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## Constitutional Amendment Reorganizing State Government All State Commanders of Veterans Organizations Oppose

In a joint statement issued last week, the State Commanders of North Carolina's five major veterans organizations came out against a proposed constitutional amendment which would drastically change State Government reorganization. Concurring in their opposition are, The American Legion, AMVETS, The Disabled American Veterans, The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Veterans of World War I. Their statement reads as follows:

"Our original interest and concern in the proposed reorganization of State Government centered on possible downgrading of the State's veterans service program which is helping thousands of our veterans and their dependents and which is bringing nearly \$200,000,000 annually of federal money into North Carolina at a cost to the State of less than \$1,000,000 per year.

"Recent developments, however, have raised serious doubts about the reorganization as it will affect not only our veterans, but our state universities and other services to the people. In view of an opinion from the Attorney General concerning the effect of the proposed amendment and the refusal of the State Supreme Court to give the Governor an advisory opinion before the November election, at least one of the members of 1969 General Assembly who helped draft and sponsor the proposed amendment, has publicly announced that he will vote against the amendment. Obviously, it is not clear to anyone, even its sponsors, just what the proposed reorganization will do to the people of North Carolina. Under such circumstances, we cannot commend it to North Carolina's 500,000 veterans who, with their dependents and the dependents of deceased veterans, represent one-half the State's population.

"We believe it to be in the interest of all our people to caution them against voting for an amendment whose effect no one can foretell. Therefore, we urge the voters of North Carolina to vote AGAINST Item 2 on the Constitutional Amendments ballot next November 3, 1970. This amendment would regroup the present state agencies under 25 new cabinet-level officers."

The above statement was jointly made by the following State Commanders.

J. Frank Baker, The American Legion.  
Horace R. Seabolt, AMVETS.  
Robert E. Miller, DAV.  
Thomas W. Miller, VFW.  
George W. O'Brien, Veterans of WWI.

### RAMBLING CHECK ARTIST

Last Wednesday in Lenoir County District Court Akon C. Paylor Jr. was found guilty of passing five worthless checks and giving five different home addresses in the process. It was established, to some degree, that his real home is in Wilmington. He was ordered to make good the checks and pay \$15 costs in each instance.

## Chairman Veterans Affairs Committee In State Assembly Vetoes Plans for State Government Reorganization

State Representative, Claude DeBruhl Buncombe County, stated last week that he is in complete opposition to Amendment No. 2 which will be voted on in the November 3 General Election.

This is the amendment that proposes to cut the State Administrative Departments to 25 and to authorize the Governor to reorganize administrative departments.

DeBruhl stated that inasmuch as the Study Commission and the Governor have not seen fit to recognize the Department of Veterans Affairs as an individual agency under the proposed new organization, and would place this vital service organization in a subordinate role to another organization with no direct contact with the Governor, he will therefore oppose this amendment.

DeBruhl further stated that in his opinion it was never the object of the State Legislature to put Department of Veterans Affairs and Higher Education in a minor role in State Government.

DeBruhl further stated that he had advised Governor Scott of his views and has informed him that in the event the Department of Veterans Affairs and Higher Education should be placed in a subordinate role, that he, DeBruhl, would be forced to vote against the Amendment No. 2 although he had supported the bill for reorganization when it came through the House of Representatives in the 1969 Session.

## Kinston Roofing Company Executives Indicted by Federal Grand Jury on Income Fraud Charges in 1964-65-66

This week a federal grand jury convened in New Bern handed down bills of indictment against E. L. Scott, president, and Edwin L. Williams, secretary-treasurer of the E. L. Scott Roofing Company of Kinston.

The indictments allege a total liability for the company and the two as individuals of \$54,254.90.

For the three-year period the indictments allege that the company had a correct income tax liability of \$31,695.48 on which it paid \$25,499.90, leaving an alleged balance due the government of \$6,195.58.

Scott is charged with having owed a total income tax for the period of \$23,391 on which he had paid \$15,572, leaving an alleged balance of \$7,819.00.

Williams is charged with a total liability for those years of

## District Court has Routine Session in Clearing 13 Cases

Last Friday 13 cases were removed from the Jones County District Court docket, including four in which nolle prosses with leave were entered.

These included a worthless check charge against Reander Mattocks, failing to give a proper signal against Marion D. Hudson and minor traffic violations against Dorothy C. Cotton and H. N. Woody.

Grover Carter was fined \$100 and costs for drunken driving after a six month jail term was suspended.

Nathan Williams and Leon Williams were ordered to make good a check and pay \$15 costs.

Jimmy Collier was given six months in prison for public drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill against Collier was nolle prossed.

Charles Banks was bound over to superior court on charge of breaking and entering.

Joseph Lane Jr. paid court costs for crossing the center line.

Richard Dew had a six month jail term suspended for assault on a female and was ordered to pay the costs and stay away from Mary Smith.

John Brown paid a \$10 fine and costs for failing to dim his lights.

## Organizational Scout Meeting

There will be a meeting of parents interested in having a scouting program at Chinquapin Chapel Christian Church on Thursday evening, October 22 at 8:00 p.m. All parents in the Church and Community are urged to attend.

Chick Harvey, Scout Executive for Jones County, will conduct the meeting.

## Dozen Arrests Made in Past Week by Jones County Law Enforcement Folks

### Democratic Rally

Jones County Democrats are holding a rally at 3:30 Saturday afternoon at the Fairgrounds on Brock Millpond with all candidates from the party in Jones County, in the legislative and congressional district scheduled to be on hand for a little hand-shaking and back-scratching with Jones Countians. Climaxing the Democratic get-together is a fish stew supper that is to be served under the watchful, trained eye of some of the best fish stew chefs in Eastern North Carolina.

### Another Suit Filed In Timber Dispute

E. S. English of Craven County has filed a second suit in Jones County courts in a dispute over boundaries and what he alleges to be the wrongful cutting of timber on his lands.

English asks \$50,000 damages from H. M. Carpenter, who is charged with being a party to the wrongful cutting of English's timber.

The only other civil action filed in the past week was an action by Charlie Hill who is seeking to collect \$695 which he alleges is owed to him by Shade Moore.

One of the busiest weeks in a long time was logged in the past week at the office of Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates with an even dozen people booked on charges ranging from breaking and entering to public drunkenness.

Charles Banks of New Bern route 2 was charged in the breaking and entering indictment.

Those accused of public drunkenness included James W. Collier of Trenton route 2, Jesse Taylor of Pink Hill, Raymond Hatchell of Maysville star route, Chess Brown of Trenton and Jack Williams of Maysville.

In the drunken driving department the accused included Edward Earl Roberts alias Johnson and Lee Mitchell of Louisville, Kentucky.

Richard Dew of Trenton was charged with trespassing. William DeLoatch of Maysville was charged with speeding and Silas Dillahunt of Pollockville was charged with escape from official custody.

### CHOLERA BOUNTY BOOSTED

The department of agriculture has doubled the maximum payment for hogs that have to be destroyed in the effort to control cholera. Now up to \$100 may be paid when values are established to that level.

## Pay Schedules of Public School Professional Personnel for 1970-71

| Position              | Minimum  | Maximum  |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| Superintendents       | \$13,968 | \$20,016 |
| Asst. Superintendents | \$12,960 | \$14,400 |
| Principals            | \$9,754  | \$14,040 |
| Vocational            | \$5,910  | \$10,110 |
| Supervisors           | \$8,010  | \$10,320 |
| Teachers              | \$3,624  | \$9,158  |

To these figures add \$30 per month to superintendents holding advanced superintendent degrees, \$30 per month to principals holding advance principals degree, \$120 per month to either holding an earned doctorate. Teachers also receive \$120 per month for 9 1/4 months for an earned doctorate in area or subject taught, and the same \$120 per month for period employed applies in all other categories. Advanced principals degrees all carried an additional \$30 per month.

This year the official journal of the North Carolina Education Association in its September issue reports in considerable detail on the salary schedule of all professional personnel in the state's public school system.

A four-page tabulation shows the complete breakdown of salary schedules for superintendents, assistant or associate superintendents, principals, supervisors, vocational teachers and classroom teachers.

An editor's note, in part, with this detailed analysis says "When all funds are taken into consideration it is expected that North Carolina's average teacher salary will increase to more than \$8,200, as compared with \$7,500 last year." These figures do not include any school district special supplements which are paid in many school systems. They only include salary payments to these school officials by the state.

The teacher with an elementary "B" certificate this year starts at \$3,524 for 9 1/4 months work, or 185 days.

A teacher with an "A" Certificate starts at \$6,050 for the 185-day work year and progresses up the ladder in 12 years to the maximum of \$8,381.

The teacher with a graduate degree starts at \$6,632 per year and moves upward to \$9,158 after 13 years experience.

The vocational "A" certificate without experience starts at \$675 per month and moves up to \$906 per month in 12 years, while the holder of a graduate degree in

vocational education starts at \$738 and moves to \$1,011 per month in 13 years.

Supervisors are paid for 10 months and their pay scale ranges from \$8,010 for those 10 months up to \$10,320.

Principals are paid for 10 1/4 to 11 1/4 months and their pay scale ranges from \$948 per month in a school of from 7 to 10 teachers up to the top level principal with more than 50 teachers in a school whose pay can reach \$1,248 per month.

Associate and Assistant superintendents, like superintendents, are paid on a 12-month basis and their pay ranges from a low of \$12,960 to a peak of \$14,400, which is attainable after eight year's experience.

### Now Being Asked

The 1971 session of the General Assembly is being asked well in advance to boost teacher pay by 18.1 per cent, to increase principal pay by 24.3 per cent, to increase supervisor pay by 30 per cent and superintendents would receive "the same increases recommended for other professional personnel."

The total of this estimated scale of pay increases for the biennium would be \$295 million.

This kind of fiscal shenanigans would see the beginning teacher get a raise amounting to \$655.94 per year while the highest geared superintendent would have his \$20,016 salary boosted by a whopping \$6,004.80, a pay increase almost doubles the beginning salary of a teacher.