

Legislative Summary

Note: This is the ninth of a series of weekly summaries prepared by the legislative staff of the Institute of Government on the work of the North Carolina General Assembly of 1957. It is confined to discussions of matters of general interest and major importance.

Like a race horse with the smell of roses in his nostrils, the General Assembly rounded the turn and came thundering down the stretch this week. Bill introductions passed the halfway point of the 1955 total, and the pace of calendar action stepped up until the House passed 93 bills in one day, Thursday.

The reason for the excitement (and the high point of the week's activity) was Governor Hodges' appearance before a joint session Tuesday to outline a plan by which teachers could be given pay raises averaging 15% and state employees 11%. Despite a storm of protest against the manner of distribution of the state employees' raise, legislators generally appeared to feel a knotty problem was largely solved and the end of the session in sight, and they hastened to get their legislative proposals introduced and cleared ahead of adjournment.

Governor Hodges gave notice that he will not go along with any larger increases (citing the risk in financing \$34½ million of the raises out of non-recurring revenues); that he will stand behind the Personnel Department's plan

for distributing increases to state employees; that he will support continuation of the present differential in pay of vocational education teachers (pending study by the State Board of Education); and that he still favors a study by an interim commission of methods of financing the school system, including the ability to pay of each county. Against this background, the joint Appropriations Committee prepared to turn the budget-consideration task over to subcommittee.

Schools

School personnel had other matters than the Governor's speech to hold their attention on Raleigh. Republican Representative Simpson made another effort to carry out his party's platform of letting local voters (rather than the General Assembly) choose members of county boards of education. His bill would provide for nomination and election in the same manner as other county officers (but present members would serve out their terms). Another House measure would reward student school bus drivers with up to 10 annual scholarships of \$400 each, based on savings effected, scholarship, and general aptitude; the scholarships would be financed through savings in bus operational costs, and none would be awarded in the absence of such savings. A Senate bill would make any person who has ever served a full term as county superintendent of schools eligible to hold that post again, irrespective of whether he holds

Molasses Cookies Pass Family Test

Families are perhaps the most critical judges of Mom's baked products, and rightfully so. New baked products are always given a careful test by the family members but this Molasses Cookie recipe is sure to rate a perfect score from the judges in your home.

To produce delicate textured cakes, flaky pastries and crisp, crunchy cookies is a feather in any homemaker's hat.

Fortunate indeed is the homemaker who uses lard in preparing all her baked products and deep-fat frying recipes. Lard is not only economical but it also gives the homemaker a helping hand, because, according to Reba Staggs, well known home economist, lard has the greatest shortening value of any cooking fat.

Molasses Cookies

2 cups sifted enriched flour
½ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons soda
1 teaspoon ginger
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¾ cup lard
1 cup brown sugar
1 egg, beaten
¾ cup molasses
Granulated sugar

Sift together flour, salt, soda, ginger, and cinnamon. Cream lard and sugar. Beat in egg and molasses. Add sifted dry ingredients to creamed mixture. Shape into balls, using a rounded tablespoon of dough for each.



Q. What is the name of this cut of meat?

A. Veal Blade Steak

Q. Where does it come from and how is it identified?

A. It comes from the blade section and resembles the blade roast except for the thickness. It contains the blade bone and backbone. Fat is interspersed in the meat and covers the outer surface.

Q. How is it prepared?

A. It is cooked slowly by braising. Veal blade steaks cut ½ to ¾ inch thick require 45 to 60 minutes for cooking. A steak cut less than ½ inch thick may be panfried.

Dip in granulated sugar. Place on a cookie sheet and bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) for 12 to 15 minutes. Yield: 4 dozen cookies.

BABY GOES TO DENTIST

Newberry, Mich. — Although Stephen Paul Nelson was only five weeks old, he paid a visit to a dentist's office and had his first teeth pulled. A doctor had recommended that the loose teeth, with which the baby was born, be pulled to keep him from swallowing them.

AMBASSADORS

The Senate Foreign Affairs Committee has notified the State Department that it will insist on "first rate ambassadors in every post." The committee said the Government can no longer afford to give way to political "pressure" in the selection of ambassadors.

Poultry is second only to tobacco as a farm income producer in North Carolina.

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- 6½ ACRES LAND—4 room house, located on highway near Boone. Price \$3000.
- GOOD GOING BUSINESS for sale.
- GOOD 4-BEDROOM BRICK HOUSE—two baths, large lot, located Grand Blvd. GI loan can be assumed. Home recently been remodeled.
- 60 ACRES FARM LAND—6-10 tobacco base, 8 room brick house, very modern, barn. Located on good road.
- GOOD 8-ROOM HOUSE, bath, barn, 7 acres land located 1 mile east of Boone, just off highway 421. Very desirable property.
- NEW 3-BEDROOM BRICK HOUSE, carpets in living room and den, built in stove, garage, beautiful lot located in a new development just out of city. Terms.
- OWNER WANTS TO SELL—Large 9-room house which includes two 2-room furnished apartments rented \$70.00 per month and 5-room house. Large lot suitable for additional house site. Price \$7500. Will handle second mortgage if necessary.
- GOOD 3-BEDROOM HOUSE—Large living room, hot air heat, double garage, located on Grand Blvd. Vacant, ready to move in. Storm windows and new furnace. Small down payment.
- TWO ROOM SUMMER COTTAGE—2 acres land. Located on Winkler's Creek. Priced for quick sale!
- WE NOW HAVE AVAILABLE VA and FHA Financing for our new 3 and 4 bed room homes. If you are planning on building a new home this year it would pay you to get started on plans and financing. Plans and specifications furnished free. See our new line of homes now. We also have some excellent home sites in new development.
- GOOD 3 BED ROOM STONE HOUSE, bath, basement, 1 acre land beautifully landscaped. Located at Sands on Highway 194. Priced for quick sale.
- GOOD 3-BEDROOM HOUSE—Large living room with beautiful fire place. Radiant hot water heat, garage, large lot, already financed. Small down payment. Located near IRC.
- GOOD 3-BEDROOM HOUSE, 2 baths, spacious living room with stone fireplace, double garage, 2 acres land beautifully landscaped. Located just out of city limits.
- INVESTMENT PROPERTY—5-apartment brick house, located near college, grossing 10 per cent. Terms if needed.
- 2 APARTMENT HOUSE, heat, corner lot. Located near college. Monthly rental \$88.00. Terms if needed.
- NEW SEVEN ROOM BRICK HOUSE, two full baths, hot water heat, large lot just out of city limits. Excellent neighborhood.
- NEW RESTAURANT FULLY EQUIPPED with new equipment. Building 48'x36'. Over 500 foot of road frontage on highway, 421 about 6 miles west of Boone.
- FOR SALE—10 acre farm, good 8 room house, bath, hot air heat, basement, new chicken house 15'x60' and tobacco base. Located Deerfield road near Boone. Immediate possession.
- WOODLAND DRIVE—New 3-bedroom brick house, two ceramic tile baths, dishwasher, full basement, hot water heat, double garage, storm windows. Located in one of the better residential sections, near college. F.H.A. or G. I. loan available.
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a superintendent's certificate; present law grants this exemption only to persons serving as superintendent at the time the revised school law went into effect in 1955. The measure providing for education of trainable mentally retarded children received a thorough overhaul in the House Education Committee and was re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Agriculture
Recent difficulties with plant pests in some parts of the state led to the introduction of a comprehensive bill authorizing the Board of Agriculture to adopt rules for their control and eradication; the department could (1) make inspections of premises or vehicles suspected of carrying pests, (2) order owners to eradicate pests, and (3) where the owner did not act, take action at the owner's expense.

Other bills are designed to protect the farmer against harm from roadbuilders. In 1945 the use of Bermuda grass to hold highway shoulders in cultivated farm areas was restricted. HB 658 would flatly prohibit planting of this or other noxious grasses and make the State Highway Commission liable in damages for violations, while HB 635 would require the Commission to submit all seeds to the Department of Agriculture for testing (to detect seeds of noxious weeds) before they could be planted. HB 680 would make the Commission liable for damages from obstructing the natural flow of water.

The House killed the proposal to ask a Congressional investigation of reconstituted tobacco. However, HB 236, which establishes a Tobacco Seed Committee and makes unlawful the sale of any flue-cured tobacco variety that has not been recorded with the Commissioner of Agriculture, has been ratified—along with the bill which authorizes cotton producers to levy assessments upon themselves for cotton promotion.

Miscellaneous
HB 667 would give municipalities in dry counties the option of voting for on-and off-premises sales of beer and wine, off-premises sales only, or a mixture of the two plans . . . SB 301 would re-

quire that JU's be appointed (and their salaries fixed) by resident superior court judges, and that the fee system be eliminated . . . Two bills of interest to doctors would (a) require that they register biennially and (b) create a Board of Examiners in Psychology . . . SB 294 would require most of the gasoline price signs in the state to be repainted; it provides that no digit in an outdoor price sign can be less than ¼ the height of other price digits on the same sign . . . Electrically recorded duck calls would be outlawed by SB 298 . . . After years of playing second fiddle to "The Old North State," "Here's to the land of the Long Leaf Pine" will receive comparable status as the official toast of the state if SB 305 is adopted.

Windy Gap News

Last week visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Presnell were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harmon of Silverstone, Mr. and Mrs. Jones Harmon of Beech Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Auburn Trivett of Banner Elk.

Mrs. Vergie Trivett has returned to her home here after spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Fredrick Jones in Avery County.

Miss Wanda Harmon was a guest of Miss Mary Lou Greene at Sugar Grove last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Roberts of Lenoir visited Mrs. Roberts parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Trivett, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harmon were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hagaman at Hodges Gap last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moody and family of Mountain City, Tennessee spent last Sunday visiting Mrs. Moody's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harmon.

Miss Shelia Harmon spent last week end in Avery county visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edmisten.

Mrs. Tedra Harmon is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bill Stedry in Chicago, Ill. this week.

2 — ABSOLUTE AUCTIONS — 2

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th

MIDWAY BETWEEN WEST JEFFERSON AND BOONE—ON U. S. HIGHWAY 221

First Sale—10:30 A. M.
GRADY WATSON'S SERVICE STATION AND FARM

Watson Grocery and Service Station. Large building 24' x 46' practically new. Paved driveway and plenty of parking space. We will also sell the stock of goods including groceries, hardware, feed, etc.

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44 acres subdivided. Long road frontage. 7 room house, bath. Large barn and outbuildings. Well watered. About 15 acres young pine timber. On school bus route. 1 mile from church. Personal property: some furniture, farm tools, 3 milk cows, 2 calves.

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