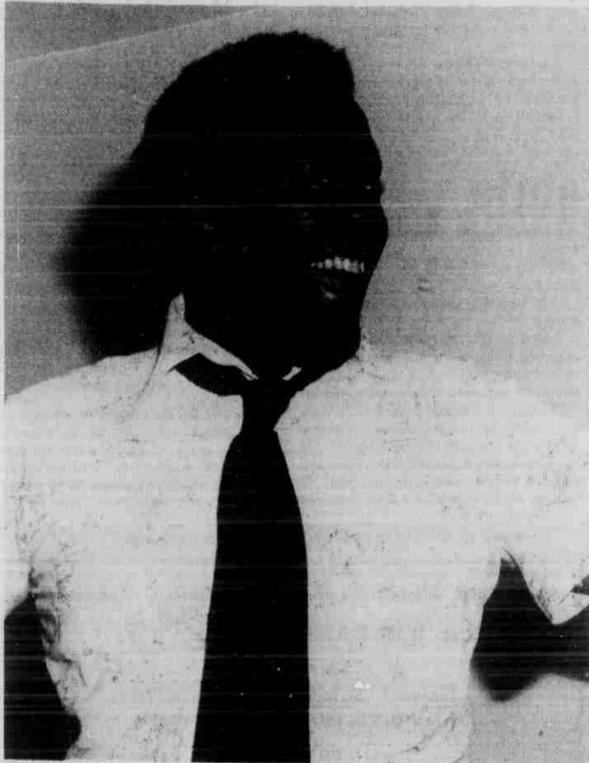


It'll stay warm for a while, with the high today and Thursday in the mid- to upper-70s. The low both nights will be in the low-50s. It will be partly sunny today, and there's a 20 percent chance of rain.

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Chuck Erickson, athletic director from 1952 to 1968, died at approximately 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Memorial Hospital. He had been suffering from a heart illness. Erickson was 70.



Mayor-elect Bob Drakeford beams a smile at guests and candidates of the Carrboro Community Coalition who gathered at his house Tuesday night. The coalition's three alderman candidates, Braxton Foushee, Doug Sharer and Nancy White, were the top vote-getters in the race, while independent Sherwood Ward was elected to the other seat. Staff photo by Mike Sneed.

DRAKEFORD CHOSEN MAYOR; BOARD SEATS GO TO THORPE, KAWALEC, BOULTON, COHEN

Incumbents fare poorly as challengers take 3 posts

From Staff Reports

Three challengers lead the voting for four spots on the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen in municipal elections held Tuesday. Bill Thorpe, Bev Kawalec, Marilyn Boulton and incumbent Gerry Cohen captured board seats, with Boulton registering a mild upset over Marvin Silver.

William Strickland, Verla Insko and Ted Parrish garnered the three open seats on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school board Tuesday.

As reports from the 16 voting precincts filtered in, Thorpe emerged as the early leader in the alderman race and was not overtaken. Kawalec took second, while Silver and Cohen jockeyed for third.

Boulton, who had been running sixth, surged past Silver as precincts near her neighborhood reported. She traded positions with Cohen until tallies from the next-to-the-last reporting precinct put her in third place.

Unofficial vote counts showed that 6,205 of the 15,653 registered voters (about 40 percent) turned out to vote. Unofficial results were as follows: Thorpe — 3,860, Kawalec — 3,487, Boulton — 3,234, Cohen — 3,204, Silver — 2,935, Jim Merkel — 2,908 and Bill Lindsay — 1,051.

Official results will be tallied later by the Orange County Board of Elections.

After polls closed at 7:30 p.m., candidates and their supporters gathered at homes, night spots and a local motel to await the vote.

At the Holiday Inn, Thorpe, several campaign workers and friends started passing out champagne as reports indicated an early victory. The leading vote-getter, who lost in a board bid two years ago, said victory was sweet.

"It feels great," Thorpe said, glass in hand. "I worked the hardest I wanted to win."

"I must have talked to everybody in Chapel Hill during my campaign."

Thorpe said he found it difficult to observe the board, knowing he intended to run during this election, and see issues decided contrary to his feelings.

But as the campaign progressed, Thorpe said he felt he would run first or second. "I worked the hardest," he repeated.

Cohen, tabulating results on a paper-covered wall in Cat's Cradle, said he, too, was pleased with victory. Voter turnout, he said, was greater than expected.

He acknowledged black and student support in his successful bid. Cohen said he owed no particular debts to anyone in his campaign.

"The only thing I owe is to keep my campaign promises," he said.

A tearful Marilyn Boulton, just informed of her victory over Silver, said she was surprised that she won. "I was preparing myself to lose," she said amid congratulations from supporters gathered at her home. "I'm awfully pleased."

"I'm eager to be in a position now to make some decisions." Acclimating herself to the board will be her first task, she said.



"I worked the hardest," a victorious Bill Thorpe explains at an election party held Tuesday night at the Holiday Inn. Staff photo by Mike Sneed.

"It surprised me how much people knew about the issues in the campaign," she said, adding that she anticipates working as a team with the other aldermen.

Silver, defeated by Boulton's late move, said he was disappointed but "by no means devastated."

The main reason for his loss, he said, was that he and Cohen had talked about "the difficult times ahead" during the campaign.

He complimented Cohen's campaign, saying Cohen had been less controversial. "They couldn't knock off both of us," he said. "One of us had to win."

Silver added that he hopes to continue contributing to the board, especially on water issues and the noise ordinance.

Kawalec celebrated her victory by passing out champagne to supporters gathered at campaign manager Linda Brown's house. "I have to credit my manager with terrific grassroots organization," she said.

Kawalec added that her first priority will be solving personnel problems in the Chapel Hill Fire Department.

CCC dominates Carrboro races

From Staff Reports

The Carrboro Community Coalition (CCC) candidates maintained their stronghold on municipal politics Tuesday when all four of the group's candidates proved successful in their quests for public office.

Coverage of the 1977 municipal elections was provided by Daily Tar Heel staff writers Stephen Harris, Chip Pearsall, Evelyn Sahr, Michael Wade and David Watters.

Bob Drakeford won the Carrboro mayor's race over John Boone, capturing 57 percent of the vote.

CCC candidates Braxton Foushee, Doug Sharer and Nancy White finished 1-2-3 in the alderman race, while independent Sherwood Ward captured the fourth seat on the town board. Foushee, Sharer and White are incumbents, while Ward is a newcomer to Carrboro politics.

John Thomas, Mary Riggsbee, Harry Wheeler and Jim Porto finished fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth in the balloting, respectively.

Turnout in the election was higher than expected with nearly 45 percent of the eligible voters casting ballots.

The four CCC candidates gathered at Mayor-elect Drakeford's residence as the ballots were tallied. When the final precinct, North Carrboro, reported, and Drakeford's victory became official, handshaking, backslapping and hugging ensued. The scene was re-created as the final tally in the alderman race was announced.

"We did it, folks, and it feels great," Drakeford told his smiling supporters. "It took a lot of hard work, but we did it."

Foushee, who led the balloting in the town board race, said transportation was the key issue in the Carrboro campaigns. "From here we are going to move on and expand the bus system, because that is what the people told us to do," Foushee said.

It was the first election victory for Sharer and White, who had been appointed to fill board vacancies. Sharer said the results "give

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Democrats surprised succession vote so close

RALEIGH (UPI)—The future of politics in North Carolina was changed by North Carolina voters Tuesday night with the approval of a constitutional amendment allowing incumbent governors and lieutenant governors to seek second consecutive terms.

Until the election, North Carolina was one of seven states not permitting a governor to succeed himself.

North Carolina voters gave overwhelming approval to four constitutional amendments to remove sex discrimination from the state statutes, ensure a balanced state budget and allow municipal power systems to buy a share of privately owned generating plants.

Voters also approved two bond issues by large margins, one of \$300 million for highway projects and another for \$230 million in water and sewer projects.

A 73-year-old political novice, Isabella Cannon, became Raleigh's first woman mayor by defeating incumbent Jyles J. Coggins in one of several mayoral contests.

Incumbent Jim Melvin won easy reelection in Greensboro over U.S. Labor Party candidate Marion Porter. In Charlotte, 18-year councilman Jim Whittington, a Democrat, was defeated by Republican Ken Harris, a former council member.

With 84.09 per cent of the vote tallied, voters approved the amendment pushed by Gov. Jim Hunt by a vote of 260,034 to 236,112. It will allow Hunt and Lt. Gov. James C. Green to seek re-election in 1980 if they choose.

A gleeful Hunt, in a telephone interview with UPI from State Democratic Party Headquarters, said he thought it was "a very exciting time to be a North Carolinian."

"I'm very proud that North Carolina has taken this step forward by making it possible for us to have a stronger, more effective state government," he said. "One of the things it

will help us do is to avoid too much power in the federal government. The results today are a clear indication that North Carolina wants to go forward by investing in its economy and modernizing its government."

The lead remained the same most of the night, with "yes" votes holding 52 percent to 48 percent for the "no" votes. It carried every major county except Wake.

Twenty-eight of the state's 100 counties voted against the measure, including such Republican strongholds as Yadkin, Wilkes, Surry and Randolph counties.

The succession amendment carried

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Supporters celebrate win at Hilton

Voters approve succession; other amendments pass

By CHUCK ALSTON
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RALEIGH — While county Democratic leaders from across the state expressed approval for the victory of the gubernatorial succession and other amendments, there was still a mood of surprise that opposition to the succession amendment ran strong.

At 11:30 p.m., with more than half the state's counties reporting, voters were carrying Amendment No. 3, gubernatorial succession, 53 percent to 47 percent.

"I'm very surprised that succession is so close," said Howard N. Lee,

secretary of natural resources and community development. "But I think it will pass."

At that point, returns from Guilford and Forsyth, two of the state's major urban areas, still were not in and Gov. Jim Hunt had not appeared yet.

Steve Glass, executive director of the state Democratic Party, read out the returns to succession supporters gathered at Democratic headquarters in the basement of the Hilton Inn.

"It's just under what we projected but this is in the ballpark," he said.

"We want to win with 50.1 percent, but I'm afraid the voters might hold us to that," he said with a twinkle in his eye.

Hugh Morton, cochairperson of the Committee for the Right to Reject or

Re-elect, made a brief statement just after opposition forces conceded at 11:20 p.m.

"There were so many things — I can't think of anything we would do differently," he said. "We tried to abide by the law and unite various factions."

State Representative John Ed Davenport, leader of Carolinians Opposed to Succession, stood on a chair in the pro-succession headquarters and told the crowd, "I congratulate you all on your win tonight."

Throughout the evening, Davenport kept an optimistic grimace on his face as he mingled with the anti-succession forces gathered on the first floor of the Hilton. He said he held out

the hope that the rural sections of the state might turn the vote around.

Davenport said he was pleased that the vote was as close as it was in Orange County. "I had thought it (succession) would have gone much stronger in Orange County," he said.

He attributed the gubernatorial succession victory to several factors, including a large staff and a long campaign.

He noted that pro-succession forces outspent his group by about 10 to 1. As for the time factor, he said, "Really, they've (the pro-succession campaigners) been working on it since the (General Assembly) session, and we've been working on it for three weeks."



Alderman-elect Marilyn Boulton, shown here shortly after her victory in the Chapel Hill town-board race was announced, expressed gratitude to the supporters who gathered at her residence for champagne. Staff photo by Mike Sneed.

Dixon: Carter is not behind human rights

By DAVID WATTERS
Staff Writer

On the 60th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution, Maceo Dixon, a member of the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party, criticized the Carter administration for not supporting human rights both at home and abroad.

"The cornerstone of Jimmy Carter's campaign was human rights throughout the world," Dixon said Monday. "But now Carter has pulled away from affirmative action, abortion and other human rights issues."

In an almost two-hour talk to about 35 persons Monday in the Carolina Union, Dixon called the Bakke case "the most important case for equal rights for blacks and women since the Brown v. Board of Education decision in 1954."

"Carter said that he is for affirmative action, but not for quotas. Well, a Carter who is for affirmative action without quotas is like a man who is for the desegregation of schools without busing. Goals without quotas are ineffective."

"The Bakke case is the central question facing blacks today. A victory for minorities in the Bakke case would provide the inspiration needed to fight racist scum from the Ku Klux Klan to the White House."

Affirmative action should make up for racism of the past as well as present day discrimination, according to Dixon. And he said, "If I counted up the interest rate of the 40 acres and a mule offered to blacks after the Civil War, then I would ask for 400 seats from USC-Davis and not just a few."

Dixon, a black, who has been described as a liberation activist, was in Chapel Hill to promote *The Militant*, a socialist weekly newspaper. He helped organize the National Student Coalition Against Racism, one of the largest student civil rights groups in the United States today.

Dixon called for Carter to release government files relating to the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X and the persecution of Joan Little and the Wilmington 10, as well as "other victims of racism in the U.S."

The situation in South Africa has pressured Carter, Dixon said, because it forces Carter to "put up or shut up on the issue of civil rights." Dixon called the arms ban on South Africa that Carter approved a meaningless gesture.

Dixon also criticized U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young for going along with the veto of an economic boycott of South Africa. Dixon said the United States vetoed the proposal because it would have "hurt the capitalists in America."

Dixon described Carter's youth employment program as a "cruel hoax," and said the \$1 billion program is insufficient to provide jobs when the unemployment rate for blacks between the ages 16 and 19 has reached 40 percent.

Dixon pointed out that Ann Sheppard, a member of the Wilmington 10, was in the audience, and he said Carter should pardon the Wilmington 10 and drop all charges against them. The Wilmington 10 were convicted of firebombing a store in the early 1970s. Sheppard, speaking to the audience, compared the Rev. Ben Chavis, the leader of the Wilmington 10, to Steve Biko, the leader of the black-consciousness movement in South Africa. Biko died recently, his skull crushed while he was in a South African prison.

She said she feared the government would murder Chavis while he is in prison unless public pressure forces his release.

"Every day Ben Chavis is in prison is one more day he could die," Steve Biko," Sheppard said. "Our government goes to extreme means to silence people, and the only way they can silence Ben is to kill him."



Maceo Dixon, a member of the Socialist Workers party, criticized President Carter Monday for his lack of support of human rights. Staff photo by Allen Jernigan.