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County Casts Record Vote In Primary

Total Number Of Votes Cast Exceeds 4100

A record-shattering vote of 4,112 ballots was cast in the Democratic primary in Person County Saturday, according to unofficial returns. Political leaders here, surprised at the extremely heavy turnout, said the vote was undoubtedly the largest ever cast in Person county in any kind of election.

Two years ago, in a heated gubernatorial contest between Dr. Ralph McDonald and R. Gregg Cherry, the County cast only 1,487 ballots.

The record vote was the result of intense interest in races for clerk of court and for sheriff, and the contest for Congress. For clerk of court, 4,112 ballots were cast; for sheriff, 4,110; and for Congress, 4,043. For county commissioners, the total number of squares marked was 10,095; however, since each voter could mark the names of three candidates, only 3,365 persons marked ballots for commissioners provided each person marked three names.

The County, and especially Roxboro, was agog with excitement Saturday as the rank and file of Person citizenry left their homes and their work to go to the polls and vote. The crowd in Roxboro was unusually large all day, even for a Saturday, and hundreds of persons stayed in town until late Saturday night to get complete primary returns. All returns were in and had been tabulated shortly after 10:30 p. m. Saturday.

The political heat on primary day was intensified by the rays of the sun. Citizens sweated in 85-degree temperature. Many wore bright-red poppies, made by disabled veterans, in honor of World War I and II dead.

Despite the large crowds of people everywhere, County and City law enforcement officers reported very little trouble. The number of arrests made was about equal to that of a normal week end. Evidently the vast majority of the citizens took their politics too seriously to fool with "Ol' Man Booze" on primary day. First returns to reach the courthouse were received about 7:15 p. m. from Roxboro No. 2 (Pioneer warehouse), on the Congressional race. Roxboro No. 1 (Courthouse) and No. 3 (Hyco) followed within a few minutes with Congressional returns. First complete precinct report came from Bethel Hill, with Glenn's store, and Dixon's store followed in that order.

It was reported Sunday that Person was the first county in the State to furnish complete Congressional returns to the Associated Press. For this achievement, local newsmen will receive a special award. Complete Congressional returns had been telephoned in by 8:45 p. m. Of the more than 4,100 ballots cast, 2,367, or more than 57 per cent, were cast by voters in Roxboro.

Only two precincts reported any candidate as not receiving any votes. Bethel Hill and Wooddale both turned in a "0" for Joe J. Harris, candidate for Congress.

James Wilborn Dies Suddenly; Funeral Tuesday

James H. Wilborn, 47, of Alta Vista, Va., formerly of Longhurst died suddenly at 4:15 p. m. Sunday at Alta Vista. Funeral services will be held at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Longhurst Baptist church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Auburn C. Hayes. Burial will be in Bethel Hill Baptist church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife and two small children, James, Jr., and Evelyn. He had been living at Alta Vista for the past two years.

Army Recruiters Not To Be Here

United States Army recruiters will not be in Roxboro next Thursday, May 30, because of Memorial Day according to announcement by Staff Sgt. Edward W. Chabot, sub-station commander of the Durham recruiting station.



SWEEPS PERSON—Thurmond Chatham of Winston-Salem, who defeated John H. Folger in Person county by a vote of almost two to one. Totals for the Fifth district as a whole gave Chatham a lead of 152 votes.

Thomas A. Epes Succumbs Sunday In Local Hospital

Thomas Algie Epes, 60, of Timberlake, died at 4:55 p. m. Sunday at Community hospital, Roxboro. He had been in declining health for seven years and ill one week.

He was a farmer, and had been living in Person county for about 12 years. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Epes of Virginia.

Funeral services will be held from Woody's Funeral Home chapel at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday, conducted by the Rev. B. H. Houston. Interment will be in Burchwood cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lillie Whitlow Epes; one daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Vires of Raleigh; two sons P. C. Thomas Epes of the U. S. Army stationed at Fort Dix, N. J., and John David Epes of the home; and four sisters, Mrs. G. T. Hutt and Miss Marion E. Epes of Richmond, Va., Mrs. A. E. Berry of Wilmington, and Mrs. J. E. Irby of Blackstone, Va.

Zone Will Meet At Long Memorial

Mrs. Raney E. Crumpton, Zone leader, today announced that the Person Zone of W. S. C. S. will meet at Long Memorial Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, June 2. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mrs. A. H. Borland, Durham district secretary, will be present with an informative message. Two new societies have been organized since the last Zone meeting. Mrs. Crumpton said. They are Brookland on the Brookdale clematis on a Salem on the Leasburg clematis. There are only three other Methodist churches in the County at this time without a W. S. C. S.

Three Men Join Regular Army

It was announced today by Staff Sgt. Edward W. Chabot, sub-station commander of the Durham recruiting station, that the following men have enlisted or reenlisted in the regular Army, subject to final physical approval at Fort Bragg: Elbert S. Clayton, Timberlake. Route 1, enlisted for three years in field artillery. He chose the European theatre. Willie L. Clayton, Roxboro, Route 3, enlisted in field artillery for three years and chose European theatre. Bert C. Pixley, Timberlake, Route 1, enlisted in field artillery and chose the European theatre.

Unofficial Primary Returns

	CONGRESS			CLERK OF COURT			SHERIFF			COUNTY COMMISSIONERS				
	Harris	Folger	Chatham	Bass	Burns	Wagstaff	Holeman	Clayton	Burch	Jones	Gentry	Hester	Cates	Bumpass
Al	5	11	50	63	6	7	67	9	23	74	1	40	24	52
Allensville	8	70	129	141	54	22	124	94	18	120	128	42	61	85
Bethel Hill	0	27	56	38	24	20	47	33	11	66	47	37	12	66
Bushy Fork	7	109	79	64	31	101	148	50	60	122	28	162	74	52
Chandler's	1	9	65	52	29	2	35	28	5	75	15	33	22	58
Chub Lake	5	58	70	118	8	19	115	29	47	102	19	41	82	60
Cunn'gh'm	2	40	28	20	36	12	16	54	8	20	14	13	32	30
Dixon's St.	6	45	72	80	30	17	51	76	23	67	28	14	69	110
Glenn's St.	1	48	40	52	26	18	46	50	3	97	22	19	25	37
Helena	4	37	86	66	35	26	80	41	33	107	35	54	63	55
Hurdle Mills	5	24	144	108	23	41	127	46	49	113	20	65	71	74
Long's Store	16	75	165	53	19	187	181	70	29	152	42	223	77	108
Rox. 1 (CH)	14	254	490	350	290	116	444	313	164	506	183	343	428	424
Rox. 2 (Pio.)	10	203	422	317	205	115	423	215	70	374	179	192	287	434
Rox. 3 (Hy.)	5	160	373	351	115	80	368	176	83	290	154	124	203	377
Rox. 4 (Wl.)	10	156	254	241	149	38	214	214	65	305	128	161	189	221
Wooddale	0	26	80	48	32	25	60	48	13	66	36	41	40	57
TOTALS	99	352	2603	2162	1105	846	2555	1556	704	2651	1079	1603	1759	2299

Many Farmers Have Made Plans For The Year

A recent summary made of 1946 farm plans filed with the Person County AAA committee, as requests for assistance through the 1946 agricultural program, reveals that 86 per cent of the County's 1744 farm operators have mapped out their plans for the current year.

According to Claude T. Hall, chairman, Person County AAA committee, approximately 5,339 tons of limestone and 758 pounds of phosphate are expected to be used to improve the quality of crops and to promote the growth of cover crops that will aid in retarding erosion. Mr. Hall said that the amount of limestone now being used on Person county farms is 10 times greater than was used in 1936 and phosphate 10 times greater. "Despite this fact," he said, "it is only a small part of the amount which should be used each year on our farmland."

Over 8,500 pounds of winter cover crop seeds are expected to be used in the County this fall to renew the soil and protect it during the winter months. Approximately 325 acres are expected to be planted in Austrian winter peas; 1450 acres to crimson clover; and 1150 acres in ryegrass.

Forty-five per cent of the County's allocation of funds were used last year, but this year, under the more flexible method of administering the program—with assistance based on the need for conservation and the operator's ability to perform the practices—it is expected that 100 per cent of the County's allocation of \$51,223 will be used.

The final date for filing 1946 farm plans is June 1. All farmers in the County who did not file their farm plans with local Committeemen are urged to contact the local AAA Office immediately. No practices can be approved for payment unless they have been listed on the farm plan and filed by this date.

COMING UP ...

- TONIGHT**
6:15 Kiwanis, Hotel Roxboro.
- TUESDAY**
10 a. m. Recorder's court.
10:15 Eighth District home demonstration meeting, Roxboro high school.
6:15 p. m. Business and Professional Women's club, Hotel Roxboro.
7:30 Veterans of Foreign Wars, USO building.
7:30 Masons, Lodge Hall.
8:00 Piano recital by pupils of Mrs. Wallace Woods, Central school auditorium.
- WEDNESDAY**
12 noon Person County Council of Social Agencies, Hotel Roxboro.
6:45 p. m. Exchange, Recreation center.
- THURSDAY**
6:30 Rotary, Hotel Roxboro.
7:45 Presbyterian church banquet.



LEAD IN COMMISSIONER RACE—John R. Jones, left, and R. D. Bumpass were high men in the race for county commissioners. Third high man was W. Roy Cates, whose picture the Courier-Times does not possess. Jones led the entire County ticket with a vote of 2,650.

Bushy Fork Holds Final Exercises

With Rep. John H. Folger as speaker, commencement exercises were held at Bushy Fork school Thursday night before a capacity crowd. Certificates were awarded to both eighth and tenth grade graduates.

In his address Rep. Folger discussed the benefits of education, and related part of his activities in behalf of education while he was a member of the State School Commission. He also told the graduates that character is far more important than reputation, and the Golden Rule is the only sound basis on which to build a life.

The speaker was introduced by Mayor S. G. Winstead of Roxboro. Songs were presented by the eighth and tenth grades, glee club, and entire school. Invocation was given by the Rev. W. Grady Burgin, and welcome address by Esther Jane Long. Certificates were presented by Supt. R. B. Griffin. Cup for the outstanding eighth grade student was presented to Larry Hester by Mrs. Luther Long. This cup is given each year by the Bushy Fork home demonstration club.

The PTA president, Mrs. Charlie Wilkerson, made a short talk, and remarks were made by Principal C. (continued on page 6)

FFA Students In District Contests

Warren Talley and Stanley Wilborn, members of the Bethel Hill FFA, participated in the District II FFA contest held at Raleigh on May 21.

Wilborn, who had won first place in the public speaking contest of the Person-Granville Federation, placed fifth out of eight contestants in the district contest. Talley, who had previously won first place in judging beef cattle and swine in the Federation contest, won a place on the District II three-man team. Talley and 14 other boys from the 5 districts of the State will judge in a contest to be held this summer to determine the 3 men who will represent North Carolina in the National judging contest to be held in Kansas City, Missouri.

Roy Cates, Jr., seaman first class, of the USS Intrepid, San Francisco, Calif., has been spending several days here with his parents.

Chatham Gets 14 Precincts; Jones High Man; Holeman, Bass, Bumpass, Cates Win



NOMINATED FOR CLERK—Alex Bass of Roxboro, who has been nominated for clerk of Superior court in Person county. He won a decisive victory over his two opponents, A. M. Burns, Jr., and Lewis T. Wagstaff.

Rotary Considers Helping Band

The Roxboro Rotary Club met at Hotel Roxboro, Thursday evening, John Fitzgerald presided.

R. B. Griffin proposed that the three men's civic clubs of Roxboro underwrite a part of the expenses of keeping the high school band intact during the summer months. If such a plan can be worked out, Johnny Thompson, former director of the band, is planning to instruct the band members during the week, and on one night of each week, to give a concert for the people of the community. This matter was referred to the board of directors, and will be acted on at the next meeting.

Because of the absence of Umstead Laws, who had charge of the evening program, W. W. Woods, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, gave a brief historical sketch on Chamber of Commerce organization in America, and pointed out the various changes that have taken place in Chamber of Commerce activities, especially since the beginning of the 20th century. Primarily an organization for trade promotion, the present day Chamber of Commerce carries on activities designed to promote the growth of the entire community along commercial, industrial, and civic lines.

Guest of the club was Wilbur A. Smith, manager of the local contact office of the Veterans Administration.

The meeting next week will be in charge of T. Miller White.

Books Received

Some 50 or 60 books for both adults and children have recently been received at the Negro branch of the Person County Public library, according to announcement by Mrs. Margaret L. Howard. A list of the titles will be released later, she said.

On the basis of unofficial returns, Thurmond Chatham carried Person county almost two to one. Alex Bass was easily nominated for clerk of court over his two opponents, Clarence Holeman defeated Sheriff M. T. Clayton by 999 votes, and John R. Jones, R. D. Bumpass, and W. Roy Cates were nominated for county commissioners.

Possibility of a second primary in the race for Congress was seen today as returns from all 141 precincts in the Fifth District gave Thurmond Chatham a lead of only 152 votes over the incumbent, Rep. John H. Folger. The unofficial totals were: Chatham, 21,083; Folger, 20,931; and Joe J. Harris, 689. If there is a second primary, it will be held on June 22.

In Person, Chatham carried 14 out of 17 precincts for a total of 2,603 as compared with 1,352 for Folger and 99 for Harris. Only precincts carried by Folger were Bushy Fork, Cunningham, and Glenn's Store. Biggest surprise in the county contests was the ease with which Bass was nominated for clerk over A. M. Burns, Jr., and Lewis T. Wagstaff, and Holeman was nominated for sheriff over Clayton, who has been in office for 18 years.

John R. Jones, candidate for commissioner, led the entire ticket in Person. He received 2,651 votes. Other commissioners named were R. D. Bumpass, 2,299 votes, and W. Roy Cates, 1,759. Fourth man was John B. Hester with 1,603, with W. H. Gentry and James T. Burch trailing with 1,079 and 704 votes respectively.

Bass carried 14 out of 17 precincts. Burns carried Cunningham, and Wagstaff carried Long's store and Bushy Fork. Totals were: Bass, 2,162; Burns, 1,105; and Wagstaff, 845. Thus Bass' lead was great enough not to call for a second primary.

In the sheriff's race, Holeman received 2,555 votes to 1,556 for Clayton. Holeman carried 12 precincts, Clayton carried 4, and at one precinct—Roxboro No. 4—the candidates each received exactly 214 votes. Heaviest vote cast for any one candidate at any precinct was 506 for John R. Jones at Roxboro No. 1. All returns above are unofficial. The official count will be made Tuesday, New county officers will take over December 1.

Agencies Council Meets Wednesday At Hotel Roxboro

Final meeting of the Person County Council of Social Agencies until next September will be at Hotel Roxboro at noon Wednesday, May 29, it has been announced by Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff, who said no special program for the meeting has been planned but a general discussion will be held concerning accomplishments of the group during the past several months. Presiding will be the Rev. J. Boyce Brook, chairman.

RELEASED FROM NAVY

Harvey Stone, SC 3 C, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Stone, has received his discharge from the U. S. Navy after over two years of service.

Harris Enjoys Life At 87

"Four score and seven years ago"—these are the opening words of Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg address, delivered in Pennsylvania in 1863. Even while Lincoln was speaking the words, a four-year-old boy in Person county was growing up on his father's farm about five miles northwest of Roxboro.

Yesterday that little boy, now a retired merchant, reached the four-score and seven year mark in his own life.

This most respected and honored citizen is William Henry Harris, whose delightful humor and erect posture belie the fact that he was 87-years-old on May 26.

Born in 1859, son of William Henry and Martha Carver Harris, he came to Roxboro in 1879, and started his mercantile career as a grocery sales-



NEW SHERIFF—Clarence Holeman of Roxboro, who was nominated for sheriff of Person county in the Democratic primary. He defeated M. T. Clayton, incumbent, by 1,000 votes on the basis of unofficial returns.

Dixons Seeking Return Of Bill Of Special Value

Wanted: A -10 bill of unusual sentimental value.

The words "Clyde Lee Dixon, Died January 30, 1946" are written across the face of it.

A new \$10 bill, plus a reward, will be given for its return to Vivian Dixon of Longhurst.

The bill is one of two which were found on the person of Clyde Lee Dixon after he was instantly killed in an automobile accident near the Durham highway on the afternoon of January 30. The bills, a ten and a five, were being kept in the home of Vivian Dixon, brother of Clyde, and were to be given to Clyde's two small children when they get older.

However, someone went in the Vivian Dixon home and took the two bills, and also \$15 belonging to Vivian's wife, Virginia. The couple told their friends to be on the lookout for the bills, which were marked identically with the name "Clyde Lee Dixon" and the date he was killed.

A local service station recently located the \$5 bill. It has been returned to Vivian.

Information on the \$10 bill will be appreciated, the Dixons said.

Bank To Close

The Peoples Bank will not be open for business on Thursday, May 30, which is Memorial Day and a legal holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Berry and children, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bradsher spent Sunday in Sanford, visiting Mr. Bradsher's sister, Mrs. Annie Coble. Mrs. Coble is confined to her home because of illness.

Along The Way

I can't help but feel that this column would not be fulfilling its job if I did not mention something about the garden of John Bullock. Why he takes as much time with a garden when he is making so much money in the lumber business is more than I can see but he honestly works in that garden. Now John has one rule that he tries to follow and that is to never break a sweat if it can be helped. He generally abides by the rule except when it comes to the garden. When he gets there he just goes ahead and does the work and then after it is over he gets mad with himself for working as hard as he did.

John is no lover of hard work—in that respect he is very different from the writer of this column—but he does like roasting ears and he has them.

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