

Constitutional Changes Should Be Voted

Editorial from The Asheville Citizen

The state constitutional changes to be decided by the voters of North Carolina in the special election on September 8 would, if approved, authorize standby legislation for use when necessary in preserving segregation in the public schools.

The U. S. Supreme Court, in deciding public schools cannot deny admission to a child solely on the basis of race, did not order segregation.

But it left North Carolina and other Southern states with the problem of what to do — defiance, integration, or a middle ground whereby the present school system would be preserved within the framework of law.

North Carolina, not willing to defy the court, not ready to adopt a policy of integration, has chosen the moderate approach.

It took its key step in 1955 when the General Assembly gave local school boards full authority to assign children to the schools — a measure that has been characterized as sound school administration.

Governor Hodges and his administration hope that voluntary separate school attendance and the pupil assignment act will be sufficient.

Yet they are not certain they will completely take care of the situation.

Therefore, two constitutional changes are proposed — education expense grants and local option — to authorize legislation that would be called into use only if conditions warrant it.

Article IX of the State Constitution says the General Assembly shall provide for "a general and uniform system of public schools" free to all children from 6 to 21 and that the white and Negro races "shall be taught in separate public schools."

It also provides that each county shall be divided into districts "in which one or more public schools shall be maintained at least six months in each year."

On this article the schools have grown, with legislative provision for a nine-month term.

The proposed changes do not eliminate these provisions. They modify requirements to an extent that would permit the Legislature to provide (1) educational expense grants for children assigned to mixed schools, and (2) a system under which a community, by majority vote, could suspend the schools in its district.

Under the assignment law and the local option plan, final authority in school matters rests at the local level.

Governor Hodges would not have advocated this school program if he did not believe it to be legal, practical and advisable, even though there are dangers and imperfections inherent in it.

Approval of the proposed constitutional changes seems to be a practical course open to voters in preserving segregated schools.

How Republican Delegates Are Apportioned

This is how delegates to the GOP National Convention in San Francisco are apportioned among the states and territories:

Alabama, 21; Arizona, 14; Arkansas, 16; California, 20; Colorado, 18; Connecticut, 22; Delaware, 12; Florida, 26; Georgia, 23; Idaho, 14; Illinois, 60; Indiana, 32; Iowa, 26; Kansas, 22; Kentucky, 26; Louisiana, 20; Maine, 16; Maryland, 24; Massachusetts, 38; Michigan, 46; Minnesota, 28; Mississippi, 15; Missouri, 32; Montana, 11.

Nebraska, 18; Nevada, 12; New Hampshire, 14; New Jersey, 38; New Mexico, 14; New York, 96; North Carolina, 28; North Dakota, 14; Ohio, 56; Oklahoma, 20; Oregon, 18; Pennsylvania, 70; Rhode Island, 14; South Carolina, 16; South Dakota, 14; Tennessee, 28; Texas, 54; Utah, 14; Vermont, 12; Virginia, 30; Washington, 24; West Virginia, 16; Wisconsin, 30; Wyoming, 12.

Alaska, 4; District of Columbia, 6; Hawaii, 10; Puerto Rico, 3; Virgin Islands, 1.

Total: 1,323.

Needed to nominate: 662.

The University of North Carolina School of Nursing utilizes classrooms, hospitals, out-patient and community facilities to provide students with a broad background in professional nursing.

BLUFF

There was a large crowd at church Sunday. The Rev. Sam Austin filled his regular appointment.

C. R. M. Owen Gillespie and family, stationed in Rhode Island, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gillespie, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Henderson and family of Balfour visited Mr. Charlie Henderson and family last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roten Ebbs of Mars Hill spent last Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gillespie.

Miss Emma Logan left the last of this week to teach school at Mount Carmel in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gillespie and family, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Gillespie and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Waldroup Saturday night.

Mrs. Hattie Woody and children visited Mrs. Zephia Waldroup Friday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Curnel Green a daughter, Dorothy Ann, Wednesday, August 15.

Mr. Warren Gillespie had a barn-raising Friday. Dinner was cooked and served camp-style near the barn. Mrs. June Gillespie, Edna Waldroup, Marie Trantham and Ruth Woody prepared dinner.

Mrs. Mae Kirkpatrick has been ill for a while. Also Mrs. Fannie Finley. We hope they will soon be well.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Waldroup and family took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Otis Waldroup, and family.

Mr. Harry Garden of Marion spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Finley.

Miss Blanche Wyatt of Roaring

PINE SEEDLINGS FREE TO FARMER

Madison County farmers who are interested in obtaining white pine seedlings should make application as soon as possible.

Assistant County Agent V. L. McMahan says that there is a limited supply of free seedlings to be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

He says there is no doubt that Fork spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wyatt.

Mr. and Mrs. Quay Smathers and daughter, Synthia, of Canton were visiting Miss Gertha Henderson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Waldroup and family, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gillespie and family and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Gillespie and family were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Gillespie Sunday.

Miss Joyce Finley has gone to spend a week with her aunt, Mrs. Tara Garden, of Marion.

Mrs. Nora Reece was visiting in Bluff Sunday afternoon.

Coates Reunion To Be Held August 26

The annual Coates family reunion will be held at 12:30 o'clock Sunday, August 26, at the cabin of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Coates, on Route 2, Marshall.

many acres of idle land could be made more productive by planting pines on it.

He points out that many of the farmers in the county are paying taxes on land and not making any return.

The future price of timber is expected to be higher because of its scarcity.

Therefore, farmers with idle land would be investing in a sound program if they planted this land in pine trees.

McMahan says farmers who are interested in obtaining trees should apply at the County Agent's office soon.

If a farmer has not taken up all of his ASC assistance, he may receive as much as \$5 an acre assistance for TVA trees or \$8 an acre for purchased trees.

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"AM I DEAD?"

Woman Thought Dead Awakens At Morgue

Melbourne, Australia, Aug. 19 —Mrs. Heila Bauleh, 45, was pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital today from injuries in a fall while she was waiting for a street-car.

A policeman was about to wheel her into the freezing chamber of the city's morgue when he saw her eyes flicker and her cheek muscles twitch. She sat up and asked: "Am I dead?" Assured hurriedly that she was

Oak Hill Baptist Church Homecoming Next Sunday, Aug. 26

The Oak Hill Baptist Church Homecoming will be held next Sunday, August 26, starting at 10:00 o'clock. There will be singing and speaking, and dinner will be furnished.

The pastor, the Rev. Edter Sherlin, cordially invites everyone to attend this service.

not, Mrs. Bauleh was returned to the hospital. She rested there about an hour and a half, then went home.

How Democratic Delegates Are Apportioned

This is how delegates to the Democratic National Convention were apportioned among the states and territories:

Alabama, 26; Arizona, 16; Arkansas, 26; California, 68; Colorado, 20; Connecticut, 20; Delaware, 10; Florida, 28; Georgia, 32; Idaho, 12; Illinois, 64; Indiana, 26; Iowa, 24; Kansas, 16; Kentucky, 30; Louisiana, 24; Maine, 14; Maryland, 18; Massachusetts, 40; Michigan, 44; Minnesota, 30; Mississippi, 22; Missouri, 38; Montana, 16; Nebraska, 12; Nevada, 14; New Hampshire, 8; New Jersey, 36; New Mexico, 16; New York, 98; North Carolina, 36; North Dakota, 8; Ohio, 58; Oklahoma, 28; Oregon, 16; Pennsylvania, 74; Rhode Island, 16; South Carolina, 20; South Dakota, 8; Tennessee, 32; Texas, 56; Utah, 12; Vermont, 6; Virginia, 32; Washington, 26; West Virginia, 24; Wisconsin, 28; Wyoming, 14; Alaska, 6; District of Columbia, 6; Puerto Rico, 6; Hawaii, 6; Canal Zone, 3; Virgin Islands, 3.

Total convention votes: 1,372.
Needed to nominate: 687 1/2.

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