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Willetts, Strong Top Sheriff Voting; Two School Incumbents Are Behind; Clemmons Gets GOP Axe

Only Rabon Has Support

Two of the three incumbent members of the Brunswick County Board of Education were defeated in the general election Tuesday, according to unofficial returns tabulated by the Board of Elections.

Mrs. Barbara (Bobbie) Yount, who was making her first bid for public office in the county, and Franklin Randolph, a candidate for sheriff four years ago, earned seats on the Board of Education.

Both new members are from Bolivia.

The only incumbent board member running in the general election to survive was Wilbur E. Rabon of Leland; Rabon, who is chairman of the board, ran away from the eight-person field in the election.

Mrs. May W. Barbee of Yaupon Beach and Dr. John T. Madison of Shallotte lost their bids for re-election to the Board of Education.

Official results of the election will not be known until the Board of Elections meets Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the courthouse in Southport to canvass the vote.

Rabon, completing his fourth year on the board, had no trouble winning re-election. In fact Rabon, who is employed at Federal Paperboard at Riegelwood, led the field after polling 2,681 votes.

Mrs. Yount also ran a strong race and finished second in the field with 2,169 votes.

Randolph, an official of a trucking firm, had a much harder time earning his seat on the board. He was involved in a three-person fight for the third seat. And, he appeared to have lost the race until it was discovered that a mistake had been made in posting the unofficial returns.

Randolph who will be the second black on the board, captured the seat with a total of 2,040 votes while Mrs. Barbee, completing her first term, had 2,019 and Southport Attorney James R. Prevatte had 2,016.

After all the votes had been placed on the board at the Board of Elections headquarters in Supply Tuesday night, but before they were tallied, it appeared that Mrs. Barbee had retained her seat in a close vote.

But it was quickly discovered that a mistake had been made in Randolph's vote. He had received 137 votes in Frying Pan precinct instead of the posted 37 and the difference made him the winner in the close race for the third seat.

The third incumbent Dr. Madison, a Shallotte dentist,

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COUNTYWIDE WINNERS of \$1,800 scholarships sponsored by Odell and Virginia Williamson are Tina Philpott of North Brunswick and Jeff Adams of South Brunswick. Shown with the winners, who were named Sunday afternoon at North

Brunswick High School, are the Williamsons. Williamson announced that next year's fourth annual competition will involve \$5,500 in scholarships, a ten-percent increase over awards this year.

North, South Students Are Recognized

A North Brunswick girl and a South Brunswick boy took top honors in the annual Odell

and Virginia Williamson Scholarship contest Sunday.

Tina M. Philpott and Jeffery C. Adams were winners in the third annual competition for the scholarship awards, which was held at North Brunswick High School.

A field of 12 finalist, two males and two females from each of the county's three high schools, vied for the award, which provides an \$1,800 scholarship for each male and female winner.

Miss Philpott's winning speech, "Death, Be Not

Proud," dealt with the various aspects of euthanasia, or mercy killings. A senior at North Brunswick High School, Miss Philpott is the daughter of Mrs. Betty L. Philpott and the late Oren Philpott. She plans to attend U.N.C. at Wilmington next year.

Adam's winning speech was entitled "Acupuncture As A Contemporary Medicine." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll D. Adams of Long Beach. Adams is a senior at South Brunswick High School and

plans to enroll at U.N.C. at Chapel Hill next fall.

The Odell and Virginia Williamson Scholarship Awards are made possible by Mr. and Mrs. Odell Williamson of Ocean Isle Beach. Williamson's interest in declamation goes back to 1938 when he was the winner of a school contest.

"The purpose of the scholarships is to stimulate interest in effective composition and declamation in the various schools," Mr. and Mrs. Williamson said.

champion student, John T. Hoggard High School.

Local Company Is Low Bidder

Boiling Spring Construction Co. has submitted a low bid of \$747,036.17 for construction of a container handling facility at the Sunny Point terminal.

Second low bidder was Colony Construction Co., Inc., of Wilmington, with an offer of \$822,781. Dickerson, Inc., of Monroe was third low with their bid of \$998,360.

The government estimate was \$998,360.

The other two bidders were D.R. Allen & Son, Inc., of Fayetteville, bidding \$1,002,596; and C.W. Matthews Const. Co., Inc., of Marietta, Ga., \$1,128,856.

The contract calls for demolition of 880 feet of existing concrete wharf and rebuilding with a new platform and crane rails to facilitate container handling. Work items include installation of concrete piling and 1,800 linear feet of crane rail, along with placement of 1,200 cubic yards of new concrete.

All work is scheduled for completion within 350 calendar days.

Carolyn Roberts Beats Incumbent

Republicans and Democrats in Brunswick County went to the polls Tuesday to nominate candidates to run in the fall general election and, in the process, eliminated one incumbent office holder.

However, after the votes were tallied at the Board of Election headquarters in Supply Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, questions still remain to be answered about the final outcome.

The questions, concerning the winners and who will be eligible to call second primaries will not be answered until the Board of Elections conducts the official canvass of the votes at the courthouse in Southport Thursday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock.

In the County Republican primary, Sheriff Harold Willetts and Board of Commissioners members William A. Kopp, Jr., John Bray, Robert Simmons and Vardell Hughes all won re-nomination.

In addition, Incumbent Thomas J. Harrelson, who was the leading GOP vote-getter in Brunswick County, won re-nomination to the State House of Representatives from the 11th District of Brunswick and Pender counties.

T. David Bowers, seeking the nomination to run for the Board of Commissioners from Lockwood Folly, was the only clear-cut winner in the county in the Democratic primary.

Allen C. Ward, seeking his first public office, made an

impressive debut in winning the Democratic race to oppose for the 11th District House seat in the general election. He was the leading vote getter in Brunswick County Tuesday.

In state races, Brunswick County voters supported the winners in the races for the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives.

The Republican race for the Board of County Commissioners was left in confusion after the votes were tallied Tuesday night. Kopp, who is chairman of the board, topped the field with 882 votes while Simmons had 847 and Hughes 838. All three in-

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NC 211 Closes

The Department of Transportation, Division of Highways announces the closing of a section of NC 211 from Supply to Southport effective Monday.

The particular section under construction exists between US 17 at Supply to SR 1500 at Midway. All through traffic will use the following detour route: From Supply north on US 17 approximately 15 miles to Bell Swamp at NC 87; NC 87 south to Southport approximately 15 miles.

This detour will be marked and will last approximately 60 days while the improvements are under construction from Supply to Southport. Local traffic will be maintained during this period.

Over Doshers' Future

Hospital Group Is "Encouraged"

Members of the Doshers Retention Committee returned home in an optimistic frame of mind after discussing the future of the Southport hospital with state officials Monday.

"While no firm commitments were made by the Raleigh staff, members of the committee are greatly encouraged by the positive and helpful attitude displayed at the state administration level in agreeing to study the new data we presented and to follow this with further recommendations and suggestions," said Southport Mayor Eugene Tomlinson,

who is chairman of the Retention committee.

Mayor Tomlinson told the state officials that at this time there is no consideration locally of Doshers closing down. "There's too much at stake to even entertain any ideas along those lines," he declared.

Members of the local delegation, composed of representatives of Yaupon Beach, Long Beach and Southport, spent over two hours in Raleigh Monday discussing the Doshers hospital situation with W.L.

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County Tobacco Acreage Far Short Of Quota Goal

By BILL ALLEN
If something dramatic doesn't happen in the next five weeks, Brunswick County farmers could lose \$500,000 on the tobacco crop this year.

The prediction was made this week by Manager Ralph L. Price of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service in Shallotte.

"Right now, it looks like a half-million pounds of the Brunswick County tobacco quota will not be planted this year," Manager Price declared.

"The half million pounds could amount to Brunswick County farmers failing to earn almost a half-million dollars at the end of the selling season."

Brunswick County tobacco farmers have been given a 6,171,746-pound tobacco quota to fill this year. It is the largest quota the county has had in over 20 years.

Manager Price said Brunswick County was assigned the large quota because of two factors. One is the fact the Department of Agriculture has given each tobacco-growing county in

the nation a ten-percent increase in its quota for 1974.

Federal officials are doing everything in their power to encourage all flue-cured tobacco producers to grow their full poundage under the larger marketing quotas to meet increasing demand around the world.

"Buying and export companies indicate there is a strong demand for increased cigarette production in foreign countries and this is an excellent opportunity for tobacco growers to make considerably more net income by growing more

tobacco to meet this demand," Under-Secretary of Agriculture J. Phil Campbell said recently.

The other reason for the increased quota is that Brunswick County farmers failed to meet the quota last year.

"We had a wet season last year and the unfortunate result was that farmers lost parts of their tobacco crops," Price said.

Last year, Manager Price pointed out, the Brunswick County tobacco quotas was 5,404,211 pounds. However, because of "the wet season"

last year, farmers failed to meet the quota by 181,539 pounds.

Under federal regulations, he noted, the 181,539 pounds the county failed to sell last year was carried over and added to the 1974 quota.

Manager Price reminded flue-cured tobacco producers that two changes have been made in the price support requirements for the 1974 crop.

Tobacco farmers no longer need measurement service to assure eligibility for price support. Procedures have been changed to permit price

support on all flue-cured tobacco up to 110 percent of a farm's quota without regard to the amount of acres planted.

"This, however, does not excuse the producer from being charged with penalty if he sells more than 110 percent of his quota," the ASCS manager noted. "The penalty could run as much as 68 cents per pound. In addition, any tobacco sold in excess of 100 percent of quota will be deducted from their quota next year."

In past years, he pointed out, tobacco farmers were

allowed no over-planting to be eligible for price supports.

The other major change requires the producer to designate the warehouse in which he will sell his tobacco. The change was made to correct the marketing situation that developed last year.

Other requirements for price support that remain in effect for 1974 include timely certification of acreage, certification of acceptable variety and certification of non-use of DDT or TDE.

Although the prospect for filling the quota doesn't look

bright at this time, the situation could change because tobacco farmers have until June 14 to lease and transfer the crop.

"One thing that could change the bleak picture is good planting weather in May," Manager Price stated. "The good weather could encourage more leases and transfers and thus more planting."

Brunswick County farmers who have tobacco allotments have been invited to visit the ASCS office in Shallotte and

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