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Larkins and Hicks Seek Re-election; Saturday 6 p.m. Is Filing Deadline

vice-chairman and for the last two he has been chairman.

From the beginning of the PMA program 11 years ago Hill has served either as a community committeeman or on the top PMA board of the county.

Just after the dark days of the depression of the '30's Hill purchased the land he now lives on in Pink Hill Township through the aid of a government loan. By hard work and intelligent application of the best farming practices Hill today is considered a reasonably well fixed small farmer. He has four children, who along with his wife, are helping him to make the farm even more productive—it might be added that the young Hill is not yet big enough to drive a tractor but there is no doubt that it will be just as hard-working as its parents and brothers and sisters.

Hill as a member of the top executive committee of the PMA in Lenoir County rates as the top business executive in the county since the county's 21,835.6 acres of tobacco last year sold for \$17,904,000. Hill would, of course, be the first to point out that he had very little to do with this gigantic business but it goes without saying that the entire success of the PMA acreage control proposition in the county depends on honest and intelligent application of the regulations governing the tobacco planting system. No one can deny that Hill has done and is continuing to do an excellent job in this activity.

In addition to his hard work on the PMA committee and in bulking up his farm into one of the best in the county, Hill and his family also have won county and district prizes for their work in the "Better Farming for Better Living" contests that were sponsored in the 13 county area served by Tidewater Power Company.

As the 6 p. m. Saturday deadline nears for the filing of all those who would like to take part in the May 31st Democratic Primary things get much warmer in Lenoir's political pot. At this writing (Wednesday afternoon) eight men have placed their name officially in the pot for jobs on the five man board of county commissioners. Four incumbents, Chairman Ike Whitfield, Harry Sutton, Willie Measley and Cameron Langston, are in the race. Former County Commissioner Johnnie R. Dav- enport of Deep Run and Thurmond Hill, cafe owner and operator of Deep Run, Roscoe Hill of Institute Township and Raleigh Kornegay of 514 East Blount Street make up the first eight to get their names into the pot.

So far the five incumbents of the county school board, Chairman Elmer Wooten, Forrest Waller, Preston Harper, Melvin Jones and Earl Kinsey, have their particular field all to themselves. It is not likely that a great deal of opposition will crop up against them since a lot of folks who might not be bashful about a term on the county school board are afraid of the extremely hot potato of equal school facilities for Negroes and the recent litigation, that has been cropping up over the state on this subject.

Harvey Turner again has the House of Representatives field in Lenoir all to himself since Robert "Chick" Raspberry, who announced he would oppose Turner, has backed down.

Register of Deeds Camille Aldridge has no announced opposition and from this vantage point it appears most likely that she will not be opposed.

No township constable races have cropped up yet and so far the justice of peace situation has remained remarkably quiet. Two years ago 18 men ran for JP in Kinston Township alone.

Both of the Seventh North Carolina Senatorial District Senators, John D. Larkins of Trenton and Carl T. Hicks of Wals- tonburg, Wednesday announced that they would be candidates for reelection in the spring primary, May 31st. Larkins is at present chairman of the appropriations committee of the senate and as such is a member of the governor's advisory budget commission which is now in the process of compiling the budget that will be presented to the 1953 session of the General Assembly.

Larkins, a veteran state senator, formerly serving as president pro-tem of the senate, Wednesday said that his decision to run again was based in several motives. 1. To be able to assist with the legislative handling of the budget now in preparation. 2. To continue serving the people of his district who have been good enough to send him to the assembly every time he has asked for the job and finally Larkins said he was still a young man politically speaking and he wanted to keep his name out where the "political sun might be able to shine on it without too much trouble."

Hicks served his first term in the senate in 1951 after he and Larkins had run far ahead of Kinston's Jesse Jones in a three-cornered race for the district's two senatorial posts. Hicks is one of the state's foremost farm leaders and his record of service in practically every phase of the state's farm program have made him into a political force of some little weight.

Libby Ward of New Bern is definitely out of the picture. The same can now also be said for Luther Mamilton of Morehead City, both of whom were rumored about earlier in the spring as potential candidates for this position. No other Craven or Caret County hopefuls have been projected. Onslow County also has not offered even

Although only two men have openly given notice that they would like to have one of the jobs that will be given out on May 31st by the voters of Jones County there is every indication that this situation will be much changed by 6 p. m. Saturday when the deadline for filing is reached.

The two announced candidates are both seeking the same job, the county's seat in the house of representatives. John M. Hargett first announced that he would be in the race for the post and two weeks later Former County Commission Chairman Osborne Mallard announced that he would oppose Hargett.

Those in the political "know" in Jones County say that the five present members of the County Board of Commissioners, Chairman J. W. Creagh, Paul D. Westbrook, Harold Mallard, Thomas Stille and James Barbee, will all seek re-election. There is plenty of indication, these same informed sources say, that there will be a number of other candidates for posts on this ruling board of the county.

The county school board is likely to seek re-election and there is almost a certainty that there will be plenty of opposition to the five incumbents of this board, Chairman E. M. Philyaw, C. J. Banks, Herbert Tyndall, J. Charlton West and Robert Mills.

Incumbent Register of Deeds George Nobles has no opposition and is not likely to have any for the post he has held for the past two decades.

Consumption of cigarettes, snuff, and smoking tobacco in the first two months of 1952 was at about the same rates as a year earlier.

a strongly rumored candidate and Lenoir County has not put forth any would-be state senators at this time.

Whitford Hill

For good or bad the Production and Marketing Administration in this farm area reaches and vitally effects more people than any other one governmental agency. The direct fortunes of everyone in this section are constantly under the watchful eye of the PMA as it directs the major farm policy of the section and tells who what they can do with a considerable segment of their farm program.

In this immediate vicinity to tobacco, of course, is the principal crop and the great majority of the PMA activity is centered around the equitable management of this multi-million dollar business.

Whitford Hill, chairman of the Lenoir County Production and Marketing Administration committee occupies a post of extremely grave responsibility. Hill has done an excellent job along with the help of the various other county committeemen who have served with him during the four years he has been on the county committee. For two of these four years he has served as



In the pictures above several views of the destruction and death caused last Friday in Maysville by a catastrophic tanker truck collision are reproduced. At the top left a view of the scene from a distance shows the tanker, car and the smoldering ruins of the office-apartment building that was consumed in the blast. Middle top shows the blanchard remains of the year old J. Minsley Pomeroy who died in the flaming wreckage after his car had collided with the tanker laden with 2,700 gallon of high octane gasoline. At top right the tanker is shown as it appeared approaching from the direction of Follockville and the parched and crumpled pavement can be seen. At bottom left a close-up of the smoldering multi-thousand dollar building loss is shown and at bottom center a close-up of the tanker looking toward Follockville is reproduced and at bottom right a crowd is seen in front of the filling station facing the collision which was also on fire at one time and was saved by the courageous work of the Maysville Fire Department. (Photos by Jack Rider)