

Board of Elections takes no action in protests on leaflets' distribution

The County Board of Elections has declined to take any action in connection with protests raised over political leaflets distributed at the Northside and South Carrboro precinct polling places last Saturday.

Elections Board Secretary Clyde Carter went to the two precinct polling places on Saturday in response to calls from interested parties. Police and Sheriff's Deputies took up the literature found there and ordered the persons distributing it to stop.

But the Board of Elections did not discuss the issue at its election canvass meeting in Hillsboro on Tuesday. When questioned specifically after the meeting, Board members confirmed the confiscation of material but said no further action was contemplated.

Insofar as can be determined from reading the North Carolina election laws, no statutes actually have been violated, though some questions pertinent to the local situation were raised.

According to information reliably learned by The News two

Negro men were involved in the incidents. They were handing out similar sheets to Negro voters arriving at the polling places.

The leaflets in question were mimeographed sheets of regular 8½" x 11" paper. On a portion of the paper a part of the county sample ballot was reproduced in typewriter type. On this partial facsimile of the ballot the names of commissioner candidates Clarence Jones, Donald McDade, and Gordon Cleveland and of solicitor candidate Thomas D. Cooper were written in bolder letters than those of the other candidates and an "X" mark was placed in the box beside the names of the aforementioned.

At the side of the ballot drawing a message was printed, warning that the names on the actual ballots would not necessarily appear in the same order as on the mimeographed facsimile.

It was learned that Edwin Caldwell was distributing these flyers at the Northside polling place and Harold Foster at

Southside Carrboro. The Negro Civic Club last week announced its endorsement of the above-mentioned candidates, but it was not established that it sponsored the preparation and distribution of this literature.

Elections officials said they had no knowledge of any of these sheets being placed in the ballot boxes. A rumor current in Chapel Hill on Monday and Tuesday had it that sample ballots were imprinted as noted above, handed out, and may have turned up in the ballot boxes. Sample ballots were available in all polling places and were even reproduced and printed in newspapers prior to the election. These were printed and cut in the same manner and same size as the regular ballots themselves, and were quite unlike the political leaflets that were distributed.

Elections Board Chairman Sam Latta said that as far as he was concerned the matter was closed.

He did note, however, the pas-

sage in the Elections officials manual prepared by the Institute of Government offering the Attorney General's opinion which seemed to indicate the county board should exercise control over the printing of additional sample ballots which might be needed by campaign committees or party workers and that "application for them should be made through the county board chairman since it is doubtful that anyone would have the right to use his facimile signature without his permission."

The samples being passed out contained crudely traced facsimiles of Chairman Latta's signature.

At commencement concert . . .

Choral club to present unusual work Sunday

An unusual choral work will be given its first performance in North Carolina and probably its first performance in the Southeast when the Chapel Hill Choral Club presents Antonin Dvorak's Requiem Mass for solo voices, chorus and orchestra, on Sunday at 8:30 p. m. in Hill Music Hall. The public is cordially invited to

attend.

The Choral Club, a group of 60 singers, accompanied by members of the University Symphony Orchestra, will be directed by Joel Carter of the Music Department in this performance.

Soloists for the performance will be: Mrs. Rebecca Carnes, Mrs. Susan Horton and Miss Helen Jane Wettach, sopranos; Mrs. Frances Hall and Mrs. Tina Pfohl, altos; Raymond Kreiner and Robert Williamson, tenors; and Doss Phillips and Urban T. Holmes, basses.

The Chapel Hill Choral Club has performed a major choral work at Commencement time for most of its 40-year history. Officers of the group this year are: John M. Schnorrenberg, president; Mrs. Louise McFarland, secretary; Mrs. Barbara Tyree, social chairman; Miss Janet Green, publicity chairman; and S. Philip Knisely, librarian.

Although this Requiem Mass, written by the famous Czech composer for the Birmingham, England Festival of Music, is rarely performed, Dr. Carter says, "Dvorak's Requiem emphasizes fine choral writing and

beautiful orchestration. There are no large dramatic solos, but it is unusually rewarding for the chorister and the instrumentalist."

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