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## Jones County Voting Increases Over 132 Per Cent During Past 20 Years

A glance back to the 1948 election indicates that Jones Countians are voting more, even if they are enjoying it less, and by an increase of over 132 per cent.

In 1948 when Jones Countians had a four-way choice for President they voted this way: Truman 1238, Dewey 113, Henry Wallace 3 and Strom Thurmond 52, for a total of just 1406 votes.

In '52 the choice was just between Stevenson and Eisenhower and Ike didn't do as well in Jones as he did in the nation, losing 391 to 1673 to Stevenson, for a total vote of 2004.

In '56 the story was just about the same with Stevenson's vote climbing to 1952 and Ike's to 415 for a total of 2367.

The upsurge continued in '60

with Kennedy collecting 1920 votes to Nixon's 585 for a total of 2505.

And Johnson maintained the Democratic hold on Jones Countians 2129 over Barry Goldwater's 776 in '64, for a total of 2905.

And in the last voting in '68 there were 3220 Jones Countians who went to the polls and split their ballot by giving George Wallace 1780, Hubert Humphrey 1225 and Nixon just 361 votes.

So the Jones Vote has risen from 1406 to 3220 in 20 years. A large part of the reason for this is the rapidly growing registration of colored voters.

On the basis of the latest population estimates Jones County has a few more than 11,000 citizens and using the best estimates available on the average age of Jones Countians something very close to 40 per cent of these 11,000 Jones Countians are under voting age.

This makes 6600 of the county's 11,000 citizens old enough to vote if they cared enough to register and go to the polls, so with the 3220 votes of 1968 representing an increase of 132 per cent in votes cast in a 20-year period it is still pretty obvious that less than half of those who could vote bother to do so.

### OVER THE HILL

Tuesday night Lenoir County officers arrested Donald Jenkins of Kinston route 5, Stanley Beaudry, Wendell L. Welch and Andrew Cage of Camp Lejeune charging each with being absent without leave.

### NOBLES IN VIETNAM

Private First Class Harold L. Nobles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Nobles, Route 2, Pink Hill, was assigned with the 1st logistical Command in Vietnam, December 17 as an ammunition storage specialist.

## Jones Candidates

### SHERIFF

W. Brown Yates\*  
Dan Killingsworth  
Joe Monette

### COURT CLERK

F. Rogers Pollock\*  
Harold Hargett Jr.

### COMMISSIONER

Osborne Mallard

### SENATE

Charlie Larkins Jr.\*

### HOUSE

Dan Lilley\*  
Guy Elliott\*  
Red Tingen  
Fitzhugh Wallace

Republicans in bold type

\* Denotes incumbent

## Lindora Perry Charter President Of Riverside Club

Last week 4-H club members and leaders met at the Extension Building in Trenton to organize the community 4-H club.

The following officers were elected: President Lindora Perry, Vice-president Phyllis Brown, Secretary Stephanie Farrow, Assistant Secretary Marilyn Crawford and Treasurer Evelyn Brown.

Farm Agent Fletcher Barber gave information on 4-H camp and other 4-H activities to be held in 1970. Also project selection sheets were discussed. Twenty-nine 4-H members were enrolled. Leaders attending were Mrs. Nellie Robinson, Glennie Crawford and Agnes Brown.

The members voted to hold their meetings every fourth Monday night at 7 in the Extension Building.

## Harriett to Texas



Airman John R. Harriett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Van H. Harriett of Route 1, Pollockville, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to Sheppard AFB, Tex., for training as a medical services specialist. Airman Harriett, a 1967 graduate of Jones Central High School, received an A.A.S. degree in 1969 from Lenoir County College at Kinston.

### JOHNSON TO GREENE

Monday longtime Assistant Lenoir County Farm Agent Walter Johnson tendered his resignation to accept the post of farm agent in Greene County.

## Competition Appears Likely for All Jobs Except School Board This Year

With filing deadline over a month away on March 13th it

now appears that there is going to be plenty of competition for all jobs subject to the will of Jones County voters this year with the exception of the school board, for which so far there are no "volunteers."

## Maysville Girl Competing for Big Scholarship

Miss Sara Lynn Thompson of Maysville is one of 19 high school seniors from 14 area counties who was interviewed in Williamston Feb. 3, by the Katherine Smith Reynolds Scholarship Committee from District One.

The 19 young women will be competing for a Reynolds Scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The scholarship will be worth \$6,400 for four years of study at UNC-G.

Mrs. C. B. Randall of Kinston is chairman of the committee which selected two district finalists Saturday. The two district finalists will be interviewed in Greensboro March 16 by the Reynolds Scholarship Central Committee.

The Central Committee will name one winner from each of the 11 districts in the state, and will also choose one winner-at-large from the 22 final nominees.

The Reynolds Scholarships were established in 1962 by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in Winston-Salem in memory of Katharine Smith Reynolds, wife of the founder of the Reynolds Tobacco Company, an alumna of UNC-G, and mother of the late R. J. Reynolds Jr.

### NICOTINE FIT

Thieves apparently suffering a serious nicotine fit broke into King Brothers place just east of Kinston Saturday night and stole about 50 cartons of cigarets, six billfolds and several pocket watches.

## Regional Police Computer Bank Being Set Up in Kinston, Serving Nine Counties

Ed Howard, Treasurer, Neuse River Regional Planning and Development Council, announced that a \$35,000 check had been received from the Governor's Committee on Law and Order for the Neuse Police Information Network Extension.

Howard said the check represents the first funds of a demonstration grant from the creation of a regional crime information center. This center will be located at the Police Department in Kinston.

NEPINE will be the most important operation in the regional crime information center. NEPINE is a computer system designed to provide high speed information retrieval and instant teletype communication for the nine counties in the Neuse River Law Enforcement Planning District. A teletype network will connect all the counties to the crime information center.

Howard said that six months or more will be required to make NEPINE operational. Three basic types of information will be stored in the Kinston computer: Criminal case histories, fingerprint master cards, and mug shots. Presently there is a back log of 4,475 mug shots, 19,450 fingerprint cards and 17,900 case histories within the law enforcement agencies in the nine county District. These have to

This week Harold Hargett Jr. announced that he would like to have Rogers Pollock's job as county court clerk and last week both Dan Killingsworth and Joe Monette offered their services to replace Sheriff W. Brown Yates, who was the first candidate of the year to pay his filing fee, having paid Election Board Chairman J. C. B. Koonce the fee on January 23rd.

None of the incumbent county commissioners has yet thrown his hat back in the ring but last week a longtime member of the board who stepped down in the '50s said he'd like to serve again. He is Osborne Mallard.

And although Jones County voters are a small part of the three-county total vote insofar as filling legislative seats is concerned for the state senate and house they already offered competition in the house department, although at this time Incumbent Senator Charlie Larkins Jr. is the only announced candidate for his seat.

Incumbent house members Dan Lilley and Guy Elliott have Republican competition in the persons of Kinston attorney Fitzhugh Wallace and Greene County Du Pont worker Red Tingen.

## Appeals Jail Term

Tuesday Elmer E. Swinson of New Bern was fined \$100 for drunken driving and given 30 days in jail for carrying a concealed weapon in Lenoir County District Court, after having a few ugly words to say about the arresting officers in the presence of Judge Herbert Hardy, which bystanders felt might have had a little to do with his jail sentence. He appealed both judgments.

## Elliott Surprises Local Politicians By Seeking Fourth Term in Assembly

Tuesday veteran Kinston politician Guy Elliott greatly surprised a majority of local politicians by filing for a fourth term in the general assembly. Due to poor health Elliott missed a considerable part of the 1969 session of the assembly and it had been generally accepted that he would step down after having completed his third term.

### Probable Cause

In Lenoir County District Court Monday probable cause was found against Cato Mills of Dover route 2 in the manslaughter charge filed against him in the December 29, 1969 auto death of Fred Lee Garner of Kinston, a passenger in a car driven by Mills that was wrecked east of Kinston on highway US 70. Mills was also fined \$25 for reckless driving. He appealed that charge to superior court, where it will be heard along with the manslaughter charge.

Elliott resigned the post of mayor in Kinston in 1963 but in 1964 ended his brief political retirement to stand for representative and was elected. He will be 70 years old on May 10th.

Many people felt at the time that Elliott was a one-term assemblyman, but he contracted capital fever and now recovered from the illness that made him inactive for a considerable period in '69 signified Tuesday that he is "ready, willing and able" to hold one of the two house seats allocated to Greene, ones and Lenoir counties.

It is considered likely that Elliott will have Democratic opposition as well as the Republican opponent he will face in the general election in the person of Fitzhugh Wallace.