

Tryon Daily Bulletin, Fri., May 4, 1990  
**Communication**

To The Editor:

You pointed out in your recent commentary, the prime issue in Polk County is who has the full rights of citizenship — native born residents AND new arrivals, or native born residents ONLY.

I am not so certain this is the root problem. Locals and transplants share the same concerns and agree on many vital points, such as the responsibilities which come with land stewardship and take sharp exception to a communication in which a writer stated emphatically that as a land owner his feelings are: "My land, use it or abuse it."

Another example of issues is: Recently a communication asked who is running Polk County... outside of School Supt. Causby. Others have pointed out the ease with which Causby has been able to manipulate the county commission to do the bidding of an appointed "local dominated" school board.

Both issues go to the heart of what voters face the 8th of this month — namely the issue of whether everyone will have the representation they wish.

For years it has been touted that only "locals" can win elections. Yet Ken Faulkner, now running for re-election to the County Commission won because of his concern for ALL citizens. His has been an uphill battle to

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represent all citizens, particularly in regard to spending taxpayer's hard earned money.

We also have another non-local running. She is staunchly supported by Causby: as a member of his top-heavy bureaucracy she vigorously supported his politics and continues to do so.

Basically, the problem boils down to the fact that a large number of non-natives simply do not bother to vote.

One can retire from work, but no one can afford to retire from their duties as a citizen anymore than one can retire from life.

Death and Taxes are inevitable, but only taxes are linked to Politics.... and Voting.  
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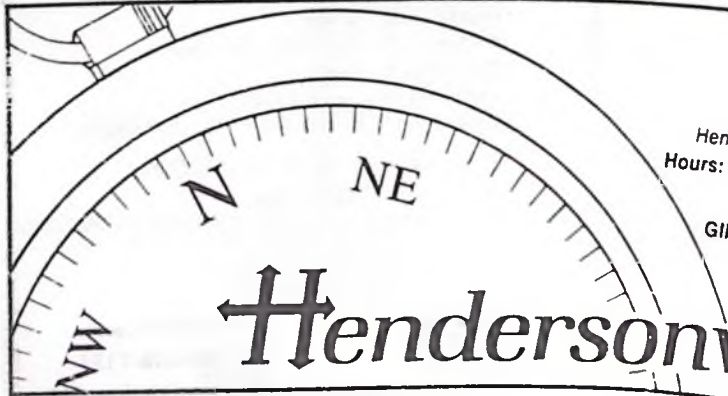
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