

Odds Favoring North Carolina Lottery

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The state of North Carolina could soon be using a lottery as a means of raising state funds.

Both the N.C. House and Senate currently have bills before them that call for the formation of study commissions to determine the feasibility of a state lottery.

Senators from the 25th district feel that the committee will recommend that a referendum be held on the issue.

"I would personally be against a bill for the lottery, but would be for a referendum," said Sen. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain. Harris feels that if a referendum were held, the people of his district would vote against it. "Cleveland County is conservative, in fact that state of N.C. is conservative," he said.

Harris feels that the lottery issue could become a moral issue as did ERA. "It (the lottery) is gambling, it could bring in bad situations, the mafia could come in" he said.

The bill as proposed by Sen. Richard Barnes, D-Forsyth,

originally called for the study commission to report its findings during the June 1984 legislative session. Because of the time element and this session's light work schedule, Sen. Craig Lawing, chairman of the Senate Rules Committee has turned the bill over to a Senate Rules subcommittee to study the issue.

According to Lawing, the subcommittee should report its findings to the full committee in approximately 10 days.

The idea of a lottery to raise money for various projects is not a new one for N.C. During the late 1700's and early 1800's, the N.C. Legislature sanctioned several lotteries. The money raised was used to build schools, roads and even churches.

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In the 1830's N.C. banned the use of lotteries and by 1900 no state was using a lottery. New Hampshire renewed the idea by

setting up a state lottery in 1964. Since then 17 states and the District of Columbia hold lotteries, with several other states considering the idea.

According to Sen. Helen Rhyne Marvin of Gastonia, a lot of people feel the time is right for the state to consider a lottery as a means of raising additional funds.

"I feel that there is a pretty good chance it will pass," said Mrs. Marvin. "No one I have talked

to has opposed it. Across the state I have heard the same response.

"People play bingo and are actively involved in the stock market and the feeling is that the lottery is really no different," she said.

Mrs. Marvin has discussed the issue with legislators from Maryland, a state that is currently using the lottery. "From what I know now, I would support the lottery," she said.

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What Do You Think?

Should there be a lottery in North Carolina?

Should there be a referendum on a lottery in Cleveland County?

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Farewell To Mash, Hello To History

"Good-bye, Hawkeye" was the sentiment in Miss Ann Smith's fifth and sixth grade combination Feb. 28 at Waco School during a party in honor of the show.

Refreshments were served as students discussed the Korean conflict, reflected on their favorite episodes of Mash and

debated what each character represented on the program.

Several students wrote reports on the Korean conflict and the place it played in American history. The majority of the students indicated they would watch the farewell Mash episode, and all planned to continue watching the daily re-runs.

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DAR Puts Safety On Streets

"Traffic Safety Shows Love for Our Fellowman," as the topic of the educational program at the March meeting of the Flint Hills Chapter, NSDAR, held Tuesday evening at the Fellowship Hall of the Boiling Springs United Methodist Church. The program was given by Dennis Everette, Accident Investigator for the U.S. Department of Transportation, who talked and showed slides about the work of the D.O.T. and its continuing efforts to promote highway safety. Mr. Everette told of the advent of motor vehicles and road construction and point out that as the number of motor vehicles increased so did accidents which resulted in deaths, injuries and property damage. He stated that in 1966, when the traffic population reached 100 million units and the annual highway fatality county reached 53,100, the Federal Government called for strong legislative action to promote safety and Congress responded with basic laws which inaugurated a National safety effort which continues to be carried out.

The installation of five new members highlighted the meeting. Those installed were: Brenda Cabaniss Curtis, Ellen Washburn Gragg, Burnette Hunt, Ann Lancaster and Frances Lancaster. Julia McCracken, also a new member, was unable to attend.

Mrs. S. Arnold Ramey, Vice Regent, and Mrs. Hal Dedmon were in Pinehurst attending the 83rd State Conference.

Mrs. Robert F. Sweezy, Regent, presided over the meeting, the DAR ritual was led by the Chaplain, Mrs. Joe Kendrick; and Mrs. Bobby Humphries read the President General's letter. The National Defense Report was presented by Mrs. E.C. Willingham. Mrs. S.W. Brooks gave an interesting review on the DAR Museum and Mrs. John B. Hunt reported on Public Relations.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. S.W. Brooks, Mrs. John Wesson, and Mrs. John B. Hunt.

Soon Just The Whistle Will Be All That's Left



Possibly a sight on its way out: a locomotive on the Norfolk-Southern line in Shelby (photo by Ken Holcombe).

If the whistle of the train sounds lonesome, it may be because it soon will not be traveling over some familiar tracks in Shelby.

The Norfolk-Southern Corporation has taken the first step toward abandoning 51 miles of track between Marion, North Carolina, and Shelby. Norfolk-Southern filed a Category 1 classification for this tract, which is the last step before a rail system files a notice of intention to abandon a track.

Agriculture commissioner James Graham criticized the railroad's intention of abandoning the Marion to Shelby track.

"The only mode of transportation in and out of these areas would be by truck," an agriculture spokesperson said, "which would increase the costs of input for agriculture to transport crops, pulpwood, building supplies, fertilizers and the like out of sometimes remote areas."

A spokesman for the Norfolk-

Southern railline contested that the abandonment would limit transport to trucks.

"The move to Category 1 classification is simply because Seaboard and Southern tracks run parallel in that area," said Robert Almond of the Norfolk-Southern Line. "We have asked Seaboard to allow us to run our trains on their tracks. This essentially would not hamper any freight transporting."

The area affected by the proposed abandonment would be from the Bostic yard to Marion.

It's Not Spring 'Til You See The Whistle Of Its Blooms

Wave after wave of white blossoms spread through our woodlands in the spring. Their appearance can give us pleasure, and the origins of their names can be intriguing or amusing.

The first white bloom of these native trees is shadbush, also called shadblow or service berry. Legend has it that it is named shadbush because it blooms when the shad swim upstream to spawn. The "blow" in shadblow

derives from an Indo-European root meaning "to spring up."

Some oldtimers called it service berry because it bloomed when traveling preachers made their way into the mountains for church services in the spring. A more elegant derivation for "service" is from the Latin "sorbus" referring to the "sorbs" or small apple-like fruits.

By whatever name, shadbush if the first native tree to bring

white to our woodlands. Its elongated clusters of white blossoms are short-lived, but the berries, enjoyed by man, birds and animals in June, and the orange leaves in autumn, make it a good choice for landscaping.

Flowering dogwood follows, putting on its best show in North Carolina from late March to mid-April.

Dogwood seems an odd name for a tree of such beauty. On

Town To Recruit Family Practice Doctor

A recruitment committee will begin work Friday on finding replacements for three Boiling Springs physicians who have moved their practices from the town, said Crawley Hospital administrator John Washburn.

As of Tuesday, March 15, Dr. Gene Washburn is the sole physician practicing at Boiling Springs Medical Associates clinic. Of the three doctors who formerly practiced at the clinic,

Dr. Douglas Briggs now has his practice in Shelby; Dr. Stephen Killian will establish his practice in Maryland; and Dr. Krishnan Chalam practices in Georgia.

Drs. Briggs and Killian came to Boiling Springs in 1981.

"We're particularly looking for a Family Practice physician," Washburn said. The Family Practice specialty is granted by a licensing board after a three year residency following four years of medical school.

Church Presents Musical

The Boiling Springs Baptist Church College-Youth Choir will present the musical "And There Was Light!" by Cam Floria on Sunday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The choir, which is directed by Phil Perrin, consists of 45 junior high through college age singers. Barbara Taylor is the director of drama.

The musical will feature soloists Sandy Hastings, Lana Jolley, Lori McIntyre, Meloni McGraw, Robert Lamb, Kelley Taylor, Lydia Perrin and Esther Perrin. Also featured will be Stuart Blackburn, Nelson McDaniel, Steve Hamrick, Michael Hamrick Suzanne Sanford, Pam Hartis, Chris Taylor, Melissa Hartis, Michele Lemons and Robert Harrelson.

Peach Crop Future Is Up In Air

Peach orchards across the western Piedmont are in the pink of bloom and the fortunes

of their growers are at the mercy of the winds.

The unseasonable warmth of late winter brought up the sap and lured the trees into early bloom. That is not necessarily bad, says Spartanburg County agent George Bowen, so long as below-freezing temperatures do not return. Blooms and tiny peaches are both vulnerable to burning frost and freeze.

The dread of a repeat of last year's nearly total crop loss, due to April freezes, will doubtless dull grower's joy at what, in bloom, looks like an excellent year in the making. "We have another month to go," Bowen says, before the danger period will over.

doubtful explanation is that sick dogs were apparently cured by being washed in a strong solution made from its bark.

Dagwood is a variation, from the Old English world for dagger. Another name is skewerwood, because butchers used the wood for meat skewers, and the In-

dians called it arrowwood. All of these names indicate practical uses for the hardness of its wood.