

# Roosevelt Wins Sweeping Victory

## Democrats Win With Heavy Majority In County On Tuesday

Congressman R. L. Doughton Leads Ticket With A Big Majority Of 733

With county, congressional, state and national races in the offing, the voting public of Alleghany county rallied at the polls on Tuesday to cast one of the heaviest votes in a general election for the past eight years, giving the Democratic candidates an average majority of around 500 votes.

Unofficial returns late yesterday afternoon gave Congressman Doughton a majority in the county over his opponent, Emory McCall, of 733. His total vote was 1,973 and McCall, 1,240.

President Roosevelt received 1,803 votes and Dewey 1,490, giving the president a 313 majority. In the Governor's contest, as well as in most of the other state races, the Democrats won by averages of nearly 600. Cherry received 1,874 votes and Patton, 1,305, with the majority being 569.

In the contest for U. S. Senator, Clyde R. Hoey received 1,889 votes against Ferree's 1,279.

A total of 3,293 votes were cast for President, which was 125 more than were cast in 1940. The total vote then was 3,168. This was slightly under the total for the general election in 1936 when 3,843 persons visited the polls. More than 500 absentee ballots were received for this election, including a large number from servicemen.

Leading the county ticket by 134 votes was T. R. Burgess in the contest for house of representatives. Mr. Burgess received 1,847 votes as compared with Higgins' 1,293, giving Burgess a 554 majority.

In the contest for state senate from this district, Carlos Thomas received 1,713 votes against Edison Thomas' 1,264, giving the Democrat a 449 majority.

For county commissioners, Guy Perry led with 1,688 votes and James Mac D. Wagoner was second with 1,680 votes. Kennedy received 1,454 votes while Miles trailed with 1,361.

## Doughton Speaks At Meeting, Sat.

## Other Candidates Also On Program; Large Crowd Attends

Congressman R. L. Doughton spoke to a record crowd at the Sparta courthouse, Saturday afternoon on the eve of the election when the Democrats ended the campaign in the county with an enthusiastic meeting.

He pointed out the importance of re-electing President Roosevelt stating that it would be a great tragedy to change leaders at this crucial moment in world history.

Congressman Doughton was introduced by R. F. Crouse, chairman of the democratic executive committee, who presided.

Other candidates speaking briefly at the meeting were T. R. Burgess, for house of representatives; Carlos Thomas for state senate and the two candidates for county commissioners, Jas. Mac D. Wagoner and Guy Perry.

## Edison M. Thomas Wins Senate Seat

Edison M. Thomas, who took an unofficial lead of 262 from his Democratic opponent, W. Carlos Thomas in Ashe county, for the seat in the State senate from the 29th district, was also winner of the district.

While Alleghany county gave Carlos Thomas a lead of 449, Watauga gave Edison a majority of over 275, which gives him the lead in the district of around 100.

## Among Winners

Congressman



R. L. DOUGHTON

U. S. Senator



CLYDE R. HOEY

Governor-Elect



R. GREGG CHERRY

Representative



T. R. BURGESS

## N. C. Democrats Win Big Victory In Election, Tues.

Gregg Cherry Polls Heavy Vote; Amendments Are Passed

Democrats of North Carolina swept the boards by the usual margin in Tuesday's election in North Carolina and mounting returns yesterday indicated President Roosevelt ran only slightly behind Governor-Elect R. Gregg Cherry and Clyde R. Hoey, elected to succeed Robert R. Reynolds in the U. S. Senate.

Unofficial returns from 1,384 of the State's 1,922 precincts gave Mr. Roosevelt 413,141 votes to 177,824 for Governor Dewey—almost the same ratio by which the President carried the State in 1940. In the campaign just finished a group of constitutional Democrats opposed the New Deal while supporting the State Democratic ticket.

Their opposition proved without force and State officers were filled without exception by Democrats. Five constitutional amendments voted on were passed by good majorities.

Cherry, Gastonia lawyer, veteran legislator and former Commander of the State American Legion, polled 303,356 votes, his opponent, Frank Patton of Morganton, 115,308 in returns from 1,062 precincts.

Former Governor Hoey, Shelby attorney and Sunday school teacher, amassed a margin of 286,530 to 109,392 over A. I. Ferree of Asheville, in 992 precincts.

The election of State officers followed the same pattern:

For Lieutenant Governor, 451 of the 1,922 precincts, L. Y. Balentine 130,064, George L. Greene 37,630.

Secretary of State, 363 precincts Thad Eure 100,717, W. H. Gregg 29,634.

Auditor, 363 precincts, George Ross Pou 104,925, J. M. Van Hoy 29,823.

State Treasurer, 321 precincts, (Continued on Page Four)

## Doughton Gets Big Majority In 9th District Again

Congressman R. L. Doughton, who has served this section in Congress since 1910, was given a big vote by the people of the ninth district on Tuesday.

Unofficial estimates placed his lead in the ninth district which includes Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Alexander, Iredell, Caldwell, Rowan, Cabarrus and Stanley, at around 17,000 over his opponent, Emory C. McCall.

In his home county of Alleghany, Congressman Doughton received a total of 1973 to 1240 for McCall.

"I am deeply grateful and especially appreciative for the fine showing I made Tuesday, under all circumstances," Congressman Doughton said yesterday. He added that the opposing side put up the hardest fight against him that they had since he was first elected in 1910.

In addition to the election, Tuesday was Congressman Doughton's birthday and the able statesman pointed out that it was indeed a grand birthday present he received.

## Charlotte Woman Makes Home Here

Mrs. Lillian Bott, of Charlotte, visited Sparta for a few weeks last summer and was so delighted with her surroundings and with the people here that she decided to make it her home.

The people of Sparta are equally delighted to have the Charlotte woman and welcome her to the town.

Mrs. Bott arrived here last week and for the present is residing at Four Oaks Tavern. During World War I, she sang for the soldiers overseas in a number of cities including London and Paris. Since that time she had made her home in Charlotte.

## Conduct Of War Endorsed By Voters



## Americans Making Gains In Germany; Destroy 440 Planes

## War Fund Quota Is Far Surpassed Here Last Week

\$1,500.00 Reported; Chairman Reed Lauds Workers For Success Of Drive

Reports reveal that Alleghany county has surpassed the United War Fund quota of \$1,400.00 with more than \$1,500.00 reported Saturday afternoon when the drive officially ended.

Chairman Joe Bill Reed said that he wished to thank the schools, civic organization and individual contributors for their splendid co-operation in making the drive a success. He also pointed out that township chairmen and other leaders in the drive had co-operated to put the county over the top.

The D. and P. Pipe Works made a contribution of \$101.00, with employees donating \$51.00 and \$51.00 given by the plant.

Some contributions not previously published are announced today.

Varden Saddler, J. Paul Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Smith, Mrs. McKinley Williams, and Mrs. John Blackburn, \$5.00 each.

Tom Greene, \$3.00; Raymond Miles, J. K. Andrews, Oliver Sidden, Geraldine Crouse, Ola Crouse, Ada Spicer, Guy Wallace, Leff Duncan, Edith Brooks, Roy Ayers, Roy Bryan, C. S. McKnight, Jamalee Miles, Walter Spicer. (Continued On Page Four)

## Japs Suffer Heavy Loss In Manila Raid, Reports Reveal

London—American and German troops were locked last night in a swaying, bitter struggle for the center of the German town of Vossenack in Hurtgen forest, with powerful Nazi reinforcements battling fiercely to bar the road to Cologne and the rich Rhine valley only 30 miles away.

After five days of see-saw fighting, Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' first army doughboys held half of the mine-and-a-half-long town, and the Germans were solidly entrenched in the other half. Shock troops of both sides actually were fighting from opposite wings of the church in the heart of town.

Vossenack, 13 miles southeast of Aachen, was captured by Hodges' forces at the outset of their new offensive last Friday, but repeated counterattacks by German reserves rushed down from the Arnhem sector in Holland knocked the Americans back.

A front dispatch last night de- (Continued on Page 8)

## NORTHWESTERN BANK IS TO CLOSE ON SATURDAY

The Northwestern bank will be closed all day on Saturday in observance of Armistice Day, Cashier Alton Thompson announced this week.

Other Northwestern Banks throughout western North Carolina will also observe the holiday.

## Electoral Vote Now 407; 124 For Dewey; World Shows Interest

Democrats Also Make Sweeping Inroads In House And Senate; Delayed Service Vote Cannot Change Results Now; Heavy Vote Is Cast

Franklin D. Roosevelt, the first president of the United States to ever seek this office for the fourth term, won a sweeping victory over his Republican opponent, Thomas E. Dewey, Tuesday, and returns continue to swell his lead.

Last night, 34 states were conceded to Roosevelt with electoral votes totalling 470, while Dewey's lead dropped to 14 states with only 124 electoral votes. Returns last night showed Roosevelt had received a popular vote of 22,291,000 to 19,637,000 for Dewey.

## Amendments Are Approved By N. C. Voters, Tuesday

Incomplete Returns Show Sufficient Vote To Indicate Approval

Raleigh — Five proposed constitutional amendments apparently passed Tuesday by a safe majority, on the basis of unofficial and incomplete returns from the general election.

Leading the ticket in early returns was amendment three, which has attracted most attention during the last 10 days.

Ten members of the state board of education issued a statement 10 days ago in which they opposed an amendment which would change the board structure by dividing the state into eight educational districts and eliminate the post of comptroller. Two members-at-large also would be appointed and the three ex-officio members, the state superintendent of public instruction, the state treasurer, and the lieutenant governor, also would be retained. (Continued on Page Four)

## Mrs. Halsey, 80, Buried Thursday

Well Known Piney Creek Woman Passed Away At Her Home

Funeral service for Mrs. Mollie Halsey, 80, well known woman of Piney Creek, was conducted November 2 at the Piney Creek Methodist church with Eld. S. G. Caudill officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Halsey was the wife of the late Sam F. Halsey, of Piney Creek. She was the daughter of Caswell and Haley Halsey. For the past 45 years she had been a member of the Primitive Baptist church at Fox Creek.

Surviving are two daughters, Cora and Rachel Halsey, of Piney Creek and five sons, Carl Halsey, John H. Halsey, Fitzhugh Halsey and Paul Halsey, all of Piney Creek and Blain Halsey, of Newport News, Va.

Also surviving are three grandchildren, Mrs. Marie Sturgill, of Maryland and Billy and Walter Halsey and one great-grandchild, little Danny Sturgill.

Fallbearers were E. J. Jenkins, E. T. Wyatt, E. V. Pierce, Eugene Halsey, John Mac Edwards and Greek Halsey.

Later returns are expected to increase Roosevelt's lead still further.

The victory vote with which the democracy's majority stamped approval on Mr. Roosevelt's conduct of the war thus far, sweeping as it was, still was less than the one he gained in his third-term bid four years ago.

Then Wendell L. Willkie carried 10 states with 82 electoral votes. Dewey led in these, plus Ohio, Oregon, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

It was a late switchover by New Jersey which sent Mr. Roosevelt's electoral figure to 407.

Michigan, a Willkie State in 1940, was declared meanwhile by The Detroit News to be headed also toward the Roosevelt column. The paper said that Dewey's long lead of 500,000 when he had 3,841 voting units.

The change to Roosevelt was indicated by ballots yet to be counted from Wayne (Detroit) County.

Along with the presidential victory, Democrats made sharp inroads in the Republican House membership, which has been so close to a majority lately that the Administration ran into trouble on bill after bill. Further, as most had expected, the Democrats clinched their majority in the Senate, which must pass on peace and other treaties.

Never before have foreign nations displayed so much interest in an American election—and indications at Washington were that a Roosevelt-Stalin-Churchill meeting will come at an early date.

London newspapers bannered the election result, editorials hailed (Continued on Page Five)

## H. D. Clubs Plan All-Day Meeting

Special Program Planned And Various Clubs To Exhibit Displays

Plans for the all-day meeting of Alleghany county home demonstration club women and 4-H club girls at the community building on Saturday have been completed. Miss Frances Capel, home agent announced yesterday.

The program will consist of two parts, the morning session featuring the exhibits of canned foods, clothing, handicraft, etc., along with progress reports and future planning for 4-H and home demonstration club work in Alleghany county. In the afternoon Miss Anna C. Rowe, district home agent and Miss Willie N. Hunter, extension specialist in clothing, will speak to the women.

This is the first meeting of its type to be held in the county and in addition to giving helpful suggestions in club work, it will provide an excellent opportunity for the club women of the county to get together and discuss problems. Miss Capel pointed out. She urged that every member attend the meeting, which will begin at 11 o'clock and last through the afternoon. Each person is asked to bring a picnic lunch, which will be served on one long table in the community building.

A good attendance is expected and an interesting exhibit has been planned for the meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Unofficial Alleghany County Election Returns

PRECINCTS	Pres. Roosevelt	Gov. Dewey	Cong. Cherry	Fatton	Doughton	U. S. Sen. Hoey	S. Sen. Ferree	Rep. Carlos Thomas	Edison Thomas	Burgess	Higgins	Wagoner	Ferry	Kennedy	Miles
Gap Civil	732	313	755	251	787	245	748	244	720	236	769	252	711	708	304
Piney Creek	247	154	240	145	243	137	240	141	195	124	216	143	150	202	213
Glade Creek	248	276	250	270	246	266	244	265	231	262	231	265	233	227	257
Prather's Creek	237	170	247	151	257	143	247	149	222	161	231	157	207	218	187
Cherry Lane	143	235	149	211	180	208	149	205	141	206	150	206	134	129	210
Whitehead	92	220	116	176	125	173	113	176	94	171	114	171	124	99	178
Cranberry	104	122	117	101	155	70	112	99	110	104	127	99	112	107	105
TOTAL	1803	1480	1874	1305	1973	1240	1686	1279	1713	1264	1647	1293	1680	1668	1454