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State Constitution

Unnecessary To Vote Against Registration In Special Elections By Albert Coats, Director

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On Tuesday, November 2, the people of North Carolina will votes, or Against determining resuits of special elections by majority votes.

Present voting requirements: North Carolina Constitution provides that: "No county, city, town, or other municipal corporation shall contract any debt, pledge its faith or loan its credit, nor shall any tax be levied or collected by of, unless by a vote of the majority of the qualified voters therein."

The proposed change in voting requirement: For the words in the last clause of the foregoing provision-"unless by a vote of the majority of the qualified voters therein", the proposed amendment would substitute the following words—"unless approved by a majority of those who shall vote thereon in any election held for such purpose.'

To illustrate the meaning of this proposed change: Under the present voting requirement, if 1000 voters are registered ("qualified" voters are held to be "registered" voters) 501 votes must be east for the proposition voted on in order to vote it in. If 500 votes are cast for and one against it, the proposition is voted out, because 500 votes are not a "majority of the qualified voters."

Under the proposed voting requirement, if 1000 voters are reg. Raise One-Third stered and 501 vote-251 for and 250 against it, the proposition is voted in, because 251 are a majority of those voting. Similarly, if only 100 of the 1000 registered vote, and 51 are for and 49 against it, the proposition is voted in, because 51 are a majority of those

It is obviously more difficult to levy a tax or incur a debt under the present voting requirement than under the proposed voting diffficult for people to get what they want through a tax levy or a under the proposed voting requirement. In still other words, the present voting requirement makes it easier for people to keep down debts and taxes, while the proposed voting requirement makes it easier for people to get the services they want. It is for the voters to say which is the wiser policy and this policy will be decided on Tuesday, November 2, by a majority of those voting rather than by a majority of dren. Those persons who have those registered.

Reasons cited for and against the change follow the line of are urged to forward cash or cleavage outlined in the foregoing paragraph. One official wrote in opposition to the change: "My observation has been that in elections called for approval of the issuance of bonds, we have a very small registration and if the election is carried by only a majority of those who vote, then we have bond issue authorized and saddled upon the tax paying unit by only a small proportion of the people. I think the present arrangement is better and fairer. If a majority of the people do not want bonds issued, then I think a winerity should not be normitted Williamston Peanut Co., \$10; N. C. minority should not be permitted Green, Agent Sinclair Oil Co., \$10; to authorize it." Another writes: J. W. Snead, \$1; Geo. C. Griffin, "I do not think it would be wise Jr., \$2; Mrs. John Wier, \$1; Charin elections on necessary ex- Mrs. C. J. Goodman, \$1; Mrs. F. J. penses. There are so many pressure groups today just waiting for all margolis, \$1; Mrs. W. O. Griffin, an opportunity to further some pet project and in most cases the raised \$21.18, by grades, as folpeople who do not own property and, therefore, would not have to bear the additional tax burden." Another writes: "I think that we should use every effort possible to nard, 55c; Mr. Cox, 86c; Mrs. Shulhold down our bonded indebtedness; therefore my thought is that Whitley, \$4; and Mrs. White, the college music department, an-

Explains Changes Few Register In County So Proposed In The Far For November Election

registration books in this county tion book to vote in general eleclast Saturday, indicating that no tions, but to participate in a great interest is being shown in the general election scheduled for and be registered in the primary November 2; at least, not by po- registration book. The same tential new voters.

son registered.

As far as it could be learned, ticipate in the general election. Article VII, Section 7, of the the registration is holding to a The registration books will be side of the Atlantic Coast Line tered his name on the general re- who have not registered are urg- off the right side of the road and gistration book also asked to be ed to do so. The books are open traveled 57 yards down the shoulmary book. It has been pointed No. 1 in the courthouse and No. 2 at the crossing. Swerving to the any officers of the same except out that one does not have to state in S. H. Grimes' office on Balti- left the car went down the railfor the necessary expenses there- his party affiliation to get his or more Street.

Few names were added to the her name on the general registra Democratic' primary election he

BLOCKED

With the season opening tomorrow for taking squirrel and deer, many hunters in this section will find the paths leading into the swamps in this section blocked by water. Recent rains have filled the swamps and if there's much hunting done it will be on high land or in other sections, reports declare.

Local hunters are making ready for a busy season. The Broad Creek Club sailed the Morattoe down the river early this week, and the Conine Club reviewed its rules and regulations and accepted new members this week. Clubs in other sections of the county are all set for the season.

Of County Quota For Hungry Tots

Robersonville Raises \$83. To Push Total To Date To \$842.45

The drive to raise \$2,500 for the requirement. Or, to put it an- slowly starving children of warother way, it is obviously more torn countries continues, late re- of season, George Bailey was finports from Mrs. N. C. Green, the bond issue under the present than county chairman, stating that a total of \$842.45 or about one-third of the quota assigned this county had been raised and reported. Robersonville raised and reported collections in the sum of \$83.79 to push the drive over the one-third mark.

> No time limit for closing the drive has been set, but the treasurer is anxious to complete it and turn the contributions over to the United Nations Crusade for Chilnot been solicited and have made no donations to the worthy cause checks to the treasurer in Wil-

Contributions, not previously reported, follow:

A friend, \$1; Mrs. Bill Carstarphen, \$1; Blue Star Cleaners, \$5; Dixie Motors, \$25; Chas. H. Jenkins Co., \$10; Williamston Motor Co., \$10; Roanoke Chevrolet Co., \$10; Gulf Stream Station, \$1; Jernigan Cafe, 50c; John E. Pope, \$1; Skinner Tobacco Co., \$5; King Tobacco Company, \$5; Rev. and Mrs. John Hardy, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barnhill, \$2; Janet Cox, \$1; Mr. lie Davis, \$1; R. L. Coburn, \$2;

, The Williamston High School lows: Miss Privett, \$1.55; Mrs. Sumner, \$3; Miss Roberts, 40c; B. K. Hopkins, \$1.82; Miss Tilley, \$1.20; Mr. Butler, \$1.10; Mr. Mayler, \$2.50; Mrs. Corey, \$1.00; Miss choir at Meredith College, Ral-

or she must state party affiliation

two Williamston precinct regis- will be on the general election a scratch when their car, a 1948 vote: For determining results of trars, reports from other precincts ticket in the November election, Kaiser, went out of control bespecial elections by majority stating that only a few names are not recognized in the primary tween Jamesville and Dardens at were added to the list while in at elections. However, regardless of 6:45 o'clock last Tuesday evening. least one precinct not a single per- party affiliation or political beliefs, one may register and par- old car, the Gardner young man

Justices of Peace

Hear Dozen Cases

In Past Few Days Sent To Higher Courts For Trial

Justices R. T. Johnson and John L. Hassell handled a dozen cases their courts here during the past few days, but one-third of them were sent to the higher courts for final action.

Cases handled by Justice Johnson include the following:

Charged with aiding and abetting in the larceny of tobaoco in transit from the warehouse floors to the packing room of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Ben Edwards and Perlie Williams were bound over to the county

erating a house for gambling and illicit liquor constituting a nuisance, was bound over to the county court for trial on October

Charged with the possession of illicit liquor for the purpose of sale, Charlie Moore, colored, was required to post bond for his appearance in the county court for trial next Monday.

Pleading guilty of hunting out ed \$15 and taxed with \$5.85 costs. Justice Hassell handled the following cases:

Charged with assault with deadly weapons, Robert Crowell and Fannie Crowell were adjudged guilty of simple assault and were taxed with \$8.75 costs.

Robert Bonner, charged with disorderly conduct, was taxed with \$7.25 costs.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of \$6.75 costs in the case charging Willie Brown with simple assault.

Rufus Taylor, charged with disorderly conduct, was required to pay \$5.50 costs.

Booked for disorderly conduct, Johnnie Parker was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with public drunkenness, George Bond and John A. Philpot were each fined \$5 and taxed with \$7.50 costs.

Two From County On Magazine Staff

A. E. Manning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Manning of Griffins Township, and Miss Elizabeth Manning, daughter of 'Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Manning of Williamston are on the staff of "Pieces of Eight," magazine published at East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville.

The young man is art editor, and the young lady is assistant business manager.

Hamilton Girl Member Of Choir At Meredith

Miss Idalia Oglesby of Hamilton has earned a place on the nounced last week-end.

Uninjured In Car

Driving his father's eight-daywas rounding a curve just this straight Democratic ticket. It open next Saturday and the fol- Railroad crossing when he started was stated that everyone who en- lowing Saturday and all those to light a cigarette. The car ran registered in the Democratic pri- for the two Williamston precincts, der before striking a signal block twice along the way.

It was first thought that somepossibly killed and an immediate day night. investigation was ordered. Patrolman J. T. Rowe received the tion of merchants, professional call here and he made the inves- men and others has made it pos-

One-third of the Cases Are driving only forty-five miles an event which is expected to attract hour at the time of the accident, thousands of visitors. Press serexplaining that he turned his at- vices in two states are calling for tention from the road while try- stories and pictures, and Life Maing to light a cigarette, that he ran gazine, it was reported, will conoff the concrete and lost control sider publication of pictures.

ton, the car was damaged about with entertainment and special

The accident was the second

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James Brown, charged with op- Inspected Eight

day period, the North Carolina mobile stands in front of the the late Samuel T. Jackson of handled approximately 800 cars of the baby parade, made up of fort County 44 years ago on Ocand trucks up until shortly before noon today.

six days.

ber 30, and the dead line for in- over as master of ceremonies. spection of 1940 and 1949 models is December 31.

Open New Road In Griffins Township

Mudbound for years, the Farm travel. A new road, running via Smithwicks Creek, is being openthe new road was opened yesterday, and the remainder of the route will be opened tomorrow or Saturday, depending on the weather.

THE RECORD **SPEAKS**

For the past several years more highway and street accidents were reported in this county in October than in any other month in the year. While the wreckage business is off to a good start, it is not up to the speed recorded a year ago when eighteen accidents were reported during the month.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time. 41st Week

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge Comparisons To Date 1948 102 52 2 \$22,450 1947 105 22,690

Young Men Escape Thousands Expected to Attend Judge J. C. Smith Accident Thursday First Annual Peanut Festival Machine Turns Over Twice Opening Here This Afternoon In Wild Ride Over 127.

1:30 P. M. Friday

Army Secretary Speaks Friday at 3:00; Spectacular Floats Prepared

With all details arranged and fair weather promised, Williamston's Boosters are all set to open the town's first annual Peanut Festival this afternoon at 3:00 road seventy yards, turning over o'clock and to carry the three-day program to a successful conclusone had been badly injured or the high school auditorium Satur-

The almost unanimous cooperasible to rush through extensive Gardner declared that he was arrangements for the three-day

Present indications point to one Purchased just eight days pre- of the best and largest parades viously by the driver's father, Mr. seen in the State this year. The W. J. Gardner, RFD 1, Williams- program, as a whole, is packed \$1,000, Patrolman Rowe estimat- events will add to the enjoyment for all who attend.

Ten of the fifteen prize-comone bordering on the serious side peting floats had been completed here beats 'em all.

Hundred Vehicles | gram events is scheduled prompt- vice. Interment was in Wi

during the dance. Friday, October 15

Army Secretary Kenneth Roy- When a young man he was marshal Blue Manning has worked Heath of Williamston. out a schedule to form and keep the parade moving without a Peanut Harvest Is About

Secretary Royall will speak for thirty minutes and his talk will be broadcast over the Williamston Tobacco Radio Network. The parade and preliminaries for the address are to be completed not latthere must be no delay in forming and clearing the parade.

Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock, the Robersonville and Williamston football teams meet in a conference game on the high school field here. The regular night ad-

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Ralph Gene Gardner, 19, and Mile - Long Parade Cordial Welcome Extended ential new voters. Eight were registered by the splinter parties, even though they will be on the general election a scratch when their car, a 1948 Starts Moving At All To Three-Day Festival

pected here for the three-day Peanut Festival opening with a band Traffic will be routed around operating a motor vehicle without concert at 3:00 o'clock this after- the main business blocks, and the an operator's license or for not noon, followed by days of enter- streets from Watts to Haughton stopping at a road intersection. taining events.

displays have been prepared by a ty of all. majority of the business firms, The baby parade this afternoon roads for nine months, the court and peanuts, attached to vines, are and contests will get valuable suspending the road term on conhanging from telephone and light prizes donated by various firms dition that the defendant pay \$100 ion with an amateur program in poles on the streets. Flags are and individuals. The prizes are immediately and \$5 each week for flying in the streets and welcome on display in the Employment the support of his child. He is to signs are hanging from nearly Service Office show window in make the weekly payments for every business house in the town. the apartment building. Business firms and hundreds of Everybody is invited and welcitizens, white and colored, have come to attend the program.

Williamston's citizenry, white pledged their support to the proand colored, are making every ef- ject which is to be highlighted at during the three-hour session fort to welcome the thousands ex- 1:30 Friday afternoon by the big- amounted to \$350. There were gest parade ever attempted in this only two speedsters in court and

and from Main to Railroad will Attractive and original window be cleared for the events and safe-

Former Resident Fatally Hurt In Despite the delivery of the Fall At Norfolk

Funeral Held Here Wednesday Afternoon For Vernol Forrest Jackson

Last rites were conducted at Biggs Funeral Home on West Main Street here yesterday afterin the Jamesville area in three early today and the others will be noon at 2:30 o'clock for Vernol ready before parade time at 1:30 Forrest Jackson, Sr., who died It was the 103rd motor vehicle o'clock Friday. Observers, after early the day before in a Norfolk attending parades in several cities hospital of injuries sustained in a during the past few months, de- fall there. Rev. John L. Goff, pasclare the make-up for the parade tor of the local Christian church, assisted by Rev. D. D. Ellis, Nor-The first in the series of pro- folk minister, conducted the ser gram events is scheduled prompt- vice. Interment was in Wil-

when the Marine Band from The son of Mrs. Mamie Simpson Opening last Tuesday for a five- Cherry Point gives a concert from Jackson, now of Williamston, and otor vehicle inspection lane had Guaranty Bank. The first division Jamesville, he was born in Beau 130 white children, forms on tober 4, 1904. When quite young Washington Street at 3:30 this af- he moved with his parents to The lane will be closed here for ternoon and moves down Main Jamesville where he worked in the period at noon Saturday, and Street to Watts and back again to his father's store. About twenty is to reopen on November 10 for the judges' stand where L. B. years ago he moved to Raleigh Wynne will preside as master of where he worked as a mechanic All 1938, 1939, 1943, 1944 and ceremonies. The second division, for two years before locating in 1945 model vehicles are to be in- including thirty-nine colored chil- Washington, D. C. He later made spected before the last day of this dren, starts moving from Wash- his home in Norfolk where he enmonth. The 1940 and 1942 models ington and follows the same gaged in the produce business beare to be inspected before Novem- course with Jesse Rogers taking fore entering construction work.

Reports reaching here stated he Street dances follow tonight on was standing on a 10-foot build-Washington Street at 9:00 o'clock, ing scaffold and was knocked off lasting until midnight. There'll by a falling timber, his head strikbe special contests at intervals ing concrete. He was operated on fect on Cupid's work during the in a Norfolk hospital but never month. regained consciousness.

Life section of Griffins Township all is scheduled to be here in time ried in Jamesville to Miss Annie is just about fixed for all-year to be in the parade which is slat- Mae Dawes. Following her ed to start moving at 1:30 o'clock death a number of years ago, he and clear in time for the Secre- was married in Norfolk. Three ersonville, and Emma Lee Bullock ed this week. All but one mile of tary to go on the air with a poli-children survive the first union, of Robersonville. tical speech at 3:00 o'clock. He two sons, Vernol F. Jackson, Jr., will speak from a stand near the of Portsmouth, and Samuel T. corner of Smithwick and Main Jackson of Richmond, and one Streets. All details have been daughter, Mrs. Noah T. Leggett of David B. Manning and Annie worked out for the parade. The Robersonville. Two sons, Francis Virginia Chesson, both of Wil-75 units, constituting three divis- G. and Jos. Henry Jackson, both ions and measuring just about one of Norfolk, survive the second mile in length, will form on Mar- union. Surviving also are his wishall, Warren, Park and Williams dow, Mrs. Katherine Rudacil of Williamston. Streets, move into Haughton, pro- Jackson; his mother, and four sisceed down Haughton, to Washing- ters, Mrs. Garcie Carroll, of Garton Street, to Main down Main to ner, N. C., Mrs. Mildred Arthur of sonville. Watts and then down Watts and Driver, Va., Mrs. Cottie Liles of back to starting point. Head Mar- Richmond, and Mrs. Margie E.

Complete In The County

Interrupted by unfavorable weather, the peanut harvest is nearing completion in this county, farmers stating that with good weather the remainder of the er than 3:00 o'clock, meaning week the task will have been completed by Saturday.

According to scattered reports that portion of the crop now being dug is better than that harvested earlier in the season.

The support price has been boosted by about 50 points per mission rate will prevail for this hundred pounds for the current crop by the stabilization coopera-

TOBACCO SALES

"scrappings" in fairly large quantities, tobacco prices continue to hold up unusually well, a report from the local market late yesterday stating that 62,156 pounds averaged \$52.91. Many of those selling on the market this week were completing the marketing of their crops and their offerings included trash grades accumulated over a period of weeks.

Through yesterday the market had sold 8,803,198 pounds for an average of

Issued Nineteen Licenses To Wed In Martin County

Issuance To White Couples Largest for Any September on Record

Nineteen marriage licenses were issued in this county last month by the office of the register of deeds. While the combined issuance is just about average for the past twelve years, more licenses ther condition that he violate no were issued to white couples during the period than in any other the peacetime draft had little ef-

Licenses were issued to fourteen month in the county, as follows:

John A. Harrison, RFD 1, Rob-

James R. Griffin, RFD 1, Wil-

liamston.

Reginald Parker Peele Martha Lillian Mendenhall, both man defendant to leave Martin Linwood Stanley Weathersbee

Harcum Roebuck and Evelyn Keel, both of Robersonville.

and Idonia Pierce, both of Rober-

Julius M. Jackson, RFD Greenville, and Margaret Adelaide Bullock, RFD 1, Roberson-

Dallas Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston, and Della Frances Revels. RFD 1. Williamston.

C. B. Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston, and Susie Gray Taylor, RFD 2. Williamston.

Harry S. James, Jr., and Lela M. Cartwright, both of Weeksville. Alvin Octavius Everett of Hamilton and Edna Ruth Smith of Pal- \$100, taxed with the cost and the

Elton Ray Martin of Robersonville and Bettie Lorene Nobles of one year. Paul Clifton Bailey of Hobgood

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Has Sixteen Cases In County's Court

Fines Imposed At Session Last Monday Amount To \$350.00

Judge J. Calvin Smith called sixteen cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. completing the trials in time to recess for lunch. Fines imposed

no one was called to answer for Proceedings:

Charged with non-support, Elmer Mizelle was sentenced to the two years and if he fails, the road sentence is to be invoked.

Pleading guilty of simple assault, James E. Moore was sentenced to the roads for thirty days. The term was suspended upon the payment of a \$20 fine and costs and on the further condition that he does not go upon the premises of Charlie, Lenora or Ruby Whichard for two years without first obtaining their per-

His case having been continued under prayer for judgment and it appearing to the court that the conditions of the judgment could not be met, Kelly Wilkins, charged with non-support, was sentenced to the roads for four

months. Charged with speeding, Holiway Holman of Edenton pleaded guilty and was fined \$15 with the costs attached

Adjudged guilty over his plea of innocenec, Lee Rollins, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to jail for two days, fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Willie Taylor, colored, pleaded guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, and was sentenced to jail for two days, fined \$250 and required to pay the costs.

Guy Rollins, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, was adjudged not guilty.

Charged with assaulting a female, Louellen Smith was sentenced to the roads for four months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs and on the furcriminal law for one year.

Charged with an assault, Selby September on record. Apparently Price pleaded guilty of being drunk and disorderly and was sentenced to the roads for four months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a white and five colored couples last \$25 fine and the costs. The defendant is to not be convicted of a law violation within the next

two years. Pleading guilty of fornication, and adultery, Henderson Moore and Carolina Prevatt were given laimston, and Gladys B. Godard six months sentences, Moore on the roads and the Prevatt woman in woman's prison, Raleigh. The terms were suspended upon the payment of \$50 fines and costs each. The court instructed the wo-County and remain away for two

Pleading not guilty in the case chraging him with reckless driving, LeRoy Bowers was adjudged not guilty.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Will Crawford with violating the weights and meas-

Sam Brown, charged with issuing a worthless check, was adjudged not guilty.

The case charging W. R. Cherry with an assault was thrown out Pleading guilty of drunken driving, M. Wheeler was fined

court recommended that his oper-ator's license be suspended for Charged with speeding, George

M. Phillips, of Norristown, and Bettie Mae Smith of Palmyra. was fined \$15 and taxed with the