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Martin County's Vote Looks Big In State Total

One of Counties Giving Democrats Their Greatest Majority

After giving Adlai Stevenson about 92.2 percent of its record vote, Martin County went on to give the State Democratic ticket just about 97 percent of its strength. W. B. Umstead, polling the largest vote on any ticket, led H. F. Seawell, Jr., 5571 to 168 for governor. Congressman Herbert Bonner, without opposition, polled 5,516 votes in this county.

Williams, Griffins and Gold Point precinets, while giving Eisenhower less than a dozen votes, did not cast a single Republican vote on the State ticket.

It is fairly evident that the "Democrats" for Eisenhower numbered about 250 in the county. The 168 votes cast for Seawell repersented about the normal Republican strength in the county, exclusive of independents, it is believed.

The county vote for State officers follows, with the Democrat listed first and the Republican candidate listed second:

For governor—Umstead, 5,571, Seawell, 168; for lieutenant governor: Hodges, 5,481 and Pritchard, 158; for secretary of state: Eure, 5,493 and Carr, 131; for State auditor: Bridges, 5,576 and Maultsby, 29; for State treasurer: Brandon Hodges, 5,478 and Eggers, 130; for attorney general: McMullan, 5,475 and Hall, 153; for superintendent of public instruction: (short term) Carroll, 5,479, (no opposition); for superintendent of public instruction: (regular term), Carroll, 5,468 and Haynes, 133; for commissioner of agriculture: Ballentine, 5,482 and Johnson, 153; for commissioner of insurance: Cheek, 5,475 and Day, 149; for commissioner of labor: Shuford, 5,467 and Rutledge, 129; for justice of supreme court Devin 5,461 and Frazier, 150; for associate justice of supreme court, (short term): Parker, 5,481, (no opposition); for associate justice supreme court, (regular term): Parker, 5,475 and Butler, 131; for associate justice supreme court: Johnson, 5,468 and McNeill, 129; for Congress: Herbert Bonner, 5,516, (no opposition).

Pollholders Did Good Job Tuesday

Although lines formed at some of the precincts, the pollholders in the various precincts did a splendid job in handling the election last Tuesday.

Election Board Chairman C. D. Carstarphen said everything was orderly, that no unfavorable incidents were reported.

The polls had been closed less than fifteen minutes before Griffins reported its Presidential count—420 to 2. All the other election officials cooperated splendidly in getting the returns which were telephoned immediately to the News and Observer and the press associations with election headquarters in Raleigh for this State.

The Enterprise did not post the returns since there were no local contests. The national returns were on television at the county fair in the Carolina Warehouse and a fairly large crowd attended there. Once the trend took a definite course, Democrats gradually faded away and the town was about as quiet as it has ever been on an election night.

ARMISTICE DAY

Apparently having lost its full meaning, Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I, will have no formal observance in this immediate area next Tuesday.

However, the day will be observed as a holiday by federal offices, including the post office, P.-M. A. and farm agents' offices, the banks, and the tobacco market. There'll be no town or rural mail deliveries that day.

Tobacco sales will be resumed next Wednesday, it was announced.

Record Vote Cast By This County In Recent Election

Remembering the olden days and appreciative of the opportunities provided by Democratic administrations during the past twenty year, Martin County Democrats took time out and went to the polls in record numbers on election day last Tuesday. When the day was spent, a total vote of 5,935 had been chalked up, nearly all of it in the Democratic column.

Twelve years ago, the county polled 4,739 votes to establish a new record up until that time. The vote slipped back in 1944 to 4,731, and then started climbing in 1948, reaching 4,939 that year. Unofficial reports show that the vote jumped almost 1,000 from the count in 1948 to score a total of 5,935 this year. Only on two other occasions had a gain of approximately 1,000 or more been recorded in this county from one four-year election to the next. In 1880 the Democrats polled 158 votes and the Republicans 245. Four years later in 1384, the Democrats polled 1,564 votes, a gain of 1,406. The Republicans, at the same time, increased their vote from 245 in 1880 to 1,250 in 1884 a gain of more than 1,000 votes. The Democrats went on in 1920 to increase its count by more than 1,000 votes over the 1916 figure.

The official vote count for 1948 and the unofficial count for 1952, by precincts, follows:

	1948	1952
Jamesville	509	556
Williams	208	235
Griffins	385	422
Bear Grass	357	401
Williamston I	623	794
Williamston II	792	1136
Cross Roads	322	324
Robersonville	728	970
Gold Point	150	170
Hassell	117	131
Hamilton	213	247
Goose Nest	359	353
	4939	5935

Tobacco Market To Close November 13

COOPERATION

Harry Truman, acting in a spirit of cooperation, tendered his congratulations to General Dwight D. Eisenhower and explained that the Presidetial plane was available at any time for the general's use in making his promised trip to Korea.

The message was sent by radio telephone from Truman's train to the general just before the Eisenhowers made ready to leave on a ten-day vacation in Augusta, Georgia.

Jokesters At The Polls On Tuesday

Voting was without incident and for the most part serious as far as the national and State tickets were concerned, but the jokesters moved in on the county ticket. Acting certainly in fun, several voters resorted to their pencils, writing in names of those who were not in the race.

Mayor Robt. Cowen, who could not qualify since he already holds a public office, and Attorney Edgar Gurganus, both of Williamston, annexed two votes in Williamston's No. I precinct for county surveyor. The jokesters were busy in Robersonville, too, writing in one vote for J. D. Hemingway and two for C. B. Martin for county surveyor.

Down in Jamsville there was one write-in vote on the constable ticket for Dallas Holliday.

Back in Williamston there were write-in votes on the constable ticket, one each going to J. Paul Lilley, Tom Chesson and Arthur Perry. On another constable ticket was properly written and marked "anyone else".

Over in Robersonville one vote, coming by the absentee route, was cast for E. G. Anderson for representative, and Paul D. Roberson got two for county judge.

Foreigners Will Make Study Here

Accompanied by interpreters, eleven foreigners, including eight Frenchmen, two Filipinos and a representative of the Mutual Security Agency, will come here next Monday afternoon at 2:55 o'clock by bus to make a study of the manufacture, distribution and sales of fertilizers, insecticides and irrigation equipment. The study will be centered at the plant of the Standard Fertilizer Company.

The group is studying at State College in Raleigh this week. The visitors will leave Wednesday morning, after completing their study here Monday afternoon and all day Tuesday, it was learned.

Sales Right At Eleven Million Pound Mark Here

Market Has Had Successful Season Despite Short Production

Williamston's tobacco market is closing the season next Thursday, November 13, it was announced following a meeting of the tobacco board of trade yesterday.

Considering the short crop and quality of the tobacco, the market here is closing possibly the best season in its history. Last summer when the sun was pushing the mercury above the 100-degree mark and a long dry spell held the crop in its grip, it was predicted that production would hit the lowest mark in years. Considering all the obstacles, the market went ahead to chalk up an enviable record. While the entire belt suffered, this section was said to have experienced the brunt of the dry weather, excepting one or two small communities within the area.

Yesterday, day after the election, the market hit its lowest average of the season. The lowest was on election day. The sale yesterday added up to 48,844 pounds and grossed the growers $23,859, an average of $48.85 per hundred pounds.

Up until this morning the market had sold 10,931,666 pounds for $5,517,042, an average of $50.47 per hundred pounds. The sales are expected to go over the eleven million-pound mark tomorrow.

During all of last season the market here sold 12,430,564 pounds for $6,862,911, an average of $55.21 per hundred pounds. Sales this season will be just

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Premium Winners At County's Fair Receiving $777.25

Kiwanians and Lions Who Are Sponsoring Event, Are Well Pleased

Resurrected from the distant past, the Martin County Fair, sponsored by the Kiwanis and Lions Club, is attracting large crowds at the Carolina Warehouse here this week, and the event is meeting with marked success, Manager Fletcher Thomas said last night.

The commercial booths, numbering fifty, are attracting favorable comment from visitors coming here from all parts of this and surrounding counties. The exhibits, rated far superior to anything seen at the old fair days, have attracted favorable attention and the entertainment features are passing all expectations.

Arranged on short notice, the fair has received full cooperation from the business houses, and the clubs, schools, various organizations, farm training groups, the farm and home agents and others.

Valuable prizes are being given away each evening, the value of several running up to as high as $50. No strings are attached and only registrations are required.

One report said that more than 1,000 paid admissions were handled at the fair last night, that record crowds are expected tonight, tomorrow night and Saturday night. The fair, providing a few shows and several rides outside the warehouse, closes at midnight Saturday.

Judges worked during most of yesterday selecting the winning

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Lions Club Gum Ball Machine Missing Here

The Lions Club gum ball machine disappeared from in front of Raynor's service station on Haughton Street last Friday evening and nothing has been heard from it, a club member said today.

It is thought that Halloween pranksters carried the machine away. The club, using funds from the machine for aiding the blind, ask that it be returned. Any information about it will be appreciated by Roger Roberts, representing the club.

Republicans Win Great Victory At The Nation's Polls Tuesday

County People Are Urged To Support Relief Project

Martin County ministers and farm leaders today again appealed to all people to support the overseas relief movement being sponsored by "CROP"—Christian Rural Overseas Program. Martin County people are being asked to contribute and load a car of peanuts for victims of war in Korea and others in the Asiatic area.

Next week has been designated as "CROP Week" in this and other counties of North Carolina, and Governor Kerr Scott, other State officials and religious and farm leaders are urging the people to take a part in the humane movement. Centered primarily in the rural areas, the movement is collecting food and other farm products for distribution overseas by missionaries and other representatives of the church. It is believed that quite a few farmers in this county will voluntarily give one or more bags of peanuts. Others are earnestly urged to join one or more neighbors in filling and delivering a bag of the goobers. Others will be asked to make cash contributions to finance the purchase of peanuts.

The ministers of the county are being asked to stress the urgent need for relief and appeal to their congregations to support the movement.

Farmer Mayo Hardsion is heading the drive as chairman in this county, and he is being assisted by Messrs. V. B. Hairr of Jamesville, C. L. Daniel of Williams, Stephen Manning of Griffins, N. R. Rogerson of Bear Grass, J. W. Snead of Williamston, Garland Forbes of Cross Roads, Sam T. Everett of Robersonville, Mrs. Ben James and Mr. Hardison of Poplar Point, J. H. Lillard of Hamilton and John Hassell of Goose Nest.

Turned Over By Hit-Run Driver

Stanley Leggett escaped with only minor bruises when his car was turned over at the corner of Main and Haughton Streets here a few days ago, according to local police.

Leggett, using a borrowed car, was driving into Main off South Haughton Street when another car struck him from the rear, throwing his car out of control and causing it to turn over. The other car, believed to have been operated by a serviceman, was not stopped.

Damage to the car driven by Leggett was estimated at $100.

AMVETS To Meet In The County Tuesday Evening

A meeting of Martin County AMVETS, Post No. 61, has been called for next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Switch. A dutch supper will follow the business meeting, it was announced.

AGAINST MILITARY

While a majority of civilians and possibly military men in other areas are for Eisenhower, the servicemen from this county voted more than six to one Tuesday against a military man for President. The vote was not officially announced, but one report maintained that only four out of twenty-five servicemen favored Eisenhower with their absentee ballots Tuesday at one polling place in this county.

Constables Re-Elected With Little Opposition

Two constables, Chas. R. Moore of Williamston and Harry Jones of Jamesville, were elected without much opposition in the Tuesday election.

Jones polled 484 votes in Jamesville, and Moore polled 1,491 votes, 671 in Precinct No. 1 and 820 votes in Precinct No. 2 here.

The voting was limited to the two respective townships.

Nine States Hold To Democrats In Tuesday Election

Eisenhower's Popular Vote Running Six Million Ahead Of Stevenson

Turning out in record-breaking numbers, voters in the nation last Tuesday elected Eisenhower to the Presidency and went on to give the Republicans a close advantage in both the Senate and National House of Representatives.

On the basis of fairly complete but unofficial returns, Eisenhower won thirty-nine states and held a popular vote margin of approximately six million over Adlai Stevenson who carried Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Louisiana and West Virginia.

North Carolina came through on the Democratic wagon with less than 100,000 votes to spare. Mississippi had a more pronounced vote for the Democrats, but South Carolina barely squeezed into the Democratic column in the face of Jimmy Byrnes.

The outcome of the Tuesday voting left Democratic leaders stunned, and no definite or basic reason for the political upset has been advanced. There is no doubt but what the Korean war had its effect, and it has been pointed out that the women's vote figured prominently in the Republican victory.

A troubled mother said here yesterday, "I'm glad Mr. Eisenhower was elected. I have a son in Korea and now I believe Mr. Eisenhower will get him home before Christmas."

The Republicans definitely hold forty-seven seats in the Senate. There's Wayne Morse who is now listed as an independent, and he'll go along with the Republicans on progressive legislation if such a thing is advanced. The Republicans, judging from the past, can expect whole-hearted support from North Carolina's Willis Smith and continued loyal support from Mr. Clyde R. Hoey, not to mention Mr. Harry Flood Byrd, the Virginia king bee.

The Republicans, with the help of North Carolina's tenth district, are also in the driver's seat in

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County Democrats Vote Their Stand

Martin County Democrats throw aside McCarthyism, Nixonism, half truths and financial pressure and went all out to support their party ticket in its entirety last Tuesday. On the basis of incomplete returns, Martin County gave Adlai Stevenson the largest majority of any county in North Carolina. Going to the polls in record numbers, county electors gave Stevenson 5,493 and Eisenhower 415 votes.

Griffins Township led the parade when it voted for Stevenson while the Republicans "sneaked" two votes in the box for their man. The picture was not so favorable in Williamston's No. 2 precinct for the Democrats, but even there the ratio was almost seven to one, while other precincts still gloried in the Democratic Party record in a big way.

The Presidential vote recorded in this county on Tuesday follows, by precincts:

	Demo	Rep
Jamesville	495	52
Williams	231	4
Griffins	420	2
Bear Grass	374	27
Williamston I	738	55
Williamston II	978	144
Cross Roads	314	5
Robersonville	888	82
Gold Point	164	3
Poplar Point	186	8
Hassell	128	3
Hamilton	231	13
Goose Nest	346	17
	5493	415

Call Forty-Four For Pre-Induction Exams On Friday

Several Of The Group Are Being Transferred To Other Boards

Forty-four Martin County young men are being called to report on Friday for pre-induction examinations. They are to go by special bus to Raleigh.

Several of the group have asked to be transferred to other boards, and one is being transferred to this county from Virginia. Quite a few of the group have been to induction centers on previous occasions for examinations.

Thirty-seven men are scheduled to answer a second pre-induction call on Thursday of next week, it was announced a short time ago by the Martin County Draft Board.

Included in the list leaving on Friday of this week are ten white registrants. The names of the group follow:

White—Melvin Brady of RFD 2, Robersonville, Samuel Morris Beacham of RFD 3, Williamston and RFD 2, Hampton, Va., J. Wilson Wiggins of RFD 1, Williamston, Jesse Vernon Umphlett of Williamston, Kenneth Carroll Roberson of Robersonville, Melvin Boyd Copeland of RFD 1, Robersonville, Raymond Sylvester Silverthorne of RFD 3, Williamston, Joe David Ayers of RFD 3, Williamston, Marcellus Bullock, Jr., of Williamston, and Dock Clifton Davenport who is transferring to the county board from Chester, Virginia.

Colored—Reuben James Jones of Everetts, Joseph Mack Bellamy of Robersonville, Henry Clay Bullock of RFD 1, Robersonville, James Taylor, Jr., of RFD 1, Oak City, Joe Saunders Yarrell of

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Battle Of Ballots In Martin County

After going Republican in 1880, Martin County has chosen to go along with the Democrats in supporting the Presidential ticket. Republicanism has flared up a little bit from time to time, but not since the latter part of the last century has it been much more than a passing threat.

Back in the nineties the county deserted the county Democratic ticket but it held to the national Democratic ticket.

A review of the unofficial Presidential ticket from 1880 through last Tuesday follows:

	Dem.	Rep.
1880	158	245
1884	1564	1250
1888	1663	1308
1892	1454	1091
1896	1681	1374
1900	1819	1068
1904	1419	316
1908	1338	426
1912	1251	229
1916	1472	281
1920	2561	530
1924	2061	216
1928	2818	411
1932	3782	94
1936	4477	111
1940	4628	106
1944	4408	133
1948	4632	162
1952	5493	415

In 1948 the county recorded two votes for Henry Wallace, Progressive Party candidate, and fifty-two votes for Thurmond, States Rights Party candidate.

STORAGE

The Peanut Growers Cooperative will open for business in the Carolina warehouse here next Monday for the storage of peanuts under the government loan program. Messrs. Leman Barnhill and S. Claud Griffin will manage the business, and they will be glad to answer all inquiries and explain the storage plan.

During the meantime the peanut crop is moving rapidly on the open market. It is estimated that one-third of the crop in this county has been sold, and that some receiving stations are running several days behind in handling their purchases.

County Vote For Officers And Amendments

Martin County Democrats turned out in big numbers to make sure the election of their county officers, and while handling that task they went on to give the three proposed amendments to the State Constitution sizable majorities. The county ticket was without opposition, and attracted very little attention when put beside the Presidential contest. As usual, J. Sam Getsinger, running for re-election as register of deeds, led the ticket. The vote on the county ticket—all Democrats—and the vote on the three newly proposed constitutional amendments follow, by precincts:

	AMENDMENTS No. 1		No. 2		No. 3		State Sen.							Commissioners				
	For	Vs.	For	Vs.	For	Vs.	Paul	Horton	Rep. A. Corey	Smith	Treas. Getsinger	Reg. Deds Johnson	Rec. Jdg. Roberson	Surveyor Gurkin	Johnson	Martin	Roebuck	Edwards
Jamesville	203	124	214	61	209	57	474	493	496	484	497	493	486	498	481	493	481	481
Williams	87	35	80	17	80	13	222	226	228	226	229	229	225	229	224	227	227	227
Griffins	55	53	74	6	57	6	391	409	413	394	413	403	397	411	393	397	395	397
Bear Grass	113	65	100	39	84	30	358	367	367	362	373	368	358	366	361	362	359	362
Williamston I	395	120	381	83	374	62	740	763	763	754	768	761	745	759	748	750	748	749
W'mston II	552	173	731	147	734	97	970	1037	1040	1022	1046	1039	998	1000	990	993	997	1006
Cross Roads	82	45	91	18	88	12	301	306	302	306	306	306	295	305	302	305	305	300
Robersonville	361	191	387	124	376	87	846	888	872	876	886	879	833	870	871	867	875	864
Gold Point	25	107	40	69	39	56	163	165	166	165	162	166	165	164	164	164	164	164
Poplar Point	13	2	8	7	9	6	185	185	185	185	185	185	185	185	185	185	185	185
Hassell	32	29	30	28	35	23	124	124	124	124	124	124	123	124	124	124	124	124
Hamilton	96	64	127	21	104	22	218	227	229	224	232	232	224	221	229	220	220	219
Goose Nest	116	106	128	54	125	38	342	348	349	345	349	349	346	345	345	343	344	343
TOTALE	**2130**	**1174**	**2391**	**674**	**2314**	**509**	**5334**	**5538**	**5534**	**5467**	**5570**	**5534**	**5372**	**5477**	**5417**	**5430**	**5424**	**5421**

Large Business Had Its Beginning Here

Local Young Man Goes To Arkansas To Head Division

Packing up their earthly belongings, including Tom, the cat, Clementine, the dog, and a puppy, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crockett and daughters, Jean and Sallie, and Mrs. Crockett's mother, Mrs. Ethel Watts, pulled out in their station wagon Tuesday afternoon for the new home in Little Rock, Arkansas. The move fits into a plan of progress in which Mr. Crockett has figured prominently in the past and in which he is destined to figure even more prominently in the future.

The move had its beginning in a most indirect way, to be sure, back before World War II when Mr. C. G. Crockett, Sr., father of Thomas, recognized the great need for irrigation. The Standard Fertilizer Company purchased a large farm and switched 150 acres of cotton to Irish potatoes. Mr. Crockett saw the 150 acres of potatoes dry up, and he started looking for water. A $15,000 irrigation system was installed, and the next crop of potatoes brought $32,000 profit which was traceable to the system.

The son, soldiering overseas at the time, was kept posted on the developments, and instead of talking war and discussing the general events of the day, father and son talked irrigation in their frequent correspondence. The young man was not present when the first system was installed in this State, but he kept up with every detail. The war over, young Crockett, to relieve his father of a heavy business schedule, took charge of the irrigation business.

Along with relentless study, the new manager of the new business opened a factory on Roanoke River here and started manufacturing the systems. Improvements were made from time to time, including a new coupling for the pipes which was patented. Systems were sold and installed in several states, and the prospects were bright

When the Standard Fertilizer Company was consolidated with the giant Mathieson Chemical Corporation, top officials immediately became interested in irrigation and its potentalities. During the meantime, young Crockett kept studying and expanding operations, and his reputation as an expert on irrigation began to spread. Recognized as an authority on the subject, he was invited to speak at Pennsylvania State College at Penn State, Pa., and his talk was carried over a 15-station radio network.

Finding the business limited to the one office here, the Mathieson Corporation started the wheels turning in a big way. Offices were opened in Jackson, Mississippi, Houston, Texas, Texarkana, Texas, St. Louis, Missouri, Baltimore, and Little Rock, Arkansas, with young Tom Crockett in charge as general manager of the entire system with headquarters in Little Rock.

The original office is being maintained here with Dilday as manager.