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Editorial

FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS, A RAISE?

Except for the voters, registrars and judges are the most important people participating in North Carolina's election process. Without their services, it would be impossible to conduct orderly, honest elections.

On voting days, theirs is a tough job. During the 12 hours the polls are open, they must remain on their feet or behind a table, often with little food and few "coffee breaks." But after the polls close, there is the job of recording and reporting the voting outcome. Even with voting machines in operation, that is a painstaking and time-consuming chore. Where paper ballots are used, it can continue throughout the night.

These officials are paid, of course; State law requires that registrar at each precinct be paid a minimum of \$15 and the two judges \$10 apiece.

Since the compensation is clearly absurd, a good many counties, including Buncombe, pay about twice that amount. But some counties don't.

State Representative Liston B. Ramsey of Madison has introduced a bill providing a \$5 a day increase for both registrars and judges. It still isn't enough, but Ramsey has probably reasoned that's about all his colleagues will stand for. His bill ought to be passed.

—Asheville Citizen

HEART ILLS CAUSE 60% OF LOCAL DEATHS

What is the extent of the heart disease problem in Madison County? How does it compare with the situation in other communities? What progress is being made in coping with the disease?

The questions come to the fore at this time with the approach of National Heart Month, in February.

According to the latest figures released by the U. S. Public Health Service, based upon data gathered from all parts of the country, heart disease continues to hold its position as the nation's number one killer. This is so despite definite advances made by medical science in recent years in controlling it.

The toll it takes is greater than that due to cancer, pneumonia, accidents and most other causes of deaths combined.

In Madison County, approximately 60.0 percent of all deaths are attributed to diseases of the cardiovascular system, generally lumped together under the name of heart disease.

The proportion is somewhat higher than that reported for the United States as a whole, 54.8 percent. It is also above the ratio in the State of North Carolina, 53.5 percent.

The mortality rate varies considerably from one area of the country to another. Suggested explanations include local eating habits, hereditary background, type of occupation, physical characteristics and the like.

The general conception that people with a great drive to reach the top in business or in other pursuits do so at a heavy price — possible heart attacks — is refuted in a five-year study of 270,000 people employed by the nation's telephone companies.

The conclusion reached is that tension is not a major factor — that body build, hereditary and smoking and eating habits are more important.

The current report lists 102 deaths from heart disease among residents of Madison County, out of a total of 170. This is exclusive of deaths locally of non-residents.

Despite the heavy toll, definite progress is being made, according to the American Heart Association. New electronic devices, open heart surgery, and other advances have produced encouraging results.

TAR HEEL . . . PEOPLE and ISSUES

By Cliff Blue

OPEN MEETINGS . . . Governor Bob Scott hit it off well with Tarheel newspapermen at the 44th annual Newspaper Institute held at Chapel Hill and Durham last Thursday and Friday, by announcing an "open-door administration" in all state agencies and departments responsible to him.

A year earlier — in January 1968, speaking to the same group in Chapel Hill, Scott promised "an open-door administration" if nominated and elected.

Last Thursday night he came back to read his first executive order carrying out his campaign pledge.

SPEAKERSHIP . . . Close on the heel of Rep. R. D. McMillan's withdrawal as a candidate for Speaker of the 1971 House, Rep. Phil Godwin of Gates County leaped into the race and early indications were that he was gaining a commanding lead while other possible candidates were taking a little time to make up their minds.

Phil Godwin entered the House as a freshman in 1961, representing Gates County. He was a seat-mate of the writer. Phil was a man with convictions, but who did not take to the floor to make many speeches. Two years later, as the session was drawing to a close he gained statewide attention when he introduced the controversial "Anti-Communist Speaker Ban Bill" which has since been amended.

Rep. Sam Johnson of Wake County who will head the House Appropriations Committee this session was discussed as a possible contender; also Rep. James Ramsey of Person County but both decided against running and are supporting Godwin which just about wraps up the 1971 Speakership race up for the Gates County lawmaker.

GRIM REAPER . . . The grim reaper last week claimed the lives of two elder Tarheel statesmen who served their counties and state well in the General Assembly. T. Clarence Stone of Rockingham County and Wilbur H. Currie of Moore County.

Both Stone and Currie served both in the House and Senate. Stone served as president and presiding officer of the State Senate in 1963 and was a colorful figure in Tarheel politics. He was a firm supporter of the "Speaker Ban" law which was enacted on the last day of the 1963 regular session.

Wilbur H. Currie of Carthage served his town, county and state for many years in public office. A farmer, lumberman, textile manufacturer, mayor, county commissioner, legislator, UNC trustee, and Presbyterian Elder, he was a solid citizen, and like Clarence Stone dedicated to the best interests of North Carolina.

Another leading citizen who answered the call of the grim reaper was Mrs. O. Max Gardner, widow of the late Governor Gardner who died in 1947 as he prepared to sail for Great Britain following his appointment as Ambassador to the Court of Saint James. Mrs. Gardner was a great citizen, and while 83 years of age when she died could have passed for a lady many years younger.

AIP PARTY . . . At the Press Institute in Chapel Hill last week quite a few people were in attendance in addition to newsmen including Reid Stubbs of Charlotte, leader of George Wallace's American Independent Party in North Carolina. I asked him why George Wallace was staying so quiet and what were his plans for the AIP Party in North Carolina.

He said that the American Independent Party planned to sponsor candidates for Congress in five Tar Heel districts in 1970, but in districts where conservatives were now serving that candidates would not be entered.

Stubbs thinks that the American Independent Party will be able to gain sufficient seats in Congress to hold the balance of power between the Democrats and Republicans — something which Wallace attempted to do in the Presidential race in 1968.

Stubbs said that Wallace was going to give Nixon time to prove himself and when it is seen that there was very little difference between the Johnson and Nixon philosophies of government that Wallace would come back on the scene which will probably be late summer or early fall 1969.

PRESS GLIMPSES . . . Missing faces at the Press Institute included Henry Belk and his "General Manager" — Mrs. Belk of Goldsboro; also Mrs. Elizabeth Swindell of Wilson. . . A newspaperman with vision and wisdom who has not let an amputated leg dampen his enthusiasm is Holt McPherson of High Point who will certainly deserve a place in Tarheel Newspapermen's hall of fame in years to come. . . Gordon Greenwood of Black Mountain who recently sold his Black Mountain News to take over the full-time position of Chairman of the Buncombe County Commissioners was on hand at the press meeting.

Gordon appears to be getting deeply involved in Western Carolina politics and a man office seekers will be anxious to know. . . James L. Knight, publisher of the Charlotte Observer and Charlotte News who heads the Knight chain of newspapers was an interesting speaker at the press meeting on "Nuts and Bolts of our Industry."

Bill Friday, Carlyle Sitterson and Douglas Knight are always genial hosts when newspaper people meet at their institution. . . Brodie Griffith, with an occasional slip of the tongue is making a popular and able president of the N. C. Press Association. . . Lt. Governor Pat Taylor, Jr., and House Speaker Earl Vaughn had the "warm seats" when questioned by a panel of newsmen at the press meeting Friday afternoon. . . Names mentioned among newsmen as possible Democratic gubernatorial candidates in 1972 included Pat Taylor, Mel Broughton, Robert Morgan, Dr. Leo Jenkins and Lindsay Warren. . .

Elmer F. Ramsey, Native Of County, Passes In Mich.

Elmer Frank Ramsey, 58, of Michigan, died December 27, 1968 in a Michigan hospital after a brief illness.

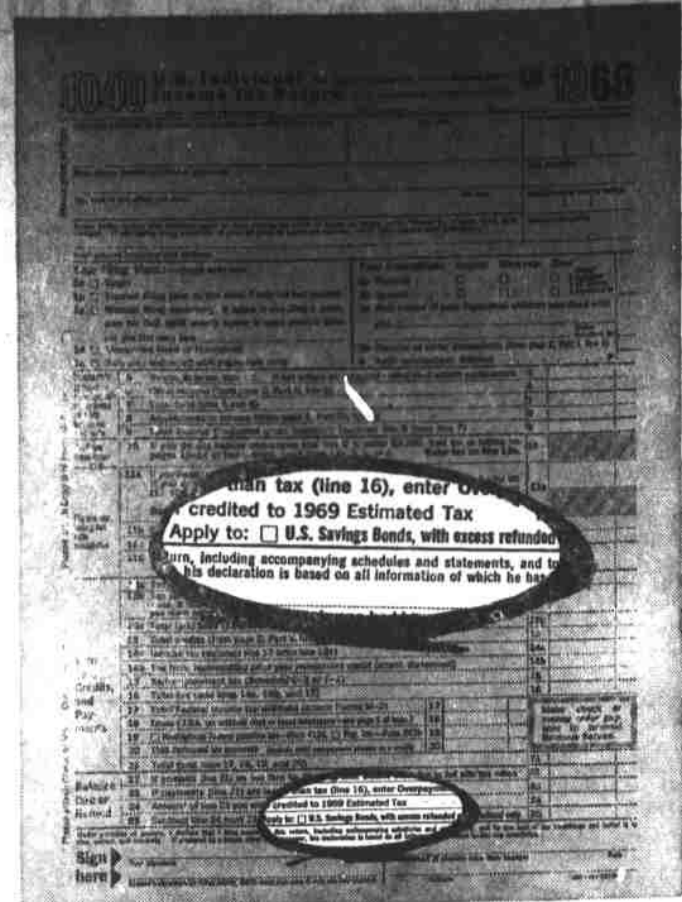
He was a native of Madison County.

Funeral services were held at the Harry J. Wells Funeral Home at 11:00 o'clock.

Burial was in the National Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

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