

Tough Fight Looms in Sheriff Race in Lenoir County; Wilcox Is Not Rated a 'Push-over' Any Longer

When second primary voting time rolls around Lenoir County will have three races, but only one of a county-wide nature but that will be more than a plenty to grasp the attention of the voters. This is the sheriff's race run-off between High Man Clay Broadway and No. 2 Man D. F. Wilcox Jr.

Every indication available to the political pot watcher indicates that this will be a knock-down-and-drag-out contest with few, if any holds barred.

The race between Broadway and Wilcox is fundamentally a continuation of the effort that had been gaining power for sometime to remove veteran Sheriff Sam Churchill from the post he has held for so many years.

Churchill complicated the effort to "get Churchill" by bowing out of the picture and promising repeatedly that he was "through with politics," but for Churchill to quit politics is like a fish quitting swimming. Sam didn't quit and not, after the smoke of battle has cleared away he admits, on questioning that he has supported Wilcox.

Wilcox could naturally expect Churchill support, having served for eight years as the chief deputy in that department and also as jailer. In fact it has been admitted around the courthouse that Wilcox has been sheriff for the past four years, or so, so why not give him the title as well as the job. Churchill has very largely left the running of the department to Wilcox and it is, in part, upon this record of having run the department that Wilcox is hanging a heavy part of his effort to be elected on June 20th.

Broadway ran against Churchill four years ago and came in second in a field of six and in a second primary run-off at that time he came within 800 votes of knocking the Sheriff Crown off of handshaking Sam. For the past four years Broadway has waged a steady campaign to finally reach the goal he sought in 1950. Wilcox when he announced that he would be a candidate for the office was not given much of a chance by the so-called experts, who overlooked a number of it. See SHERIFF Page 6

Four Injured When Trucks Collide On Hill Tuesday Morning

Tuesday four men were injured—two seriously—Tuesday morning when trucks collided on the cut-off road between the Pink Hill and Richlands highways just south of Kinston. 50-year old N. W. Morton and his 15-year old son, Walter, of Silverdale in Onslow County are in extremely critical condition at Memorial General Hospital in Kinston from multiple injuries they suffered in the collision.

The Mortons were in a truck driven by William D. Mills, riding west toward Kinston. Mills suffered minor injuries but escaped any serious damage. Wesley Clifford Howard, driving a truck of the Barrus Construction Company, also escaped injury as his truck for some yet unexplained reason crossed the road and plowed into that occupied by the Onslow and Jones Countians.

Patrolman Arthur Fields who investigated the accident said that no charge had been made but his investigation was continuing.

The Elder Morton suffered a general concussion, a basal skull fracture and a compound fracture at the right ankle and other minor cuts and abrasions. The Younger Morton suffered a badly mangled lower jaw, upper jaw, bad lacerations about the face and head and several fractures of his left thigh bone with other cuts and abrasions.

The accident took place at about 10:15 Tuesday morning.

Rod Beats Tom

Former County Commissioner Rodney Goodman after four rounds Monday was declared winner on a technical knockout over Thomas Mewborn, incumbent member of the Lenoir County ABC board. After 17 years on the local whiskey board Mewborn came down Monday as the board of health, board of education and board of commissioners met in joint session for this annual election. On the fourth ballot Goodman finally replaced Mewborn by a tight 9-7 count. Others who figured in the voting included Leroy Arnold, Marvin Duke and Joe S. May. The ABC board consists of three members with one elected each year in joint meeting of the three boards.

Baseball on the 20th

After a year and a half without professional baseball it now appears that lovers of the national past time will have a chance to cuss the umpire and root for the home team once again beginning June 20th. A team of the Carolina League that has had pretty rough sledding in its present location has negotiated a change from its present location to Kinston effective that date. The first game of the year will be on Sunday when the new Kinston team will tangle with the Fayetteville team of the league. Cities in the League include Durham, Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem, Danville, High Point, Burlington and Fayetteville. **PLAY BALL!**

Series of Thefts Over Weekend In Trenton Store Area

Two successful break-ins and two fires over the past weekend in Trenton netted thieves about \$60, Sheriff "Brown" Yates has reported. So far no arrests have been made in this Saturday night outbreak.

Jimmie Hill's grocery store was relieved of about \$10 to \$12 as thieves removed wood from an old window break and entered and about \$40 is reported missing from Eldredge Sumrell's cafe which was entered after the padlock was broken and the other lock forced.

Apparently amateurs, the thieves also tried to enter R. L. Edwards' store and Hines' Drug Store.

Other police work of the past week reported by Sheriff Yates included the arrest of Godfrey Wilder of Trenton on an assault with a deadly weapon charge. He was free under \$200 bond pending trial. Elton Hill of Pollockville route one is under \$200 bond charged with drunken driving, driving without a license and driving an improperly equipped car.

In the only other arrest Arden Earl Jones of Pink Hill route two was arrested on a forgery warrant issued by the Kinston police department.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic For 1954 In Jones County

Clinics will be held for the vaccination of dogs against rabies in accordance with the North Carolina Rabies Law requiring all dogs over three months of age to be vaccinated. Clinics will be held according to the following schedule:

- Monday, June 14
- 9:30 Wayne Haskins Store, 10:00 Leslie White's Store, 10:30 Copeland Farm, 11:00 Hood's Store (Wayne Fork), 11:30 Sasser's Mill, 1:00 Sheppard's Store (Pleasant Hill), 1:30 Goldsboro Lumber Co. Farm (Raymond Hills), 2:00 Willie Westbrook's Farm, 2:30 E. A. Rounce's Farm.
- Tuesday, June 15
- 9:30 Paul Coley's Store, 10:30

- Haywood Fork, 10:30 Comfort, 11:00 R. D. Howard's Store (Taylor's Corner), 11:30 K. R. Whaley's Store, 12:00 D. A. Jones Store, 1:00 Trenton (Courthouse), 2:00 Rom W. Mallard's Home, 2:30 Carl Killingsworth's Home, 3:00 Lewis White's Store Ten Mile Fork.

- Wednesday, June 16
- 9:30 Ray McDaniel's Store, 10:00 Pollockville (Armstrong's Store), 11:00 Lee's Chapel (Clara's Lunch), 11:30 Eugene Simpson's Home, 1:00 Maysville (J. B. Station), 2:00 Subank's Store, 2:30 Dan Hill's Store.

Meet The Queen



This is Pat Sheppard, Miss Kinston of 1954, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sheppard. As "Miss Kinston" Pat will represent her home town in the annual beauty pageant sponsored by the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce in which Miss North Carolina of 1954 will be chosen. This pageant on July 14th in Burlington will have "Misses" representing most of the larger cities and towns in the state and the winner in that

contest will then go on to Atlantic City, N. J. to compete in the annual "Miss America Contest." Pat will be chaperoned by Kinston Jaycees while on this junket to Burlington, she will ride in a Cadillac convertible courtesy of Massey Motor Company and sport a wardrobe from Brody's Department Store which was part of the loot, offered the winner in the Miss Kinston competition. (Polaroid photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider).

Yates Named Sheriff By Jones Board Monday

The Jones County Board of Commissioners confirmed the decision of the voters in the county Monday by naming Brown Yates Sheriff of Jones County effective June 7th. On May 29th voters of the county had given Yates a clear majority over six other candidates for the job.

Yates has been serving as sheriff since the death of Jeter Taylor earlier this spring. Coroner Wayne Jammen had been serving in the capacity of "Acting Sheriff," however, and Yates was still functioning as he had for over four years as Deputy Sheriff.

With the Monday action the board also deleted the \$50 per month "retainer" that Jarman had been drawing as "Acting Sheriff."

The Jones Board also heard budget messages from Mrs. Zeta Burt of the welfare department, Dr. R. J. Jones, health officer, and Auditor Earl Franck outlined the overall 1954-55 budget.

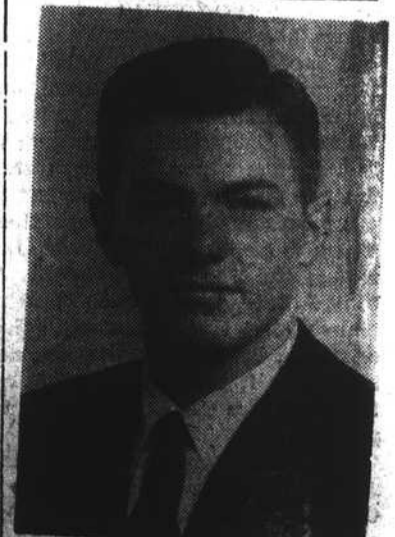
Donald Brock appeared to ask the board to take some action about the veteran memorial board on the courthouse square. John Larkins appeared in behalf of Johnnie Gardner who was seeking a beer license for a Pollockville establishment

and two road petitions were approved and passed on to the highway department.

MAYSVILLE MAN ON LEYTE

John A. Frost, steward first class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philenders Frost of Maysville, and husband of the former Miss Julie Gilmore, of Chicago Ill., is with Composite Squadron 4 aboard the support aircraft carrier USS Leyte participating in a major anti-submarine development exercise.

Prospects indicate fewer steers, but more cows and calves will be marketed during the remainder of 1954 than in the same period of 1953.



Here is Dalton Hartwell Loftin of Trenton who graduated Monday from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill at its 166th commencement exercises. The degrees were presented Monday night, June 7, when Dr. Andrew J. Warren, director, Rockefeller Foundation's Division of Medicine and Public Health, gave the principal address. Loftin took a B. S. degree in business administration.

Biggest Taxpayer

An interim valuation for taxation purposes has been reached between Lenoir County tax officials and representatives of the Du Pont Company which, to nobody's surprise, makes the company Lenoir County's biggest taxpayer, and by a wide margin. Monday conferences reached that figure of \$10,841,484, for the entire real and inventory property listings of the company. At the agreed-upon 1954-55 tax rate of 35 cents on the \$100 valuation this would make Du Pont's Lenoir County tax bill for the coming year \$3,794,994.