

PELHAM, N. H., Mar. 15—Ex-cellent weather yesterday brought 254 of this town's registered voters to the polls to exercise their franchise in the transaction of town business—for the annual election of town officers—and also to vote in direct primary for party candidates pledged and unpledged for delegates to national party conventions.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Arthur H. Peabody with George P. Wood, town clerk. The three selectmen, the supervisors, check lists and the four inspectors of elections in attendance. Miss Mary E. Hobbs and Miss Helen Morris were detailed as ballot clerks and Miss Hazel Spaulding and John D. Jeanotte to assist in marking if called upon.

George P. Wood, town clerk for 23 consecutive terms had no opposition for re-election. Mrs. Lucy L. Koehler, tax collector for 16 consecutive terms, was not a candidate for re-election. The election of Carl M. Mansfield as town treasurer and of Arthur H. Peabody as police chief were both uncontested. There are 521 voter registered on the check list, approximately one-fifth of whom are in the service.

Following are the officers elected: Town clerk, George P. Wood; selectman, three-year term, Richard C. Mansfield; town treasurer, Carl M. Mansfield; tax collector, Daniel S. Atwood; cemetery trustees, three years, Charles W. Hobbs, George P. Wood; trustee of trust funds, three years, Frederick W. Garland; library trustee, three years, Carl M. Mansfield; town auditors, Frederick A. Houle, Ernest G. Sherburne; highway agents, Frederick J. Ganepy, Arthur E. Greenwood; budget committee, three years, Frederick W. Garland, Ellsworth J. Smith, James Davies; fire wards, Frank C. Foisie, Richard C. Mansfield, Ernest Q. Bigelow, Roy H. Silloway, William J. Melonson; chief of police, Arthur H. Peabody, uncontested.

The following appropriations were made for the ensuing year: Town officers' salaries, \$1150; town officers' expenses, \$1500; elections, \$175; town hall, \$300; police department, \$500; fire department, \$1300; moth extermination and blister rust, \$100; town maintenance, \$2800; street lights, \$280; highway (special) \$1500; T. R. A., \$247.76; snow removal, \$2000; library, \$400; postwar highway fur-

\$1000; town poor, \$1200; old age assistance, \$1300; Memorial day, \$50; soldiers' families, \$500; recreation, \$50; cemeteries, \$200; interest, \$169.44; notes, \$1000.

The total T. R. A. fund available this year amounts to \$2472.77. This amount includes \$1234 joint fund remaining unexpended from last year's joint appropriations (state treasury) and to joint fund of \$1238.47 made available this year by the \$247.76 town appropriation yesterday.

Gage A. Fox was honored at town meeting as the oldest registered male voter of this town. Mr. Fox succeeds Benjamin Blatchford of North Pelham, who died at Memorial hospital, Nashua, a few weeks ago. Mr. Fox, hale and hearty for his age, was born in Haverhill, Mass., Jan. 30, 1860, and was married May 1, 1882 to Miss Lulu Kittredge of Gage Hill, where they still reside. They were married by Rev. Tobias Foss in the old Huckleberry meeting house parsonage now owned and occupied by Arthur C. Mansfield.

Luncheon was served to those who desired it by the Ladies Aid under the direction of Mrs. R. J. McCormick, Mrs. E. Frances Carleton, Mrs. Gerald Bagley, Mrs. Pearl Gage, Mrs. Fred Kingsbury, Mrs. Alice Bassett, Mrs. George Williams and Mrs. Alice Raymond.

There were 132 Republican ballots given in and 70 Democratic in the direct primary. The ballots were prepared and cast jointly with the town ballots.

Elmer L. Coombs was drawn as grand juror to serve at Manchester and Asa A. Carleton was drawn as petit juror.