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Jones County Politics Hotter Than in Any Recent Years; 15 Out for Commissioner, 10 for Education Board, 3 for Sheriff, 2 for Court Clerk, 3 for House, One Constable Race

Last Friday as the deadline approached for candidates in this year's primary and general elections it began to rain candidates around the home of Election Board Chairman John C. B. Koonce.

When the shower ended at Noon April 15th, there were 15 candidates — 14 men and one woman seeking the five jobs on the county board of commissioners, 10 out for the five jobs on the board of education, three out for sheriff, two for clerk of court, three for district's two state representative jobs and even one township constable had popped up.

All five incumbent commissioners filed, but only two of the five incumbent school board members are in the race.

The list of candidates for all offices is in an adjoining column.

It's hard to tell which of the purely county races is going to be most hard fought.

Neither of those seeking to unseat Sheriff Yates has ever run for office before so there is no index to their ability to win friends and influence voters. Yates has proven in the past that he knows how to shake the bushes and it is likely that he will go all out to pile up every vote he can since like most people in politics they all "run scared" when they know nothing of their opponent's strength.

Henderson got the clerk's job the hard way in a pair of primaries four years ago, and although he will not have to face a second primary this year he also recognizes that there is no political safety in taking anything for granted. His opponent is another of those "unknown political quantities" who won't know how he looks, politically, until he gets his "picture took" May 28th.

The most wide open race appears to be that for the school board. The pressures to racially integrate all the county's schools by the gestapo agents in Washington, D. C. has made every school board seat an extremely hot one. Undoubtedly that is one reason three of the incumbents decided they had enjoyed about all they could stand of the heat in that particular political kitchen.

Also undoubtedly some of those running for the school

board will campaign on a platform to do "something about the mess," but they will find when they get in that their hands are tied almost completely by either orders from the United States Office of Education or the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or the equally abusive federal courts.

Two of the 15 candidates for commissioner are negroes and two of the 10 running for the board of education are negroes. Since the population of Jones County is almost equally divided between the two races and since all-out registration drive is going to be held among negroes the possibility of their election is not to be overlooked since, at least on paper, they have enough votes to be elected if they can be registered and if they will then vote.

Since the white vote will be so badly split among the 13 white persons seeking election to the board of commissioners the chance of the negroes being nominated in the first primary is very high.

The division of the white vote in the school race is not so bad but here again there is the same possibility.

Jones County's interest in the 3-way fight for the two state assembly jobs is not keen since Horton and Suggs live at Snow Hill and Elliott lives in Kinston.

Wife Seeks \$300 A Month Alimony and Custody of Child

A civil action filed this week in Jones County Superior Court by Edith Norman Smith against Alton Smith of New Bern, seeks to force him to pay her \$300 per month alimony without divorce and custody of their one child.

The suit alleges the marriage of the couple December 17, 1961 and that he beat and ran her away from his home on or about March 1, 1966 and took their child, forcing her to return to her home in Jones County.

The suit alleges that Smith is a registered pharmacist, whose salary is at least \$600 per month.

Candidate List

County Commissioner

Harold Mallard*
James Barbee*
Nelson Banks*
Alva Howard*
Charlie Battle Jr.*
Clifton Eugene Hood
Mike Dawson
Leslie Dewey Strayhorn
Travis Meadows
Horace E. Faulkner
Mrs. Bessie Adams
Augustus E. Cheston
W. Denford Eubanks
Horace B. Phillips
Harry C. Mallard

Board of Education

J. C. West Jr.*
J. C. Wooten*
H. L. Adams
C. B. Chadwick
Thurman R. DeBruhl
Benjamin O. Gray
Charles Roger Hughes
Walter Ives
Hoyal Miller
Marvin Philyaw

Sheriff

W. Brown Yates*
E. D. Small
Mark N. Smith

Superior Court Clerk

Walter P. Henderson*
Amos Taylor

Constable

Cypress Creek
Robert Dixon Banks
Carl Sutton Craft*
Trenton
W. J. Findeisen
Chinquapin
J. L. Westbrook
Pollockville
C. N. Mallard
Beaver Creek
Walter Moore
White Oak
Royal Everett Provost

Recorder's Judge

Joe Becton*

Justice of Peace

Pollockville
J. B. Simmons*
Trenton
R. L. Edwards*
District Solicitor
Luther Hamilton Jr.*
James T. Cheatham
State Representative
Joe Horton*
Guy Elliott*
Francis Sugg
State Senator
Tom White*
* Incumbent

on content, mechanical errors, and handwriting. These three were the factors which determined the grade on any assignment.

There was no social life for the student because there was no time. All of the student's time was spent studying. There were no books for research purposes. There was one set of encyclopedias for the high school, but only students with excellent grades could use these.

Report cards were sent out only twice a year; at Christmas, and at the end of the year in July. Incidentally, there were six days of school a week and only six weeks vacation.

Mrs. Gray stated that she likes the United States and that she likes living in the country. She has adjusted to our way of life very well and has been in the United States for 11 years.

Wife Beater Gets Suspended Term in Last Session of Recorder's Court

Last Friday Judge Joe Becton suspended a 60-day jail term given to Jack Williams of Maysville for beating his wife. The term was suspended on condition that he pay a \$25 fine and not whip his wife for one year.

James Williams of Kinston route 3 was charged with the more serious offense of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill upon Dora Davis. He was found guilty of a lesser offense, given a 30-day jail term which was suspended on payment of a \$25 fine and the further condition that he not whip Dora Davis again.

Wilmer Lee Barton of Maysville star route was fined a total of \$116 for drunken driving and driving without a license.

There was a wide range of fines for speeding. Persons who plead guilty to speeding charged before the clerk of court pay a minimum fine of \$10, which

with the court costs make a total tab of \$26.

But some of those who intercede with the judge have been let off more lightly. A glance at the rate of speed charged and the amounts paid indicates how wide this variation is.

Speeding 65 Doris Elaine Johnson of Kinston \$26, Robert Carl O'Bryan of Pollockville 70 mph \$16, Joshua Atkinson of Kinston 65 mph \$30, Johnny Bean Jr. of Wilson 70 mph \$26, Joseph Franklin Metts of Pollockville route 1 70 mph \$26, Charles Franklin Barrow of Dover 70 mph \$16, Osborne Earl Coward of Pollockville 65 mph \$26, James Leo Ankiewicz of Cherry Point 70 mph \$16, William Henry Batchelor of Pollockville 65 mph \$26, Henry Meadows of Swansboro 60 mph \$26, Harry T. Debernado of Camp Lejeune 70 mph \$26, Francis

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Wachovia Announces Plans to Build Downtown Kinston Home, New Branch

Wachovia Bank and Trust Company Wednesday announced that

application had been filed with the State Banking Commission for temporary relocation of its main Kinston office from 101 North Queen Street to 123 North Queen Street. The purpose of this relocation is to permit construction of a modern new banking facility the old location.

In addition, Wachovia also announced that application has been filed with the State Banking Commission for a new branch office to be located at 707 Plaza Boulevard.

William A. Bowen, local Wachovia Boss, stated that if approval of the main office relocation is granted the bank intends to begin construction of the permanent quarters by late summer.

The new bank will front 75 feet on Queen Street and will include not only the present Wachovia building but also the two vacant buildings adjacent which were formerly occupied by Foxman's Jewelry Store.

The proposed location for the branch office to be known as the "Plaza Boulevard Office" is in Kinston's most rapidly developing and finest residential area. It is near the site of the Plaza Shopping Center now under construction.

Bowen stated that "In recent years Northwest Kinston has been the fastest growing section of Lenoir County, and we anticipate that this growth will continue at an accelerated pace in the future. If this application is approved, we proposed to construct a modern branch office to adequately serve the needs and convenience of this outstanding area of Lenoir County."

Cancer Drive Head Expects to Exceed \$1200 Quota

The Jones County Unit of the American Cancer Society met on April 13 at the health department building. Mrs. Lawrence Pollock, secretary, called the meeting to order, then read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Mrs. Grace Pollock, acting treasurer gave her report and asked that a new treasurer be elected. Mrs. Edward Oliver of Pollockville was nominated and elected.

The county crusade chairman, Mrs. Nimrod Carroll, reported that she was pleased with the contributions turned in so far and was very hopeful that Jones County would reach and even exceed its goal of \$1,200. She stated that the majority of the canvassing should be completed by April 22nd, and that she was working on a special event to climax the crusade.

Mrs. Lawrence Pollock gave the following statistics for Jones County. Since January, 1964 there have been 25 reported cases of cancer in Jones County. There have been 12 known deaths due to cancer since 1964 in the county. However, since the records include only the death certificates of those people who die specifically in the county, there could be others.

A. B. Mumford Exhibits Champion Ham In Fourth Annual Jones Show and Sale

The Fourth Annual Ham Show and Sale was held at the Agricultural Building in Trenton last Friday.

An educational program on cutting, curing and storing was conducted by Dr. John A. Christian, Food Science Specialist from State College.

The sale was held at 3 p.m. with Dick Morton auctioneering off the hams.

A. B. Mumford of the Tuckahoe community exhibited the Grand Champion ham, which was purchased by Walter Percy Henderson of Trenton.

Reserve Champion award in the adult group went to Joe H. Green of the Trenton Community.

Leslie Strayhorn exhibited the

Grand Champion 4-H ham, which was purchased by Attorney Donald P. Brock of Trenton.

Reserve Champion award in the 4-H division went to James Dove of the Trenton Community.

The quality of the hams continue to improve each year. It is hoped that the show will motivate all families curing meats to do a better job of curing and storing their meats for home consumption and marketing. It is believed that high quality cured meats can be another means of increasing income.

The show and sale was under the supervision of Fletcher Barber, Agricultural Extension Agent, Jones County.

Mrs. Ben Gray Tells Library Club of Her School Days in Berlin, Germany

By Julia McCoy

Mrs. Ben Gray, a native of Berlin, Germany, who now lives near Trenton spoke to the recent meeting of the Jones Central Library Club.

This is the second program in a series on International Relations. Mrs. Gray told many interesting things about German customs, schools and people. This information is based on her life in Berlin in the mid-forties.

The school system in Germany is still very different from ours. When Mrs. Gray attended school, there were four grades of grammar school, and the fifth

through the thirteenth were high school. There were three types of high schools: One for girls desiring to be secretaries or housewives; a second was a girls' school which centered around languages; and a third was a school of mathematics for boys.

There were approximately thirteen subjects studied by each student. The classes were 45 minutes long and a school day was from 8:00 to 1:30 p.m. There no set lunch period, but a twenty minute break served for the time when the student ate the lunch he brought to school.

The grading system was based