

King George Sheriff To End Long Tenure

By Staff Reporter

KING GEORGE—Sheriff J. S. Dishman today announced his retirement plans, setting off speculation on a new election race for the job.

Dishman, in office since 1942, said he will step down at the end of his present term on Jan. 1. He declined to say whom he favors as a successor.

One candidate, Frank T. Hudson, announced last week and Warren S. Purks of Sealston has been rumored as a likely entry.

At the same time Dishman's part-time deputy, James A. Crabtree, said today he hasn't given any consideration to running for the sheriff's post. The position now carries a \$4,000 annual salary and a \$269 expense allowance.

Hudson, 54, a former appliance dealer here, ran against Dishman eight years ago, coming out second in a field for four candidates.

Purks also has run against

Dishman, losing by 112 votes four years ago. Purks, 41, operates a farm and works at the Avisco plant in Fredericksburg.

Dishman's announcement ended speculation over his plans. The sheriff, now 73, had said two years ago he planned to step down at the close of his current term.

The sheriff said he is retiring only from his official job, not from either farming or his interest in affairs of the county.

Dishman, former secretary of the King George County Electoral Board, was engaged in farming 17 years ago when he was appointed sheriff by Circuit Judge Leon M. Bazile, to fill the unexpired term of C. C. Payne.

The following year Dishman won re-election without opposition. He won against opposition in 1947, 1951 and 1955.



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