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Incumbents, completing their second two-year terms, won re-nomination. But incumbent J.T. Clemmons, the vice chairman of the board, was eliminated when he failed to win his township, which is

Lockwood Folly. He was defeated in the township by Carolyn R. Roberts, who was making her first try for public office, in the major upset of the voting day. She polled 617 votes while Clemmons, who is finishing

his second two-year term, had 508. The other incumbent, John Bray, could be involved in a runoff primary. He placed fourth in the race with 628 votes. Fifth place in the GOP primary, with 622 votes, went

to John J. Child, Jr., who is a political newcomer. The other GOP candidate, Richard L. Appling, who had announced that he was not running despite the fact his name appeared on the ballot, received 218 votes.

The out-come of the race will not be known until all the votes can be canvassed Thursday. Election officials pointed out that Commissioner Bray, Childs and Mrs. Roberts could be involved in a three-way run off

primary for the two seats on the board. Or, Commissioner Bray could have a majority and gain re-nomination for his seat, it was noted. If the second alternative happens, Mrs. Roberts could call a second primary with Child in a two-person race for the fifth spot on the fall ticket, it was reported.

The final decision, however, will not be known to the election board until the Thursday canvass. Sheriff Willetts, who has headed law enforcement in the county for the past eight years, had an unexpected stiff fight on his hands before finally beating Alvie E. Lewis for the GOP nomination for sheriff. Sheriff Willetts had 817 votes while Lewis, a Southport surveyor, polled 529 votes.

Herman Strong, who is the Southport police chief, headed the three-man field for the Democratic nomination for sheriff, but could face a run-off primary since he did not gain a majority. Strong rolled up 2,178 votes while D.E. Tripp had 1,231 and J. Walton Willis 968. Since Strong lacked 20 votes of having a majority in the unofficial results, it appears that Tripp, a seafood dealer at Shallotte Point and veteran candidate, will be eligible to call the second primary.

Bowers, a Holden Beach real estate man, defeated Andrew Gray in a close race to win the Democratic nomination for the Board of Commissioners from Lockwood Folly. He had 1,892 votes and Gray finished with 1,415.

Bowers will join four other candidates, who had no primary opposition, to face the Republicans in the fall. Representative Harrelson had no trouble gaining re-nomination to the State House of Representatives. The incumbent, who has served two terms in the state house in Raleigh, was the top voter getter on the GOP ticket despite losing at Leland and Ash.

The Southport businessman ran up 989 votes while Billy O. Rivenbark of Pender County had 261. Rivenbark beat Representative Harrelson 91 to 88 in Pender county, according to unofficial and incomplete returns. But Representative Harrelson's large Brunswick County margin insured his re-nomination.

Representative Harrelson will face Ward, an oil distributor and farmer from Thomasboro, in the fall general election. Ward, a political newcomer, had an easy time defeating V.A. Creech, Jr., 2,693 to 1,787 in Brunswick County in what was predicted to be a close race. Creech, who is from Leland, resigned as chairman of the Democratic party to make the race. But Ward still topped the Democratic ticket in the county, although he lost the Northwest section of the county.

According to incomplete and unofficial returns, Ward also won big in Pender county. He polled 1,783 votes in Pender while Creech had 809. Brunswick Democrats supported Edd Nye, who placed first in the 11th District, in the race for the state senate nomination from Brunswick, Columbus and Bladen counties. Nye had 1,841 votes in Brunswick while Frank T. Grady of Bladen had 1,086, J. Morris Britt of Bladen had 814 and Claud Spivey of Columbus 270.

Nye, who is from Bladen County, received 7,454 votes or about 46 percent of the total in the district. Since he did not poll a majority, Grady, who had 4,536 in the district, can call a second primary.

J. Wilton Hunt, Jr., who won the Democratic nomination for district judge from the 13th judicial district, took Brunswick County with 2,384 votes. Willis R. Robinson placed second in the county with 880 votes.

Robert Morgan, who won the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate state-wide, had no trouble adding Brunswick County to his total. With 18 of the 20 precincts in the county reporting, Morgan had 2,009 while Nick Galifianakis had 1,658 and Henry Hall Wilson had 152. The other Brunswick County senate votes were split between the other seven candidates for the nomination.

William E. Stevens, the GOP candidate for the U.S. Senate in the fall, had an easy time winning in the county

and the state. He polled 697 votes in Brunswick with 19 of 20 precincts reporting.

Congressman Charles Rose III, who won re-nomination and re-election since he faces no Republican opposition in the fall, took Brunswick County with 2,313 votes. Hector McGeachy had 1,482 votes in the county and Peter R. Davis 325. The results are based on reports from 18 of the 20 precincts in the county.

No results of any state race for judge were available to The Pilot at press time.

County Tobacco

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discuss increasing their crops this year. The ASCS office has a long list of people who want to have their tobacco leased.

"If a county farmer with a tobacco allotment will visit us, we will be more than happy to supply him with the names and telephone numbers of people who have acreage for lease," the ASCS manager said. "The visiting farmer can then make contact and increase his tobacco acreage."

This is the first time in a number of years the ASCS office has had a list of people who want to lease their tobacco acreage. "Last year this time, we did not have any tobacco in the county for lease," Manager Price pointed out. "We had no list because we had no names."

After talking with a number of Brunswick County tobacco farmers, manager Price said he has discovered a number of reasons why the county probably will not meet the quota this year. "I found out that the large increase in our quota is just one reason," he noted. "Some of the other reasons involve changes in farming that have been going on for years."

One of the reasons is the high cost of production, including fuel, fertilizer, pesticides, etc., which has contributed to driving people from the farm, he reported.

Another important factor, Manager Price found, is the shortage of labor.

"All farmers today are having a hard time finding labor to work their crops," he added. "It is a real problem because the little available labor is so expensive."

Still another reason the county will have trouble filling the quota is that a large number of county farmers have quit farming to accept employment in industry.

"I found that our older farmers have had to retire because of age and health problems," he stated. "The number of retiring farmers seems to grow each year and they are not being replaced."

The final reason Manager Price found is that the marketing situation last year caused some farmers to quit tobacco growing. Last year, county farmers had a hard time obtaining floor space to sell their crops.

"This is not expected to be a problem this year because federal officials have acted to correct the problem," he stated. "But some farmers still have a bad taste in their mouths because of the what happen last year."

"I would love to see all the Brunswick County acreage planted this year, but I understand the situation," Manager Price declared.

The tobacco situation is not unique to Brunswick County this year. "I understand that a number of counties in the southeast will not meet their quotas this year," he pointed out. "However, the more central counties plan to meet and perhaps exceed their quotas."

Trail Chapter Holds Meeting

The Indian Trail Chapter of the American Business Women's Association met April 25 for its monthly meeting at Long Beach.

Guest speaker was Dr. Otis Carnes, retired professor of literature and philosophy at Pembroke University. He is immediate past president of the Southeastern N.C. Art Council. He spoke of the arts and craft festival at Lake Waccamaw.

Members discussed the scholarship that the club gives each year to a deserving Brunswick County high school graduate.

Five new members were installed.

Unofficial Primary Election Returns

	PRECINCTS	HOODS CREEK	LELAND	WOODBURN	BELVILLE	TOWN CREEK	BOLIVIA	SOUTHPORT I	SOUTHPORT II	OAK ISLAND	MOSQUITO	SUPPLY	SECESSION	SHALLOTTE	FRYING PAN	GRISSETTOWN	SHINGLETREE	LONGWOOD	ASH	WACCAMAW	EXUM	TOTAL
DISTRICT JUDGE (Democrat)	W. R. Robertson	24		30	22	33	48	61	60	72	19	57	107	78	78	54	50	30	24	8	5	860
	J. Wilton Hunt, Sr.	96		109	71	135	95	257	189	207	33	95	279	191	209	147	112	49	50	40	20	2384
STATE SENATE (Democrat)	J. Morris Britt	19	57	19	8	36	36	82	56	63	9	37	41	29	30	35	26	5	12	7	7	614
	Claude Spivey	6	21	13	4	12	15	29	19	48	10	11	13	10	22	11	12	3	6	4	1	270
	Frank T. Grady	20	46	24	14	31	54	90	93	107	24	59	114	74	100	73	50	23	28	20	22	1066
	Edd Nye	102	148	86	79	99	56	118	79	48	25	61	250	188	168	111	106	31	33	37	16	1841
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Republican)	Billy Rivenbark	2	14	2	4	31	63	7	2	9	2	2	10	10	11	12	1	2	55	21	0	261
	Thomas Harrelson	21	13	12	19	58	108	124	40	113	18	62	45	53	49	64	39	12	50	57	23	989
	V. A. Creech	58	180	110	90	155	77	264	176	107	20	41	144	109	85	65	52	16	17	14	7	1787
	Allen C. Ward	95	131	56	33	84	129	124	131	205	61	157	315	222	292	184	204	82	93	59	36	2693
BOARD OF EDUCATION	Thomas Gray	28	69	60	47	39	50	73	33	66	21	102	372	232	175	121	83	24	63	39	19	1727
	Franklin Randolph	122	123	45	53	135	143	129	201	109	43	152	132	83	137	105	119	80	44	62	20	2040
	James R. Prevatte	44	127	77	60	73	88	350	199	196	29	43	130	103	97	93	72	18	64	26	19	2016
	Carter Lambeth	2	58	21	16	21	39	233	101	144	20	41	35	29	92	59	51	29	35	44	18	1089
	John Madison	32	66	29	20	96	130	84	59	127	30	99	161	179	198	146	109	33	111	53	29	1800
	Barbara Yount	31	122	82	75	128	209	217	133	145	49	88	227	190	122	131	67	20	63	33	27	2169
	May Barbee	49	107	62	45	77	140	256	182	326	31	61	116	104	152	97	58	26	54	53	16	2019
	Wilbur Rabon	97	208	99	74	239	265	169	79	150	43	128	168	146	217	129	138	73	115	105	38	2681
COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Republican)	Vardell Hughes (Waccamaw)	14	11	11	9	58	125	66	22	55	16	45	24	40	38	54	27	14	110	76	17	838
	Carolyn Roberts (Lockwood Folly)	5	8	0	5	68	100	72	21	36	1	17	56	16	16	26	9	8	88	51	10	617
	J. T. Clemmons (Lockwood Folly)	11	9	6	14	13	38	34	13	69	15	49	16	50	41	43	29	6	16	24	9	508
	Richard Appling (Smithville)	3	1	1	7	10	49	45	15	33	1	9	3	8	5	11	1	0	7	8	1	218
	John H. Bray (Smithville)	12	10	9	13	27	63	85	25	78	16	42	16	28	36	47	34	8	33	34	7	626
	Robert Simmons (Shallotte)	18	14	11	15	34	90	72	18	86	16	53	22	49	47	59	43	14	97	66	17	847
	William Kopp, Jr. (Town Creek)	22	18	11	14	88	151	73	18	64	18	51	30	42	37	46	23	12	94	51	14	882
COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Democrat)	John Child, Sr. (Northwest)	23	26	11	14	72	136	61	16	57	7	19	15	18	14	18	1	4	69	31	6	622
	Andrew Gray (Lockwood Folly)	39	97	50	31	56	68	116	106	116	15	65	127	127	152	54	78	33	42	18	25	1415
	T. David Bowers (Lockwood Folly)	41	121	73	62	92	72	159	109	104	36	98	277	189	173	127	65	21	37	26	10	1892
	Alvie E. Lewis	6	6	9	17	12	45	82	17	82	11	31	32	36	28	31	25	8	15	25	8	529
SHERIFF (Republican)	Harold Willetts	21	23	7	6	80	143	49	26	36	10	55	37	30	32	55	19	10	101	61	13	817
	Daught Tripp	48	91	23	11	39	29	17	14	63	8	50	196	174	153	90	109	26	53	17	16	1231
SHERIFF (Democrat)	Walton Willis	60	59	49	23	45	48	75	69	89	30	56	74	46	74	47	52	44	7	11	8	966
	Herman Strong	15	147	85	80	133	118	326	271	178	34	75	189	118	125	106	57	19	46	30	24	2178