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BIG SURPRISE, LOCALLY AND STATEWIDE IN SATURDAY VOTING WAS LACK OF VOTING

At the local and at the state level there was really only one big surprise Saturday in the spring primary voting, and that was the lack of voting.

In Lenoir County only 41 per cent of the 21,557 persons eligible to vote made the effort, knocking predictions of assorted "experts" into the well-known cocked hat. Guesses had ranged as high as 13,000 voters but only 8,936 showed up after a heated effort by both Democrats and Republicans to "get out the vote".

Gardner Swamps Stickley

After a hectic spring in which Republican efforts had boosted Lenoir County's GOP registration to 1,815 only 966 Republicans cared to express their

choice between Jim Gardner and Jack Stickley for the GOP gubernatorial nomination, and they cast 901 of those for Gardner and just 65 for Stickley.

Another disillusioned crew watched the vast majority of Lenoir County's registered colored voters stay home. A concerted effort had boosted the county's colored voter registration to 4707, but less than 2000 of these voted as Negro Gubernatorial Candidate Reginald Hawkins got just 1645 votes in Lenoir County and Negro Judge Candidate Earl Whitted of Goldsboro got only 1762 votes in Lenoir County.

Scott Gets Lenoir Majority

Lenoir County with its 93 per cent vote for Gardner led the

state trend that saw Gardner carry every county in the state and establish a 3-to-1 superiority over the Charlotte textile executive.

Lenoir County also was ahead of the state in support of Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Bob Scott, giving him 52 per cent of the county vote while he could only snag 48 per cent across the state. Scott led Mel Broughton in Lenoir County 4124-to-2065, with Hawkins getting the other 1645 votes in that race.

With one exception Lenoir County followed statewide patterns in voting for state and national officers. In that exception Lenoir County voted by the thin margin of 3480-to-3407 in

favor of Walter Holton over Naomi Morris for one of the seats on the court of appeals, and Incumbent Judge Morris was nominated in statewide balloting.

Lenoir favored Pat Taylor for Lieutenant Governor with 4347 votes to 2043 for Mrs. James Harper and 795 for Frank Matlock.

Edwin Gill retained the state treasurer's job and Lenoir helped him to the tune of 4759-2327 over Sneed High.

Robert Morgan ousted Wade Bruton for attorney general and Lenoir helped do this job, giving Morgan 4012 votes to Bruton's 3074.

Labor Commissioner Frank Crane was retained and Lenoir's share in this effort was 4515-to-2234 over John B. Wardell.

Insurance Commissioner Edwin Lanier got a majority locally and statewide over three opponents with 4531 Lenoir votes to 1126 for John Whitley, 764 for Fred Benton and 753 for George Belk.

Lenoir was in the leader's column in the yet-undecided race for superintendent of public instruction, giving state leader Craig Phillips 1912 to Raymond Stone's 1877 with Everett Jiller getting 1756, William Harrill polling 599 and Wendell Smiley polling 445 votes.

Incumbent Appeals Court Judge Raymond Mallard got 4767 votes in Lenoir County while his opponent Kidd Brewer got 2265.

A new name to Lenoir Countians was that of First District Congressman Walter Jones, who made a strong first impression, polling 5690 Lenoir County votes while his opponents dragged along, as follows: L. C. Nixon 867, Clarence Leggett 385 and B. B. Felder 179.

Incumbent Senator Sam Ervin led the Lenoir County ticket with 6012 votes while his "opponents" ran thisaway: Charles Pratt 804, John Gathings 353 and Fred Brummitt 276.

Judge Race Undecided

The hardest fought and most closely watched race in Lenoir and in many other counties was the mad rush for the \$15,000 per-year district judgeship; four of which are allocated to the 8th judicial district which includes Greene, Wayne and Lenoir counties.

With nine Democratic and five Republican candidates this affair, of course, will not be settled until the general election in November.

Three of the nine Democrats did manage to snag majorities in the first primary. They are Charlie Gaylor of Goldsboro who led

the three-county voting with 10,492 votes, Lester Pate of Kinston who ran second with 10,073 votes and Herbert Hardy of Maury who ran third with 9,447 votes.

The fourth man on this judicial totem pole is Lamar Jones of Kinston, whose 7708 votes was short of a numerical majority, making it possible for the fifth man in the race, E. R. Wooten of Kinston, who got 7636 votes to call for a second primary runoff. As of Wednesday no decision has been reached by Wooten on this right.

The deadline for Wooten to make a decision on this is May 18th, the same date as the deadline for Broughton's decision in the governor race.

The other four Democratic candidates for judge ran as follows: Milton Nowell 5849, James Taylor 5541, Earl Whitted 4846 and Janet Wood 4398.

Clear majorities for the four top Republicans went to Julian Gaskill of Goldsboro 1869, Barbara Perry of Kinston 1559, Nathan Sutton of La Grange 1496 and Zeb Waller of Kinston 1438. The fifth in this race was Donald Pollock of Kinston with 825 votes.

Commissioners Nominated

The six-way Democratic primary for the two seats open on the board of county commissioners was decided with Billy Brewer (3219) and Ike Whitfield (2753) receiving majorities over Winton Odham (2149), Harry Malone (2000) Al Proctor (1968) and George Byrd (1796).

The three-way Republican race saw Harold Stroud (685) and Jasper Phillips (664) nominated and Colon Durham (417) eliminated.

Legislative Race

The only legislative primary race saw Incumbent Guy Elliott beat Francis Sugg 8890-to-4428 in the three-county district, with Elliott leading in Jones and Lenoir counties and Sugg leading in his home county of Greene.

In the fall Elliott must face Lenoir County Republican John F. Mewborne and Democrat Dan Lilley of Kinston must face Greene County Republican Arnold Tingen.

In the other house of the state legislature Democrat Charlie Larkins Jr. will face Republican Calvin Cameron. They are both Lenoir Countians.

Four incumbent School Board Members: Earl Kinsey, Talbott Capps, Cephus Eubanks and Eugene Williams and one newcomer, Oliver Smith, received the Democratic nominations over Manley Hatch of Pink Hill who failed in his second effort to be nominated to the school board.

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Grandchildren Seek to Break Will of J. C. West in Jones County Litigation Jones Board has Quiet May Meeting

This week two grandchildren of J. C. West of Trenton filed a caveat in the will of West, who died November 12, 1967, seeking to have the will set aside on the grounds "that the said paper-writing and the signature of J. C. West thereto was obtained by J. C. West Jr. and wife Mary Campbell West through undue and improper influence and duress upon the said J. C. West."

The two grandchildren seeking to break the will are Kenneth Daniel West and Dorothy West Taylor, both lister as residents of Lenoir County, children of West's dead son, Herbert.

Under the will which is now being contested West left his daughter Mrs. Addie West Smith of Maysville \$2000, his daughter Ada West Eubanks of Trenton \$2000, his foster daughter Jimmie West Lewis of Beaufort \$1000, his wife Bettie Smith West was left a life estate in all his properties, real and personal and at the death of his wife the will bequeathes a life estate to J. C. West Jr., and at his death the estate is left in fee simple to the three sons of J. C. West Jr., John Robert West, William Edward West and Clifton Campbell West.

In Article 8 of his will, which was drawn on May 18, 1967, West stated: "I have made no devise to the family of my son, Herbert West. It is my intention not to leave any part of my estate to any member of his family. He has never done anything to help me accumulate the properties which are passing under the terms of this, my last will and testament. Nor have his children. During his lifetime I have given to him to assist him substantial sums, and so has my other son, J. C. West Jr. I feel that he has already had a fair share of my estate. I have left the largest share of my estate to my son J. C. West Jr., and his children. He has helped me for his entire lifetime and he has helped me to accumulate the moneys and properties which I now have. I feel that it is only fair that he and his children should have the benefit of these properties, as they have helped earn them."

The caveat filed this week alleges: "At the time of the purported execution of said paper-writing by the said J. C. West,

he the said J. C. West was by reason of old age, disease and both mental and physical weakness and infirmity not capable of executing a last will and testament, which condition existed and continued until the death of the said J. C. West."

An inventory of the estate filed with the Clerk of Jones County Superior Court reveals that West left bank deposits totaling \$2,212.57; household furnishing valued at \$500, insurance in the amount of \$3500, miscellaneous properties valued at \$500 and real estate valued at \$40,000.

Federal Thugs Cut Off Federal Tax Funds Amounting to \$400,000 for Jones County School System

The Jones County Board of Education was notified on May 2, by Mr. Phillip J. LaMacchia, Hearing Examiner for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, that Federal financial assistance administered by the Department of HEW, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Agriculture, and the Atomic Energy Commission has been terminated.

This refusal to grant and to continue Federal financial assistance to the Jones County Board of Education shall remain in force until the respondent school district corrects its non-compliance with the requirements imposed by the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The Jones County compliance case was heard by LaMacchia on June 8 and 12, 1967 in Washington, D. C. The hearing was held for the purpose of terminating federal financial assistance to the Jones County Board of Education for non-compliance with the act.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare alleged that the Jones County Board of Education had violated its amended desegregation plan and its agreement to comply with the revised guidelines of 1966.

The Jones County Board of Education will lose approximately \$400,000 in Federal funds. This decision will be appealed as provided by law.

Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners enjoyed one its quietest sessions.

Mrs. Inez Thomas of Dover route 2 was named to a 2-year term on the county welfare board.

Julian Waller was authorized to attend a school for tax collectors at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, beginning June 10th.

Approval was voted to the recently established countyline between Jones and Lenoir Counties and funds were voted in the amount of \$2136 to pay Jones County's part of the survey cost.

Strawberry Tour in Jones County for Next Wednesday

A Strawberry Production Tour will be held in Jones County on Wednesday, May 15, beginning at 9:45 A.M.

Fletcher Barber, Agricultural Extension Agents says "It looks as if we are going to have a good crop this year". More than ever before we are concerned with the farm economy of our county. Our small farm families are confronted with many problems.

The purpose of the strawberry tour is to give interested persons an opportunity to receive information and observe some of the strawberry projects in the county.

There is a good opportunity to increase your family income with a strawberry project. While you are planning your farm program for next year, it might pay to consider strawberries. Many growers net \$1000.00 or more per acre every year with strawberries, and there are no acreage allotments.

All interested persons are asked to meet at the Agricultural Building in Trenton, at 9:45 A.M. next Wednesday.

District Eight Judge Race

(Unofficial Figures)

DEMOCRATS	Lenoir	Wayne	Greene	TOTALS
Gaylor	2,560	6,751	1,181	10,492
Hardy	2999	3,744	2,704	9,447
Jones	4,586	2,454	668	7,708
Nowell	1,351	3,932	566	5,849
Pate	5,153	3,831	1,089	10,073
Taylor	1,569	1,381	2,591	5,541
Whitted	1,762	2,017	1,067	4,846
Wood	1,775	1,029	1,594	4,398
Wooten	4,955	1,355	1,326	7,636
REPUBLICANS	Lenoir	Wayne	Greene	TOTALS
Gaskill	744	955	170	1,869
Perry	733	652	134	1,559
Pollock	390	285	150	825
Sutton	742	590	164	1,496
Waller	690	521	227	1,438

District Four Judge Race Results

Candidate	Jones	Duplin	Onslow	Sampson	Total
Walter Henderson	1962	2253	3186	1629	9027
Russell Lanier	1050	4724	3309	1586	10668
Robert West	760	3286	1894	1846	7786
Paul Crumpler	918	2586	2446	4218	10168
Harvey Boney	1095	3324	5099	1919	11428
Cooper Hamilton	813	1103	3782	1082	6780
Carl Venters	877	1679	4377	1078	8011