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Editorial

Think—Then Cast a Ballot

Today the people of North Carolina will go to the polls to elect local, state, and national governmental officials and to express their opinion on four proposed amendments to the state constitution.

Three of these amendments should be approved. These are 1, 3, and 4, as listed on the ballot. The other amendment, number 2 on the ballot, carries with it potential catastrophe similar to that experienced in many countries during the depression. If approved, it would lift the limit now set on the amount of money a county can borrow. The power to decide how much money should be borrowed would lie solely in the hands of the county board.

The amendment listed as number 1 on the ballot, if passed, will increase the pay of state legislators from \$600 to \$1,200 for the year in which the General Assembly meets, with a proportionate increase in pay for 20 days of a special session.

At the rate our representatives are being paid now, a man with an average yearly income, or slightly lower, cannot afford to serve. Only a relatively well-to-do individual can go to Raleigh every two years and spend more than he is paid for his job.

It is not amiss to think, either, that these men who can afford to spend about three months away from their business every two years have interests peculiar only to them and their strata rather than an interest in the needs of the average citizen.

Amendment number 3 would increase the county tax from 15 cents to 25 cents on the hundred dollar valuation, increasing the amount of money obtainable for operation of the county government.

If this amendment is approved, it does not mean that the tax will automatically be increased immediately by 10 cents, it merely means the counties will have permission to increase by this amount when and if needed.

With the tremendous rise in the cost of living, most counties cannot pay salaries or meet the cost of other necessary services at the present tax rate. (As far as Carteret county is concerned, the tax rate would probably remain at 15 cents, for our county commissioners in monthly session many times have expressed their objection to tax-raises).

However, rising costs warrant the opening of a new source of revenue. Whether the various counties take advantage of this source is their concern, but they should not be bound by a statute put in the state constitution many years before county government has reached the proportions it has today.

The amendment listed as number 4 on the ballot would abolish the ruling that special taxes or bond issues could be voted against merely by staying away from the polls. All that is required under the present law to constitute a negative vote in such a referendum is registration.

In other words, the results of special elections should be determined by majority vote.

Voting for the amendment listed as number 2 on the constitutional amendment ballot would mean that the only safeguard against excessive county debt would be removed. It would permit unlimited borrowing without a vote of the citizens who would be paying off the debt.

Under the present ruling, a 1936 amendment to the constitution provides that borrowing without permission of the voters must be confined to two-thirds of the amount of debt the county retired the preceding year.

To abolish this amendment now would make it possible for counties to do what they did in the lush 1920's when they borrowed to the hilt, running North Carolina's per capita debt to the highest in the nation. And there is no guarantee that the present period, similar to the 1920's, will not be followed by another depression when local government units defaulted and credit ratings went floozy.

To vote officials out of office after they have incurred a tremendous debt is like locking the stable door after the horse is stolen. Then it's too late.

All four of these amendments are of vital importance, and with the exception of this one, listed second on the ballot, warrant the approval of voters.

Don't neglect to go to the polls today. Democracy is not self-perpetuating. To function it must be practiced. Qualified voters who fail to cast a ballot undermine democracy more surely than any communist or fascist ever can.

Royalty Reigns At Carnivals

Carol Chadwick and Charles King reigned as king and queen at Beaufort Halloween carnival Friday night and Leslie Feagle and Shirley Keith reigned as king and queen at the Morehead City school festival the same evening.

Winners of the baby contest were Gaynelle Felton, first prize, and Clem Woodard, second prize.

At the Morehead carnival the grammar school prince and princess were Douglass Taylor and Ann Hardy, while the primary school prince and princess were David Nelson and Sarah Goodwin.

A net profit of \$608.14 was realized at the Beaufort carnival. Final figures were not available yesterday on the Morehead affair. At the Morehead City Teen-Age club Halloween party recently \$106 was made.

Princes and princesses for the various rooms in grades one through eight at Beaufort school are the following: George Huntley. See CARNIVALS Page 6

First Baptist Church To Construct Annex

The First Baptist church of Morehead City will consider a bid next Sunday for the construction of an educational building, Dr. John H. Bunn, pastor, revealed yesterday.

A bid has been received which is likely to be acceptable to the church members, Mr. Bunn said, and the board of deacons will submit the matter to the church Sunday.

The proposed plant will be complete and modern throughout, Mr. Bunn said. It will contain 35 class rooms, a dining room, recreation room and offices.

FCC Makes Investigation Of Bayboro Boat Owners

Use of ship radios for personal conversations, failure to keep complete and accurate logs, and variations in transmitting frequencies has caused the federal communications commission to crack down on boat owners in regard to operation of marine radio-telephones in the Bayboro area, it was reported here recently.

Polls Open for 12 Hours Beginning at 6:30 A.M.

Baptist Group Takes Stand Against Gambling

Association Adopts Resolution Against Both Legal and Illegal Types

The Atlantic Baptist association, meeting at Swansboro Baptist church Thursday and Friday, took a stand against all gambling—legal and illegal—and appointed a committee to state its position in the form of a resolution. Discussion preceding this action centered primarily on gambling at the dog race track near Morehead City.

The committee was instructed to bring the resolution to the personal attention of the senators and representatives of the counties included in the Atlantic Baptist association. These are Carteret, Craven, Jones, Onslow and Pamlico.

Appointed to draft the anti-gambling resolution were the Rev. Winfrey Davis, Beaufort, chairman; the Rev. Thomas W. Fryer, New Bern; and the Rev. H. B. Hines, Oriental. The Rev. Thomas W. Fryer was also named to carry a notification of the association's action to the state Baptist convention, which meets Nov. 16-18.

A pressure petition aimed at the revision of the Carteret county law which permits pari-mutuel gambling at the dog race track near Morehead City is still being circulated among church groups in the county.

The petition, sponsored by the Coastal Ministerial association, has been circulated in all except two churches of the county, the First Baptist church of Morehead City and the St. Paul's Episcopal church in Beaufort.

Dr. John H. Bunn, pastor of the Morehead City First Baptist church, stated that he was in agreement with the anti-gambling resolution passed at the Sept. 13 meeting of the Coastal Ministerial association but that he did not circulate the anti-gambling petition in his church.

The resolution put the Coastal Ministerial association on record as "opposed to all forms of gambling, legal and illegal." Dr. Bunn said he brought this action to the attention of his church members and asked for all who were opposed to gambling in any of its aspects in the county to register their opinions personally.

The Rev. W. L. Martin, Episcopal rector in Beaufort, when asked to state his position with respect to the anti-gambling petition, replied, "I have no position. You might say I am a non-combatant." He said he had not asked the members of his church to sign the petition and added, "I am not going to."

Morehead Rotary Hears Oil Dealer

The prospects for an adequate supply of fuel oil through the winter in Carteret county are better this winter than last. T. T. (Tom) Potter, Sinclair agent, told Morehead City Rotarians at their meeting at the recreational center Thursday night.

With care, we might be able to squeeze through, he said.

Mr. Potter's inventory of stock shows 150,000 gallons of fuel oil more than his inventory of Nov. 1, 1947, showed. He is just one of the distributors of the county, however.

Fuel oil supplied him in October represented a 105 per cent increase over October of last year, he said.

Mr. Potter also stated that the increased demands made on Sinclair this winter will not be as great as the increase in his inventory. He explained that his inventory has been increased because as many customers as could have supplied themselves with larger storage tanks and filled them already.

George McNeill, Rotary vice president, presided at the dinner meeting in the absence of L. D. Gore. Robert Taylor led in the singing of familiar songs before Robert G. Lowe, Jr., presented the speaker.

County Home Demonstration Clubs Will Observe Achievement Day with Program Thursday

Polio Strikes Again, Salter Path Child Ill

After a lapse of 46 days, the county's 11th polio case of 1948 has been reported to the health department.

Roy C. Salter, aged 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Salter, Salter Path, was stricken Saturday, Oct. 23, and taken to James Walker hospital, Wilmington, Thursday. The case reported previously to this was that of Clarice Mason, 11-year-old Atlantic girl who died. This was the only summer polio fatality in the county.

G. E. Gillikin Faces Trial In Superior Court

George E. Gillikin, owner and operator of Gillikin's store, 11th and Shepard streets, Morehead City, was placed under \$1,500 bond yesterday afternoon in mayor's court after probable cause was found in a case charging him with willfully and maliciously burning personal property.

Mr. Gillikin's store partially burned Thursday night. The fire alarm was answered by the Morehead City Fire department which put the flames out in about three-quarters of an hour.

Mr. Gillikin will be tried on the arson charge at the next term of superior court in March.

Police Officer Hubert Fulcher was the first to testify in mayor's court, which was held in the auditorium of the municipal building. Fulcher said that he was informed by Fire Chief Vernon Guthrie and James Smith, first lieutenant, that the store had been deliberately set afire.

He learned, the witness continued, that Cecil Guthrie had been at the scene drunk and later that evening he arrested Mr. Guthrie who had been causing a disturbance at the fire house.

The officer said that at the time he made the arrest Guthrie was drunk and was wearing a coat saturated with kerosene.

Police Officer Herbert Griffin, following Fulcher, stated that he assisted in an investigation of the fire. He related a conversation he had with Cecil Guthrie in which Mr. Guthrie told him that Mr. Gillikin talked all day about burning his store.

Officer Griffin told the court that Guthrie, in this conversation, said that he and Gillikin drank about two and a half pints of whiskey that day and that Guthrie tried to talk Griffin out of his idea about burning the place down.

According to Guthrie's story, as related by the policeman, Gillikin put a candle on a gas-soaked blanket and ordered Guthrie to watch it until the blanket caught fire. When the blanket caught fire, Griffin said that Guthrie told him he went out the window into water about knee-deep (the store is located in the sound), waded about a half block away, then changed his clothes and returned to watch the fire.

Guthrie, when asked if he wanted to testify, declined, but after Claud Wheatly, attorney for the defendant, asked that the case be dismissed on the grounds that Griffin's testimony was hearsay, Guthrie took the stand and said, "George set the store afire, I didn't do it."

Guthrie told the court that Gillikin poured kerosene all over him and the store, "poured kerosene over you, too?" questioned the mayor. See GILLIKIN Page 6

Tide Table

HIGH	Tuesday, Nov. 2	LOW
8:46 AM		2:25 AM
9:02 PM		3:15 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 3		
9:31 AM		3:10 AM
9:48 PM		4:06 PM
Thursday, Nov. 4		
10:16 AM		3:55 AM
10:33 PM		4:48 PM
Friday, Nov. 5		
11:01 AM		4:11 AM
11:22 PM		5:37 PM

Commissioners OK Re-Check On Sanitary Systems

Morehead Board Resumes Meeting Thursday; New Street Lights Approved

Morehead City town commissioners, at a continuation of their Tuesday meeting on Thursday afternoon, voted to conduct a survey of sanitary facilities to check up on the compliance of citizens with a survey made last year and to require the compliance of slackers.

A. D. Fulford, county sanitarian, and Doil Hancock, superintendent of Morehead City streets, will make the survey.

The commissioners also voted to start enforcement of an ordinance passed June 1, 1944, requiring every resident and place of business to maintain a covered receptacle for garbage.

Action was also taken in favor of extension of street lights on Arendell beyond third in the vicinity of the yacht basin. Five more lights will be placed there. The commissioners approved a recommendation on lighting in that area presented by Tidewater Power Co., with certain alterations.

An ordinance passed by the commissioners Oct. 20 will require owners of bicycles to secure bicycle license plates and install and display them for one year from Jan. 1, 1949. A fine of \$2 will be imposed on violators, each separate day that the ordinance is violated to constitute a separate offense. The sale of licenses will begin Dec. 1.

A. D. Fulford reported that "unbelievable" conditions are existing at a shack north of Bridges st. between 10th and 11th sts., without sanitary facilities where an old man is in ill health.

County health, sanitation and welfare officers have visited the old man, who receives an income from the insurance of a deceased veteran son, and have reported a lack of cooperation from him in improving his condition.

The man is in need of hospitalization, and neighbors reported that the conditions in which he is living constitute a public nuisance.

Marshallberger Struck By Bus

The condition of Tucker Smith of Marshallberger was reported fair yesterday after he was hit by a Seashore Transportation co. bus on the Smyrna to Marshallberg highway near Marshallberg Sunday night shortly before 7 o'clock.

Mr. Smith was rushed to the Morehead City hospital by the Adair funeral home ambulance, Beaufort.

State highway patrolmen and passengers on the bus declared that the accident was unavoidable, according to Harry Hill, manager of the Beaufort bus station. Mr. Smith, who is partially deaf, was reported to have started across the highway just after a truck passed him ahead of the bus.

Mr. Hill said that Donald Gilgo, driver of the bus, blew his horn, applied brakes and ran completely off the highway to the left, attempting to miss the pedestrian. He said that Mr. Smith, however, continued to cross the highway without heeding the bus and that the right corner of the bus struck him.

There was also fog at the time of the accident, Mr. Hill stated. The bus was the regular Smyrna to Marshallberg run leaving Smyrna at 6 o'clock and due in Marshallberg at 7 o'clock. The place where the accident occurred is called Tusk.

Carteret county has been placed in district two by the American Cancer society in its grouping of county units of this state, it was announced today.

Carteret County Home Demonstration clubs will observe Achievement Day with a program Thursday night in the Beaufort school auditorium.

Presiding will be Mrs. B. F. Copeland, president of the county council. The meeting will begin at 7:30. Delivering the main address will be H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools.

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Ted Spivey, pianist, and Ann Spivey who will dance. Dr. John H. Bunn, pastor of First Baptist church, will lead the devotionals, Mrs. W. A. Smith, Beaufort RFD, will give the address of welcome and R. M. Williams, county agent, will also bring greetings.

A review of home demonstration work during the year will be presented by Mrs. Hugh Pake, Bettie. Awards will be made to the most outstanding club of the year and to the one that travels the farthest with the most members to attend Thursday night's meeting.

Each member who has attended 11 meetings during the year will also be recognized and given a small award by the home demonstration agent, Mrs. Carrie Gillikin.

After the meeting refreshments will be served. On display in the hall outside the auditorium will be five exhibits on arts and crafts, house furnishing, food preservation, clothing and flowers.

Clubs in charge of the Achievement Day program are the following: decorations, Crab Point; program and report on accomplishments, North River and Bettie clubs; refreshments, Wire Grass and Core Creek-Harlowe clubs; courtesy and welcome, Camp Glenn, Wildwood, and Williston.

Trade Promotion Committee Meets

The first formal meeting of the Christmas trade promotion committee of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce was held Thursday in the form of a luncheon at the Jefferson restaurant.

If it is planned that this committee will act as a steering committee for the merchants division of the Chamber.

Bernard Leary, chairman of the promotion committee, explained that mercantile promotion has been carried out by Chamber of Commerce members at large. It is now believed, he said, that the effort has advanced to the point that a merchant division is needed.

Serving on the committee with Mr. Leary are the following Morehead City businessmen: W. D. Chalk, Bruce Goodwin, W. C. Matthews, Walter Morris, Frank Moran, Jim Wheatley and Alfred Cooper. Robert G. Lowe, Jr., is secretary.

Proposals for Christmas trade promotion were considered at the initial meeting Thursday, and Mr. Leary said that an announcement will be forthcoming.

Gulf Oil Honors Station Operators

Awards in recognition of 10 or more years association with the Gulf Oil corporation were presented to six independent service station operators at a meeting at the Morehead City area at a meeting at the Jefferson restaurant Thursday.

The observation was one of the many being conducted this fall throughout the company's sales area to honor station operators with pioneer records in its service. Awards were personally presented by J. J. Bowden, manager of the company's Goldsboro sales district. They consist of a plaque bearing the operator's name and a message of appreciation from the company. The plaque is designed to be hung in the service station. Of dealers in this area receiving awards, five have been associated with the company for 10 to 15 years and one for 16 to 20 years.

The five are V. T. Fodrie, Beaufort RFD, A. M. Garner, Morehead City, L. H. Hardy, Merrimon, J. G. Taylor, Bogue, Joe Davis, Davis, and D. Ira Garner, Newport, P. H. Geer, Morehead City distributor, and J. J. Bowden. See GULF OIL Page 6

Beaufort Baptist Revival Continues

The Rev. L. Grady Burgess, Jacksonville, Leads Services

The Rev. L. Grady Burgess, Baptist minister from Jacksonville, will preach his second sermon of the revival at Beaufort Baptist church tonight on the subject, "A Future Event." Evangelistic services are being held at 7:30 o'clock each night this week and will continue through Sunday.

"The Needed Revival" was the topic used by the Jacksonville preacher last night, and he will base his message tomorrow night on "The Serpent of Brass."

The revival services began Sunday, with the Rev. Winfrey Davis, pastor, preaching. Special music is being provided each night by the church choir.

Mr. Burgess has been pastor of the Jacksonville church four years. For six years prior to that he was pastor of the Magnolia Street Baptist church in Greensboro. He began his ministry at the First Baptist church near Elkin, serving two years.

The revival preacher is also active in his church association. He is now vice-moderator of the Wilmington Baptist association. While in Greensboro, he was clerk of the Piedmont association for three years and was secretary and president, successively, of the Greensboro pastor's conference.

While at Elkin, he led in erection of the church building there. Mr. Burgess has journalistic sidelines in addition to his pastoral work. Formerly a reporter for the Elkin Tribune, he is now a newspaper and radio columnist. "The Village Parson" column, of which he is editor, is heard over the Jacksonville radio station weekly and also appears in The News and Views, Onslow county newspaper.

The Jacksonville minister studied at Guilford college near Greensboro.

Clubs to Hear Discussion On 'Art of Staying Young'

"The Art of Staying Young" will be the topic of discussion at two demonstration club meetings this week, Mrs. Carrie Gillikin, home demonstration agent, has announced.

The Bettie club will meet at 7:30 tonight at the home of Mrs. Hugh Pake. The Core Creek-Harlowe club will meet at 2 o'clock Thursday at the home of Mrs. Roy Mason.

Gulf Men Receive Awards



J. J. Bowden, district manager of the Gulf Oil Corporation's Goldsboro district, extends his congratulations to three of the six dealers, each with ten or more years association as a dealer with the company. P. H. Geer, Morehead City distributor, has been associated with Gulf for 19 years. Left to right above are Mr. Geer, J. G. Taylor, Bogue, Joe Davis, Davis, D. Ira Garner, Newport, and J. J. Bowden.

Polls opened at 6:30 this morning and will close this evening at 6:30.

With the choice of President a foregone conclusion, Kerr Scott's election as governor certain, and little doubt as to the outcome of county elections, Carteret county, like the nation, expects a calm election day today.

In the county, H. S. Gibbs and William J. Bundy are unopposed to succeed themselves as representatives to the General Assembly and solicitor of the superior court, respectively.

A Progressive party candidate, Mrs. Gertrude Green, Negro, is contesting one of the two senatorial seats of the Seventh district. Democratic nominees are D. L. Ward and John D. Larkins, Jr.

For clerk of superior court, A. L. Wilson, Republican, has challenged Alfonso H. James, Democratic incumbent who succeeded the late D. B. Willis, and is now running to fill the unexpired term. F. E. Hyde, Republican, and Pritchard Lewis, Democrat, are contesting the office of coroner, which Mr. Lewis now fills. Philip K. Ball, Democrat, and George J. Brooks, Republican, face each other for county surveyor.

With Harry S. Truman practically alone in predicting a Democratic presidential victory, nothing short

To assist voters who would find it difficult to go to the polls today for lack of transportation, the Seashore Taxicab co. of Morehead City is offering a free ride to any voter in Morehead City who will call 5721 and request it. The free ride service is being offered in connection with the Javee sponsored "Get Out the Vote" campaign, Josiah Bailey, Jr., announced.

of one of the nation's major political upsets in history appeared likely to keep Thomas E. Dewey out of the presidency.

Progressive candidate Henry A. Wallace and States' Righter J. Strom Thurmond were allowed four per cent and two per cent of the popular vote, respectively, in Gallup poll results announced yesterday.

Candidates for governor of North Carolina are W. Kerr Scott, Democrat; George M. Pritchard, Republican; and Mary Price, Progressive.

Four proposed amendments to the state constitution require the voters' attention. The first amendment would raise the salaries of members of the General Assembly and presiding officers. The second would remove debt limitations upon the state, counties and municipalities for necessary expenses.

The third amendment would increase the amount of total state and county tax which may be levied on property by changing the limitation from 15 to 25 cents on the \$100 valuation.

The determination of results of special elections by majority vote to rule out the provision that registered voters may cast a negative vote by simply abstaining from voting is the object of the fourth proposed amendment.

Meeting Postponed The Army Reserve unit, scheduled to meet tonight at the Recreation center, will meet two weeks from tonight. The meeting has been postponed because of election.