

## Legislative Summary

Stormy debates in the Senate concerning prison separation and legislative reapportionment highlighted the General Assembly's tenth full week. It has now passed the halfway point in legislative days for which members will be paid, with every indication that it will complete its work before the final deadline. At week's end, the comparison with 1955 was as follows (Senate bills first, then the House, and total):

1955 session:		
Public bills	237	339
Local bills	89	319
Total	336	658
Ratifications		
	297	
1957 Session:		
Public bills	190	336
Local bills	155	481
Total	335	817
Ratifications		
	395	

With both the Appropriations Bill and the Revenue Bill in the hands of subcommittees, legislators will concentrate on other matters for a few weeks.

**Legislative Reapportionment**  
Small-county legislators had the votes, and there apparently will be no reapportionment this year or revision of the Constitutional provisions relating thereto—that summarizes the Senate action Wednesday and Thursday on the Weathers Commission proposals. Senators Bell and Kirkman led the fight for the large counties and Senators Jolly and Martin for the small counties. The issue narrowed down to Senator Jolly's statement that Mecklenburg County receives back from the state only 38% of the tax dollars it pays whereas his county of Franklin receives 2½ times as much as it pays, and that he fears reapportionment would mean Piedmont representatives could cut off this support and let the small counties wither on the vine of economic progress. When the votes were taken, the small-county representatives first amended the proposal to limit any one county to one Senator; then the measure passed on second reading; and on Thursday both it and the companion proposal to set up a reapportionment commission to act in case of legislative default were killed.

**State Government**  
An incipient revolt against the Administration's prison-separation plan was quickly quelled Tuesday, when the Senate overruled an unfavorable committee report and passed the measure (after an amendment barring any use of monies from the General Fund for

support of the new prison department). Undismayed by a recent Supreme Court decision invalidating one of their brother agencies, several of the state's occupational licensing boards submitted bills to change their organization, dues, or requirements for licensing; included were boards regulating dentists, barbers, engineers, land surveyors, and architects. A Senate version of the bill creating a board for psychologists was introduced, and a Senate committee gave a favorable report to the bill creating a realtor's licensing board.

The bills to raise the pay of superior court solicitors and prohibit any private law practice by them were amended in both houses to postpone the effective date (except where solicitors want earlier increases) and then referred to Appropriations Committees.

**Higher Education**  
With the waves of the World War II "baby boom" washing even closer, college administrators have been desperately planning how best to extend their already crowded facilities. One measure suggested is the establishment of a statewide system of junior colleges, most of whose students would live at home (thus avoiding the expense of building new dormitories). The 1955 General Assembly tentatively put its toe into the water by assuming part of the operational costs of four local colleges. This week the Board of Higher Education urged the state to take the full plunge, with a bill providing for organization and operation of community colleges in accordance with standards of the Board. The colleges (which could offer either liberal arts and sciences, or technical courses) would receive assistance on a matching basis from the state, both for capital improvements and operating costs.

**Local Government**  
A measure which would have provoked quite a stir several years ago was introduced without a murmur this week. HB 749 would authorize the Highway Commission to distribute highway funds to municipalities on the basis of need (rather than on the present formula based on population, mileage, and need), and would permit reallocation of funds which have accumulated under the present formula, so long as it does not take the funds to another county. A Senate bill would authorize cities to make contracts in anticipation of Power Bill funds to be received

for the next five years. Other bills of interest would (a) give municipal tax collectors the same power as is now exercised by the county sheriff in collecting delinquent license taxes, (b) authorize counties and cities to appoint deputy tax collectors, (c) allow cities to sell surplus property on sealed bids after 30 days' notice, (d) permit Lillingston to make its own property revaluation for tax purposes, (e) authorize cities to construct (and issue bonds for) water and sewer systems extending up to 10 miles beyond their limits, and (f) provide a method for reducing the area of an existing sanitary district.

**Miscellaneous**  
A legislative perennial, the proposal for a statewide liquor referendum, bloomed again this week. Given more chance of success is a measure authorizing seizure and sale of vehicles used to transport materials for making intoxicants. A Republican answer to the "anti-Jonas" election law would return the state to the pre-1955 situation when ballots could be split by marking a party circle and the names of candidates of the other party.

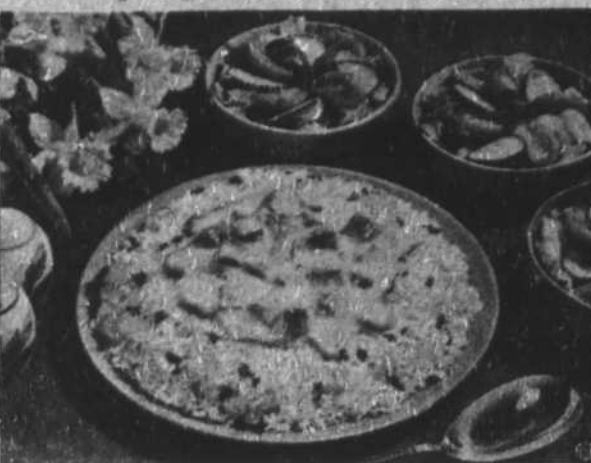
HB 770 would tighten voter-registration procedures in counties using the loose-leaf system. . . . SB 319 would levy new taxes on the use of trading stamps and require that the value of unredeemed stamps escheat to the state's public schools. . . . Tax refunds for fuels not used on highways would be raised from 5c to 6c per gallon by HB 762. . . . SB 320 would provide for central registration of all divorce decrees in the Office of Vital Statistics.

**JOBS**  
Employment in March rose to 63,865,000, setting a record for the month, according to the Commerce Department. Unemployment declined to 2,882,000. It is customary for employment to increase in March and to keep climbing to a summer peak. A March decrease in unemployment is also normal.

**U. S. ARMY**  
Secretary of the Army Brucker recently said that, despite Great Britain's plans to reduce her armed forces, the United States would need a 1,000,000-man army for at least two years and that he would press for extension of the draft beyond 1959.

The Supreme Court has barred the Union Pacific Railroad from drilling for oil and gas on the right-of-way given it by Congress in 1862.

## New Spring Rice—Hearty and Nice



Spring calls for something new. You're bound to find it, too, in this delicious entree—a combination of parsley, crisp celery and rice, (the packaged pre-cooked rice, of course) topped with a tangy ham mixture.

**Spicy Rice Entree**  
 ½ cup thinly sliced celery  
 1½ cups water  
 ½ teaspoon salt  
 1½ cups (6-ounce package) packaged pre-cooked rice  
 2 tablespoons butter  
 1 tablespoon chopped parsley  
 1 can (12 ounces) spiced ham  
 2 tablespoons chopped onion  
 3 tablespoons butter  
 ¼ cup flour  
 2½ cups buttermilk  
 ¾ teaspoon pepper  
 ¼ teaspoon dry mustard  
 ¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
 Simmer celery in water about 5 minutes, or until just tender. Add salt and packaged pre-cooked rice. Mix just to moisten all rice. Cover and remove from heat. Let stand 13 minutes. Add 2 tablespoons butter and the parsley, mixing lightly with a fork. Meanwhile, cut ham in cubes and sauté with onion in 3 tablespoons butter until golden brown. Add flour and mix well. Then add buttermilk gradually, stirring constantly. Cook and stir over medium heat until sauce is smooth and thickened. Add seasonings and mix well. Serve with the celery rice. Makes 4 servings.

### SENATE INVESTIGATION

The Senate Finance Committee, led by Senator Byrd, (D-Va.), recently voted unanimously to conduct its own study of the "financial condition of the United States." Senator Byrd said it would be "one of the broadest investigations ever undertaken by Congress."

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## Appalachian Hi School



MARY VAN NOPPEN

Mary Van Noppen, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Van Noppen of Boone, has recently had a poem, "The Tide of Life," accepted by National High School Poetry Association of California for publication.

Mary is to complete her high school work in August of this year and study medicine. At present she is a member of the Junior class of Appalachian High School and is active in the following activities: Junior Librarians' Club, Social Dance Club, Girls' "A" Club, and Choir. She is also active in the Presbyterian Church.

**National Honor Society Inductees**  
 Fourteen juniors of Appalachian High School were inducted into

the National Honor Society at assembly Thursday, April 18, at the annual Honor assembly.

Each spring the National Honor Society inducts the top 15% of the rising senior class as new members, who are outstanding in scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

Names of this year's inductees follow: Clara Beech, Pat Brown, Faye Day, Judy Gragg, Margaret Hampton, Betty Hollar, Mary Lawrence, Wilma Moretz, Tom Owsley, Pat Proffitt, Betsy Rogers, Pat Trivette, Jerry West, and Linda Wey.

### Citizen-of-the-Week

Bobby Watkins, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Watkins of Boone and a member of Miss Ruby Aker's home room, was chosen by Appalachian High School Student Council as Citizen-of-the-Week for the week ending April 19.

Bobby is very active in various sports, playing football, baseball, and basketball all high school years.

In May he will graduate under the college preparatory plan.

Bill Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bern Cook of Route 1, Boone, was chosen as Citizen-of-the-Week by Appalachian High School Student Council for the week of April 8-12.

Bill, a member of Mr. Hill's home room, is a bus driver at Parkway School and a member of the wrestling team of Appalachian High School during the past season. He is known for his pleasing personality and earnest desire to do well in school.

## NEWS ABOUT OUR Servicemen

**Lt. Templeton Completes Physical Therapy Course**  
 Fort Sam Houston, Tex.—Second Lt. Martha Templeton, 21, daughter of Mrs. Hule Templeton, 130 Blowing Rock Road, Boone, N. C., is scheduled to complete the Army Medical Service School's physical therapy course April 19 at Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

The course trains officers in the fundamental methods used in the rehabilitation of the sick and wounded. Lieutenant Templeton, a 1956 graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College, entered the Army Medical Specialist Corps last August.

**SERVING ABOARD CARRIER**  
 Norfolk, Va.—Charles W. Phillips, gunner's mate second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Phillips of Boone, N. C., and husband of the former Miss Betty M. Edwards of Todd, is serving aboard the attack carrier, USS Ticonderoga.

The Ticonderoga is now undergoing construction of a canted flight deck and a hurricane bow at the Norfolk Naval Shipyards.

Senator Byrd (D., Va.) has drafted an appropriations bill which he said would enable Congress to regain its lost control of Federal spending.

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 2 door, two tone green, radio, heater, clean.

1953 DODGE  
 4 door, two tone green, Gyromatic, Radio, heater, white side walls, clean.

1953 CHEVROLET BELAIR  
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