

County Democrats Vote in Primary

District Gives Judge Biggest Vote in Saturday's Primary

Judge Luther Hamilton was assured a seat in the state senate by a sound majority in Saturday's primary. Unofficial returns indicate that the district's other senator will be James O. Simpkins, New Bern.

Others running for the office were Clyde Sabiston, Jacksonville, and John Kellam, Kinston. Carteret County went for Hamilton and Sabiston.

Judge Hamilton, who served as a senator from this district in 1957, said yesterday, "I am very grateful to the people of the county for the magnificent vote."

The senator was referring to the majority he received. He expressed much displeasure, however, with the number of persons who went to the polls, especially in Morehead City.

Total Registered

Morehead City has between 3,500 and 3,600 voters registered and less than a fourth of them went to the polls.

Judge Hamilton pointed to Beaufort's vote, where the registration is less than in Morehead City, yet the number voting there was equal to the total vote in Morehead.

"I particularly appreciate what Beaufort did," Judge Hamilton commented. Beaufort gave him a vote of 727.

The percentage of persons in the county going to the polls was much better than the percentage in Morehead City's two precincts.

Judge Hamilton, according to unofficial returns, polled more than 12,500 votes in the six counties of Carteret, Craven, Greene, Jones, Lenoir and Onslow. His majority vote was between 3,300 and 3,400.

No Campaign

"I think this is particularly gratifying in that I did no campaigning," the judge said. He gave two reasons for not campaigning: "I was too busy and felt I couldn't afford the time, and most of the people knew me for better or worse anyhow."

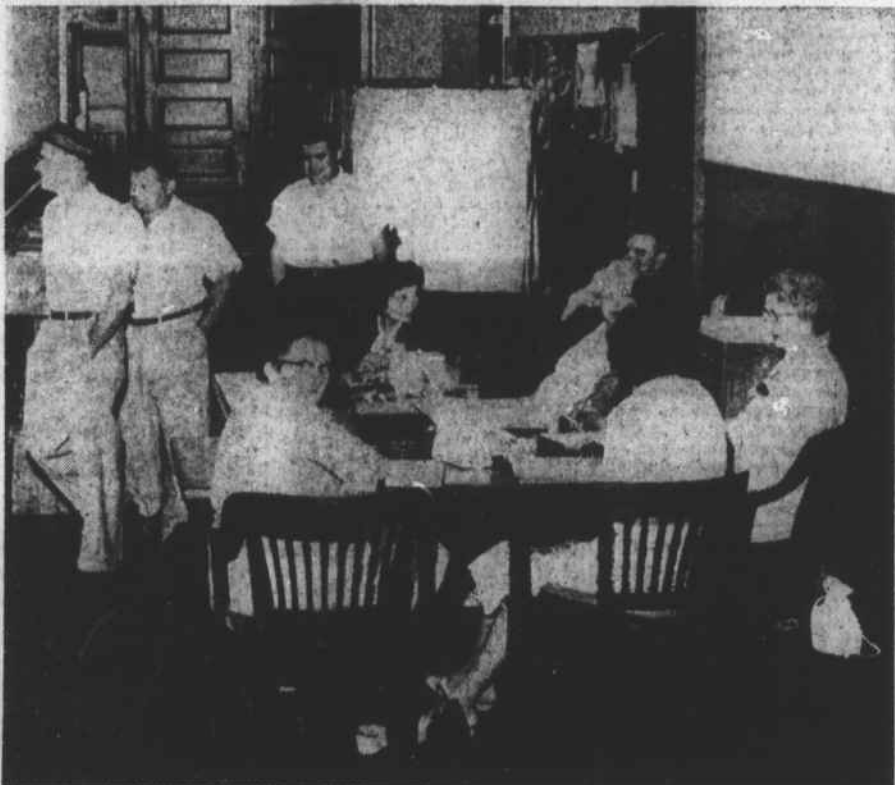
The judge points out that Mr. Simpkins, or whoever serves with the judge in the Senate, will have to have a majority of the total vote. In other words, he would have to have at least 9,501 votes.

Late figures yesterday showed that Simpkins had polled 8,727 votes to Sabiston's 9,458, with most precincts having reported. Simpkins had the majority needed to give him a seat in the senate, whereas Sabiston did not.

The senator concluded, "I want the people of the county to know that I am grateful for the confidence they have shown me by their overwhelming vote."

In addition to serving in the senate in 1957, Judge Hamilton served as senator from this district in 1921 and was in the house of representatives in 1931 and 1933. He served many years as a superior court judge.

Luther Hamilton returned to senate



Saturday was a busy day in the courthouse, Beaufort, where voters went to cast their ballots in the Democratic primary. Working at the registration table, left to right, are Mrs. Elma Robinson, Mrs. Ben Robinson, Mrs. Robert McLaren, Mrs. Lucy Whitehurst, Mrs. Irene Whitehurst and Miss Rebecca Robinson. Partially obscured at right is U. E. Swann of the County Elections Board.

Voters Put New Coroner, Commissioner in Office

An unofficial tabulation of the first 22 precincts to report the results of the Democratic primary was released yesterday afternoon by Sheriff Hugh Salter. The election was conducted Saturday afternoon. More than 3,000 ballots were counted in the first 22 precincts.

There were contests for three county offices: county commissioner, judge of county recorder's court and coroner. Top vote-getter was Moses Howard of Newport, chairman of the county commissioners, with 2,853 votes. The other commissioners winning seats were David E. Yeomans, Harkers Island, 2,576; Harrell C. Taylor, Sea Level, 2,763; Odell Merrill, Beaufort, 2,765; and S. A. Chalk Jr., Morehead City, 2,755. Tommie Lewis of Harkers Island got 1,639 in his bid for a seat on the board.

Gillikin Boat Works Burns Early Saturday

Business Employed 28 Men on Harkers Island; Loss Heavy

James Gillikin, Harkers Island, has begun making plans to rebuild Gillikin boatworks which burned early Saturday morning. The loss was partially covered by insurance and Mr. Gillikin told some of his friends that he will rebuild as soon as he can get his insurance straight.

The biggest single loss in the building was a 65-foot headboat that was to have been launched Saturday morning. The boat was completely equipped with the best materials available. She had two diesel engines installed and ready to go.

Mr. Gillikin was not available yesterday for comment, but estimates on the value of the boat ran from \$50,000 to \$70,000. One other boat was also scheduled for launching Saturday morning.

According to David E. Yeomans, Harkers Island, the other boat was about 28 feet long. Four other boats were in various stages of completion in the building. Two of them were ocean-going trawlers about 50 feet long, one a 30-foot pleasure boat and one was a 15-foot runabout being built for Sheriff Hugh Salter.

Fishermen at Shell Point saw the fire about 2:30 a.m. Saturday and reported it to Marshallberg. By the time the Marshallberg truck got to the boatworks, the building was burning out of control.

The firemen did manage to save the railings in front of the building and a number of boats that had been pulled up for repairs. The building itself was about 200 feet long and 100 feet wide.

Mr. Gillikin had been sole owner of the business since the death of his brother about two years ago. He employed 28 Harkers Island men in the boatworks. "It was the largest industry on the island and all of us are really anxious to see Mr. Gillikin get it back in operation," Mr. Yeomans said.

Doctors Confer with County Board On Getting More Money for Hospital

Dairy Princess To be Selected

The county dairy princess will be named tonight in a contest at the Rex Restaurant. Five girls have been entered in the contest set for 7:30 p.m.

Candidates for the title are Douglass Ann West, sponsored by the Morehead City Jaycees; Mary Lou Temple, sponsored by the Beaufort Jaycees; Peggy Jo Wallace, sponsored by the Newport Rotary Club; Nancy Mason, sponsored by the Beaufort Rotary Club and Nancy Broda, sponsored by the county home demonstration council.

Judges for the contest will be Sheriff Hugh Salter, Beaufort Mayor C. T. Lewis, Dick Parker, Roy T. Garner and Miss Ruth Peeling, editor of THE NEWS-TIMES.

The candidates were coached by Mrs. Patricia Moore Wilkinson of New Bern. Mrs. Wilkinson is a former model.

At 5:30 p.m. yesterday county commissioners were trying to figure out how to get blood out of a turnip.

Literally, they were trying to find a way, with doctors of the county, to pay bills of welfare patients treated at Morehead City Hospital. County officials told the doctors and hospital officials that there is no money.

The following ways were suggested to get the money:

1. Skinner Chalk, county commissioner: Cut out federal assistance for several months and give the "county money" that would have matched it to the hospital.
2. Dr. L. W. Moore: Have towns that have ABC stores give their ABC money for support of the hospital as does Morehead City.
3. Dr. B. F. Royal: Use ABC funds from other towns or levy a county tax to support the hospital.

Dr. Moore also suggested that the price of whiskey be raised.

All suggestions, with the exception, probably, of the first on cutting out federal assistance would require an act of the legislature.

John Crump, hospital trustee, said the hospital couldn't wait until next spring for money. He wanted to know what the county could do immediately.

The county commissioners had no answer at that point, other than the fact that there was no money. Commissioner Odell Merrill explained that the board is thinking of raising next year the taxes allocated to welfare, 5 cents to handle increased expenses of the welfare department, and an additional 5 cents that would be earmarked specifically for the hospital. This would make the total levy for welfare 30 cents.

He pointed out that the board of education is also requesting \$2 1/2 million for schools, which if borrowed, would call for a tax increase.

Commissioner Chalk said that the taxes for this year have been set at \$1.35, with no increase.

Dr. John Way told the board that the doctors are concerned about the hospital situation, because, should the hospital have to close, the doctors would have no place to send their patients.

Set up in the welfare budget for 1958-59 is \$7,000 for welfare patients. This will not cover the hospital costs for treating the patients. The doctors treat charity patients free.

Dr. Morris and several other doctors pointed out that the hospital is overcrowded now. He said, "We have to build a new hospital."

Moses Howard, chairman of the county board, asked Miss George Hughes, welfare superintendent, if she had any suggestion for obtaining more money for the hospital. Miss Hughes said that it has been suggested that the state assume more of the burden of welfare costs, thus releasing some of the county funds for other needs.

Attending this session, in addition to county officials and others mentioned above, were Dr. M. T. Lewis, Mayor George Dill, Dr. John Gaimey, David Willis, hospital administrator, Dr. S. W. Hatcher, and Mrs. C. G. Holland, head of the welfare board.

Prior to the meeting, which started at 4, the board requested that the county attorney write the attorney general for a ruling as to the authority the county has to list land on which buildings are located and where tenants of the buildings claim they do not own the land, and will accept no deed from the land.

They also authorized that the commanding general at Cherry Point be contacted relative to civil service employees' failing to pay local taxes.

A map of additional paving around the courthouse was presented. The map is to be shown to R. Markham, division engineer, in the hope that the paving can be done when the new highway is paved.

The board accepted the report of E. O. Moore, tax collector, on settlement of taxes for 1957 and authorized him to proceed with collection of 1958 taxes.

The state highway safety commission has revoked the license of Travis W. Moore, Morehead City. Moore's license was taken after he was convicted of driving drunk.

County Commissioners Work on New Budget

County commissioners debated most of the day yesterday over the budget for 1958-59. The budget, as temporarily drawn up by the auditor, shows an increase of \$48,488 over 1957-58, and an excess of expenses over income of \$78,000.

Of the increase, \$2,635 is in the general fund, and the remainder in the health, welfare and school budgets.

The new budget is based on a county assessed valuation of \$39 1/2 million, up a million over last year.

Must Use Surplus

The only way that the county can operate under the new budget is to use surplus left over this year, James D. Potter, auditor, told the commissioners.

"If tax collections hold up," the auditor commented, "we might get by, but we're going to have to get some more money for next year and it looks as though you're going to have to increase taxes."

The total estimated budget for the coming year is \$713,376 as compared with \$664,888 for 1957-58.

Faced with demands for new schools and increased fund requests from almost every department annually, the commissioners discussed means of getting more money.

James Potter, auditor, said that the board has two alternatives. Which is best?

1. Get the county out of debt in 10 years with a reasonable tax rate (this means a slightly increased rate to meet all the demands for more money).
2. Or have a county with a bonded indebtedness of \$3 million, which is what the debt will be if the present debt is refinanced and an additional \$2 million borrowed for schools.

The Local Government Commission doubts if the county can borrow as much as \$3 million. One million may be the limit.

Mr. Potter commented that the county can get out of debt in three years if no schools are built during that time and no other increases allowed. It was suggested that perhaps \$200,000 a year be

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Boys Scouts Camp at Calico Creek



Ten Boy Scout troops of the Tarboro Council camped on the north shore of Calico Creek Friday through Sunday. The Scouts and their leaders, 205 strong, plished their tents near the residence of Dr. S. W. Hatcher.

Scientists Lose Two Radio Buoys

Two telemetering buoys, being used here to determine drift of ocean currents, cannot be located by scientists from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute who placed the buoys offshore recently.

The buoys are radio-equipped. It is believed that the buoys have either been washed ashore, or their radios have gone dead.

Fishermen or any other boatmen who spot a buoy afloat are asked to note the location and phone it to the Fish and Wildlife Lab, 2-3491, Beaufort.

If a buoy is found ashore, the finder is asked to notify the lab. A reward will be given the finder.

The buoys resemble a spar buoy. Each is 20 feet long, cylindrical, 6 inches in diameter with a 15-foot whip antenna. Each weighs 250 pounds. They are painted orange, and have a PI series code number, also the words, "Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute" lettered on them.

The two missing buoys (more than two were set afloat) have not been heard from for a week. They were put overboard between 30 and 40 miles off the Carteret coast.

Each buoy is valued at \$1,500.

The north shore of Calico Creek near the Dr. S. W. Hatcher home was dotted with Boy Scout tents Friday through Sunday afternoon. The Scouts were from the Tarboro Council. The trip was engineered by James D. Hatcher, Scoutmaster of the Mt. Olive troop. The Scouts spent a good part of their time on Bogie Banks. They fished Fort Macon and the Coast Guard station; they visited a fishing pier; and took in the sights at Atlantic Beach.

A. B. Cooper gave all the Scouts free rides and golf games and admitted them to his new sound beach pool. On Friday night many of the Scouts visited the Teen-Age Club at the recreation building.

Dr. Hatcher reported that all the Scouts declared they had never enjoyed a better camp. Scout leaders said they were grateful to the businessmen who helped make the camp a big success for the boys.

Air Service Starts Sunday

Piedmont Airlines started its summer service to Beaufort-Morehead airport Sunday.

The plane will arrive daily at 5:13 p.m. and leave at 5:55 p.m. for the return trip west. Piedmont flies a DC-3 into this airport.

J. W. Dean, who was in charge of the Piedmont office last year, is back again this summer. Air service is expected to continue until Labor Day or later.

Mail that is to go out on the plane must be in the Beaufort postoffice by 4:45 p.m. and in the Morehead City postoffice by 4:30 p.m.

Chamber Official Speaks to Lions

Joe DuBois, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce was guest speaker at the Lions Club meeting at the Hotel Fort Macon Thursday night. He was the guest of program chairman Frank Moran.

Mr. DuBois brought a display of all the mail his office had received during the past six months. He discussed some of the jobs done in the chamber office and said the chamber was taking an important part in the growth of Morehead City.

Secretary David Munden presided at the meeting in the absence of president J. B. Eubanks, who was sick.

Club members voted to give as much as \$50 to pay for the needs of a blind person who requested aid from the Lions.

Lee Edwards, Kinston Lion, attended as a visitor.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	
(Eastern Standard Time)	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, June 3	
9:22 a.m.	3:18 a.m.
9:38 p.m.	3:24 p.m.
Wednesday, June 4	
10:17 a.m.	4:40 a.m.
10:30 p.m.	4:10 p.m.
Thursday, June 5	
11:11 a.m.	4:50 a.m.
11:22 p.m.	4:58 p.m.
Friday, June 6	
12:03 a.m.	5:36 a.m.
	5:48 p.m.

Esters Road-o-o

Bill Munden, Morehead City, competed in the district Jaycees-sponsored teen-age road-o-o at New Bern Saturday and Sunday. He qualified for the district event by winning the Morehead City road-o-o.