

# New State Constitution Needed, Many Now Think

### Next Legislature May Give Serious Thought To Status

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Henderson, March 23.—The recent General Assembly has been busy with the State Constitution. It has passed amendments to the Constitution, and it is expected that the next session will give serious thought to the status of the Constitution.

In the light of recent experience, both amendments will be ratified by voters at the 1946 general election. It is expected that the Constitution will be amended in the next few years. It is also expected that the Constitution will be amended in the next few years.

The body of the State Constitution was adopted in 1868. Since then it has been amended thirty-one times. Some of the changes were of little significance, others really changing the effect of the Constitution.

Many observers believe the time has come for a complete overhauling or re-writing of the document. Such a proposal made some 15 years ago but got all tangled up in a political campaign that featured discussion of the short ballot and nothing definite came of it.

To go back no farther than the 1936 election, we find that five amendments were adopted. Provisions for classification of property for taxes, raising income tax limit to ten percent, limiting the public debt, exempting homesteads up to \$1,000 and increasing the number of Supreme Court justices from five to seven.

The 1938 election resulted in adoption of two amendments: Increasing terms of sheriffs and coroners from two years to four years, and establishing the State Department of Justice.

The 1940 assembly submitted no amendments and the 1942 election produced no changes in constitutional provisions.

The 1943 assembly submitted two amendments, one to establish judicial districts separate from judicial district lines and another to reorganize the State Board of Education. Both were ratified by voters in November, 1942, but neither "took" so far as accomplishing the desired purpose was concerned. The judicial districts have not been separated and the educational structure was so unsatisfactory the 1943 assembly submitted another amendment designed to cure this. Even that disabled Governor Cherry's much suggested still another re-writing of the section, but the 1943 assembly did not follow his suggestion.

The 1944 assembly, in addition to the board of education amendment submitted four others. To abolish requirement for private examination of voters as to honest-trust debts, to authorize the legislature to fix compensation of the lieutenant governor to exempt notaries public from prohibition against disqualification, and to make commissioner of agriculture, labor and insurance members of the council of state. All five amendments submitted were ratified by substantial majorities by the voters last fall.

This ten-year record leads to the pending will be accepted by the people. The fact of fourteen changes in ten years, with two others pending, lends force to the argument that the whole basic document ought to be brought up to date. Constitutional lawyers and students have often expressed amazement at the aptness of provisions adopted 75 years ago to present-day conditions, but all admit that a State charter appropriate for reconstruction days immediately following civil war might not be suitable for conditions prevailing now.

## British Delegate



ONE OF TWO women members of the British delegation to the United Nations conference in San Francisco, is Miss Elen Wilkinson (above), Parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Home Security in London. (Internationally)

Part experience would indicate it will require several years to bring about a new constitution that would be as good as the one that is now in effect. It is expected that the new constitution will be adopted in the next few years.

## Walter Christmas Died At Veterans Hospital Saturday

Walter Christmas, 72, died at the Veterans Hospital, Henderson, Saturday, March 22. He was born in Henderson, N. C., and was a member of the Henderson Chapter of the United Confederate Veterans. He was a member of the Henderson Chapter of the United Confederate Veterans. He was a member of the Henderson Chapter of the United Confederate Veterans.

## Deeds Show Sale Orange Street Lot

Properties on Orange and Young streets were transferred in deed yesterday. Dorothy Wester sold to Amy Vase a lot on Orange street for \$10 and other considerations. Ora G. Strange and husband transferred a lot on Young street to Nathan Ramsey for \$10 and other considerations.

considerations. Ora G. Strange and husband sold a lot on Elm street to Archie Knight for \$10 and other considerations. Bill L. Williams and wife sold a 3.54 acre lot on 30.75 acres in the county of Robeson to William and Mary for \$1,100.

N. A. E. Members at Roxboro Meet. The Henderson N. A. E. chapter sent some members to the Cotton-Merrick group meeting at the Person County Training school, Roxboro, on Monday. It was reported that the Henderson N. A. E. chapter was elected group secretary. The local chapter also won first place in quarter singing, and Alfred Ballock won the highest number of points in the essay contest.

Williamsboro Clubs Plan Exhibit. The Williamsboro spinning and dairy clubs will sponsor their annual egg and needlework exhibit at the Williamsboro school Friday night. It was announced today. Prior to the opening of the exhibit there will be a program consisting of an essay by Henry Jefferson, president of the Henderson N. F. A. chapter, quarter singing by the Barton sisters and N. F. A. quartets. It was stated.

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ASSETS	
1. Loans and discounts (including none overmaturity)	\$ 707,328.47
2. United States Government Obligations, direct and guaranteed	272,384.30
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	128,000.00
4. Other bonds, notes, and debentures	50,000.00
5. Corporate Stocks (including \$5,850.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	5,850.00
6. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	1,106,116.84
7. Bank premises owned \$42,000.00, leased and unexpired \$3,773.90. (Bank premises owned are subject to liens not assumed by bank)	45,773.90
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,771,434.29
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$2,218,874.41
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	792,663.83
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	476,726.64
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	988,734.54
17. Deposits of banks	34,066.62
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	28,239.99
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$4,515,405.59
23. Other liabilities	300.00
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$4,515,705.59
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital Stock	
(a) Common stock, total par \$150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
26. Surplus	45,000.00
27. Undivided profits	48,752.70
28. Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock)	17,000.00
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	255,752.70
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$4,771,434.29
MEMORANDA	
31. Pledged assets (and securities based) (book value):	
(a) United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	\$1,728,800.00
(b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement)	20,000.00
(c) TOTAL	\$1,758,800.00
32. Secured liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	\$1,445,461.58
(d) TOTAL	\$1,445,461.58

State of North Carolina, County of Vance, ss:  
I, F. B. Robards, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
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R. G. HARRISON,  
Directors.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of March, 1945.  
ROBT. L. OAKLEY, Notary Public.

## AROUND TOWN

RECORDERS COURT. The recorder's court was held in Henderson, N. C., on Monday, March 22, 1945. The court was held in the morning and afternoon sessions. The court was held in the morning and afternoon sessions.

TWO FIRE CALLS. Two fire calls were reported in Henderson, N. C., on Monday, March 22, 1945. The first fire call was reported at 3:30 p.m. and the second fire call was reported at 7:30 p.m. No damage was reported from either fire.

RED MEN PLAN BRUNSWICK STEW. The Red Men of Henderson, N. C., will meet for their monthly meeting at 8 o'clock at the hall of the Red Men. The meeting will be held at the hall of the Red Men. The meeting will be held at the hall of the Red Men.

Holy Temple Program. A program of music at Holy Temple church Monday afternoon at two o'clock has been announced. Appearing on the program will be the Harmonizing Four, the Silver Star Quartet with a special message at 3 o'clock.

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