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Mrs. Artie Lee Peterson (misspelled as Atie last week), of Burnsville has filed for election as school board member in the August primary.

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'Bo' Thomas Headquarters Opens

On Wednesday, May 5, the Royce "Bo" Thomas for Congress campaign headquarters was officially opened amid a gathering of several hundred persons from across the 11th Congressional District. On May 6, Thomas officially filed his candidacy with Alex Brock, Director of the State Board of Elections. To date, Bo Thomas is the only businessman on the Democratic primary slate running for Congress from the 11th Congressional District. Thomas believes that the time has come when we need to be represented by experienced businessmen who will apply practical knowledge combined with sound common sense in working toward solutions to our problems and in writing laws which the average man can understand. Thomas has stated, "I do not represent, nor will I ever represent, any special interest or group. I will seek and build an office free of any influence other than the influence of all the citizens of the 11th Congressional District. I promise that I will be very accessible and very accountable to the electorate."

Lacey Files For Office

District Court Judge Robert H. Lacey of the 24th Judicial District, which includes the counties of Avery, Madison, Mitchell, Watauga and Yancey, filed for nomination in the August 17

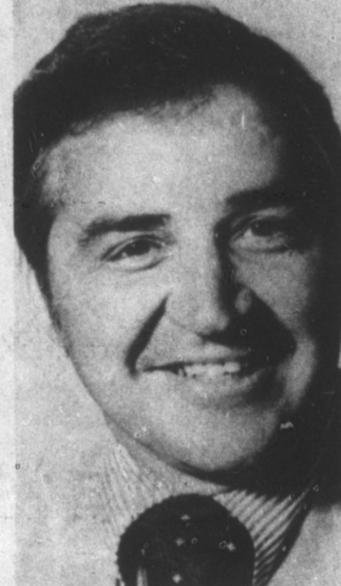
Republican Primary with the State Board of Elections in Raleigh. Judge Lacey filed for the Judgeship he has held since March 15, 1975 when he was appointed by Governor James Holshouser to fill the vacancy in office due to the appointment of Judge Bruce Briggs as Resident Superior Court Judge of the 24th Judicial District.



Robert Lacey

Judge Lacey is a lifelong resident of Newland, N.C. He graduated from Newland High School, attended ASU, and graduated from the Wake Forest Univ. School of Law in 1949. He was engaged in the private practice of law in Newland from 1949 until appointed Judge.

He is married to the former Faith Gibson of Pineola and has three children. Judge Lacey is a former chairman of the Avery County Republicans Executive Committee, a former attorney for Avery County and the towns



J.H. Collins

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:
 We are seeking the names of native craftsmen, musicians, folklorists, story tellers, etc. who would be willing to come to a school in Yancey County for a morning or afternoon and share their talents with children. Once these people have been identified, a list will be compiled, published, and made available to teachers in Yancey County.

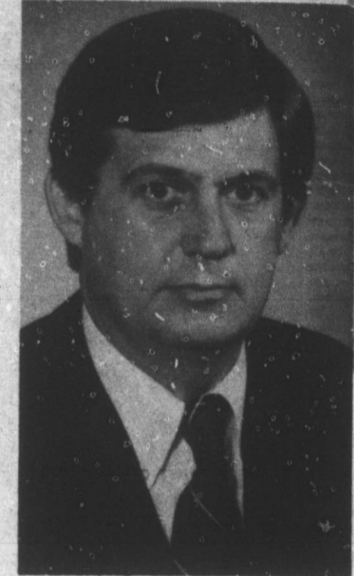
If any Journal readers are or know of an individual such as this, we would appreciate their dropping us a note.

Sincerely yours,
 D.N. Mielke
 Box 53, Trade, Tn. 37691

Briggs Announces His Candidacy

At a news conference at the Sheraton Motor Inn, Asheville, N.C. at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 12, Bruce B. Briggs of Mars Hill announced his candidacy for Congress from the Eleventh Congressional District. Briggs announced he was resigning as Judge of the Superior Court in order to seek the post. In announcing his candidacy, 38-year-old Briggs said: "I have today resigned as Superior Court Judge, so that I may become a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress from the Eleventh District."

felt that one of the strong points of Congressman Roy Taylor was the fact that he tried to communicate with the people in the District and to listen to what they had to say. I would hope that I can do



Bruce B. Briggs

"One of the main reasons I'm seeking this office is my firm belief that we need to put the government in Washington back in the hands of the people. For too long the laws and regulations coming out of the federal government in Washington have grown and grown until they interfere too much in the lives and affairs of average citizens and small business people.

"Also, I feel that we need a man in Congress who is willing to listen to the people of our District. I have always

even more in this respect because of the greater need now to restore trust in our government and its officials."

"I believe that my legislative experience will enable me to be the kind of effective Congressman the people of this District need."

Briggs is the son of the late Clarence W. Briggs and Mrs. Eula Briggs of Mars Hill. He is married and has one daughter. Briggs attended Mars Hill College, WCU and Wake Forest Univ. School of Law--graduated in 1962.

He was elected to the N.C. Senate in 1966 and 1968 from the 31st District; was Assistant U.S. Attorney, Western District of N.C.; District Court Judge and Superior Court Judge. He is a member of the Lions Club, and a Deacon at Mars Hill Baptist Church.

Collins Is Candidate For House

J. Howard Collins, 43, of Asheville announced Saturday as a Democratic candidate for the 1977 General Assembly from the four-county 26th Senate District, made up of Buncombe, McDowell, Madison and Yancey Counties. Collins becomes the fourth Democrat to enter the contest for nomination to one of the two seats in the August 17 primaries.

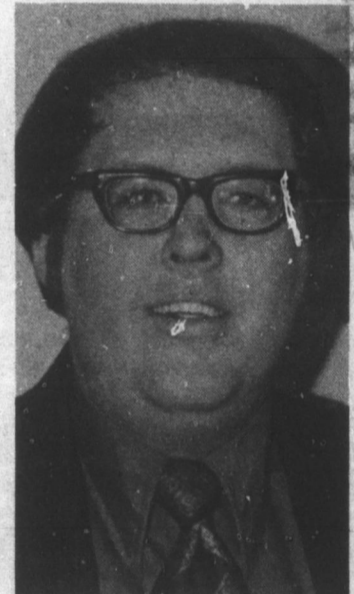
Collins is an employe of Southern Bell Telephone Co. and owner and operator of several apartment buildings in the Asheville area. He is former president of the Buncombe County Young Democrat Club and served as treasurer of the Buncombe County Executive Committee.

He enters a contest with one seat up for grabs since Senator Lamar Gudger of Asheville is running instead for Congress from N.C.'s 11th District.

Others in the Senate race are Sen. I.C. Crawford, Helen Reed and Robert S. Swain.

Collins said he will campaign on a platform that includes improved education programs in public schools and stronger consumer protection laws.

Collins and his wife, the former Elaine Cole, are members of Asbury United Methodist Church where he has served on the official board and as president of his Sunday School class.



James McKinney

McKinney Candidate For House

James D. McKinney, 32, an announcer employed at WBRM Radio in Marion, filed Wednesday, April 28, with the McDowell County Board of Elections as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the State House of Representatives from the 41st District, composed of McDowell and Yancey Counties. McKinney is seeking public office for the first time.

McKinney says he is familiar with most of the needs of both McDowell and Yancey Counties having been reared and spending most of his life in McDowell County and having a number of relatives and living and working for two years in Yancey County.

McKinney stated, "If Elected, I will make every effort to keep in close contact with the people of McDowell and Yancey Counties, scrutinize their thinking and desires and introduce, and vote on, pending legislation accordingly."

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