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Incumbents Call For Runoffs

Calls for a run-off Democratic primary election have been made by three candidates in the county races.

Two incumbent County Commissioners were forced to call for run-offs in efforts to retain their seats. Emmett Kelly of the 2nd District has challenged Calvin C. Turner, Sr., top

vote-getter in a five-man race. District II includes Calypso, which voted 41%; Wolfscrape, 43%; Glisson, 58%; Albertson, 67%; Smith, 65%; and Cabin Township, 37%. Turner had 565 votes to 335 for Kelly.

In District III, incumbent Arliss Albertson has called for a run-off with top vote-getter

Allen D. Nethercutt. District III includes Hallsville, which voted 59%; Beulaville, 40%; Cedar Fork, 70%; Cypress Creek, 39%; and Chinquapin, 56%. Three candidates were in the race for a Board seat. Duplin votes by districts for Commissioners.

Also calling for a run-off in

Duplin County is incumbent James F. Strickland to retain his seat on the Board of Education. Six candidates were entered in Duplin County Board of Education race.

Patricia Broadrick, with 3,248 votes, won a clear majority for one of the seats. Riddick Wilkins ran second in the voting with 2,533 votes to 2,526 for Strickland. The Board of Education is voted on county-wide, not by districts.

In announcing that he had called for a run-off, Strickland made the following statement. "I detect a strong and healthy feeling of concern affecting education. I feel the public is telling us something, and I want and will listen. I want to continue to serve the people, and I feel I have something to offer."

The run-off election will be held May 30th.

Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

The single-shot vote. Is it dirty politics or is it strategy? . . . The answer is, as in many other things, all according to how it affects you. If you are using it, you would call it strategy, but if it is being used against you, it would, of course, be dirty politics. . . . It is effective and very much so when used correctly, but it only works in incidents where there are two or more seats with several candidates. . . . And the single-shot is to vote for only one candidate, not two as many, as stated on the ballot. . . . Thus, your candidate is, in effect, receiving two votes since you are not voting for any of the others. And you are hoping others are marking two candidates on their ballots. . . . The single-shot vote and the bloc vote was very evident in last week's elections in Duplin County in several precincts. A close examination of the precincts and the candidates' votes will show you how it was used. One might say, political awareness is coming of age in Duplin County.

enough to elect or defeat anyone whether they were hand-counted or counted by machine. . . . Now, under the same token, Duplin, being a small county, the returns could be counted and reported an hour after the polls closed if machines were used. In the last election, Wallace used machines and had the totals reported in something just over thirty minutes. . . . Duplin County could have its name on the vote boards on all the TV stations. . . . The politicians would be anxious to have a good showing in Duplin — thus Duplin would be courted by all the candidates before, during and after elections. . . . Say or believe what you like, the hands go where those seeking or holding political office want to make, or need to make, a good showing. . . . As it stands now, by the time Duplin County gets its votes hand-counted sometime after midnight, and shouts out its totals, everyone already knows who is or is going to be elected. No one pays any attention to the Duplin vote. I believe machines would change this. . . .

To have political recognition for Duplin County, I believe the voters need voting machines. Before you say it is a waste of the estimated \$80,000 it would cost, hear me out. If a miracle were to happen and all Duplin registered voters were to vote. . . . some over 20,000 in a national election. . . . there would not be

Ralph Vernon of Warsaw called me the other day and wanted me to come over to his house and take some pictures and see "something you won't believe," says he. . . . It was during the rainy, rainy week, and something happened and I didn't get over to his house. . . . I saw him downtown the other day and he said, "Joe, you sure missed a good picture. . . . I apologized for not going when he suggested and asked him what it was. . . . He said that during the rains, the water got so high in his garden that the catfish were eating the worms off his cabbage. . . . Sounds like a fish story to me. . . ."

Speaking of fish stories. . . . I understand a couple of fellows decided to go fishing in a pond near Kenansville. When they drove up to the pond, they saw a man standing on the bank looking out over the pond. They readied their equipment and then went over to see what was happening to the man. . . . They asked, out of curiosity, what he was doing. . . . The man said, "I am waiting for the wind to change directions. . . . The two fellows looked up at the sky and then at each other questioningly, and then back to the man. . . . They asked how long he had been standing there waiting for the wind to change. . . . "About 45 minutes," said, calmly. . . . Well, curiosity was about to get the best of them, so they just had to ask why he wanted the wind to change. . . . The man pointed out near the center of the pond, and there was a boat. Says he, "I am waiting for the wind to blow my boat back over here. . . . Seems the fellow, after putting his boat into the water, went back to his truck to get his rod and reel, but discovered he had already put them into his boat. When he returned to the pond edge, his boat had drifted away. . . . The two fellows, not having the patience of this man, moved their boat out and retrieved him. . . . The fishermen's luck was for this fellow. . . . Son of a gun."

New Telephone Directory Nearing Completion

Preparation of the Warsaw telephone directory is nearly completed. W. S. Richardson, District Commercial Manager, said that May 12 is the last day for requesting changes in the new directory.

Telephone customers who wish to change or add directory listings should call the business office promptly.

Scheduled for delivery during July, the new directory will contain more listings than the current directory. This is due to, primarily, the additional telephones which have been installed since the current directory was published.



Emmett Kelly



Calvin C. Turner, Sr.



Arliss Albertson



Allen D. Nethercutt



James F. Strickland



Riddick Wilkins

East Duplin Fine Arts Building To Be Dedicated

The Duplin County Board of Education has made plans for the dedication services of the Fine Arts Building at East Duplin High School. The program is planned for Sunday, May 14 at 3 p.m.

Charles H. Yelverton, Superintendent of Duplin

County Schools, and Charles R. Powers, principal of East Duplin, announced the building will be dedicated to the memory of Mr. Emmett Rogers, a life-long resident of the East Duplin school district. He was a member of the Duplin County Board of Education from April

1, 1963, to October 8, 1974. The Fine Arts Building at East Duplin is considered to be one of the finest auditoriums in North Carolina. The faculty and student body are proud to have such a building on their campus. The public is invited to attend this dedication service.

Duplin County Fireman's Day

The third annual Duplin County Fireman's Day competition will be held in Rose Hill at the 117 Recreation Park on May 20, beginning immediately following the Fire Equipment Parade at 1 p.m. The competition will be between the volun-

teer fire departments of the county.

Trophies will be awarded to the winners in each competitive event and a trophy will be awarded to the department accumulating the most points during the day. The events

include: The Company Run; Hydrant Hook Up; Bucket Brigade; Maze; Ladder Climb and Water Polo.

The past winners have been Rose Hill, in 1976, and Harrells in 1977. The public is invited to attend and observe.



DUPLIN TRAFFIC FATALITY - There was a second traffic fatality in four days in Duplin County, Tuesday at 1:15 p.m., Mrs. Hazel Whitman Poythress of Bowden, 55, died as the result of a two-car collision that happened two and one-half miles east of Warsaw on Highway 24 near PR #1107, not far from James Kenan High School. According to Patrolman Willard Mitchell, the 1972 Ford (top photo), operated by Carrie Piersall Gillespie, 67, of Magnolia, was traveling east, ran off the edge of the road due to

a puddle of water causing the driver to lose control. Her car spun across the center line into the path of the Poythress vehicle, a 1972 Hornet (bottom photo) traveling west on Highway 24. Both cars were a total loss. The Gillespie vehicle was ripped in half, and the motor was thrown 68 feet down the highway and damaged a third car. The accident is still under investigation. Warsaw Rescue, which was enroute, and Kenansville Rescue, assisting, responded to the call.

Dickie Fry Honored As Rotary Student For May



mended Scholars. Dickie is an Eagle Scout and attends Warsaw Baptist Church. He is also a part-time employee of the Duplin Times.

He has been accepted at UNC-Chapel Hill and hopes to attend Warsaw Baptist. The Rotary Student of the month is selected by the teachers at JK.

One Fatally Injured In Faison Wreck

A Faison man was fatally injured and a Faison boy injured in a one-car wreck two miles west of Faison Saturday afternoon.

The victim was identified as 46-year-old Cleo Otis Merritt of Route 2, Faison, driver of the vehicle. Morris Lee Aycock, 16, a passenger, was injured.

According to reports, Merritt, driving a 1968 Chevrolet, left the road at a high rate of speed in a curve, knocked down two cut-off

telephone poles in a driveway, hit a ditch, went airborne and struck a utility pole 25 feet in the air, overturned several times and the vehicle landed on its left side in a field.

Both victims were transported to Duplin General Hospital, where Merritt died in the emergency room an hour and a half later.

Aycock was hospitalized and reported in improving condition.

Beulaville Has New Doctor

Russell Beutle, President of the Beulaville Development Committee, announced the recruitment of Dr. David Stefanik, who will be opening a practice in Beulaville by opening his office July 15 at the Cecil Miller

Building on Main Street. Dr. Stefanik is from Johns-John, Pa., and attended Medical School at the University of Pittsburgh. He did his residency and family practice medicine at McKeesport Hospital at McKeesport, Pa.



NATIONAL SPINNING PRESENTS CHECK TO BEULAVILLE RESCUE SQUAD - (L to R) Arliss Albertson, Plant Engineer, looks on as John

Simmons, Beulaville Fire Chief, receives check on behalf of the Rescue Squad from Bob Williams, Plant Manager for National Spinning.