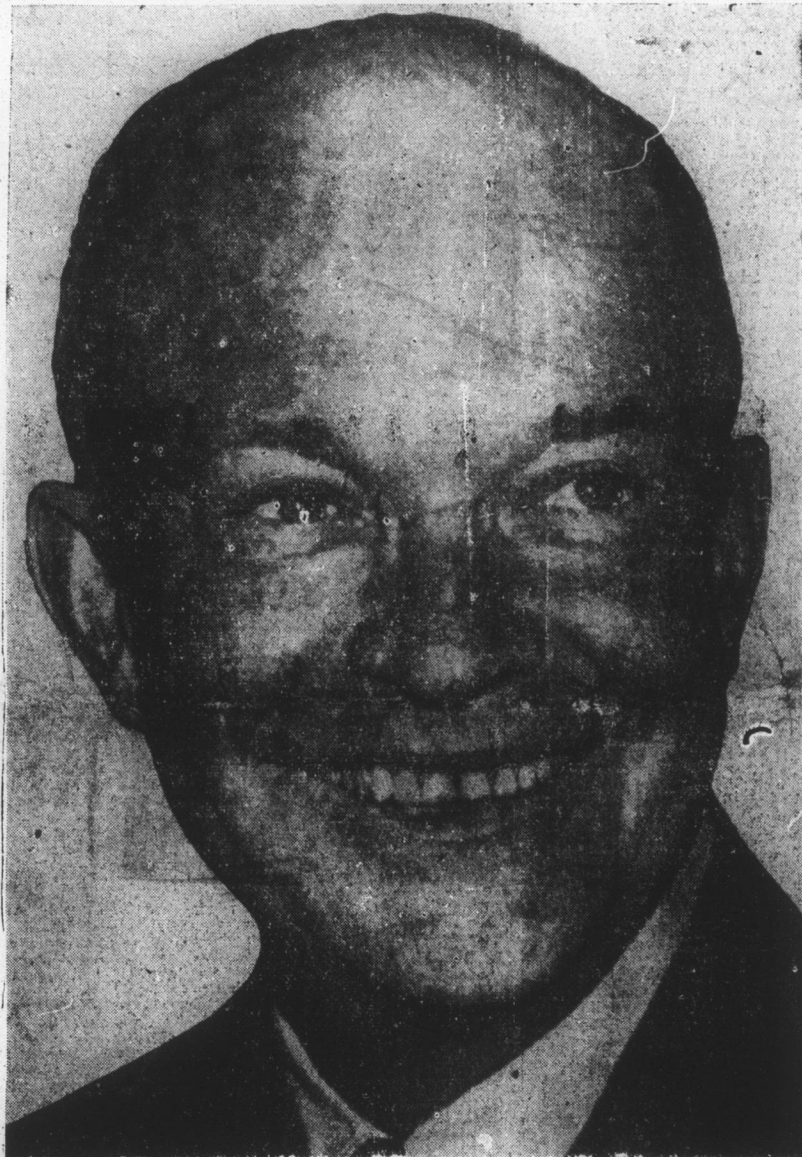
Election officials said that never before in history had so many Democrats here been known to split their tickets.

Most of the opposition to Judge Strickland and his policies came not from Republicans but from Democrats. From the very beginning, West had said he was expecting his Democratic friends to elect him.

Mr. West, who took his slight defeat good-naturedly, promptly congratulated Strickland at the close of the counting, said he had enjoyed the campaign and expressed thanks to his workers and all those who voted for him.

Some of West's more ardent supporters had suggested that since so much opposition developed to Judge Strickland that he ought to resign the office, but there was no indication that Judge Strickland

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Eisenhower Appeals For Unity

By MERRIMAN SMITH
White House Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower called on all Republicans and Democrats today to forget the immediate po-

litical past and work for a "better future."

Eisenhower made his plea for national unity in accepting his election as 34th president of the United States.

With his beaming wife at his side, he made his victory state-

ment to more than 2,000 screaming supporters who jammed the grand ballroom of the Hotel Commodore to see him appear for the first time in his new role.

The man who will become president on Jan. 20 accepted humbly his new responsibility, with a grace-

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Ike Cracks South, Rolls Up Great Popular Vote

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dwight David Eisenhower was elected president of the United States today in a Republican landslide victory that cracked the Democratic "Solid South."

Firemen Battle For Hours To Control Blaze

By LOUIS DEARBORN
Record Staff Writer

A spectacular blaze which threatened the entire downtown business section in Dunn gutted the Colonial Food Stores and the offices of the Carolina Power and Light Company early this morning and did damage totaling several hundred thousand dollars.

The fire was discovered at 12:55 by restaurant operator Wesley Coats. Mr. Coats had just returned from the circus in Raleigh with his family, and after checking on his restaurant, had gone to the police station to check on the election returns.

When he left the police station, he saw the smoke billowing out of the door of the Colonial Store. "The glass was beginning to bulge out," he said, "and I lost no time in turning in the alarm."

Coats, a member of the Dunn Fire Department, then rushed back to the fire house and was pulling on his boots as the rest of the men began to arrive. Most of the men in the department had been up late listening to the election returns and the alarm got a prompt response.

In spite of the speed in answering the alarm, however, the flames had burst through the roof of the building by the time the hose had been connected and a call was sent to the Fayetteville and Benson Fire Departments asking for their aid.

When these two departments arrived, however, the local firemen had the flames pretty well under control and they remained on a stand-by basis until the fire was no longer dangerous.

DUNN FIREMEN PRAISED
Secretary-treasurer Howard M. Lee this morning reported that the Chief of the Fayetteville Fire De-

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Averasboro Went For Ike, Pope

Averasboro Township, which includes Dunn, gave Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower a 16-majority in yesterday's voting.

The Republican candidate carried three out of four precincts in Averasboro, losing only Averasboro No. III.

Following is the vote by precincts: Averasboro I, Eisenhower, 274, Stevenson, 244; No. II, Eisenhower, 406, Stevenson, 378; No. III, Eisenhower 278, Stevenson 354; and Averasboro IV, Eisenhower, 500, Stevenson 499.

The total vote was: Eisenhower 1458, Stevenson 1442.

Four years ago, Truman carried all four of Dunn's precincts. Yesterday was the first time since 1928 that Averasboro had gone Republican.

In other races—with the exception of city judge which was close and House of Representatives — Averasboro gave the Democrats big majorities.

Governor Umstead received a majority of more than two to one in Averasboro.

Thad H. Pope, Republican candidate for House of Representatives, also carried Averasboro.

Mr. Pope received 1396 votes to 1381 for Representative Carson Gregory, who carried the county by a big majority.

Following is the vote by precincts in Averasboro: Averasboro I, Gregory 210, Pope 256; Averasboro II, Gregory 342, Pope 402; No. III, Gregory 322, Pope 283; and No. IV, Gregory, 507, Pope 455.

HST Gets Vote - - For Constable

MICANOPY, Fla. (AP) — An Alachua County voter gave President Truman one write-in vote for constable.

In defeating Adlai E. Stevenson and ending 20 years of Democratic rule, the general ran ahead of his ticket. He appeared to have carried his party to slim control of the House. But the Senate story continued in doubt.

The presidential popular vote at 12 noon EST, as tabulated by the United Press:

Eisenhower, 28,434,963; Stevenson 22,871,179.

Eisenhower had won or was leading in 39 states having 431 electoral votes; Stevenson in 10 states having 100 electoral votes. Necessary to elect: 266.

Twenty Republicans and 10 Democrats had been elected to the Senate at that hour. Three Republicans and two Democrats were leading in undecided contests. Taking holdovers into consideration, the Republicans had an indicated Senate strength of 48, one short of a majority, the Democrats 47. Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon, who bolted the Republican party to support Stevenson, calls himself an Independent.

GOP WINS 193

Republicans had won 193 House seats and were leading in 28 other contests for an indicated strength of 221, only three more than a majority. Democrats had won 190 seats and were leading for 23 others making their projected strength 213. In one contest an independent was elected.

Eisenhower cracked the "Solid South." Stevenson won the electoral votes of five Southern states and was leading in five other southern or border states—Arkansas, Louisiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia. But he conceded soon after midnight.

17 GOP GOVERNORS

Seventeen Republican governors were elected, unseating three Democrats, and GOP candidates were leading in three other contests. The Democrats elected nine governors and were leading in the contest for one more.

Eisenhower's election was a shot in the arm for U. S. business and a kick in the pants for American labor union leaders.

Wall Street reflected the gratification with which business leaders received the election results. Stocks advanced at today's opening in what "the street" called a celebration of the GOP victory.

Chiefs of all of the country's biggest labor groups—the AFL, CIO (Continued On Page Six)

Harnett Ticket Ls Led By Lofton A. Tart

By LOIS BYRD
Record Staff Writer

A landslide for Eisenhower swept the five-star General to the presidency of the United States, but Harnett County ran counter to the nation and safely returned all Democrats to county and township offices and gave a resounding majority of votes to Bill Umstead, the Democratic candidate for governor.

Complete official tabulation in all precincts gave Adlai Stevenson 7,589 to the 4,301 cast for Gen. Eisenhower.

The Republican nominee carried three precincts in Averasboro and Duke No. 3, making a total of four out of the county's 21. Only a 34-vote margin in favor of Stevenson separated the two candidates in Upper Little River No. II.

However, personal popularity of the general in traditionally-Democratic Harnett was not enough to

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Harnett's Vote

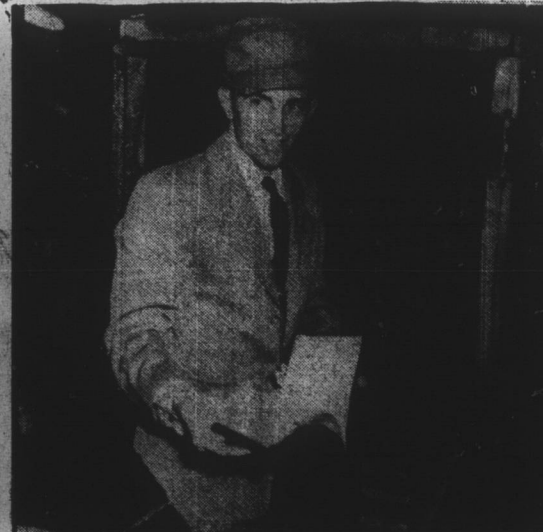
Here's how Harnett County citizens voted in yesterday's general election:

FOR PRESIDENT	
Adlai Stevenson (D)	7589
Dwight Eisenhower (R)	4301
FOR GOVERNOR	
William B. Umstead (D)	8412
Herbert F. Seawell (R)	3014

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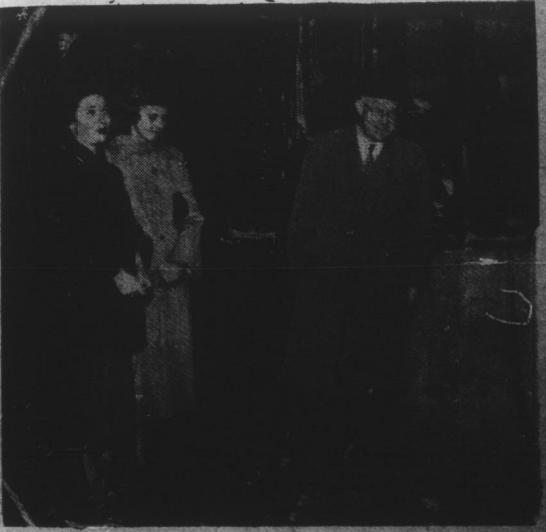
IT TOOK LOTS OF COURAGE — It took plenty of nerve to close in on the flames and man a route as these Dunn firemen are doing. Their faces lighted by the nearby flames the group shown are, left to right; Skinny Ennis, Vaughn Hestaff, Jack Jackson, C. D. Hestaff and Cecil Jernigan. This kind of work kept the flames from spreading to the adjoining buildings.



YOU'LL STILL GET THOSE BILLS — Bill Biggs is shown examining some of the record books at the offices of the Carolina Power and Light Company here. After prying off the door of the record cabinet, he found the books all intact, in spite of the terrific heat to which they had been subjected. So you'll get those bills on time in spite of the fire.



IT TOOK LOTS OF WATER — Firemen are shown pouring water into the blazing Colonial Stores and the offices of the Carolina Power and Light Company in the early morning fire that threatened the entire business section this morning. It took tons of water to conquer the stubborn blaze that gutted the buildings.



THEY WON'T WORK HERE TODAY — Shown surveying the wreckage of the offices of the Carolina Power and Light Company after the fire are, left to right; Effie Lou McLean, Melrose Tart and Mr. Henry M. Tyler. The charred wreckage was all that was left of the offices which they usually occupy during the day. The entire interior was a mass of crumpled wreckage.