

Judge J. C. Smith Has Thirty Cases In County's Court

Tribunal In Session Until 4:00 O'Clock Clearing Large Docket

Calling thirty cases, Judge J. C. Smith worked until 4:00 o'clock before clearing the docket in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday afternoon. Speedsters were defendants in seventeen of the cases and drew fines amounting to \$390. Fines in the other cases amounted to \$325, making a total of \$715 for the day.

The feature trial was that of John Levy Flanagan. On October 11, Flanagan, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, asked that his case be continued. Last week and before he had cleared the court hurdle in the first case, Flanagan was charged a second time with operating a motor vehicle without a license. In the first case he was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs and in the second case he was fined \$50 and required to pay the costs.

J. B. Clark, charged with abandoning his crop, was sentenced to the roads for nine months, the court suspending the road term on condition that he pay the costs and reimburse Alice Salsbury \$110, money advanced him. Clark did not meet the terms of the judgment immediately.

Charged with drunken driving, Jasper Ellis was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and had his license revoked for one year.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging Joe Dickens with public drunkenness.

Erwin James, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs. The court ordered the pistol confiscated.

Charged with non-support, W. W. Byrd was sentenced to the roads for twelve months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of the costs and on condition that the defendant pay \$50 immediately and \$10 a week for one year to his wife.

Noah Council, possibly thinking the roads were clear at 4:30 o'clock in the morning, allowed his nephew, Emmanuel Council, to operate a motor vehicle, knowing the nephew did not have a license to operate a car. The uncle and nephew were each fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

James Brown was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Wannamaker James, charged with the larceny of an overcoat and other wearing apparel, was sentenced to the roads for twelve months. He appealed to the higher courts and Judge Smith required bond in the sum of \$300.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Ulysses Bowen was fined \$25 and required to pay the costs.

Interest Centers In Minor Contests

While the Truman victory made the headlines, minor political contests featured the voting on the home front last Tuesday. There was little possibility of an upset at home, but one "write-in" candidate polled 105 votes in the race for Jamesville Township constable. Two others did not fare so well, annexing only one vote each and those two were found in the Republican column.

The regular nominee, Paul Holliday, polled 325 votes to lead the race for constable of Jamesville. Dallas Holliday, off to a belated start Tuesday morning, polled 195 votes when friends wrote in his name. Friends wrote in the names of W. W. Holliday and W. C. Wallace in that precinct, each getting a single vote.

In Williamston, Chas. R. Moore polled 798 votes for constable. W. R. Glover was second with three votes and Francis Barnes brought up the rear with one vote for the position, the votes of the last two unannounced candidates having been written in.

So, the two townships' constabulary went through the hectic election unscathed.

Support Peanut Festival Theme



Getting into the real spirit of the occasion, the three little toiks, Craig Ripley, Celia Ann Manning and Helen Ann Harris, supported the real motif of the town's first annual Peanut Festival with their unique costumes. They were in the baby parade on October 14.

EXCITING

Tuesday's election, taking its place along with the Wilson-Hughes contest back in 1916, was the most exciting ever held in the nation.

Right on through the night and until Mr. Dewey conceded the election, the vote tabulators watched the lead in one state after another swing first to one and then to the other presidential teams. While many deserted the election parties between 2:00 and 3:00 o'clock, a few held to their posts until the outcome of the day's voting was definitely determined.

Bodies Of County Boys On Way Home

The bodies of Pvt. Bernice L. Rogerson and Dennis H. Whichard, county young men who made the supreme sacrifice in Italy during World War II, are en route home for burial in native soil, relatives here and in Bear Grass were notified this week.

A U. S. Army transport, bearing the bodies of the two youths and those of several thousand others, is docking in Philadelphia this week, according to information received here.

The bodies are expected to reach here in about three weeks. Funeral services will be announced later. Arrangements have been made for the burial of the young men in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Bodies of fourteen other Martin young men have been returned home for burial.

Minor Wreck On Road Near Here

No one was hurt, but damage estimated at \$150 resulted when a car, a 1946 Ford sedan, and a 1942 model one and one-half ton truck crashed on Highway 64 in West End last Tuesday at 10:50 o'clock.

Mrs. Eva Tilley Taylor of Robersonville was driving west and started to pass as Royal E. Gurganus of Jamesville, traveling in the same direction, went to turn into the Conoco oil plant. The damage was confined to the car. Patrolmen M. F. Powers and E. P. Simmons said following an investigation.

Speedsters Have Another Day In Recorder's Court

Seventeen Are Fined Total Of \$390 By Judge Smith Last Monday

Apparently in a great big hurry and possibly unconsciously violating the law, seventeen speedsters pleaded guilty of exceeding the 55-mile speed limit and were fined a total of \$390 in Judge J. C. Smith's court last Monday.

The speedsters really "hogged" the docket that day, the records showing that there were thirty cases handled and seventeen involved speeding.

One defendant, Oliver Peel, was a defendant in two of the cases, and for good measure he was booked for the improper use of a spot light. Peel, a resident of the Dardens section, was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs for driving in excess of eighty miles an hour, the court recommending that his license be suspended for a year. Leading patrolmen in a hot race, Peel escaped after he was "clocked" doing eighty miles an hour, and a short time later when the chase was resumed, Peel was clocked doing 70 miles per hour. He was fined \$50 on that count, plus the costs. In the third case charging improper use of a spotlight, Peel was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

Joe Thomas Fain of Tarboro was fined \$15 and required to pay the costs for speeding.

The other defendants, all of whom were fined \$15 and required to pay the costs in each case, include the following:

Wilmer Gray Woolard of Washington, Fred J. Piela of Lodie, New Jersey, Jason Davis of Williamston, H. B. Gaylor of Plymouth, William Henry Walston of Williamston, John Frank Northfleet of Williamston, M. M. Smith of Plymouth, Edward M. Hart of Washington, D. C., Paul Schweitzer of Norfolk, Joseph John Capotosto of New York City, Raymond J. Patterson of Hartford, Connecticut, Kenneth Edmund Tobin of Silver Springs, Maryland, William Evan Griffin of Williamston, and William H. Price of Richmond.

Victims Of Wreck Reported Better

Four of the 25 victims of a truck accident on the river fill last Monday afternoon were reported today to be improving in the hospital here. However, James White, who suffered a broken neck, continues in a critical condition, one report stated.

Ten persons were given hospital treatment but all but four—James White, his wife and daughter and Annie Mae Bankton—were discharged following treatment and were able to continue to their homes in Florida.

Milton Sturgis, driver of the truck which was carrying the migratory workers from New Jersey to Florida, is being held in the Bertie County jail, pending the outcome of White's condition. Three others, charged with public drunkenness, are being held as material witnesses.

Cared for by the Red Cross overnight, most of the victims of the wreck continued to their homes in Florida Tuesday night.

Larceny of \$400 Bares An Alleged Morals Violation

Charge Dismissed At Hearing Before Justice Johnson Last Evening

The alleged larceny of four \$100 bills from Milbert Mitchell paved the way for a second case in which Bobby Ormond, operator of a store and beer counter on Broad Street, was charged with aiding and abetting prostitution.

Going to the Ormond place of business where rooms connect the place of business, Mitchell asked Ormond if there was a place where he and his girl could go and talk in private. He quoted Ormond as saying, "not specially," but since they were friends he (Mitchell) could go into the front room. Accompanied by Martha Gray, young woman who figured indirectly in the Sim Quinerly murder case in Jamesville some months ago, Mitchell said they retired to the room and removed their clothes, that the \$400 was counted along with some other paper bills. When they made ready to leave, the Gray woman

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County Democrats Poll Large Vote

Unopposed, Democratic nominees for offices in this county were given a great vote of confidence in the election on Tuesday of this week, most of them being returned to office.

J. Sam Getsinger, up for reelection to the office of register of deeds for another four-year term, led the county ticket with 4,687 votes. Chas. H. Manning, county court judge-nominee, was second with 4,661 votes. Running for the State Senate in this, the second district, John Rodman of Washington and Sam M. Campen of Alliance polled 4,585 and 4,515 votes respectively. Other votes for the party's nominee are listed unofficially, as follows:

For county representative in the General Assembly, A. Corey, 4,637 votes; for treasurer, R. H. Smith, 4,601; for county commissioners, John H. Edwards, 4,569; C. Abram Roberson, 4,559; W. M. Harrison, 4,574; C. C. Martin, 4,587; and Henry S. Johnson, 4,576.

An Election "Miracle" Returns Truman To White House And Gives Congress To Democrats

Democratic Broom In A Clean Sweep Of Entire Nation

Incomplete Returns Give Democrats 54 Senators, 267 Representatives

In what was rated an election "miracle" by some but what others chose to brand as plain old dumbness on the part of the "kept" press, prognosticators, the air gabbers and wishful thinkers, the Democratic Party made just about a clean sweep of the nation last Tuesday when the voters returned Harry S. Truman back to the White House with his running mate, Alben Barkley, and captured control of both the Senate and House. Enhancing their fancy work, the Democrats won twenty of the thirty-three gubernatorial contests, giving them a 30-to-18 "back-home" control of the political situation.

The columnists and commentators are frankly admitting their dumbness as the only explanation for the miserable guessing or pre-election "maneuvering". They are now bowing and scraping before the President who now goes into the White House a free man. He is under obligation to no man and the dead weight he has been carrying is certain to be discarded. After failing miserably in their election predictions, the commentators are now guessing that the President will make a stroke or two with his broom in and around Washington. Several shelves in the Cabinet are very likely to be cleaned out, the observers stating that few members there went out of their way to help the President in the recent campaign. Daniel Tobin, secretary of labor, led a helping hand, but Forrestal, Krug, Snyder and some others chose to play golf, leaving the President to fight the battle almost single-handed.

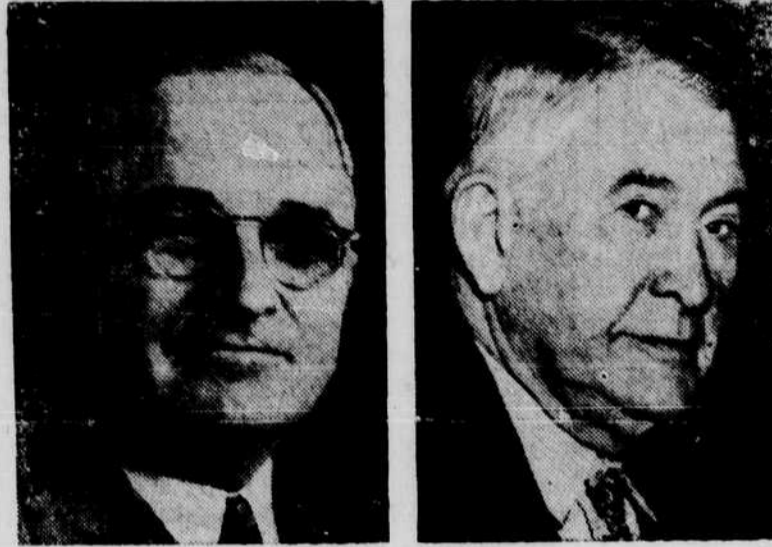
It was also predicted that the President is expected to start bearing down on privilege, that he plans to call for monopoly investigations and launch an effective program now that the dead weight of reactionaries and other non-desirables has been lifted from his shoulders.

The Tuesday election, itself, was the greatest nip-and-tuck battle of ballots ever recorded in the nation's political history, and it was not until 11:05 o'clock Wednesday morning that the Democrats laid definite claim to victory. Thomas Dewey, the man some had chosen to refer to as President-elect or the "next President," sent a message of congratulation to Truman at 11:15 o'clock that morning. Until that time, the commentators held their necks in, resting from the overtime work they had carried on with their necks out.

Latest reports give Truman 28 states and 304 electoral votes, and Dewey sixteen states and 189 electoral votes.

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Victors In Tuesday Election



President Harry S. Truman (left) and Alben Barkley effected near to a political "miracle" when they successfully campaigned their way through the Tuesday election against almost insurmountable odds and major obstacles to occupy the positions of President and Vice President for four years beginning next January 20.

Dedicate Church At West End Here Sunday At 3 P. M.

State Superintendent Of Baptist Mission, Rev. G. W. Bullard, To Preach

Sunday afternoon, November 7, at three o'clock, West End Memorial Baptist Church will hold its dedication service. The message for the dedication will be brought by the Reverend G. W. Bullard, State superintendent of Baptist Associational Missions, who was instrumental in the organization of the church.

The Reverend W. B. Harrington, the first pastor of West End and who has contributed greatly to its progress, will present its history.

This young church was the dream of one of Williamston's most beloved pastors, the late Dr. William R. Burrell. It was he who bought the first lot upon which the church was to be built, and he also remembered the church in his will. The first lot was found to be too small, and with the aid of the State Baptist Convention, the present property was purchased. The inspiration of Dr. Burrell, the generosity of many of Williamston's citizens and others throughout the state, and the hard work of the handful of members who undertook the task, are responsible for the beautiful place of worship that now stands on the Tarboro Road just outside of Williamston.

The church was organized July 29, 1947, and meetings were first held in the home of the members, the Martin Sandwich Shop, and Roberson's Cafe. Work was finally completed on the church building and the first service was held there June 1, 1947. A half time pastor was called to carry on the work, Reverend J. Thad Ash-

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Voters Of County Ably Support The State Democrats

Kerr Scott Leads The Ticket With 4,691 Votes For Governor

Martin County voters went all the way down the line in extending support to the Democratic Party candidates, and it is believed that the percentage of vote given the party will compare with the best in the State and possibly in the nation. A few voters got the instructions tangled up a bit, but there was little scratching. The electors directed their wrath against the opposition, the preponderance of the vote for Democrats clearly indicating that the party members are, after all, at peace with themselves and the world.

The county vote given the nominees of the Democratic, Republican and Progressive Parties on the state ticket, follows:

For U. S. Senate: (short term), Broughton, D, 4,607; (long term), Broughton, (D), 4,608; Wilkinson, (R), 105, and Brown, (Progressive), 4.

For governor: Scott (D), 4,691; Pritchard (R), 85; and Mary Price (P), the first woman to run for governor in North Carolina, 3.

For lieutenant governor: Taylor (D), 4,607; Hayes (R), 59; and Harris (P), 2.

For secretary of state: Eure (D), 4,621; Dockery (R), 87.

For auditor: (short term), Bridges (D), 4,591; (regular term), Bridges (D) 4,438; and Hickman (R), 59.

For treasurer: Brandon Hodges (D), 4,593; and Spence (R), 93.

For attorney general: McMullan (D), 4,593; Seawell (R), 87; and Pearson (P), 3.

For superintendent of public instruction: Erwin (D), 4,597; Henderson (R), 86.

For commissioner of agriculture: (short term), Coltran (D), 4,594; (regular term), Ballentine (D), 4,595; Craig (R), 86; and Stubbs (P), 2.

For commissioner of insurance: Wm. P. Hodges (D), 4,600; and Clifton (R), 59.

For commissioner of labor: Shuford (D), 4,594; and Harrill (R), 86.

For associate justice of the State Supreme Court: Ervin (D), 4,498; and McNeill (R), 88.

For judge of superior court, 1st district, Morris (D), 4,592.

For judge of superior court, 13th district, Phillips (D), 4,585.

For judge superior court, 20th district, Moore (D), 4,587.

For congressman, first district, Bonner (D), 4,628; and Bostlett (R), 66.

Returns from 1,714 of North Carolina's 1,959 precincts gave Truman, 427,534; Dewey, 220,700; Thurmond, 63,225; and Wallace, 3,609. It is estimated that 47-150,000 votes were cast in the nation.

Three Out Of Four Amendments Lose

Three of the four proposed amendments to the North Carolina State Constitution were, on the basis of preliminary vote counts, rejected at the polls last Tuesday. There was a fairly bright possibility that the No. 4 amendment, the one making it unnecessary to vote against the registration in special elections instead of counting the opposition vote actually cast in such elections, was fairly certain of passing.

The voters are not in favor of paying the other fellow, the legislator, in this case, a living wage as proposed in the No. 1 amendment. And they are not in favor of removing the limit on borrowing as proposed in the No. 2 issue. They also prefer to hold the tax rate limit at 15 cents for general county purposes as expressed in the No. 3 issue.

The vote on the amendments in this county was:

No. 1, salaries, 1,244 for and 1,487 against; No. 2, debt limitation, 862 for and 1,478 against; No. 3, tax rate, 476 for and 2,053 against; No. 4, change in vote count in special elections, 1,680 for and 647 against.

How They Voted In County

	President		U S Senate		Governor		Cong.	
	Truman	Dewey	Thurmond	Broughton	Brown	Wilkinson	Scott	Pritchard
Jamesville	460	27	0	11	448	0	28	455
Williams	201	0	0	3	195	0	0	198
Griffins	379	0	0	1	376	0	0	373
Bear Grass	344	13	0	1	329	0	12	338
Williamston I	533	17	1	7	591	1	6	605
Williamston II	706	54	0	8	728	2	20	751
Cross Roads	310	1	0	3	308	0	2	313
Robersonville	669	43	1	7	669	0	31	678
Gold Point	148	1	0	0	148	0	1	149
Poplar Point	176	0	0	0	176	0	0	176
Hassell	114	0	0	3	115	0	0	115
Hamilton	198	2	0	0	198	0	1	199
Goose Nest	344	4	0	8	326	1	2	339
TOTALS	4632	162	2	52	4807	4	105	4691

Contributions To Democratic Fund

Late contributions boosted the total fund for the Democratic Party in the county this week to \$716.80, the party treasurer, F. M. Manning, announced yesterday.

Melba Martin submitted \$53 for Jamesville Township, and Van G. Taylor added \$10 to the Cross Roads fund. E. S. Peel submitted an additional \$21 to the fund for Williamston Township.

No reports have been received from Hassell and Hamilton Precincts.

In accordance with an order issued by the executive committee, the treasurer this week forwarded \$250 to the state party treasurer for use in meeting the expenses of the state and national campaigns successfully completed Tuesday.

ELECTION PARTY

Receiving splendid cooperation from the officials and other very accommodating friends, The Enterprise was able to report the election returns without delay Tuesday evening. This county was one of the first to report, and was one of the very few to give a complete review of the entire vote.

The party did not attract a record crowd, but it was very successful, and the publishers are most appreciative of the efforts advanced by the election officials and others who submitted the precinct returns. Poplar Point was the first to report a completed count.

Record Vote Cast In Martin County

Contrary to expectations and predictions, Martin County voters went to the polls on Tuesday of this week in record numbers. The vote count exceeded by an even 200 the previous record high of 4739 votes reported in 1940.

The large vote came as a surprise about as much so as the outcome of the election. Many citizens, expressing dissatisfaction and admitting confusion, declared they would not vote at all. But when Poplar Point reported the first vote count, it was evident that the pre-election predictions were packed with errors.

It is conservatively estimated that about five out of every six eligible voters participated in the election, but apparently almost three hundred got their votes tangled up or else they did a lot of vote scratching.

The record vote was cast as follows, by precincts: Jamesville, 509; Williams, 203; Griffins, 385; Bear Grass, 357; Williamston I, 623; Williamston II, 792; Cross Roads, 322; Robersonville, 728; Gold Point, 150; Poplar Point, 176; Hassell, 117; Hamilton, 213; and Goose Nest, 359—a total of 4,939 votes.

While three precincts did not cast a single ballot for a Republican, Poplar Point limited its vote entirely to the Democratic ticket.

Country Home Burns Last Tuesday Noon

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the home occupied by a tenant family and owned by Farmer John R. Coltrain, near Manning and Gurkin's store in the Farm Life section of Griffins Township last Tuesday afternoon. The fire destroyed the home and spread to the smokehouse and woodshed, the occupants of the home saving only a few pieces of furniture and some clothing. The property was known as the N. Reddick Roberson homeplace. No damage estimate was offered.