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Edmisten, Knox To Meet In June 5 Runoff



EDDIE KNOX

Mondale, Hunt and Jordan Score Victories

By ROBERT KOENIG

Attorney General Rufus Edmisten and former Charlotte mayor Eddie Knox will meet in the June 5 runoff primary to decide the Democratic nomination for governor. The two were the leading vote-getters in Tuesday's primary election.

With 99 percent of all precincts reporting, unofficial returns showed Edmisten leading with 289,916 votes. The former Charlotte mayor was second in the race with 245,855 votes.

Former Commerce Dept. Secretary D.M. Faircloth was third in the race with 150,904 votes. Faircloth conceded defeat late Tuesday night.

Faircloth Wins In County Vote

By ROBERT KOENIG

Former Commerce Secretary D.M. "Lauch" Faircloth scored a victory in the Madison County primary Tuesday, sweeping 10 of the county's 11 precincts. Faircloth polled 1,128 votes to outdistance his nearest opponent by a better than two-to-one margin. Only Mars Hill, which went to former Charlotte mayor Eddie Knox, bucked the county-wide trend to Faircloth.

Tom Gilmore was fourth in the balloting with 81,964 votes, followed by Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green with 80,513 and Insurance Commissioner John Ingram with 73,779.

Among the four minor candidates, Robert Hannon received the most votes, 18,170.

With the statewide returns still incomplete, it appears that State Senator Robert Jordan has narrowly won the race for Lieutenant Governor. Jordan had slightly more than 50.3 percent of the vote late Tuesday night. Jordan would face a runoff with Carl Stewart, Jr. on June 5 if he failed to garner better than half the vote in Tuesday's election. With 65 percent of the precincts reporting, Stewart had some 45 percent of the vote.

The former Commerce Dept. head had the endorsement of Madison County Democratic Party chairman Zeno Ponder.

Eddie Knox finished a distant second in the county returns with 517 votes. He was followed by Attorney General Rufus Edmisten with 461 votes and Lt. Governor Jimmy Green, who received 501 votes.

Tom Gilmore finished fifth in the county with (Continued on Page 9)



RUFUS EDMISTEN

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Mondale	1,733
Hart	862
Jackson	93

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR

Faircloth	1,128
Knox	517
Green	501
Edmisten	461
Gilmore	100
Ingram	74

DEMOCRATIC U. S. SENATE

Hunt	2,036
Allred	150

REPUBLICAN U. S. SENATE

Helms	291
Wimbish	10

LT. GOV.

Jordan	1,309
Stewart	1,112

Farm Finance Amendment

FOR	882
AGAINST	283

Helms And Martin Win

Although it has attracted less attention than the crowded Democratic races, the North Carolina Republican Party also held primary elections Tuesday. Statewide, the Republican primary offered no surprises. Both incumbent Sen. Jesse Helms and Rep. James Martin won their races easily. The local race for the

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Madison County Tax Collector

WALLIN	1,587
DODSON	850

Tornado Sighted Near Hot Springs

The National Weather Service issued a tornado warning Monday night after sighting a tornado on radar equipment at the Tri-City Weather Station.

The weather service issued the warning at 8:40 p.m., five minutes after the tornado was sighted.

The Madison County Sheriff's Department received reports Monday night of downed trees in the Spring Creek and Belva sections of the county, but no injuries were reported.

Wreck Kills Marshall Man

Jackie Lynn Laws of motorcycle after hitting a muddy spot on the road. Laws was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was parked car according to Madison County Sheriff E.V. Ponder. The sheriff said it appeared Laws lost control of the

A 37-year old Marshall man was killed in a motorcycle accident early Saturday morning on U.S. 25-70 north of Marshall. Funeral services for Laws were held in Marshall Monday afternoon.

Commissioners Approve DSS Budget

The Madison County Board of Commissioners approved a budget for the county Department of Social Services at Monday's meeting. The DSS budget calls for \$529,284 in county funds, an increase of almost \$50,000 for the current year.

Including both federal and state funds, the county DSS budget for the coming year is \$3,932,839. Salaries, day care, aid to families with dependant children and the food stamp program account for the major portions of the budget.

The approval was the first given by the commissioners for next year's budget. The commissioners held a working session last week with members of the Board of Education, but did not approve a budget for the county schools during Monday's meeting.

The commissioner also heard from Mars Hill Fire Chief Gordon Randolph, who complained of friction between members of the county Emergency Medical Service and the Mars Hill Rescue Squad. The board asked Randolph to return to the next meeting with a proposal to end the tensions between the two services.

The board also heard appeals for funds from Richard Kingston and Ricky McDewitt. Kingston asked the commissioners to consider applying for funds to conduct a historical inventory of the county.

McDewitt asked the board to contribute funds to send the Madison High School girls' basketball team to Europe next summer for a series of games with English, French and Italian teams. The com-

missioners took no action on either request.

The board approved tax releases totalling \$287.36 for Larry Shelton, William Thrasher, Connie Rice and Ethel Harkelford.

The board also approved a \$2,000 increase in its contract with the Hot Springs Health Program and heard a budget request for the Madison County Health Dept.

Tax Collector Harold Wallin reported tax collections totalling \$30,182.81 for the month.

Register of Deeds Jena Lee Buckner reported collections of \$2,738.50. Clerk of Court Jim Cody reported collections totalling \$2,158 and the Madison County EMS collected \$3,214.74 during the month.



HEAVY RAINS THAT HIT Madison County Sunday and Monday brought streams and rivers to near flood stage. U.S. 25-70 Business was partially under water Monday afternoon. Damages from flooding were reported to be minimal, but the heavy rains have delayed farmers.