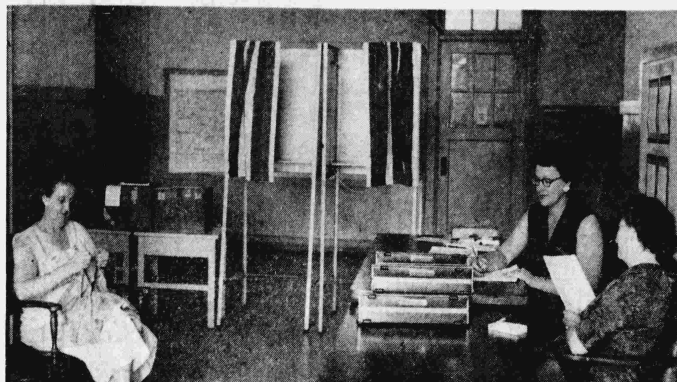




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A last-minute campaign gimmick thrown into the 11th District congressional race by supporters of Basil Whitener had his opponent, Ralph Gardner set a Gastonia lawyer, Ernest Warren, to investigate the possibility of an injunction against the ticket scheme.

loses today's second primary.

Mr. Maxwell told The Charlotte News, "I have never heard of anything like this. It's a new one on me. I told Mr. Gardner he could take it to the Elections Board, but I thought it was a matter for the court, not for us."

Acting on that advice, Mr. Gardner set a Gastonia lawyer, Ernest Warren, to investigate the possibility of an injunction against the ticket scheme.

Mr. Warren asked Superior Court Judge P. C. Froberg for the injunction, but was turned down late this morning.

"The damage is already done," Mr. Gardner said. "It's just fantastic. If I lose, I'll see the Elections Board. I also consider this a possible violation of the lottery law and the Corrupt Practices Act."

"I think there is serious question whether the Cred-

entials Committee of Congress would seat a man who used such a plan."

Reports from the polls indicated a heavy 11th District vote as the territorial campaign for Rep. Woodrow Price's House seat came down to the wire.

TV appearances by both candidates last night brought final, bitter charges from both sides. Mr. Gardner said he had reports earlier that the ticket plan would be used, but "I didn't believe it."

Basil Whitener was out of his Gastonia office all morning and his election staff reported he could not be reached for comment.

But the man who stirred up the tempest, Basil Whitener, said the idea was his own. It was used at four boxes in Cherryville Township only, he said.

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Big Oil Field Threatened By Two-Tank Fire

MIDLAND, Tex. (P)—Two huge 8,000-barrel oil tanks, ignited by lightning, continued to burn fiercely early today, threatening hundreds of surrounding tanks in one of the world's largest crude oil tank farms.

The tanks were struck at about 3 p.m. yesterday.

The fire could be seen for miles around and a great pall of smoke filled the sky. The downtown section of Midland approximately four miles from the tank farm, was lit up.

Oil field workers and firemen sought to keep the fire confined to the two tanks, owned by the Magnolia Petroleum Co., and prevent it from spreading in the several hundred acre area covered with tanks ranging from 55,000 to 100,000 barrels capacity.

The tanks are a gathering and storage area for Magnolia, Gulf and Atlantic Petroleum companies and the Permian Pipeline Co.

Firemen credited the moderate lightning storm that accompanied the electrical storm and the intermittent showers that fell during the night with helping to keep the fire from spreading.

The lightning struck the tops of the tanks. The sides remained intact although there was danger that they would burst, spilling out the oil and spreading the fire.

Four large bulldozers were busy building up the dikes surrounding the tanks to attempt to contain the oil should the tanks burst.

Oilfield workers also were attempting to drain the oil through side tanks.

No official estimate of the damage had been made early today.

Firemen said they had no hopes of extinguishing the fires in the tanks, that their main efforts were being directed to prevent the spread of the fire.

Voters Stay Home As 2nd Primary Is Held

Everywhere—But At Polls

Few Here

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Many went about their business in midtown section.

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"For every four marriages, there is one divorce," he said in a speech at the annual convention of lawyers.

"The other two are marriages that are merely tolerated for one reason or another."

"Some couples remain unhappily wed because of religious shackles, for the sake of children, others from sheer inertia, some because of cowardice or lack of gumption, some for reasons of vanity, status or prestige."

"Fifty years ago marriage was for life. Today, the average duration of marriage is about 10 years. In almost half of a test survey of 81,000 divorces made in 1949, the marriage lasted five years or less."

Kling told the lawyers he is convinced that "youthful marriages are an important factor in our shocking divorce rate."

"The grim fact is that in a marriage where both parties are 20 or younger the divorce rate is even 14 per cent higher than the normal rate," he said.

"But where the bride and groom are between 21 and 25, divorces occur in only six per cent of the cases."

Kling proposed a sweeping study of marriage and divorce laws, especially those which make youthful marriages possible.

Second Plane Reported Down

ASHEVILLE (P)—A second air plane was reported down in the western North Carolina mountains today, the first, believed to have crashed yesterday, landed late but safely at Charlotte.

The Air Force Flight Service at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., said today that an unidentified plane was reported to be down near Mt. Mitchell, about 25 miles northeast of Asheville near the Blue Ridge Parkway.

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The posse, aided by two helicopters from Donaldson Air Force Base at Greenville, S.C., searched until dark last night but could find no signs of a crash. The helicopters returned to their base.

One of the pilots, Capt. Taylor Haynes of Dallas, Tex., said that witnesses described the plane as a two-engine craft but were unable to identify its type or markings. Added Haynes:

"It is entirely possible that a small plane could be covered up by the dense foliage, but we did not see it and do not think it could be hidden by an air search."

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THE HISTORY OF CHARLOTTE'S Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church revolves mostly around one man—the present pastor, Dr. William Harrison Williams, who's been in the pulpit there since 1928. Church editor Helen Parks' report is on the Feature Page 2B.

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