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### Citizens Urged To Vote

Seldom in the history of this country has there been a time when it was more important for the people to become involved in the affairs of their nation than it is now.

An opportunity for this involvement will occur on next Tuesday, Nov. 3, when the General Election will be held over the nation. We trust that our people will show their interest by going to the polls and voting for the candidates of their choice. Their votes could be important to the well being of the county.

In addition to the vote for candidates, seven important amendments to the North Carolina Constitution will be submitted to the voters. It seems to us that several of these amendments have considerable merit. They are explained briefly in a public service advt. prepared by the North Carolina Bar Association and carried on page 4 of this newspaper. We trust that our readers will give these amendments their careful consideration because of their importance, whether or not one approves or disapproves of them. We are inclined to support amendments, due in part to the responsibility of the men responsible for their submission to the people.

While we are on the subject of amendments to the State Constitution, it occurs to us to be a pity that a change can not be made in the matter of the election of the officers of the General Courts. On

next Tuesday Warren County voters will be asked to vote for three justices of the Supreme Court, for three justices of the Court of Appeals and for 23 Superior Court judges. It is with the manner of electing the Superior Court judges that we have our quarrel. Few of the judges to be elected have ever or will ever hold court in Warren County. Many of the candidates are unknown to our voters, even their names are unfamiliar. Under the circumstances it is impossible for a voter to express the judgment that a voter should express when he casts his ballot.

Not only does the manner of electing the judges and the large number of candidates confuse the voters but it puts a great strain upon election officials, often calling for all-night work on the part of registrars and judges of election and delay in election returns.

Next Tuesday this process in Warren County will be greatly simplified if our voters carry out the usual practice of voting the straight Democratic ticket, but even in this event it will not be a simple matter to count and tabulate the votes for 29 candidates. If the tickets should be split, the count would be greatly complicated.

It seems to us that our people would be better served if they were required to vote only for the Superior Court judges in the districts in which they reside.

### Soul City Raises Question

Much of the contents of Black Journal as carried over TV Station 4 on Monday night was devoted to Soul City in Warren County and proved quite interesting. Pictured was the old Satterwhite home, the old cemetery where many former residents of the plantation are buried, and a number of trailers being used by those concerned with the planning of the city.

Floyd McKissick, promoter of Soul City, was the principal narrator, but a number of local blacks were shown by the camera in various conferences held at Soul City. Among these were T. T. Clayton and Frank Ballance, Warrenton attorneys, and the pastor of a Show Hill Church, whose name we do not immediately recall.

In the discussion a slight difference arose over the question of building a church at Soul City, showing that there are minor as well as major problems involved in the building of a city. Some of the group favored a large central church, and others favored the retention of the present surrounding churches. The pastor of the Snow Hill church, an advocate of retention of the present churches, said that if Soul City should become a city of 10,000 inhabitants he would count on at least 3,000 persons joining the Snow Hill church.

McKissick said that on January 1 there was only one inhabitant of Soul City and that there are now 52 inhabitants. Also shown were several activities with youth groups. McKissick did not minimize the problems confronting the builders, the chief of which is lack of money. He estimated that the cost of building Soul City would reach \$250 million, if memory serves us correctly, but prophesized that within 17 years Soul City would be a city of 40,000 inhabitants.

It was evident, to us at least, that McKissick has not relinquished his dream of a black dominated, if not actually a black city,

in Warren County. Should his dream become a reality, it does pose a question of some interest. The question is if Soul City becomes an all black city will the Federal Government require the busing of white students into Soul City to maintain a racial balance.

The question, we feel, not only points to the dilemma of integration, but also shows that in this world it is very difficult to have our cake and eat it too.

### An Unlikely Hero

"The Roaring Twenties" produced a lot of unlikely heroes, but none more unlikely than John T. Scopes, who died Wednesday at 70.

Scopes' one claim to fame — as the center of the Dayton, Tenn., "monkey trial" — is as fickle a product of fate as anyone can imagine.

Despite the underlying significance of Scopes' trial, it was farce from beginning to end. The law against teaching Darwinian theory was a fluke piece of legislation that almost no one expected to be enforced, ever.

The trial in Dayton was concocted by local figures who saw it as a way to draw attention to their town. It was turned into a national performance by the American Civil Liberties union which was looking for a test case.

Scopes was a likable, obliging temporary teacher in Dayton who agreed to be the lightning rod for the test case. Even then, he had a problem, since he didn't teach biology and hadn't gone into Darwinism.

That problem was solved thanks to the fact he had once substituted for the biology teacher in a class where the textbook made some slight but approving mention of Darwin's theories.

So a man who had never quite committed the offense he was charged with went on trial for a town that cared more about local business than the content of its local school books. Appropriately enough, Scopes never uttered a word during the trial. His conviction was ultimately set aside by a higher court on a technicality.

The irony of Scopes' life is that he, for one, was entirely sincere about his case. The man who hadn't taught the doctrine that violated the law that hadn't been intended to be used in the trial where he spoke not one word for the record was a fierce believer in both the right of free discussion in the classroom and the wrong of legislating religious belief. So for all that was flimsy about Scopes' role, it was fitting, too.

### Mostly Personal

BY BIGNALL JONES

I started with my wife reading a recipe for persimmon pudding and ended after a considerable ride, a long walk, and a combined hunt for persimmons, arrow heads and quail on Sunday afternoon, and finally with the consumption of part of a persimmon pudding on Sunday night.

The reading of the recipe was responsible for our riding some 20 miles to a part of Kerr Lake where my wife remembered that she had seen persimmon trees last fall. But part of the road leading to this particular spot had been abandoned by the Virginia Highway Department and blocked with a chain and trees. We left the car, penetrated the barrier and walked about a mile to the spot where the trees were located. There were three of them, but two of them contained few ripe persimmons and the third was loaded with large, but unripe fruit.

Sunday afternoon was a beautiful time for walking and the mile to the persimmon trees was just enough to get me limbered up. As I searched for other persimmon trees I crossed a large lespedeza field and near its end I flushed a large covey of quail. It must have been more than 30 years since I had been bird hunting, but it all came back to me, with the thought that I might try my luck again this fall. The birds flew up and I pretended to have a gun and aimed at two of the birds in succession, like a little boy with a toy gun, muttering bang-bang. And then I spent nearly an hour walking over the surrounding areas in search of single birds, finding only one, which offered me another clear shot. I got no birds, but I did enjoy at least half the pleasure of hunting.

This bird hunt was different in that I hunted persimmon trees, arrow heads and birds at the same time. Meanwhile, my wife and daughter had abandoned the quests for persimmons and had gone to the lake beaches to hunt arrowheads, with little success.

The ride back home was a beautiful one with the colorful foliage of trees and the brilliant hues of sumac and sassafras bushes. Beyond Soul City we found a small persimmon tree, loaded with ripe fruit and obtained all the fruit we needed.

That night I ate my first persimmon pudding and found it delicious. It is similar in texture and taste to prune pudding.

When my father was active in politics as superintendent of Warren County schools, one of his most loyal supporters was Mr. Ed Turner of Sandy Creek Township who during a long life has retained his interest in politics and loyalty to the Democratic Party. These days were recently recalled when Mr. Turner handed me a copy of the minutes of the Democratic Convention of May 23, 1914, which he said he found while going through some old papers.

### To Editor Letter

SUPPORT AMENDMENT To The Editor:

There can be little doubt that all seven of the proposed Constitutional amendments deserve the full support of North Carolina's citizens on November 3rd, as one of the North Carolina State Government interns last summer, I was fortunate to share in seminars on the N. C. State University campus with two gentlemen directly involved in sponsoring the proposed amendments.

On Tuesday, June 9, we heard Mr. John Sanders, Director of the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill who discussed Constitutional development in North Carolina. Mr. Sanders gave a precise historical analysis of our present Constitution, the main body of which was drawn up in 1868. He further argued cogently and persuasively that the amendment for revision and amendment of the Constitution of North Carolina "will be a great improvement for the future. The proposed amendment (#1 on the ballot) will be beneficial to the state.

The other amendments (#3-#7 on the ballot) are fairly narrow and technical in scope. Specialists in taxation and other areas agree that they are well worth supporting as needed reforms.

It's my hope that all voters in Warren County will support these improvements by voting "yes" to all seven amendments on November 3rd.

JAMES P. BECKWITH, JR. Chapel Hill, N. C.

The names listed in that old paper were those of many men active in the political, social and business life of the county — men remembered by a decreasing number of the older people, but ancestors of many persons still interested in the Democratic Party in Warren County.

Although most of the men who participated in that convention are no longer with us, I am making it a part of this column in the hope that it will be of interest as a part of the history of Warren County.

The minutes read as follows: RESOLVED:— That we the Democrats assembled in Convention in Warren County, State of North Carolina, on this the 23rd. day of May, A. D. 1914, confirm the nominations made by our County Primary on the 16th., day of May, A. D. 1914, and declare that Tasker Polk is the nominee for State Senator; that P. J. Macon is the nominee for House of Representatives; that J. R. Rodwell is the nominee for Clerk of the Court; that R. E. Davis is the nominee for Sheriff; that J. L. Coleman is the nominee for Register of Deeds; that W. S. Terrell is the nominee for Treasurer; and that C. G. Moore, R. B. Davis, C. C. Hunter, J. M. Burroughs and P. R. Perkinson are the nominees for County Commissioners.

(Second.)—That our delegates to the State Convention vote for E. L. Travis for Corporation Commissioner, and Lee S. Overman for United States Senator. And our delegates to the Congressional Convention vote for Claud Kitchen for Congress.

(Third.)—That our delegates to the Judicial Convention vote 12-45/100 of our vote for J. H. Kerr for Solicitor, and 8-55/100 for R. C. Bridger for Solicitor; and that J. H. Kerr is hereby authorized to select the delegates to represent the said County of Warren in the Judicial Convention.

(Fourth.)—That the Chairman of this Convention select a committee of three to select the delegates to represent this County in the State and Congressional Convention.

More accurate than a sextant, a computer on the bridge of a ship today can receive signals from orbiting satellites and compute the vessel's position to within 300 feet.

### Local Club Asks For Cleaner Streets

"When we think of the thousands of dollars spent during the past two years widening, paving and improving some of the streets of Warrenton, is it too much to ask that we, as citizens of Warrenton and Warren County, keep our streets free of litter?"

That is the question posed in an article submitted to The Warren Record for publication this week by the Town N' Country Garden Club of Warrenton which has joined in Warrenton's anti-litter campaign.

Mrs. Edna W. Harris, calling attention to Mayor W. A. Miles proclamation making October Anti-Litter Month in Warrenton, said that the Town N' Country Garden Club is

making a special effort to make citizens aware of the ugliness caused by dropping litter on our streets. She urges citizens to become anti-litter conscious, not only during the month of October, but throughout the year.

"Litter doesn't throw itself away," Mrs. Harris said. "People create litter and only people can prevent it. Hundreds of taxpayers' dollars are spent in the clearing of litter carelessly and thoughtlessly thrown on our streets by people.

Mrs. Harris said that to focus attention on the causes and prevention of litter, Mrs. V. H. Henderson and Mrs. C. H. Hawkins, anti-litter chairman and co-chairman, are mak-

ing an effort to make young people litterbug conscious. Primary pupils at Marian Boyd are making posters showing types of litter most frequently found on streets, such as bottles, cans, paper cups or napkins, cigarette or chewing gum wrappers. Also highlighting this week's activities, she said, is a bulletin board display at John Graham High School featuring the theme "Help Write the Story of the Vanishing Litterbug."

Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Hawkins met with Mayor Miles on Monday to discuss additional anti-litter projects planned by the garden club during its anti-litter campaign.

## NOTICE TO ALL VOTERS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd.

I urge every voter of Warren County to vote for the Honorable Claude T. Bowers for our County-wide Commissioner. This man has proven his outstanding ability, leadership, determination, and "know how" to get things done in an honorable way. He is a dedicated christian and works diligently at all times for progress and the creation of new jobs for our young and old. We need Claude T. Bowers with his outstanding record of both Federal, State, and County achievements to help further our progress for all of Warren County. He has assured us his untiring efforts to achieve this goal. But to do this, he needs YOUR vote on Tuesday, November 3rd.

VOTE EARLY! - VOTE PROGRESS!

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R. B. "Bob" Butler

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