

WATAUGA DEMOCRAT ELECTION SERVICE

2 Amendments Will Be Voted On In November

North Carolina voters will be called on to decide the fate of two proposed amendments to the state constitution November 5 in addition to casting ballots for the men they want to serve them during the next four years.

Both amendments affect the General Assembly. One would alter the method of setting pay for state legislators, while the other would rewrite the constitutional provisions governing apportionment.

The constitution now allows members of the General Assembly \$15 daily for their services for 120 calendar days of a regular session and 25 days of an extra session. They also receive \$20 daily expenses during that period.

Under current living costs, the \$35 daily pay and subsistence is considered modest. To make matters worse, there's no pay after 120 days, and every session since 1956 has ex-

ceeded that number. The 1967 session, for example, ran 149 days.

The proposed amendment would remove from the constitution the present limit on legislative pay and authorize the General Assembly to fix the pay and allowances for its members. To discourage abuse of this authority, the constitution would not allow any legislature to raise its own compensation. Instead, any increase voted could only take effect for the next session. This limitation, plus the power of the voters to defeat any legislator who voted for extravagant pay increases, should keep legislative compensation increases within reason.

The second amendment is prompted by the so-called "one-man, one-vote" ruling of federal courts. The amendment would revise the provisions of the constitution prescribing the method of establishing districts

for the election of state senators and representatives.

The U. S. District Court ordered in 1965 that the present constitutional provision for apportionment of representatives—one for each county and the remainder to the larger counties—to be invalid since it did not allow representation in proportion to population.

The General Assembly, in response to this decision, reapportioned the state. Among other things, it had to set up multi-county house districts, whereas the constitution states that each county will be a separate house district.

This amendment must take place, but merely means that the constitutional language will be changed to conform to the court order. The language change would make no difference in practice or in the number of representatives and senators for whom a citizen could vote.

Little has been said during the current campaign about the two amendments, and the words of both on the 1968 election ballots are wordy and hard to understand.

"North Carolina," official publication of the N.C. Citizens Association, pointed out in its current edition:

"As is often the case, the language printed on the amendment ballot is obscure and offers the voter little idea of what he is voting for or against."

But they both are important, for if approved they will mark historical departures from past practices and traditions.



NEW OFFICERS—Recently-elected officers of the Boone branch of the American Association of University Women, left to right, are: Mrs. Karl Mamola, Recording Secretary; Mrs. David Hodgkin, President; Miss Gwendolen Eastridge, Corresponding Secretary.

University Women Name New Slate Of Officers

New officers of the Boone Branch of the American Association of University Women are: President, Mrs. David Hodgkin, reference librarian at Appalachian State University; recording secretary, Mrs. Karl Mamola, teacher at Watauga High School and corresponding secretary, Miss Gwendolen Eastridge, assistant reference librarian at the University library.

Other officers are first vice-president, Mrs. Anita Eppley, second vice-president, Mrs. A. M. Denton, Jr., and treasurer, Mrs. Nollie Shelton.

Tuesday, October 15 at 7:30 P. M. the Boone Branch of AAUW will hold open house at the W. H. Plemons Student Center honoring new women faculty members and wives of new faculty members. Those in charge of the program are Mrs. A. M. Denton, Chairman; Mrs. Edward Gibson and Mrs. Elmer White.

Speaker for the occasion is Dr. Leslie W. Syron, chairman

of the Department of Sociology at Meredith College. She has been active in AAUW work for a number of years. She is a past president of the North Carolina Division of AAUW and is serving as a member of the Committee on Standards in Higher Education and the Association Committee on Social and Economic Issues. She serves as the liaison representative from the Association to the Advisory Committee on

Derrick Car Is Recovered

A car belonging to Dr. and Mrs. Ray Derrick of Boone was found abandoned about 10 miles from Boone within 24 hours after it was stolen from the Boone United Methodist Church parking lot.

Mrs. Derrick said she was in her office at the church Thursday, Sept. 26, when two young boys came into the building. Since she was alone, she locked her office door. Soon afterwards, she said the boys went outside.

Mrs. Derrick said she was looking out the window when the youngsters got into her car, but didn't think they intended to take it. Shortly, however, they started the 1966 Chrysler and drove out of the parking lot along the road between the First Baptist Church and the Appalachian Elementary School.

The car was recovered near Highway 194 and no damages were done it.

Child Welfare of the State Board of Public Welfare, Dr. Syron will talk about AAUW, its aims and purposes.

All Boone women interested in the work of AAUW are invited.



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Sheriff's Office Has Busy 60 Days

The Watauga County Sheriff's Department has issued a report of events in August and September.

Stolen automobiles, one owned by Greene Buick-Pontiac and one belonging to Doyle Church, were recovered.

The Department had Harold Lackey of Tazewell County, Va., apprehended in Cleveland, Ohio, on a charge of rape alleged to have occurred in Watauga County. Sheriff Ward G. Carroll said he picked up Lackey in Cleveland and brought him to Watauga County Jail. The suspect is being held under \$7,500 bond pending trial in the January term of Superior Court.

Warrants were served on three men charged with violating the prohibition law.

The Sheriff and his Deputies served 10 warrants for assault and 10 warrants for breaking

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Local Farmers

For Idle Acres

Annual payments of \$8,667 have been made by the ASCS office to 72 producers under the Cropland Adjustment Program according to Roy W. Isley, ASCS office manager.

A total of 29 acres of burley tobacco allotments has been placed in the long term Cropland Adjustment Program (Soil Bank) and will not be grown for the period of agreement.

The program is similar in some respects to the old soil bank or Cropland Retirement Program. Producers have signed agreements with the ASCS County Committee to not grow their tobacco allotments for a five to ten year period and have the land maintained in a soil conserving crop.

Producers receive an annual payment based on their average farm yield, and they agree not to harvest from the diverted acreage during the agreement period.

and entering. Forty-seven persons were jailed during the two-month period on charges ranging from public drunkenness to breaking and entering, and assault.

After summoning 37 jurors to the September term of Superior Court, the Sheriff's Department summoned witnesses for about 535 court cases and were present for the four days of court.

Two cars were picked up on claim-and-delivery papers, one in behalf of a bank and the other for an individual.

One-hundred-forty worthless check warrants were served in addition to 30 claim and delivery papers and 30 civil papers.

Sheriff Carroll said that many more civil papers would have been served if fees were paid beforehand. North Carolina law holds that fees for civil summons and civil papers must be paid before law officers can take action in behalf of the plaintiff.

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