

# The Carolina Review: Effects Of Succession Amendment

**POWER.** As witnessed by this year's campaign for governor of North Carolina, the Gubernatorial Succession Amendment of 1977 has proven to be (and will continue to prove) the undisputed and most far-reaching change in election politics in North Carolina since the people began electing governors in 1836 (prior to that, the General Assembly appointed the governor).

Although other fundamental changes have occurred over the years in North Carolina's executive branch (most notably as the

initiator of legislation rather than as only the administrator, non have had more immediate and obvious results than the succession amendment. That amendment also allows the state's second highest officer, the lieutenant governor, to succeed himself.

Such dangers are not necessarily bad, and most appropriately, the extent of change will depend largely on the particular officeholder at any given time. It is not a new experiment—other states have had succession for

generations.

The fact that Jim Hunt is the first recipient of this change has colored the current results because of Hunt's already impressive—unequaled—energy and

## Refunding Class Slated

In an effort to assist low-income residents of Region "R" to better cope with inflation, the Economic Improvement Council, Inc., will sponsor a refunding class November 20 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the Elizabethan Cafeteria Conference Room in Edgewood Shopping Center at Elizabeth City.

The instructor for the class will be Helen Nebel of Virginia Beach, Va. She saved about \$2,000 on her grocery bill last year through a combination of careful planning, coupon clipping and refunding. She will provide such information as: how refunding operates, what to save, bargain shopping, budget-saving recipes, etc.

She will show consumers how they can save as much as 45-50 per cent on purchases by clipping coupons and taking advantage of refunds.

A pre-registration fee of \$6 will be received until November 10 which will include lunch and a break. The class is open to the public.

For more information, you may contact the local EIC Office in your county or:

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ability in election politics.

Still, the changes are very real and very obvious even at this early date.

The governor now has the possibility of eight years in office and the many privileges of incumbency to gain control—power—in the 100 local Democratic or Republican organizations in the 100 counties of North Carolina.

## COA Trustees Are Named

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committee. Harriette Crump, COA's director of resource development, will serve as the group's executive director.

Other members include J. Carroll Abbott, Edward H. Austin, William G. Gaither, Jr., and M. G. Sawyer, all of Pasquotank County; James H. Ferebee, Sr., of Currituck County; Walter Harlow of Gates County; Robert Hollowell of Perquimans County; and J. Gilliam Wood of Chowan County. J. Samuel Roebuck and Andrew H. Williams, COA trustees, will also serve as board members.

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of George A. Harris Sr. would like to express their appreciation for the many cards, flowers, food, visits and other expressions of sympathy shown at the death of our loved one.

We would especially like to thank Dr. Lane and the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad for all their kindness and hard work during the long illness of our father.

May God bless you all.  
The Harris Family  
Pd.

Through this power at the grass roots level, he is able to offer rather than solicit help from the local officeholders in any campaign.

Gov. James B. Hunt, for months prior to this week's election, has seemed more interested in electing other Democrats than in discussing his own campaign.

An incumbent governor also develops tremendous power within the many areas of state government that might ordinarily be subject to bureaucratic power—areas in which every state legislator at one time or another must seek assistance for his constituents.

Gov. Hunt, through his patronage chief Joe Pell and his budget man John A.

Williams, can apparently measure the pulse of state departments more accurately than any past administration. And everyone is aware of that fact.

Probably most obvious, however, is that through the power of incumbency, the governor can effectively dampen the spirits and tangible opportunities of other candidates to run for statewide office.

Because of Gov. Hunt's run for a second term, the best race of the primary season occurred in the lieutenant governors race between Jimmy Green and Carl Stewart.

Finally, there is the possibility that through eight years of service and the powers of incumbency, the so-called "lame duck"

status that has crippled many governors of the past can be eliminated to a great degree.

Gov. Hunt has put together one of the most powerful teams of administrative and legislative lobbyist groups imaginable and is almost certain to seek gubernatorial veto power over legislative action in a second term.

With veto power (the people would have to okay this action) the governor could maintain considerable control through his last day in office—at least more control than is currently available.

He could also cautiously develop and groom this own successor. In Jim Hunt's particular case, that question is most interesting since Rufus Edmisten and

Jimmy Green seem to be the most vocal candidates at this early date. A better prospect probably in Hunt's eyes would be Charlotte mayor and former college classmate, Eddie Knox.

## Food Fair

The annual Food Fair will be held Tuesday at St. Paul's Parish House. The fair will open at 10 A.M. at the Parish House on West Gale Street.



An apple tree is in its prime when it is about 50 years old.

## The Bandon Notebook

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last Tuesday for eye surgery. Pray that her vision will be clear again; Rex Jones, husband of Lillian Rountree's mother is undergoing Cobalt treatments at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital and needs your fervent prayers; Wm. T. Webb of Brigantine, N.J., uncle of Henry T. Bunting, has a very sore and bad looking foot. Pray that it will be healed and not have to be removed; remember Gil Holt and his wife, Bobbie Jean; Robin Adcock; Agnes Flannigan; Marshall Tinsley; Mrs. Lula Warren; Bill O'Neal; Bob and Grace Harvey; C. W. Rountree; Annie Cooke; our hostages in Iran; the leaders of our Nation and its people; pray for Bandon Chapel, its officers and members; remember our missionaries Nita Pride, David & Linda Smith, Robin Carson, Mary Catherine Moshos and Stan and Lorraine Turbyfill; pray that Dr. Bill and

Sarah will enjoy their retirement. Also add Edna Bunting, Jim Jay Spencer, Tom Burbage and Bob Mason to your list.

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Sunday School meeting will be held on Friday at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served. Superintendent Meta Mason would like to see everyone there.

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Announcements: Congregational meeting followed the worship service. At this meeting, it was agreed unanimously that the services of a full time pastor is needed by Bandon Chapel and will be diligently sought.

Rev. Frank Meyer will serve as interim pastor for the months of November, December and possibly later.

The Board of Deacons will meet Sat. 9:30 A.M.

POA monthly board meeting will be Saturday, at 1:00 P.M. in the Arrowhead Beach Club House.

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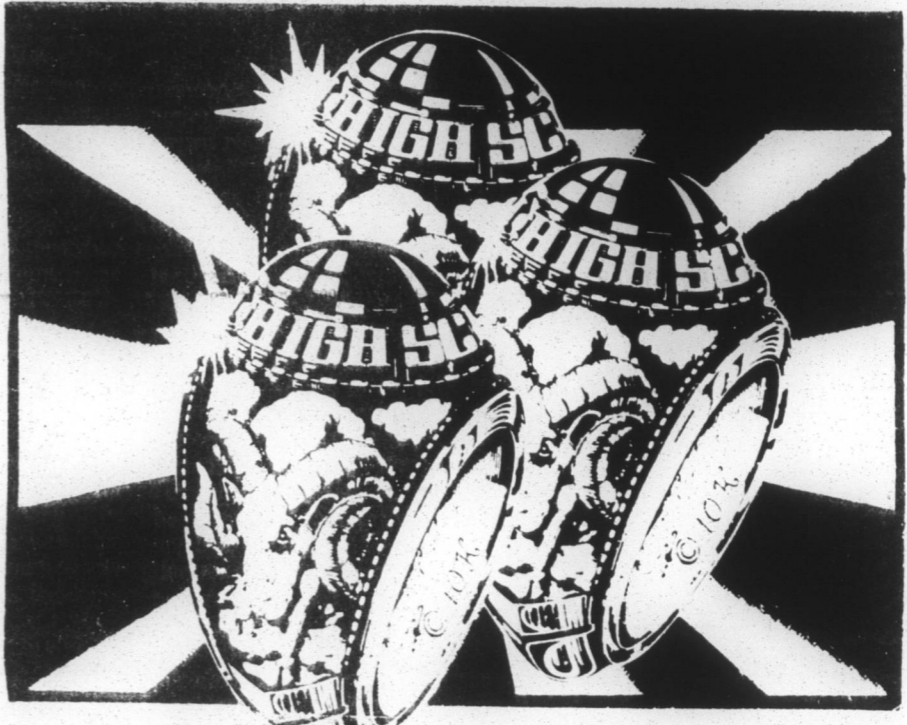
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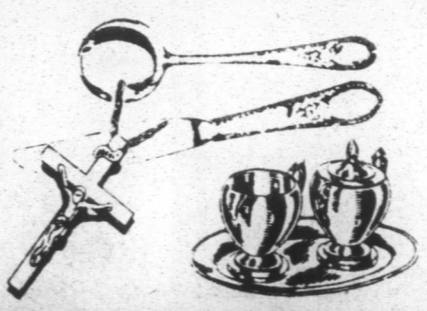
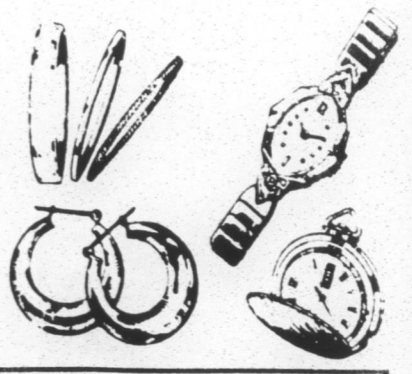


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