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Political candidates aren't the only folks who have their problems when that great American institution, the battle of the ballots, brings on frenzied activity for a span of several hectic weeks or months.

Naturally, vote seekers—grinning like possums—are apt to get a trifle weary as they roam the countryside kissing babies, shaking hands and making promises. However, they at least escape headaches such as the one that befell the Owen G. Dunn Company here during Governor Kerr Scott's administration.

Caught flat footed, through no fault of its own, the firm had to print 1,800,000 ballots in a single weekend. That's a lot of work on short notice, even for a plant as well equipped as Dunn's happens to be.

The rush order was occasioned by the death of Associate Justice A. A. F. Seawell of the State Supreme Court the previous Saturday, and subsequent developments. When Seawell passed away, Governor Scott conferred with Attorney General Harry MacMullan, and was told that under the circumstances it would be necessary to hold an election to determine a successor.

Thursday night, Scott pulled a major surprise by appointing a Wilmington attorney, Murray James, to serve on the Supreme Court until the General Election on November 7th. The Governor made it quite obvious to the State Democratic Committee that he wanted his appointee to be nominated by the Committee, but open opposition developed from the moment the appointment was announced.

Meanwhile, the local printing company—with a tremendous job to do and time running out—had no choice but to wait until Friday morning's meeting of the Committee, at which time the nominee would be decided on.

When the session convened, Scott's appointee was nominated by Hargrove Bellamy of Wilmington, while anti-Scott forces presented the name of former Judge Jeff Johnson, Jr. of Clinton.

The Committee voted, but before their votes could be counted, James arose and withdrew his name. He said it was in the interest of party harmony. Johnson became the Democratic nominee—a definite slap in the face for Governor Scott.

Johnson's nomination took care of half the problem at Owen G. Dunn's, but still missing was a Republican nominee to complete the ballot. The Republican party announced during the morning it was ready to name its nominee, but when the noon deadline rolled around, party officials asked for an extension of time.

As well might be imagined, the New Bern printery was in something of a tizzy. Minutes dragged as the telephone call was awaited to get things going. Finally it came at 2:30 p.m. from Raymond C. Maxwell in Raleigh, who was executive secretary of the State Board of Elections.

Maxwell broke the news that George Weaver had been nominated by the Republicans to oppose Johnson. Thirty-two slugs bearing Weaver's name were cast in a matter of minutes, inserted in the forms waiting to be put on the press, and things began to hum at last.

Actually, only 1,600,000 ballots would be necessary to supply all of North Carolina's polling places, but an additional 200,000 were printed. It was a customary precaution, to take care of any possible slip up.

Knowing full well that Maxwell would be arriving in New Bern the

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FOR A WORTHY CAUSE—Members of the New Bern Junior Woman's Club are always ready and willing to assist in community projects, such as the annual sale of Easter Seals to aid crippled children. Preparing letters of solicitation, left to right, first row, are Mrs. Pat Herring, Mrs. David Cordes, Mrs. Joe Gwaltney, Mrs. Curtis D. Jernigan,

and Mrs. Michael Balko. Left to right, in the second row, are Mrs. John B. Green, Mrs. Robert Natella, Mrs. Jerry Brooks, Mrs. Laurence Wall, Mrs. C. D. Lancaster, Jr., Mrs. H. J. Will, Jr., Mrs. Joseph R. Latham, Jr., and Mrs. Rex Willis.—Photo by Billy Benners.

Colonel Margaret Henderson Enjoyed Her New Bern Visit

There's nothing particularly unique for the average newspaper man about meeting and conversing with officers of high military rank—even generals. But, you can believe us, it isn't every day that you get to interview a lady colonel.

Such an experience is quite pleasant, when the party in question is Colonel Margaret Monroe Henderson, who is Director of Women Marines and the only full feminine colonel in the Marine Corps.

We became acquainted with her just the other day. She had flown down from her office in Washington, D. C., for visits to Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune, and stopped over briefly in New Bern.

"I like your town," she told us. "I wish I had longer to stay and I certainly want to come back." The way she said it, you knew she meant it too. Coming from a native of Texas, where they are supposed to have the most and the best of everything, her complimentary remarks about New Bern were doubly noteworthy.

Incidentally, Colonel Henderson, who hails from Cameron in the Lone Star State, isn't the least bit touchy about her age. "I was born on February 6, 1911," she admitted. "I graduated from high school at Kenedy in 1928, and received my BBA degree upon graduation from the University of Texas in 1932."

She taught in secondary schools at Lubbock, Texas, until 1943, when she entered the Marine Corps. After completing Women's Reserve Officer Training school at

Mt. Holyoke, Mass., she was commissioned a second lieutenant in

the Reserve on June 30, 1943.

"During World War II, I served



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as an instructor at Woman Marine Schools at Camp Lejeune, and as Officer in Charge of the Business School, Marine Corps Institute, in Washington," she recalled as she ate lunch here. "Then in September 1945 I returned to Camp Lejeune to become Executive Officer of the Woman's Reserve Bn."

Detached from active duty in May 1946, the friendly and mild mannered Texan returned to Lubbock, where she served as an instructor at Texas Technological college, for two years. In November 1948, she was integrated into the Regular Marine Corps for active duty.

Since then she has been very much on the go. "I've served consecutively," she says, "as Commander of the Woman's Recruit Training Bn., Marine Corps Depot, Parris Island, S. C.; Head, Woman's Affairs Section, Division of Plans and Policies, Headquarters Marine Corps; and as Commander of the Woman Officers Training Detachment, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va."

Colonel Henderson also saw duty on the west coast from January 1955 to March 1957 as Assistant G-1 at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif. In April 1957, she was assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps as Head, Woman's Affairs Section, G-1 Division.

Promoted to lieutenant colonel in January, 1953, she was elevated to the rank of colonel and succeeded

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