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GREENVILLE DAILY REFLECTOR

Most Votes In Small Communities

If the "little federal" constitutional amendment is approved on January 14 by voters of North Carolina, it will not be because of a high-powered, high-pressure campaign in behalf of this needed change in the state constitution.

Passage of the amendment will stem from the recognition on the part of individual voters that it offers North Carolina a more sound and practical method of apportioning representation in the state legislature.

From the more populous counties of the state, there is building up a vigorous effort to defeat the proposed amendment. That this anti-amendment campaign is exerting considerable pressure is evidenced, in our opinion, by recent statements of candidates for state-wide office. Perhaps it is good politics for candidates seeking votes in May to take sides on a constitutional amendment referendum which will be decided in January. It appears to us, however, that the candidates are being pushed by big-county pressure groups into helping with the fight against the proposed constitutional amendment.

The Reflector has repeatedly stat-

ed its support for the "little federal" method of allocating representation in North Carolina's legislature. In spite of the hue and cry being raised by large-county groups of the state—as contrasted with the lack of an organized effort in behalf of the amendment—it is evident that there is widespread support for the amendment.

More than 60 per cent of the people of North Carolina still live in communities of less than 2,500 population. North Carolina is far from being a state dominated by large urban areas, and we seriously doubt a majority of its voters will actively support an effort to turn legislative control over to urban areas of the state. The "little federal" plan for legislative composition in North Carolina will give equitable and logical weight to the voices of both the urban and rural areas of the state, equitable voice to large-county and small-county interests of the state.

Adoption of the amendment which will establish a "little federal" system for legislative representation in North Carolina will be a step in the best interest of the state and all its citizens.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

Aid to Colleges, but Is It Legal?

When President Johnson compares the \$1.2 billion college-aid bill, just passed by Congress, to the Land-Grant College Act of 100 years ago, he overlooks an important distinction.

The institutions which received land-grant aid were all of nonsectarian nature set up and controlled by the respective states. The bill just sent to the White House after Senate approval authorizes \$835 million in grants and \$360 million in loans to any of the 2,100 colleges or universities in the country, or to new ones, including many owned by religious denominations.

Laudable as is the construction of buildings for educational purposes, many persons believe this kind of distribution of funds would breach the separation of church and state commanded by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Whether their exception is well taken is a complicated legal question. Nevertheless it is a question of deep importance to the nation, and there should be ways of having it answered by the Supreme Court before public funds are disbursed under the law.

Theoretically it might be assumed that any federal taxpayer could contest the matter, but under one precedent there is doubt whether one or even a group of taxpayers could show sufficient injury to obtain "standing in court" to raise a test case on the point of constitutionality.

Under these circumstances it seems only fair, and highly desirable, that Congress should enact a bill introduced by Rep. Edith Green of Oregon explicitly to permit judicial review of payments not only under this college aid bill but under the Hill-Burton Hospital Construction Act and the National Defense Education Act already on the books. Response to this proposal may all too likely be lukewarm but the issue deserves to be pressed with diligence.

DEATHS

Mrs. Jennie Small Owens
Funeral services were held last week for Mrs. Jennie Small Owens, wife of Vernal Owens of New Bern, a native of Jones County, who died last week.

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Charlotte Observer—

Financing Competitors

Cotton textile makers around here already feel they're being knifed in the back by a government subsidy program that enables Japanese mills to buy U. S. Cotton at 2 1/4 cents a pound.

American mills must pay 3 3/4 cents a pound. That's about \$42.50 a bale more.

The Japanese, of course, make the cotton into goods that are sent back into this country to compete with American-made goods.

That knife in the back got a mean twist last week with the announcement that the Export-Import Bank of Washington would lend \$60 million to the Bank of Tokyo to finance sales of U. S. cotton to Japanese mills during the year beginning this past August 1.

The Export-Import Bank is financed entirely by the U. S. Government.

Mrs. Furney Banks Hostess to Home Club

Mrs. Furney Eubanks entertained members of the Chinquapin Home Demonstration Club with supper at their regular meeting recently. Mrs. Wayne O. Haskins gave the invocation.

During the business session Mrs. G. T. Smith, presided and project reports were given by Mrs. W. W. Lowery and Mrs. Eubanks.

Mrs. Emma Ives and Mrs. Z. A. Koonce were appointed to attend the training school in Trenton in January.

Mrs. Horace Phillips invited the group to eat supper with her at the January joint meeting.

The group then gave outgoing president, Mrs. Smith, a surprise Stork Shower.

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The Arizona (Tucson) Daily Star—

A Bit Of Restraint

GARDEN TIME

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cross-fertile with the Scuppernon and James. Two of these are Dearing and Burgaw. If you especially like the Scuppernon variety, and most people do, be sure to plant either Dearing or Burgaw with it for a fruitful combination.

We have the same problem with apple varieties. The Delicious (Red) produces an abundance of viable pollen yet the variety will not set fruit when self-pollinated. It is, therefore, considered to be self-unfruitful and self-incompatible; and yet, it is a good pollenizer for other varieties.

You can see, then, that the problem of pollination relationships are quite complicated and that the commercial grower and the home gardener must be well informed about them.

The nation's grief over the death of its President should have some restraint. For it to get out of bounds would be maudlin, and no compliment to the President or the Kennedy family. Wholesale renaming of places and things is not called for.

Passing deliberately the renaming of Cape Canaveral, because it is done, and moving on to the renaming of West Virginia, the comment can only be, "Let sanity return." In his lifetime John Kennedy showed no tendency to place persons' names on long-known areas or monuments . . .

None of this is in disrespect to the Kennedy memory. It is merely a proposal that restraint be used, lest things be done which are tasteless and might prove regrettable . . .

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