

Registration Ends For Primary Vote; Here's Checklist of Democrat Hopefuls

Many Aspire To Party Nomination In State, County

Registration closed Saturday for the Democratic primary May 31, and Mrs. Grace Kaylor, registrar, reported 125 new names added to the Southern Pines precinct books.

Of these, 109 were added Saturday, as the total for the two previous registration days was only 25. Total registration now for Southern Pines is 1,980. Less than half of these, however, will probably vote, as the books are old and a large proportion of the names are no longer valid. Largest vote ever cast in this precinct was 857 for U. S. Senator in the 1950 primary.

Saturday of this week is challenge day, when anyone may question the right of another to have his name on the books.

The Pilot herewith appends the complete list of candidates for state and county office (omitting only the Republican candidates in Moore county).

The list omits candidates for Congress in other districts. (R) indicates Republican and (I) stands for incumbent:

STATE TICKET

Governor: Hubert E. Olive, Lexington; William B. Umstead, Durham; Manley R. Dunaway, Charlotte; Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., Carthage (R).

Lieutenant Governor: Roy Rowe, Burgaw; Marshall Kurfes, Winston-Salem; Luther Hodges, Leaksville; Ben J. McDonald, Wilmington; Warren H. Pritchard, Spruce Pine (R); William C. Lehigh, Raleigh (R).

Attorney General: Harry McMullen, Washington, N. C. (I); Avalon E. Hall, Yadkinville (R).

Secretary of State: Thad Eure, Winton (I); Frank G. Carr, Breward (R).

State Treasurer: Brandon Hodges, Asheville (I); S. C. Edgers, Boone (R).

State Auditor: Henry Bridges, Greensboro (I); J. A. Maulsby, Sr., Whiteville (R).

Superintendent of Public Instruction: Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, Rutherfordton (R); Jeter L. Haynes, Sumnerfield (R).

Commissioner of Agriculture: L. Y. Ballentine, Raleigh (I); Joel A. Johnson, Four Oaks (R).

Commissioner of Labor: Forrest H. Shuford, Raleigh (I); W. E. Rutledge, Yadkinville (R).

Commissioner of Insurance: Waldo C. Cheek, Asheville (I); John N. Frederick, Charlotte; John Tucker Day, Walkertown (R).

Chief Justice: W. A. Devin, Oxford (I); C. Clifford Frazier, Sr., Greensboro (R).

Associate Justice: Jeff D. Johnson, Jr., Clinton (I); Robert H. McNeill, Statesville (R).

Associate Justice: Itimous Valentine, Nashville (I); Oscar Efford, Winston-Salem; Allen H. Gwyn, Reidsville; F. Don Phillips, Rockingham; R. Hunt Parker, Roanoke Rapids; William H. Bobbitt, Charlotte; Algernon L. Butler, Clinton (R).

FOR CONGRESS

Eighth District: C. B. Deane, Rockingham (I); Giles Y. Newton, Gibson; Walter B. Love, Monroe (R).

MORE

COUNTY TICKET

(Contests Only)

State House of Representatives: H. Clifton Blue, Aberdeen (I); C. A. (Tony) Huntley, Aberdeen.

Solicitor: W. Lamont Brown, Southern Pines; W. Harry Fullenwider, Southern Pines; Robert N. Page, III, Aberdeen.

Member Board of Education: T. Roy Phillips (I), J. L. McGraw, both Carthage.

Dozing Driver Causes Blackout

Pfc. Henry A. Freeman, of Crawford, Ga., falling asleep at the wheel of his car late Sunday night, caused a two-hour power blackout over a goodly portion of Southern Pines.

Headed north on May street (US Highway 1) through town, the car jumped the curb as it approached Illinois avenue, ran along with two wheels on the parkway for a distance of 63 feet, hit the pole and bounced back

EXAM TIME

Seniors at Southern Pines High school will have their final exams next Thursday, while for the other grades examinations will continue through Friday, it was announced this week by Principal Irie Leonard.

Wednesday will be the last regular day of classroom routine for the year.

Commencement events will take place Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, June 1-3, with graduation Tuesday night.

The Ark School Property Sold To Ernest Aiken

The Ark School, Inc., was sold last week to Ernest M. Aiken by Mrs. Millicent A. Hayes, who has operated the private school since 1927.

Mr. Aiken purchased all stock in the corporation, represented by the building and five acres of land at the intersection of East Indiana avenue extension and Old Bethesda road, along with most of the furnishings and equipment.

The new owner will take possession September 1. In the meantime, Mr. Aiken is making no announcements concerning his plans for the property save that he does not contemplate continuing it as a school.

The sale of The Ark, which held its 25th commencement Wednesday, marks the closing of a school which, though never very large, has long held a high place in the roster of small Eastern schools. Mrs. Hayes and her sister, Miss Mary Webb, natives of England, brought to their work the high standards of education of their country.

The Ark, which had 28 pupils enrolled this past year, gained its name from the original building where the school was started. This was a little square red-painted house, built by Captain Berry, that stood in the wooded lot on the right of the Weymouth entrance gate, at the head of East Vermont avenue. Mrs. Hayes was the only teacher, organizing her little class of eight or ten pupils in 1927, several years after she had come to Pinehurst from England with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Page.

When the first Ark outgrew its restricted quarters, Mrs. Hayes bought the property out on East Indiana avenue, commissioning Alfred B. Yeomans, architect, to draw up plans for a new school. Using the heartpine timbers and siding from the large barn that stood on the present site, Mr. Yeomans designed the building to follow the contours of the land, with plenty of sunlight and ample living space. The upper floor was planned for boarding pupils with an apartment for the principal and her sister; the grounds included a tennis court and archery field.

Here for many years The Ark has carried on, in the early years as a boarding establishment as well as day school and now, for several seasons, as a country day school for local children. A well-rounded curriculum, including sports, the arts, and social training, was offered, and many of The Ark's graduates have gone on to enter the selective preparatory schools of the East.

Mrs. Hayes and her sister plan to spend the summer at Hot Springs, Va., where they will occupy the William D. Campbell home. They expect to leave June 4, and will return in August to complete their plans for the coming winter. These include the tutoring of five or six of their present pupils due to enter preparatory schools within one or two years.

At Armed Forces Day Program



MAYOR C. N. PAGE and BRIG. GEN. W. M. GROSS, a brand-new "honorary citizen" . . . The scroll says so, and that's the Key to the City he's holding. (Air Force photo)

Townpeople Pay Tribute To Military At Armed Forces Day Program Here

USAFAGOS Returns Compliment, Gives Diplomas To Guests

Brig. Gen. William M. Gross, commandant of the USAF Air-Ground Operations school at Highland Pines Inn, last Friday afternoon became the first person in this community's 66-year-old history to be made an honorary citizen, and he presented the "key to the city."

Presentation of the citizenship scroll and large golden key, adorned with longleaf pine needles, was made during the course of a community Armed

Forces Day program at Weaver auditorium, at which General Gross was the speaker.

Paying tribute to all that the uniform represents, the fine relationships that have existed for years between Southern Pines and its resident military personnel, active and retired, and to the valorous record of General Gross personally in World War 2 and since, Mayor C. N. Page called on two students for the actual presentations.

"Now and Forever" Billy Huntley, incoming student body president, read and presented the scroll, in which it was noted that General Gross "is now and forever an honorary citizen of the Town of Southern Pines, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto, with the hope that they may frequently use them no matter where his duties and fortunes may take him." It was duly signed by Mayor Page in behalf of the town, and bore an official seal. (Continued on page 5)

County Convention Endorses Russell; Officers Elected

The Moore County Democratic convention at Carthage Saturday afternoon fell in line with numerous others being held over the state at that time in virtually endorsing the presidential candidacy of Senator Richard Russell of Georgia.

Discussed and debated here, though overwhelmingly favored over a dissenting minority, this was the question expected to cause discussion and debate at the state convention at Raleigh Thursday. Whether North Carolina would line up with other state in a solid-south bloc for Russell had not been determined at The Pilot's press-time.

The motion made and passed at Carthage was that county delegates to the state convention work for and support delegates to the national convention who would support Russell in his try for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Objections raised were that it is not yet known who all the candidates will be. The question came up as to whether county delegates could legally go instructed. On request of Chairman W. A. Leland McKeithen, Rep. H. Clifton Blue clarified this question in stating that there was precedent for the action, that county delegates had gone instructed in 1928 and at other times in recent history. Mrs. Swisher Endorsed

The convention endorsed Mrs. Ruth W. Swisher of Southern Pines as Eighth District delegate to the convention. District delegates were to be chosen in party caucuses Wednesday night.

In electing county delegates to the state convention, a motion was made by Mr. Blue and unanimously carried that local tradition be followed in naming as official delegates all who could go from Moore.

Following the convention a meeting of the county committee was held, at which precinct chairmen reported on meetings held the preceding Saturday, and county officers were elected.

Election of Officers Chairman McKeithen was unanimously reelected, with Miss Bess (Continued on Page 8)

Tennis Trophies Will Be Awarded Friday Afternoon

Winners Announced For Most Events of School Tournament

Trophies will be awarded winners and runners-up in the Moore County Schools Tennis tournament Friday at 4 p. m. on the municipal courts, following almost two weeks of play and some of the best finals events ever seen here.

As of Thursday morning all events had been played off in both high school and elementary divisions except one, the elementary boys' doubles. Johnny Watkins and Deryl Holliday, Julian Pleasants and George Reams, finalists, were to play this off Thursday afternoon, past the Pilot's press-time.

Adult advisors of the sponsoring Junior Sandhills Tennis association are enthusiastic about the splendid game evidenced by the boys and girls in a number of events. "Some topnotch players are being developed on our courts," they declared.

The tournament started with 60 entries from Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

In the high school events Steve Choate won the boys' singles with Kenneth Tew as runner-up in one of the finest, fastest matches ever seen here—8-6, 0-6, 6-2. Tew and Choate paired to win the boys' doubles in this division over Deryl Holliday and Johnny Watkins, 5-7, 8-6, 7-5.

Betty Jane Worsham, defending champion, who will graduate soon to the senior division, sharpened up for heavier competition by winning the girls' singles. Pete Dana was runner-up. The score, 6-3, 6-0. In doubles, Betty Jane teamed with Mary Matthews to win over Pete Dana and Gail Hobson of Pinehurst, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

In the grammar-grade division, Johnny Watkins won the boys' singles, with Deryl Holliday as runner-up, in another splendidly played match. The score, 6-2, 6-3.

Lillian Bullock won the girls' singles over Betty Jo Zritt, 6-0, 6-1. Lillian and Betty Jo teamed to win the girls' doubles, defeating Patti Hobbs and Ginger Woodell 6-0, 6-1.

In mixed doubles, Kenneth Tew and Dorothy Newton defeated Betty Jane Worsham and Deryl Holliday 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

A couple of rainstorms, soaking the courts, slowed down the matches this week, postponing several final events and the awarding of the trophies.

Graves Managing Olive Campaign In Moore County

Henry L. Graves, Southern Pines insurance man, has accepted appointment as manager of the Olive for Governor campaign in Moore county, according to announcement made from Judge Hubert Olive's campaign headquarters in Raleigh last Saturday.

Undertaking the campaign just two weeks before the primary election day, Mr. Graves said he is proud to serve in the interest of the Olive candidacy.

"Judge Olive is a splendid man, has made a fine superior court judge and will make a fine governor," he said of his candidate, who has the endorsement of Governor W. Kerr Scott. "He will represent government for the people—not just some of the people, but all. He is not lined up with any clique, has never lobbied and is not tied up with any utilities, tobacco corporations or other groups whose interests might not always lie with those of the 'little man.'"

Mr. Graves, a native of Carthage, is of old Moore county stock on both sides. This is his first venture into political management. He ran for elective office in the county one time, about 25 years ago, when his campaign for clerk of court went to a second primary against John Wilcox.

He was one of the first pilots in the infant Army Air Force in World War 1, flying over Europe as a member of the 278th Aero Squadron. He lived for a number of years in Charlotte, returning in 1946 to open his own business, the Graves Mutual Insurance company, in which his wife, the former Gladys Dunlop of Pinehurst, is his partner. They have offices in the Professional building on East Pennsylvania avenue, which they purchased in January.

Dr. Ross Indicted By Grand Jury, Does Not Contest Felony Charge

DUTY IN ASIA



LEWIS W. PATE of Southern Pines has arrived in Thailand, where he will teach English for the next 10 months as an exchange teacher under the Fulbright Act.

Depositions Made, Trial Continued To August Term

Wednesday, just a year almost to the day from the time when Dr. W. H. Ross appeared in Moore county criminal court on a charge of manslaughter following an illegal operation, the Negro physician was back there again accused of criminal abortion.

In the first case, tried May 24, 1951, Judge J. H. Clement dismissed the case before it went to the jury for lack of sufficient evidence, but this time the defendant pleaded no contest.

The method used to bring about the abortion, as described by the state's witness in a written statement, appeared to corroborate the theory, held by the state and consulting physicians at the time of the other trial, of the way in which that alleged operation had been performed. On that occasion the woman died 20 minutes after leaving the doctor's office; on Wednesday the patient appeared in court to testify against the doctor to whom she had gone for illegal treatment.

A plea of nolo contendere was entered by defense attorney W. D. Sabiston immediately after the case was called. At the same time the Carthage attorney requested of Presiding Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, continuance of the case to the August term of Moore County superior court, on the grounds that he had not been given time to study it. He said that his client had no defense and that he plead guilty, but that matters involving his health and other details required time. Postponement was agreed to by state's attorney M. G. Boyette and the judge so ordered.

Arrested Monday

Dr. Ross, arrested on Monday and released under \$2500 bond, was in court with his counsel but did not take the stand. However, testifying for the state was one witness, Mrs. Ada Jeanette Goodhue, of Southern Pines, mother of three children, who revealed, through a written deposition, that (Continued on page 5)

Many Cases Heard During Three-Day Criminal Term

James Wilson, 27-year-old white man of Niagara, was returned to Central prison this week for auto larceny, a crime which has kept him in the Raleigh institution off and on ever since his teens.

He was tried at the criminal term of Moore superior court, meeting at Carthage this week, for the theft of a car belonging to Willie Barnes of West Southern Pines the afternoon of April 23, from near the post office in Southern Pines.

Wilson was released from prison just a few months ago. Judge Zeb V. Nettles gave him three to five years for his return visit. Two prison terms of 18 to 36 months, to run concurrently, was the sentence given Bobby Hunter, 17-year-old Negro, for a wave of burglaries in West Southern Pines last March. In these he had the assistance of a 12-year-old boy now committed to Hoffman Training school. With seven counts of breaking and entering and larceny against him, Hunter was pretty lucky in his sentence, as at least two involved armed robbery (Continued on page 8)

Bess McCaskill Heads Women In Umstead Campaign

Miss Bess McCaskill of Carthage has been named chairman of the women's division of the Umstead for Governor campaign in Moore county.

Her appointment was announced last week by Mrs. Everett, chairman of the women's division in the Umstead headquarters in Raleigh, and W. P. Saunders, manager of the Umstead campaign in Moore county.

Miss McCaskill is secretary of the Moore County Democratic Executive committee, and served for 14 years as Moore county's registrar of deeds, retiring voluntarily in 1950. She is well known and esteemed in the county, and Mrs. Everett and Mr. Saunders both expressed their deep gratification in her willingness to serve.

Manager Saunders, checking about Moore to see how the campaign he heads is faring, reported that "things look so good for Bill Umstead it scares me."

He said he'd been out "looking for the opposition" and had failed to locate it—which made him apprehensive rather than complacent. "It must be there somewhere. Things can't be this good in a gubernatorial campaign, so close to election time. What worries me is that the Umstead folks might start to sit back and take it easy—something they can't do until after May 31."

"My advice to them is to redouble their efforts—work just twice as hard as before."

New Highway PO Will Serve Area Starting July 1

A highway post office will be established here July 1, greatly accelerating mail delivery to and from many points in the state, according to information received Wednesday by Postmaster A. Garland Pierce.

Southern Pines will become a point on what will be known as the Greensboro-Warsaw HPO route. Other points on the route in this section will be Carthage, Aberdeen, Raeford and Fayetteville, which will be covered as the highway post office moves from Greensboro to Warsaw in the morning and returns in the afternoon.

During the six-month suspension of airmail service by Piedmont Airlines, airmail will be able to get out of Southern Pines more speedily by the new route than it does now.

It will supplant the present star route from Carthage to Southern Pines, also the Sanford-Fayetteville-Warsaw run.

Installation of the route has been made through the efforts of Congressman C. B. Deane, Eighth District representative, to relieve the situation of numerous small towns throughout the district which have no rail or other good connection for their mail.

The highway post office is a fairly recent development in mail service, and is effecting better service and considerable economy in the elimination of a good many fourth class post offices which cost the Postal Department more to run than they bring in. North Carolina's first HPO route, from Greensboro to Biscoe, was put in operation something less than a year ago, with direct service benefits to Southern Pines and other towns of the Sandhills area.