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Races Getting Hotter as Voting Day Draws Near; One Rumor is Answered

Politics moved into high gear in Lenoir County and the Seventh North Carolina Senatorial District during the past week as the May 27th voting day loomed larger and nearer. Rumors, hints, outright charges and accumulated grievances all slipped noisily but nastily into street corner and backyard gossip.

Drawing the most interest in Lenoir and the other five counties in the Seventh Senatorial District is the four-way race between Incumbent John D. Larkins, Jr., of Trenton, Elwood Willis of Morehead City, Carl Hicks of Walstonburg and Jesse Jones of Kinston.

This is in the active sense a three-way race with Willis given next to no chance of getting more than a scattering vote from his home county. Larkins, Hicks and Jones will without fall top the ticket and it will again here take a clever fellow to predict the final outcome.

Larkins and Hicks are pro-legal liquor and Jones is a strong and active dry, who has announced his intention of fighting for a state referendum on the liquor question.

Rumor spread around Lenoir County last week charged Hicks, who is president of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation, with fighting Kinston's effort to get a fifth set of buyers for its tobacco market and further alleged that he was part owner of a Wilson warehouse

business which caused him to view with small favor the growth of Kinston's booming tobacco market.

Hicks, in a letter to this paper this week states:

Dear Mr. Rider:

Replying to your inquiry, relative to my position on the establishment of additional Auction Sales for Flue-Cured Tobacco:

I am not now and never have opposed to the establishment of any new markets for the sale of tobacco at auction. I am not now and never have been opposed to the establishment of additional sales on any existing market for the sale of tobacco at auction.

I have in the past and will continue to insist that adequate buying power shall be maintained on every sale where we farmers offer our tobacco for sale, to properly protect our best interests.

This position is strictly in accord with that of both the North Carolina Farm Bureau and the North Carolina Grange by unanimous action of both farm groups.

I am not now and never have been identified with any warehouse firm or warehouse organization. I do not own any stock or any interest of any kind in any warehouse firm or warehouse organization.

I trust my answers to your inquiry will prove to be clear and distinct as to both questions.

Sincerely yours
Carl T. Hicks

Sen. Frank Graham to Speak Saturday at Pink Hill VFW Dedication

Senator Frank Porter Graham will be the featured speaker Saturday when the Willard Smith Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Pink Hill dedicates its new home with a parade, picnic dinner and recognition of notables expected for the event, Commander George M. Turner, Jr., has announced.

In addition to Senator Graham high officials of the VFW in the State and nation are invited and are expected to be on hand for

the dedication. One of the nicest post homes in this part of the state has been erected through the hard work and sacrifice of the members of the post.

At 10:15 the dedication ceremonies begin with a parade which will be led by the Cherry Point Marine Band. After the parade is finished the dedication speech will be made by Senator Graham and the picnic dinner will be served immediately after the speech.



The young fellow at center bearing up manfully under the scratching of Mrs. Alma Vassey, Jones County public health nurse, in the administering of a smallpox vaccine is six-year-old Donald Summrell at the Trenton School. He was one of 30-odd who received the treatment there, but one of hundreds of youngsters in the state who are now facing the same trial in preparation to entering school for the first time next fall. Standing behind Donald in firm sympathy is Dr. R. J. Jones, County health officer. A bright spot for the day came at the insistence of Mrs. Vassey's young daughter, Susan, also one of the pre-school group. She insisted that her mother buy lollipops for a tea party on the occasion. School Principal R. F. Aubrey was host at an egg hunt when the clinic was completed. (Whitaker-Leffew Photo)

Precinct Meeting

Lenoir County Democrats will hold their precinct conventions at 2 p. m. Saturday in each of the county's 17 polling places. Delegates will be named to the county convention which will be held at 3 p. m. Saturday, May 6, in the court house. The hours of the precinct and county meetings have been changed slightly this year and every Democrat in good standing is urged to take notice of this change and be on hand for both to help direct the affairs of the party in the county and state.

Pollockville Church Is Moved A Few Feet

The congregation of the Pollockville Methodist Church on Sunday morning voted to move their church. The move will not be a long or large one, but of only a few feet into a recently acquired, adjoining lot to give the church growing room.

The church now completely fills the 60 front feet of the old lot, and the acquisition of the adjoining 100 front foot lot will enable the church to be expanded with the addition of Sunday School rooms and other auxiliary space. The proposed move has already been approved by district officials of the Methodist Church, and the moving is expected to begin in the near future, it was reported.

Note To June Brides

Candidates for most of the offices contested in the May 27th Democratic Primary have announced their platform in one way or another but the 19 men contesting for the magistrate posts open in Kinston Township have been slow in taking a stand. J. W. "Marrying Sam" Waters has no such backward nature. He says, "I don't intend to mess with any magistrate business except weddings and I'm going to have only two class weddings—the \$2 and the \$4." Frank Johnson of the Johnson Piano Company has agreed to furnish an electric organ, John Telfair has agreed to play nuptial music, B. W. "Skinny" Croom has agreed to sing one song, "Because," with the \$2 wedding and a medley with the four buck knot-tying and Emmett Harris of Harris Furniture Exchange has agreed to give a suit of furniture to the first couple married by "Marrying Sam." Harris also offers to give the bride away if no one else is available for this important task. This paper will send an ex-sport reporter to write a blow-by-blow account of the first performance.

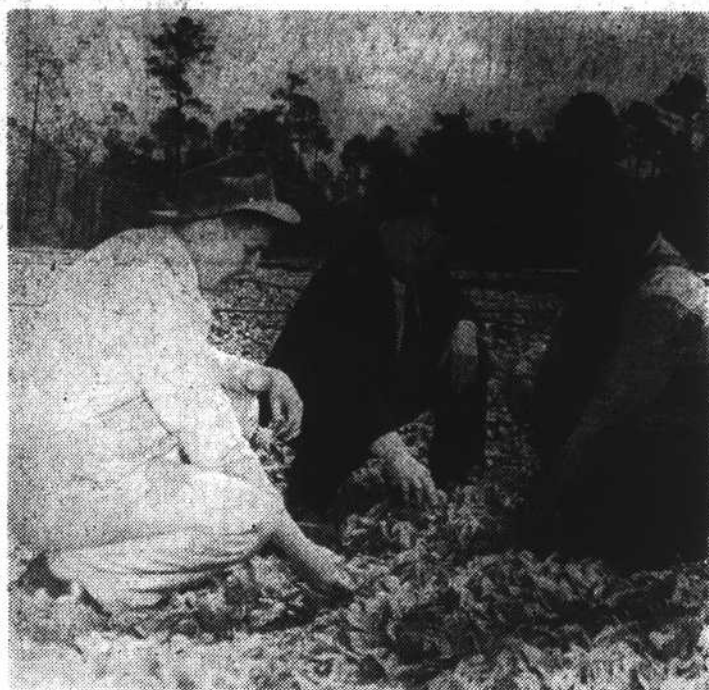
Time To Fertilize Pecan Trees Now

Now is the time to fertilize pecan trees, says H. M. Covington, extension horticultural specialist at State College. On light soils, half of the fertilizer should be applied now and half in June.

Under average conditions, says Covington, the grower should use a 6-8-6 fertilizer at the rate of two to three inches for each year of age or each inch of trunk diameter of the tree. The latter method generally is better since it takes into consideration the size of the tree. Trees of the same age in an orchard do not always make equal growth. If the grower will consider each tree, instead of each acre, as a unit, more uniform growth and production will result.

Covington says pecan roots extend out about twice as far from the trunk as do the branches. Most of the feed roots are located in an area six to eight feet beyond the ends of the branches. For trees 20 or more years old, the fertilizer should be spread evenly over the entire orchard and worked into the top two to three inches of soil.

For trees in the yard, the fertilizer should be placed in small holes about one foot deep and two feet apart.



In a year of scarcity in the tobacco plant beds of Eastern Carolina's major money crop this luxuriant and bountiful patch in the Cypress Creek section of Jones County is outstanding. At center of the admiring trio is Landowner Bill Rhodes, flanked at left by Jones County Farm Agent A. V. Thomas and at right by Farm Manager Ralph Daughety. The reason for the unusual growth on the 2,900 square yards of plant bed can be seen at rear—a spray irrigation system which sprinkles 10,000 to 20,000 gallons of water daily on the beds from a nearby poccasin. Rhodes says the plants will start going onto his 31 acres of tobacco allotment this week, provided rain finally wets the earth. The surplus plants of Dixie 101 and Golden Harvest, the landowner says, will go to those growers who supplied him plants in his own year of scarcity in 1949.—(Whitaker-Leffew Photo)

Irrigation of Plant Beds Brings Healthy Plants to The Farm of Bill Rhodes

Recreation Fund For Pollockville Gets Another \$60 Added

Barbecue promises to be a steady, once-a-week diet for the residents of Pollockville following the first serving by the ladies of the Methodist Church last week. The members of the Women's Auxiliary of the church prepared the special supper at the home of Mrs. George Hughes, and the plate sale for the benefit of the Recreation Center Building Fund netted \$60 when the deliveries were completed.

Plans are now in the making to continue furnishing the generous servings of barbecue once each week. The walls of the Recreation Center have already been erected out of concrete blocks, but if the barbecue dinner idea of the Methodist ladies is continued it has been observed that at least a part of the remainder of the building will be made out of pigs. However, other methods of fund-raising are also planned.

YDC Meeting Friday

Members of Young Democrat Clubs and other party affiliates from every part of North Carolina will gather in Kinston and Greenville on Friday of this week for the first annual Roosevelt Dinner. The opening round of the session will be a Lenoir County party at 5 in Hotel Kinston, which will be one of two registration points for the affair, the other is at Hotel Proctor in Greenville. At 8 that evening Vice President Alben Barkley will be the featured speaker at a dinner to be held in Wright Memorial Auditorium at East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville. Tickets for the two events have been restricted due to the popularity of "The Veep" and only 50 are available in Lenoir County. Those who would like to attend the two gatherings should contact Lenoir County YDC President Jack Rider at once.

The best tobacco plant bed in Jones County in a year when many farmers are faced with a shortage which may cripple their crop is on the Bill Rhodes farm in the Cypress Creek section, County Agent A. V. Thomas believes. It is an irrigated bed, and there are plenty of healthy plants in it, which will be ready for transplanting at the end of the week.

Rhodes and his farm manager, Ralph Daughety, have utilized water draining from the nearby poccasin in a spray irrigation system to overcome dry, windy spring weather. For the past two weeks 10,000 gallons of swamp water daily have been sprinkled over the 2,900 square yards of plants from which 31 acres of tobacco will be set. Now in the last growing stage of the young plants that sprinkling has been doubled in twice-daily applications.

Irrigation is not new to Rhodes. He had the system installed last year. And although his plants were not as bountiful for other reasons, he said the moveable system meant \$75 per acre more on the five acres on which his was used in the field.

As far as his current bountiful supply of tobacco plants is concerned Rhodes says many of them will go to planters who helped him out last year when he had bad luck. On his beds are the disease resistant Dixie 101 type and Golden Harvest.

Two Lenoir Boys Join Navy During Week

Charles D. Spence and John A. Summrell, Kinston youths, enlisted in the Navy at the Recruiting Station in Raleigh, on April 15, according to a statement made today by Chief Yeoman C. L. Howard, local Recruiter.

Charles is the son of Mrs. Lela Mae Spence of 4-H Simon Bright apartment and John, the son of Mrs. Bessie Hoover Summrell, 317 E. Washington Street.

Both Charles and John enlisted for a minority enlistment and will be discharged the day before their twenty-first birthday. They were transferred to the Recruit Training Command, San Diego, for recruit training.