Commission.

ment on the ballot, it received

the State Constitution Study

This amendment would make

substantial changes in present

constitutional provisions for

state and local government tax-

ing and borrowing procedures.

Among the most important fea-

tures of the amendment are

those that would authorize the

General Assembly to enlarge

the powers of city and county

governing boards to finance

Old restrictions, including

several barriers to effective

city - county consolidation,

would be lifted, and the Gen-

eral Assembly clearly desig-

nated as the proper body for

initiating uniform, statewide

The capitation or "poll"

tax would be abolished. Un-

changed would be the present

"two - thirds limitation" on

governmental borrowing and

present provisions for classifi-

cation and exemption of

during the 1969 session of the

Sen. Herman A. Moore of

Mecklenburg sponsored the

Amendment that would allow

the General Assembly, upon pe-

tition of three-fifths of the

members of each house, to

call itself into special session.

with the governor, acting with

the advice of the Council of

Rep. Henry Frye of Guil-

ford proposed an amendment

that would erase the constitu-

tional requirement that each

person wishing to register to

vote be able to read and write

any section of the Constitution

This literacy test has already

been eliminated in 39 N. C.

counties, containing 42 per cent

of the state's 1960 population,

under the federal Voting Rights

Act of 1965. And 1970 amend-

ments to the federal law abolish

all use of the literacy test as a

requirement for voting for a

five-year period after Jan-

Consequently, elimination of

the literacy test from the N.

C. Constitution would be mostly

Each of the amendments on

the ballot has been approved

by a three-fifths vote of both

houses of the General Assembly

and requires for its adoption

a simple majority of those who

This power now rests solely

General Assembly.

Two of November's proposals

needed services.

fiscal policy.

property.

State.

in English.

uary 1, 1971.

of symbolic value.

stamp of approval of

#### Agriculturally Speaking

# Soil May Be Tested To Reveal Nematode Count

**Extension Chairman** 

Most tobacco farmers are familiar with the root knot nematode. Over the past several years, they have been a real problem on many tobacco farms and as a result, a large number of farmers in the county treat their tobacco land with some chemical to control the

1970 has been an unusual year for nematodes in tobacco. There has not been any appreciable amount of damage for some reason. Some experts think this may be due to the extremely cold weather last winter others say it might be caused by the real dry weather during the early part of the tobacco growing season. Still, others say a good job of cutting tobacco stalks and destroying

early, etc. The point that I want to make is this. A tobacco farmer can sample his soil and get a nematode count made at North Carolina State University that we have found very reliable in our demonstrations over the county. If you are interested in getting this information on your tobacco land, come by the office and we will discuss the way to sample the soil, how to fill

This might save you some money on your 1971 crop - can also be used on other crops.

About 50 percent of the tobacco stalks in the county have been destroyed so far. Let's get these old stalks destroyed. This is one of the better practices a tobacco farmer can follow. Those old stalks left standing not only look bad - they are bad to increase certain insects and

To Cattle Producers: Due to the long dry spell, pastures are real short and it is a long time before spring will arrive. Would suggest seeding some type of temporary grazing to help with the feed situation this winter. It is my opinion that you cannot afford to raise beef cattle if you have to feed hay from November to April.

Some rye or other small grains will usually provide some extra grazing in the fall and early spring which is cheaper than hay and grain.

Through the end of calendar 1969, a total of \$47.8 billion had been paid to insured unemployed workers under regular State unemployment insurance pro-

# North Carolina State Fair To Open Oct. 16

State Fair will begin its nineday "Salute to Agriculture" when Secretary of State Thad Eure cuts the ribbon to open the fairgrounds Friday, Oct.

This, the 103rd state fair, will present thousands of exhibits in 32 departments competing for more than \$90,000 in prizes. Competition will include cattle, cooking, clothing, home furnishings, horticulture, field crops, poultry, rabbits, bees, flowers, handi-

crafts, horses, swine and sheep. Thousands of senior citizens will be able to attend this and all future fairs on any day under a new policy of permanent free admission cards. They have been restricted in

the past to opening days only. The fair will honor several hundred Century Farm Families. This program is designed to give recognition to those who own farm land which has been in their family for 100 years or more.

The largest entertainment the Jimmy Dean Show at 8 p.m.

RALEIGH-The 1970 N. C. | ist on "The Lawrence Welk Show," will join Dean. Other shows scheduled include:

> Buck Owens and the "Hee Haw" gang at 4 and 7:30 p. m. Saturday; a country and western shindig with George Hamilton IV, Sonny James, Skeeter Davis and Faron Young at 7:30 p. m. Monday; B. J. Thomas at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday and the Roy Rogers-Dale Evans Show at 7:30 p. m. Thursday and 2 and 7:30 p. m. Friday and Saturday.

> The Carolina Cougars will open their 1970 Pro-Basketball season in the Arena Sunday afternoon when they meet the Kentucky Colonels.

> A national late model stock car championship race will be staged in the grandstand Saturday, (Oct. 17) and trotters will race the following Tuesday and Friday.

Three free shows daily will be presented at 11 a. m., 2 and 5 p. m. in the Folk Festival tent pear the arena. The Come Alive Singers, a group of package ever scheduled for 300 high school students, will Dorton Arena will begin with perform free in the tent at 4 and 7 p. m. opening day, both opening day. The Imperials and Saturdays and at 7 p. m. Thurs-Jo Ann Castle, a standout pian- day and the second Friday.

## Extension Bulletin Board

Brown.

Monday, Oct. 19: The Elber- | at 8:00 p. m. with Mrs. Mary on Extension Homemakers Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Perry Pernell. Macon Homemakers will meet at 3:00 p. m. with Mrs. Cleophus Townes.

Cool Spring Homemakers will meet at 7:30 p. m. at the Educational Building. Mrs. Nick Williams will serve as hostess. Tuesday, Oct. 20: Mayflow-

er Homemakers will meet at 2:00 p. m. as scheduled.

The Zion Extension Homemakers Club will meet at 2:00

p. m. at the home of Mrs. Leonard Bender. Wise Homemakers will meet

Person.

Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. C. B. Bottoms.

Wednesday, Oct. 21: The Oak-

ville Extension Homemakers

Olive Grove Homemakers will meet at 3:30 p. m. with Mrs. Owen Pitts; Mrs. Benja-Thine Howard will be co-host-

Thursday, Oct. 22: Hecks Grove Homemakers will meet at 1:30 p. m. with Mrs. J. W.

Embro Homemakers will meet at 8:00 p. m. with Mrs. S. A. Russell.

## **Voters To Decide Fate Of 7 Amendments**

ter voting booths November 3, they will face seven important issues of constitutional reform alongside the names of candidates for local, state, and national offices.

Warrenton, North Carolina

Although little popular aitention has been paid to the fact to date, the N. C. Constitution

## Mrs. Hawkins Hosts Garden Club Meeting

The Town 'N Country Garden Club held its regular monthly meeting on Oct. 7, with Mrs. C. H. Hawkins as hostess and the president, Mrs. E. W. Harris, presiding.

Mrs. E. M. Brown, Yearbook Chairman, gave a detailed report on the club agenda of meetings and activities for the year. Plans for the Annual Christmas Decoration Contest and Garden Club Sunday were initiated. The club voted to apply for membership in the Warrenton Chamber of Commerce.

The Proclamation by Mayor W. A. Miles declaring the month of October as "ANTI-LITTER MONTH IN WARRENTON" was discussed. It was decided that the Town 'N Country Garden Club would join the mayor and the Little Garden Club in the effort to make Warrenton a more beautiful and cleaner town. Mrs. V. H. Henderson. Projects Chairman, suggested several anti-litter ideas that could be used.

The theme for the October meeting was "Gardening For Beauty and Bloom." Mrs. C. H. Hawkins gave an interesting lecture on "The Essence of Spring - Tulips, Daffodils, Hyacinths." She urged the members to begin planting bulbs now and continue until early December. Mrs. Hawkins discussed soil preparation, planting depths, mulching and watering and advised the members to plant bulbs in clumps of six of a kind. This gains the full impact of each color type. When different types are mixed and begin to bloom. it looks too much like confetti and the desired color effect

is dissipated. Mrs. E. M. Brown conducted a game on "Spring Bulbs Identification." Mrs. S. H. Brown was winner and received a planting marker showing proper planting depths for each type bulb.

"Secret Club Heart Sisters" were chosen for 1970-71.

The hostess served a delicious ham dinner.

Members present other than Mrs. Hawkins included Mrs. A. M. Alston, Mrs. C. J. Exum, Mrs. E. W. Harris, Mrs. S. H. Brown, Mrs. V. C. Henderson. Mrs. M. H. Powell, Mrs. E. M. Brown, Mrs. R. E. Ransom and Mrs. J. R. Walton.

## Senior Citizens Are Entertained

The Senior Citizens of the Snow Hill area were the guests of the Snow Hill Extension Homemakers Club on Sunday, Oct. 11. They were given tickets and transportation to hear the Crusaders Male Chorus at the John R. Hawkins Junior High School.

The following Senior Citizens attended the concert: Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Fields, Mrs. Jennie M. Williams, Mr. Turn-er Fields, Mrs. Rosa Williams, Mrs. Annie Tunstall, Mrs. Leuvenia Alston, Mrs. Beatrice Moseley, Mrs. Mittie Carroll, Mrs. Susie Andrews, Mrs. Maggie Perry, Mr. Herman Williams, Mrs. Jessie Harris and Miss Eleanor Wright. Leroy Christmas was also a guest of the club mem-

tensive overhauling since it was written in 1868.

The range of issues will be broad. One "amendment" would generally update the document's

Another amendment proposes new rules for official decisions about state and local governments' taxing and borrowing procedures.

Two amendments would affect the executive and legislative branches of state government. Another involves state funds for "worthy and needy" college students in the state. And two amendments directly

Proponents of the changes say they are designed to give the state a modern charter of legal principles and practices without jeopardizing traditional protection of citizens' rights. No significant opposition to the amendments has arisen.

affect the voter-taxpayer.

The proposed changes fit a pattern in North Carolina that finds its beginnings with the state's first Constitution of 1776. That one was written by a convention, and though it was never submitted to a vote of the people it carried a Declaration of Rights that is retained in the editorial revision on Novembers' ballot. The original document was

amended in 1835 to make the governor subject to popular election (the General Assembly had picked previous governors) and to make the General Assembly more representative of popular interests.

In 1868, during Reconstruction, the state's second Constitution was written. It received the approval of the people in a statewide vote. The U.S. Congress also approved it, which was necessary for North Carolina's re-admission to representation in Congress.

Since then, the people have voted 97 times on amendments, approving 69. During the 1960s ten amendments, including one on extensive judicial reform, have been approved and only one has been rejected.

The amendment on November's ballot for editorial revision of the Constitution would change 1868 - vintage wording and make it understandable to present-day readers.

Obsolete references that might mislead the unwary reader have been taken out. No controversial additions have been made.

The editorial changes and three of the other amendments appearing on the ballot were results of the year-long work of the 25-member State Constitution Study Commission, appointed on the initiative of former Gov. Dan K. Moore.

Under the chairmanship of Emery B. Denny, former Chief Justice of the N. C. Supreme Court, the commission comprised a membership of lawyers and businessmen, farm and labor leaders, two Negroes, two Republicans, and former Gov. Luther Hodges.

Other amendments proposed by the Study Commission that will be on the ballot are:

-An elimination of the present Constitution's statement on the minimum exemptions for state income tax. This would place establishment of minimums in the hands of the General Assembly, which has general responsibility for levying the state tax.

The maximum of 10 per cent on state income tax would not be changed, but the amendment would make possible the eventual simplification of state income tax forms.

-A requirement that the General Assembly reduce the number of state administrative departments to not more than 25 by 1975.

Also, the governor would be authorized to reorganize state agencies with an eye toward making the executive branch of state government more manageable. Such agencies now number more than 200.

-A change in the distribution of "escheats," the legal term for property acquired by the state from persons who die without heirs or other lawful claimants to their pro-

perty. Although the amount derived from escheats fluctuates each year, it would be used to establish a scholarship fund for "worthy and needy students" at each of the 15 state-supported stitutions of higher learning

Past escheats, which since 1789 have accumulated to \$5.5 million in principal, earning about \$180,000 a year in interest, would continue to benefit needy students on the six campuses of the Consolidated niversity of North Carolina A fifth proposal on the No-ember ballot originated with the Local Government Study

Ridgeway News

# 4-H Club Mulches Shrubs **Around Community House**

Warrenton, North Carolina

The Ridgeway Community 4-H Club met Saturday afternoon at the Ridgeway Community Club House to mulch the shrubs around the Club House. The pinestraw was raked and loaded on a truck by the 4-H'ers and their leaders, Mrs. Rodgers Holtzman and Mrs. Richard Holtzman.

Later they all gathered at the pond of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holtzman where a picnic was enjoyed by the 4-H members, leaders and guests. Games and boat riding were also enjoyed .- Richard Holtzman, Jr., Reporter.

#### LAS Meets

The Ladies Aid Society of St. Paul's Lutheran Church met Thursday night at the parish hall with Mrs. E. E. Hecht as hostess. The Rev. G. T. Naumann opened the meeting with were originated by legislators scripture reading, prayer and song.

> Later Mr. Naumann led in the topic discussion on "Abigail" one of a series of discussions on "Women of the Bible."

> The ladies decided to pay for two attractive church highway markers to be put up at suitable locations near the main highway, a mile from the

> vote on it in November. This method of amending the state Constitution has been used consistently since 1875, when the last constitutional convention was held. During the 1969 session, leg-

> islators considered another 21 amendment proposals and rejected them. Several of the rejected amendments proposed strengthening the office of the governor by giving him such powers as a veto (all other 49 governors have one) and allowing him to succeed himself in office.

Other rejected proposals would have required all judges to be lawyers, given fouryear terms to state senators and lowered the voting age to

On the November ballot, if an amendment is approved it will become a part either of the present Constitution or the revised Constitution, depending on the fate of that proposal.

The hostess served delicious refreshments.

Mrs, Guy Crumpton of Raleigh visited Misses Julia and Sydnor Williams recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Hayes of Fayetteville, Mrs. Arthur Hayes of Raleigh, Mrs. J. G. Kilian, Mrs. L. C. Watts and Mrs. C. F. Holtzman, Sr., visited Mrs. Eva S. Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holtzman on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Williams toured the mountains in Western North Carolina, Asheville, Johnson City, Tenn., and visited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harris in Lexington, Va., recently. Mrs. Michael Seaman of East Carolina University in Green-

ville spent the weekend at his

home with Mr. and Mrs. N. L.

Williams, Sr. Mrs. W. L. Kilian and Mrs. Richard Holtzman spent Thursday at Williamston visiting Mr. and Mrs. Willie Kilian,

Jr., and Ricky and Cathy. Mr. Johnnie Robinson is receiving treatment at Duke Hospital in Durham.

Miss Brenda Aycock, Miss Deborah Gupton, Mr. Wayne Gupton and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Gupton of Louisburg, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Wrenn, Jr., and son, Frank, of Henderson, Mrs. Ella Ellington, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mitchell and son, Mrs. R. L. Mitchell and Miss Becky Mitchell of Mitchell College in Statesville and Mrs. C. F. Holtzman visited Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Paschall, Sr., over the

weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Reuben G. Holtzman and children, Glenn and Ann Marie, of Cherryville spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Holtzman, Sr.

Mr. L. M. Paschall, Jr., and children and Mrs. L. M. Paschall, Sr., visited Mrs. Maurice Fleming, who is recuperating at her home, on Thursday.

#### ATTENDS MEETING

Mrs. W. R. Baskervill, a member of the Boydton Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, attended a meeting of the Virginia State Convention held in Fredericksburg, Va., for several days

### Kinton Named Line Foreman At Warrenton

Melvin Bob Kinton has been promoted by Carolina Power & Light Company to foreman of the company's new line crew in Warrenton, according to Sam L. Stowe, Northern Division manager in Raleigh.

Kinton, a native of Harnett County, joined the power company in 1949 as a line groundman in Henderson. He was promoted to first-class lineman in 1954 and to subforeman in Henderson in 1966.

He is a deacon and Sunday school superintendent at New Sandy Creek Baptist Church and also served as brotherhood president and teacher. He is a past president of the Aycock Ruritan Club and is currently governor of zone four of the Ruritans.

Mrs. Kinton is the former Barbara Jones of Warren County. They have three children, Wayne, 17, Pamela, 14; and Kevin, four.

#### ATTENDS FUNERAL

Among relatives here for the funeral of Mr. Clyde Lloyd last week were Mrs. J. M. Utley of Portsmouth, Va., Messrs. James Lloyd, Bill Stevenson, David Stevenson and Mrs. Diane Fishel, all of Maryland, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ohman and family of Riverdale, Md., Mr. Wayne King of Oxon Hill, Md., Lewis Edwards and Irvin Stevenson of Weldon, Mrs. Beck Wimbish, Mr. Phil Stevenson and Mrs. Bettie Stevenson of Collinsville, Va., Ralph Hilliard of Jackson, and Perry Hilliard and Mrs. William Weaver of Henderson.

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