

### City Elections: Kinston's Luke Warm, Grifton's and LaGrange's Really Hot, No Race at All in Pink Hill

Biennial city elections in which Lenoir Countians voted this week ranged from the ultimate passivity — in Pink Hill where there was no opposition to the incumbents—to extremely hard fought races in La Grange and Grifton.

Kinston's was in the middle with a lukewarm contest providing no excitement.

In Kinston, after a pair of Democratic primaries had dulled the political appetites of over 78 per cent of the voters just 2452 of the 11,575 eligible to vote bothered to do so on Tuesday.

Unopposed Kinston Mayor Simon Sitterson got 1915 votes, Political Newcomer Jesse Oglesby led the aldermanic ticket with 1674 and Incumbent Jim Ward was elected to his second four-year term on the city council.

"Lonesome Republican" Cabell Ramsey made his debut in municipal politics after spending his salad days fighting the hard political battles of Jayceedom. Ramsey ran last in a field of three, but his vote was a flattering 1148, which was enough to scare Democrats and excite minority Republicans.

It was all peace in the Pink Hill political valley with just 43 Pink Hillians bothering to mark ballots since Mayor Carl Ward and Aldermen Wilbur Tyndall, Remus Teachey and Durwood Anderson were unopposed.

But on Monday in Grifton there was a hard fought upset political battle that saw underdog Dave Besley trim Favorite George Saleeby by a thin 29-vote margin: 218 to 189.

In the Grifton alderman race Alton Clements was elected with 314 votes and John Cox got the other council seat open with 215 votes. Also-rans included John Cameron at 189 and Thomas Doe at 66.

But the liveliest race of the week was reserved for "The Garden Spot" where 10 men were seeking the six seats on the La Grange Town Council. And when the smoke cleared away Tuesday night LaGrange had three new aldermen.

Incumbent LaGrange Mayor Hal Williams was unopposed and got 248 votes from the 309 who went to the polls.

Incumbent Alderman Charlie Jackson led the ticket with 276 votes, newcomer Jack Jones ran second with 209 votes, Incumbent Robert Aldridge ran third with 196 votes, Incumbent Ed

Denmark ran fourth with 192, Newcomer Paul Barwick ran fifth with 187 votes and former alderman and mayor George Mewborn went back on the council with 178 votes.

The also-rans in La Grange included Bob Allen in seventh spot with 164 votes, Incumbent Roy Rouse who was marooned from the council with 162 votes, R. O. Creech Jr. with 148 votes ran ninth and the low man on the LaGrange political totem poll was Benjamin Smith with just 78 votes.

### Huffman to Keesler



Airman William G. Huffman Jr. of Rt. 1, Maysville, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss., for training in communications electronics systems. Airman Huffman, a 1967 graduate of White Oak High School, attended East Carolina University.

### LAND TRANSFERS

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports recording the following land transfers in his office during the past week:

From Harry and Lena River Brown to Nettie L. Jones one acre in Trenton Township.

From Floyd and Pearl Hill to New River Wood Corporation 227.2 acres in Beaver Creek Township.

From Clifford Subank to Celeman Ward tracts of 191.4 and 250 acres in Trenton Township.

### EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGED

Tuesday William Rackley of Warsaw Route 1 waived preliminary hearing in Lenoir County District Court on charge of having embezzled \$604.20 from his former employer Carolina Dairies of Kinston.

### Unopened Road Accident Injuries Two Friday Night

Teenaged brothers Franky and Willie Ray Loftin of LaGrange route 3 suffered serious injuries when they were struck by a car driven by Leon S. Rhodes also of LaGrange route 3 at about 8:25 Friday night.

The accident took place on an unopened section of the newly four-laned US 70 Highway just west of Falling Creek.

The boys were returning to their home on foot when the eastbound car of Rhodes struck them. Although the road is not open to general traffic people living in the general area must use sections of the road to get to and from their homes.

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In accordance with the wishes of the family, the proceeds from this fund, to be known as the Anne Hood Capps Memorial Fund, will be used in the chapel of the new hospital.

Contributions to the fund can be made to the Lenoir Memorial Hospital, attention of L. D. Duvall, administrator of the New Hospital, who is serving as treasurer of the Memorial Fund.

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