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Four Year Terms for Sheriffs and Coroners

A CONSTITUTIONAL amendment will be submitted to the voters of North Carolina in the election next Tuesday which, if adopted, will change the terms of office of sheriffs and coroners in the state from two to four years.

This amendment is entirely non-partisan and is submitted in the interest of better government. It has the support of both Democrats and Republicans. We quote below some interesting facts concerning the amendment from the last issue of The State:

"1. The office of sheriff is a highly important one because it is the guardian of the public peace and the public morals.

"2. The sheriff holding office for two years is at a distinct disadvantage in so far as carrying out the duties of the office because his efficiency is minimized by recurrent political campaigns to which he must devote a great deal of his time and expense.

"3. His efficiency is further lessened by the fact that a man just taking office hardly has time to get himself into good working condition and familiarize himself with the many duties of the office before he is up for re-election again and may give way to a new and greener candidate.

"4. The fact that any man holding political office has to devote himself to the political campaign is an accepted feature of our government, and therefore it is imperative for the interests of local government, that the term of office be extended from the inadequate period of two years to four."

For those who may be interested in knowing as to why the amendment does not include other county officers, it may be mentioned that the clerks of superior court have long had four year terms, and that in many counties of the state the register of deeds is elected for four years. This is not the case in Macon county, but at any time public sentiment demands that the term of the register be increased, it can be done by local legislation without recourse to a constitutional amendment.

Only the apathy of the voters will prevent the amendment as to sheriffs and coroners from passing by a large majority, as there is practically no opposition. All voters are urged to vote on this matter which will be found on a separate ballot at the polls on the day of election.

There has been much controversy as to when the amendment will go into effect if adopted, and it is not yet known whether it will become effective for sheriffs and coroners chosen on November 8. The attorney general has ruled that the secretary of state may not have time to certify its adoption before the new officers are sworn in, and in that case it would apply to officers elected two years hence. From the wording of the act it would seem that the intent of the general assembly was that it should go into effect at once, but it may require a decision of the supreme court to settle the matter.

The radio broadcast of last Sunday night which was supposed to be a dramatization of H. G. Wells' "War of the Worlds," and which threw thousands of people into a panic, has done incalculable harm to the radio industry. But it was little worse in its effects than the false news reports sent out each day by agencies which are supposed to be reliable.

Candidates in Tuesday's General Election



Political futures of these men rest with the voters in Tuesday's election. Top row, left to right: Thomas E. Dewey, Republican gubernatorial candidate in New York; Richard Lyons, Illinois G. O. P. senatorial candidate; Sheridan Downey, California's Democratic senatorial nominee. Bottom, left to right: Leverett Saltonstall, Massachusetts G. O. P. gubernatorial candidate; Harold Stassen, G. O. P. candidate for governor of Minnesota; Gov. Phillip LaFollette, who stakes his national Progressive party's future on re-election in Wisconsin.



FRANKLIN SCHOOL NEWS

SENIORS SELECT CLASS RINGS

The senior class met Monday and approved the rings selected by the ring committee.

The rings have been designed especially for Franklin high school. On one side is the North Carolina seal bearing the motto of the state. On the other side of the ring is a seal designed by George Patton as being typical of this county—a view of Wayah Bald. This seal bears the motto of the class. Surrounding these seals are rhododendron blossoms typical of this mountain section. The sets are ruby, surrounded by the name of the school, the date of its establishment, and the year 1939.

Matching bracelets, pins and necklaces may be obtained.

The price of the girl's rings is \$7.45, and the boy's is \$8.95.

The ring is individualistic in that no other high school in the state or nation has one like it because its design is typical of this county.

There is a possibility that the ring may be selected as a standard for Franklin high school.

CARNIVAL DRAWS LARGE CROWD

The Halloween Carnival, sponsored by the Junior class in the high school auditorium last Saturday evening, proved to be very successful.

The big event announced its triumphant beginning with a cake walk. Following this, the numerous booths were opened, including the booth of horrors, the fortune-telling booth, grab-bag, side shows, and bingo booth. The variety of the 52 prizes contributed by the merchants of Franklin created much interest in the bingo game.

About the middle of the evening, the attention of the crowd was drawn from the various booths to a floor show which opened with a tap dance by Inez Crawford. This was followed by a short three act play, "The Fatal Quest." A roar of laughter and excitement ensued from the audience as the play came to a close. Dorothy Lee Morrison then gave a very appropriate and entertaining reading, "Lucinda and Hants."

During the entire evening much interest was given to the voting for candidates for carnival queen. In the latter part of the evening wild excitement and confusion prevailed as the ties ran close between Helen Franks and Elizabeth Cabe, the latter winning by a small majority. The queen was then crown-

ed and presented with a large box of candy.

Throughout the evening hot dogs, cold drinks, ice cream, candies, and cakes were sold in large quantities.

The Junior class wishes to express its appreciation to the following business men of Franklin for their cooperation in helping to make the carnival a success:

Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., Macon County Supply Co., Jamison's Jewelry Shop, Macon Furniture Co., Leach Brothers Hardware store, E. K. Cunningham & Co., Cagle's Cafe, Trotter's store, Frances Shop, City Barber Shop, Sanders store, Peoples' Market, Ash-ears store, Sloan's Market, S&L 5 and 10 Cent store, Horn's Shoe shop, J. M. Moore's Grocery store, City Market, J. B. Pendergrass store, Henry West's Grocery store, Kelly's Gift Shop, C. T. Blaine's store, Roy Cunningham's store, Esther's Beauty shop, Blumenthal's store, Polly's store, Crisp's studio, Nantahala Beauty Salon, Macon Theatre, Pearl's Beauty Parlor, The Tavern, Dixie Store, Arnold's Cafe,

Angel's Drug store, Franklin Press, Paul Carpenter's Pressing Club, Bryant's Furniture store, Ben McCullom's Barber shop, Ledford's Grocery store, Farmers Federation, Womack's Esso Service Station, Sinclair Service Station (Red Henry), Shell Service Station, Poin-dexter's Esso Service Station, Patton Brothers Service Station, Pure Oil Service Station, Hoilman's Pressing club, John Cunningham's Esso Service Station, L. G. Bal-four Co.—Attlehard, Mass., Wy-man's Filling Station.

MRS. CHURCH GIVES HALLOWEEN PARTY

Mrs. H. E. Church, grade mother for Mrs. Barrington's section of the sixth grade, gave her class a Halloween party Monday afternoon. The children played games, had contests, sang songs, and best of all, each pupil received from Mrs. Church a big red apple and a nice striped stick of candy. She also brought 32 magazines.

Hurrah for our Grade Mother, the best there is!

Mrs. M. W. Mackie, of Yadkin-ville, Yadkin county, is making final preparations for planting a lily garden with a variety of types and colors. She says a variety of beautiful flowering plants afford a much needed diversion for the farm housewife.

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DOGWOOD WANTED

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I will pay the above cash prices for all dogwood cut to my specifications and delivered at my mill in Franklin. This will be my last season of buying dogwood in Franklin. If you have dogwood to sell, ACT NOW.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR CUTTING

Cut dogwood in lengths of 36 and 54 inches long. All wood should be as free of knots as possible and if any knots, there must be as much as 18 inches of clear wood between the knots. All wood must be 5 inches and up in diameter at smallest end. If hollow or red heart, there must be at least 2 1/4 inches of white between red heart and bark.

For further information, see or write

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