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Jones Political Posts Going Begging as Filing Time Nears

Election Board Chairman W. F. Hill said Wednesday, "It looks like the Clerk of Court is going to have to appoint somebody to serve." This sentiment was very appropriately based upon the fact that with the filing deadline only 10 days away on April 19th only two men have filed for the five jobs on the Jones County Board of Commissioners. These are David Civils and Levi Mallard.

None of the incumbents has filed, and they were expected to do so at their April meeting which was held on Tuesday of this week. Incumbent Charlie Davis is rumored to be withdrawing because of a ruling that his job as chairman of the Lower Neuse Soil Conservation District might be construed as "double office holding".

Davis is presently vice-president of the State Soil Conservation Association, and is scheduled to be come its next president, a high honor that he is being urged to accept by Soil Conservationists in Eastern Carolina.

HARGETT OPPOSITION?

One "mighty anonymous" Jones political observer this week wondered if opposition to Representative John Hargett might not be in the cards.

Fourth term, has been a staunch supporter of the "dry" forces in the General Assembly. This position was based upon the fact that up until last year's election the people of Jones County were "on record" as opposed to legal whisky stores under the county option ABC system.

But with last year's whisky referendum the people of the county reversed their vote of July 1937, and by a two-to-one majority approved an ABC whisky system for the county which is now in successful operation.

This "anonymous observer" expressed the view that if Hargett previously has been "representing the will of the county", that he ought to now support the legal whisky side of the question in the

Jones County Candidates

Denote Incumbent

Sheriff
W. Brown Yates*

Clerk of Court
W. Murray Whitaker*

Representative
John M. Hargett*

School Board
W. E. "Mike" Phillips*
J. C. West Jr.*
J. Council Wooten*
Jeff Conway*

County Commissioner
David P. Civils
Levi Mallard

Constable
Chinquapin Township
Jesse Jones

STATE SENATOR
James Simpkins
Luther Hamilton

General Assembly.

The opinion expressed was, "If Hargett can't conscientiously represent the majority views of the county, somebody ought to run against him who could."

Hargett has made no public expression on this point and nobody has offered to contest his seat in the General Assembly.

District HDC Meet Held Last Week at Trenton Elementary

The annual meeting of the Twentieth District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs was held April 2 at Trenton School in the auditorium. Representatives of Carteret, Craven, Jones, Onslow and Pamlico counties attended.

Burkett Raper, President of Mt. Olive College, spoke on "Trends in Education". Following lunch at the American Legion Hut, a band concert was given by the Jones Central Band, directed by Charles Post.

Following the business session, the meeting was adjourned. Pamlico will be the host county next year on April 8.

Griffin Family Shows Prize-winners Last Week in Stock Show

Two Jones County youths were awarded honors Thursday at the New Bern Stock Show. Selected from several entries from Jones County were Lynwood Griffin whose steer won an award for Reserve Champion, and first place Showmanship award. His sister, Fay, won second place Showmanship award. Accompanying these students to New Bern, were J. R. Franck, agent, and Dan Vernelson and Millis Wright, assistants.

Land Transfers

Transfers of real estate recorded in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce during the past week include the following:

- One Trenton lot from Murray S. Koonce to Malvern Banks.
- One Pollockville lot from John E. Waters to George M. Mann.
- One Pollockville lot from R. P. Bender to George M. Mann.
- One 13.5-acre tract in Trenton Township from Roy F. Mallard to Fred McDaniel.
- One 25-acre tract in Cypress Creek Township from Geraldine Metts Lee to Jack Dempsey Metts.
- One 273-acre tract in Tuckahoe Township from Jones County to Maggie Green. The county held a tax foreclosure against this tract, which was paid.

Slander Suit for \$25,000 in Five Suits Filed During Past Week in Jones County Court

Jury Drawn for May Court Term in Jones

Among other activities Tuesday of the Jones County Board of Commissioners was the drawing of a panel of jurors to serve at the May civil term of Jones County Superior Court.

The panel includes: Billy Wiggins, Horace King, Woodrow Hill, Earl Yeoman, Ralph Bender, Van Jarman, Asa B. Heath, Horace Small, Ralph Jenkins, Leon Thomas, Clyde A. Loftin, William Calvin Jones.

Ray Hill, Charles A. Battle, Ernest Riggs, Jack Baysden, John Henry Quinn, Fred E. Moore.

Pine Street Paving Asked by Residents

A group including Nathan Gilbert, James E. DeBruhl and Carl Gray appeared before the Jones County Board of Commissioners Monday asking that the paving of Pine Street be recommended by the board to the Highway Commission.

The group was told that a priority system has been set up by the Highway Commission for 13 unpaved Jones County roads, and in this schedule Pine Street is seventh, and that for the present and next fiscal years the Highway Commission has not allocated enough money to Jones County to pave the first two of these projects.

Pvt. Robert Smith Going to Europe

FORT BENNING, GA. — Pvt. Robert A. Smith, 22, whose wife, Sadie, lives on Route 1, Trenton, is scheduled to depart Fort Benning, Ga., in mid-April for Europe under "Operation Gyroscope", the Army's unit rotation plan.

Smith is a member of the 3d Infantry Division which is replacing the 10th Infantry Division in Germany.

An ambulance orderly in the division's 3d Medical Battalion, he entered the Army in October 1957 and completed basic combat training at Fort Benning.

Smith is a 1954 graduate of Jones High School in Trenton and a former student at North Carolina A & T College. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin W. Smith, live on Route 1, Pollockville.

INSURE COUNTY EMPLOYEES

The Jones County Board of Commissioners Tuesday voted to purchase a policy providing Workmen's Compensation insurance for all county employees. Heretofore county employees have not been covered by any kind of county insurance coverage.

Lenoir County Pair Face Murder Hearing

Two Lenoir Countians face a preliminary hearing at Lawton, Oklahoma, Friday in the robbery-slaying of a young Lawton housewife. The men, 29 year-old James Spence of Deep Run, and 26 year-old Eddie Oxendine of Kinston, pled innocent at their arraignment Tuesday on a charge of murdering 19 year-old, Mrs. Ruth Zimmerman.

Mrs. Zimmerman was killed and her husband, Reggie, 22, wounded March 31st by two men who robbed the surplus store beneath their apartment.

A Lawton landlady said she had evicted two men fitting the description of the bandits a week before the slaying and police arrested Spence and Oxendine last Friday in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Police followed the trial of the

Five civil actions have been filed during the past week in Jones County Superior Court and among these is a \$25,000 suit for damages brought by Troy Lee Moore against George Vick of Kinston for alleged slander.

Moore, a former employee of Vick at the Kinston Laundry, alleges in his suit that because of a shortage in his account with the firm he was arrested and held on a charge of embezzlement. His suit further says that he was later found not guilty of this accusation, and for the embarrassment and mental anguish he is asking \$25,000 and "such other relief as the court may deem fit".

Other suits filed include one for recovery of \$182.04, plus interest against James E. Eubanks brought by Neuse Distributing Company, a divorce action brought by John A. Wetherington against Lincey M. Wetherington, suit to recover \$36.03 from George Henry Shack brought by Roy Pugh and a suit for \$1,000 water damage brought by R. W. Haskins against Thomas K. Smith and John C. B. Koonce.

Heritage Resigns, Mrs. Brock Named To Fill Vacancy

Jones County Accountant G. C. Heritage Tuesday tendered his resignation to the Jones County Board of Commissioners to become effective June 30. The board accepted the resignation with its thanks for the services of Heritage in the past two years.

Former County Accountant Mrs. Jack (Mary Elizabeth) Brock was named to succeed Heritage. Mrs. Brock's resignation led to the appointment of Heritage to the post two years ago. She had served for 10 years in that position at the time of her resignation.

Mrs. Hester Resigns Extension Post; Mrs. Brock to Succeed Her

Tuesday Mrs. Ben Hester, who has served for the past two years as assistant Jones County Home Agent, tendered her resignation and asked that it become effective April 30th.

After accepting the resignation and expressing its thanks for the work she has done the board named Mrs. Donald Brock to fill the vacancy.

BEER LICENSE APPROVED

A license to sell beer was approved Tuesday for L. H. White of Pollockville Township by the board of county commissioners. The license had been approved before by the inspector for the county and Sheriff Brown Yates.

Greene Countian Becomes Lenoir's 5th Auto Victim



These are two views of the wrecked car that Wednesday morning at 7:35 claimed the life of 38 year-old Jack Kinsey Gray of Hookerton, a passenger in the car driven by 31 year-old Raymond Clements, also of Hookerton.

Patrolman S. H. Newman says his investigation revealed that Clements swerved the car to his left as he drove toward Kinston on US 258 in an effort to avoid hitting a school bus that had pulled from a dirt sideroad onto US 258 and also headed toward Kinston. Clements' car hit the shoulder, went out of control, came back onto the paved portion of the road in a skid and went 219 feet before

beginning to roll over. As the car rolled over another 66 feet Gray was thrown out and landed on his head, skidding 25 feet and seven inches, suffering horrible head injuries. He was pronounced dead upon arrival at a Kinston hospital.

Newman has indicted Clements for reckless driving and manslaughter. He also indicted the school bus driver, James Carroll Spence of Kinston route one, for failure to yield the right of way. Lynwood Davis, another passenger in the Clements' car, suffered a broken left shoulder.

Gray is the fifth highway fatality of 1958 on the Highways of Lenoir County.