

Record total of 12,515 cast ballots . . .

# Orange County majority sides with winners in state, nation

An extraordinary record total of 12,515 Orange County voters went to polls in the general elections Tuesday as Democratic nominees swept all contests.

The majority totals in the County went with the winners of all races in the national and state elections. According to preliminary figures from the Board of Elections, which will meet today to canvass the returns, the turn-out represented 74 per cent of the 16,837 registered voters.

President-elect John F. Kennedy won in 15 of the 21 precincts by gaining a majority of 1,949 votes over Nixon. The totals—Kennedy 7,180, Nixon, 5,231. By contrast, in 1956, Democratic nominee Adlai Stevenson ended up only 350 votes ahead of Eisenhower—4,743 to 4,396.

### Kennedy three to one

Kennedy's proportionate lead in the various Orange County boxes was as high as three-to-one in the tobacco-growing precincts of northern Orange, and even surpassed two-to-one in Chapel Hill No. One. The precincts won by Nixon were Caldwell, Cameron Park, Rock Springs, St. Mary's (which gave a majority to almost all Republican candidates), and White Cross.

The total voter turnout in the county of 12,515 was more than 25 per cent above the 9,100 who cast ballots in the 1956 general election. Within Orange County it's interesting to note that the six Chapel Hill precincts (including Carrboro) cast 7,211 votes, representing 57 per cent of the total. And the proportion

that voted in Chapel Hill was a bit higher than that for the County as a whole. Of the 9,432 registrants in these six precincts, slightly more than 76 per cent went to the polls.

Governor-Elect Terry Sanford fared even better than his presidential counter-part in Orange County. Sanford received 7,443 votes to Gavin's 4,836. And Sanford captured 14 precincts, while tying Gavin in Cameron Park, where each had 252. Despite previous predictions, thus, Sanford received more votes than Kennedy in all but nine precincts, though the margin of difference in all precincts was small.

### Kornegay two-to-one

In the Congressional contest Democratic nominee Horace Kornegay of Greensboro led County Republican Chairman Col. Holland Robb roughly two to one. Robb led only in St. Mary's and Caldwell precincts. Kornegay received 6,902, and Robb 3,402.

The margin was still wider for Senator Everett Joran who received 7,147 to Kyle Hayes' 3,040. Ralph Scott of Alamance County will go the State Senate from the 16th District comprising

Alamance and Orange. He was aided in his successful race by 7,745 Orange County votes, as compared to 2,601 for GOP contender Forrest Hall.

The two Democratic nominees for County commissioner were almost three-to-one winners over the Republicans. Harvey Bennett led with 7,822. Incumbent Donald Stanford was next with 7,727. Republican Louis Sparrow received 2,749 and M. Jack Walker, 2,805. The two Republicans won only in St. Mary's precinct.

### Umstead un-opposed

In most precincts John Umstead un-opposed for his 13th bid to serve in the General Assembly, was the top vote getter. Charles Walker and Charles Stanford, Democrats un-opposed for re-nomination to the County School Board, were also re-elected, of course.

The biggest voter turnout in the county was in Chapel Hill No. Three, where student registrations swelled the total and 1,500 persons cast ballots. All other Chapel Hill Precincts have over 1,000 votes, too: Others than topped 1,000 were Carrboro, with 1,344, Chapel Hill No. Five with 1,235, Chapel Hill No. Two, 1,078, and No. One, 1,033.

## Precinct Circuit...

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County Democratic Chairman Jim Phipps and his precinct workers were good prophets, if a bit conservative. In compiled predictions from all 21 precincts on Nov. 1, the Democrats forecast a vote of 6,425 for Kennedy to 4,440 for Nixon. The actual total was 7,180 for Kennedy to 5,231 for Nixon. For Governor they saw 6,320 for Sanford, and 3,930 for Gavin. The turn-out: 7,443 for Sanford, and 4,836 for Gavin. Actually the margins were predicted very closely, but the total vote was higher than expected.

Hillsboro Democratic precinct committeeman Wayne McDade, an ardent Democrat-for-Gavin received a write-in vote on the Republican side of the ballot against Rep. John Umstead, who had no GOP opposition.

At the end of his day of hand-shaking in Chapel Hill last Thursday Congressional nominee Horace Kornegay optimistically told the Jaycees (at whose meeting he spoke) that a businessman had told him he wouldn't vote for him for anything. "I marked him down as doubtful," joked Kornegay.

G. S. Baldwin, a Democratic election Judge at Precinct Two in Chapel Hill took his lunch Tuesday in the Estes Hills School Cafeteria. As he walked out an aw-struck first grader, recognizing him as one of the poll holders, asked her teacher if that was President Eisenhower. Teacher had to admit that the bald-headed man with the rimless specs did bear a slight resemblance to Ike.

And up in Caldwell Precinct veteran registrar Odie Mincev was driving to open the polls at the Caldwell School in the predawn of Tuesday morning when he blacked out at the wheel of his car. The vehicle ran onto a bank, and his denture was knocked out. A substitute had to assume his duties for the day.

Why the write-in ballots for Justice of the Peace in Chapel Hill and Hillsboro Townships? This was a regular township ballot. A township has two elective officials—a constable, and justices of the peace. There were write-in candidates for constable, but not for JP. Still, the top five vote recipients in each township, even if they got only a vote apiece, will be entitled to qualify and be sworn in to serve as justices of the peace.

# Orange County Voting Record

PRECINCT	REGISTERED	VOTING	KENNEDY	NIXON	SANFORD	GAVIN	KORNEGAY	ROBB	BENNETT	STANFORD	SPARROW	WALKER
CALDWELL	432	245	107	138	98	146	110	117	117	122	109	119
CAMERON PARK	563	503	249	254	252	252	298	176	335	318	138	160
CARR	249	192	149	43	137	45	138	33	130	136	29	30
CARRBORO	2091	1344	685	636	724	590	734	475	888	829	381	372
CEDAR GROVE	513	256	189	67	189	65	197	43	198	199	36	45
CHAPEL HILL 1	1415	1033	683	340	741	269	679	265	765	755	194	187
CHAPEL HILL 2	1369	1076	645	394	714	343	694	325	819	815	200	191
CHAPEL HILL 3	1662	1500	925	565	1010	408	1022	369	1173	1153	295	284
CHAPEL HILL 4	1357	1023	602	403	676	333	673	301	779	772	208	203
CHAPEL HILL 5	1538	1235	688	545	720	510	721	467	852	868	343	328
CHEEKS	796	499	239	260	219	276	244	205	285	288	180	180
COLE STORE	274	184	112	71	116	61	118	50	128	124	48	47
EFLAND	698	444	253	191	251	185	247	147	270	272	131	132
HILLSBORO	606	527	288	239	307	218	354	104	392	378	106	126
PATTERSON	362	225	121	97	118	101	131	66	146	146	64	64
ROCK SPRINGS	360	258	102	154	116	141	123	113	139	126	104	114
ST. MARY'S	220	157	62	95	57	100	67	71	69	64	83	87
TOLAR'S	327	203	153	50	145	54	143	40	142	150	42	44
UNIVERSITY	515	398	212	186	194	196	213	153	249	244	139	141
W. HILLSBORO	1078	906	588	328	518	384	560	245	627	620	207	228
WHITE CROSS	412	307	128	173	141	163	170	112	207	177	93	95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,837</b>	<b>12,515</b>	<b>7,180</b>	<b>5,231</b>	<b>7,443</b>	<b>4,838</b>	<b>6,902</b>	<b>3,402</b>	<b>7,822</b>	<b>7,727</b>	<b>2,749</b>	<b>2,805</b>