Pelham

Little More Than Half of Town’s 539 Voters Visit Polls

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PELHAM, Nov. 4 — Adverse weather conditions visibly affected the attendance at the state election held here yesterday. A 56.4 per cent vote was cast. Only 304 ballots were given in, out of a registration of 539 voters. There were 69 straight Republican tickets cast and 45 straight Democratic, with 190 mixed tickets; 168 ballots were given in by male voters, while 136 women exercised the privilege.

(A) 128 voted for state liquor stores and 79 against.
(B) 104 voted for state permits to sell in this town to 84 against.
(1) 92 favored a reduction in membership of the house of representatives and 54 were against it.
(2) 115 approved absentee voting at biennial, state or city elections and 37 voted “no.”
(3) 104 would provide for special assessments, rates and taxes on growing wood and timber, with 46 voters opposed.

The latter three votes were on proposed amendments to the constitution.

The average lead of Republican candidates throughout the balloting was approximately 25 votes. However, the one notable exception appeared in the vote for county sheriff here, in which the Republican candidate, Ernest R. Bryant of Coffstown, led Richard M. O’Dowd by but a single vote.

Ernest Q. Bigelow, Republican candidate for representative to the general court, was re-elected, receiving 165 votes to his opponent’s, Albert H. Jones, 125.

There were no contests for supervisors of the check list nor for moderator. Walter S. Burton, Alice M. Overlock and Charles W. Peabody were re-elected supervisors, receiving 228 votes each, and Arthur H. Peabody was elected moderator, receiving the largest vote of the day, 283.

The annual Harvest supper held by the Ladies Aid of the Congregational church recently was well attended. After the meal a Halloween skit “Who Was Scared”, was presented by a group of junior high school girls, under the direction of the teacher, Miss Alice Morrill. All the parts were taken by the following: Harriet Hobbs, Mary Olulette Eileen Greenwood, Yvonne Ducharme, Eleanor Forrest, Alma McCallum, Elinor MacKay, Barbara Greenwood and Betty Forrest. The play was greatly enjoyed by the audience. Miss Mary E. Hobbs headed the committee in charge of the supper.

A daughter was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Alrich Hanimar. Pelham Grange will meet tomorrow evening at which time the third and fourth degrees will be worked by the men’s degree team. Election of officers will also take place.

Twelve tables were in play at the whist party held at the town hall Monday evening in the auspices of Pelham Grange. The committee in charge was: Mrs. Ralph Hoffman, Miss Helen Morris and Miss Hazel Spaulding. The following received prizes: Robert Bergeron, Mrs. Walter Burton, Mrs. Frank Forsee, Elmer Raymond, Nicholas Jerome, William Quigley, Mrs. Daniel Atwood, Mrs. Samuel Talbot and Mrs. Frank M. Carleton.