

Democrats Elect Entire County Ticket By Substantial Majorities -- 300 to 600

Electorate Goes Calmly to the Polls And Votes For Ablest Candidates

Surry County remains in the Democratic column. Official returns on the vote for Sheriff assure the election of the entire Democratic ticket in the county by majorities ranging from 350 to 600. It was realized that the heavy artillery of the Republican headquarters was being trained upon the candidacy of Sheriff Haynes and when it was learned that he had a majority of 485 there remained no doubt of the election of the entire ticket from Solicitor on down to coroner and surveyor.

At the close of the polls the Republican leaders said that all reports coming to them indicated a Republican landslide in the county and Chairman Vestal Taylor was expecting a majority of 1,600 for his ticket. Many Republicans went home satisfied with the election, although they at that time did not know the result, yet the orderly manner of holding the election in this city made it certain that both parties had received a fair election. Markers were in service from both political parties, and several Republicans in some of the precincts refused to serve when called upon on account of press of business, and others did not see any occasion for serving as the people were doing their own marking. There was the least scratching done in the history of an election in this county. The people were voting for the ticket which they thought would give them the best county government, at least the absence of scratching would indicate such.

In some elections a favorite candidate is pushed to the front at the sacrifice of the others, but this year the Democrats went into the election on the record that they had made in the government of the county. The men who were standing for election on the Democratic ticket had been tried and the voters were satisfied, they saw no reason for "swapping horses" at a time when they had a good animal; that is, in the present management of the county's affairs they could see no way that it would be bettered and there was a chance in swapping for inexperienced officials.

The election of Tuesday again

shows that the Democrats are not out of the woods. Anyone who visited the polls cannot go away and say such unless it be from prejudice and disappointment because he did not win. Charges of stealing and fraud and dirty work, made by candidates do not go in this day of enlightenment, and those who take up such weapons can expect nothing but defeat from the hands of a just and righteous electorate.

Halloween Party For S. S. Class

Mount Airy, Route 4, Nov. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gardner and sons Jim, Ed, Robert and Wayne left Monday morning for Columbia, S. C., to visit their brother Mat Gardner they will spend the week, returning Saturday. Mrs. W. B. Haynes left Thursday for her home in Texas after visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Patterson and other relatives for the past two months.

Mr. Wade H. Boyles, of King, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Boyles.

Mr. Reece Mastin, of Jonesville, closed a singing school at Franklin school house Sunday evening three other choirs were present, Forbush, East Bend, Hollow Springs and Ararat also took a part in the singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Connie White spent Sunday at Dobson where they attended the funeral of Mr. White's aunt.

Mrs. Maggie Jones gave her Sunday School class a Halloween party at her home Monday evening assisted by Mrs. C. R. Boyles. After a lot of games were played they were served with home made candy and other things to eat. The spooks and witches provided lots of fun and a real night of mystery, all too soon came the good-byes.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 29.—Queen Marie will take farmers and their wives into her private car as her train passes through North Dakota on her tour of the United States. She will seek from them information concerning their problems, and in this way hopes to learn much that will be of help to agriculture in her own country.

Other Official Returns

In Bryan township the following vote was cast: Folger 218, Roberson 288, Haynes 218, Smith 286, Lewellin 297, Wolfe 299, Lawrence 211, Harkrader 291.

The following majorities were announced at Dobson: Haynes 336, Lewellin 360 and Lawrence 342.

Elkin gave the following majorities to the Democratic candidates: Snow 151, Folger 218, Haynes 214, Lewellin 208, Lawrence 190, Maguire, Republican candidate opposing Snow, lead in his home town. Two years ago Lawrence lost Elkin to his opponent, Miss Harkrader, by 22.

Franklin gave the following vote: Folger 140, Roberson 231, Haynes 189, Smith 253, Lewellin 141, Wolfe 282. Making a Republican majority of about 90, against about 80 two years ago.

In Mount Airy township the Democrats lost Ward No. 3 by 58, winning it two years ago by 40. There was also a heavy loss in Ward 4, which gave a majority of 99 against 228 two years ago. But in No. 1, a heavy Democratic gain was made and also in No. 5. Mount Airy township gave the following majorities: Lewellin 521, Folger 514, Haynes 506, Lawrence 398.

Pilot, normally Republican, gave the following majorities: Folger 4, Haynes 11, Lewellin 4, Harkrader 23.

Rockford announced the following majorities: Haynes 30, Lewellin 29, Lawrence 22.

The vote cast in Shoals: Snow 237, Maguire 106, Folger 234, Roberson 107, Haynes 244, Smith 103, Lewellin 244, Wolfe 104, Lawrence 244, Harkrader 104.

In Westfield the Democrats received from 25 to 34 votes the Republicans keeping their lead of more than 500 majority.

UNLAWFUL TO MAKE WINE, JUDGE POINTS OUT

Not Even Permissible To Make It For Use As Medicine.

Carthage, Oct. 29.—The person who manufactures wine, even for medical purposes, is just as guilty of violating the Volstead act as the man who manufactures the rawest sort of moonshine-liquor. George H. Humber, judge of the county court, held here in the case of State vs. Stephen Sheffield.

Young Sheffield, the son of the late Elijah Sheffield, a Confederate veteran and highly respected citizen of Moore county, was charged with the conversion of three bushels of scuppernon and one bushel of muscadine grapes into five gallons of wine. His brother, Elijah Sheffield, was co-defendant, but Mr. Humber discharged him for lack of evidence.

The defendant was given an excellent character by Officers T. N. Slack and John Brown, who made the arrest. They had never heard of him being accused of selling liquor; to the best of their knowledge, the defendant had never been under the influence of intoxicants and although the warrant charged manufacture of wine for the purpose of sale, the court lost no time in making it plain that the latter stigma against the name of young Sheffield was unsubstantiated.

"I made the wine," the defendant admitted, "but it was for the use of my aged mother and the other members of our family. Nor did I realize I was violating the law. My father always made wine from the grapes off our vineyard and I always thought it was permissible." He was released upon payment of the costs.

It was then that Mr. Humber, realizing the defendant had violated the Volstead act through ignorance, sought to explain the very stringent provisions of the prohibition law.

State Majority Over 100,000

At Least Nine Congressmen Have Been Re-elected

OVERMAN IS FAR AHEAD

Votes Tabulated Late Last Night Gave Him 51,475 to 21,228 For Hayes.

Charlotte, Nov. 2.—With reports scattering at best and with actual returns received from only approximately one-third of the state, North Carolina today on the face of available returns apparently gave the Democratic state ticket and United States Senator Lee S. Overman a majority in excess of 100,000 in the general elections of today.

At least nine of the state's ten Democratic congressmen were re-elected.

The early returns also indicated approval of the referendum measure providing a \$2,000,000 bond issue for a loan fund from which world war veterans may borrow to build homes, and the constitutional amendment providing for the state election board to declare election returns.

For United States senator the vote in 397 precincts was Overman 51,475; Hayes 21,228. These returns came from 34 counties, only a few of which reported the complete official vote while 15 others reported Democratic majorities ranging from 100 to 2,300.

In the 10th congressional district returns were so meager that in view of the closeness in the race it was still classed as somewhat doubtful. The 43 precincts reported gave Weaver 9,899 to 5,110 for Smathers. Twenty-two of the precincts were from Buncombe county.

New York Again Elects Smith

Geneva, N. Y., Nov. 3.—United States Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Republican, at 1:10 o'clock this morning conceded the election of his opponent, former Supreme Court Justice Robert F. Wagner, issuing a statement extending congratulations to the victor.

New York, Nov. 2.—Alfred E. Smith has been elected governor of New York for the fourth time on the basis of returns from approximately three-fourths of the state.

Reports from 5,547 districts out of 7,818 including 2,300 out of 3,138 in New York city gave him a lead of 234,841 over his Republican opponent, Ogden L. Mills. The vote was: Smith, 1,159,106; Mills, 924,265.

Edward Corning, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, was leading Lieutenant Governor Lowman on returns from 4,828 districts in the state including 2,300 in New York city. The vote was: Corning, 993,061; Lowman, 799,029.

Robert F. Wagner, Democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate, forged ahead of James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Republican, as additional returns largely from New York city, came in tonight.

Reports from 6,124 districts out of 7,818 in the state gave Wagner 1,048,922 against 962,402 for Wadsworth. Francis W. Cristman, Independent Republican, was a lagging third with 171,123.

The Mail on Your Desk.

The average American wrote 114 letters and spent \$4.69 for postage in 1925, asserts Robert S. Beger, Third Assistant Postmaster General. That is a little more than two a week. The Nation used more than 22,000,000,000 stamps or items of stamped paper, such as postcards and stamped envelopes.

That is a vast volume of mail, but its very vastness is one big reason why this is a united country. The man in Maine writes to his friend in Georgia, and the woman in Minnesota writes to her sister in New Mexico, and thus between all sections intimate news of the viewpoints and aspirations and troubles of all flows, and mutual understandings result.

It is the life of business. It keeps goods produced in any one locality spending to another locality which needs them.

Everything about it is merely additional proof that the mail service is one thing which should and must be at the highest state of efficiency.

Woman's Club Purchases A Memorial Building

Dream of Woman's Club Realized—Foundation Within A Month—Surry Heroes Honored

At last the dream of the Mount Airy Woman's Club to honor Surry World War Heroes with a monument that will be worth while and serve coming generations has been realized, for at a meeting of the War Memorial committee Monday night a contract was signed for the purchase of the William Merritt residence on Rockford street.

This residence will be turned into a Community Building and will bear the following inscription: "Community Building Dedicated by the Woman's Club and Citizens of Mount Airy as a Memorial to Surry's World War Heroes."

The residence is of brick foundation of Mount Airy granite and the construction of the building is such that at small cost partitions can be removed to make an auditorium with a seating capacity of 200. In addition to the auditorium will be a room for a library, a rest room, toilet room and kitchen on the main floor. In basement ample provisions is made for caretaker's quarters with private toilet. The building has furnace heat, and is nicely finished inside. It is located on a lot with frontage of 70 ft. by 115 ft. with rear measurement of 85 ft. Mr. Merritt has generously agreed to leave the water heater, water tank, all window shades, kitchen and bath room floor coverings of insid linoleum in the building.

The lawn is beautifully planted with shrubs and evergreens and possession will be given within a month.

Ready For Use By Jan. 1st.

Mr. Matt Hines has been employed to do the necessary remodeling which will probably be completed in two or three weeks and so the building should be ready for use by the first of the year or possibly by Christmas.

It will serve as a place of meeting for the Woman's Club and all civic organizations, it is the purpose of the women to make it a real community centre.

Early in June it was announced that a building would be erected on the lot on Moore Avenue which was bought three years ago by the club for this purpose and plans were submitted to contractors for such a building but the lowest estimate was \$10,000 for the bare walls without heat, plumbing and lighting. This would put the purchase far into the future and the dauntless leaders began to cast about for a building erected before the advance in price that could be converted into a community building. Several buildings were offered but the Merritt residence met the needs better and the location was more desirable than any other.

The club is now carrying building and loan stock to the amount of \$3,400 and shares are being carried for the club by individuals in the amount of \$1,400. The drive to be put on will be especially to get friends to take out shares in building and loan for the club and to collect cash and unpaid pledges.

The War Memorial committee is composed of the following persons any of whom will be glad to take your contribution: Mrs. E. R. Jackson chrm., Mesdames J. H. Gwyn, C. H. Haynes, W. J. Byerly, J. D. Sargent, J. F. Prather, D. E. Hoffman, E. H. Kochitzky, J. M. Hollingsworth, John Sobotta, Joe Haynes, F. D. Holcomb, Misses Irene Smith, Kathryn Price, Elizabeth Lovill, Mrs. C. C. Hale by virtue of her office as club president and Mayor W. G. Synnor, honorary.

Mr. Merritt asked \$10,000 but as a special consideration for the club made a price of \$9,000 for immediate acceptance, so the committee closed in with his offer feeling sure the entire club and all contributors would approve the action.

Let To Be Sold.

The club lot on Moore street will be sold at public auction December 1st, this lot is in the heart of the business section and is 40x170 1/2 ft. and has about doubled in value since the club purchased it three years ago. Looking to the sale of the lot money was borrowed to make a first payment of \$3,000 to Mr. Merritt and a drive for additional funds will be made within the next few days as well as effort to collect an amount of pledges remaining unpaid from their former drive.

It is interesting to review the steps by which the women have reached their goal. A little more than four years ago they set themselves to provide a community building, they had not a dollar in hand but they had a high purpose, much patience and an unlimited will to work; first a canvass was made which resulted in cash \$1,204.24, of this amount the following out-of-town subscriptions were made: Miss Ella Wall's school \$2.00; Miss Foy Johnson's school \$2.30; G. C. DeBarde's school \$12.29; Mr. Early Reeves \$100.00; Mr. J. B. Reeves \$5; Mr. J. E. Britton, Greensboro, \$25.00; Mrs. Jones Brown, Spartanburg, S. C., \$1.00; Mr. Will Reynolds, W. Salem, \$25.00; Maj. Charles Stedman, \$20.00; Mr. A. L. Bunker \$10.00. All other amounts were contributed by the citizens of Mount Airy and the members of the Woman's Club.

They used their cash and took out building and loan stock to cover the cost of a lot 3,500. This lot was paid for in the early spring and the sale of the lot will help materially to pay off the debt contracted this week. There will be several hundred dollars expense attached to the necessary changes and several other hundreds needed for furnishing, however the building ready for use would come under the amount necessary to build a new building and the Merritt place will meet the needs of the community for years to come.

Happenings Twenty-one Years Ago

Interesting Items Gleaned From the Files of The Mount Airy News 21 Years Ago This Week

The work on the orchard near Fulcher Mountain is progressing nicely. This property belongs to the Mount Airy Orchard Co. They have about 100 acres of land cleared and some 25 acres in crop. This is a new enterprise and we hope it will prove a success and learn our people what can be done in the way of fruit growing.

Miss Carrie Marshall Brown, of Charlotte, became the bride of Gaston G. Galloway in a marriage ceremony that took place in that city last Monday night.

The Mount Airy Buggy factory changed hands this week and Messrs. Dobbin and Smith are now the proprietors. They are good business men and will keep the business up to its present high standard. Mr. Payne the retiring proprietor made many new buggies but the demand for his work was always beyond the supply.

Bob Dalton of this city was robbed of \$200 in money Wednesday night.

He thinks the robber came through the window got the money which was a roll of greenback and as he escaped dropped a \$10 bill in the yard. Bob had a blood hound brought from Hillsville and as we go to press he is trailing around and is not at the quarry. There is no clue to the guilty party.

Messrs. John, Fred and Elmer Armstrong, and T. N. Woodruff, of Lewgap, were in town Tuesday.

S. E. Marshall has purchased the square of land next to the depot and just west of the buggy factory and will move his wagon shops here as soon as he can.

Miss Alice Gwyn, daughter of W. L. Gwyn, of Salem Church section, and Rev. R. L. Fruit were married today. Rev. W. L. Hutchens officiating.

The Ladies Aid society of the Baptist Church realized a net profit of \$50 from an oyster supper given last Saturday night.

Majorities For Sheriff

The following are the majorities that the candidates for Sheriff received in the various voting precincts in Surry County. Incomplete returns indicate that the other members of the Democratic ticket will run about the same.

	1926 Majorities		1924 Majorities	
	Haynes	Smith	Haynes	Wallace
Bryan	88	32		
Dobson	336	283		
Eldora	228	209		
Elkin	214	227		
Franklin	94	78		
Long Hill	105	118		
Marsh	109	133		
Mt. Airy, No. 1	137	84		
Mt. Airy, No. 2	71	80		
Mt. Airy, No. 3	58	40		
Mt. Airy, No. 4	99	223		
Mt. Airy, No. 5	263	255		
Pilot	11	57		
Rockford	30	32		
Shoals	141	131		
Siloam	97	79		
Stewarts Creek	59	121		
Westfield	529	508		
	1567	1082	1688	1002

Haynes majority in county in 1926, 485.

Haynes majority in county in 1924, 686.

NOTE—The above figures ARE NOT the votes received but the MAJORITIES that were given the respective candidates in the townships. A complete list of the total votes will be published in The News next week.