

Representative Hargett Files for Re-election; Quite in Jones Politics

The only title on the placid Jones County political waters during the past week has been the announcement of incumbent Representative John Hargett that he is a candidate for a third term in the General Assembly.

Hargett's announcement raised the total of would-be office holders to three with two candidates already in the race for the vacancy created by the retirement of Register of Deeds George Noble. Assistant Register of Deeds Mrs. Dorothy Nobles Koonce and Pollockville Township Magistrate James B. Simmons are seeking to replace Noble, who held the post for 28 years.

Hargett in his announcement said, in part, "I have been elected for two terms and am very grateful to the voters of Jones County for their support and am hopeful that they will continue this loyal support."

Hargett added, "I have actively supported, in the past, legislation which I considered good for people of Jones County and the State of North Carolina. I have, likewise, fought legislation which I did not consider best for our county and state. I shall continue this policy if I am elected to serve another term."

Hargett concluded, "I have had the privilege and pleasure of serving on such important committees as: Appropriations, Education, Agriculture, Public Welfare, Military Affairs and several others and I am at present vice-chairman of the Committee on Education and have served on it since I was first elected."

Offices to be filled in Jones County in the May 26th voting include five seats on the board of county commissioners, five seats on the county board of education, township constable post, magistrate post, register of deeds and representative in General Assembly.

Housing Authority Makes \$11,428.77 Payment to Kinston

Monday night Chairman Jack Rountree of the Kinston Housing Authority handed checks totalling \$11,428.77 to Mayor Pro. Tem Frank LaRoque as a payment from the publicly owned low-rent housing corporation in lieu of taxes which are not levied against its properties.

Since going into business the Authority's payments such as this have amounted to \$81,689.62.

This \$11,428.77 is divided between the city and county governments on the basis of their respective tax rates for the past year. The division ratio will be at the \$1.15 rate for the city and a \$1.24 rate for the county. The county gets 51.88 per cent and the city 48.12 per cent.

In addition to presenting this unanimously welcomed check the Housing Authority through its executive director, Marvin Spence, asked the City Council to pass a resolution approving the Housing Authority's asking for a \$20,000 loan from the federal government for a preliminary survey for an additional 100 housing units in Kinston. This resolution was unanimously passed.

Spence said, in answer to questions from the aldermen, that it was the feeling of the authority that the 100 low rental units would be for negroes, but this will not be known until the census of local housing needs is completed which is a major part of the work to be

Candidate Edwards Is Visiting Every County



"I have carried my campaign for Lt. Governor into 63 of North Carolina's 100 counties, driven about 12,000 miles, and I have just begun to run," declared Alonzo C. Edwards of Hookerton during a brief stopover in the State Capital. Edwards is one of five candidates for the Democratic nomination for the State's official "number two job."

"It may be a matter of opinion as to which of us five is the leading candidate," Edwards continued, "but there is no doubt about who has covered the most territory. Before May 26 I hope to have campaigned in all 100 counties — with repeat visits to many of them. Luther Hodges did that four years ago when he was the first candidate for Lt. Governor ever really to cover the State. I told him that I intended to do. Luther Hodges proved my theory that if the people are given a chance to know the candidates they will vote for the man they like instead of the fellow some 'kingmaker' recommends."

Edwards said that in his talks to voters, both individually and collectively, he is stressing the "downright necessity of raising the per capita income in North Carolina."

"We stand 43rd among the 48

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Jones County Girls Take Top Honors With Their Animals in New Bern Fat Stock Show, Sale

Pat Foy and Elaine Parker left their prize beef in New Bern at the close of the first annual Coastal Carolina Fat Stock Show and sale this week but they brought home top honors with the animals they exhibited.

Miss Foy, now a two-time grand champion owner, of Trenton route two showed a steer that took the show's grand champion ribbon and the top-ranking 930 pound steer sold for 56 cents a pound and was bought by the New Bern Provision Company and the New Bern Oil & Fertilizer Company — a nice check to take home of \$520.80.

Miss Parker of Pollockville route one took the top showmanship honors with her steer.

Donald Mallard of Trenton route one, now perhaps getting used to showing as runner-up to Miss Foy, brought home the Reserve Grand Champion ribbon with his steer of 910 pounds. Last year in the annual Coastal Plain Fat Stock Show and Sale in Kinston Miss Foy and Mallard ended up in the same positions: No. 1 and No. 2, just as they did this year in the New Bern show. Mallard also was runner up to Miss Parker in the showmanship category.

Mallard was represented in the swine division as well as in the beef department and his pen of three fat hogs was just behind the top pen of three shown by O. C. Crump of New Bern.

Included in the show were 25 Beef type animals and 74 Hogs.

states in average cash income," Edwards said, "primarily because of the low average income among one-third of our people who live on the farms. Much of the farm for people who have been doing farm work only.

"That is Governor Hodges' No. 1 goal and as his Lieutenant Governor I will work with him in this effort.

Jacksonville Pair is Charged With Stealing Parts From Big Tractor

Two men whose North Carolina address is given rather loosely as Jacksonville are under indictment charged with stealing \$150 worth of parts from a tractor belonging to Halifax Lumber Company which operates Hofmann Forest, and inflicting about \$500 damage to the large crawler type tractor in taking the parts off.

Gus Sellers is on custody and Guy Mills is still being sought by authorities here and in South Carolina where he is reported to be.

The looting of the tractor is reported as having been done during last week and the indictment has been signed by J. L. Huff, official

Jurors Drawn For Jones Superior Court Term on May Sixteenth

Jurors chosen to serve at the May 14th Term of Jones County's Superior Court include the following:

J. C. Hargett, William B. Hadcock, John H. Toler, Winfield Davenport, Clifford Adams, Paul Huffman, Ralph Scott, Henry McArthur, Raymond Brown.

Clifton Quinn, Floyd Houston, M. B. Meadows, Paul T. Sasser, Eryn Holloman, Ray F. Hill, H. M. Small, Willie White and M. B. DuVal.

of the company which owns the tractor.

The only other indictment during the past week reported by Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates was Bennie Lee Eubanks of Pollockville who is charged with drunken driving, driving after his license had been revoked and speeding 70 miles per hour. He was arrested by Patrolman Marvin Thomas last Friday night.

Commissioners Delay Vote On Request for Additional Extension Department Staff

The Jones County Board of Commissioners listened politely Monday to the request of Mrs. Nelson Banks that serious consideration be given to the county sharing its small part of the cost of an additional assistant farm agent.

This part of the overall farm program being pushed by Agricultural Secretary Benson is aimed at giving closer attention to the small farmers who have to a large degree in the past not been able to get as much service as they have needed to compete in the highly technical farming of today.

Last year a similar request was made to the commissioners, asking for two assistant farm agents, two secretaries and an assistant

home agent but the board turned that request down. The present staff of the extension department in Jones County includes a farm agent and one assistant, a home agent and one secretary to serve all three.

The board gave no indication Monday if or when it would act on the request made by Mrs. Banks, who is president of the County Farm Council.

Other actions of the board in its regular session Monday included voting \$5 per month to Tommy Chase, jailor-court house custodian, for help with his telephone bill. The general fund was tapped for \$750 to be transferred to the Superior Court allocation to defray court expenses which have run higher during the present fiscal period than was anticipated in the budget.

J. L. Foy made application to the board for the job of county surveyor which was vacated by the death of J. R. Burt. No action was taken on Foy's application.

N. C. Highway Deaths Increased By Over Seven Per Cent in 1955

Last year saw 7.3 per cent increase in the highway deaths in North Carolina over the preceding year. A jump from 991 deaths in 1954 to 1,165 last year. And, what's worse, for the first time in recent years the death per miles done with the money which is to be borrowed.

of travel increased; from 6.8 deaths per hundred million miles travelled in '54 to 7.3 deaths per hundred million miles in '55.

As the deaths went up, so did injuries, climbing from 15,000 to 17,869, an increase of 15 per cent in that category.

All of these figures reflected, in part, the 11 per cent boost in vehicle registrations: From 1,437,823 in '54 to 1,601,351 last year. More vehicles added up to a nine per cent jump in the total miles travelled. (This is based on gasoline consumption with an average miles-per-gallon figure arbitrarily set).

Some good may result for the living in reflecting, intelligently, on the various manners and methods in which those 1,165 auto deaths took place. The big killer

was failure to yield the right of way, which is being right in the wrongest kind of way. Speeding was the number two cause for fatal accidents. Following too closely was third and driving on the wrong side of the road came in fourth in this parade to the bone-yard.

Collisions between two or more cars took the biggest toll with 399 getting prematurely to the undertaker in that fashion.

Running off the road grabbed another 359 lives.

Pedestrians were next in the fatal listings with 228 persons being killed in that category.

Overtaking in the road killed 59 persons, hitting fixed objects weeded out another 51, arguing right-of-way with trains cost 39 lives, none of which were in the trains, 13 bicycle riders were killed, four persons on animal-drawn vehicles were mowed down and two who were riding animals got in the way of some gasoline buggy. The other 21 deaths were accredited to non-collision types of accidents.

Of the dead 912 were men and 253 were women. The dearest group, age-wise was from 25 to 34 years old, which group accounted for 230 of the 1,165 deaths last year. Other groups by age went like this: 0-4 years 49, 5 to 9 years 51, 10 to 14 years 38, 15 to 19 years 158, 20 to 24 years 196, 25 to 34 years 146, 35 to 44 years 146, 45 to 54 years 96, 55 to 64 years 72, 65 to 74 years 76, 75 years and over 35 and in 18 instances the age of the dead was not listed.

Drivers involved in fatal accident were deadliest from 25 to 34 years of age. Men were drivers in 1,251 fatal accidents while only 203 women were drivers involved in fatal wrecks. Most fatal accidents involved drivers with 11 or more years of driving experience. The most deadly hour of the day was from 7 to 8 p. m. Saturday was the deadliest day (248 deaths). Tuesday was the safest day (76 deaths). Most deaths (482) took place in broad open day light with clear skies and dry roadways.

October (137) was the most deadly month — December (124) was close behind. February (69) was the least deadly month.

Kinston Votes \$140 For Area Airport Survey to be Made

On the recommendation of Alderman Bill Page who has attended meetings on proposed major airport to serve 16 East Carolina towns the city council voted \$140 as Kinston's part of \$1,000 which is being raised to finance a study of the air facility.

Page pointed out that he was in a peculiar position, in that creation of such a facility would not be to the short-range benefit of Kinston in his opinion; since, he admitted, if such a base existed it would almost certainly mean the end of commercial air service at the Kinston air base.

But since the Department of Conservation and Development was pushing so hard on the project Page said he felt that Kinston should go along for the study for it was his opinion that if Kinston and Rocky Mount did not support the survey it would "never get off the ground".