

Five Ballots Will Be Placed Before Voters

Presidential Ticket Main Attraction In Voting On Tuesday

Names of Forty-five Nominees And Proposed Amendments on Tickets

The names of forty-five nominees, most of them Democrats, appear on four ballots along with five proposed amendments to the North Carolina State Constitution will be placed before the voters next Tuesday between the hours of 7:30 a. m. and 6:14.

In addition to the ticket carrying the proposed constitutional amendments, there are those for President, Secretary of State, Treasurer, and Constable for Williamston Township. The county and township ballots carry the names of no opponents, the nominations of the candidates last May being tantamount to election. There's only one constable's name to be placed before the people and since that one is in Williamston, there'll be a total of five tickets in the two local precincts and only four in the remaining eleven in the county.

Last-minute opposition has developed to the proposed state board of education amendment to the Constitution, but for the most part the others will, it is believed, face very little opposition. However, no large vote on the amendments is to be expected.

It is generally believed that the proper thing to do about the proposed amendments is to vote for everyone of them.

The State ballot carries a long list of party nominees, as follows:

For United States Senator: Clyde R. Hoey (D), and A. I. Ferree (R).

For Governor: R. Gregg Cherry (D), and Frank C. Patton (R).

For Lieutenant Governor: L. Y. Ballentine (D), and George L. Greene (R).

For Secretary of State: Thad Eure (D), and W. M. Cragg (R).

For State Auditor: George Ross Pou (D), and J. M. Van Hoy (R).

For State Treasurer: Chas. M. Johnson (D), and S. B. Roberts (R).

For Attorney General: Harry McMullan (D), and Sam J. Morris (R).

For Supt. of Public Instruction: Clyde A. Erwin (D), and B. Carl Fussell (R).

For Commissioner of Agriculture: W. Kerr Scott (D), and Clarence T. Allen (R).

For Commissioner of Insurance: William P. Hodges (D), and Halsey B. Leavitt (R).

For Commissioner of Labor: Forrest H. Shuford (D), and James E. Spence, Jr. (R).

For Associate Justice of Supreme Court: A. A. F. Seawell (D), and E. P. Stillwell (R).

For Associate Justice of Supreme Court: William A. Devin (D), and Algernon L. Butler (R).

For member of Congress 1st Congressional District: Herbert C. Bonner (D), and R. Clarence Dozier (R).

The county's democratic ticket is without opposition. The democratic line-up follows:

For State Senator 2nd Senatorial District: E. A. Daniel and W. Roy Hampton.

For House of Representatives: Clarence W. Griffin.

For Register of Deeds: J. Sam Getzinger.

For Treasurer: R. H. Smith.

For Judge Recorder's Court: J. C. Smith.

For Surveyor: A. Corey.

For County Commissioners: C. A. Roberson, Joshua L. Coltrin, C. D. Carstarphen, R. L. Perry, R. A. Haislip.

The fourth ballot carries five proposed amendments to the State Constitution. They have attracted very little attention, and the proposals are not considered important, or, at least, not very far-reaching. No. 1 would make the commissioners of agriculture, labor and insurance constitutional officers and members of the Council of State. No. 2 would make it possible for notaries public to hold office, subject to the wishes of the voters, of course. No. 3 is a State Board of Education amendment. No. 4 would authorize General Assem-

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Four Cases Heard By Justice Hassell

Three out of the four defendants carried before Justice J. L. Hassell in his court this week were drunk and down but not out. A fourth defendant, James Bryant, was charged with being drunk and disorderly and he was fined \$1.50 and directed to pay the costs. Drunk and down, Luther Rispas was required to pay \$9.50 costs. Colon Perry and Walter R. Dunn, facing similar charges, were fined \$1.50 and required to pay \$8.50 costs each.

HOURS AND PLACES

Urged to participate in the general election next Tuesday, voters in this county will find the polls open at 6:30 o'clock (Eastern War Time) and close at 5:30 p. m., the change having been made to avoid conflicts.

As far as it could be learned the polling places will be maintained in the thirteen precincts at their usual locations. Voters in Williamston No. 1 precinct will cast their ballots at the Chevrolet place on Washington Street, and those on the No. 2 precinct or all those on the north side of the main street and Highway 64 toward Everetts will vote in the firemen's quarters in the town hall.

Remembering that millions of men are fighting to maintain the right of the ballot, every eligible voter should recognize it as his solemn duty to participate in the election next Tuesday.

Bureau Secretary Cites Need For A Strong Farm Plan

Canvassers Working to Boost Membership Figure To 1,500 Or More

Addressing representatives of the Martin County Farm Bureau here Wednesday evening, R. Flake Shaw, executive secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, stressed the need for a strong farm organization. He declared that the program had been one of goals, but forward looking leaders were striving to handle surpluses that are almost certain to follow the war.

"The Farm Bureau has done an able job in the past," he declared, and added that it was the most promising organization to meet expected emergencies. "It has sold agriculture on a national basis, and that is the only way agricultural problems can be successfully handled," he added.

Mr. Shaw stated that the rule of parity was originated and advanced by the organization, that the plan was directly responsible for the increase of peanuts this year from \$140 to around \$180 a ton. He touched briefly on the problems facing the basic farm commodities, explaining that quotas for tobacco are fairly safe for a while, at least. The outlook for cotton and peanuts is not very promising. Cotton is to compete with synthetics and the cheap crop in South America. Peanuts will have to compete with oils from other sources after the war.

"We must build and work together and maintain adjustment plans," Mr. Shaw said in appealing for a strong organization. It is hoped that the organization will be supported in the state this year by 30,000 or more members. "We must offer the National organization support since it has already employed able representatives to fight the battles of each farm commodity in the legislative chambers."

Martin County now has 1,000 members, and membership canvassers will try to push the figure to 1,500 between now and November 15 when another report is due.

Mr. Shaw explained again at the meeting this week that Martin County possibly had had the greatest part in building up a strong Farm Bureau in North Carolina than any other county.

Tots Lose Lives in Early Morning Fire

Two little colored children, Nancy Askew, four years old, and Ruby Jean Hill, three months old, were burned to death and several others barely escaped with their lives when fire destroyed their home, a tenant house on the Joe R. Winslow farm, near Robersonville, early last Tuesday morning. One report stated that two other children were slightly burned, that Lester Highsmith and his wife, visiting in the home from Baltimore, had to crawl to safety through a window, his wife in her night clothes.

The two victims who lost their lives were living in the home of their grandparents, Tom Askew and his wife. The mothers were away from home at the time, the grandmother was milking the family cow and the grandfather was working away from home. The origin of the fire could not be learned and few details of the tragedy were to be had. It was stated that the fire spread so rapidly that near-by neighbors, rushing there, could not save the children or anything from the burning building. Volunteer firemen were called from Robersonville but they could do little without a source of water. The children, one report said, were burned beyond recognition.

Expect Big Election Vote In This County On Tuesday, Nov. 7

Enterprise Plans To Tabulate Returns For Election That Evening

With interest in the national election reaching an all-time high pitch, a record vote is predicted in this county and throughout the nation next Tuesday. That this county will approach and possibly set a new voting record is fairly certain, the predictions pointing to 5,000 ballots being based on the unusually large registrations in several of the county precincts. Dewey, it is believed, will boost the size of vote by his radio falsifications to a figure higher than it would have been had he not raised the dander of, more or less, indifferent voters.

It is possible that the size of the total vote will be held to a figure 5,000 or less because so many voters are in the service and for one reason or another many of them will not participate in the election. Approximately 275 ballots have been returned to the county by voters in the service, leaving several hundred who will not be represented in the vote count.

Out of an estimated 5,850 eligible electors, a vote count of 5,000 is believed possible. For a review of the latest available registration figures and the vote cast for the Presidential nominees in 1940 follows:

	Registration	R'ville	W'like
Jamesville	538	417	22
Williams	261	207	0
Griffins	430	382	0
Bear Grass	412	315	13
Williamston 1	681	566	13
Williamston 2	739	600	24
Cross Roads	400	345	2
Robersonville	963	722	24
Gold Point	963	722	1
Poplar Point	226	220	0
Hamilton	270	218	0
Hassell	150	135	1
Goose Nest	402	363	6
	5622	4628	106

The Enterprise plans to tabulate the election returns next Tuesday evening, and it solicits the cooperation of all the poll holders and others who can and will run the counts in. Most of the election officials will count the presidential ticket first and the first returns should start coming in within an hour after the polls close at 6:30 o'clock Eastern War Time. The old custom of opening the polls at sunrise and closing them at sunset was changed by the 1941 legislature to avoid confusion.

Allies Open New Drive on Cologne

The apparent quiet reported on the Western Front outside Holland has been broken, late reports stating that General Hodges' First Army has opened a new drive in the Aachen area and were pushing on toward Cologne, about 25 miles away. At the same time, the American Sixth Army scored new gains in their push to enter the Vosges Mountain passes, one report stating that the Allies had taken Baccarat, a key point for other advances.

British forces are bringing up strong reinforcements to finish up the task of cleaning out the approaches to the Belgium port of Antwerp. This task is completed in its entirety, the supply problem will have been greatly relieved. The delivery of supplies over bad roads in France has been limited to a few hundred tons daily. However, it is believed that many supplies have been handled that way since a new drive has been launched just southeast of Aachen.

While land fighting has been, more or less, limited in recent days, the great air offensive against important objectives in Germany, including Cologne, continues without let-up. Yesterday, American fliers knocked out 208 German planes and went on to bomb Düsseldorf, great industrial city in the Rhineland, and oil refineries at Merseburg.

Apparently the German and Russians are locked in a great battle in East Prussia, but down in the Balkans the Russians have driven to the outer defenses of the Hungarian capital of Budapest.

It was announced yesterday that the 14-months campaign in Italy had cost the Americans at least 90,000 casualties.

Over in the Pacific, the Leyte campaign is fast drawing to a close, late reports stating that remnants of Jap armies are fleeing the islands. Land-based American bombers have accounted for another Jap destroyer, boosting the total of enemy ships lost in the Philippine area to over sixty within the past few days.

On the home-front, the war of the ballots is nearing a climax with both sides firing their big guns to bring victory next Tuesday at the polls. Just as in the shooting war, there are collaborators on the ballot front, late reports stating that "good" Democrats are contributing to the anti-administration fund. A little war is seen brewing in Guilford and Forsyth Counties, and it is possible that party trials will be held after a sweeping victory next Tuesday.

PEANUTS

Peanuts are now moving to market in fairly large quantities, one report stating that the farmers are moving their crops just as rapidly as they can have them picked and bagged. It is estimated that between four and five thousand bags of the goobers were handled at this point yesterday. The local factory, operating two shifts, was until after 11 o'clock last night clearing its receiving platform.

Prices well above those of a year ago are being paid, the average running right close to eight and three-quarter cents a pound. Sales have been reported all the way from around 8 to a little over 9 cents, with the main range resting principally between 8 1/2 to 9 cents a pound.

32nd County Youth Makes the Supreme Sacrifice In Battle

Pvt. Joseph G. Stocks Killed In Holland on 23rd Day Of September

Pvt. Joseph G. Stocks, county young man, was killed in action somewhere in Holland on September 23, according to information received a few days ago by his mother, Mrs. Perlle Stocks of Robersonville. No details of his death have been made available. He is the 32nd Martin County man known to have made the supreme sacrifice in the war to date.

Inducted into the Army in October, 1943, Pvt. Stocks was in the service of his country less than a year before he gave his life. He had been overseas only a short time, it is understood, and is believed to be the first man from this county to fall in Holland.

The young man's family moved to Robersonville from Pitt County about two years ago. Besides his mother he is survived by two brothers, Pvt. Allen F. Stocks, U. S. Army now in England, and Wiley Stocks of Robersonville, and three sisters, Mrs. Clifton Roebuck, Mrs. John T. Bunting and Miss Velma Stocks, of Robersonville. Held in high esteem by all who knew him, Stocks was 22 years old.

Following the receipt of a telegraphic message, Mrs. Stocks had a letter from J. A. Ulio, Adjutant General, which reads:

"It is with regret that I am writing to confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your son who was killed in action in Holland on the 23rd day of September, 1944.

"I fully understand your desire to learn as much as possible regarding the circumstances leading to his death and I wish there were more information available to give you. Unfortunately, reports of this nature contain only briefest details and the means of transmission are very limited.

"I know the sorrow this message has brought you and it is my hope that in time the knowledge of his heroic service to his country, even unto death, may be of sustaining comfort to you."

Mrs. Stocks also received an engraved "sympathy" card from General Marshall which reads as follows:

"General Marshall extends his deep sympathy in your bereavement. Your son fought valiantly to a supreme hour of his country's need. His memory will live in the grateful heart of our nation."

United War Fund Is Boosted To \$8,947.

Fairly sizable contributions reported since early this week by Jamesville, Griffins, Robersonville, Hamilton and Williamston Townships and by the colored citizens in five townships boosted the United War Fund in this county to \$8,947.06, placing the drive in sight of the original quota.

Seven of the ten townships have reached or passed their quotas. Williams plans to handle the drive in its entirety next Tuesday, and the others are still plugging away to meet a solemn obligation, it was stated.

According to the latest available reports, the fund stands as follows in the various districts:

	Quota	Amt. raised
Jamesville	\$ 650.00	\$ 800.47
Williams	150.00	150.00
Griffins	450.00	454.37
Bear Grass	450.00	498.58
Williamston	4,277.02	4,894.61
Cross Roads	350.00	425.27
Robersonville	1,500.00	724.69
Poplar Point	135.00	162.40
Hamilton:		
Hassell	100.00	85.00
Hamilton	275.00	225.00
Goose Nest	300.00	442.69
Colored Citizens	900.00	233.98
Totals	\$9,587.02	\$8,947.06

Election story—add

Cameron Morrison Makes Great Address Here Wednesday Night In Support of Democratic Party

Five-Day Selling Week To Be Resumed on Markets Monday

After operating for some time on a four-day week selling schedule and only for three days one week, tobacco markets in this belt will return to the five-day selling week next Monday, it was officially announced a short time ago. Apparently the redrying plants are catching up with the deliveries and are in a better position to handle the offerings. However, some of the buying companies are still from one to three days behind in clearing their purchases from the warehouse floors. It is believed that the big rush is about over, that very little tobacco in excess of the amount sold on four days will be offered during five.

Unofficial reports indicate that between 85 and 90 per cent of the crop in this section has already been marketed. The estimate, according to

others, is a little high. It was explained that the marketing of the crop has been slowed down a bit by farmers who have been devoting their entire time to the peanut harvest, that another little marketing spurt is to be expected.

The local market passed the nine million-pound mark day before yesterday and the sales today will in all probability boost the total close to nine and one-half million. No goal for the season has been mentioned, but some believe the sales will reach and possibly pass the eleven million-pound mark. A year ago the markets were just about ready to close in this area for the season.

Sales during the past several days have been averaging right at \$45, boosting the average price for the season to date to almost \$43.00 per hundred.

Pfc. LeRoy Godard Tells How He Lost His Leg In France

Young Man Just Out of the Hospital Is Visiting Relatives Here

Cheery and apparently in the best of spirits, Pfc. LeRoy Godard, just out of a government hospital at Atlanta for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Jennie Holland Godard, here, yesterday recalled the harrowing experience in France on the afternoon of June 12 when he had his right leg shot away below the knee. The young man, apparently a bit nervous, is not down and out by a long way, and even went on to say that he would not mind going back to help finish the job were it not for the missing limb.

Entering the service in September of last year, the young man completed his basic training and reached England in March of this year. "We were not in the first wave of troops to move into France on D-Day, but it was still pretty hot when we reached there the following day," he said.

Five days later, on June 12, the young man, scouting for his company, advanced almost three-quarters of a mile ahead of his companions. A second member of the patrol was a short distance behind when at 4 o'clock a mortar shell clipped him down, all but tearing away his right leg. While lying there helpless in the little town not far from St. Lo, a German went to him, pulled at the bleeding leg, kicked him and thinking him dead, moved on. Pvt. Godard said he played well the part of a dead man. Forty-five minutes after he was struck, a shell burst near him, sent four pieces of shrapnel into his body, tearing three small and one fairly large hole in his hip.

After a stay of about two hours in the little town, he was picked up by stretcher bearers who rendered first aid.

After a short ride on a jeep he was transferred to an ambulance and carried to a base hospital where the leg was amputated. After a stay of six days in the hospital in France, he went to England on a hospital ship. He was in England about ten days before he was placed on a hospital plane and flown to this country and later removed to the hospital in Atlanta on July 15.

Reaching home last Saturday, he will be here about fifteen more days before he returns to the hospital where he will be fitted with an artificial leg.

Young Godard had quite a few harrowing experiences before he was seriously wounded.

Incomplete Report On 'A' Gas Rations

Although a complete report is not yet available, the issuance of basic "A" gasoline rations in four high schools in the county last Tuesday and Wednesday is believed to have approached a maximum.

Williamston reported 1,103 registrations and Oak City had more than 400. No report has been received from Jamesville and Robersonville, but heavy registrations were large at both those centers.

A year ago, 2,372 persons applied for basic "A" gasoline rations.

Those persons who were unable to apply for the "A" books or coupons this week will be able to get their rations at the ration board office in Williamston next week between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Rally Greatest One Held in the County In Number of Years

Speaker Warns Against Turning Monetary Control Back To Wall Street

In one of the greatest political rallies held in this county in recent years, the Honorable Cameron Morrison with great vigor and ringing sincerity called for a big democratic vote next Tuesday and warned against turning the nation's monetary control back to Wall Street. Held in the county courthouse Wednesday evening, the rally packed the auditorium and many late-comers departed when they could not find seats. The meeting, reminiscent of those great epoch-making events in years gone by, gave Mr. Morrison a great welcome, the large throng expressing its appreciation for his great record of unselfish service to the party in both the State and nation.

Called at the direction of Elbert S. Peel, the party's executive committee chairman in this county, the meeting heard a few remarks from Congressman Herbert Bonner, Mayor J. L. Hassell, in glowing phrases, introduced Mr. Morrison, briefly reviewing his work and referring to him as one of the great Democrats of our time.

Expressing his appreciation for the reception given him, Mr. Morrison explained that he would dispense with the pleasantries and get down to the business at hand. He briefly reviewed the progress enjoyed by North Carolina under the Democratic Party for the past forty years. "It is the best in the union. It is so far advanced in leadership that it is being studied and emulated by others," the speaker declared that it was the most economical and yet the most progressive in the nation. He referred to the school system, the health program and other accomplishments that stand far advanced over programs in other states.

"This great party asks your continued support in carrying on the work so ably handled in the past," he said. The speaker added that it had been a long time since the Republican Party did anything in North Carolina, and "some of the things it did were so wicked that a member can't today stand up and proclaim the deeds." Continuing, Mr. Morrison said, "It is a breach of the peace to mention those deeds, but I admit some individual Republicans have helped build. The party, however, has done nothing but harp and criticize the party that has led the way."

Turning to the national scene, the 10th district Congressman proudly declared that the Democrats have a great record, that the Republicans have a bad record. "Why, the Republicans have periodically wrecked this country for generations. We think Hoover's government was terrible, but the others were just as bad. Even the first Roosevelt declared that the Republicans had sold out to the interests and special groups."

Mr. Morrison reviewed the periods in which the common people had been ground down. "At the end of the last war, the Republicans appealed to the malcontent and kicked the Democrats out. They soon wrecked everything in the country, destroyed hopes for a lasting peace. Misery, want and suffering were abroad in the land. Banks were bursting, surpluses piled up and suicides increased. Why? Because

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Few Cases Heard In County's Court

In one of the shortest sessions held in recent weeks, Judge J. C. Smith called only four cases for trial in the county court last Monday. A very small crowd was present for the proceedings which were completed in a little over one hour.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with reckless driving, R. B. Spruill was adjudged guilty. The court fined him \$20, taxed him with the cost and revoked his license for six months. Notice of appeal was given and bond was fixed in the sum of \$100.

Eugene Benjamin Roberson, charged with speeding, was fined \$5 and taxed with the cost.

Charged with larceny of baggage from the Williamston bus station, Ben Edwards was sentenced to the roads for twelve months.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging Joe Richardson with speeding.

PURPLE HEART

Posthumously awarded to Seaman Only S. Cowan, Jr., the Purple Heart award was received by the young man's parents here this week from the Navy Department.

The young man was fatally wounded in action somewhere in the Mediterranean area on last August 18. A metalsmith 3/c, he was serving on a destroyer.

Letter Tells About Local Youth In A Nazi Prison Camp

Sgt. Eli C. Rogers Is Getting Along Very Well, Recent Letter Explains

The following letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Eli Rogers a few days ago from Sgt. Howard Wood of New York, tells about their son who is a prisoner of war in Austria.

On July 26, I left Stalag XVII-B, Krems-on-Danube, Austria, as an exchange prisoner, having been passed for repatriation by the International Commission composed of Swiss and German Medical officers. There were 238 of us returned through Sweden and we recently arrived in the U. S. A. on the M. S. Gripsholm.

Among the 4,300 American airmen in the camp, who asked that I write you when I reached the United States, to let you know that he is all right, was E. C. (Eli) Rogers.

Although living conditions there are certainly not ideal, we managed to keep healthy, and as happy as possible under the circumstances. We received our Red Cross food parcels almost every week, and had sufficient clothing. The food parcels supplemented the German ration, which is pretty meager. Personal parcels and mail, though a long time in arriving, are very, very much appreciated.

We did no work for the Germans, but did pretty well in creating our own activities, such as: a soft ball league, boxing and wrestling matches, a school, a theater, a half a dozen bands, and art exhibits. Church services were held daily, with four services on Sunday. We were happy to have a library of some 7,000 volumes. We received the German newspapers, and so knew fairly well what was going on in the world.

We were not generally mistreated, as the Germans in most cases conformed to the rules laid down by the Geneva Convention.

I hope it will not be long before you will be reunited and enjoying the happiness I am now enjoying in being with my family in this great country of ours.

County Boy Member Duke Football Team

Fred Hardison, young son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hardison of Williams Township, is slated to draw a position in Duke's regular football lineup tomorrow in the game with Georgia Tech at Durham. He is believed to be one of the first Martin County boys to ever draw a position on a first-string college football team.

The young man played football when he was in high school here, but his play did not attract any unusual attention. However, he has participated in and showed up well in contests at Duke this season.