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Lenoir Vote totals 3,290 As About One Fourth the Voters Bother To Ballot

Following here is a brief summary of the races that held the most interest to the voters of Lenoir County. In spite of the county having one of the heaviest votes in its history still less than half of the registered voters went to the polls and far less than one half the eligible voters were registered, so it might be added that one fourth of the county's voters made the following decisions:

In the United States Senate fight between Frank Graham (3711), Willis Smith (1791), Robert Reynolds (723) and Oia Boyd (65) about the only comment possible lies in the fact that Graham carried by considerable majority every precinct in the county except Moseley Hall where Smith led by 94 votes. In Pink Hill 2, Southwest and Sand Hill Reynolds nosed Smith out for second honors and Pig Breeder Boyd got a goose egg in three precincts, Vance, Southwest and Woodington.

The failure of Graham to carry La Grange and vicinity can largely be explained by the fact that a few community leaders swallowed some of the vicious anti-Graham propaganda and spread it constantly until the last votes were cast Saturday afternoon.

The State Senate fight between Greene County's Carl T. Hicks (3258), Jones County's John D. Larkins Jr. (3821), and Lenoir County's Jesse A. Jones (2889) ended as a surprise to many. Jones, one of the best known lawyers in East Carolina and a leading member of the Scott Machine, suffered a terrific licking in his own back yard and even

were far wide of the mark since Jones ran a weak third in all of the district's six counties and led the ticket in only three precincts of his home county—Woodington, Southwest, Pink Hill 1 and in Pink Hill 2 there was a tie vote between Hicks and Jones for first spot.

As everyone expected Marion Parrott, (4719) mopped up the county with Tom Davis (1268) and the only bets lost in this department were those who rashly predicted that Parrott would beat Davis in Davis' home precinct and this almost happened for Davis only led by four votes, but Davis did hand Parrott a licking in Pink Hill 1 where he was tops on a 90-31 vote.

Always the most interesting county race and no exception this year was the fight for the five seats on the county board of commissioners. Four of the incumbents were rated strong contenders for the job and among the six new men out for the county's top rulers there were several rated above the rest of the field. Ike Whitfield (3630) was one of these newcomers and he stole the entire show by coming out on top, leading Incumbent Mark Smith (3611) by 29 votes. Incumbent Chairman Willie Messlev pulled into third spot with (3384) and Harry Sutton took over the number four spot with (3045). The tightest race of the lot came in the struggle to decide the fifth seat on the board and it was between two veteran politicians. Incumbent Cameron Langston and Former Commissioner Louis Kibbert. Langston retained his seat by the

question to the voters of Lenoir County since Jones strongly voiced his support of a statewide liquor vote which in effect adds up to the end of ABC controls. Early predictions by some who felt that the combined "dry" vote and "Scott" vote would be more than enough to elect Jones

and against Kibbert's 2089.

Another newcomer in county offices, Jack Alexander pulled seventh with 1678, J. Ash Davis was eighth with 1664, Quentin Stroud was ninth with 1633 and Roscoe Hill trailed in tenth spot with 1554.

The sheriff race surprised very few people with Incumbent Sam

'We Won't Be Home Until Morning'



The song—if anyone had the energy or inclination to sing at such an hour—might have been most appropriately "We Won't Be Home Until Morning." The weary individuals pictured above are waiting to hear from the last Lenoir County precinct on Saturday night. Sixteen of the 17 had reported and only Kinston No. 1 was left from the totals. From left to right above are Kinston No. 4 Registrar James McRae Lamb, Ellis Simon, Judge Harry Lang (one of Kinston's 18 magistrates) and handing over the returns from Kinston No. 3 is Max Jones, registrar from that precinct. Election Board Chairman W. A. Allen Jr. is the last individual on the right. Final returns were not tabulated until 6:30 a. m. due to the long list of magistrates on the city ballot.—(Whitaker-Leffew photo)

Churchill (2960) polling by far the largest vote, leading the next highest man by 1808 votes, but with not quite enough votes for a clear numerical majority Churchill still had to await the decision of second man Clay Broadway (1152) on whether or not there will be a second pri-

Third man in the sheriff fight was "Zeke" Creech (953), fourth F. W. Pate (449), fifth Kenyon Whaley (495) and bringing up the rear was Hubert Baker (244). Incumbent Coroner Raymond Jarman retained his seat in spite of competition from Former Coroner Farley-Garner with a 3472-2524 count.

Kinston Attorney Frank Owens

More than 2,000 Vote in Jones Primary Saturday

suffered defeat at the hands of Incumbent District Solicitor Walter Britt after breaking even in Lenoir.

Kinston Township Constable Ed Phillips retained his seat over Johnnie Gray with a 1778-1069 count.

The entire board of education was reelected and the only opponent they had ran a weak sixth. This was John Dail of Wheat Swamp who polled 2500 votes.

Jones County poured more than 2,000 ballots into its eight precinct polling places on Saturday in the 1950 Democratic Primary to support most incumbents on state, district and county tickets, but made more changes among incumbents on the county slates.

U. S. Senator Frank Graham received 1,141 of the ballots to lead the 568 of Willis Smith and the 305 of Robert Reynolds. Incumbent State Senator John D. Larkins, Jr., of Trenton polled 1,716 votes in his home county of the Seventh District to lead Carl T. Hicks of Walstonburg, who received 1,067, and J. A. Jones of Kinston, who was low man with only 707 votes.

The Jones County citizens gave R. P. Bender of Pollockville 1,100 votes to defeat the re-nomination of Nick Nobles of Trenton, with 983 votes, for the county's representative post in the General Assembly.

Other winners on the state ticket were incumbents Waldo C. Cheek, commissioner of insurance, with 1,175 votes over the 260 of challenger Hoke R. Bostian, and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Emery B. Denny with 746 votes over the 323 of contender Oscar O. Effird.

Only two of the three incumbent county commissioners seeking re-election were successful. Those were John Creagh, Jr., and Paul D. Westbrook, and the defeated incumbent was Eugene Hood, recently appointed to fill an unexpired term. The successful contenders in the field of 10 candidates were James Barbee, who was high man with 1,201 votes, Thomas Stillely with 944 for runner-up, and Harold C. Mallard.

Two incumbents of the seven-man school board were successful in their race for the five places open on the next term as the group put down in size by the 1949 General Assembly. Those successful were Chairman E. M. Philyaw and J. P. Davenport. Newcomers to the board for the next term will be Herbert Tyndall, J. Charlton West and Robert Mills, in individual balloting ranging from 963 to 1,164 votes.

Sheriff Jeter Taylor took a clear decision over two contenders for his job, polling 1,411 votes

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Bishop Wright at Holy Innocents on Sunday



For 37 years a bishop of the Eastern Carolina diocese of the Episcopal Church has been a traditional guest once each year at the Holy Innocents Church in the Moss Hill community of Lenoir County. Above, plate in hand, Bishop Thomas H. Wright is reaching for some of the sumptuous dinner of fried chicken, country ham, cake, pie and all the rest of the fine food spread after his celebration of Holy Communion in the church on Sunday. Standing with the Bishop is the Rev. Jack Rountree of Kinston, pastor. At left are Mrs. William Whitfield and Mrs. Horace Hardy, and at right is Mrs. William Burgess of Warsaw, who was one of many to return to her home church for the traditional event. The Holy Innocents Church was organized in 1876 when the building was obtained from the congregation of the Universalist Church, which had been decimated by the War Between the States.—(Whitaker-Leffew Photo)

New Ruritan Club

In an impressive and enjoyable ceremony last Monday night the Deep Run Ruritan Club received its charter and heard several high officials on the national organization speak on the work of the organization. President F. M. Millette was in charge of the program. The ladies Auxiliary of Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church served a fried chicken supper to the gathering prior to the ceremony.

New Racket Now

Hardwareman Ed Johnson was busy Tuesday morning with what he termed "a new racket... He had a handsome folder illustrating a \$24.95 desk. Johnson said he was going the rounds trying to sell desks to each of Kinston new 18 magistrates before some other enterprising salesman beat him to it. He reported no sales so far.

Veterans' original, discharge certificates can never be replaced.

When kept in a refrigerator at a temperature of 45 degrees Fahrenheit, milk may be stored several days.

Several trees of ornamental value are objectionable because of the unsightly litter they make when their fruits ripen and drop. Examples are horse-chestnut, catalpa, European ash, honey locust, and eastern poplar.

A new device and process have been developed recently for removing trash and other foreign matter from seed cotton.