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laughing, a time for window-shopping and coke-drinking—mostly a time for just plain loafing.

Most people couldn't remember seeing so many folks in town in a long time.

Focus of all the interest was—naturally—the county courthouse. People stood in clusters about the steps and upon the sidewalk all day—just waiting for nothing in particular. The green-painted benches before the courthouse held a capacity seating all the afternoon. The hall inside was lined with men leaning against the walls, quietly watching the procession of voters. Probably the calmest, quietest place in town was the voting room of the courthouse.

Marion Bridges, co-publisher of The Mountaineer, ill-advisedly left the newspaper business for radio when he took over the WHCC mike around midnight Saturday to run the election party news. Bridges' first attempt at being a disc jockey was—well, indescribable. When it came time to sign off the station at 1 o'clock with the national anthem, he couldn't get the record turntable to work. He finished with a curt, "Good night." A congressional investigation is expected.

It wasn't exactly ladies' day around the courthouse. The fairer sex voted in a sizable crowd, but they didn't stand around and gab like the men-folk. And we were always told that women talked more than men. Another theory shot to pieces.

Chief topics of conversation were crops, the election, neighbors, the price of cars, food and liquor, the election, the weather and the election.

A temperamental bunch of rain clouds which kept sneaking over the town to let loose a torrent every few minutes had everyone apprehensive. The courthouse benches and steps began looking like a big game of musical chairs—the rain would run everyone inside, then there was a rush to regain seats.

To fill out the carnival atmosphere, music rang out of the sheriff's office for a while Saturday morning. People who looked inside saw grammar-schooler Tony Wood—attired in a colorful cowboy outfit that would have made Gene Autrey look grab—strumming a guitar energetically and singing "The Grandfather Clock." Tony's mother finally voted and led him out of the courthouse, dragging the guitar which was a little bigger than Tony.

One candidate for the House of Representatives post stood quietly on the front porch of the courthouse, smiling at folks and buying a coke for somebody now and then. If this was bribery, then make the most of it.

Conversation: "I know darn well Broughton is gonna win. I'll bet you a steak breakfast he will."

"Nope, I won't bet you. I been working for Umstead since sunup and I'll be up all night waiting to see who wins. You think I'm go to get up for breakfast?"

The auditor's office Saturday night was the scene of most of the action. The Mountaineer staff was set up there to put the returns together for the radio and United Press. Everyone was yelling figures back and forth across the room as the tension mounted in the races—it sounded like the New York Stock Exchange on a bull market day. Political observers stood about the room congratulating their workers who had sparked the organization's candidates in the voting. You could tell how the returns were coming in—not by the figures on the board—but by the grins around the room.

One young fellow—probably his first election—said he didn't know exactly who he wanted to vote for, but he had heard that a couple of the candidates for governor wanted to give the GI's a \$100 bonus. "That's the man I want to vote for," he said. It went to prove you can fool too many people too much of the time.

An election—after you get through the balloting—is nothing but figures. You can read all the balloting figures, but what we'd like to know is—how many cigars were smoked Saturday, how many tobacco quids chewed, how many cuss-words cussed, how many men had beards, how many used canes, how much money changed hands over the election, how many friends broke into arguments, how many people didn't know exactly what they were voting for, how many people were disappointed over the outcome, how many were made happy. That's the real story.

The first written use of the expression, "hair of the dog," is believed to be contained in an English translation of a French book published in 1616, when "haire of the beast that hath made thee ill" is prescribed as a cure for "the head that complaineth itself of too much drinke of wine."

**Last Rites For Sgt. Moore Held Thursday**

Last rites were held Thursday afternoon at Crawford Memorial Park for Staff Sergeant Kenneth H. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Moore, of Hazelwood, who died in a hospital in France in July 1944. Rev. R. L. Young, pastor of the First Methodist Church and chaplain of the American Legion Post 47, and Rev. S. C. Lowery were in charge of the graveside service.

Members of the American Le-

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and Grover C. Davis fourth with 3,803.

A close study of the tabulation with Sgt. Moore, served as pallbearers. The flowers were in charge of the Auxillary of the American Legion.

Sgt. Moore is survived by his parents; three brothers, Sgt. Douglas Moore in Tokyo, Staff Sgt. Arthur Moore of Ft. Bragg, and Clarence Moore of Hazelwood; and a sister, Mrs. W. J. Godwin of Charleston, S. C.

shows that there is only one vote difference in the unofficial totals cast for the six candidates for governor, and the three candidates for house of representatives.

Mayne Albright, third man in the governor's race in the state, took second place here in Haywood, while Kerr Scott the second man in the state totals, was third in Haywood.

Voting was steady throughout the day, with pre-noon rains keeping a lot of voters at home. Many farmers took advantage of the rains to set out tobacco plants.

The first returns were from Cata- loochee, with 7 votes. This came in during the latter part of the afternoon, and by eight o'clock the

first of the other 21 precincts started rolling in, and by 10:30 all the precincts had reported except two in Canton.

The staff of The Mountaineer tabulated the results at the court house, and these were in turn broadcast over WHCC, together with state returns. The station remained on the air until one o'clock.

**BOARD TO TABULATE RESULTS HERE TODAY**

The Haywood Board of Elections were busy yesterday tabulating the returns, and hope to complete the task some time today. Most of the returns as gathered by The Mountaineer Saturday night were from

the official tabulation sheets of election officials.

The Haywood board is composed of Jerry Rogers, chairman, Claude Williams and J. A. Singleton.

**W. B. HODGES WINS IN SENATE RACE**

William B. Hodges, Hendersonville banker, was nominated over Victor Rector, teacher, for the state senate post in this district. Mr. Hodges is a former state senator, and is one of the two nominees for this district. The other nominee comes from Jackson county this year.

**MRS. E. L. MCKEE HAS A SLIGHT LEAD IN JACKSON**

The Mountaineer learned late Monday that the exact results of the State Senator's race in Jackson county would not be known until about ten o'clock today, when the board checks the returns. Mrs. E. L. McKee, former state senator, was leading in the unofficial returns by seven votes over Mr. Crawford, d. of Cullowhee.

It is estimated that about 15 per cent of all elementary school pupils in the United States are still taught in one-room, one-teacher schools in the open country.

**ANNA JEAN BAIN COUNTY LIBRARIAN**

Miss Anna Jean Bain will serve as librarian at the Haywood County Library during the summer. Miss Bain is a native of Waynesville, Tenn., and has just completed her education at the University of Tennessee. She has been a member of the National Library of Medicine since she was a child. She is a member of the American Library Association and the American Association of University Women. She is also a member of the local church and the community center.

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