

Local Political Interest Low; Filing Deadline Noon Saturday

With the filing deadline just a few hours away — Noon Saturday, April 14 interest in local political office seemed to be at its lowest ebb in many years and observers express the view that the segregation problem in the public schools has had a great deal to do with the growing lack of "will-iness to serve".

The filing deadline for state offices passed on March 16th with principal attention centered around the Lieutenant Governor race. Second District Representative L. H. Fountain, up for his third term in congress, got by without competition, but Third District congressman Graham Barden of New Bern, seeking his 10th term, got a last minute opponent in the person of New Bern Jeweler Jimmie Simpkins, who is shaking every bush in the eight-county district.

Simpkins, last year's "Young Man of the Year" in New Bern says "I may not get elected — although I think I will — but win or lose I'm going to make Barden a lot better congressman". Some support to this Simpkins' view was found in the fact that Barden found time last week to visit numerous spots in his district that hadn't seen "hide nor hair of him in 15 or 20 years".

In Jones County the first candidate to put his money up with Election Board Chairman W. F. Hill was incumbent Representative John Hargett, who is seeking a third term in the General Assembly, and at this writing it appears that Hargett may go back unopposed.

The vacancy caused by the announced retirement of Register of Deeds George Noble has created the only race up to this point in

Koonce and James B. Simmons, Justice of Peace of Pollockville.

W. E. "Mike" Phillips, who is serving out the unexpired term of the late Herbert Tyndall on the County Board of Education, tossed his hat officially into the ring on Tuesday and became the first filer for that potential hot seat.

Other jobs to be filled in the May 26th voting include the county commissioners five jobs, township constable posts and magistrate of the various townships. Voters will also ballot for two senators from the seventh state senatorial district, which includes Greene, Lenoir, Jones, Craven, Carteret and Onslow Counties. So far only two candidates have offered to serve in these two posts and two men out for two jobs don't make much of a campaign. These are Ex-Judge Luther Hamilton of Morehead City and Former Speaker of the House John Dawson, who served in the 1919, 1921, and 1923 sessions of the Assembly and in the special sessions of '21 and '24. He was speaker in the '23 and '24 sessions.

Lenoir Countians are bashful this spring about offering to serve in the many offices open and subject to the voting on May 26th. So far only one contest has developed and that is between Emmett R. Wooten and James R. Brooks for the judgeship of Recorder's Court which is being vacated by Judge Albert Cowper after a 10-year tour of duty in the county's most difficult and busiest court.

Solicitor Phil Crawford of the same court has filed to seek another four-year term but is so far unopposed.

Incumbent Register of Deeds Catherine Cook who is serving

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La Grange Tenant is Charged in Shooting

Lennie Hicks, tenant on the Earl Kinsey farm near La Grange, has been indicted for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. He allegedly shot Herman Weldon of Happersville in a Sunday night scuffle.

Hicks was also indicted for malicious damage to private property. Superficial flesh wounds were suffered by Weldon, who was released from the hospital this week.

term in that vital office which she now holds but, again, no competition has been sighted and most observers feel that none is likely to be sighted for Miss Cooke.

On Monday the incumbent Board of Lenoir County Commissioners marched down to Election Board Chairman Fitzhugh Wallace Jr. and paid their filing fee. This mass filing included Chairman Johnny Davenport, completing his fourth year on the board; Board Dean Willie Measley, completing his 18th year; Harry Sutton, winding up 14 years in that capacity and the two freshmen members, Ralph Daughety and Whitford Hill.

Other office seekers include W. Allen Sutton of Pink Hill route one who has filed for the county board of education, Leo Sutton for Mosley Hill Township Constable, Johnny Turner for Trent Township constable, Henry L. House for

'Dogwood's Blooming Rock Are Running'



Veteran Neuse River Fisherman Wyche Sutton for more than 30 years has believed that "when dogwood is in bloom, it's time for the rock to begin their run". This year he is seen here exhibiting proof positive of that ancient saying.

Last week, skim-netting at Jarman's Landing some eight or nine miles by water above Kinston, Sutton had his first rock strike of 1956. And it came from the net of these fighting striper which makes such excellent sport and even better fish stew.

Unlike most fishermen, Sutton managed to save the larger of the two, and this is it here, 23 and a half pounds of "Mama Rock". Sutton's record catch, made in sight of the same spot where he landed this beauty, was a 30 pound striper.

Both net and hook and line fishermen this year are reporting the best spring in many years, which is good news to fishermen, if not to the fish.

portable counter. A S C Treasurer Mrs. G. T. (Margaret) Koonce Jr. is seen in one of the accompanying pictures using the portable counter as she waits on one of the hundreds of clients of that department.

In another picture, Mrs. Koonce is illustrating the use of Barker's Patented Rotometer Table. Aerial photographs are used for checking acreage compliance with ASC crop allocation, so to speed up the checking which has to be done on every farm in the county, this air-conditioned table was cooked up, and has been in use for many

Jones Draft Board Seeking Three Men

Local Draft Board No. 53 which serves Jones County is anxious to learn the present location of three delinquents who have failed to return Selective Service System forms.

These and their last known address include Alton Douglas Howard of Trenton route two, Elbridge Wood Coombs of Kinston route five and George Odell Lovit Jr. of 1420 West 47th Street, Norfolk, Va.

Anyone who may know anything about the location of either of these young men is urged to contact the draft board in Trenton immediately.

Four Indictments are Reported by Yates

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reported four indictments in the county during the past week, one of these resulting from an alleged cutting incident near Dover over the weekend period.

In that case Melvin Fordham of Dover route two is charged with slicing a first cousin, but according to reports, not so severely.

The other three indictments were all on charges of public drunkenness and the defendants included William Turner of Pollockville and Floyd Huggins and Bill Strayhorn, both of Trenton.

Jones Central Delegates Attend State Convention

Twelve future homemakers from Jones Central and their advisers, Mrs. Alma Phillips, attended the eleventh annual convention of the North Carolina Association, Future Homemakers of America in Raleigh on Saturday.

Special speakers were Miss Catherine T. Dennis, president of the American Home Economics Association, and Miss Rosa Lee Armstrong, home economist with Carolina Power and Light Company and recent community ambassador to Europe.

Some three thousand chapter members, advisers, and guest representing 460 local chapters attended the convention.

Delegates from Jones Central were: Brenda Heath Becky Howard, Elizabeth Wells, Carol Foster, Lottie Faye Boyette, Linda Kay Mallard, Sue Carol Boyette, Dolores Heath, Pat Parker, Mary Jo Bender, Lana Bommer, and Velma Alcock.

Pleasant Hill Dinner

Saturday afternoon from four until eight a barbecue supper is to be served at the pleasant Hill Christian Church. The complete country barbecue with all the usual fine trimmings will be served and all proceeds from the supper will be added to the church building fund.

years in the Jones ASC office. The third picture is a worm's eye view of this rotometer table, showing the floodlight that casts its beam through a glass-covered porthole, making map comparisons easier. And of course, showing the special Barker designed air-conditioner in which keeps the map, and the map reader cool, or at least keeps them from getting too hot.

ASC Supervisor Turns Inventor

Jones County ASC Supervisor Nelson Barker has turned inventor or perhaps it would be more accurate to say, he's been turned inventor.

ASC district supervisors and visiting ASC'ers from other counties have seen some of the gad-

gets Barker has dreamed up to expedite the work of the Jones County office, and now they are after him to draw blueprints so they may duplicate his brain children.

Even to that request Barker has applied the touch of genius. Ra-

ther than taking to the drawing board for hours pouring over hot little plans, he employed an itinerant photographer (who shall remain nameless) to photograph these gadgets. Now, rather than sending blueprints Barker is simply sending those who want these gadgets for their offices a set of pictures.

Barker figures that they can follow a set of photographs more easily than they might follow a set of blue prints that he might draw.

One of these gadgets is a portable counter. ASC regulations recently ordered that every office should have a counter for use in waiting on clients. There was no place in the Jones County office to locate a fixed counter, since space is at a premium, so Barker naturally concluded that if there was no place for a fixed counter, and his office had to have a counter; the only alternative was a

