

Lt. Gov. Bob Scott Proposes 12-point Program To Bolster Respect For Law And Order

RALEIGH—Lt. Gov. Bob Scott has proposed a 12-point program to bolster respect for law and order.

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in the state. Scott, a Democratic candidate for governor, says that law and order must be maintained "if we are to have a peaceful, a progressive and a prosperous North Carolina."

"Although government has a great responsibility to maintain order and uphold the law, it cannot do the job alone. This is your business and mine. It is also the business of parents, of churches, the schools, the civic clubs and the industries of North Carolina."

Scott has presented these 12 proposals as "an effective program for maintaining law and order." Here is a summary:

1. Make it "crystal clear" that we shall have a government of laws rather than of men. The law will be upheld and full support will be given to law enforcement officers.
2. He advocated "more and better training" for law enforcement officers. Expand training programs in community colleges and "through the establishment

of a state police academy. The academy would offer instruction for SBI (State Bureau of Investigation) agents, ABC (Alcoholic Board of Control) agents, wildlife protection agents and highway patrol officers.

Riot control training "should be given" to state and local officers. "Training in police administration could be offered top police officials," Scott said. The training could consist of refresher courses in the latest techniques of crime prevention, detection and solution.

3. A statewide communications network should be established, linking all law enforcement agencies in the state. "A state-

wide system would provide greater coordination, utilization of manpower in any emergency," Scott said.

4. More personnel should be provided for state law enforcement agencies, especially the SBI.

5. Every state law enforcement officer should be provided with the "best and most modern equipment" to perform his duties.

6. The administration of the work release program should be tightened, he suggested. "The work release program should be maintained for it has definite positive effects, but it should not be too loosely administered."

7. The state should more mobility and better

work with local governments and "develop programs aimed at better housing, job opportunities, more emphasis upon training in the vocational skills" that will eliminate "conditions that breed crime, unrest and lawlessness."

8. Local governments should be encouraged to pay law enforcement officers better salaries and provide them with more fringe benefits and better working conditions.

9. Local governments should also be encouraged to implement programs designed to improve the image and prestige of the law enforcement officer in his community," he added.

10. Strong support should be given to the Good Neighbor Council. "Every effort should be made to keep the lines of communications open between the races so that problems can be solved before violence occurs."

implemented in the public schools "to instill more respect for law and order and to teach moral values to young people."

11. When outbreaks of violence occur "the total law enforcement resources of the state must be made available to local governments immediately upon their request. Life and property must be protected and any violence must be dealt with quickly, firmly and fairly."

12. When violators of the law are found "they should be apprehended and brought before the courts. It is the responsibility of the courts, and that includes juries as well as judges, to mete out justice fairly, impartially and swiftly."

Scott said that if he is elected governor, he will "provide you with positive leadership and leadership of integrity." "I will work hard with you and for you. I will devote my energies to implementing, with the help of the General Assembly, those programs that will combat crime, put down violence, reduce lawlessness and thus make a better state for us all."

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Holmes High News

By Martha Britton and Amy O'Neal

Though approximately five weeks of school remain, a whole school year of planning, anticipation and worry came to an end for the junior class when its Junior-Senior Prom took place Friday night. The theme was "Camelot" and music was furnished by the "Twin Ends." Many sources say this was the best Junior-Senior ever held at JAHHS.

A new trend in JAHHS clubs is not to have a nominating committee to select club officers for the coming year. Both the Tri-Hi-Y and the FTA are following this new policy. Student Council nominations were held Wednesday, May 1, and followed by a talent show.

Last week the girls' track team placed first in its meet against Pasquotank Central with a final score of 61-25.

A Lamentation For Myrtle's Cat

By Murrell Smith

The tender morning is filled with yellowish golden glow from the early sun and crimson streaks of red and orange stretches across the sky;

A soft cat sleeps contentedly under a slender weeping willow as the wind moves the drooping branches they tickle her ears and cause them to twitch;

At feeding time she'll gorge herself until her belly is round, then she'll sleep on the window sill, not a whimper or casual remark will bother her;

As the sun moves around the house she moves, when the lingering day is over, she'll eat supper, then sleep on Myrtle's pillowcase and watch the shows on television;

But fate is beyond man's power to understand, life is like a spinning wheel of destiny no one knows how long the thread may be before it's cut off in the glory of life;

Myrtle's heart mourns greatly in sorrow and grief, for the tender cat that was is no more;

Myrtle's heart mourns greatly for the sensitive cat that was no more, but in the entanglements of life no one escapes unhurt;

Now a lamp burns brightly on the window sill where only yesterday Suzy slept so sound and peaceful, not a whimper or casual remark could bother her.

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