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Preyer Ahead In Straw Vote

LaGRANGE — L. Richardson Preyer came out ahead of his two major opponents for the May 20 Democratic nomination for governor by North Carolina in a recent straw vote survey just completed by PAB Publications.

In the impartial survey, the final tabulation this week of the 500 ballots showed gubernatorial candidate Preyer garnering 56 percent of the total ballots. I. Beverly Lake was marked on 28 percent of the ballots, with Dan Moore receiving 16 percent.

In the race for lieutenant governor, Robert Scott received 68 percent of the ballots marked, with H. Clinton Blue getting 25 percent and John Jordan seven percent.

The ballots were distributed over a five-county area in the heart of Eastern North Carolina in the area covered by The Weekly Gazette, LaGrange; The Greene County Ledger, Snow Hill; The Chronicle, Pink Hill and Bulaville, and Town and Country News, which covers Wayne County and portions of Duplin, Johnston, and Wilson Counties.

In taking the survey, no individual was permitted to mark a ballot when his or her decision on the governor's or lieutenant governor's race was known in advance to the reporter taking the survey.

Paul Barwick, editor and publisher of the four publications listed above, said: "It was our intention to take this survey of the people on an impartial basis as possible. We believe this has been an impartial survey. It was also our intention to take this first survey before any of the candidates for governor or lieutenant governor had an opportunity to do much campaigning in the area we serve."

No ballot was marked after February 10 for this particular survey.

"We realize that surveys are of themselves the opinions of a few people," Barwick said. "This is

why we have gone to a great deal of difficulty in getting the ballots marked in order that whatever the results were, they would come as near representing the feelings of the people as possible.

"Campaigns for any public office," Barwick said, "have a way of fluctuating up and down as the campaign goes along for the individual candidates. It is our intention to take similar surveys as the campaign progresses to try and determine how the campaign for the two major offices in North Carolina for the individual candidate is progressing."

Since gubernatorial candidates Moore, Lake, and Preyer have been in this immediate area since the first survey was conducted, a second survey will be taken within the next four weeks to determine if any changes have been made in the feelings of the people.

The second survey will be taken at will with anyone permitted to mark a straw vote ballot, even if his or her intentions are known to the person conducting the survey.

Cane River News

By: Mrs. Jay McDowell

Mrs. Monroe King and Mrs. Lee Evans have returned to their home here, after spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Randolph of Alexandria, Va. Mrs. Randolph is the former Dession.

Visiting in this area: Mr. and Mrs. Dee Banks and son, from Black Mountain visited Jay McDowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Silvers and daughter, Rosa Silvers, the Allison Tiptons are from Asheville, visited friends and relatives over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe King visited Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Profit and family at Franklin, N. C. Sunday.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I was very much interested in the account of Mrs. Giles' visit from the flock of evening grosbeaks. It can be quite an experience. Two years ago, during one of our heavy snows, I looked out my kitchen window one morning and the small tree nearby seemed to have bloomed. There must have been at least twenty five of the beautiful yellow birds which, as I had never seen them before, I had to identify from a book on birds. And a cardinal perched quietly on the topmost branch as if astonished at the unusual sight.

After they had demolished the food on my feeding tray they flew away but were back next day and for several days following. Others reported seeing them too.

I have seen only two this winter though I hear others have had them in large numbers. I understand they are fairly common in Asheville. Miss Gertrude Ramsey has mentioned them several times in her column in the Asheville Citizen-Times.

DOUBLE ISLAND COMMUNITY CLUB MEETS

The Double Island Community Club met Friday night March 6 for their regular meeting. Approximately 50 members were present, and a supper was enjoyed by everyone present. Each member is urged to attend each meeting. The meetings are held the first Friday night in each month.

The grosbeaks are lovely to look at but I prefer our more usual birds, the cardinals, mockingbirds, wrens, chickadees, tufted titmice, song sparrows and the rarer white crowned and chipping sparrows. Some, seen more rarely, are the towhee, a handsome fellow in his black coat, red vest and white shirt front, the nuthatch and the Junco are usually seen only in snowy weather. The woodpeckers are always with us. And my favorite, the ruby crowned kinglet, a tiny bird who looks something like a miniature mockingbird at first sight. A pair of them have practically lived at my feeder this winter but only rarely have I seen the vivid red spot on the head of the male that gives him his name. He conceals it at will apparently. Blue jays and house sparrows are not among my favorites.

Spring and summer bring back many others and we who love birds mourn the passing of the bluebirds.

Those who have never tried feeding the birds and watching them would find it an interesting thing to do besides helping to save these small creatures so helpful to the farmer and gardener.

(Editors Note) A rule of the paper is that we do not print unsigned letters but this one was most interesting and we felt needed to be printed. Persons submitting letters for publication are asked to sign them.

RELIEF NEWS

By: Donald McCourry

Mr. and Mrs. John Horton of Rt. 1, Relief, announce the marriage of their daughter, Nadine, to Phillip W. Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Bennett, also of Relief. The wedding rites were performed by the Rev. Holt Harrell at his home here on Saturday, February 22 at 2:00 p. m. Relatives and a few friends attended the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gardner and Darrel and Larry Bennett of Travelers Rest, S. C. spent Sunday here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howard Byrd and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tipton have moved to North Wilkesboro where they are both employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Hughes and daughter of Westchester, Pa. visited Mr. Hughes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Hughes, here recently. The Hughes family attended the funeral services of Mrs. Hughes' uncle in Mountain City, Tenn. recently.

N. H. Hughes who is in the U. S. Army and has been stationed in Korea for the past two years is spending a thirty day leave here with his mother, Mrs. Pearl Hughes.

The large bridge which crossed the Big Rock Creek on the road from Relief to Bakersville was knocked down the first day of this month when a large chicken truck loaded with chicken coups accidentally lost control and ran into the bridge knocking it off its foundation. When the driver lost control of the truck it hit the back of a station wagon knocking both truck and station wagon down a thirty foot drop into a creek. No one was hurt. Approximately five men escaped before the bridge fell. The bridge was about 75 ft. long and left its foundation and fell into the

creek about 45 minutes after the crash.

Yancey Farmers Purchase Replacement In Dairy Herd

Wilkie Randolph and A. J. Thomas purchased some outstanding replacements for their dairy herds recently, according to E. L. Dillingham, County Extension Chairman.

The Extension Office made arrangements with the Catawba County Extension Office to locate some springing Holstein heifers from some of their highest testing herds. Some of the dams of the heifers tested as high as 20,000 pounds of milk.

Mr. Randolph and Mr. Thomas said that they had bought replacements without knowing anything definite about the records of the sires and dams before that resulted in great disappointment and financial loss.

Dillingham said that where you study the DHIA records of the ancestors, see the individuals, and talk to the owner about his management program that you are about as sure as you can be about what kind of heifers you are getting.

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Men In Service

QUANTICO, VA. (PHOTO) — Marine Sergeant Gerald T. Kemick, husband of the former Miss Minnie A. Ramsey of Route 4, Burnsville, N. C., graduated Feb. 28 from Warrant Officer Candidate School at the Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va. The school trains and evaluates enlisted Marines to qualify as warrant officers. Graduates of the school may receive further specialist training before being assigned to a permanent duty station.



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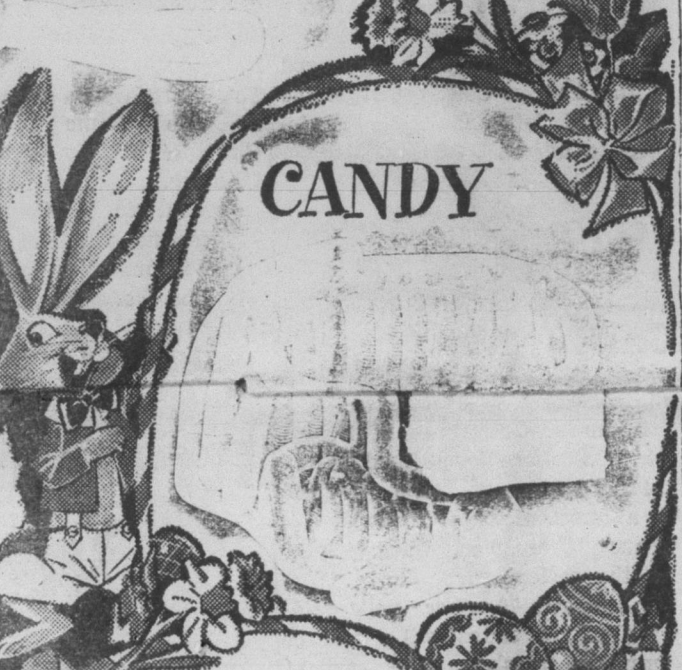
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