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President Woodrow Wilson who had informed him that he be named to the nation's highest tribunal prior to the controversial labor suit decision.

Allen has five uncles at present who are lawyers and his maternal grandfather, the late A. D. Ward of New Bern, was dean of the Craven County Bar for many years.

In addition to being born into law in spite of his father being the only non-lawyer member of his family, Allen has not rested on the oars and has, along with his law partner, Lenoir County Representative Marion Parrott, one of the busiest practices among Kinston attorneys, and certainly the most active among the younger members of the Lenoir County Bar.

Allen, aside from his duties as father to one son and a daughter, also finds time to take part in American Legion and 40 and 8 activities and when he can slip away from his boss, wife that is, he fancies himself a fair to middling fisherman.

In addition to his civic and legal activities Allen also finds time to keep his rapier like wit sharpened and he is at his best friends agree, at the pleasant pastime of swapping insults. (I know, Editor's note)

He has been accused by some mean minded friends of being of the Scot branch of the Allen Family due to his ability to outfumble even the best "fumbler." This he attributes to the poor muscular coordination he developed while fishing without

the aid of a net. (He can't sue me for libel, he's my lawyer and I must say he has been extremely liberal with free legal advice to me. (Editor's final note.)

From now until the end of May Allen will have almost a full time job getting ballots printed, securing registrars, pollholders, election judges, arranging for places to place voting booths, and ballot boxes, answering the telephone a hundred times a day to let some worried candidate know if so-and-so has filed.

Allen's job is one of the most important in our election system. His ability to select and supervise men and women who will do an honest and intelligent job in the conduct of elections is the principal bar to fraud in our government. No one who knows Allen slightly can doubt that he will keep his record in the excellent shape it has been since he first accepted this difficult job over two years ago.

WILLIAM A. ALLEN, JR.

The tired looking young man in the picture above, who is leaning over for a closer look at some election returns being handed to him by a poll holder, will be for the next month and a half the key man in a series of activities that are on extremely vital part of our "way of life." He is William A. Allen, Jr., chairman of the Lenoir County Board of Elections.

The clock on the wall back of Allen tells part of the story of his job and other some notion

connected to the post. With sunny weather too many minutes away Allen, with a few of the faithful and inquisitive, is waiting for the official returns to be placed in his hands and then to be safely locked away until the official canvas of election returns is held a day or two later.

Allen, one of the younger lawyers in the county, comes from a long line of lawyers, having two grandfathers who followed the legal profession. His late grandfather Oliver A. Allen, was Lenoir County's last Superior Court Judge. His great-grandfather Colonel William A. Allen, was a distinguished soldier of the Confederacy and a prominent member of the Duplin County Bar.

His great-uncle Justice William R. Allen was a member of the North Carolina Supreme Court and only missed the United States Supreme Court by the margin of one labor decision that proved unpopular with

Jones Board Votes Funds For TB Check on Dairy Cows At Regular April Session

The Jones County Board of Commissioners in April session Monday voted funds to provide for a tuberculin test of every dairy cow in the county. A state college expert will be in charge of this work.

The board also approved a petition asking improvement of a three quarter mile stretch of road in Beaver Creek Township known as the Gooding Road.

A \$10 per month pay boost was voted for Mrs. Zeta Burt, county welfare superintendent.

County Auditor E. E. Francks was authorized to transfer bond interest and bond redemption funds from the Branch Banking and Trust Company in Trenton to the First Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Maysville.

The commissioners after re-

convening as a board of equalization and review heard Kinston attorney T. J. White ask for a lower valuation on property he owns on lower Trent River where the timber lands were badly burned by a fire last fall. Action on this request was deferred until the May meeting.

County Attorney George Hughes was authorized to make an investigation of claims for lower valuation that had been made by J. L. Taylor for a tract of land.

The board also heard a report from Soil Conservationist Mack Griffin on proposed additions to the agriculture building that would provide office space for all agricultural workers in the county. Action on this was postponed until later.

Jones and Lenoir Politics Getting Hot As Candidates Pop Up; Twelve Out In Lenoir; Osborne Mallard in Race

JONES COUNTY POLITICS

The first hot breath of competition blew up Tuesday in Jones County when Osborne Mallard announced that he would be a candidate for Jones County's seat in the North Carolina House of Representatives, opposing John M. Hargett, who announced that he would run for the job two weeks ago.

Incumbent Robert P. Bender of Pollocksville has backed out of the race this year according to the agreement he had with Hargett two years ago that if Hargett would support him in 1950 Bender would support him in 1952.

So far this is the only announced race for the many jobs that will be before Jones voters on May 31st. It is generally understood that the five incumbent members of the board of county commissioners will stand for reelection and it is also just about as well understood that there will be at least two and very likely several more seeking seats on the county's highest board.

The same situation is also existing in the school board and although there has been considerable noise in Jones school circles during practically every day of the past two years the fears of further school litigation along racial lines are causing many who might like to serve on the school boards to hesitate before jumping into very hot and

Register of Deeds George Notley will very likely be unopposed as he has been for the past many years. He was the first incumbent to announce that he would like to serve the people of the county for another four year term.

There is considerable backdoor politicking going on in the county commissioner department but this has not broken out into the open yet. A lot of backbiting and counter-backbiting is being indulged in but so far it hasn't gotten to the fist fight and shotgun stage—and is not likely to.

Mallard, who served on the county board of commissioners for 16 years and for a good part of that time as chairman, says he is going to make an all-out campaign for the General Assembly seat and he promises that if Hargett beats him he will know that he has been in a race.

Trenton's John D. Larkins, one of the two senators from the seventh state senatorial district, is still biding his time and being coy about his decision to run or not to run.

Larkins, who is at present chairman of the senate appropriations committee and who was also voted the most influential senator in the 1951 session of the assembly, is somewhat awed by the grumbling heard from several of the other five counties in the district over Jones, the smallest county in the district, having a senator so much more often than larger counties. It is not likely, however, that the district will suddenly turn its back on Larkins, who lead the ticket in 1950 and who since that time has added considerably to his stature in the legislative halls of the state.

The attitude of many who perhaps do have a slight gripe or two in their system over Jones having a senate seat more frequently than any other county in the district (Greene, Lenoir, Craven, Carteret, Onslow, and Jones) feel that Larkins still is in a position to do his district and Eastern Carolina more good at this time than any man that

LENOIR COUNTY POLITICS

April 19th is the filing deadline for those who would like to take part in the May 31st Democratic Primary and Monday of this week indicates that there will be plenty of activity in politics at least in Lenoir County. Ten names were dumped into the political pot Monday, the five incumbent members of the school board, Chairman Elmer Wooten, Forrest, Waller, Earl Kinsey, Preston Harper and Melvin Jones. Four of the incumbent commissioners decided to try the cold waters of the ballot box again and one outsider, Johnnie Davenport of Deep Run, decided to go swimming with them. Incumbent Mark N. Smith decided to quit an extremely unusual political career by retiring from the board undefeated.

The four incumbents who are back in there pitching are Willie Measley, senior member of the board, Ike Whitfield, chairman, Cameron Langston and Harry Sutton.

Saturday R. P. "Chick" Raspberry announced that he would be a candidate for the county's seat in the General Assembly, opposing Pink Hill Attorney Harvey Turner who was the first announced candidate of this election year. Raspberry has served as reading clerk in the State Senate for the past four terms. This is Turner's first try at politics professionally.

With the many suits pending on the equality or inequality of school systems in North Carolina counties there is likely to be less strong interest in both boards of county education and in boards of county commissioners because this issue is an extremely hot one and a lot of men who might not be allergic to sitting on either of these boards are bashful about getting involved in the kind of bitter litigation that usually results from these racial law suits.

In the various constable and justice of peace races that are open in the county the only announced candidate is J. L. Kallam of Vance Township who says that he is going to be a candidate for the constable post in his township. Until now, however, he has not put up his money with the election board chairman W. A. Allen Jr.

So far the hottest race is in the making for the judgeship of the city-county Recorder's Court with incumbent Albert Cowper opposed by Attorney Frank Owens. Both these candidates are doing a goodly bit of bush shaking and an interesting contest is offered in this race already, if not in any other announced so far.

Vicious Looking Display of Arms At Police Station

This week Kinston Police Captain Glasco Evans has prepared an exhibit that is hung on the wall of the local police station which contains a few of the many deadly weapons that have been taken off people arrested by the local department.

An assortment of pistols, brass and iron knicks and other instruments of danger is displayed. A big percentage of the weapons are just so much junk but good, bad or indifferent all of the pistols have one thing in common: The ability to kill.

The police department has invited everyone to come by and look over their illicit arsenal.



SUNBONNET SPRITES . . . In Daytona Beach, Jean Beiden and Peggy Elder wear fetching sunbonnets to team up well with their white swim suits.

Parole Revoked For John Booker Hill

An order from the office of the Governor revoked the parole of John Booker Hill, tenant on the J. K. Dixon Farm near the Ten Mile Forks. Sheriff Jeter Taylor arrested Hill and stated that he would be returned to Raleigh Wednesday by officers from State Prison.

Hill who was on parole from an assault on a female charge committed in September 1950, was arrested Saturday of this week on a drunken driving charge. He was released on bond after this arrest and shortly after he was released on bond the order came from Raleigh revoking his parole.

Other arrests in Jones County during the past week included two others for drunken driving. James Lamar Smith of Pollocksville and Warren Lee Hawkins of Trenton route one. Both are released until the next term of Superior Court under bond.

Jones Farm Bureau Meets Friday, 11th

There will be a meeting of the Jones County Farm Bureau at 7:30 Friday night (April 11) in the ag building in Trenton and President J. C. West Jr. has urged every member to attend and hear Extension Engineering Specialist R. M. Ritchie Jr. speak on "Better Housing."

Jones County farm women have also been urged to attend this meeting since a local chapter of the Federated Farm Women of North Carolina is to be chartered under the efforts of Mrs. Rom Mallard who is district representative of this group.

might be sent from these six counties. It is indeed very likely that this sentiment will persuade Larkins to forget the growlings of the malcontents particularly in Onslow and Carteret counties and have his name in the pot before the deadline comes at 6 p. m. April 19th.