

Legislative Report

Thursday, the Senate Committee on Election Laws and Legislative Representation reported favorably a committee substitute for SB 10, the bill regulating absentee voting. The committee substitute was adopted and the bill passed the Senate Friday. The bill retained most of the features of the original and was endorsed by Chairman Joslin of the State Board of Elections as workable. Prospects for the bill were improved in the House as Speaker Blue issued a statement in support of the original bill; some House members have been seeking to make significant changes in the original.

Highway Safety

Highway safety continued to be a popular subject of new bills. SB 273 (HB 527) establishes a chemical test of the breath (to determine alcohol content of blood) of drivers believed to be intoxicated. One who drives on the highways is deemed to have consented to the test; if a person refuses to take the test, his driver's license must be suspended for six months. The results of the test, or the refusal to submit to the test, are admissible in court.

SB 244 limits the authority of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to suspend or revoke a driver's license for offenses committed in another state, by specifying that the commissioner may not suspend or revoke a license when the out-of-state offense consists of speeding between 45 and 70 mph while operating a for-hire vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeding 20,000 pounds gross weight.

SB 253 requires the Motor Vehicles Dept. to suspend the driver's license of a person under 20 who commits more than one moving violation. Suspension results for the first violation if it results in an accident causing property damage or personal injury.

SB 258 protects the Good Samaritan. It provides that doctors, nurses, or other persons who render emergency aid to or obtain hospitalization of the victim of an automobile accident or other emergency are not liable in damages for their acts or omissions, and are not liable for hospital bills.

SB 283 authorizes highway patrolmen and local officers to issue "warning repair orders" to owners of motor vehicles having defective, improper or inadequate safety equipment. The motorist has ten days in which to correct the defect and present the warning and his corrective action for inspection.

HB 541 requires the Dept. of Motor Vehicles to suspend a driver's license for speeding in excess of 15 miles per hour over any posted speed limit fixed by or pursuant to GS 20-141; suspension is already mandatory in specified instances; this bill broadens the application of the suspension mandate.

HB 501 repeals the compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance law.

Education

Two different money bills, each authorizing the issuance of

\$100 million in school construction and improvement bonds, subject to a vote of the people of the state, were introduced during the weeks.

HB 489 sets out specific allocations to each county; funds would be expended under the direction of the State Board of Education, for needs determined by that board, the county commissioners, and the local school board, with the commissioners controlling in case of disagreement.

SB 262 (HB 514) allocates the funds to counties and administrative units therein according to average daily membership figures. Funds would be made available by the State Board of Education, when the local unit submitted an approvable plan of school organization and a plan of expenditure, for construction, improvement and renovation of school facilities and for purchase of necessary equipment.

SB 280 (HB 519) appropriates to the counties a sum equal to 15% of the annual sales and use tax net proceeds to be used for purchase, construction (etc.), of school plant facilities.

Counties, Cities And Towns

SB 254 may facilitate municipal rubbish collection. The bill allows a truck to tow as many as three trailers for the purpose of collecting refuse and rubbish in municipalities, provided the total length of the "trailer-train" combination does not exceed 50 feet. HB 510 specifies that the Insurance Commissioner, in exercising his duties in enforcement of the State Building Code, shall work in cooperation with local officials and inspectors.

SB 286 authorizes boards of county commissioners to determine the most suitable divisions for keeping tax records. HB 540 reduces the present four divisions of tax records under GS 105-323 (whites, colored, Indian, corporate) to two (individuals and corporate).

Miscellaneous

SR 282 and an unnumbered House Resolution both request the president of the University of North Carolina and the Chancellor of State College to re-study the question of the Dixie Classic and to report back to the respective houses by May 10. The House resolution passed that body; the Senate resolution was referred to committee. HB 507 appropriates funds to permit two one-step increment salary increases for full-time State employees under the Personnel Act.

ON DRUG ABUSE

An advisory group told President Kennedy that seven steps should be taken to tighten controls on drugs that numb, knockout, addict, depress, hypnotize, pep up, calm down or hallucinate.

In receiving the report, the President said, "It begins to open the door to understanding about users of narcotics and abusers of the law and suggests forcefully the dangers which confront the American people in this difficult area."

N. C. Colony Has Picnic

Winter Beach, Fla.—On April 7 the Colony had a picnic. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Edmisten were kind enough to offer the use of their carport. Twenty-three were present. Mrs. Allie Shull, being the oldest one present, asked God's blessing on our food.

Now that spring has sprung we Tar Heels are getting anxious to see those good old North Carolina hills. Several will be gone by the time this is in print.

Those attending the picnic were: Mrs. Shull, Mrs. Annie Leake, Mr. and Mrs. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Cap Honeycutt, Mr. and Mrs. Quarry and son R. C. and two of her sisters; Mr. and Mrs. Dace Teague, Mr. and Mrs. Will Jones and grandson, George Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Edmisten, Mr. and Mrs. Conley Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Farthing.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Watson spend a few days in Miami visiting friends.

Chamber Of Commerce News

By HERMAN W. WILCOX
President

We have just received an advance copy of "The Mobil Travel Guide." This is a Simon and Schuster publication. The cost of the publication is shared by the Socony Mobil Oil Company and Simon and Schuster.

We worked with the publishers in New York City to have our drama, "Horn in the West," listed in their Middle Atlantic States issue which goes on sale May first with over 100,000 circulation. In the center of this edition are special certificates on 18 selected attractions in the States of Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Our drama was selected over all others to be covered by these special certificates.

The certificate on our drama, when clipped and presented by an out of state traveler, may purchase one reserved seat and

be given another one free.

The oil company and publishers are continuing to promote these 18 attractions selected, and we will receive thousands of dollars worth of publicity free.

Other attractions in North Carolina selected are Biltmore House and Gardens, Chimney Rock Park, Tyron Palace, Orton Plantation and Old Salem Tours.

This guide has become one of the Nation's most popular traveling companion. It lists the outstanding eating places, most popular attractions, selected motels and hotels within these states, showing rating for

each which is compiled by experts.

Visitors From 25 Nations

June 20 will be a big day in Boone when two bus loads of distinguished guests will roll into Boone from 25 nations. They will be on their way back from "The World Food Congress" which will be held in Washington June 4 to 18.

One hundred nations will be represented and the attendance is expected to reach 1200. After the adjournment of the congress they will split up in groups and tour the various areas in USA.

Watauga county again was

selected for the visitation of these special guests, to see firsthand, as they put it, how we have made such progress that has attracted national and international attention.

We will entertain these people overnight, and serve at least one meal to them, and take them on a tour.

Membership Drive

Stanley A. Harris, chairman of the Membership committee, reports that an extensive campaign will immediately begin to secure more members to the Chamber and Merchants Association. We urge everyone to respond when contacted.

Members Paying Dues

Camp Perry, Blue Ridge Motor Court, Clyde C. Miller, May-

mead Block Company, Shadowline, Carrie M. Burketts, Frank Church, V. D. Ward, Newton's Department Store, Mystery Hill, Shorty's, Reynolds Hancock Apartments, H. W. Mast, Modern Appliance and Seven-Up Bottling Co.

ROSES EVERY YEAR

San Francisco—Each year on February 21st, Mrs. Johannes Skytte gets a dozen roses. In 1940 she bought a pair of shoes, took them home in the wrong box and found \$2,000 in the box.

She returned the money to the manager Fred Dubeu who in gratitude sends her a dozen roses on this date.

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