

## Marked Changes in Education Proposed in New Constitution

### Divided Authority To Be Done Away With—Other Features Brought Out

Last week The Pilot published some of the proposed changes in the State Constitution, with the statement that further proposed changes would follow. The subject of absentee voting has caused much criticism. The present constitution contains no restrictions on absentee voting. The change proposed would cause restrictions to be thrown about such voting and confined to persons out of the county, and physically unable to attend the polls. The intent is to limit rather than extend absentee voting.

#### Changes in Education

With regard to education a rather marked change is proposed. It is expressed in the following words from a circular from the committee advocating the revised Constitution. The Board of Education to consist of seven members, including Superintendent of Public Instruction as chairman and chief executive officer; other six appointed by Governor, subject to confirmation by General Assembly.

Present Board of Education consists of Governor, as president; Superintendent of Public Instruction as secretary; Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, and Attorney-General. Those officials, except Superintendent of Public Instruction, are elected for other than educational purposes and serve in an ex officio capacity. The State administration of public school education in recent years has been divided between the present constitutional Board of Education, the State School Commission, State Textbook Commission, State Board of Equalization, State Board for Vocational Education, etc. The present State School Commission is composed of fifteen members of whom four serve ex officio, and eleven are appointed by the Governor without confirmation by the Legislature. The School Commission has largely superseded the Board of Education, but the double control and administration are confusing and cumbersome. Under proposed Section 5, there will be one body composed by Superintendent of Public Instruction as chairman, and six members named by Governor specifically for educational duties, every appointment subject to confirmation by the Legislature.

Further provision is suggested\* for a minimum compulsory attendance of all children of at least sixteen months of school, with details left to the legislature, but providing for separate white and colored schools, and with a minimum limit of the school year at six months.

#### Homestead Exemptions

Real estate homestead up to \$1,000 exempt from execution except for purchase price and may be exempted from taxation by General Assembly.

No change except power given Legislature to exempt \$1,000 value on homestead from taxation. This is a new and potentially very important provision intended to stimulate and protect home ownership as directed by other sections of the Revised Constitution. It will probably not be utilized until the debt load of counties and towns has been reduced. It may be realized by stages, exempting first, say \$250, then \$500, then \$1,000. A married woman's remains her own and that the legislature may dispense with requirements that the husband's written consent shall be required to permit her to dispose of it, which is required under the present law.

#### Welfare Work

In article IX the State Board of

### Schools Crowded

#### Estimated 10 Percent Gain in Enrollment Throughout Moore County

Reports from all of the county schools are not available, but indications are that this year's enrollment has already gone far beyond that of last year. It is estimated that there has been a ten per cent gain in some of the town schools and extra seating space is having to be added.

Public Welfare is directed to study welfare of children, unemployment, poverty, housing, marriage and divorce, and other named related subjects.

This takes place of old section establishing Board of Public Charities but the provisions of new sections are broader and conceive of social welfare on a constructive and preventive basis instead of on one merely of charity and punishment for crime. The present provision for supervision of humane institutions which in practice has not been vitally exercised is to be made subject to legislative action.

General Assembly is to provide pub-

## Cameron and Community

The Woman's Club met on Thursday afternoon, with the president, Miss Rachael Gilchrist in the chair. The club voted to present a play the middle of October to present a project sheet to Miss Head asking for work on streets, and for one of the mattress-making rooms to be located in Cameron. "Health and Welfare" was the program topic. Mrs. J. M. Guthrie recounted what had been done along that line for the past few months, which proved an eye-opener to many. Miss Kate Harrington, a graduate nurse, was the speaker for the afternoon and gave a splendid health talk. In a poetical health contest, Mrs. M. D. McNeill was winner.

The Book Club met with Mrs. J. M. Guthrie on Thursday evening. The club is still studying France. Miss Flora May McFadyen reviewed a pathetic French story, and also gave an interesting description of a French convent. In the absence of Mrs. Jewell Hemphill, a paper, prepared by her on "Parisian styles" was read by Mrs. Loula Muse. Special guests were Mrs. Warren Ferguson of Chicago and Miss Amanda McPherson.

Mesdames H. D. Tally and J. D. McLean, at the home of the latter, entertained at a miscellaneous shower Friday evening in honor of Miss Virginia Cameron, who left for Washington, D. C., the following Wednesday to take training in a governmental hospital. Twenty-six young people were present, and Miss Cameron received a number of dainty and useful gifts.

The Young Peoples' League of Fayetteville Presbytery, of the 6th and 7th districts held a rally at Eureka Presbyterian church on Wednesday afternoon. A fine address was made to them by the Rev. Mr. Hawkins of the Baptist Church of Sanford. Miss Virginia Cameron of Olivia is chairman of district seven.

A special service sponsored by the pastor, the Woman's Auxiliary and Y. P. C. of the Presbyterian Church was held in the church last Wednesday evening for the eleven young people of the community who were going

to college or for other training this fall. Mrs. J. D. McLean, local secretary of Religious Education and Mrs. W. G. Parker, Presbyterian secretary of Christian Education arranged the program. Russell Thomas, president of the Y. P. C. presided after the devotional by the Rev. M. D. McNeill. Excellent talks were made by Misses Mary Emma Thomas, Ellen R. Jones and Henry Dowell Jones of the Baptist Church. Miss Virginia Cameron, in a few well-chosen remarks expressed deep appreciation.

Dr. Alexander, pastor for nine years of the church of Thomasville, is assisting the Rev. Frank Hare, the pastor, in a revival service in the Cameron Church which began Monday evening. Dr. Alexander is a man of wide experience, having traveled extensively, visiting practically every state in the union and a number of foreign countries. Both pastors and churchmen invite people of every denomination to attend these services. The hours are 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Ensign Dewitte C. McIver, who is with the U. S. battleship, West Virginia, stationed at San Pedro, Cal., spent a short time Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Loula Muse. Mr. McIver is a son of the late Dr. and Mrs. D. C. McIver of Maxton.

Mrs. Tom Gunn, Mrs. Hugh Palmer, Miss Catherine Monroe of Sanford, Miss Elizabeth Seawell of Chapel Hill and Miss Mary Clark of Washington, N. C., spent Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. McPherson, coming especially to see Mrs. Warren Ferguson of Chicago.

Mrs. Warren Ferguson and little son Kenneth, spent Sunday night with Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Monroe of Sanford and left next day for their home in Chicago.

Mrs. Dougald Stewart, Sr., and son Dougald Stewart, Jr. and his two sons of Laurinburg were Sunday guests of Mrs. M. M. McKeithen.

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### FERREE AND BOWMAN WIN

Purvis Ferree and Bill Bowman of Aberdeen won the Yadkin Golf Club Two Ball Foursome with a new score of 71. Chester William and Ted Scofield, both of Pinehurst, were in a tie for second place with Frank McCaskill and Robert (Bob) Gouger of Pinehurst with a net score of 77, playing alternate shots over the No. 1 course in Pinehurst.

### VISITING IN PINEBLUFF

Mr. and Mrs. Leon I. Wylie of Washington are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Irving G. Wylie at their home here. On their return to Washington, they will be accompanied by their two children who have been spending the summer with their grandparents.

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