

Pless Heads Amendment For Court Improvement

Supreme Court Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., Chairman, N. C. Bar Association's Committee on the Judicial Amendment.

RALEIGH — Superior Court Judge J. Will Pless, Jr. of Marion has been named chairman of a statewide committee of lawyers which will work for approval of the proposed constitutional amendment for court improvement.

His appointment was announced by Isaac T. Avery, Jr. of Statesville, president of the North Carolina Bar Association. Judge Pless, committee will join a committee of laymen headed by Senator Cutler Moore of Lumberton in an extensive program to inform the people of the State of the provisions of the proposed amendment. The committee will be composed of a member of the legal profession from each of the 40 judicial districts.

In accepting the chairmanship of the committee, Judge Pless said "We have two formidable opponents. The first, and by far the most important, is the inertia of the people. The second is the lack of interest on the part of the average citizen. The law of us realize what an important part our courts play in our lives. It is true, but still true, that they protect and defend all we have—property, liberty, even life itself. We take them for granted, as we do air and water, and without proper appreciation."

He added that ever since the days of barbarism man has struggled to improve himself. He has done it in agriculture, commerce, and government.

There is nothing complex or hard to understand about the proposed amendment, he continued. It does not contemplate any changes in the Supreme Court and it retains in the Legislature the right to prevent any changes in Superior Court procedure. It primarily gives the Legislature power to provide a uniform system of lower courts throughout the State, rather than more than a thousand mixtures now authorized. It would bestow "dignity and prestige to the office of magistrate (now Justice of the Peace) and would eliminate the election to this important office of a person with 23 court convictions." This recently happened.

He added that the people of the State should realize that this proposed amendment has been thoroughly explained, debated, and determined by two sessions of the General Assembly.

It could not be submitted to the public for a vote had not both our State Senate and the House of Representatives passed it by at least three-fifths majority and, by doing so, recommended its approval," he continued.

Judge Pless explained that North Carolina's present court system is based largely on the Constitution of 1868. "What doctor, farmer, pharmacist, or carpenter would attempt to perform his duties with the facilities of nearly a century ago?" he asked. "Why should the people, in the protection of their homes, liberties, and lives not have modern implements in their courts?"

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Have you completed selling your 1962 crop of tobacco? If so, have you returned your tobacco marketing cards to the County Office? If you have not you should do so at once. All cards must be returned to the County Office within 30 days after the close of the local markets.

If you have lost your marketing card, bring all of your 1962 bills of sales to the office so that you can fill out a report of disposition. Failure to account for the disposition of your 1962 crop of tobacco may mean a reduction in your allotment for 1963.

Have you asked about your winter cover crop? We believe that every farmer in Duplin County wants the best for his land. Help preserve it by using a cover crop. We would like to take your application for the needed practice for your land TODAY. Time is running out so come in soon and put in your application. SIGN UP FOR ACP ASSISTANCE NOW!

The Area Staff Conference is to be held in Morehead City on Monday & Tuesday of this week. The Chairman of the County Committee, O. L. Holland; Rufus Elks, Jr., Office Manager; Nancy Carr, Chief Clerk; Carole Murphy, Head AA&M Clerk; and Shirley Somers, ACP Clerk are attending the meeting.

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has not yet received his payment, trees is a valued conservation practice under the ASCS Conservation Program. The farmers of North Carolina have established 190,434 acres of trees during the years 1956-61 under the Agri. Conservation Program and Conservation Reserve Programs. The Division of Forestry furnish-

as the trees seedling at a nominal cost to the farmer. The Division of Forestry also furnishes technical help to farmers in the carrying out of tree planting practices and the forest improvement practice included in ACP.

Farmers interested in planting trees or the forest improvement practice included in the ACP, should contact their ASCS Office or an ASC County Community Committee and discuss their conservation needs. There is still a great conservation need which can be met through the planting of trees and improving the stands of trees which we already have.

Health And Safety Tips
Have you noticed that everyone else seems to be mumbling lately? That almost no one talks loud enough over the telephone? That you are asking your family and friends to repeat everything they say to you?

It's possible that your hearing is beginning to fade. Sometimes loss of hearing is so gradual that the victim is almost the last person to realize it. If you suspect that your hearing is fading somewhat, see your doctor. There are several things he can do: (1) find the extent and cause of hearing loss, (2) decide whether medicinal or other treatment is necessary, (3) establish whether surgery is necessary, (4) check on the possibility of a hearing aid, and (5) determine whether a study of lipreading will help.

try out various hearing aids to find the one best for you. Learning to use a hearing aid takes time and practice, and the doctor may determine that you should supplement the aid by learning to lipread.

Doctors estimate that some 15,000,000 Americans have some degree of hearing loss. Most of them are not sufficiently handicapped to want a hearing aid. Most people past the age of 50 have some hearing loss, yet they may not be hard of hearing in the speech range.

Whatever the cause or the therapy for hearing loss, it is highly important to consult a good medical ear

specialist to determine which course is best for you. Many women with mild heart defects that do not require correction, and many who have had successful heart operations can have children. However, this is an individual matter and the patient should discuss it with her physician before attempting to have a baby, according to the North Carolina Heart Association.



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— Na. This rumor has come from several directions. There is truth in it.
— Is it true that veterans now receive GI insurance by an act of Congress?
— The measure is still being considered in Congress. The House has passed one version and the Senate another. A compromise has been worked out. This date (Oct. 1 or 5, 1962).
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