

More About Voters Retain

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changes are made by act of the legislature. One principal issue was not decided. A group of 40 citizens had strongly requested an opportunity to decide whether the method of election should be returned to the ward system, where voters in one ward vote only for the candidate in that ward. The option was not included in the charter election.

Several other arguments were raised by the victorious group, among them the contention that the city manager form gave the manager too much authority.

Administration spokesmen were obviously disappointed in the outcome and one remarked, "They've set the town back for 50 years." Members of the opposition group were equally jubilant and at least one took the position that the administration had been foiled in an attempt "to ram something down our throats."

The first-choice vote by wards follows:

Ward	Present	A	B
1	78	26	20
2	69	33	17
3	43	7	14
4	31	56	20
5	87	36	21
	308	158	92

More About Bethware Fair

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Champion, Mrs. Robert Ware, Mrs. Lyman Flower, Mrs. Will Watterson, Mrs. Floyd Herndon, and Mrs. Luther McSwain.

Mrs. Leonard Gamble is general chairman of the Women's department and assistants are Mrs. Charles Owens, Mrs. Alex Owens, and Mrs. J. S. Ware.

Prior to organization of the Cleveland County Fair, the Bethware Community Fair was an annual event, a club spokesman explained, and it is intended to revive the project as a yearly affair.

The McIntyre Amusement company has been engaged to provide a midway with approximately 20 concessions and local clubs will operate luncheon stands.

Other officers of the fair are Willis Harmon, secretary, Mrs. Lamar Herndon, assistant, Boyd Harrelson, Wayne Ware, Frank Ware, Willis Harmon, and Lamar Herndon, board of directors.

More About Horse Show

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Local interest will be centered in the walking horse entries of H. Tom Fulton and Byron Keeter and the fine-harness entry of W. G. Granham.

Jack Boyd, professional horseman of Greenville, S. C., will again compete in the show, managing a string of Greenville horses for Fred A. Fifer, and other owners.

Other exhibitors who will show here are Long's Stables, Newton; Jane Reid, Clover, S. C.; B. G. King, Concord; W. J. Jones, of Shelby; Frances Thomason, Greenville, S. C.; Walter Lambeth, of Charlotte; Virginia and Carolyn McBee, of Marion; Dr. Clyde Whisnant, of Marion; and Mrs. J. L. Ashmore, Jr., of Greenville, S. C.

Admission for the show will be \$1.00 for each program for adults, half-fare for children.

Exhibitors will be entertained at a supper between the afternoon and night events.

General Chairman of the show is Jacob Cooper.

"We are confident that the Fifth Annual Lions Club Horse Show will be one of the best ever presented here," Mr. Cooper said. "The club is anticipating record crowds for this holiday event as well as record competition in all classes."

More About Draft Registration

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The Senior Woman's Club will be in charge of the registrations next week, and members or other citizens able to give some time are being requested to call Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, president.

Men born in 1922 after August 30 registered Monday, and men born in 1923 were registered Tuesday and Wednesday. Men born in 1924 were being registered yesterday and today.

The remaining schedule for draft registration of youths between the ages of 18 through 25 follows:

More About Smith Murder

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here. He went out the front of our house and got in the Plymouth coupe. He backed out sort of fast and drove down to Ray Sellers house. I could hear him fussing with someone. I don't know who it was. I saw a man there though. Ray Sellers' back light was on. In about 15 minutes Robert drove off up the dirt road. As soon as I saw him leave I put on my clothes, got the children up and dressed them. We went out the back door of our house and down through the woods. I was going to try and get my babies over to my mother's house because I was afraid that Robert would come back and harm us. He had threatened to kill me before.

"We walked through the woods and at the edge of the pasture to the Kiser's, a neighbor. I was carrying Melba, aged 3, and Mary Jane, seven, was walking. We woke Mr. Kiser up but he said he couldn't carry us home. We then went to a hard-surfaced road and each time a car came along we would hide. We went to two more places but couldn't get anybody to take us. I finally got to Mr. Rufus Plonk's house and after a while he and his wife took us home. I didn't know anything about the crime until the sheriff told me about it the next day."

"On August 28 Robert was let out on bond. Boyd Howell, my husband's brother, told me this and brought me word that Robert wanted me to come to our house at Shady Rest and stay with him. I told Boyd that I couldn't go back to living with Robert and he said that he couldn't blame me.

"He left. About dark somebody brought Robert to the house. He went in and ate supper with me and my mother. After supper the kids got sleepy and I took them up to bed. Robert went with us and we talked for about two and one-half hours. He told me that he wanted me to testify at the trial that I shot Betty Smith in self defense. He showed me some teeth marks on his arm and told me to say that I bit him in the scuffle. He explained the position of the beds and the condition of the room so that I would know. He told me that if I didn't testify for him that I would be sorry in the future. I do know that he's been able to pay out of all the trouble he's been in before.

"The kids and I went to bed and Robert slept on a cot in the next room. The next morning he got up, ate breakfast and got my brother, George, to drive him to Shady Rest. He came back about dinner time and ate with us. He called me upstairs after dinner and said he had been over to town to see a lawyer and that the lawyer told him that if I told that I killed Betty Smith that I wouldn't even be locked up. He said that the lawyer told him it would be better for me to tell now because they wouldn't believe me if I waited until court time. He went over again what I was supposed to say so that the time would fit about Ray leaving and me finding the two of them in bed. He told me to say that Betty said, 'We'll just have it out then,' and that I took the gun away from her and shot her. He told me again to say that I had bit him. He told me where the pools of blood were, how Betty was dressed, where she was shot, how many times and all about it."

"He told me to tell the story as near as I could the way he had told it to me."

"Just before we left going to Kings Mountain I told my brother, Randolph, that I was going to confess that I killed Betty Smith. I was going to tell Mama but she had gone to see my sister. Some man came in in a black Ford sedan and took me and Robert to the bus station in Kings Mountain. We took a taxi to the funeral home. I made the confession before Coroner Ollie Harris and two other men. I signed it knowing that it was all a lie.

"Robert has threatened to kill me before and I was afraid that he would hurt me and the kids if I crossed him."

"Ray Sellers' wife told me that no one could blame me for shooting Betty in bed with my husband."

- September 4 and 7, men born in 1925.
- September 8 and 9, men born in 1926.
- September 10 and 11, men born in 1927.
- September 13, and 14, men born in 1928.
- September 15 and 16, men born in 1929.
- September 17 and 18, men born in 1930 before September 19.
- Men born on or after September 19, 1930, must register on the day they become 18 years of age or within five days thereafter.

Uninspected Cars Will Be Stopped By Patrolmen

Jackpot question for hundreds of North Carolina motorists this week is "What will happen to me because I failed to get my motor vehicle inspected before the August 31st deadline for models of 1936 and prior vintage and for 1947 and 1948 models?"

Anxious motorists have been swamping information sources such as the State Department of Motor Vehicles, Highway Patrol offices and the Carolina Motor Club with this question and many more.

Members of the State Highway Patrol have been issued orders to stop motorists driving these past-deadline models that have not been inspected. However, the motorist will not be fined but will be given a citation to have his car inspected within ten days. Actually this amounts to a ten-day extension or grace period.

"The wise motorist," says Coleman W. Roberts, President of the Carolina Motor Club, "will have his car inspected as soon as possible and not risk this ten-day grace period because the deadline for 1937 and 1946 models is September 30, and those cars will be rolling into the inspection lanes throughout the state in a steady parade all during September."

"Also most motorists feel embarrassed when they are stopped by the Highway Patrol for any reason, and the majority would much rather that this did not happen. Lane inspectors will examine any model car regardless of deadline for that model and will not report late comers to the Highway Patrol."

Regulation Number Five issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles Mechanical Division provides for the inspection periods for various year models and for semi-annual in-

spection during 1949.

This regulation designates that all models to and prior to 1936 and 1947 and 1948 must be inspected by August 31, and that all motor vehicles of the year models 1937 and 1946 shall be inspected on or before September 30. All motor vehicles of the year models 1938, 1939, 1943, 1944, 1945 shall be inspected on or before October 31. All motor vehicles of the year models 1940 and 1942 shall be inspected on or before November 30 and all motor vehicles of the year model 1941 and 1949 shall be inspected on or before Dec. 31, 1948.

Western Carolina League Standings

(Games of Sept. 1)

	W	L	Pct.
Lincolnton	67	39	.632
Newton-Conover	66	39	.629
Morganton	52	52	.500
R. C. Owls	51	54	.486
Shelby	50	54	.481
Marion	49	56	.467
Lenoir	44	61	.419
Hendersonville	38	66	.365

SCHEDULE FINALE

Friday

Shelby at Newton-Conover. Morganton at Hendersonville. Lincolnton at R. C. Owls. Marion at Lenoir.

Saturday

Newton-Conover at Shelby. Hendersonville at Morganton. R. C. Owls at Lincolnton. Lenoir at Marion.

Monday

Afternoon

Shelby at Hendersonville. Newton-Conover at R. C. Owls. Lenoir at Lincolnton. Marion at Morganton.

Night

Hendersonville at Shelby. R. C. Owls at Newton-Conover. Lincolnton at Lenoir. Morganton at Marion.

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