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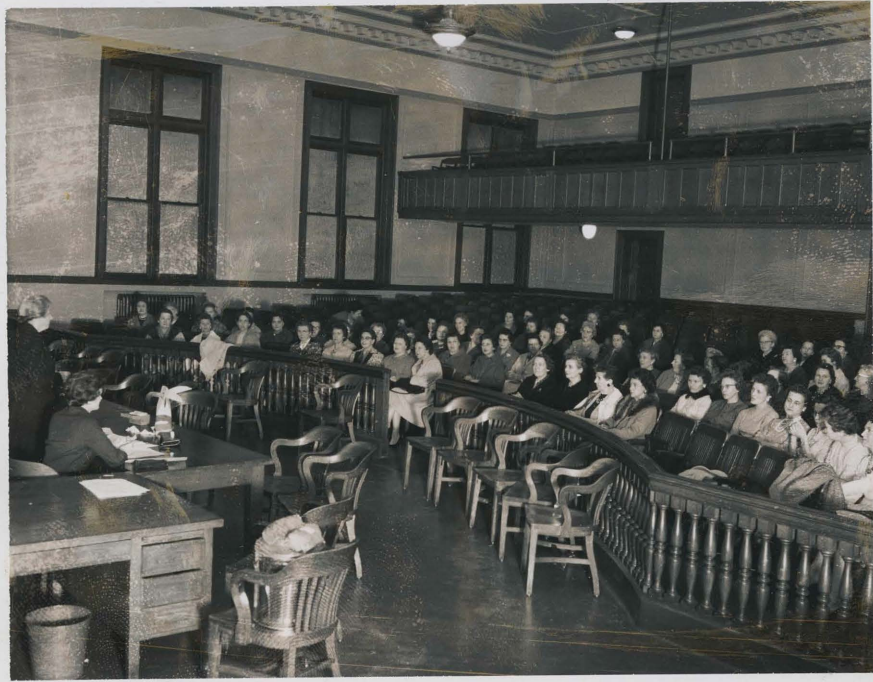
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## Democrat Women To Meet Tuesday At Court House

*Final Plans Made  
On Monday Night  
For First Meeting*

Final plans have been made for organizing a Democratic Women's Club in Surry County.

The planning session was held Monday night at the home of Mrs. R. C. Lewellyn in Dobson. 10 women, representing 15 precincts, were present.

Mrs. Lewellyn reported that all women interested in joining the Democratic Women's Club are invited to attend the organizational meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Dobson court house. By-laws will be adopted and officers elected at this meeting.

Purpose of the organization will be "to encourage all Democrats to participate in the work of their party as a public service in the belief that the party system is the strength of our great representative form of government."

Present at the final planning meeting were Mrs. Rex Hall, Eldora; Mrs. Ivylyn Green, Stewart's Creek; Mrs. C. J. Carson, Franklin; Mrs. Doris Gabbard, Marsh; Mrs. Chester Brinkley, South Westfield; Mrs. Melvin Chilton, North Westfield;

Mrs. Jim Dan Hemmings, Mountain Park; Mrs. Howard Scott and Mrs. G. A. Matthews, Shoals; Mrs. Howard Hardy, Siloam; Mrs. Cecil Ring, Rockford; Mrs. C. G. Comer and Mrs. Lewellyn, Dobson; Mrs. Howard Hooker, Mrs. Pearl Campbell, Mrs. Hilma Ayers, Mrs. Malory Fowler, Mrs. Dorothy Haymore and Mrs. Robert Merritt, Mount Airy.



## Granite Citian Named President

# Democratic Party Gets Boost As Ladies Form First Club

The Democrats of the Fifth District are walking mighty proudly these days — and rightly so. But it's not so much what the men of the party have done as it is the forward leap made by the usually behind-the-scenes ladies.

Tuesday night the women gathered in the courtroom at the courthouse in Dobson and ere the night was done, they had officially formed Surry County's first Democratic Women's Club.

Mrs. R. C. Llewellyn of Dobson had served as temporary chairman of the group during its formation efforts during the past few weeks and presided over the meeting until the first permanent officer, the new president was elected.

Mrs. Robert Merritt of Mount Airy was chosen by the nearly 100-strong group present at the meeting to serve as the chief executive for the coming year.

Elected to serve with Mrs. Merritt were Mrs. Roxie Roth of Elkin, first vice president; Mrs. Chester Brinkley of South Westfield, second vice president; Mrs. Ray Fentriss of Pilot Mountain, third vice president, Mrs. Jim Dan Hemmings of Mountain Park, recording secretary; Mrs. Rex Hall of Eldora, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Ivylyn Green of Stewarts Creek was named treasurer. Named directors were Mrs. R. C. Llewellyn of Dobson, Mrs. L. A. Matthews of Shoals, Mrs. Roy Campbell of Mount Airy, Mrs. C. J. Carton of Franklin and Mrs. Doris Gabbard of Marsh.

### Forsyth Officials Present

The Regional Coordinator of Democratic Women, under appointment of the State Executive Committee, Mrs. Howard Moser of Winston-Salem was present for the meeting. She congratulated the group of being the first to organize in the district since the formation of the Forsyth Women's group a year ago.

Mrs. James Rumph, president of the Forsyth Democratic Women, spoke to the group on the work the women may do at the precinct level.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted. They specify that the officers and directors of the group shall meet monthly, with the general policy committee, including the officers, directors and precinct captains, meeting on alternate months. General meetings of the entire membership shall be called by the president as the occasion arises.

In her acceptance of the post of president, Mrs. Merritt indicated that although there were plenty of duties to engage the time of each woman, she could not re-



NEW OFFICERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB of Surry County are shown, seated (l-r) Mrs. Jim Dan Hemmings, Mrs. Robert Merritt, Mrs. Ivylyn Green; standing (l-r) Mrs. Rex Hall, Mrs. Chester Brinkley, Mrs. Roy Campbell and Mrs. R. C. Llewellyn.

fuse to serve. Speaking to the gathering, she said:

"Why are we here tonight? Partly, of course, because it is so wonderful to get together with all Democrats. It is so much fun to tell the stories and jokes that we enjoy. A Democratic gathering is a wonderful thing. Democrats never give up—we are true optimists."

### Leaders Need Help

"So we have come for fun—but also from a sense of great responsibility. Our Democratic leaders do not expect to lead this state and this nation alone. They look to you for support, not just during election campaigns but during the difficult times of hard decisions in the day-to-day affairs of their terms of office. I know you all took it quite personally, as I did, when Kennedy said in the Inaugural address: 'In your hands, my fellow citizens, more than mine, will rest the final suc-

cess or failure of our course.'

"We have a further responsibility to the people of our country and of the world. People look to the Democratic Party to provide leadership in politics and government. I want to quote from Gerald Johnson who, in a real classic of an essay, said: 'When something has to be done the people have invariably turned to the Democratic Party. This is no accident, for the Democratic is by its very nature the party that always does something. Sometimes it does a fool thing, but it always does something, and in moments of desperation it is better to do anything than to sit like a bump on a log waiting for destruction to overwhelm us.'

### Altar Vow

"Recently I came across one of Jefferson's statements that have such power to move us and in-

spire us. In this perilous time it rings with timely meaning and wonderful courage: 'I have sworn on the altar of Almighty God an oath of eternal hostility to every form of tyranny over the mind of man.'

When I think how those words were spoken over 150 years ago and yet they are not dead words in a dusty book, I feel so grateful to those who have kept the Party alive. Not just the elected leaders but the county chairmen and precinct workers. And I want to bless the Surry County

**Democrats who have kept the faith through good years and lean ones—so that today we can work together in a fine organization.**

"You have given me a high honor and I hope that I may serve

city water system, folks figured in water business would grow—almost none of them had any short ten years. Only a hundred customers were served in the beginning, and the number of gallons used a month





DONKEY'S HEAD is center of interest for (l-r) President Merritt and Winston-Salem guests Mrs. James Rumph and Mrs. Howard Moser.



DEMOCRATIC WOMEN, holding a Precinct Four rally at the home of Mrs. Buck White on Robin Road, are shown at the coffee given Friday. Left to right are Mrs. Robert Merritt, chairman of Surry County Democratic Women; Mrs. Walter Leonard Sr., Mrs. R. H. Sutter, Mrs. Ed Early and Mrs. White. Mrs. Early was elected precinct captain.

## Democrat Women Plan Program To Meet Candidates

*Event Scheduled On May 3rd. At Dobson Court House*

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A meeting of the board of directors and policy committee of the Surry County Democratic Women's Club was held in the Agricultural Building in Dobson Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Following the session, plans for a "Meet the Candidates" program May 3rd at the court house in Dobson were announced.

Coffee and light refreshments will be served from 7:00-8:00 p. m. at that meeting, and the program will commence at 8 o'clock. All Democratic Primary candidates will be invited, given an opportunity to state their platform and answer questions.

At Tuesday's meeting, Joe Pell Jr., chairman of the Surry County Democratic Executive Committee, commended the group on the work they had started.

Mr. Pell also discussed plans for an all-day county rally May 10. This rally will include a motorcade starting at 9:30 a. m. in Pilot Mountain, lunch at Elkin, an afternoon rally in Dobson at 3:30, followed by a barbecue supper at Veterans Memorial Park in Mount Airy.

Over 30 officers, directors and precinct captains were present at the Tuesday night meeting.

# Demo Women Plan 'Meet Candidates'

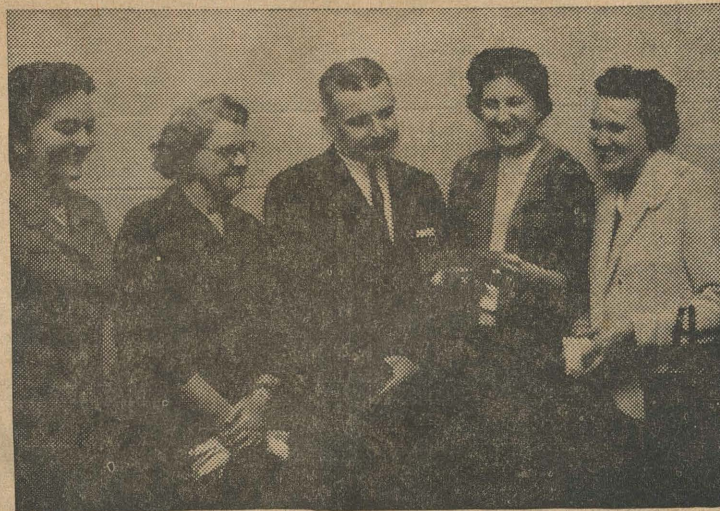
A meeting Tuesday night at the Agriculture Building was a planning session for an important political rally coming up in May.

The Surry Democratic Women's board of directors and policy committee, meeting at 8 o'clock, discussed in detail the program for the May 3 "Meet The Candidates" rally they are sponsoring.

It will be held at the courthouse in Dobson at 8 o'clock. The women plan to serve coffee and doughnuts downstairs in the courthouse for an hour before the rally gets underway in the courtroom.

At the meeting, all candidates entered in the Democratic primary of May 26 have been invited to appear and state their platform and make any other statement they may desire regarding their candidacy. At the conclusion of their remarks, members of the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions of the candidates on any of the issues of the campaign.

At the meeting Tuesday night the women broke up into small discussion groups and reviewed



SHOWN CHATTING WITH Joe Pell, chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, are (left to right) Mrs. Cecil Ring, Mrs. Festus Layne, Mrs. Janice Hall and Mrs. Harold Layne.

some of the issues of the current campaigns, developing questions that some of them will ask the candidates during the rally.

Joe A. Pell, Jr., chairman of the Democratic County Executive Committee, appeared before the women and outlined the plans for a countywide rally and motorcade on May 10. He invited the women

to help in supporting and sponsoring the appearance that day of several leading figures of the Democratic Party in the state.

Pell also reviewed the increasingly role the women are playing in politics. In recent changes in the state's Democratic Party structure, every county executive committee in the future will include at least one woman member. Every precinct is to be represented by a chairman and a vice chairman, one of which shall be a woman.

Approximately 30 women were present at the meeting. Mrs. Robert Merritt, president of the ladies organization, presided.



## Demo Women Plan Primary Promotion

The Democratic Women of Surry County have already set aside the date of May 3 as the time to call all the Democratic candidates together for a meeting before the public.

At that time, according to Cama Merritt, president of the women's group, each candidate will be given an opportunity to present his platform, the issues upon which he or she is running in the May 26 primary at the Dobson courthouse at 8 p.m.

Men and women from all over the county will be given a chance to ask the candidates questions from the floor on the various issues and points of the campaign.

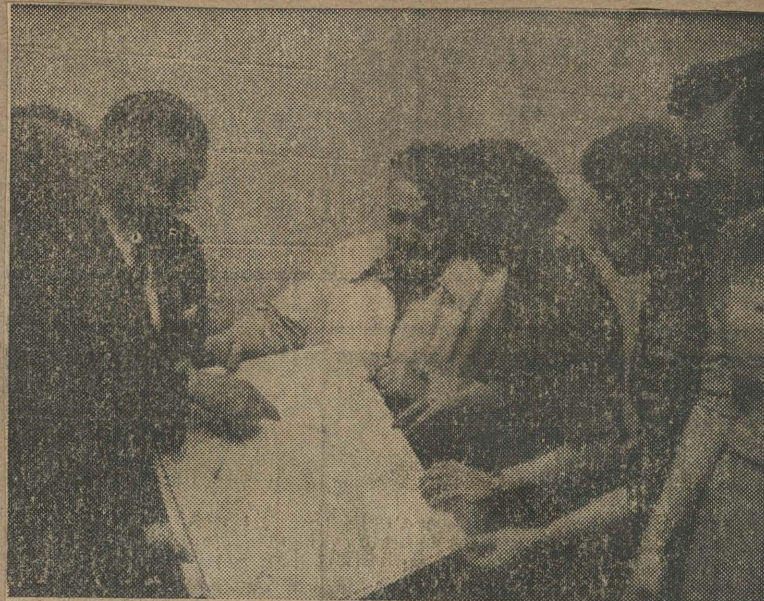
Currently the women, a relatively young organization locally, have 110 members enrolled. They are actively seeking to support the candidates of the Democratic Party in both the primaries and general elections. Mrs. Merritt

urges other women not yet enrolled as club members to contact Mrs. Ivylyn Green, route 3, Mount Airy for information on membership.

A planning meeting will be held by the officers, directors and precinct captains on April 10 at the Agricultural Building in Dobson at 8 p.m. At that time final detailed plans for the Spring meeting of the candidates in May will be worked out and responsibilities will be assigned the various club women.

Other plans of the women include a May 10 Democratic Day. Party leaders from Raleigh are scheduled to come to Surry for the event. Tentative plans include lunch in Elkin, an afternoon rally in Dobson and a barbecue supper at New Farmers Warehouse in Mount Airy.

The women urge everyone to mark the dates on their calendars and plan now to be present at both the early May events.



**POLITICAL PLANNING**—Discussing upcoming Democratic Party plans in the county Tuesday night were, left to right, Carolyn Comer, Dobson; Joe Pell Jr., Pilot Mountain; Martha Comer, Dobson; Cama Merritt, Mount Airy; Marie Hooker, Mount Airy and Nina Cook, South Westfield.

## Surry Democrats Plan Motorcade, Luncheon And Dinner For May 10

A countywide motorcade into all precincts will be conducted by Surry County Democrats on Thursday, May 10.

Plans for the event, to be highlighted by a luncheon in Elkin and a dinner in Mount Airy, were made Monday night in Dobson at a meeting of the Surry County Democratic Executive Committee. Approximately 100 persons were present.

"We look forward to it being the biggest day in history for the Democratic Party in Surry County," said party chairman Joe A. Pell Jr. of Pilot Mountain.

The motorcade will begin in Pilot Mountain in the morning, stopping in Elkin for lunch, stopping again in Dobson for a short meeting at the court house and then proceeding to Mount Airy for dinner. A prominent Democratic state official will be the principal speaker at the dinner meeting.

Mr. Pell said that "all Democrats will be called on to not only

devote their full time that day to the awakening of the party in this county but will be expected to participate in the day long celebration in each precinct. Some of our top state officials are expected to attend."

Special emphasis was placed at Monday night's meeting on the participation of the youth of Surry County in the May 10 celebration.

Also, Mrs. Robert Merritt, chairman of the Surry Democratic women's organization, and Swanson Richards, president of the Surry County Young Democrats, pledged the cooperation of their groups in the motorcade.

Mr. Pell announced that precinct meetings will be held May 5 at 2 p.m. and that the county convention is set for May 12 at the court house in Dobson.

## 'Miss Democrat' Election Slated At County Rally

Surry Democrats have laid plans to add beauty to the county-wide motorcade scheduled for May 10.

County Democrats have been asked to nominate a girl, preferably a high school senior, in each of the county's precincts. The girl will represent the precinct in the day-long motorcade of local and state Democrats who will begin their tour of the county in Pilot Mountain in the morning, parading through every precinct, stopping in Elkin and Dobson, and arriving in Mount Airy for an evening rally and supper in Veterans Memorial Park.

"The girls will be judged on beauty and poise," said Joe A. Pell, Jr., Surry Democratic head. "Judges for the event will be appointed and announced at a later date."

Tickets for the supper, party rally and beauty contest are available from each of the precinct chairmen and from other Democratic leaders in the county.

## Democratic Women In Westfield Hear Mrs. Merritt Speak

The Democratic Party Women of North and South Westfield met in the lunchroom of Westfield School Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock with 20 present.

Mrs. Robert Merritt of Mount Airy, president of the newly organized Surry County Women's Club, talked with the group about the plan of organization of the Democratic Party.

She told the listeners, "The structure of the party is planned to be effective and democratic so that the work of the party can go forward effectively, with fair representation for all participating members."

She emphasized the increase in participation of women and their inclusion in the important committees in the party and urged the women to attend their precinct meeting.

The meeting was organized by the captains of the two precincts: Mrs. Melvin Chilton of North Westfield and Mrs. Billy Ray Cook of South Westfield.

## Hold Democratic Precinct Meet

The Democratic women of North and South Westfield met in the lunchroom of Westfield School Tuesday evening. Twenty women were present.

Mrs. Robert Merritt, president of the Surry Democratic Women, spoke to the group about the plan of organization of the Democratic party. She said, "The structure of the party is planned to be efficient and democratic so that the work of the party can go forward effectively with fair representation of all participating members." She continued by urging the women to attend the county-wide precinct meetings scheduled next week.

The meeting was called by the captains of the two precincts, Mrs. Melvin Chilton of North Westfield and Mrs. Billy Ray Cook of South Westfield.



DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF SURRY COUNTY

April, 1962

National Committeewoman Martha McKay

Recently I had the opportunity to meet with our National Committeewoman from North Carolina, Mrs. Martha McKay, in Chapel Hill and discuss the Democratic Women's work. It was very exciting to learn from her what has been done in other counties, and I want to share with you some of her conversation with me.

Perhaps the most valuable task undertaken by the women and successfully carried out, especially in Mecklenburg and Forsyth, is the organization of a file, listing the voters in each precinct. To accomplish such a job, each precinct captain needs a team of about ten women. Dividing the area up among them, each member of the team works up the list of those in her neighborhood, checking on registration and party affiliation. With this valuable information on file a registration or get-out-the-vote campaign can be accomplished systematically and thoroughly.

Mrs. McKay also said that the Party had plans to conduct a vigorous registration drive this year. It will be wonderful to get our organization lined up well and take a real part in the registration drive.

Something else that may be of interest to you are plans to inform the people at the grass roots ( I guess that's us!) about the administration's plan for medical care for the aged. If you are especially interested in this let me know and we will have a program on it or get some information for you.

Voters to be transferred in Mt. Airy

Precinct 4 in Mt. Airy has grown too large and a new dividing line has been drawn between 4 and 5. This means that a good many voters must be transferred before the primary. Democratic Women from Precincts 4 and 5 met with Chairman of the Board of Elections Archie Carter to make plans for getting all the Democrats properly transferred.

County Chairman will meet with Us

Chairman Joe Pell will meet with the board of directors and policy committee of the Democratic Women on April 10 at 8 p. m. in the Agricultural Building in Dobson. We will make plans for our "Meet the Candidates" rally May 3 and the big all day rally May 10. It is important to have every precinct represented. I don't have the name of a precinct captain for the following precincts: Bryan, Eldora, Long Hill, Marsh, Mount Airy # 1, # 2, # 6 and Siloam. Please help these precincts get together at a coffee or a meeting and elect their captains. This is an open meeting and any interested in helping plan the rally are most welcome to attend.

In the last issue of the DEMOCRAT there is news of a conference of Democratic Women in Washington May 20-21-22. It would be wonderful to have a carload to go. If you'd like to go, let me know.

Mrs. Walter Leonard, 1409 Henri St., Mt. Airy, is our Scrapbook Custodian. If you have snapshots or clippings of events in your precinct send them to her.

I am always glad to hear about what you are doing in your precinct and to get your ideas. My telephone number in Mt. Airy is ST 6-5339, mailing address Rt. 6, Box 262, Mt. Airy.

See you soon.

Yours faithfully in the Party,

Cama C. Merritt, President  
Democratic Women of Surry County.



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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Plans for our "Meet the Candidates" program May 3 were completed at the recent meeting of the Board of Directors and Policy Committee. The meeting will be held in the Courthouse in Dobson. From 7 to 8 P. M. coffee and cookies will be served and the program will start at 8 o'clock.

Each candidate will have an opportunity to state his platform as he wishes and to answer a question. Because there are 18 candidates, the time must be limited to two minutes for the candidates' statements and one minute answers to questions. Following is a list of candidates invited to participate and the questions suggested at the planning session:

Clerk of Court, Kermit W. Lawrence: What progress has been made in the elimination of Juvenile Delinquents, and what program do you propose for further elimination of this problem?

Solicitor, Charles M. Neaves: What do you think of Allen H. Gwyn's suggestion of putting first offenders under probation to a certain person, or persons, rather than a prison sentence?

County Commissioners, Howard Hardy, Buck White, Marion Whitener: What plans do you have for improving secondary roads in Surry County?

Board of Education, Joe Pell, Jr., Cecil Ring, Lloyd Snow, Joe Folger: If elected, or re-elected, what do you propose to do about the situation of the local school board having a close family relation with the teachers who are weak in their teaching in their immediate vicinity, but do not have the heart to dismiss said teacher, or teachers?

Sheriff, Neal Thompson, Hudson Graham, Joseph Swift: How can the work of the sheriff and deputies best be co-ordinated with law enforcement in the towns?

State Senator, Buck Freeman, J. Livingston Williams, George K. Snow: Are you in favor of continuing the inclusive sales tax in order to achieve quality education for North Carolina?

State Representative, Bill Reid: Same question as State Senator.

Congressional Representative, Ralph Scott, Bill Wood: What measures do you think the United States might take toward eventual disarmament? What is your opinion of Medical care for the aged?

The men are invited to the program too, so bring your husband--unless you need him to babysit! Bring along any women who might be interested in joining the Democratic Women.

MAY 10 RALLY

Plans are going forward for the May 10 rally. If you would like to serve at the barbecue supper in Mt. Airy, or help with making or giving out the name tags, let me know.

NORTH AND SOUTH WESTFIELD WOMEN MEET:

The Democratic Women of North and South Westfield met together at Westfield School Tuesday night, April 24. They discussed the plans of organization of the party, emphasizing the increased participation of the women. I met with them and called attention to the importance of the precinct meetings May 5th, especially since the women will now be represented on the county executive committee.

See you all May 3!

Yours faithfully in the Party,

Cama C. Merritt, President  
Democratic Women of Surry County



All Invited To Appear

# Ladies To Probe Thinking Of Democratic Candidates

Thursday night in Dobson the Democratic Women of Surry County will face the bevy of candidates entered in the May 26 Democratic primary. The ladies, sponsors of the "Meet The Candidates" program, have prepared a list of questions to be asked the candidates.

Their answers and their statements regarding their platforms will help those present make a decision regarding candidates competing for the same office. Additionally, it will help reveal the

## Driver Sustains Serious Injury

An earlier report of a wreck Thursday evening on NC 89 and US 52 Bypass showed that the driver of a 1958 Chevrolet involved had been taken to Northern Surry Hospital for treatment of undetermined injuries, apparently not serious.

At the hospital, it was discovered that Carolyn Lankford Marsh, 32, of route 3, Mount Airy had sustained a broken neck in the collision.

As the Chevrolet, heading west, stopped in a line of traffic, a 1949 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Don Lloyd Francis, 27, of Toast, struck the car in the rear. Both vehicles were damaged an estimated \$150. Francis was not injured.

Patrolman J. P. Rhyne, at the conclusion of his investigation of the accident, charged Francis with following too close.

trend of thought among those seeking office, from the local to the national level.

Coffee, doughnuts and cookies will be served from 7 until 8 o'clock in the courthouse, with the main meeting beginning at 8 p.m.

Because of the number of candidates involved, 18 in all, each candidate will be allowed only two minutes to state his platform. Answers to questions must be made within one minute.

In addition to questions from the Democratic Women, members of the audience will be allowed to question individual candidates on points not covered by the ladies' questions.

Here is a list of the questions the Democratic Women are prepared to ask the candidates.

Kermit W. Lawrence, candidate for Clerk of Court: What progress has been made in the elimination of Juvenile Delinquency, and what program do you propose for further elimination of this problem?

Charles M. Neaves, candidate for solicitor: What do you think of Allen H. Gwyn's suggestion of putting first offenders under probation to a certain person, or persons, rather than a prison sentence?

Howard Hardy, Buck White and Marion Whitener, incumbent candidates for County Commissioners: What plans do you have for improving secondary roads in Surry County?

Joe Pell, Jr., Cecil Ring, Lloyd Snow, Joe Folger, candidates for the Board of Education: if elected, or re-elected, what do

you propose to do about the situation of the local school board having a close family relation with the teachers who are weak in their teaching in their immediate vicinity, but do not have the heart to dismiss said teacher, or teachers?

Neal Thompson, Hudson Graham and Joseph Swift, candidates for the office of Sheriff: How can the work of the sheriff and deputies best be co-ordinated with law enforcement in the towns?

Buck Freeman, J. Livingston Williams, George K. Snow, candidates for the office of State Senator: Are you in favor of continuing the inclusive sales tax in order to achieve quality education in North Carolina?

William Reid, candidate for State Representative, will be asked the same question as the previous candidates.

Ralph Scott and William Z. Wood, running for the office of Congressional Representative from the Fifth District: What measures do you think the United States might take toward eventual disarmament? What is your opinion of medical care for the aged?

Cama C. Merritt, president of the women's group, noted that the men are invited to the program, too—unless the ladies need them to babysit. Any person interested in hearing the answers of the candidates, or who has a pertinent question to ask the candidates, is also extended an invitation by Mrs. Merritt to attend.

## 18 CANDIDATES INVITED TO DEMO PARTY PROGRAM

*Democratic Women Of Surry County Sponsor "Meet Candidate" Program*

18 candidates have been invited to appear on the "Meet the Candidates" program scheduled Thursday, May 3, at the Courthouse in Dobson.

This program is under the sponsorship of the Democratic Women of Surry County.

Mrs. Robert E. Merritt, president of the Democratic Women organization, said yesterday that the meeting will start at 8 p. m. Coffee will be served from 7:00-8:00 o'clock.

Each candidate will have the opportunity to make a brief statement and to answer questions.

Candidates invited to participate are: clerk of court—Kermit Lawrence; solicitor—Charles Neaves; county commissioners—Howard Hardy, Buck White and Marion Whitener; Surry County board of education—Joe Pell Jr.,

Cecil Ring, Loyd Snow and Dr. Joe Folger;

Sheriff—Neal Thompson, Hudson Graham and Joseph Swift; state senator—Buck Freeman, J. Livingston Williams and George K. Snow; state representative, Bill Reid; and Congressional representative—Ralph Scott and Bill Wood.

Mrs. Merritt will preside over the program. Joe Pell Jr., chairman of the Surry County Democratic Executive Committee, will introduce the candidates.

"Although the meeting is sponsored by the Democratic Women, the men are cordially invited to attend," Mrs. Merritt said. "Any women interested in the work of the Democratic Women are urged to be present."

Mr. Wood has stated that he plans to be present, and Rep. Scott also plans to attend, Mrs. Merritt announced.



# Candidates Elusive Targets At Meeting

The ladies managed to keep all the candidates serenely in order at Thursday night's "Meet the Candidates" rally in Dobson. The rally, sponsored by the Surry Democratic Women, featured all the Democratic candidates on the platform, where they were asked a number of questions regarding their candidacy.

Except for a rather tense and heated exchange between Ralph Scott and Bill Wood, vying for the Fifth District Congressional seat, the candidates answered the questions almost routinely.

Scott, in stating his platform during his allotted two minutes, emphasized that he was a Democrat, "had always been a Democrat, in spite of what some persons had been saying" about him. It was Scott's contention that the campaign of Wood had been based on "misrepresentations, distortion of fact and half truths."

Wood, in his turn, retorted that Scott had misinterpreted the rally's purpose, that of making only brief platform statements.

"I didn't come here to debate. I came here to state my case . . . If Mr. Scott would like to debate, I will meet him any time and any place . . . just so we have a proper forum for this debate."

Wood charged that if his campaign statements about Scott were wrong "then the Congressional Record is wrong." Scott, sitting in his chair, flushed noticeably and apparently angrily when the statement was made.

## First To Speak

Kermit Lawrence, candidate for Clerk of Superior Court, led off the parade of candidates with a statement of how the juvenile court works, stating that it is tied in closely with the Welfare Department.

Charles Neaves, running for solicitor, in answer to his question, said, "To Gwyn's suggestion that first offenders be placed under probation to individuals, there is much merit in what we are trying to do in our churches. Any responsible citizen who is willing to take his time and effort to help a wayward youth helps society as a whole."

Howard Hardy, Buck White and M. C. Whitener, running for commissioner, spoke along the same vein, expressing interest in better roads, rural fire departments, rural law enforcement, industrial schools for the county and a community college. They favored better roads, but said they did not have any authority in this area except that of recommendation. They requested citizens to ask their representative in Raleigh to grant local commissioners more authority to make decisions on roads.

Cecil Ring, candidate for the local school board, had to leave the meeting because of an emergency illness in his family. However, he left a statement which Joe Pell read for him. "We will continue to work for better schools in Surry County. I think that if some of our best committeemen have close relatives teaching in schools, it would have to be worked out with the principal of school."

Dr. Folger, another member running for the school board, was not present.

Lloyd Snow, running a . . .

Ring, said, "If elected I will do my best to not show partiality. I will try my best to select a board member who does not have a daughter or wife teaching in his school. Whether or not a teacher is weak, I will confer with the principal on the teacher."

Joe Pell, also incumbent member of the school board, spoke for better education, noting that good teachers are hard to get. He proposed to do his best to help upgrade the quality of teaching.

## Sheriff Candidates

All three candidates for sheriff were present. Neal Thompson, incumbent, said, "The people know what I have done in the past few years and if reelected, I will continue to do the best in my ability. We cooperate fully with the police departments, the highway patrol, the ATTD officers, the FBI anytime they call on us. We try to cooperate the best we can."

Graham, hoping to unseat Thompson, addressed the assembly: "If I am elected, city police will be able to contact sheriff's department anytime, day or night. I will have each deputy attend the school at the Institute of Government at least once per year." He outlined briefly a plan whereby each precinct would recommend a deputy sheriff for their particular area.

The third sheriff candidate, J. W. Swift, spoke briefly. "I am for better government and I will do the best in my ability, if I am



. . . Mrs. Rex Hall, President Merritt and Joe Pell confer on order of events . . . —News Photo

electd sheriff. I will harmonize together with other law enforcement agencies. If you can work together, it is best for all."

Each of the three candidates for the State Senate, Buck Freeman, J. L. Williams and George Snow, spoke in favor of quality education and indicated they favored the school tax. Their statements paralleled each other's closely.

William Reid, incumbent representative to the State House, reviewed the tangible results of the state's quality education program and concluded by saying "I am in favor of continuing the present tax structure to finance our improved public education program until and unless a better, fairer and more practical system is proposed."

Except for the brief flurry be-

tween Scott and Wood, the candidates carefully avoided any public controversy at the meeting with their opposition. Some were gratified at the overall dignity of the meeting; others felt "let down" that some of their favorites did not burst forth with more heated statements.

## Over 300 Persons Shout, Cheer, Clap For Candidates

Things were popping and buzzing last night at the courthouse in Dobson as Democrats by the hundreds turned out to greet the candidates, all 18 of them, during a round of socializing over coffee and cookies before the main business of the evening began.

The occasion was the "Meet The Candidates" rally sponsored by the Democratic women of Surry County. A number of men and women from Forsyth County were noticed in attendance in the courtroom.

Each candidate and his supporters were busily engaged from 7 until 8 o'clock shaking hands and back-slapping in the traditional political fashion, passing out literature, campaign cards, cigars and otherwise making gestures of friendship to those present.

Raymond Patterson of Mount Airy was moving about from person to person urging support of his favorite candidate. In a comment to a NEWSman he said, "I am glad to see so many Democrats here at this rally tonight in support of their party. This is one of the best showings of the party in many years at a rally." He went on to predict victory for his candidate.

Hudson Graham, candidate for sheriff of Surry, was exhibiting a confident air as he said, "I am happy to be here tonight in support of the Democratic party. . . I have good hopes (of being elected) and am having a good time here tonight."

Mrs. Neal Thompson was busy passing out literature for her husband, Sheriff Neal Thompson, incumbent. Said she, "Things are looking very favorable tonight and we are hoping for a Democratic landslide come election time. We would like to thank all of the fine people who have come out tonight to make this rally a great success."

Mrs. Robert Merritt, chairman of the Surry Democratic Women, presided over the meeting. It was she who, on behalf of the women's group, asked the candidates the list of prepared questions regarding the subjects the ladies felt of interest in the individual candidate's campaign.

Joe A. Pell, Jr., chairman of the County Executive Committee, introduced the individual candidates to the audience who responded with much cheering and clapping as favorite candidates took a bow.

In addition to the high interest shown in the local races, particularly for sheriff and for the school board position from the Copeland

district, heavy interest centered around Ralph Scott and William (Bill) Wood, candidates for the seat in the House of Representatives from the Fifth Congressional District. Both the candidates, contacted privately by a NEWSman predicted victory for their forces.

"I'll be in Surry all day Friday," said Bill Wood, "contacting as many people as possible. Then I'll be back for the parade and rally on May 10."

"Yes, sir! We're looking forward to carrying Surry County in the election," he concluded.

Ralph Scott was equally confident of his own victory in the county. "Things look extremely favorable at this time. I plan to come back to Surry County several times before the primary to see as many people as possible. My campaign workers are doing a fine job," he said.

In another race, local within the county, Carroll Gardner, candidate for Judge of the county's three Recorder's Courts, hoping to un-

seat incumbent Judge H. H. Llewellyn, said, "My campaign is going just fine. I still feel I have an uphill fight but I also feel that I have support that I didn't know about previously, particularly in Mount Airy. I'm very hopeful."

Joe Pell, in a moment aside from his official duties at the rally, looked over the crowded courtroom and commented, "This is one of the greatest things that's happened to our party in a long time. There's been more steam picked up here in the last two days, and particularly tonight, than has been generated in the last three weeks."

While the questions from the women and the members of the audience promised to produce some oratorical fire from some of the candidates, all their answers were not available, in complete form, at press time last night. A more detailed account will be carried in the Tuesday issue of The NEWS.



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## Democratic Candidates On 'Hot' Seat At Rally Last Night



... Graham (l) and Thompson ready for the questions ...

—News Photo



... Wood (l) and Scott pause before the meet begins ...

—News Photo



# Democrats Set For Motorcade

Joe A. Pell, Jr., chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee for Surry County, at a meeting at the courthouse in Dobson Tuesday night, announced that plans have been completed for a gigantic county-wide motorcade next Thursday.

Each precinct has been asked to have five cars, properly decorated, ready to begin the day-long drive to every precinct in Surry County at 9:30 a.m. in Pilot Mountain.

The schedule for the day's drive is: 9:45, school in North Westfield precinct; 10:00, Needham's Store in Long Hill township; 10:10, Eldora School; 10:35, return to Pilot Mountain; 10:50, Shoals School; 11:05, Siloam precinct; 11:15, Level Cross and Copeland School; 11:30, Little Richmond School; 12 noon, Elkin, YMCA; 12:30, luncheon at Gilvin Roth YMCA in Elkin.

At 2:00, Departure from Elkin; 2:15, Mountain Park School; 2:30 Zephyr Community; 3:00, courthouse in Dobson; 4:00, departure

from Dobson; 4:15, Beulah School at Bottoms; 4:35, Lowgap Community and School; 5:00, arrival at Veterans Memorial Park in Mount Airy.

The group, as noted in the schedule, will pause in Elkin at the Gilvin Roth YMCA for lunch. They will halt the procession for about an hour in Dobson at the courthouse for a rally and speechmaking.

The activities at Veterans Park in Mount Airy will be more elaborate, with a dinner meeting, climaxed with a round of speeches during the rally, and a beauty contest to name "Miss Surry County Democrat".

A number of leading Democratic figures are expected to take part in the day-long motorcade. Charles Murphy, assistant U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, is scheduled to address the group in Mount Airy.

In case of rain, it was announced that the rally would be switched from Veteran's Park to New Farmers Warehouse, located on US 601 at the US 52 Bypass.

# Democratic Rally And Parade Set Thursday In Surry

Plans have been completed for the day-long Democratic motorcade to every precinct in Surry County Thursday. The cars will gather in Pilot Mountain Thursday morning to begin the parade.

The day's activities will be climaxed with a barbecue and giant rally, complete with speech-making at Veterans Park in Mount Airy in the evening. At that time, a beauty queen, "Miss Surry County Democrat", will be selected.

Joe Pell of Pilot Mountain, chairman of the Surry County Democratic Executive Committee, urged that all persons planning to attend obtain their tickets from one of the precinct workers no later than Thursday.

# SURRY DEMOCRATS SET FULL-DAY PROGRAM FOR NEXT THURSDAY

Next Thursday will be a big day for Surry County Democrats.

In a day chock full of activities, the party is planning a motorcade, luncheon, beauty contest, rally and dinner.

Joe A. Pell Jr. of Pilot Mountain, chairman of the Surry County Democratic Executive Committee, announced that the motorcade will assemble at 9:30 a.m. in Pilot Mountain for its tour into each precinct in the county.

Topping off the day's program will be the group's arrival at 5 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in Mount Airy for the dinner, rally and beauty contest. The contest is being arranged by the Surry County Young Democrats.

The schedule of the motorcade is as follows:

9:30 a.m.—Departure Pilot Mtn.

9:45 a.m.—School in N. Westfield Precinct

10:00 a.m.—Needham's store in Long Hill Township

10:10 a.m.—Eldora School, Eldora Township

10:35 a.m.—Return to Pilot Mtn.

10:50 a.m.—Shoals School in Shoals Precinct

11:05 a.m.—Siloam Precinct

11:15 a.m.—Level Cross & Copeland School, Rockford Precinct

11:30 a.m.—Little Richmond School, Marsh Township

12:00 noon—Elkin, YMCA, Elkin Township

12:30 p.m.—Luncheon at Elkin YMCA

2:00 p.m.—Departure from Elkin

2:15 p.m.—Mountain Park School, Bryan Township

2:30 p.m.—Zephyr, Bryan Twp.

3:00 p.m.—Courthouse in Dobson, Dobson Township

4:00 p.m.—Departure from Dobson

4:15 p.m.—Beulah School at Bottoms, Stewart Creek Twp.

4:35 p.m.—Lowgap Community and School, Franklin Twp.

5:00 p.m.—Arrival at Veterans Memorial Park in Mount Airy for dinner, rally and beauty contest.

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... Ralph Scott (right) walks with crowd to get chicken dinner ...

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### Democrat Rally

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and each of the candidates present.

He introduced as the featured speaker of the evening Ivan Nestingen, Undersecretary of Health, Education and Welfare from Washington, D. C.

The guest speaker was in his third term as mayor of Madison, Wisc., when he left that post to accept his present position with the administration. He had previously served two terms in the Wisconsin General Assembly. He headed the "Kennedy for President" campaign in Wisconsin during the last presidential elections.

#### Labor Studies

Nestingen spoke about 35 minutes on the Kennedy administration's program in the fields of labor, education and health. Strongly

supporting the administration program, he said the government is attempting to survey the areas where a skilled labor surplus can be relocated and placed again in gainful employment.

In the field of education, the government is taking the lead in developing opportunities for youth. Elementary, high school and higher education are essential, he said. "We must have more and more scholarships for deserving youths who are unable to finance higher education," he said. "The money for these scholarships must come from somewhere. Here in North Carolina, you extended the sales tax to raise teachers salaries." He said the Democratic administration under Kennedy has bills pending in Congress to promote these educational opportunities, but, he emphasized, "these students must have these scholarships."

Regarding medical care for the aged under the Social Security program, the speaker said we have been hearing much about it and we will continue to hear much about it. "Back in 1935 when Pres-

ident Roosevelt began Social Security to supplement the income of our citizens over 65, he said then that it was just a beginning," Nestingen reviewed.

#### AMA Opposes

The American Medical Association is fighting the administration's proposals in this field, he noted, but how many persons over 65 years of age, he asked, "can even buy adequate hospital insurance privately, much less afford the premiums?" The speaker said that such government sponsored action in the field of health for our aged citizens would merely allow persons to pay in to the fund during their productive years to enjoy economic security in the elder years.

"It's a protection for your families right now," he pointed out, "for how many of you are able to take money away from the support of your own families and the education of your children to take proper care of aged parents? It can be done under our program. We are having a hard fight of it

from the Republicans but we will get the bill through."

"For continued good government in the future," he concluded, "every Democrat must work on the federal, state and local level to support the candidates and measures that are so necessary to the health, education and welfare of our American citizens."

Bruce Tharrington and Sam Gentry, heads of the Mount Airy and Surry school systems respectively, acted as official hosts to Nestingen during his stay in the county.

Mrs. George Marion of Dobson was recognized for selling the most tickets to the rally, 180 in all.

There were delegations from Forsyth, Yadkin, Wilkes and Stokes counties present at the rally.

Climaxing a day-long motorcade through all precincts in the county, Surry Democrats last night whooped it up in an old time political rally that saw a national political figure address the approximately 700 persons gathered at Veterans Park.

Beginning in Pilot Mountain yesterday morning, the motorcade formed, complete with girls, politicians, candidates for various offices, Democratic party workers, and quantities of posters, handbills and other campaign literature.

Progressing throughout the various parts of the county, escorted by Sheriff Neal Thompson and his deputies, the huge motorcade visited Elkin and Dobson during the day before arriving in Mount Airy for a quick parade through the streets. Around 5:30 o'clock the cars began to gather in quantity at Veterans Park for the "cap" of the day's activities.

A barbecued chicken supper was swiftly and efficiently served to the throng in box-lunch fashion. Afterward, at approximately 7:30 the crowds gathered in the grandstand at the park for the round of speeches and to view a beauty parade which saw "Miss Surry County Democrat" named from among the bevy of beauties that accompanied the parade.

#### "Politicking"

But not before the candidates spent the evening dining hour munching chicken and shaking hands, soliciting votes and passing out more campaign literature. "I'll appreciate your vote!" was a statement heard several times from several of the candidates and their workers and they wended their way through the crowds.

Each of the candidates making a statement to a NEWSman said things were looking "good" for their cause, although a few ventured to say they were not resting on their laurels or possessing any "overconfidence", but would continue to work in the county.

None of the candidates announced any plans to hold official public gatherings in behalf of his campaign locally, although all said they would be contacting groups and individuals on a "person-to-person" basis.

Joe Pell, Jr., of Pilot Mountain, chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, presided in the platform ceremonies, broadcast over radio station WSYD, recognizing various dignitaries

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# Nestingen Hits Medicare Opponents

By Jeanette Reid

Staff Reporter

MOUNT AIRY — U.S. Undersecretary of Health, Education and Welfare Ivan A. Nestingen last night criticized members of the medical profession who opposed the Kennedy administration bill which would provide medical care for the aged under Social Security.

Nestingen addressed nearly 1,000 Democrats who gathered here for a rally, chicken dinner and beauty contest following a day-long motorcade through Surry County.

"Many of the medical societies in the country say we need not worry," Nestingen said, referring to recent statements of stands being taken by medical societies of several states.

"Yet the nation has 17.5 million people over 65, the average cost of hospital care per day is \$32 and the average hospital bill of a person over 65 is between \$600 and \$700," he said.

## Expensive Bills

Nestingen termed a \$700 hospital bill "staggering" to the average income of \$1,000 per year of the elderly.

To the medical profession's suggestion that the problem be handled through private insurance (Blue Cross and Blue Shield), Nestingen said the cost of taking out such a policy for a 65-year-old, usually a premium of about \$240, is beyond the reach of many.

Nestingen also mentioned the problems of the chronically ill who obtain private insurance and those whose insurance is cancelled.

He said a retired person should not be forced to seek public relief to obtain medical care.

The plan for medical care under consideration, he said, was not socialized medicine.

## No Regulation

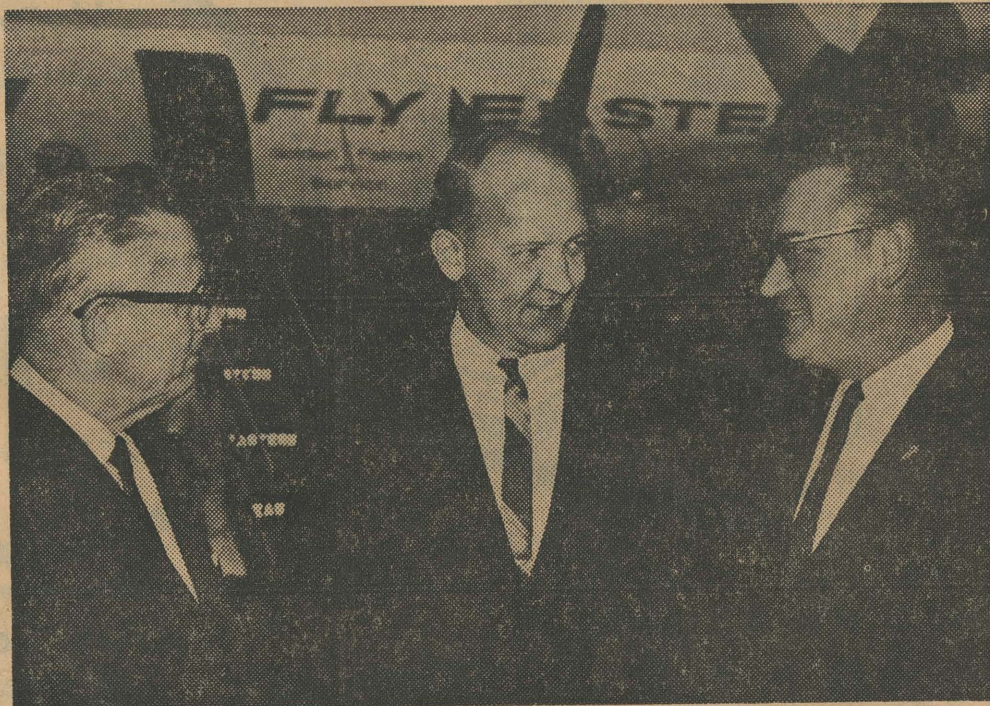
It contains no regulation governing the selection of doctors or hospitals in the bill, Nestingen continued.

"You pay into the fund during your productive years, and you draw from the fund to help pay medical expenses during your years of retirement and limited income," he said.

Nestingen said the other major proposal, the Kerr-Mills legislation, depends on a state setting up a program and obtaining matching federal funds. This, he said, is inadequate because many states would be unable to finance it and other states would be able to provide only six or seven days of hospital care per person.

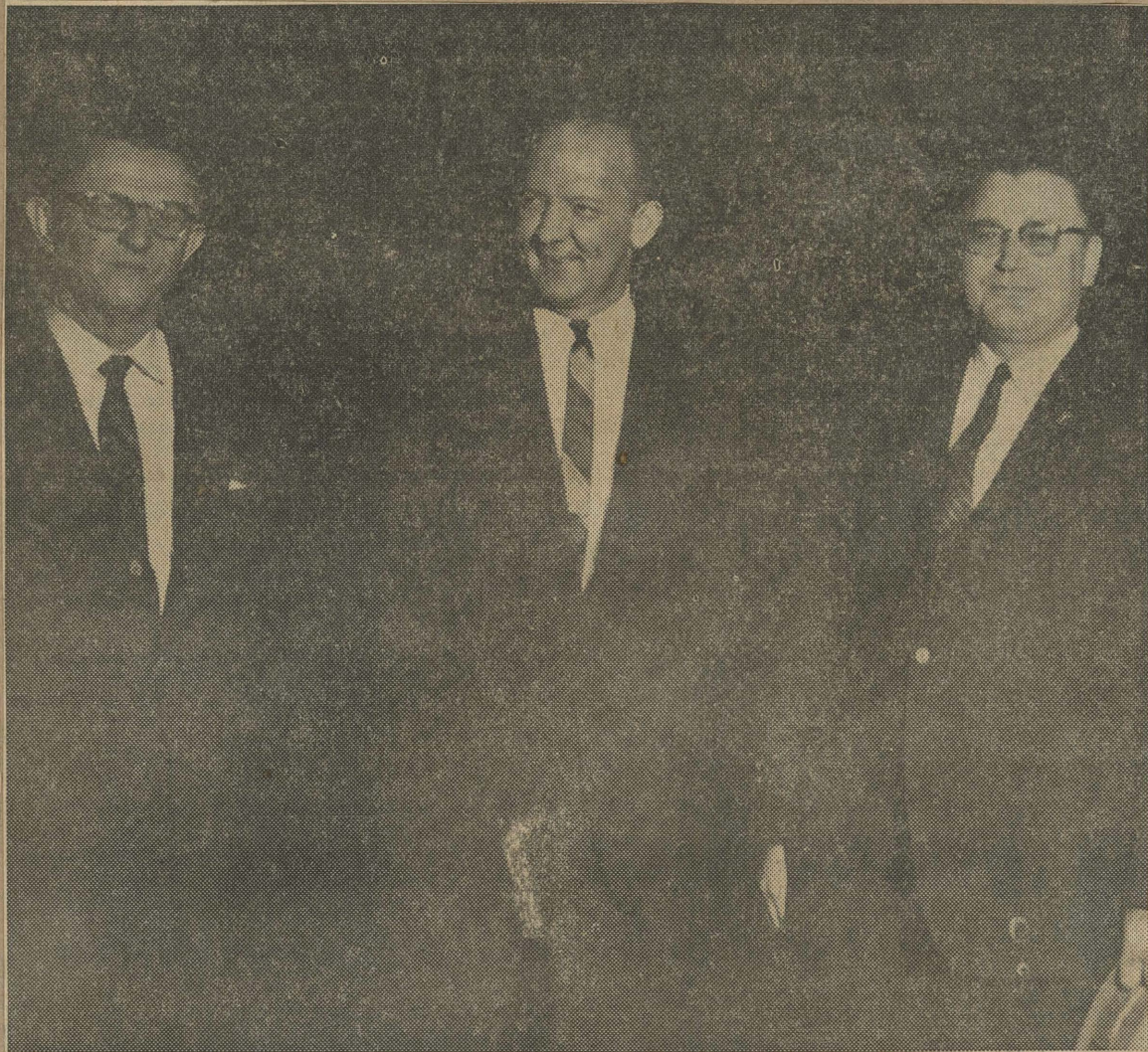
Under the Kennedy administration's King-Anderson bill, a person over 65 covered by Social Security or the Railroad Retirement Act would receive up to 90 days hospital care, 180 days in a nursing home, 240 days nursing care at his home and diagnostic clinic service.

The cost to the average worker, he said, would be \$17.16 per year.



Staff Photo by Jim Keith

B. H. Tharrington (left) and J. Sam Gentry (right) greet Undersecretary Ivan A. Nestingen at the Greensboro-High Point-Winston-Salem Airport.



... Tharrington, Nestingen and Gentry the moment they arrived at the park . . . —News Photo

## Education Costs

Elsewhere in his speech Nestingen said it was incumbent on the federal government to step in and recognize the problem of financing educational facilities for the increasing school enrollments.

"Since 1946, the federal government debt has increased 6 per cent while state and local government debts have increased 340 per cent . . . State and local governments just don't have the tax capabilities to meet the very rapidly increasing school - enrollment costs," he said.

In higher education, he said, the current 4,000,000-students enrollment will increase to 7,000,000 by 1970 and the cost will increase from the present \$7.3 billion to \$15 billion.

The cost of providing elementary and secondary education was \$7 billion in 1952 and will rise to \$26 billion by 1970, Nestingen said.

He recommended federal aid be provided for constructing dental and medical schools. He called the cost of these "over-prohibitive."



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## DEMOCRATS RALLY



Contestants For "Miss Surry County Democrat" At Rally Last Night

(TIMES Photo)

### DEMOCRATS RALLY

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graduate of Shoals High School.

Mount Airy No. 2—Miss Donna Hooker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Hooker, Mount Airy; senior at Mount Airy High School. Plans to enter Brevard College in the fall; hobbies—singing and swimming; was recently runner-up in the State Music Contest.

Franklin—Miss Carol Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson of Lowgap; senior at N. Surry High School; hobby—painting; plans to enter Appalachian State Teachers College this fall.

Pilot Mountain—Miss Lee McKenzie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKenzie, Pilot Mountain; senior at East Surry High School; plans to enter Greensboro College in September; hobbies—dancing and piano.

Elkin — Miss Margaret Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Price, Elkin; senior at Elkin High School; plans to enter St. Andrews College in September; hobbies — art and sports. Recently won the Eleanor Taylor Scholarship.

Dobson — Miss Sandra Reid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Reid of Dobson; senior at Surry Central High School; hobbies —

horseback riding and dancing. Plans to enter Southern Seminary in the fall. Sandra was chief cheerleader at Surry Central.

Rockford — Miss Judy Ring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ring of Level Cross; senior at Surry Central High School; plans to attend Appalachian State Teachers College in the fall. Judy won state honors as a basketball player.

Siloam — Miss Ruth Shore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Shore of Siloam; attends East Surry High School; hobby—dancing.

South Westfield—Miss Bobby Jean Simmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Simmons, Rt. 2, Pilot Mountain; attends East Surry High School; hobbies—reading and dancing.

Mount Airy No. 1—Miss Carolyn Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Watts, Mount Airy; attends Mount Airy High School. Plans to become a secretary; hobbies—music and dancing.

Mount Airy No. 6—Miss Glenda Caudle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caudle of Toast; a graduate of North Surry High School.

Mount Airy No. 5—Miss Judy Monday, daughter of "Turk" Mon-

day and the late Mrs. Monday, Mount Airy; senior at Mt. Airy High School; plans to enter college in the fall.

Eldora—Miss Linda K. McKinney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Surry County Democrats, an estimated 1,000 strong, gathered at Veterans Memorial Park last night to hear a high Democratic official from Washington, dine on fried chicken and select a Miss Surry County Democrat.

Ivan Nestingen, Under Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, addressed the Democrats following their all-day motorcade into all precincts of the county.

Mr. Nestingen, chairman of the Kennedy For President Committee in Wisconsin during the 1960 campaign, was serving his third term as mayor of Madison, Wis. when he was tapped for his work in Washington.

The H.E.W. official spoke on the Democratic Party and education.

Miss Carol Johnson, representing Franklin precinct, captured the "Miss Surry County Democrat" title. A senior at North Surry High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson of Lowgap.

Declared runner-up in the contest was Miss Sandra Reid, representing Dobson precinct. A senior at Surry Central High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Reid of Dobson.

The Miss Democrat contestants, who wore street clothes in the motorcade, changed into evening dresses for the contest.

Judges of the contest were Eunice Ayers, register of deeds of

Forsyth County; Wade Hobson, an attorney of Yadkinville; and John Gallagher, chairman of the Forsyth County Democratic Party.

Robert Merritt of Mount Airy served as master of ceremonies.

The contestants were:

North Westfield — Miss Faye Cain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Cain, Rt. 2, Mount Airy; attends East Surry High School; hobby—dancing.

Stewarts Creek — Miss Donna Coalson, daughter of Mr. and Ed Coalson, Rt. 3, Mount Airy; junior at North Surry High School; plans to become a nurse; hobby—bowling.

Mount Airy No. 3—Miss Roberta Cobbler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roby Cobbler, Rt. 2, Mount Airy; senior at Mount Airy High School; plans to enter High Point College in September; hobbies—basketball and swimming.

Mount Airy No. 4—Miss Paula Jean Fowler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mallory Fowler, Mount Airy; hobbies are swimming and dancing. Paula recently won a trip to the World Peace Seminar.

Bryan — Miss Elizabeth Kelly Haynes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haynes, State Road; senior at Surry Central High School; plans to enter High Point College in September.

Shoals — Miss Vivian Fulk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Fulk of Pinnacle, Rt. 2; a 1961

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Moses McKinney of Ararat.

One thousand fried chicken box suppers were ordered on a low bid from Ray's Star-Lite Restaurant for the rally.





Greeting friends at the Democratic rally were Marion C. White-ner (left) of State Road and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Snow of Dobson. (TIMES Photos)

## Named County's 'Miss Democrat'

In the beauty contest which climaxed the huge Democratic rally at Veterans Park last night, Carol Johnson representing Franklin was named by the judges as Surry County's "Miss Democrat".

Carol, one of 18 contestants, is a senior at North Surry High School. The pretty young miss, who lists her hobby as painting, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson of Lowgap. She plans to enter Appalachian State Teachers College at the beginning of the fall term.

Runner-up in the beauty contest, in which the contestants were judged on beauty and poise, was Miss Sandra Reid of Dobson, Sandra, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Edwin Reid, is a senior at Surry Central High School where she has been a cheerleader during the past school year.



In the crowd at the Democratic rally here last night were Granite Citizens Robert Merritt (right) and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Moseley.

## Democratic Women To Meet Tuesday Night

Democratic Women of Surry County will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in the Agricultural Building in Dobson.

Mrs. Jim Dan Hemmings and Mrs. Robert Merritt will report on the Campaign Conference for Democratic Women which they attended in Washington, D. C.

Business to be discussed at the meeting includes the Democratic Women of the Year contest, the Democratic Women's Convention to be held in Asheville in October, and preparations for the fall campaign.

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## Surry Women Report On Meeting President Kennedy In Capital

The Democratic Women of Surry County, meeting in the Agricultural Building at Dobson Tuesday night, heard Mrs. Jim Dan Hemmings of Mountain Park and Mrs. Robert Merritt of Mt. Airy report on the Campaign Conference for Women in Washington.

Mrs. Hemmings described shaking hands with the President, Mrs. Kennedy and Vice-President Johnson on the White House lawn. She found the Conference informative in an area of special interest to her. She is lunchroom supervisor for the Surry County schools and she heard a briefing session by Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman. Freeman spoke about the work of the Department of Agriculture, including facts about the lunchroom program.

In her report Mrs. Merritt described the White House as touched with elegance and pervaded with the graciousness and good taste of Mrs. Kennedy. She spoke of the quiet but kind welcome which Mrs. Kennedy extended to the Democratic Women at the reception on the lawn of the White House.

The President addressed the women on the White House lawn,

explaining the need for a working majority in the Congress to carry out the Administration's program. He spoke of the unsolved problems facing the nation and said, "If we lose seats in the Congress these important matters will not pass. The obstructionists will have won."

The theme of the conference was described by Mrs. Merritt as the need for women to educate themselves on the current issues and speak out intelligently on them. She said that one speaker put it this way, "Just as a mother's influence is needed in the home, a community needs the influence of women."

Briefing sessions for the women were conducted by top level officials of the Administration, including several members of the Cabinet. At a gala dinner Vice-President Lyndon Johnson was the main speaker and the "Kitchen Cabinet," wives of the Cabinet members, presented their husbands.

Mrs. Merritt concluded her report with two quotations from the Vice-President and the President:

"Thomas Jefferson was a partisan. So was Andrew Jackson. The world barely remembers what

they were against. The world will never forget what they were for. History measures men by what they support, not by what they oppose."

"The Party is not an end in itself. The Party is the means by which programs can be put into action—the means by which people of talent can come to the service of the country."

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## Democratic Women Report To Meeting

Fifteen precincts were represented by the 35 women who attended a meeting of the Democratic Women of Surry County, in Dobson, Tuesday night.

Highlight of the evening was a report from Mrs. Jim Dan Hemmings of Mountain Park and Mrs. Robert Merritt of Mount Airy, on their recent attendance at the Campaign Conference for Women, held in Washington, D. C.

Both ladies were loud in their praise for the charm and graciousness of the First Lady, and of the quiet but kind welcome extended to them by Mrs. Kennedy.

President Kennedy addressed the delegates, explaining the need for a working majority in Congress to carry over the administration's program. He spoke of the unsolved problems facing the nation, and said, "If we lose seats in the Congress these important matters will not pass. The obstructionists will have won."

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# Democratic Committees Are Elected

RALEIGH (AP) — Democrats in the state's 11 congressional districts held caucuses yesterday and named members to various state and district party committees.

The results for the Fifth District follow:

Member Committee on Credentials and Appeals: John K. Gallaher, Forsyth. Member Committee on Permanent Organization: J. Hampton Price, Rockingham. Vice president of convention: Mrs. Edward H. Wilson, Caswell. District assistant secretary: Allen Gwyn Jr., Rockingham.

**State Executive Committee:**

Person, Ed Warren, Mrs. Mildred S. Nichols, Rockingham, J. Joyt Stultz, Mrs. J. Hampton Price, Claude S. Burton, Stokes, A. J. Ellington, Mrs. Marjorie P. Christian, Wilkes, Bill Carrington, Mrs. Bradley Davis, Surry, Mrs. Fred Norman, Mrs. Robert Merritt, Caswell, Mrs. Joseph Warren, H. R. Thompson, Granville, N. E. Cannady, Mrs. D. G. Brummitt, Forsyth, John Gallaher, Mrs. Philip Lucas, Robert Stockton.

**Congressional Committee:**

Surry, T. D. Simmons, W. I. Monday, Caswell, M. S. Aule, Mrs. Helen Farmer, Person, D'Arcy Bradsher, E. G. Thompson, Wilkes, Clinard Johnson, Mrs. C. H. Eller, Granville, T. G. Stem Jr., W. W. Whitfield, Forsyth, Mrs. Julia Rumph, Judge Leroy Sams, Stokes, C. E. Davis, Mrs. Jim Fowler, Rockingham, James Farris, W. B. Lucas.

**Judicial District Committee:**

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**Solicitorial Executive Committee:**

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**State Senatorial Committee:**

Caswell, H. J. Barker, Stokes, J. A. Dodson, Rockingham, Milton Leffew, Wilkes, T. T. Yates, Person, Claude T. Hall, Granville, Joe A. Watkins, Surry, P. O. Wilson.

## State Democratic Women Meet



Mrs. Robert E. Merritt of Mount Airy, left, president of the Democratic Women of Surry County, is shown talking with Mrs. Esther Peterson, assistant secretary of labor and Mrs. Earl Vaughn of Draper, during the State Democratic Women's Convention in Asheville on Friday and Saturday. Speakers at the convention in addition to Mrs. Peterson were Dr. Rachel Davis of Kinston, a member of the State Legislature, and Governor Terry Sanford. A poster describing the

activities of the Surry County Democratic Women's Club during the past year was awarded second-place honors and a cash prize. Mrs. Merritt also attended the Vance-Aycock dinner on Saturday evening. Joining Mrs. Merritt for the banquet from Surry County were Mr. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neaves of Elkin and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pell Jr., of Pilot Mountain.



## Women's Role In Politics Stressed At Meeting Here

Mrs. Henry Cromartie of Charlotte, vice chairman of the state Democratic Executive Committee, spoke to the Democratic Women of Surry County at a coffee in Reeves YMCA Friday morning.

Stressing the effectiveness of women's participation in the Democratic Party, Mrs. Cromartie said, "A woman can do more to influence the good in her community in politics than in any other organized group."

Under Mrs. Cromartie's leadership the number of Democratic Women's clubs in the state has grown from only one in 1961 to 71 at present. She emphasized to the women the importance of personal contact, remarking that "if you are a good neighbor, you are a good politician."

Mrs. Robert Merritt, president of the Surry Democratic Women's Club, presided at the meeting. She recognized the "women behind the men," Mrs. E. T. Clark, wife of the mayor of Mount Airy, and the wives of the candidates who were present. The women who serve on precinct committees were also recognized.

Coffee and light refreshments were served. Mrs. Jim Banner and Mrs. Ed Early prepared the refreshments. Mrs. Renzo Sutter had charge of decorations and Mrs. Martin Bennett was responsible for telephoning.

The women were reminded that charter membership in the Surry Democratic Women's Club will close after November 6. Women may continue to join after that date but only those who join before then will be considered charter members.



**DEMOCRATIC WOMEN**—Among those attending a coffee, left to right, were Mrs. W. H. Spain, committee member of Mount Airy Precinct No. 2; Mrs. Robert Merritt, president of Surry Democratic Women; Mrs. Henry Cromartie, state Democratic vice chairman; and Mrs. L. A. Matthews, Shoals Precinct.



**OPENING CEREMONIES WEDNESDAY** at Democratic Headquarters in Mount Airy saw these candidates and party workers review some of their campaign plans. Seated (l-r) are Hudson Graham, candidate for Sheriff, Kermit Lawrence, incumbent Clerk of Court, and Carroll Gardner, running for Judge of Recorder's Court. Standing behind them are (l-r) Buck Pruett, Mayor Ed Clark and Elmer Key, all of Mount Airy. The headquarters, located on Main Street, will be open five days a week, from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m., staffed by the Surry Democratic Women. Information on candidates, registration, voting and rides to the polls will be available. Those interested are urged by party workers to call ST 6-2811 to contact them.

Friday, October 26, 1962.

—NEWS photo.









FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MAILED: October 9, 1962

FROM: Democratic Headquarters  
Hotel Sir Walter  
Raleigh, N. C.

RALEIGH - Governor Terry Sanford is shown offering his congratulations to

Mrs. Robert Merritt of Mt. Airy,

Democratic Woman of the Year for Curry County

at the Democratic Women's Convention in Asheville.





DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF SURRY COUNTY

Rt. 6, Box 262  
Mt. Airy (ST 6-5339)  
March, 1962

GREETINGS to the Democratic Women of Surry County

Congratulations and a vote of appreciation for the fine work that your organization is doing for the Democratic Party of Surry County. May I call to your attention the recent change made by the State Executive Committee: the vice-chairman in each precinct, which must be a woman, will, along with the precinct chairman, be a member of the County Executive Committee.

This use of more women at the executive level is a challenge to you and reflects our recognition of the contribution you make to the Party. I consider the women's organization a valuable group, working with the Party and definitely a part of the Democratic Party on a county, state and national level. And my services are always available for any activities and movements that tend to strengthen the Democratic Party.

I am sure that your chairman will want to call to your attention the tentative plans being made for our big May 10 Rally. Needless to say, I will be depending on the many Democrats in Surry for the success of this occasion--and that definitely includes you women.

My kindest personal regards to each of you. I am looking forward to a closer working relationship for the common cause.

Very truly yours,

Joe A. Pell, Jr., Chairman  
Democratic Executive Committee

Big, Big Plans

The plans for May 10 are wonderful! We will have an all day traveling rally from one end of the county to to the other. Some of our fine Democratic leaders are coming from Raleigh to be with us. Tentative plans include lunch in Elkin, an afternoon rally in Dobson, and barbecue supper at the new warehouse in Mt. Airy. Every precinct should have a part in the occasion.

Our Spring meeting is planned for Thursday night, May 3. We will invite the primary candidates and you won't want to miss it so put the date down now--place and hour will be announced soon.

Big, Big Need

We need some volunteers for different jobs in our Democratic Women's Club:

Hostesses to help make arrangements for meetings and serve refreshments.

Program consultants to collect ideas and help plan our meetings.

Coordinators to help spread the word by telephone, newspaper publicity & leaflets.

Scrapbook custodian to keep clippings. Dec. 1961

MEMBERS

There are now 110 members enrolled in the Democratic Women! Membership cards are available from our treasurer, Mrs. Ivylyn Green, Rt. 3, Mt. Airy. In recruiting new members, send Mrs. Green their names, addresses, telephone numbers, precincts and dues of \$1.00.

PLANNING MEETING

We will have a planning meeting of the officer, directors and precinct captains April 10 in the Agricultural Building in Dobson at 8 p. m. We need to get together to work out the details of our big meeting May 3. If you cannot come, please let me know and try to send someone in your place. Any members who would like to help with the meeting are most cordially invited to meet with the officers that night.

*Mrs. Kay Hill*  
Custodian of *Local Area - 7R-*  
Records. *4-3478*

Faithfully yours in the Democratic Party,

Cama C. Merritt, President  
Democratic Women of Surry County

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Hill = Mrs.*

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# Demo Ladies Hear Party Officials

Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock, the Surry Democratic Women came to order in the Agricultural Building in Dobson. Mrs. Robert Merritt, president, presided.

Guest speakers at the regular quarterly meeting of the Democratic women were the three county commissioners, W. Howard Hardy, Marion C. Whitener and Buck White, plus State Representative William G. (Bill) Reid of Pilot Mountain and State Senator George K. Snow of Mount Airy.

Out of a recent district commissioner's meeting in North Wilkesboro, the commissioners brought the following suggestions regarding industrial development in Surry County.

The county should not subsidize new industry with county funds. The county can advertise, do a good job of providing utilities, fire and police protection and establish a planning board, something Surry County has already done.

The major efforts in industrial acquisition should be left up to individuals or corporations formed by such individuals, according to the commissioner's report.

Senator Snow spoke in detail on the need for community colleges and expressed hope that the General Assembly will be able to do something to help see them established.

Representative Reid told the group he foresees no new taxes in the state, it being his feeling the present tax structure at the state level would suffice to carry out the program for a long time to come. Revenue will expand as the economy expands, he contended.

He noted that N. C. is 35th in the union in per capita total tax paid, both local and state, and that there are only six counties in the state which have a lower tax rate than Surry even with our latest increase.

The ladies and their guests asked questions of the speaker from the floor at the conclusion of the program.

The women hope to conduct a spring meeting and have present the area Highway Commissioner Watson Brame of North Wilkesboro to discuss improvement of Surry County roads.

Friday, January 18, 1963.

## Women To Hear State Figures

At the regular meeting of the Surry Democratic Women Tuesday night in Dobson, the group is scheduled to hear from State Senator George K. Snow of Mount Airy and State Representative Bill Reid of Pilot Mountain. The Surry County Commissioners are also slated to meet with the group.

The meeting will get underway at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Cama Merritt presiding.

Commissioners Hardy, White and Whitener will speak briefly on county plans and policies. Senator Snow and Representative Reid will talk about legislation and issues that are to come before the 1963 session of the General Assembly. A period of questions and discussion will follow their speeches.

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MOUNT AIRY, N. C., MARCH 13, 1964

## Demo Women Meet Tuesday Night, Elect Officers

The Democratic Women of Surry County met Tuesday night in the Agriculture Building in Dobson with 40 members present.

Officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Robert Merritt of Mount Airy, president; Mrs. Jimmy Harrell of Elkin, vice-president; Mrs. Glenn Williams of Westfield, second vice-president; Mrs. Charles Fowler of Pilot Mountain, third vice-president; Mrs. Rex Hall of Ararat, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Barney Williams of Mount Airy, recording secretary; and Mrs. Ivylyn Green of Beulah, treasurer.

Directors elected were Mrs. C. J. Carson of Lowgap, Mrs. L. A. Matthews of Pinnacle, Mrs. Roy Campbell of Mount Airy, Mrs. Roxie Roth of Elkin and Miss Kathleen Gilleland of Dobson.

The bond election for the community college was discussed. The women were given brochures on the community college that had been prepared by the Surry County school systems and the Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce. Plans to get out the vote were discussed.

The women saw a film on the Peace Corps entitled "A Mission of Discovery."



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## Bonds, Court Support Advocated By Speakers

Approximately 100 persons who gathered at Stone's Mt. Pilot Restaurant Saturday for a noon luncheon heard two speakers urge them to vote "yes" on two issues slated to come before the voters of the state on November 2nd.

Sponsored by the Surry Democratic Women, the meeting featured Judge Carroll Gardner of Dobson, who spoke in behalf of the referendum on establishing a Court of Appeals. The second speaker was Billy Rose, assistant to the Administrator of the State Highway Commission. He urged support for the upcoming vote on \$300 million in road bonds.

Mrs. Robert Merritt of Mount Airy, president of the women's group, turned to her vice president, Mrs. Roxie Roth of Elkin to introduce Judge Gardner. The jurist outlined the current heavy workload on the State Supreme Court in hearing appeal cases and noted that the proposed legislation would set up an intermediate Court of Appeals to hear the large number of relatively minor cases.

This procedure would leave the Supreme Court free to devote its time to the more serious questions, such as those involving an interpretation of a state statute.

Mrs. William Reid of Pilot Mountain introduced Rose. The Raleigh man lost no time in propounding the case for the road bonds issue.

In response to questions from the group, he stated that the money was allocated for secondary roads on the number of unpaved roads in the county. Surry County, he noted, is due to receive the fifth highest amount in the state if the issue passes on Nov. 2.

Rose outlined the administrative structure of the State Highway Commission, noting that there are 14 districts in the state with each containing from 4 to 8 counties.

It was the speaker's contention Saturday that the one cent per gallon tax on gasoline currently used to pay off the Scott road bonds, due to expire next year, will not be taken off gasoline even if the road bonds issue fails, but would be used for other purposes.

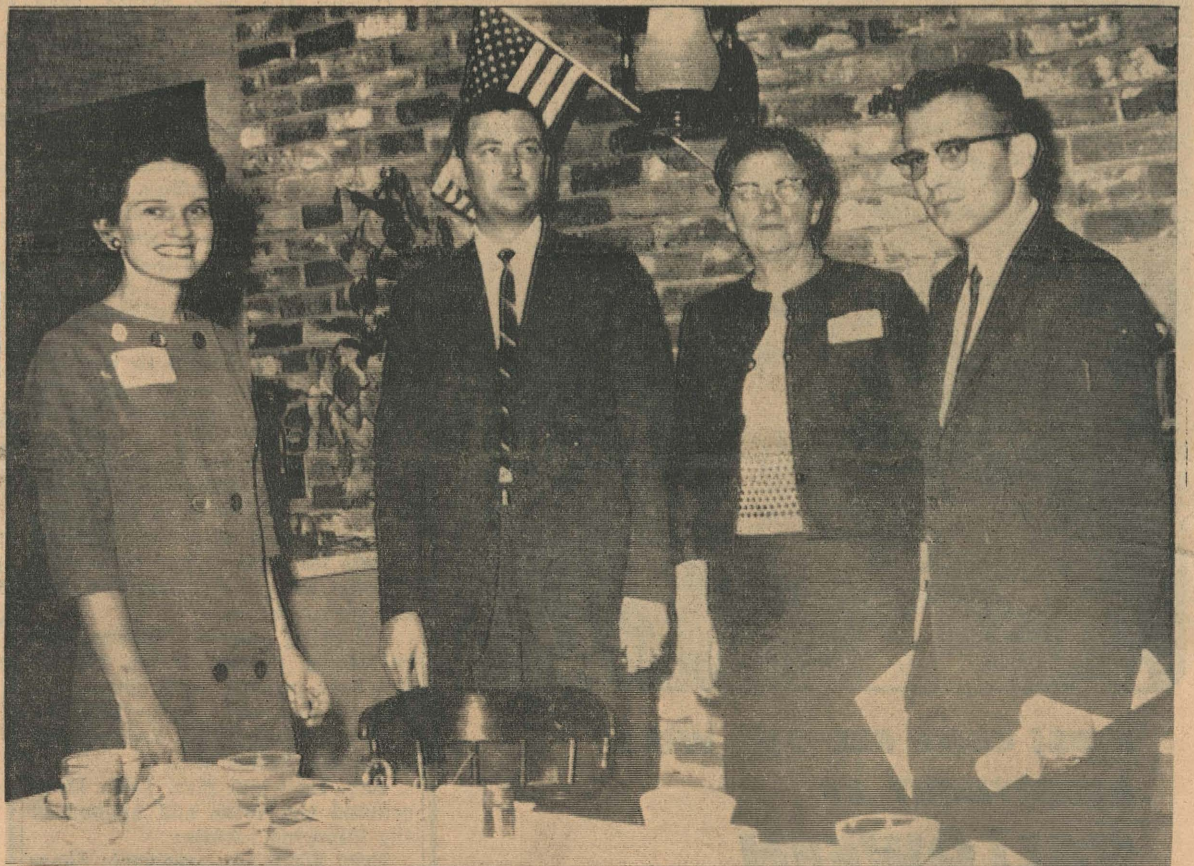
Present in the audience was Surry N. C. Representative Hugh Merritt, the three county commissioners and Surry Roads Committee Chairman Foy Clark of Mount Airy, as well as Surry Court Clerk Martha O. Comer and special guests from Winston-Salem.

### Farm Bureau Annual Meet

The annual meeting of the membership of the Surry County Farm Bureau will be held Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Bureau's headquarters located on US 601 just south of Dobson.

Charles Russell of the State Farm Bureau office will be the guest speaker of the event. Clayton Smith, president of the local unit, invites all members and their families to attend.

There will be door prizes and refreshments.



PAUSING FOR A CHAT AFTER THE LUNCHEON are (l-r) Mrs. Cama Merritt, Billy Rose, Mrs. Roxie Roth and Judge Carroll Gardner. —NEWS Photo