

JONES COUNTIANS FACE BIG SELECTION OF CANDIDATES AS THEY GO TO POLLS SATURDAY

by Jack Rider

For an off-year election (when such heavy political offices as governor and president are not in the mill) Jones County voters will have one of the largest listings of candidates to choose from in a long, long time Saturday.

In the Democratic Primary there are 13 candidates for county commissioner, four candidates for sheriff, three candidates for court clerk, three candidates for Seat No. 1 in the state house of representatives and two candidates for superior court judge in the Fourth Judicial district.

And on the non-partisan school board ballot there are seven other candidates all of whom happen to be Democrats.

The sheriff's race has as expected opened up a lot of old political wounds in every part of the county since Incumbent Sheriff Brown Yates is opposed by one of his former deputies who a year ago got himself fired after testifying in an impeachment trial against Yates that Yates was on duty numerous

times in a drunken condition. This ex-deputy is Dan Killingsworth, and there are some Jones County political experts who insist that the race is really between just these two; Yates and Killingsworth.

But there are other "experts" who insist that Maysville Grocer Joe Monette cannot be counted out of this sheriff's race.

Almost all observers agree that the fourth sheriff candidate is not seriously trying to get elected, although he is expected to carry a large part of the vote in his end of the county. He is Eugene Moore, formerly a clerk in the whisky store at Wyse Forks.

Most who will guess on this sheriff race agree that there is a pretty good chance that a second primary may be necessary to finally find the Democratic nominee.

Commissioner Race

The commissioner race is quite another matter. It involves five colored candidates and eight white candidates and this is likely to be one of the

hardest fought of all the campaigns by both white and colored contestants. This is another contest that may very well run over into a second primary before the five Democratic nominees are selected.

The listing includes three incumbents, Chairman Jim Barbee, Charles Battle Jr. and Horace Phillips, one former member of the board Osborne Mallard and nine who are out for the first time in this department: Micajah Bonner, Delmas J. Brown, Charles H. Copeland, George D. Franks, Theodore Hicks, Nick Mallard, Hoyal Miller, Charles Smith and Leslie Strayhorn.

Another incumbent Denford Eubanks had a serious seizure of the "don't-knows". He filed first as a Democratic candidate, then withdrew and filed later as a Republican candidate for the board.

The court clerk fight involves Incumbent Rogers Pollock, Harold Hargett Jr. and Arthur Mallard. And this is one of those fights that most observers agree can go either way.

In the judge race District Court Judge Walter Henderson is expected to smother Incumbent Superior Court Judge Howard Hubbard in Jones County, but everyone, including Henderson, a Trenton native, agrees that he has an uphill struggle in the other three counties of the judicial district; Duplin, Onslow and Sampson.

Henderson is opposed by the lawyers of the district because he is not a lawyer and they feel no one except a lawyer is capable of understanding and working with laws that were written by the general assembly, most of whose membership is not lawyers.

Henderson says, however, that even if he gets beat Hubbard will know he has been in a race, and at least his candidacy against Hubbard has been of some benefit to the district since he estimates that Hubbard has spent in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

The school board race involves the five incumbents — some of whom were most reluctant to stick their neck into

that noose again and two colored candidates; Raeford Beeton and Kleber Bryant. The incumbents include Chairman J. C. West, Marvin Philyaw, Walter Ives, John Booth and Abbott Meadows. Here the white candidates are likely to be confronted by the largest colored vote in the history of the county and it is considered likely that one or both of the colored candidates might be elected.

The legislative race has naturally not excited Jones County voters very much since all three of the candidates are from Lenoir County. But it is generally conceded in Jones County as in the most of the rest of the state that anyone who was a member of the tax-tax 1969 session of the general assembly as Incumbent Guy Elliott, is likely to be in trouble if he has serious opposition and Harold Hardison of Deep Run is considered to be that kind of opposition and it is expected that Hardison will lead Elliott and the third candidate John Capps by a wide margin in Jones County.

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Confession of A Dope Experimenter

Editor's note: This is the confession of Andy Anderson, a junior at the University of Florida, written shortly before he cremated himself by soaking himself in gasoline and setting himself on fire.

"This Christmas I had a very bad experience with a drug called mescaline. I have smoked a little pot before . . . but I tried mescaline only once. Since then I have not been in control of my mind. I have killed myself because I can no longer run my own affairs, and I can only be trouble and worry to those who love and care for me. I have tried to straighten myself out, but things are only getting worse.

"Please forgive me parents for quitting after you have raised me, but I cannot live with myself any longer. You were good parents and I love you both, don't let my downfall be yours — you have nothing to be ashamed of. I made the mistake — not you.

"There is nothing but misery for all of us should I allow myself to deteriorate further. To those of my friends who might also think about learning about themselves with mind expanding drugs — don't. Learn about yourself as you live your life — don't try to know everything at once by swallowing a pill. It could be too much for your mind to handle at one time. It could blow out all the circuits at it did with me.

"I am too weak to fight — to proud to live forever on sympathy of others. The drug experience has filled me with fear and doubts of myself. I cannot go on. Please try to remember my good points and excuse this final act of desperation."

Spec-5 Ned Taylor Gets Badge

Army Specialist Five Ned Taylor, Jr., whose parents live on Route 2, Trenton, was awarded the Mechanic's Badge recently while serving with the 13th Support Brigade at Ft. Hood, Tex.

Spec. Taylor received the award for his proficiency in maintaining Army vehicles.

The specialist is an engineer mechanic with the 628th Transportation Company, 180th Transportation Battalion of the brigade.

PRICE GETS AWARD

Marine Gunnery Sergeant Gene W. Price, husband of Mrs. Frances Price of Maysville, was awarded a Meritorious Mast during ceremonies at Headquarters Marine Corps Engineer School, Camp Lejeune. A Meritorious Mast is a personal commendation from the commanding officer for outstanding achievement and ability in the line of duty.

Price is assigned to the 180th Transportation Company, 180th Transportation Battalion of the brigade.

Barrus Bids Low on Goldsboro Bypass

Barrus Construction Company of Kinston was low bidder on part of the work involved in completing the US 70 bypass around Goldsboro, with a bid of \$828,321.50 for the roadwork.

Crowder Construction Company of Charlotte bid low for bridge work on the project with a bid of \$324,108.05.

Completion of this long-delayed project, which will eliminate all but two of the traffic bottle necks between Raleigh and Morehead City is set for September 1, 1971. Bids have not been called for yet to build the badly needed bypasses of New Bern and Smithfield.

Maysville Horse Show on Saturday to Include 20 Classes, for Worthy Causes

The Maysville Rotary Club presents its Second Annual Char-

ity Horse Show, to be held at Pelletier Ball Park, Maysville, on Saturday, May 2, at 1 p.m.

The proceeds from this years show will support: Maysville Rescue Squad, Boy Scout Troop 209, and the Boy's Home at Lake Waccamaw.

The show will consist of 20 classes: five breeding halter classes, four jumping classes, four gaming classes, and seven pleasure classes.

The gaming classes will be the type that both Western and English Seat riders can appreciate. This show is designed to suit the taste of the discriminating horseman.

The show will have games to keep it lively enough to be appreciated by the apprentice viewer, and show classes enough for the knowledgeable spectator. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

The Maysville Rescue Squad will be serving plate lunches for the hungry, and refreshments of soft drinks and Nabs for the Hot Nibbler.

Jordan Promoted

Marine First Lieutenant Larry J. Jordan, husband of the former Miss Mary K. Foscoe, of Maysville, was promoted to his present rank while serving with the Force Logistics Command, in Vietnam.

Congressman Jones Votes Against Space Program Money

by Walter Jones

All America is proud and has thrilled to the success of the National Astronautics and Space Administration in their recent Apollo flights to the moon. Last week, the House considered the 1971 authorization for the continuation of this program. The Administration's request was \$3,330,875,000. But the Committee added an increase of approximately \$300,000,000, making the authorization — \$3,630,000,000. Since the space program has begun, it is estimated that this nation has invested \$41,000,000,000. Included in this program is approximately \$23.8 billion for the Apollo moon shots. I have come to the conclusion that as exciting as the exploration into space might be, we must consider the cost as it relates to the total results. Also, we must not lose sight of priorities at the expense of human life here on earth as compared to the unexplored substance of the moon. In analyzing the President's budget, for example, it is shocking to learn that not one dollar has been requested for hospital construction under the Hill-Burton Act, and this is at a time when the nation is faced with

an acute shortage of hospital space. A further threat in this area is that even if Congress should appropriate construction funds, under Executive Order they would not be spent. Also there is the glaring need for housing, as many are forced to live in substandard dwellings, and there are many other areas equally as dramatic. For this, and other reasons, on final passage I cast a "no" vote for this authorization. Here again, based on the question of priorities.

Another subject causing a great amount of conversation and speculation here in Washington was the conduct of Supreme Court Justice, William O. Douglas. I joined with other Members of the House a few days ago in introducing a resolution to create a bi-partisan committee to investigate his conduct to see if such is justified to initiate impeachment proceedings. The Constitution clearly states that one of the conditions for a Federal Judge to occupy his office, is that "they shall hold their offices during good behaviour."

So, the question arises as to what constitutes good behaviour. Is it proper for a Member of

the Supreme Court to accept \$12,000 a year in fees from a Foundation which is known to have direct ties with the gambling dynasty in Las Vegas? Is it proper for a Member of the Court to participate in decisions regarding pornographic literature when he has received a fee for an article appearing in the same type publication? Finally, should one in this position publish books to some degree advocating under certain conditions, revolution and violence?

In view of the extreme close scrutiny that the United States Senate has given to the last two nominees for the Supreme Court, I think it in order that the United States Congress conduct an impartial investigation as to the fitness of Justice Douglas.

DRIVING CHARGES

Minnie J. Ransom of 214 Vance Street turned off Davis onto Lincoln St., at about 12:30 Sunday afternoon and crashed into an approaching car driven by Hokie Shepherd of 1100 Caswell Street. Damage was estimated at \$550 and Miss Ransom was charged with drunken driving and driving on the wrong side of the street.