

County Voter Books Active

By JIM HAWKINS
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GREENSBORO — Voter registration has been active throughout Guilford County, according to Mrs. Dorothy Welch, executive secretary for the Guilford County Board of Elections.

and High Point receiving calls and registering new voters, but registrars in precincts scattered about the county are reporting activity, Mrs. Welch said. She said that, although some of the recent registrants are registering as members of the new American Independent Party (about 60 at the end of last week), most are registering as Democrats or Republicans, with the Democrats in the majority. The outlook, Mrs. Welch indicated, is for the total voter registration in Guilford County for the Nov. 5 election to reach approximately 92,000, a

new record. She said, "I'm almost sure, in view of the number of registrations we have not yet filed and those to come, that we'll set a new record." She said that much of the time of those in her office "is spent answering telephoned questions and in helping at the front counter" in the building located on West Market Street near the courthouse. "We're a little behind," she added. Residents have until 6:30 p. m. Oct. 14 to get their names on the voter registration books in order to be able to vote in the general election Nov. 5. Mrs. Welch said that this year special provisions for those people who have lived in the state more than 60 days but not a year when they will meet standard residence requirements will go into effect to allow the recent arrivals to vote in the presidential contest. She urged that those interested in this provision contact her office.

Thursday Luncheon

Gov. Moore Is To Speak Here

A panel discussion built around the theme "The Role of Handicapped Workers in Today's Labor Market" will be one of the highlights of the annual meeting of the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped in High Point tomorrow. The event which is expected to bring people interested in employment of handicapped workers from communities throughout the state will also feature an address by Gov. Dan K. Moore.



Governor Moore

Gov. Moore will speak at a luncheon session scheduled for 12:30 p. m. at the Top of the Mart area in the Southern Furniture Exposition Building. He will present a number of "meritorious awards" for work by individuals and firms in the field of securing jobs for handicapped persons. The visitors will be welcomed to High Point by Frank Wood, president of the local Chamber of Commerce, who will represent Mayor Robert Davis. The mayor is scheduled to preside over a City Council meeting while the morning session of the handicapped committee is under way. Plans call for the session to open at 10 a. m. in the Top of the Mart area, with Stephen H. Van Every, chairman of the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, presiding. The panel discussion will follow the invocation by Rev. Philip Shore, Jr., superintendent, High Point District of the United Methodist Church and the welcome by Wood. Panel members and their subjects are H. Paul Messmer, deputy assistant executive secretary of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, who will speak on Employment Techniques in Employment of the Handicapped; Ralph Gurely, vice president of administrative and industrial relations for Heritage Manufacturing

Co., who will speak on "The Employment of the Handicapped." Claude A. Myer, state director of the North Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, will speak on "Innovations in Rehabilitation." Dr. Thomas A. Stein, professor of Curriculum of Recreation and Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will speak on "Architectural Barriers," and Robert Davis, a Salisbury attorney and past state commander of the American Legion, will speak on "Employer Responsibility for the Returning Disabled Veteran." The luncheon will follow the panel discussion. Van Every will preside at this event which will be featured by Gov. Moore's address and by presentation of awards. Also on the agenda is a talk by James Massenburg of Raleigh, executive secretary of the Governor's Committee. The event is being sponsored by the High Point Mayor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and the Employment Security Commission.

High Point Resident

Marine Is Recuperating From Wounds At Khe Sanh

By RAY HUBBARD
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Marine Lance Corporal Mike Welch sits on the front porch of his home at 1807 Brentwood St. these days and lets the warm rays of the autumn sun heat his body. Sometime in the near future he expects to receive in the mail a formal discharge from the United States Marine Corps, signifying a permanent end to his military career. As life-long mementoes of his little more than a year in the Marines he will have his discharge certificate, a Purple Heart and two badly battered limbs. He had intended to make the Marine Corps his career.

Oct. 20, Mike will be 20. He hopes to spend his birthday at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Welch. Oct. 8, he goes back to the Veterans Hospital in Durham for treatment, but expects to be allowed to come home again in about a week. Ahead for the next year or so will be more trips to Durham, long hours at home reading, sketching, figuring out a future, getting whole again. Young Welch entered the Marine Corps in July of last year. On Jan. 5 of this year he arrived in Vietnam and was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division at Khe Sanh. Khe Sanh is the fortress in the north of S. Vietnam held "at all costs" for several months last winter and then abandoned as having no significant military value to Allied forces. On Jan. 20, Mike and three fellow Marines set out at dusk to establish an observation

post about 500 yards from the main Khe Sanh fortress. They never got there. When they were only about 150 yards outside the main defenses, they were ambushed by an unknown number of Viet Cong. About 8 or 10 rounds of 82mm mortar rounds fell in the north of S. Vietnam held "at all costs" for several months last winter and then abandoned as having no significant military value to Allied forces. On Jan. 20, Mike and three fellow Marines set out at dusk to establish an observation



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left arm and left leg. Within 15 minutes, the dead Marine and the three wounded were evacuated and taken by medical evacuation helicopters to Da Nang. Welch remained at the hospital there for two days, was taken to a Naval Hospital in Japan for a month and finally to the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Md. Since last March 1, he has been at the Durham VA Hospital. He is home now on a 30-day convalescing leave. He expects the future periods of hospitalization will be short ones, mainly for rehabilitation therapy. He has some use of his left arm and his left leg and foot are healed to the extent that he can walk. His left foot and ankle are swollen to nearly twice the normal size but the wounds are no longer very painful. The damage is permanent, but there will be improvement with time. Welch wants to go back to Central High School and get his diploma or take the high school equivalency test and then enroll in a commercial art course at Guilford Technical Institute. He is glad to be home.

Meanwhile, the High Point Human Relations Commission has taken up the integration issue and has asked Chess and the school attorney, Dan P. Whitley Jr., to appear at the next meeting of the commission to discuss the matter. In informal discussions, members of the school board apparently have decided to make an in depth study of the problem in order to find a workable solution. The four all-Negro schools are located in a 11-Negro neighborhoods and to integrate them probably will mean pairing of schools or busing students. There has been some discussion of redrawing the geographical boundaries for

the various school districts in order to balance racially the student bodies at each school. Plans are being made by school board members to meet with the city planning department to find out just where the Negro population lives and to establish population trends. This information will be used to draw new school boundaries, if necessary. In other matters the board tomorrow: —Will discuss progress on completion of Andrews construction. Dr. Dean B. Pruet, superintendent, said today that the work "is moving along." He said that it now appears that the general contractor, J. R. Graham & Son, will be able to turn over the

cafeteria about the end of September. It will take considerably longer to complete the auditorium. —View preliminary plans for an addition to Leonard Street Elementary School. When completed the school will have about 26 classrooms. —View preliminary plans for new tennis courts at Central High School. —Consider a request from the Guilford County Board of Commissioners to transfer \$510,000 from the High Point School funds to Guilford Technical Institute funds in order that GTI might take advantage of federal funds. The funds will be replaced in the High Point Schools fund at a later date.

Only Slightly

Garbage Problem Seems Improved

By FORREST CATES
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"We're working on it" was the answer to questions from city councilmen yesterday on progress in solving the city's garbage dilemma. City Manager Harold Cheek noted a slight improvement in the manpower situation in the sanitation division. He offered no immediate prospect, however, of a return to two garbage pick-ups per week. Service was recently curtailed to one pick-up a week. Officials said that the stop was necessary because they couldn't find men to man the garbage collection crews. Discussing the problem yesterday, Mayor Robert Davis told councilmen that he had received few complaints from citizens concerning the reduced service. Other councilmen, however, said they had a number of calls. "I feel that the manager and his staff are doing all they can to solve the problem," com-

mented Councilman Fred Swartzberg. "Generally speaking," he added, "I think the citizenry understands that." The councilmen turned to the subject of garbage collections while meeting as a committee-of-the-whole. During the session, councilmen slated public hearings for Oct. 17 on the following rezoning proposals: —Property of Gladis Kivett on Kivett Drive near Hickory Chapel Road from residential to Limited Industrial. —Property of the Redevelopment Commission on E. Green Drive (proposed site for a new post office) from residential to Industrial 6. A hearing was set for Oct. 2 on proposed annexation of the property of High Point Industries, Inc., Corporation Drive. Tentative approval of the Council was given for employment of a firm to prepare new descriptions and classifications for city positions.

Ten Are Injured In Wrecks Here

Ten people were injured in wrecks Tuesday, and although there was considerable damage to property, none of the injured was believed to be seriously hurt. Three were hurt in a 4:25 p.m. wreck on Lexington Avenue. Injured were three passengers in a car driven by James Gibbons, 35, of Rt. 1. The hurt people were identified as Katie Gibbons of Rt. 1, Laura Johnson of W. Ridge Drive and Amy McLean of Rockspring Road. The other driver involved was listed as Deborah Clinard of Rockspring Road. She was charged with failing to reduce speed. Damage was estimated at about \$200. Another 4:25 p.m. wreck — on Sherrod Street — resulted in injury to two people, both passengers. They were listed as Debra Mays and Mary McNeill of Kent Street. They were passengers in a car driven by Fred Williams, 26, of Kent Street.

The car skidded off the road into a fence. It then left the scene. Police charged Williams with failing to report an accident. Damage was under \$100. Two more injuries resulted from a pile-up at the intersection of Westwood and Locke streets. Both drivers were hurt. They were identified as David Miller, 17, of Valley Ridge Drive and Sharon Blake of Hedrick Street. Miller was charged with a stop sign violation. His car was a total loss. Total damage was set at \$1,200. Edgar Griffin, 35, of Gaines Avenue, a passenger in a car driven by Frances Griffin of the same address, was hurt in a 10 a.m. wreck on Fairfield Road at Baker Road. The other driver involved, John Jones, 63, of Asheboro, was charged with failing to yield right-of-way. Damage was estimated at \$1,400. A 7 a.m. wreck on the intersection of Westchester Drive and Ward Street resulted in injury to Clyde Conner, 54, of Elgin Avenue, a passenger in a car driven by Paul Hill, 60, of Kernersville. The other driver involved, John Branson, 18, of Route 2 was charged with failing to yield right-of-way. Police estimated damages at over \$200. An 8 a.m. wreck Tuesday involved injury to a 15-year-old pedestrian, Gaitner Eads Jr., of Kelly Street. Police said the youth darted into the path of a car driven by Howard Hiatt, 48, of Lassiter Street. No charges were filed. The boy was not thought to be seriously hurt.

Reflects Statewide Trend

Chair City Unemployment Down

By BOB BURCHETTE
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THOMASVILLE — The unemployment rate in Thomasville reflects a statewide trend and is the lowest it has been in several years, W. R. Eddinger said today. Eddinger, manager of the Employment Security Commission office here, said that statewide figures show unemployment to be the lowest since 1945. "Our figures in the Thomasville office do not go that far back," he said, "but it is the lowest it has been here in a long time." The active file of job seekers in Thomasville is now down to 374, he said, considerably lower than the 514 looking for jobs during August, 1967. Usually, he said, there are at least 400 to 500 active job seekers during August, and in 1961 the figure jumped to 706. Another "high" unemployment month here was August, 1964, when 618

persons were looking for jobs. "We now have 130 unfilled job openings," Eddinger said, "which is the highest we have had at this time in several years. This indicates that more people are working and not available for jobs." The unfilled job openings usually run in the 80s and 90s during August, he said, and in 1961 there were only 62 jobs unfilled in August. There were 190 persons placed in occupations that month, he added. There are many jobs available in Thomasville, he said, with prospective employees able to "name their job in certain fields." There are more clerical jobs available than in past years, although there still are not a great many of them, and furniture industries have a great demand for workers. "You can find jobs in about any industrial group. Hosiery, furniture, retail, construction and all are looking for people. The garment industry is in

great need of workers, and we have a few jobs for truck drivers and delivery men." Unemployment compensation claims are down sharply, Eddinger said, from 1,161 weeks of unemployment last August to 502 this August. (The number of weeks of unemployment claimed in a month does not necessarily mean that many persons were unemployed during the month. A person may make a claim each week of the month that he or she is not employed. Generally, the number employed during the month would be one-fourth of the claims filed during the month.) In August, 1963, 1,437 unemployment claims were filed; 1,318 in 1964; 920 in 1965 and 507 in 1966, Eddinger said. This marked the fifth consecutive month, he said, that industrial unemployment in the state has shown a drop. Eddinger said a state report shows that joblessness among workers covered by unemploy-

ment insurance was only 1.2 per cent in August, a 23-year low and an average of 14.670 persons each week. The improvement was attributed to a "continuing strong economy which has gained every month after a set back in 1966." In August employment conditions improved within every major Tarheel industry, he said. Furniture, metals and machinery, trade, and construction industries all had less than one per cent unemployment. Textile workers were only one per cent unemployed. Tobacco processing workers, with an unemployment rate of around 20 per cent during the winter started being recalled to work last month by tobacco factories and this reduced the jobless rate among this group to 9.9 per cent. Lower unemployment insurance payments reflected good job conditions, also,

reported the ESC. August payments to eligible jobless workers totaled \$1.5 million, \$77,000 below the August, 1967, total. The average payment to a jobless worker in August was \$28.53. The number of jobs found for applicants by State Employment offices during the month remained about the same as in July, as 9,676 non-farm job applicants were placed through North Carolina's 54 public employment offices. Over 1,000 workers were placed with construction companies, about 1700 went to work in retail and wholesale trade jobs, and close to 2,000 persons were placed in all types of service jobs. For the first eight months of 1968, said the ESC, unemployment insurance payments to jobless workers are \$2.6 million less than paid during the same time in 1967.

Rain Is Forecast

Rain continues in the forecast for the High Point area, according to the weatherman at Friendship. Tonight is expected to be cloudy, with a 40 per cent chance of rain. Tonight's low should be near 60. Thursday's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies, with occasional rain or showers. The chance of rain Thursday is at 60 per cent. The outlook for Friday is for the rain to end and cooler temperatures. Today's high was to be in the upper 70s. Thursday's predicted high is in the mid 70s, and last night's low was 58.