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## Close Haywood Vote Indicates Second Primary

### Methodist Conference Of 2000 Coming To Lake

### Board Will Canvass The Votes Tues.

#### Conference Committee Lake Plans

Junaluska was named as meeting place of the 1956 Eastern Jurisdictional Conference of the Methodist church special committee on environment, which met here Friday.

conference will bring about people to the area for the meeting, according to A. Whitmore, chairman. Whitmore said, upon a resolution of the 1952 conference, to investigate the fact Lake Junaluska for the conference. The committee Friday found adequate facilities at the lake and in the community (within five miles) to comfortably house and entertain the large group which will attend the conference.

conference area is south of the town, east of the Mississippi river. It includes about two and a half miles of shoreline. There are 9 churches in the area, and includes 17 camps of the Methodist church.

exact days of the conference will be announced later, but the committee is to come here between the 20th and 30th of June.

members of the Chamber of Commerce and the Haywood High School met with the group and discussed plans for the conference. The committee went into execution afterwards and voted to hold the conference at Lake Junaluska in 1956.

noon the committee was met by the Rotary Club, and Dr. E. H. Blanchard, pastor of Central Methodist Church, and the tell of the area, and the Chamber of Commerce. The committee, with officials of Lake Junaluska, and the Chamber of Commerce, were guests and Mrs. Jonathan Woody at the home of Mr. Rufus Siler.

of the members of the committee remained over the night and were enthusiastic about the civic spirit and cooperation here.

W. Fowler, Jr., superintendent of Lake Junaluska, said the conference would be the largest to come to this immediate area, and pointed out that publicity over the 9-state area is worth much to this section.

Sam Wiggins is promoted by the Army

Sam L. Wiggins was promoted to his present rank of major in November, 1952. He was at his current station in 1953 as a member of the 1st Army Band in which he is Company Clerk and Mail Room Clerk.

William T. Hannah and W. G. Hannah, attended commencement program at the College at which Miss Hannah received a degree.

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Fine Cherry Crop Reported By Francis

Although apples have been damaged by fire blight, the county's cherry crop has escaped and is one of the best in years, Henry Francis of Francis Cove told The Mountaineer today.

### These Men Got Top Votes In Their Races In Haywood And State Primaries



FRED Y. CAMPBELL, Sheriff. —Led the County ticket by polling over 6,400 votes Saturday.



JIM KILLIAN, Board of Education.



CLIFTON S. TERRELL, Board of Education.



T. D. BRYSON, Solicitor.



FARADAY C. GREEN, Chairman Board.



W. KERR SCOTT, Senator.



BRYAN D. MEDFORD, Tax Collector.



WILLIAM MEDFORD, State Senate.



FLOYD WOODY, Commissioner.



FRANK R. MEDFORD, Commissioner.



JERRY ROGERS, Representative.



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(See Tabulations Pages 3 & 6)

Indications today pointed to a second primary in Haywood as the result of a close race for chairman of the board of commissioners.

Unofficial returns gave Faraday C. Green 2483, and Glenn D. Brown 2166.

Brown, through a spokesman, told The Mountaineer at noon today, any comment on a second primary would have to wait for the official canvass of the vote by the Board of Elections. This is set for Tuesday. Under the law, a candidate has five days after the canvass in which to give notice of a second primary.

Clarence Edwards, constable of Waynesville township, said he had officially given notice that he was seeking a second primary. The vote in the constable's race is incomplete with two precincts out. A. F. Arrington is ahead in the precinct reporting.

The vote in Haywood Saturday was light, as predicted, with slightly over 8,000 ballots being cast. The early afternoon showers might have kept back some. The county was unusually quiet all day.

Sheriff Fred Y. Campbell led the ticket, according to the unofficial returns, polling 6470, and Hub Ruff, 1314.

The unofficial tabulation of the 29 precincts in the county will be found on page six, as well as the unofficial tabulation of how Haywood voted in the state races. Haywood gave W. Kerr Scott a better than a two-for-one vote over Senator Lennon in the spirited senatorial race.

In the seven-county 20th Judicial District, Thad D. Bryson of Bryson City held a solid lead over his two Haywood County opponents Felix E. Alley, Jr., and Grover C. Davis, both of Waynesville. On the basis of unofficial returns from 107 of the 112 precincts in Macon, Graham, Clay, Cherokee, Haywood, Jackson and Swain, Bryson polled 11,130 votes to 5,988 for Alley and 5,246 for Davis.

The unofficial returns as compiled and tabulated by The Mountaineer, shows the following:

SOLICITOR	
T. D. Bryson	2789
Felix E. Alley, Jr.	2399
Grover C. Davis	2752
STATE SENATE	
William Medford	3830
J. Harden Howell	3459
HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES	
W. Homer Owen	1864
R. E. Sentelle	2143
Jerry Rogers	3489
SHERIFF	
Fred Y. Campbell	6470
Hub Ruff	1314
TAX COLLECTOR	
Bryan D. Medford	3131
Joe N. Tate, Jr.	1872
P. D. (Dave) Turner	461
Grover C. Ferguson	1373
Mutt Tate	1250
CHAIRMAN OF BOARD	
Glenn D. Brown	2166
Faraday C. Green	2483
C. C. Francis	1871
Carter Osborne	1231
BOARD COMMISSIONERS	
Frank R. Medford	4012
Gaston Burnette	1609
Floyd W. Woody	4211
Way M. Mease	1345
Harry J. Hyatt	1937
BOARD EDUCATION	
Willard Moody	2335
Jim Killian	3277
Clifton Terrell	3065
John K. Reeves	2338
Hub Caldwell	2050

### Four Automobile Accidents Reported During Weekend

(See Pictures Page Two)

A series of traffic accidents over the weekend ran up a considerable property damage total, with one person listed as injured, according to the report of the Highway Patrol today.

Cpl. Pritchard Smith reported four accidents, with the worst, at 12:05 a.m. this morning, on Highway 19-23 at Long's Chapel, where a 1953 Mercury was completely demolished, after hitting a ditch, a bank, knocking down a power pole, then turning over several times in a field, James Henry Milner, 27, of route three, Canton, driver, is being charged with driving drunk. Milner suffered a cut right arm, and complained of pains in his back. He is in the hospital here.

The top of the car was smashed down on the top of the seats, and the doors ripped off.

Cpl. Smith said he arrested Milner on January 16 for speeding in a Buick at the Lake at 70 miles an hour. Cpl. Smith said he estimated Milner must have been going between 70 and 75 miles an hour early this morning.

The car was owned by Milner's sister, Miss Arlene Milner.

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Cpl. Smith said the Jones 1948 Dodge was damaged about \$400, and Riggins was charged with reckless driving.

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Cpl. Pritchard Smith and Patrolman V. E. Bryson are investigating the accident.

They said a taxi crossed a yellow center line and in passing three cars, met an oncoming car, and caused the front car to stop, and caused the rear car to stop.

### Lot Of Hard Work In Tabulating Returns

#### Only Federal Offices Observe Memorial Day

Only federal offices—including the post office—in the Waynesville area were closed today in observance of Memorial Day. Although the holiday actually was yesterday, it was being observed today because of its falling on Sunday.

All business houses, banks, and town and county offices were open as usual.

A special Memorial Day program in honor of the dead from four wars was conducted Sunday afternoon at the veterans plot in the Green Hill Cemetery by American Legion Post 47.

#### Pigeon Valley Lions Club Elects Officers

Hugh R. Terrell was elected president of the Pigeon Valley Lions Club at a meeting last week at the Bethel School Cafeteria.

The officers selected were, for the most part, the same ones chosen to govern the club since it was chartered last December.

Others elected were: Carson W. Clark, first vice president, Jack Rigdon, second vice president; John G. Remenar, third vice president.

Also Kin McNeil, secretary; L. J. Worley, treasurer; D. D. York, Lion tamer; Guy Wells and James Reeves, tail twisters; Roy Deitz and Robert R. Kelley, directors.

#### Crabtree Baptists To Observe Anniversary

Crabtree Baptist Church will observe its 140th anniversary Sunday with special singing and dinner on the grounds, it has been announced.

The worship service will begin at 11 a.m.

It all started at 7 p.m. Saturday when four members of The Mountaineer staff, W. C. Russ, Marion Bridges, Bob Winchester, Bob Conway, joined Kenneth Fry of WHCC in the Law Library in the court house to compile primary election returns. They were joined by Clifton Metcalf, Brevard, and Mrs. Ann B. Boyd.

The task required nine hours, for it was not until 4 a.m. that the final returns had been tallied up. The outcome of many races, however, was obvious long before that.

As usual, Cataochee Precinct was the first to be heard from—reporting in the morning a total of seven ballots cast.

From then on it was more than an hour before the next returns were received from East Waynesville. After that, reports came in steadily throughout the remainder of the night and into the early morning hours. Other early reporters were Jonathan Creek, Fines Creek No. 2, Beaverdam No. 7, Mt. Sterling, and Cecil. The last returns came from the larger precincts—Clyde, West Waynesville, Hazelwood, South Waynesville, and Center Waynesville.

The total number of votes cast reached 7,900—missing by only 100 the prediction of an 8,000 vote total.

The tabulation in several precincts was delayed somewhat when it was found that several state ballots had been placed in those designated for county ballots. Only a few such errors were made, however.

Two men in the Mountaineer's working group alternated in taking reports from the precincts over the phone. Another kept county returns on a large chart, while a fourth kept the state figures. Totals were frequently run off on adding machines—keeping two machines busy all night. They were operated by Mrs. Boyd, Ben Sloan, Metcalf, and Mrs. Larry Cagle, the latter a Mountaineer employee.

During the early part of the evening, only two or three onlookers were in the counting room, but later on from 15 to 20 persons were

### Scott Captures Nomination; Sen. Lennon Leads In WNC

#### Services Are Held Sunday For Mrs. Rotha

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in the Waynesville Presbyterian Church for Mrs. Harry Rotha, 70, who died Friday night in her home on Pigeon Street following a long illness.

The Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, pastor of the church, and the Rev. James Fortune of Durham, officiated. Interment was in Green Hill Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were C. E. Weatherby, W. C. Enslley, Jr., Howard Hyatt, William Medford, Leo Reiger, and David Felmet.

Mrs. Rotha was born September 23, 1883. She was the former Miss Georgia Knight, the daughter of the late Captain George and Lura Thackson Knight of Virginia. She had lived in Waynesville more than fifty years and had endeared herself to a host of friends. She men won renomination easily—Reps. L. H. Fountain, 2nd District; (See Mrs. Rotha—Page 6)

#### 4-H To Plan Program For Bay Staters' Visit

Plans for entertaining a group of 4-H club members from Berkshire County, Mass., in August will be made at a meeting of the Haywood County 4-H Exchange Club at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, at the courthouse.

At that meeting, discussions will be held on:

1. Making money to entertain the Massachusetts delegates.
2. Assigning delegates to Exchange Club members, who will play host to the visitors in their homes.
3. The program to be presented. Last year 36 Haywood County

on hand to observe the compilation of the votes. A number of candidates visited the law library to get the returns as soon as possible, but others kept an ear cocked by the radio.

Compiled from AP Dispatches Although Senator Alton A. Lennon had still not conceded at noon today, it is apparent that former North Carolina governor W. Kerr Scott has won the Tar Heel State's nomination for U. S. Senator.

Unofficial returns from 1,918 of the state's 2,027 precincts gave Scott 297,001 votes to Lennon's 271,661. This was a 25,340-vote lead for the former governor and a majority of 5,341 over the field.

Although he carried the state, Scott trailed his opponent in 19 Western North Carolina counties.

Lennon picked up 36,354 votes and led Scott in 11 counties—Avery, Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Henderson, Madison, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania, Watauga and Yancey.

Scott received 34,680 votes and led in the counties of Burk, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, McDowell, Mitchell and Swain.

"Also-rans" were Alvin Wingfield, Jr., Henry L. Sprinkle, A. E. Turner, Olla Ray Boyd, and W. N. Bostick, who received a total of only 14,658 votes.

Four North Carolina congress-

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**Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood (TO DATE)**

**Killed . . . 0**  
**Injured . . . 9**

(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)