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Offical Count of Vote Gives Every Democrat a Majority in Surry Co.

The official returns as gathered together by the County Election Board which met in Dobson last Thursday gave the Democratic ticket in this county a larger majority than anyone had at first anticipated.

The vote was considered a large one for an off-year, nearly ten thousand people voting in the election. And for the first time in 24 years every Democratic candidate on the ticket was given a majority.

Very little comment is heard over the result of the election and the intense interest that was manifest for a few days prior to the election has subsided and even the most ardent have ceased to discuss the event.

One feature of the election this year was the absence of a candidate for County Treasurer. After December 1st, the expiration of the term of the presen tTreasurer, W. H. Hauser, the county will have no Treasurer, but according to an act of the last legislature an auditor will be named to look after the finances of the county. The three Commissioners, five members of the Board of Education and five members of the Road Commission are given the power to meet in a joint session and they will select a man as auditor. On account of the large amount of business that should have the whole time of some one man it was deemed advisable to have a whole time man to look after the detail work of the county and at the same time have charge of the receipts and disbursements of all three of the governing boards of the county, of course at the same time working under their direction and approval.

All the newly elected officials will gather at Dobson the first Monday in December and be inducted into office.

O. E. Snow was defeated for state senate from the district comprising Surry and Stokes Counties. He carried Surry but did not have enough to overcome the Republican majority in Stokes that was given his opponent, S. O. Maguire. Mr. Maguire is one of the three Republicans of the state who will have a seat in the upper house of the legislature.

Solicitor Graves' Majority.

In the Judicial District Solicitor Graves received the largest majority in the years that he has been an official of the state. In the six counties which compose his district he received a total majority of 5,655, and in no county did his majority fall below 500. In looking over the vote f Forsyth County it was noticeable that he was only three votes behind the leading man on the county ticket. And here in Surry he was right up at the top. The majority he received in the counties of his district follow:

Surry,	507
Alleghany,	512
Caswell,	627
Ashe,	677
Rockingham,	1260
Forsyth,	2072

Distinguished Scholar Visits Mount Airy.

Dr. G. T. Schwaning, of the commerce department of the University of North Carolina, spent the past week end in this city, while here he visited our quarries and furniture manufacturing plants. Rush Johnson and Edward Tesh, students of the University, spent the week end at their homes here and accompanied Dr. Schwaning on his tours of inspection.

Missionary From Mount Airy Finally Votes in Japanese Election

By REV. J. W. FRANK.

This afternoon I had a novel experience in voting in a foreign country and using a foreign language entirely. Not being a Japanese citizen, I am not allowed to vote in political or general elections. But in the city election for Inspector of Income the right to vote is conferred upon tax payers, regardless of nationality or sex.

Some days ago I received from the mayor a numbered certificate or notification, stating the date, place and purpose of the election. The assembly hall of the board of alderman in the city hall was designated as the seat of election; and specific directions were given for entering and for making exit. All this was in the Japanese language, with Chinese hyeroglyphics as the basis. Personal appeals for support had been received in the form of letters from a number of the thirteen aspirants for the office. At the very last a letter came from an ex-mayor and two other leading citizens suggesting a list of five persons among the candidates, any one of whom they considered competent to fill the position, and also a list of six persons suitable for the position of alternate. All these were written in Chinese characters also.

I had decided not to undertake to vote. But while we were eating our noon meal Mrs. Hayashi, wife of the one candidate whom I happened to be acquainted with, and who is a patron of our kindergarden of which I am head, called on me in the interest of her husband's candidacy. Knowing Mr. Hayashi (Forest in English) to be a reliable banker and cultured gentlemen, I allowed the good lady to groom me without protest, receiving her explanations and instructions with equanimity, making up my mind to try out the thing by going to the polls and to support her husband. The novelty would be interesting, and I would be voting for a good man.

Knowing that the polls would close at three o'clock, I set out for the municipal building in time, studying the construction of the Chinese characters needed before starting as I walked down the street. Reaching the place, a young man approached me referring to the election going on within, handing me a card with the name of his candidate which happened to be my favorite, and conducted me to the right entrance. A porter took my hat and umbrella, while he and two policemen started me off along the prescribed route. Further on a lone sentinel pointed me to the proper stairway leading up from an anteroom. Upstairs I handed my certificate from the mayor to some men at a table who stamped on it my number in the order of coming to the polls. I received it back and presented it at another table, and from the original number it was quickly ascertained that my name was properly recorded in the book. It was kept, and I was given two blank official ballots, one with a black border, and the other with another color. A kind of floor walking assistant, who happened to be one of our Methodist Church members, was allowed to instruct me that the black bordered ballots was first and the other one number two, in view of the fact that I might not be able to decipher the instructions in Chinese characters. Then I was pointed to a row of private booths. Entering one I used a hair writing brush and Indian (lampblack) ink in writing in Chinese characters the full names of one man on each ballot without any consultation or assistance being allowed. Then I walked in front of the judges and deposited the ballots in the box. Then I followed instructions to make my exit along another route from the one used in approaching.

Thus it may be seen that the system here resembles the Australian Ballot system used so largely in the United States, only that in the United States the names of all candidates are printed on the official ballot. In the modified system as used in Surry County persons unable to read are allowed assistance in marking ballots, I believe. In another generation this concession will not be needed. Under the present law those who register must be able to read.

Thirty years ago I voted in a state where the Australian Ballot was in vogue. North Carolina has now reached a state of intelligence when it is proper to adopt throughout the state a proper system, such as has already been granted to Surry County. A system which is based on secrecy and intelligence is based on justice, and is worth all it costs.

Uwajima, Ehime Ken, October 15, 1926.

J. W. Frank.

North Carolina's Hogs Are Sought.

Raleigh, Nov. 5.—North Carolina hogs are becoming famous on the large markets of Richmond and other points because of their excellent quality and of the large increase in shipments made from the state since 1921, according to Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College.

"I have just received a letter from one of the largest livestock dealers in Richmond which points out that North Carolina hogs are becoming quite a factor on the market," Mr. Schaub declared. "The writer stated that prior to 1921 it was a rare thing to receive a shipment of hogs from North Carolina and those which did come were so inferior in quality that they were hardly classed as butcher hogs. The shipments since that time, he wrote, have gradually increased in both quality and volume.

Happenings Twenty-one Years Ago

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

An uprising against the Jewish population in Russia resulted in the massacre of the entire race in many of the large cities. In Odessa a reign of terror existed for two days and only ceased when practically all the Jews had been murdered and fled the country.

Elkin News Item—A beautiful marriage was celebrated in the Baptist Church here Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock when Mr. Dwight H. Cooke led to the altar Miss Daisy Marion, Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, of Reidsville, officiating. The bridal party entered the church as follows: Messrs. Frank Haynes and J. B. Horton, H. V. Royal and T. J. Harris, Marion Spence and M. A. Biggs, followed by little Misses Anna Reece and Mary Paul, flower girls, and the maid of honor, Miss Mabel DeArmon. The bride entered leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. John Marion, and they were met at the altar by the groom with Mr. Geo. T. Bailey as best man.

After the ceremony a reception was tendered the happy couple at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. L. Harrison. The bride looked beautiful in crepe de chine over taffeta, carrying white carnations and ferns. The groom is a member of the Cooke Furniture Co., and both young people are very popular and have many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke left at once for a two weeks' trip to Baltimore and Washington.

Capt. W. H. Southerland, who has been clerk of the court in Carroll County for over 40 years, was defeated last week by nine votes.

One of the sights of the season is fresh snap beans on sale at E. W. Paddison's. They were grown in Florida and are sold at reasonable prices.

Capt. Samuel G. Pace has sold his fine pair of driving horses to a man in Wilmington. We hear that the price paid was more than $1,000. They were considered the finest pair of horses that have ever been in this county.

The preachers are all in Greensboro this week attending conference.

J. S. Worrell and W. L. Sheppard have purchased the stock of goods of Gallaway Bros., and will continue the retail business.

Mayor S. G. Pace went to Wytheville this week to attend a horse sale.

Mr. W. B. Fulton is here visiting his mother and friends. He has become something of a globe trotter. He has just returned from an extended pleasure trip to several of the states of South America. While down there he spent some time on the route of the Panama Canal. All the work so far is preparatory, he says. Nothing is to be done by hand. All dirt will be moved by steam shovels and loaded on railway cars which are dumped by steam. The drilling will be done with compressed air. The route of the canal is through a valley that extends across the Isthmus but there are spountains right near that rise 400 feet high.

Special at Jackson & Lovill's—Best grade Domestic 5½c yard. Cotton checks, 5c yard.

Best single barrel shot guns on earth, $4 at J. M. Dix.

From the State of Wilkes: We have just heard from Spurgeon township and Mrs. R. E. Somers is feasting on delicious second growth apples, John Livingston is making soup out of turnips that weigh two pounds, and P. M. Reid sits in the corner and digs 40 inch sweet taters in the pot of beef gravy. That is what we call living and boarding at the same place.

Can you beat this? L. M. Snider, of Pilot Mountain planted 2¼ acres of upland in corn last spring using $3.25 worth of tobacco trash on the land and no fertilizer, from which he has gathered 112⅝ bushels of corn. He said the total cost of work and of raising was just a fraction over 19c per bushel, which would make the 112 bushels cost $21.28, and at the price of corn at 60c it would net him $45.92 clear profit on his investment. Can you beat it or does it pay to grow corn in Surry County?

Mount Airy Honor Roll, Nov. 1905.

1st grade—Elma Brannock, John Ashby, Wade Moody, Jasper Snow.

2nd grade—Margie Cook, Mary Hannah, Hugh Holcomb, Scott Hale, Robert Smith.

3rd grade—Virginia Banner, Joe Hollingsworth, Minnie Hodge, Carolina Sparger, Annie Spaugh, Victoria Wolfe.

4th grade—Grace Everitt, Frances Prather, Louise Shelton, Randall Sparger, Willie Wolfe, Margaret Ashby, Ima Cassell, Elsie Sparger, Edgar Earp.

5th grade—Ed Smith, Howard Satterfield, Curtis Worrell, James Booker, Oscar Merritt, Ella Gunter, Lelia Gunter.

6th grade—Stella James, Margie Sparger, Sallie Martin, Edwin Carter.

7th grade—Geo. Snow, Hairston Williamson.

8th grade—Nina York, Lizzie Ashby.

9th grade—Stella Poore, Rosa Satterfield.

Just Picked Up From Election Returns

First thing, Westfield township made no change regardless of the "stealing" that was carried on by the Democrats. In 1920 Westfield gave the ticket 34 Democratic votes and 589 Republican. In 1924 the vote was 29 and 571. This year it was 28 and 554.

In 1920 Holton carried Surry when he was running against Senator Overman by 1,582. This year Overman had a majority of 16.

Stedman lost Surry in 1920 by 1,618, and this year he was given 31 majority. Two years ago he lost it by 491. A gradual swing of the voters to the Democratic ranks.

In Mount Airy Township Rex Tilley was elected constable over his Republican opponent, W. L. Webb, by 193 majority.

Of the nearly ten thousand people who voted last week, less than a hundred voted on the amendment. Here's what the voters did to that question. For, 42. Against, 46. No interest!

Some one took unusual interest in the Soldier's Bonus question in Mount Airy, No. 4, for at that precinct 588 votes were cast in its favor. The total vote for it in the county was 728, with 61 against it.

The vote for Coroner in the County: S. T. Flippin, democrat, 4696; Wade C. Moody, republican, 3524; Flippin's majority 172. For Republican county ticket Moody ran way ahead of his ticket.

The Commissioners Vote.

Read these figures, they show how straight the ticket was voted: For the three Republican Commissioners these townships voted as follows: Bryan, 293—294—293. Dobson, 335—335—335. Franklin, all Democrat Commissioners received 139 votes each, all Republican Commissioners 232 each. In Rockford the votes ran as follows for all six candidates for Commissioners: Democrats, 205—202—203. Republican, 194—194—194. And look at these: Shoals, Democrats, 244—245—244. Republican, 104—104—104. Siloam, Democrat, 190—190—190. Republican, 95—96—96. Stewarts Creek, Democrat, 317—318—318. Republican, 253—254—252. And lastly but not least, Westfield, Democrat, 22—24—23. Republican, 559—560—559.

Other Vote Comparisons.

Here's how the vote ran for the Democrats in Long Hill: Beginning with Overman and going down the line, 20, 19, 26, 22, 20, 23, 20, 20 27 19 16.

Take another Republican township: Franklin gave the Republicans the following vote beginning with Hayes, Overman's opponent and going down the line: 240, 239, 234, 232, 231, 232, 233, 232, 232, 232. County ticket practically straight all the way through.

Large Vote Cast.

For an off year the vote in Surry was heavy. In fact Surry cast 2,000 more votes than Forsyth did. For U. S. Senate there were a total of 9,230 votes cast. Some of the leading voting precincts: Bryan 510 votes, Elkin 793, Mount Airy 2,957, Pilot 533, Shoals 353, Stewarts Creek, 578, Westfield 582, Rockford, 394.

Largest Liquor Haul in History of Country Made.

New York, Nov. 4.—Two hundred and fifty thousand gallons of whiskey, the largest seizure ever made in this country, was taken over by prohibition officials today when agents took charge of the Keat warehouse in Brooklyn, the largest bonded warehouse in the United States. Chester P. Mills, district prohibition administrator, placed the minimum value of the whiskey at $6,000,000.

OFFICIAL VOTE OF SURRY COUNTY CAST NOV. 2nd, 1926.

	For U. S. Senate— Lee S. Overman,	Johnson J. Hayes.	For Congress— Chas. M. Stedman.	O. C. Dunland.	For Solicitor— S. Porter Graves.	Claude M. Bernard.	For State Senate— O. E. Snow.	S. O. Maguire.	For House of Rep.— J. H. Folger.	D. A. Robertson.	For Clerk of Court— F. T. Lewellin.	A. H. Wolfe.	For Reg. of Deeds— W. F. Lawrence.	Lillian Harkreader.	For Sheriff— C. H. Haynes.	A. M. Smith.	For Commissioners— Alex Chatham, (D.)	W. J. Swanson, (D.)	O. H. Yokley, (D.)	J. A. Somers, (R.)	Job McGee, (R.)	S. W. Folk, (R.)
Bryan,	198	312	199	311	209	295	208	294	213	290	202	301	211	293	218	288	208	206	205	293	294	293
Dobson,	649	353	647	352	672	334	638	342	670	332	686	320	673	328	672	333	666	668	668	335	335	335
Eldora,	91	340	91	340	100	327	95	326	105	323	104	326	103	327	106	326	103	102	103	336	327	326
Elkin,	480	313	486	299	509	285	472	321	506	288	497	295	485	305	505	291	516	495	486	299	283	285
Franklin,	138	240	138	239	135	234	139	232	140	231	141	231	139	232	139	233	139	139	139	232	232	232
Long Hill,	20	130	19	130	26	123	22	127	20	130	23	127	20	129	20	125	17	19	16	129	132	128
Marsh,	175	104	175	104	190	100	191	99	192	98	199	94	195	100	203	94	193	191	191	99	98	99
Mt. Airy, No.1,	459	345	458	344	489	332	479	337	480	334	487	334	475	350	476	337	480	478	482	337	338	335
" No.2,	305	274	304	274	330	253	312	266	321	263	330	255	322	262	328	256	312	314	319	254	263	256
" No.3,	198	270	198	270	214	249	204	252	207	249	205	252	201	261	200	258	202	202	205	252	258	253
" No.4,	311	249	307	251	336	231	325	234	328	237	335	229	313	251	334	235	318	318	321	231	234	232
" No.5,	399	147	397	145	414	133	404	144	412	141	412	142	395	158	407	144	407	405	413	135	144	136
Pilot,	252	281	253	280	268	253	284	250	269	262	266	262	253	276	270	259	264	277	261	257	254	271
Rockford,	191	203	191	203	201	200	202	199	212	191	214	190	206	197	217	186	205	202	203	194	194	194
Shoals,	238	115	238	115	237	101	237	106	233	107	244	104	244	104	244	103	244	245	244	104	104	104
Siloam,	185	105	185	105	189	95	191	95	189	96	190	96	191	95	192	95	190	190	190	95	96	96
Stewarts C'k,	306	272	305	272	316	253	305	252	309	262	322	251	318	255	323	252	317	318	318	253	254	252
Westfield,	28	554	28	554	30	557	25	559	34	552	27	560	26	561	29	556	23	24	23	559	560	559
TOTAL,	4628	4607	4619	4588	4865	4358	4733	4435	4840	4386	4884	4369	4770	4484	4883	4371	4904	4793	4787	4384	4400	4385
Majorities,	16		31		507		298		454		515		286		512							