

This Is The Law

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

How many Constitutions has North Carolina had? North Carolina has had but two Constitutions in her history as a State: the Constitution of 1776 and the Constitution of 1868.

How many amendments have there been to the present Constitution of North Carolina? The Constitution of 1868 has been amended on 148 occasions.

How receptive have the people of North Carolina been to amendments of their Constitution? Since 1868 the people of North Carolina have had 171 opportunities to amend their Constitution. On 148 occasions they have done so.

There are no strong ties of reverence for the provisions of a state Constitution as in the case of the Federal Constitution. If an improvement can be made by amendment, the people generally do not hesitate to do so. Most of our constitutional amendments have been the result of practical experience. They have been realistic steps intended to achieve greater efficiency in government.

Are there any constitutional amendments to be voted upon at the general election on Tuesday, November 2, 1965?

Yes. The North Carolina Bar Association, which has taken a leadership in the improvement of our court system, is particularly interested in all persons voting "FOR" the constitutional amendments authorizing the General Assembly to create a Court of Appeals in the Appellate Division of the General Court of Justice.

If these amendments are ratified by the voters, the General Assembly becomes authorized to establish, if and when it sees fit, an intermediate appellate court between the Superior Court and the Supreme Court.

An appellate court is a court in which there are no jurors or testifying witnesses. An appellate court is concerned only with the alleged errors of law committed in the trial court below. The federal court system, as well as the state court system of many other states, has an intermediate appellate court which cuts down the number of cases reaching the highest court.

There has been a tremendous increase in the work load of our Supreme Court in recent years. The establishment of an intermediate Court of Appeals would assure every citizen of our State a right of appeal from the Superior Court to some appellate court and would also afford to our highest court more time and deliberation in the handling of cases of general importance.

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Two Minutes With The Bible

THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

In 1866 Alfred Nobel invented an explosive made of nitroglycerine absorbed in a porous material. It was by far the most powerful explosive that had so far been invented.

When Nobel and his friends saw what his invention could do, and had to decide on a name, they sought for the strongest possible word for power—in any language. The word they finally chose was the Greek word DYNAMIS. Hence our word DYNAMITE.

This word—the strongest word for power—is used again and again in the New Testament and is generally translated simply "power."

When Jesus wrought miracles, for example, St. Luke testifies that "the POWER (Dynamis) of the Lord was present to him" (Luke 5:17). In promising His apostles that they too would work miracles, our Lord said: "Ye shall be endued with POWER (dynamis) from on high" (Luke 24:49).

When the Sadducees questioned the resurrection, Jesus answered: "Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the POWER (dynamis) of God" (Matt. 22:29) and St.

Tilson Takes U. S. Position In Near East

Hugh Tilson, director of public relations for the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corp. in Lenoir, for the past five years, has resigned effective last Saturday to accept an overseas teaching position with Columbia University.

He will be part of a 50-member team under contract to the U. S. State Department Agency for International Development, and will go to Afghanistan.

Tilson's primary duties will be teaching vocational agriculture to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade boys planning to enter Kabul Univ. He will be in Afghanistan a minimum of two years. The Tilsons will reside in Kabul, the capital, a city of 100,000 population.

Some 1,500 Americans are currently working in Afghanistan on various development programs.

Tilson and his family will leave New York for the overseas post around November 7.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Tilson of Mars Hill, and is married to the former Margaret Strickland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Strickland of West Asheville. They have three sons. Tilson attended Mars Hill Junior College and North Carolina State University, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education.

Paul declares that Christ was "declared to be the Son of God with POWER (dynamis) . . . by the resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4).

Using the same word, Paul, by inspiration, declares that "the gospel of Christ . . . is THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION, to every one that believeth . . ." (Rom. 1:16). This is because, according to this gospel, or good news, "Christ died for our sins." "The preaching of the cross," he says, is to believers "THE POWER OF GOD" (I Cor. 1:18).

But not only are believers saved by the power of God; they are "KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD" (I Pet. 1:5). Indeed, the subject of this same word "dynamis" is used in Heb. 7:25 where we read that the Lord Jesus Christ is "ABLE TO SAVE UNTO THE UTMOST ALL THEM THAT COME UNTO GOD BY HIM." The Bible uses the very strongest word for power to show how completely He saves and keeps those who trust in Christ, who died for our sins.

Safe Hunting Suggestions Offered; Tips For Homes

Red Cross Informs Public Of Many Dangers In Field, Home

For safe hunting, aim first for safety and make accident your target, the American Red Cross advises for an accident-free hunting season.

Last year over the nation, 2,400 sports-minded Americans were killed by guns and explosives—a six percent increase over the previous year, according to Jon Martindale, Director of First Aid, Water Safety & Youth Services, at the Asheville Area Chapter of American Red Cross.

Mr. Martindale offers this hunting and first aid advice:

At all times treat every gun as if it was loaded. Avoid all horseplay with guns. Don't point one at anything you don't intend to shoot.

While traveling in cars, boats, or planes, make sure your guns are unloaded. Keep them cased, wrapped, or dismantled. Hunt with a companion and insist he abide by safety rules, too.

Be sure ammunition fits your gun. Double check—and frequently—to make sure the safety is on. Keep your finger off the trigger until you're ready to shoot.

Don't handle a gun by its muzzle or use it as a prop, club, or prod. Make certain the moving object you fire at is legitimate game and not another human being or a domestic animal.

Don't climb fences, run, or jump while carrying a loaded gun. In rough terrain where your footing is precarious or in heavy underbrush, unload the gun or open its action.

If, despite all your precautions, someone is wounded while hunting, these are first aid measures you should take, Mr. Martindale said:

Control bleeding, protect wound from contamination, and give the victim care against shock. Even if the surface wound is small, there still may be extensive internal injuries. Summon a physician as soon as possible, preferably without moving the victim. (You can learn more about such valuable first aid precautions by taking a Red Cross first aid course.)

During the coming year the Red Cross will give special emphasis in its first aid courses to fire prevention and to first aid care to fire victims, Mrs. Betty Drake, First Aid Chairman of the Asheville Area Chapter, announced. "Accident prevention," Mrs. Drake

pointed out, "is one of the main objectives of first aid training in our classes." She offered these fire prevention steps, which she termed "simple and obvious, but often neglected or ignored."

Smoking—Do not smoke in bed or in upholstered furniture. Discard cigarette butts in a safe place, not in a wastebasket. Use large, deep ash trays. Do not smoke or light matches in attics, closets or confined places, near clothes or other combustibles.

Heating and Cooking Equipment—Don't place heaters, stoves and smokepipes near combustible walls and ceilings. Don't place clothing or furniture near stoves, heaters or fireplaces. Be extremely cautious when around fireplaces, particularly when wearing loose clothing.

Electrical—Use proper size fuses. Don't overload wiring or use multiple outlet plugs. Don't place extension cords under rugs or hook them over a nail.

Good Housekeeping—Get rid of rubbish in attics, closets, basements, garages, and yards. Keep paint in tightly closed metal containers and away from heat. Gasoline and flammable fluids should be stored safely. Do not use flammable cleaning fluids. Do not use gasoline or kerosene to start fires. When handling hot fluids, protect children by keeping them away from the immediate area.

Equipment—Keep fire extinguishers in places where they are easily accessible. Have a garden hose near a faucet for ready use. Provide screen guards around fireplaces.

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The Galilean woman prepared two fish, baked five barley loaves, and packed them as a picnic lunch for her boy. It was his cherished provision for his time of need.

As Jesus spoke to the multitude on the Galilean hillside that day, the lad listened attentively. When Jesus wanted to feed the multitude, the boy was willing to offer his package of lunch to the Lord. The result was that the private provision which was enough for one tired and hungry boy was multiplied in the hands of the Lord to feed five thousand hungry persons. The fragments left over, which Jesus ordered gathered up,



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filled twelve baskets. The little that we are able to put in the hands of the Lord can also become a blessing to many beyond our knowing. But many of us are keeping things today for strictly personal use when the Lord has need of them to bless other persons.

Prayer: Lord, we pray for faith that prompts us to entrust all we are and have to Thee. Help us to put on Thine altar our carefully kept so-called securities. In the Master's name. Amen.

Thought for the day: Today I will offer the Lord what He requests of me.

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PTA Renews Invitation: Join Now!

As 50,000,000 American children move forward in the current school year, their parents and teachers will receive an invitation, issued to the nation, to join the PTA.

The National Congress of Parents and Teachers now has under way its annual membership enrollment, aiming to add new members as it tackles 11 "critical issues" that affect children today—issues such as financing public education, cheating for a changing society, helping disadvantaged children, waging the peace and coping with the responsibility of parenthood, including sex education.

This undertaking, to be carried out in a three-year action program, "will tax PTA resources to the utmost," says National PTA President Mrs. Jennie Woodhead. "It is not too much to say that the restoration of these issues will have far-reaching, faithful consequences for our nation and its children."

A sample of the PTA's effectiveness in action—specifically, action to help disadvantaged children—was in Bucks for Ap-



This messenger (Mrs. Cella Richmond, a first grader at Ray school in Chicago) has an invitation for the nation: Join the PTA—and help the other 49,999,999 or so children in American schools this year.

palachia program of early 1965, when, in five months, PTA's throughout the country collected more than 1,100,000 children's books and sent them, in bookcase boxes, to the hundreds of barren, one- and two-room schools in the Appalachian mountains.

"This was a special project," Mrs. Woodhead recalls, "and our nation's progress can be equally effective in advancing children's

Magazine, used as a basic text by PTA-sponsored study-discussion groups in many communities. In other scheduled articles, parents will be given suggestions on how to prepare for a conference with the teacher, as well as challenging views on IQ tests, ability grouping and student cheating.

The PTA's official magazine also provides regular services to thoughtful parents: previews of motion pictures—graded for children, adolescents and adults; reviews of television programs along with names of their sponsors; regular reports on "what's happening in education" and news of medical developments that affect children's health.

All is information that will be used by PTA's as they program their current attack on critical issues. Other matters on that action calendar are equalizing educational opportunity; clarifying the responsibilities for educational decision-making; expanding and strengthening community services.

Combating moral, spiritual and civic apathy; eliminating certain health and safety hazards and safeguarding individual rights and liberties.

Children's complaints about school will get an airing in a forthcoming issue of The PTA

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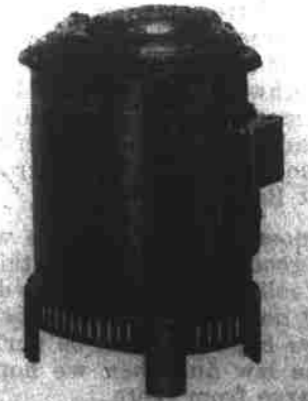
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