

7 in race for 3 commissioners' seats

The Orange County Commission is the most powerful political body in the area. It appropriates money for health, welfare, education, rural fire and police protection, elections, manpower and public works.

Seven candidates have entered the Democratic primary for the three seats on the Board which are open this year. The other two seats will be filled again in 1976.

Republicans are running only one candidate for the Board. In the 1972 election, they polled only 35 percent of the vote for commissioner against two young

Democratic liberals.

Two of the seven are incumbents—Chairman Norman Walker, an egg farmer from Caldwell, and Melvin Whitfield, a dairy farmer from White Cross.

They are challenged by Tom Bacon, a Hillsborough plumbing contractor, Norm Gustaveson, director of the UNC YMCA for 10 years, Sam Holton, a UNC education professor who serves on the Chapel Hill Carrboro Board of Education, Jan Pinney, a country store owner from Calvander, and George Spransy, co-owner of Huggins

Hardware and a member of the Chapel Hill Planning Board.

The major issue in the race thus far is county wide zoning. At present, only two of the county's seven townships are under zoning controls, and the county has come under strong criticism from state health officials because of unsanitary sewage conditions in trailer parks, and a development threat to the University Lake watershed which supplies Chapel Hill's water.

Chairman Norman Walker says zoning

has not worked well, and opposes its extension. He says he will support county wide land use planning.

Gustaveson has called on the county to extend planning and zoning. Pinney is the only candidate to flatly support an unconditional extension of zoning to all townships.

Bacon favors some extension of zoning, but says a referendum or series of public hearings should come first. Spransy, Whitfield and Holton all have said they favor an extension of the county's planning efforts.

The county recently reduced from eight per acre to one per acre the maximum number of trailers, but the restriction only applies in the zoned townships.

Another issue is the extension of I-40 through the Duke Forest area and eastern Orange County, to connect Hillsborough and Greensboro directly to Raleigh. Walker has twice voted for the road. Whitfield voted against endorsement of the road while on the Board.

Pinney, Gustaveson and Spransy have all spoken out against the road, while Holton and Bacon have not taken public positions yet during the campaign.

Another issue during the campaign has been the appointment of blacks, women, and young people to the county's boards and commissions. All candidates have said they will try to expand representation on the boards.

All of the challengers have said they will not seek election as chairman if they win a seat on the Board.

Several of the candidates have raised their own issues in the campaign. Melvin Whitfield, who lives just beyond the University Lake watershed, has placed conservation of water resources as his number one priority.

Gustaveson has strongly criticized the fiscal management of the county government, saying that a finance director should be hired to take some of the burden off of the county administrator. He has also criticized the Board's failure to release the audit of the 1972-73 county budget.

Pinney has come out strongly for tax relief for the poor. He has called the property tax regressive, and says he will ask the general assembly to enact a \$10,000 property tax exemption, putting more of the tax burden on the wealthy.

Spransy has called for a careful review of the county budget to cut out fat, and says that new programs should be examined critically because of the high tax rate.

Walker has stressed the importance of decision making at the local level, saying that "local determination is the keystone of American democracy."

Bacon has called for the county to forcefully seek out new clean industry which will not contribute to pollution in the county. He says the current lack of job opportunities force young people to leave the county.

Holton has indicated a desire for long range planning in a number of areas, saying that zoning is only a small part of the planning process the commissioners must engage in.

Morgan spending the most

The bill in the U.S. Senate race has come to almost three-quarters of a million dollars and continues to mount.

Reports filed in Raleigh pursuant to the Federal Elections Campaign Act of 1971 indicate that Robert Morgan, Democratic candidate, has spent far and away the most at \$348,000.

Republican candidate William Stevens has spent the least, \$5,236.

The other two major Democrats, Henry Hall Wilson and Nick Galifianakis, have

spent \$322,000 and \$55,000 respectively.

The Federal Election Campaign Act requires candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives and President to file campaign finance reports, including where the money came from for contributions of \$100 or more and itemization of expenditures of \$100 or more. All lesser expenditures must be listed as a lump miscellaneous sum.

The biggest part of Morgan's money, \$200,000, went for advertising, mostly television and radio spots. Henry Hall Wilson spent \$35,000 on advertising. Galifianakis invested only \$14,000 in advertising.

Political consultants took a bite out of the campaign war chests. Morgan has paid his consultants \$38,000; Wilson, \$23,000 and Galifianakis has paid his consulting firm from Boston \$12,500 so far.

Morgan has leased an airplane to get him around the state and Wilson rents one as it is needed. Both have pilots on their staffs.

Galifianakis has leased a Winnebago camper to drive him around North Carolina. He calls it his "Folkswagon."

William Stevens, the front-running

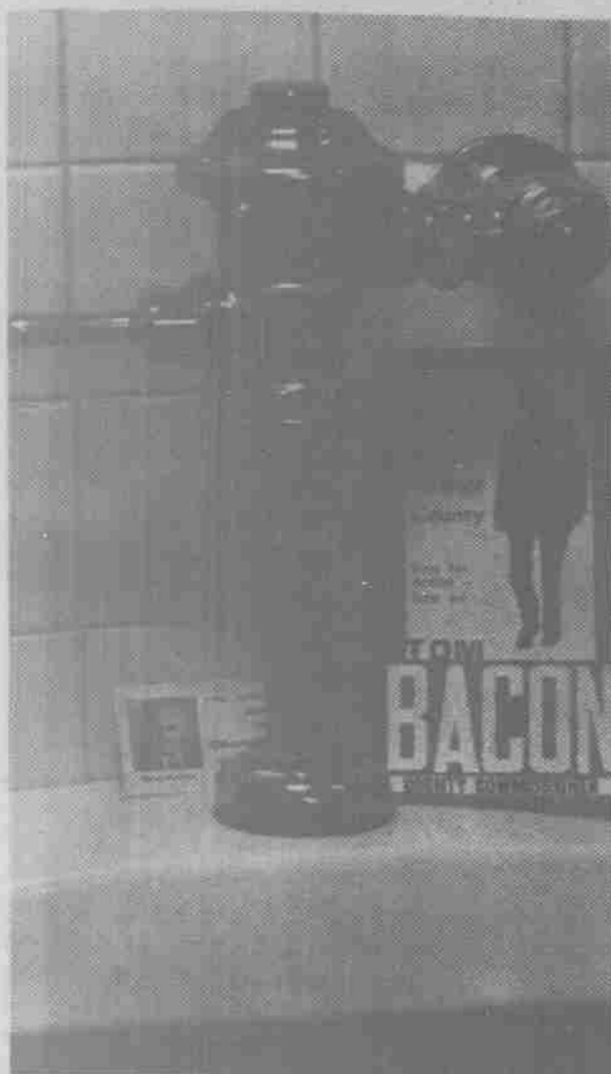
Republican, has only token opposition and as a result has spent only \$5,236.

The money comes from various sources, both small and large. Wilson and Galifianakis have relied upon out-of-state funds: Wilson from his associates in the Chicago Board of Trade, Galifianakis on five members of the Greek community in Illinois.

Morgan requested that 700 of his associates raise \$1,000 each around the state. He has had to borrow almost as much as has been contributed so far to get his desired \$400,000.

Galifianakis said he may make it through this campaign without borrowing.

Morgan has said he is having trouble raising his last \$100,000. Galifianakis hasn't raised his first \$100,000.



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Campaign posters are everywhere

Runoffs possible

Runoff primaries on June 4 may be necessary for a number of the offices to be voted on in the May 7 primaries. If a candidate does not get a majority of the votes cast, a second primary is held exactly four weeks after the first.

It is expected that a second primary for U.S. senator will be held. Other possibilities include Orange County Commission, state senator and the two Supreme Court seats. A runoff for the Republican U.S. Senate seat is

also possible.

Persons who move between April 7 and June 4 may continue voting at their old polling place, as the registration list for the May and June primaries are the same and no changes are allowed.

Absentee ballots for the runoff are available beginning May 10. Letters of request should be addressed to Orange County Board of Elections, Hillsborough, N.C. 27278.



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