

Two Amendments To Constitution Being Proposed

One To Increase Rights Of Women; Other To Boost Pay Of Legislators

Voters of the State will be called upon to determine the fate of two proposed amendments to the North Carolina State Constitution when they go to the polls in the general election on Tuesday, November 5. One of the amendments would make the Constitution equally applicable to men and women as to jury service, suffrage and in other respects. The other amendment would allow legislators \$10 a day expenses while attending regular or special sessions of the General Assembly, the expense allowance to be in addition to the regular salary which is fixed at \$600 per regular term, and \$160 for a special session.

Section 1 of Article 1 in the Constitution reads, "That we hold it to be self-evident that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the enjoyment of the fruits of their own labor, and the pursuit of happiness." The proposed amendment would substitute the word "persons" in the place of "men," giving the members of the fair sex a claim to "certain inalienable rights" along with the men.

In section seven of the same article, same constitution, the words "person" and "persons" would be substituted for "man" and "men." At the present time the section reads, "No man or set of men are entitled to exclusive or separate emoluments or privileges from the community but in consideration of public services." It is fairly evident that the women will gain little or nothing by changing this particular section.

The proposed amendment would change Sections 11, 13, 19 and 26, all of Article I to include both sexes, specifically allowing women to sit on juries. Section 1 of Article IV would leave no doubt as to the right of woman suffrage in North Carolina.

Voters favoring the adoption of the proposed changes shall vote a ballot on which is printed the words, "For Amendments Making the Constitution Equally Applicable to Men and Women," and voters opposed to the changes shall vote a ballot on which is printed the words, "Against the Amendments Making the Constitution Equally Applicable to Men and Women."

The amendments were proposed when the North Carolina Supreme Court held in the case of State against Emory that women are ineligible to serve on the jury in this State. Other changes covered in the proposed amendment are designed to bring the State Constitution in line with the Federal document, for, under the Federal Constitution, women are guaranteed the right of the ballot. Little opposition is predicted for the amendment for the women.

The other amendment calling for an expense account for legislators of \$10 a day in addition to their regular salaries is very simple, but likely to encounter opposition. Voters favoring this amendment shall vote a ballot on which is printed the words, "For Amendment Allowing Limited Necessary Expenses of Members of the General Assembly," and those opposed to the adoption of the amendment shall vote a ballot on which is printed the words, "Against Amendment Allowing Limited Necessary Expenses of Members of the General Assembly."

Warehouseman Hurt In Wreck

Mr. Jim Gray, prominent Robersonville citizen and tobaccoist, suffered a broken rib and possibly other injuries in an auto-bread truck accident at a street intersection in the warehouse section of Robersonville shortly after 8:00 o'clock yesterday morning. Treated in the Ward Clinic, Mr. Gray was later removed to his home. The warehouseman was turning in the intersection and his car chucked down. Starting suddenly, it struck and turned over the bread truck. Mr. Gray was thrown out of his car.

Sales On Local Market Go Over Ten Million Pounds

Williamston's tobacco market handled well over half a million pounds of tobacco last week, to carry the total sales for the season through last Friday to 10,073,080 pounds. While there was a slight downward trend in prices, averages last week were just a fraction over \$1 per hundred lower than those for the week before when \$51,014 pounds averaged \$55.98. The official average last week for 590,390 pounds was \$54.73.

Approximately 135,000 pounds of tobacco were offered on the floors here Monday, and prices for some grades were off as much as four and five dollars per hundred. However, the low medium quality grades were selling good, and the average for the day was well over \$50 per hundred pounds. Where the better grades last week and the week before were selling as high as 66 and 67 cents a pound, few piles were bring over 62 and 63 cents this week. Apparently some of the buyers have filled their orders, causing prices for certain grades to fall. Late orders may boost the price trend shortly, but some market observers are of the opinion that the best time for selling tobacco's past.

The Departments of Agriculture report that price advances which had continued for four consecutive weeks were halted last week, and in the large majority of cases averages turned downward. Most losses amounted to \$1.00 to \$3.00 a hundred pounds with every group affected with decreases except nondescript. These tobaccos gained slightly. A few small increases also were mingled with declines in lugs and primings but, as a whole, these grades were down.

Gross sales for the week amounted to 35,683,327 pounds for an average of \$54.75 per hundred. This was around 7 1-2 million pounds below the previous week's volume and \$1.28 under the general average. Season gross sales were boosted to 375,685,970 pounds at a \$53.01 average.

Quality of the offerings was about the same as the previous week. The proportion of cutters increased slightly while leaf was all teen-agers of Martin County mon to good leaf, low and fair cutters, and fair and good lugs composed the bulk of marketings.

COMPLAINTS

Numerous complaints have been filed with the police department, and it is reported that appeals have been made direct to the authorities, against the promiscuous shooting of fireworks all over town during recent nights. Quite a few are looking to the authorities to ban the firing of all fireworks unless greater discretion is exercised in their use.

Religious services were troubled by the promiscuous firing of the crackers in close proximity of the churches last Sunday evening. Reports state that the thoughtless ones are not numbered strictly among the boys, but that those who have no respect or regard for worship services or the rest of citizens late hours of the night are young men in their late teens or early twenties, that they move about in automobiles, firing as they go.

Infant Dies On Way To Doctor

Archie Ray Carraway, six months old, died en route to a doctor's office here last Sunday shortly before noon. The son of Dalton E. and Ola Mae White Carraway, the infant was taken ill only the night before. When his condition showed no improvement Sunday morning they started to the doctor here, the child dying about the time they reached the office and before the trouble could be determined. A brother, suffering apparently with a similar ailment, was placed in a Greenville hospital recently.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of the child's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer White, on Beach Street here Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and burial was in the Clark Cemetery in Cross Roads Township. Rev. D. W. Davis officiated.

Surviving are the parents, and two brothers, Jimmy and Dalton, Jr., both of the home in Everetts.

Infant Died Saturday Morning Near Here

Larry Shelton Beacham, two months old, died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Essie Beacham, on the old Greenville Road near here last Saturday morning following a short illness.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon and interment was in the family cemetery, near the home.

In Accident At Bethel Stop Light Sunday Night No one was hurt but right truck damage resulted when a car plowed into Mr. J. W. Watt's Cadillac at the stop light in Bethel last Sunday night. Crashing the light, the colored man's old car, apparently without brakes, knocked the Cadillac engine partly out of line and damaged two fenders.

Minister Is Badly Injured In Wreck Friday Afternoon

Rev. J. G. Crocker Suffers Broken Neck When Car Turns Over

Rev. J. G. Crocker, of Pine Level and a former pastor of the Williamston Pentecostal Holiness Church, suffered a broken neck, shock and bruises when the car in which he was riding turned over between Everetts and Collie Swamp on U. S. Highway No. 64 at 3:30 o'clock last Friday afternoon. Placed in Brown's Community Hospital soon after the accident, the minister was transferred by ambulance to a Raleigh hospital for special treatment. While his condition is possibly serious, it is not critical, last reports reaching here stating that he was getting along as well as could be expected.

Rev. Julian Floyd Williams, pastor of the Williamston church, was driving his 1937 Plymouth car west on the highway when a tire blew out and caused the machine to turn over. Rev. Williams was not hurt, according to information gained from Patrolman W. E. Saunders who made an investigation. Damage to the car was limited, the patrolman stating that possibly it could be repaired for about \$100.

The accident was one of several reported in this county over the week-end. No one was hurt in two others, Cpl. W. T. Simpson said following investigations.

Ernest Walston of Pinetops, driving north on U. S. No. 17, started to make a left turn at Skewarkey with a 1946 Chevrolet truck owned by Edinport Trucking Company of Tarboro. He turned just as Guild Malloy of Fontana, California, started to pass in his 1942 Pontiac. The left front bumper of the truck hooked the car in the side, damaging the door and ripping off a right rear fender. Damage to the car was estimated by Cpl. Simpson at \$150 and that to the truck at about \$75. His car minus a fender and the side battered, Malloy was able to drive away and continue his travel north.

A very minor accident was reported.

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ROUND-UP

A new arrest record for the fall season was chalked up last week-end when local, county and state officers rounded up seventeen drunks and registered them in the ole hoosegow at the county little "white house" near the brink of the river hill here. Intruding on the drunks' week-end convention, two others were jailed during the period, one for issuing a worthless check and the other for drunken driving. Quite a few of the nineteen jailed were white, and most of them were in their early twenties.

Well-Known Local Citizen Died At Home On Saturday

Funeral Sunday Afternoon At 3:00 O'clock For Mrs. Grover Hardison

Funeral services were conducted at the Biggs Funeral Home here on West Main Street Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Mrs. Grover W. Hardison who died suddenly at her home on Church Street Saturday morning at 3:15 o'clock. Her pastor, Dr. Ira D. S. Knight, of the local Baptist Church, officiated, and interment was in Williamston's Woodlawn Cemetery.

The daughter of the late Joseph H. and Mary Rogers Peel, she was born on November 8, 1884, near Williamston. When she was quite young the family located in Williamston where she had since made her home.

The former Miss Annie Peel, she was married to Grover W. Hardison on June 9, 1910, and was numbered among the town's well-known women and citizens. She was a member of the Baptist church here since her childhood, and is remembered as a friend of the needy.

Mrs. Hardison, suffering with high blood pressure, had been in feeble health for a long number of years. Her condition had not been very favorable for the past two weeks, but she apparently seemed to be getting along as well as usual when she went to her room and retired about 9:00 o'clock Friday evening. Going into the bedroom about 11:00 o'clock she was found sleeping soundly by her daughter at that time. The attention of members of the family was attracted by her difficult breathing about three hours later, and medical aid was summoned. She died within about an hour without regaining consciousness, the victim of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Surviving are Mr. Hardison, two daughters, Mrs. Calvin Sluder of the home, and Mrs. Irvin Hull, Jr., of Pulaski, Va.; a sister, Miss Essie Peel, of Williamston, and two grandchildren, Paulanne and Frank Hull, of Pulaski. Mrs. Hardison was a great-niece of the late Sylvester Hassell, noted minister and author of Williamston.

To Close Meeting Tomorrow Night

Rev. Paul Nickens, Baptist minister of Plymouth, will close a series of revival services in the local Baptist Church tomorrow evening. Starting last Sunday, a week ago, the meeting has attracted record-size congregations at nearly every service, and the messages have been well received, not only by Dr. Ira Knight's Baptists but also by members from all other denominations in the town and community.

The visiting minister centered his text last Sunday evening in the 23rd Psalm, and delivered an unusually strong and appealing sermon, the second for the day. Three members were added to the church roll at the evening service.

A special invitation is being extended to the general public and especially to the young people, urging them to attend the meeting tonight and tomorrow night.

Texaco Dealers In Meeting Here

Meeting in the annual dinner-business session at the Woman's Club here last Friday night, 127 dealers distributors and official representatives of the Texas Company were told what they must do to "Grow With Texaco" in the coming year. Featured on the program was Edmund H. Harding of Washington, noted humorist and after dinner speaker who spoke on "What Next" in a most interesting and entertaining but also pointed manner.

The meeting was arranged by Mr. George H. Harrison, Sr., of the Harrison Oil Company of Williamston with the assistance of his associates here and in the affiliated Roberson Oil Company of Robersonville, Oak City Oil Company of Oak City, Windsor Oil Company of Windsor and Auland.

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Little Riot Takes Place At Carnival Saturday Night

Several Battered But None Was Seriously Hurt In Free-For-All

Several persons were battered and bruised and one or two eyes were blackened in a free-for-all fight at the gypsy carnival on the old Martin County fairgrounds near here about 9:30 o'clock last Saturday night. Complete details could not be had, officers stating that several innocent bystanders were struck in what appeared to be in the beginning a little riot.

A young man whose name could not be learned but who is said to live on the Whitley farm a short distance from here on the Hamilton Road, suggested that it was about time to close down the carnival outfit, and started knocking out lights at one of the stands. He met opposition, and the scuffle attracted attention of others. Going to the scene to satisfy their curiosity, several young men were said to have encountered trouble, but they backed out and were not badly hurt. The apparent instigator of the trouble moved away and was said to have cleared out for home, but not until he had started a mass exodus from the grounds.

Gypsies, flocking into the grounds earlier in the week in record numbers, packed and got out in a hurry. Spectators, not certain of their own safety, formed a steady flow of traffic with their cars in leaving the grounds.

Carnivals have left a trail of sorrow and woe in the old fairgrounds for more than a quarter of a century, the agricultural feature having been lost in the rush some years ago. But the climax was reached last week when the gypsies and professional gamblers moved in along with the girlie shows and a few rides. A lid was clamped down on the gambling by county officers and the girlie shows were tamed. The rides and concessions reported very little business, and it is possible that the carnival group, for the first time on record, left more money in the community than they carried away.

Considered an insult to the intelligence of the community, carnivals of that type are believed to have made their last stand in this community. It has been reported that the county commissioners, under no circumstances, relieve such outfits of taxes in the future, and will likely explore possibilities of banning them from the county forever and ever. The carnival last week met all tax requirements and one report stated that a ground rental fee of \$600 was charged and paid.

National Air Mail Week Observance

National Air Mail Week is being observed this week. Inauguration of the new five-cent United States flag rate October 1 immediately brought a sharp rise in the air mail volume, says Postmaster W. E. Dunn. Rapid air mail service, offered for the first time at a low postage rate, should stimulate commerce, business leaders here believe. For that reason, they are encouraging large air-mailings during the nationwide air mail promotion week.

The Post Office Department has taken a leaf from the book of American business, reducing the air-mail rate from 8 cents to 5 cents an ounce and simultaneously offering better and faster service. The Post Office has borrowed the proven principle that by getting more customers for a good product at a reduced cost the unit cost of delivery is cut. A lower price requires one thing to succeed—large volume.

Business men want to have the five-cent rate continued. A policy of enlightened self-interest suggests that all promote air mail during this period when the new low rate is being tested.

Meanwhile, Postmaster Dunn reported air mail letters are being received at the post office with incorrect postage affixed. The five-cent rate applies anywhere that the American flag flies, including all United States possessions. It is also applicable to the armed forces abroad and to Canada and Mexico.

Friday Is Designated Farm Bureau Day In the County

Its membership drive progressing very favorably, the Martin County Farm Bureau has designated Friday of this week as the day to carry the campaign over the top. Farm Bureau Day in Martin County was so designated by the officials and membership committee members in a meeting held last Friday night, the group pleading their further efforts to help carry the drive over the top. All the membership committee members were present but they were contacted by the officials who explained that approximately thirty canvassers would devote the entire day in rounding up approximately 400 members now needed to carry the Martin County Bureau over its assigned goal.

Briefly addressing the group last Friday evening at a supper paid for by the canvassers themselves, President Chas. L. Daniel declared that the Farm Bureau was needed more than ever before, that unless it has a strong support it cannot be expected to successfully wage a fight in agriculture's behalf around the conference tables and in the legislative halls.

It has been pointed out that present prices may not be maintained, but the Farm Bureau has worked to cushion the decline when it sets in. To guarantee that protection for the future, the farmers must maintain a strong organization, and only by boosting its membership can that be accomplished.

Martin County has gained national recognition for its liberal support of the Farm Bureau, and since the current drive is only about 400 members short of the 2,080 goal, President Daniel is appealing both to the canvassers and the public to lend their support to it.

Jaycees To Sponsor Town Primary Law

Propose To Rule Out Convention Plan Of Voting

Following a lengthy discussion during which various members reported they had been contacted by quite a few citizens asking the organization to sponsor a movement to secure a primary type of election to replace the present city convention type of election, the Williamston Junior Chamber of Commerce voted last Friday night to undertake the task.

The meeting was held in the community building of the Macedonia church and the ladies of the church served a delicious fried chicken supper to the group. The project is to be handled by the club's Civic Improvement committee and officials stressed that they desired to keep it on a civic basis as their organization is a non-political one.

The opinion was expressed at the meeting that a primary type election would be more convenient for a larger number of voters to cast their ballot, since voting could be done "all during the day of election instead of all voting being crowded into a few short minutes every two years as is now the case." Further information and plans are to be announced by the committee at a later date.

President Ernest Mears presided over the meeting while Dan Sharpe led the singing. Wheeler Manning pronounced the invocation.

Guests attending the meeting were Messrs. Walter Hamilton, J. C. White, Jim Collins, and Alton Pleasants.

A report by Oswald Stalls, chairman of the sports committee, revealed that committee members sold over \$400.00 worth of season tickets for the High School Athletic fund. A report by Exum Ward, Jr., indicated that the club made a sizable profit on their recently staged home talent play, Pep Parade. This money is to be donated to the High School Athletic Association.

No large collections were made by any individual but when the joint efforts were checked it was found that American housewives were responsible for the recovery of five hundred million pounds of fat during the past four years, according to a report released a short time ago by the American Fat Salvage Committee. A marked drop in the recovery of fats was evident during the meat shortage. No official collection agency operated here and not very many pounds of fat were recovered in this immediate section.

County Young Man Reports On Visit To Czechoslovakia

Jimmy Wallace Of Jamesville Attends Conference In Prague

A University of North Carolina delegate to World Student Conference held in Prague, Czechoslovakia, August 18-31, Jimmy Wallace, Martin County young man who is now studying law in Chapel Hill, last week reported on the meeting to students at the University. Bill Sexton reported Wallace's summary in the Daily Tar Heel, student publication at the University, as follows:

Characterizing the 1946 World Student Congress at Prague as a "miniature United Nations assembly," UNC Delegate Jimmy Wallace last night reported to the students he represented that "the conference accomplished its major objective . . . the formation of an International Student union."

He told how the 300 students from 40 nations went on record for world government, set up organization of the new world student federation with headquarters in Prague, and determined to reassemble in three years.

The Carolina delegate, one of 15 representing the United States at the August session, noted "eternal disagreement" between Catholic members from all countries and the representatives of the Communist countries. "Their wrangles," he said, "constantly threatened to impair the whole conference." But, Wallace added that the students were able to compromise successfully "at the expense of great effort."

Comparing the Prague conference with other international assemblies, Wallace declared, "The Russian delegation was intelligent and cooperative. It voted unanimously on all matters . . . getting the nod from its leaders." The Yugoslav, Polish, and Rumanian members, he continued, "voted with the Russian delegation 95 percent of the time."

"The three contingents of the Indian delegation (Moslem, Hindu, and Communist) never agreed unless it was to disagree with the British members," he reported.

Wallace, who was elected one of 100 members of the Congress Council, explained the organization which was adopted for the newly instituted International Union of Students.

"A Council will steer the assembly between its meetings every three years. It will assemble annually . . . Arrangements for the council's meetings will be taken care of by an Executive committee with 17 members. Most of these have become residents of Prague . . . the Czech government has granted them scholarships to Charles university there." He told how Czechoslovakia, host to the August 18-31 assembly, had arranged buildings and personnel for permanent headquarters of the student union in Prague.

Wallace resolved to support a "lukewarm version" of world government, which Wallace deplored as "hopelessly inadequate." He said that he himself had urged the members that "a genuine world government must be evolved with the utmost speed."

"It is immediately necessary, if we are to avoid a new war," Wallace last night said that he had told the delegates, "to internationalize the control of the atomic bomb." He added that "the veto power must go as far as matters atomic are concerned."

Officers Destroy Two Distilleries

Raiding in Goose Nest Township the greater part of last Friday, ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Feel wrecked two illicit liquor distilleries. The plants were equipped with oil drums and other inferior manufacturing materials.

The first plant was found just off the old river road not far from Palmyra where the officers poured out fifty gallons of cheap molasses beer. The second plant was found just off the new highway leading out of Oak City in the direction of Hassell. The officer poured out 150 gallons of beer there.

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STAUCHEST

Martin County has had and still has some able leaders in its Farm Bureau, men who have given much of their time in the furtherance of its organization and activities and without remunerative reward, but the Billy Cratt family of Bear Grass is recognized as among the Bureau's staunchest supporters.

Farmer Cratt, recognizing the value of the organization and convinced it has helped agriculture tremendously, did not stop when he tendered his membership fee. He signed for Mrs. Cratt and then went on to sign for five of his children, a total of seven.

Junior Red Cross Seeking Members

The Martin County Red Cross Chapter's junior organization is launching a membership drive this week with the aid of Miss Florine Clark and Mrs. Ross Froneberger in the local schools. Mrs. V. E. Brown, chairman, announced. School children are enrolled in groups and no individual fee is required, the chairman explained, adding that each individual is urged to participate in the Junior Red Cross program.

The organization just recently formed in this chapter, affords its members an opportunity to serve others, both at home and abroad, in war or in peace, and the youth gain a growing sense of responsibility toward others through the service projects, Mrs. Brown pointed out.

Already plans are being made to send educational gift boxes overseas, the chairman announcing that the Junior Red Cross has been asked to prepare and send at least one million gifts by the end of November. Work on the project is slated to get under way immediately.

Victim Of Pistol Wound Improving In Hospital

William Hopkins, young county farmer who seriously shot himself at his home near Jamesville last week, was reported to be improving in the local hospital late yesterday. His left lung collapsed by a bullet that plowed all the way through his body, the man was said, however, to continue quite ill.

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