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Absentee Voting Explained By State Election Board

Record Must Be Kept of Absentee Voters; Applicants For Ballots Must do so in Person or in Writing; Ballots Must be Signed on Margin or on Back by Voter; If Sick Voter Must Have Doctor's Certificate or Make an Affidavit.

By **RAYMOND S. MAXWELL**
(Executive Secretary, State Board of Elections)

In my article appearing in the press last Sunday I stated that I would follow with an article this Sunday, explaining the details of voting by the absentee method according to the present statutes and opinions of the Supreme court, which I will now attempt to do as concisely as possible.

The statute allows this special privilege of absentee voting to two classes:

(1) Those electors who are absent from the county on the day of the primary or election.

(2) Those electors who, on the day of the primary or election, are physically unable to attend the polling place for the purpose of voting.

With respect to the first class the attorney general has ruled that an elector must be actually out of the county on the day of the election in order to vote by absentee, and that if he returns to the county at any time during the voting hours of that day, the absentee ballot which he may have left should not be used.

With respect to the second class, the attorney general has ruled that there must be actual physical inability to go to the polling place for the purpose of voting, but that this of course must be interpreted reasonably, though strictly, so that no elector who is physically able to go to the polls and vote in person shall be permitted to vote by absentee.

An absentee ballot cast by a person who was in the limits of the county on election day, or who was not really too physically disabled to vote in person at the polls, is subject to challenge by any one, and the challenge should be sustained.

When an elector desires to vote an absentee ballot, either because of absence from the county on election day or because of physical disability, he should make application to the chairman of the county board of elections before the ballots are distributed to the registrars, or to the registrar of his own precinct after the ballots are distributed. The law provides that such application for absentee ballots may be made by the applicant in person or by mail or through another person as agent of the voter. If the elector applies through an agent, he must make written application under his own signature, and he must also, in writing, authorize the chairman or registrar to deliver the absentee ballot and certificate to his daily appointed agent, naming him. The ballots should not be delivered when one person simply comes or writes for them for the use of another. If the applicant applies in person for an absentee ballot it is not required that he shall sign a written application for it, but it is recommended that, even when applying in person, the applicant be asked to sign a written application form to show how it was applied for. If a person writes a letter to the chairman or registrar requesting that an absentee ballot be sent him, it should be sent, and the letter kept as the application.

The state board of elections has furnished new application blanks to the counties and has instructed the county boards and registrars to require the form to be used as instructed. Full instructions are printed on the application form so that no person using them should be able to complain of not knowing how to properly apply for an absentee ballot.

The law provides that the chairman of the county board of elections, or the registrar as the case may be, shall enter in a book provided therefor the date of such application, the name and residence of the voter and the date furnishing said ballots; and that they shall also enter in said book whether the ballots were delivered to the voter in person, or by mail, or through a duly authorized agent; and that they shall further enter in the book whether said voter is absent from the county or is physically unable to attend the polls and vote in person. It is further provided that the chairman of the county board of elections shall transmit to each regis-

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Teachers Employed Adult Illiteracy

Adult education in Carteret county is getting somewhat of a boost by reason of work which is now being done under the auspices of the Federal Emergency Relief. Fifteen teachers have been employed for this work.

Miss Carrie Wilson of Nashville, N. C. who is district superintendent in Beaufort last week and held a meeting here at which problems and methods were discussed. Miss Wilson said that it was regrettable that a more even distribution of teachers could not be secured but that the need of the teachers for work was more to be considered than the desire of the people at large for education. Miss Wilson complimented the county for its spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm.

The list of teachers employed is as follows: Mrs. Helen W. Smith, Mrs. Rupert Salter, Mrs. Winfield Fulcher, Mrs. Meda Smith Mason, Miss Amanda Nelson, Atlantic; Mrs. Lydia Taylor, Miss Nellie Gaskill, Sea Level; Mrs. Beulah Hamilton, Stacy; Mrs. Virginia Sabiston, Beaufort, RFD.; Mrs. Lillian Pigott Willis, Gloucester; Mrs. Pearl Whitley, Mrs. Clayton Guthrie, Harker's Island; Mrs. Katherine Leary, Mrs. Fannie E. Green, Morehead City; Miss Ella D. Davis, Unit Chairman, Beaufort.

DAVIS BROTHERS MOVE INTO NEW QUARTERS

Considerable moving around has been going on among Beaufort merchants recently. The latest of these is that of the well known firm of Davis Brothers. This firm was established a good many years ago by the late Roland Davis and his brother Elmore Davis. The latter acquired the interest of his brother last year and is now sole owner and manager of the business.

Davis Brothers carry a large stock of dry goods, notions, shoes, hats and other goods. They have occupied the Holland store building on the south side of Front street ever since they started business. The firm has moved into the N. W. Taylor store building formerly occupied by the Noe Hardware Company. The store has been overhauled and improved in many ways and is now one of the best looking store rooms on Front street.

Wm. C. BARFIELD HONORED

Chapel Hill, Oct. 12—William Barfield, an honor student at the University and prominent in campus affairs, has recently been appointed instructor in accounting in the University School of Commerce. He is the son of Reverend and Mrs. R. W. Barfield, Methodist pastor at Atlantic and has many friends in the county.

FINE CERO CAPTURED

While out with a party of Beaufort people trolling for cero recently Mr. Hill Patrick of Rutherford, N. J. bore off all the honors. Nobody else caught a fish but Mr. Patrick, who does not claim to be an expert, hooked and landed a fine cero. The fish weighing about 25 pounds put a game fight for some minutes as cero usually do, but finally yielded to Mr. Patrick's skillful handling. Other parties out after cero recently have caught some very nice ones.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Kenneth Canfield and Clate Watson, Morehead City
John N. O'Neil and Cattie May Piver, Beaufort R. F. D.
John A. Jones and Eunice Campbell, Stella.
Benjamin F. Daily and Elizabeth Flanagan, Morehead City.
Henry D. Smith and Juanita Kittrell, Morehead City.
Blondell Lawrence and Beatrice Gillikin, Beaufort R. F. D.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Dixon of Lenoxville, October 14th, a daughter.

PUPILS STAY AT WILLISTON-DAVIS

Supt. Allen Says Order Has Been Rescinded to Transfer Pupils

With reference to the Williston-Davis situation, Supt. J. G. Allen says that the minutes of the meeting of the Carteret County Board of Education Monday, Oct. 1, indicate clearly the action and attitude both of the Board and of himself and quotes paragraph 4, page 255, as follows:

"It was decided to transfer the Williston pupils and teacher, and the Davis 5th and 6th grades and teacher, to Smyrna on Monday, October 8th, PROVIDED the transfer should be reasonably satisfactory to a majority of the patrons of the Williston and Davis communities, this recommendation having been made to the Board by the County Superintendent in an effort, as required by law, to provide relief from the congestion in Smyrna High School, congestion in that high school being more acute than in any other high school in the county."

Supt. Allen commented further that when it was made to appear that the proposed transfers were contrary to the wishes of the majority of the people of the Williston and Davis communities, which are parts of the Smyrna District, the plan was, accordingly, promptly and cheerfully abandoned in strict accordance with the letter and spirit of the above resolution and of the County Superintendent who had proposed it as the best and only thing within the discretion of county school officials to offer, an effort to secure an extra teacher having failed.

Hoey Has Not Decided To Run For Governor

Raleigh, Oct. 15—Clyde R. Hoey, came a little nearer to saying something last week on whether or not he will enter the race for Governor next time, but he has not come to a definite declaration yet. Asked about the possibility, Mr. Hoey said something like this: "If I should have to enter into a long and bitter fight to get the nomination, I would not be interested. On the other hand, if there should appear a fairly unanimous sentiment for me and a genuine wide-spread desire on the part of the people to see me Governor, then (and this is the point at which his declaration becomes unsatisfactory) then that would be another matter." But he doesn't yet say he will or that he won't.

Reports are beginning to pick the candidate for Governor from eastern North Carolina in 1940, although the status of the governorship race in 1936, is by no means determined. Kenneth C. Royall, Goldsboro and Raleigh lawyer, is the latest name injected into that class. He was former Wayne county senator and president of the N. C. Bar Association. He is being talked some in the east, which, under the east-west alternating unwritten law, will get the Governor in 1940. The name of Charles M. Johnson, State treasurer, has also been mentioned. Several others will get into the limelight before the end.

OLD CITIZEN OF BEAUFORT PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY

Bryan Davis, one of Beaufort's oldest citizens and one who was well liked and esteemed by all who knew him, passed away at 1:30 A. M. Wednesday. Mr. Davis died at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Chadwick where he had made his home for many years. He was 89 years old and until very recently was able to go about town when he desired. His death was due to the infirmities of old age.

Funeral services for Mr. Davis were held this afternoon at 2:30 in the Baptist church conducted by the pastor Reverend J. W. Morgan. Interment was in Ocean View cemetery. Many relatives and sympathizing friends. Mr. Davis is survived by a nephew Dr. George Davis of Beaufort and two nieces, Mrs. C. T. Chadwick of Beaufort and Mrs. R. D. Carroll who lives in the western part of the State, and also several grand nephews and nieces and great nephews and nieces.

FEDERATION MEETING

The Carteret County Federation of Methodist Women will hold its fall zone meeting in Tabernacle church at Straits, Sunday, October 21, at 2:30 in the afternoon. Everybody is invited to attend this meeting.
Mrs. J. H. Stubbs, Sec.

NEW JUDGE MAKES GOOD IMPRESSION

In Forceful Charge To The Grand Jury Stresses Law As To Guardians

It has been said that first impressions are usually lasting and judging from talk heard in and around the courthouse that is the kind of impression Judge R. Hunt Parker has made here this week. Judge Parker is probably one of the youngest judges on the bench and this is his first appearance in Beaufort. He convened court here Monday morning at 10 o'clock and since that time the business of the court has been proceeding steadily and at a pretty good clip.

The Judge's charge to the grand jury was about 45 minutes long and was a very comprehensive discussion of the grand jury system which he said was established A. D. 1166 and before the Norman conquest of England. He said that good order and safety in Carteret county depends in a large measure on the action of the grand jury. He was especially emphatic about guardianships of orphan children. The jury was instructed to get a list of guardians and see that they had given good bonds. He said that in his opinion from 40 to 50 per cent to the estate of orphans in North Carolina are embezzled. He said investments of orphans' funds should be in first mortgages, deeds of trust, or Federal or State bonds.

Judge Parker also told the jury to see about the condition of school buses and the age of bus drivers. He ordered the jurors to ascertain if justices of the peace had filed their reports as the law requires. Also to get from the County Auditor a statement as to the county's money and where it is deposited. C. M. Hill of Newport was appointed foreman of the grand jury. Five men whose names were called for jury duty and who failed to show up were fined \$40 each. Upon further investigation however it was found that they had reasonable excuses and the fines were remitted.

The Judge threw a bomb shell into the ranks of certain defendants and their friends when he ordered five or six men who had failed to pay their costs and fines to be put in jail. These men had been convicted at previous sessions of court and had not paid what they owed. Within a few hours they or their friends had raised the money and they were released from custody.

Solicitor D. M. Clark who won the Democratic nomination in June for Solicitor by a good majority after a hot contest, was on hand at the opening of court and has prosecuted the criminal docket in vigorous fashion. No capital cases were on the docket but several cases of considerable interest to the public as well as to the defendants have been tried.

A case that brought a good many people from Otway, and was of considerable interest, was that in which Guy Lewis of that community was tried on the charge of breaking and entering the store of O. W. Lewis with the intent to commit larceny. He was represented by Attorney C. R. Wheatly who put up a stout defense but was convicted on the testimony of two boys, Bonnie Piner and Tom Gillikin, who said he induced them to break into the store and steal some money, a part of which he received. Judge Parker gave him two years at hard labor in State's prison. In this case the jury was polled and each juror said "guilty."

Another case from Otway was that of El Gillikin charged with an assault on a female—Maggie Gillikin—and an assault on A. Hunnicutt. He was convicted and given a sentence of six months, judgment to be suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

Will Moore Willis of Morehead City on the charge of beating his wife was convicted and received a sentence of 18 months on the roads. Joe L. Willis of Morehead City, indicted for breaking and entering and larceny conducted his own defense and although he did it remarkably well convicted and got four months for breaking and entering, 12 months for larceny. Judgment suspended on larceny charge.

Earl Hudgins and Hiram Springler, larceny of an automobile, entered a plea of nolo contendere and were given six months sentences. Earl Hudgins charged with opening a safe with intent to commit larceny plead guilty and was given twelve on that, his sentences to run concurrently.

A case that attracted a good deal of attention was that in which M. H. Willis and Malcolm Willis, father and son, were tried on the charge of assaulting Charles Davis because

Carteret County Boys Leave For CCC Camp

Accompanied by Mrs. Malcolm Lewis, director of relief work in this county and Miss Sarah Rumley also of the relief office, 27 young men from Carteret county were taken to Washington, N. C., Monday to be enrolled for CCC work. They were sent to a camp in Tennessee.

The meeting at Washington was a district affair. Carteret had the largest enrollment in the district. The next largest was Pitt county with 21 men. These youths come from families who have been on the relief roll. Their names will be stricken from the rolls because the boys will receive \$30 a month pay of which \$25 is sent to their families. Those sent from this county are the following named: James Donald Garner, Newport, Graham Taylor, Sea Level; Colon Norris, Peletier; Oscar Styron, Portsmouth, Charles Otis Nelson, Norwood Gaskill, Sea Level; Metree Gillikin, Otway; Stephen Hunter, Newport; Harry Lane Willis, Smyrna; Willard Willis, Williston; McCoy Dudley, Peletier; Maxwell Fulcher, Sea Level; Vincent Pigott, Gloucester; Hugh Styron, Davis; Leland Golden, Sea Level; Robert Russell, Russell's Creek; L. G. Thomas, Beaufort RFD.; Bayard Golden, Bettie; Charles T. Smith, Salter Path; Howard Piner, Marshallberg; Melvin Robinson, Atlantic; Sam Hopkins, Beaufort RFD. Woodrow Simmons, Beaufort RFD. Garland Willis, Newport; Richard Glenn Harker, Morehead City, Roy Lupton, Russell's Creek; George Guthrie, Marshallberg.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Lena B. Smith widow, to Lida Bell et als 45 acres White Oak Township, for \$100.00.
W. H. Marks and wife to Woodrow W. Marks 1-2 lot Morehead City, for \$5.00.
Stella Willis to Eudora Wallace Moore, 3 lots Morehead City, for \$1.00.
W. D. Holland to Leola F. Holland, 2 lots Morehead Bluffs, for \$1.
Shepard's Point Land Co., to T. D. Webb, 2 lots Morehead City, for \$110.

Joseph Clarence Taylor to Grace Wallace Taylor, 2 lots Morehead City, for love and affection.
Ceil J. Nelson and wife to Mrs. Carrie Nelson, 1 1-2 acres Harkers Island, for \$10.
Ceil J. Nelson to Myrtle Nelson 1 1-2 acres Harkers Island, for \$1.
Carl R. Turner to Willie G. Turner, part lot Beaufort, for \$10.
W. H. Garner and wife to Raymond L. Garner, 47 acres Newport Township, for \$2500.
Evelyn M. Mann and husband, to G. C. Garner, tract Newport Township, for \$22.
David Horton and wife to Starkey Mobley Jr., 1 lot Morehead City, for \$1.

John A. Memakis and wife to Theodore Economon, 1 lot Atlantic Beach, for \$100.
U. S. Boyd et al to W. A. Murdock, 60 acres Morehead Township, for \$100.
Thomas J. Mitchell Jr., et al to W. A. Murdock, tract Morehead Township, for \$23.85.
Carta Wade Moore and husband to Fred I. Sutton, 5 lots Morehead City, for \$1.00.

Atlantic Beach and Bridge Co., to John D. Cowper Jr., 1 lot Atlantic Beach, for \$475.
Carl A. Gaskill and wife et al to Guy M. Gaskill, tract Harkers Island for \$10.

Charles S. Carrow et al to Alexander B. Stewart, 2 lots Beaufort, for \$1000.
Sarah Jane Dey to Mrs. S. L. Hill, 1 1-2 lots Beaufort, for \$10.
H. H. Fodrie and wife to John M. Hill and wife, 1 lot Beaufort, for \$10.

S. E. Styron and wife to Gertrude Styron, 15 3-4 acres H. Q. Township for \$10.
J. E. Taylor and wife to Harvey Taylor, 2 acres H. Q. Township, for \$10.

FISH TRUCK DEMOLISHED

Word was received here today that a truck loaded with fish and belonging to Louis B. Willis of Beaufort was wrecked early this morning near Stony Creek, Virginia. The truck turned over and was demolished. Adrian Brooks and Edwin Willis who were in the truck were not injured.

MISS ELLA ARTHUR DIES

Miss Ella Arthur of Beaufort died in Morehead City Hospital Monday morning. She had been a sufferer from cancer for a long time and recently underwent an operation. She was eighty years of age.

MOTOR VEHICLES HAVE INCREASED

Large Gain Shown in Both Cars and Trucks Over Last Year. Carteret Gains Too

By **M. R. DUNNAGAN**
Raleigh, Oct. 15—North Carolina had 439,200 motor vehicles, including 359,206 automobiles and 79,994 trucks, registered on October 1, as compared with 374,604 motor vehicles, 305,613 automobiles and 68,991 trucks, on the same date of last year, L. S. Harris, director of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, reports.

Carteret county had 1,275 automobiles and 500 trucks at the beginning of this month, as compared with 1,000 automobiles and 485 trucks a year ago, October 1, 1933. These figures are secured by measuring the cards on file, each representing a vehicle, and are with in a dozen of the actual count, Mr. Harris explains.

Three months ago the motor vehicles registered in this county were 1,200 automobiles and 400 trucks; six months before there were 1,000 automobiles and 350 trucks. For the entire year of 1933 the registration was 1,250 automobiles and 510 trucks.

Reports of the Revenue Department show that up to Saturday, October 13, the State registration this year had reached \$450,000, which included the sales of several thousand plates as of October 1 for the one-fourth price of the plates when sold at the beginning of the year.

Guilford county continues to lead in automobiles with 23,525 as of October 1; Mecklenburg had 20,825, Forsyth 16,775, Wake 14,350, Buncombe 13,000. Guilford also led in trucks with 3,975, Mecklenburg had 3,625, Wake 3,475, Forsyth 2,550, Buncombe 2,250. Clay county had the smallest number, 145 cars and 39 trucks, and Graham county had 150 cars and 75 trucks.

AGRICULTURAL FAIR WILL BE HELD HERE

Beginning November 5 and lasting for one week a county fair will be held at Beaufort under the auspices of the local American Legion post. The fair will take place in the ball park at Beaufort Graded School. In addition to the agricultural exhibits there will be a midway of the Kaus' Greater Shows, consisting of sixteen shows and ten rides.

A program is being prepared giving information about the prizes to be offered for exhibits and will be distributed. Those in charge of the fair say they are going to make it one that will afford much interest and amusement.

POLICE COURT NEWS

Only two cases were tried by Mayor Taylor Monday night. They were Barney Dixon and Hubert Springle both charged with drunkenness. They were given 10 days on the street force.

Cases against Charlie Smith, Bert Lloyd, charging drunkenness were continued. The case of Guion Hall charged with operating a car in a reckless manner was continued.

TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct and based on tables furnished by the U. S. Geodetic Survey. Some allowances must be made for variations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is whether near the inlet or at the heads of the estuaries.

Friday, Oct. 19	
5:15 a. m.	10:55 a. m.
5:37 p. m.	11:26 p. m.
Saturday, Oct. 20	
6:08 a. m.	11:42 a. m.
6:30 p. m.	12:22 p. m.
Sunday, Oct. 21	
6:56 a. m.	12:31 a. m.
7:17 p. m.	1:14 p. m.
Monday, Oct. 22	
7:41 a. m.	1:16 a. m.
8:02 p. m.	2:01 p. m.
Tuesday, Oct. 23	
8:27 a. m.	2: a. m.
8:45 p. m.	2:46 p. m.
Wednesday, Oct. 24	
9:11 a. m.	2:42 a. m.
9:28 p. m.	3:29 p. m.
Thursday, Oct. 25	
9:51 a. m.	3:24 a. m.
10:09 p. m.	3:13 p. m.