

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

NOTE: This is the twelfth 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 1953. It is confined to discussions of matters of general interest and major importance.

Late April adjournment is now forecast for the General Assembly. Emphasis has shifted from bill introduction to committee and floor action, but while the Senate's calendar is being cleared daily, more bills are reaching the House calendar than are being acted upon. Speaker Bost has asked for more work and less talk, and afternoon or night sessions may be necessary. But in the final analysis the date of adjournment depends on how fast the Revenue Act and bond bills come up for passage, since each must be considered on three separate days in each house. A committee report on the Revenue Act is unlikely before accord has been reached on appropriations.

Appropriations and Finance
Although members of the joint appropriations subcommittee got down to work early this week, little information has leaked out on their progress in formulating budget recommendations for the 1953-55 biennium. Certainly the subcommittee's job was not made any easier by the Commissioner of Revenue's prediction that state taxes for this year and the next biennium would bring in \$6.9 million less than the Advisory Budget Commission had estimated.

Meanwhile the administration's proposed bond issues, approved with but one amendment in House appropriations committee, were held up in the House finance committee. Consideration of a substitute proposal to require voter approval for the institutional bond issue instead of the mental hospital bond issue, after being told that debt service requirements on the bonds would probably necessitate an increase in taxes, prompted the finance committee to call state agency heads to Raleigh next week to justify the projects contained in the \$13,500,000 measure. Close attention was also given the suggested formula for allocating \$50 million for public school needs.

Whatever the final determination on bonds, revised revenue estimates may encourage legislators to draw on the \$17.5 million "cushion fund" in order to balance the budget and assure essential state services not provided for in the appropriations bill. Trimming appropriations to meet maximum revenues now expected is a more likely course than revision of tax schedules.

Roads and Highway Safety
Despite testimony from Highway Commission engineers that heavy trucks were speeding deterioration of the highways, a House committee has reported favorably a bill which would raise truck axle weight limits at least 1,000 lbs. Floor opposition to the measure is expected. Highway wear and tear in proportion to vehicle weights is assumed by Rep. Turner's HB 1038 which would impose on commercial trucking a highway use tax (similar to laws in N. Y., N. J., Conn., and Oregon) computed on the basis of truck weight and miles traveled in the state.

Senators have killed in committee the House bill permitting renewal of driving licenses by mail without the necessity of reporting to an examiner. Similar treatment has been accorded by House roads committee to the bill lowering by two months the age for securing learner's permits, and HB 557 giving JP's jurisdiction over persons charged with driving without a license.

Courts
Floor debate preceding third reading passage of SB 283 in the Senate brought out that Chief Justice Devin of the Supreme Court favored the re-districting plan for superior courts over the House proposal to add more judges in existing districts. Whether for this or other reasons, the two-vote margin by which the bill survived second reading was increased to eight. In the juvenile court field, SB 287, which would bring youths of 16 into juvenile court for first misdemeanors other than violations of the motor vehicle law, was sent back to Senate committee for further study. The facts which that bill revealed brought introduction of SB 398 to set up a commission to study the whole juvenile delinquent problem.

Constitutional Amendments
For the second successive week vehement controversy shook the House chamber. The latest outburst accompanied the passage of HB 18, proposing an amendment to limit any county, no matter what its population, to no more than one senator. A quieter atmosphere prevailed, despite sharply divided opinion, as HB 682, putting rotation of superior court judges in legislative hands, failed to pass second reading. Meanwhile the Senate passed two bills making minor changes in election provisions and received two bills which, if approved by the people, would implement Lt. Gov. Hodges' suggested elimination of Saturday sessions in both houses. A raise of \$5 per day in legislative pay is the aim of HB 1983. Amendments providing for the retirement of supreme court judges and giving the Parole Board power to grant paroles were refused.

SLEEPYHEAD!



This pretty sleepyhead wears a prizewinning pajama-robe set made from cotton feed and flour bags. Her attractive ensemble was one of the outfits made by members of the 4-H Club in Bracken County, Kentucky, who won first place in their state in a cotton bag sewing contest sponsored by Singer Sewing Machine Company and the Textile Bag Manufacturers Association. The girls won a cabinet sewing machine for their skill in making cotton bag fashions.

Education

The joint education subcommittee reported out its compromise consolidation bill on Monday. Small schools which do not meet the minimum average daily membership could remain open if local authorities are willing to reimburse the state for extra expense resulting from under-strength operation, and a greater voice is given local communities in certain other cases. At a public hearing on Wednesday, warning was served that over-decentralization of schools would result in inferior education, but solid backing for the bill, once special local problems have been ironed out, was evident.

Business and Industry

Although HB 1064 only requires the Commissioner of Banks to approve the chartering of a new bank in a county where but one bank including branches of that bank, is in operation, debate on the measure may probe deeply into banking law administration. SB 389 would replace present flat incorporation taxes on stock with a graduated tax to encourage incorporation in this state of businesses capitalized at over \$1 million. Unfavorable reports were given SB 261, repealing the 1/10 of 1% sales tax on wholesale merchants; SB 342, setting up a new statutory formula for regulating utility rates; and two bills designed to remove virtually all present limitations on the garnishment of wages.

Public Health

Rendering plants appear to be due for stringent sanitary regulation; the House has passed, and a Senate committee has approved, HB 748, which sets up the necessary administrative machinery. Spread of vesicular exanthema in hogs presents another meat industry problem receiving extensive legislative attention. New laws controlling the feeding of raw garbage to hogs have been enacted, and HB 1075 would make an emergency appropriation of \$50,000 to aid in control efforts. With all stiffened penalties large intact, the hopped up narcotic control act has been reported favorably in the House after receiving final Senate approval.

Miscellaneous

The issue of closed committee meetings refuses to die; a bill has already been introduced to repeal last week's hasty enactment of the "secrecy" bill. SB 796, an attempt, among other things, to bring chain store distributors under regulations affecting other

egg wholesalers, has been reported unfavorably. Final passage of HB 327 gives persons accused of capital crimes an opportunity to exchange a possible death sentence for life imprisonment by entering a plea of guilty. HB 779, giving referendum before municipalities could enter into cooperative agreements for new public housing construction, were killed in committee.

TAX COLLECTIONS

Sheriff J. A. Bunch reported to the County Commissioners Friday that 1952 taxes collected in March amounted to \$17,497.90. Total 1952 tax collections to date amount to \$145,571.75.

Cash Farm Receipts Show Drop In 1952

North Carolina Receipts Ranked Thirteenth In Nation

North Carolina farmers received \$929,948,000 from the sale of their products in 1952 or almost 2 per cent less than in 1951. Receipts from the sale of livestock at \$203,557,000 were 4 per cent greater than a year earlier. However, receipts from crops dropped 8.4 per cent below 1951. Crop sales in the State totalled \$726,391,000 in 1952 compared with \$751,838,000 the preceding year.

In total cash receipts from farm marketing North Carolina again ranked 13th in the Nation. North Carolina ranked fifth, however, in crop sales, being exceeded only by California, Texas, Illinois and Kansas.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WE NOW HAVE CONTACTS WITH warehouse and can supply you with any amount of imported aluminum sulphate. Will have Goslings next Thursday. Chicks, any breeds; also

some anconia today. Halsey Feed & Seed Store. "The Checkerboard Store." Open Wednesday afternoon.

Better Cough Relief

When new drugs or old fail to help your cough or chest cold don't delay. Creomulsion contains only safe, helpful, proven ingredients and no narcotics to disturb nature's process. It goes into the bronchial system to aid nature soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial membranes. Guaranteed to please or your druggist refunds money. Creomulsion has stood the test of many millions of users.

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EAT A GOOD
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Meal planning becomes simple and easy when you shop at your friendly Colonial Stores regularly. Everything under one roof... everything arranged for quick selection... everything plainly price marked... yes, everything you can think of for a variety of appetizing meals three times a day. Make-up your shopping list now from this list of BREAKFAST, LUNCH and DINNER suggestions... check Nancy Carter's timely tips for better meals and save on your total food bill at Colonial Stores!

- Vary the breakfast main dish:
1. Scrambled eggs with tomatoes
 2. Creamed eggs and ham on toast
 3. Country Pig sausage patties and waffles
 4. Canadian bacon with orange French toast
 5. Cheeseburgers with jellied cole slaw
 6. Eggs Goldenrod on toasted English muffins
 7. Currant jelly omelet and Gold Label coffee
 8. Crisp bacon slices, applesauce, cheese toast

BREAKFAST MENU SUGGESTIONS

- SPECIAL LOW PRICE—LARGE JUICY
- FLA. GRAPEFRUIT . . . 4 FOR 23c**
- Fine Rich Distinctive—Colonial's
GOLD LABEL COFFEE Lb. 83c
Snow Crop Fresh Frozen
ORANGE JUICE . . . 2 6-oz. Cans 33c
Colonial Pride—Economical
THRIFTY BREAD 2 Loaves 25c
Pick of the Nest Grade A
LARGE EGGS Doz. 65c
- For light fluffy pancakes—Aunt Jemima
PANCAKE MIX . . . 20-oz. Pkg. 19c
Top your pancakes with Vermont Maid
MAPLE SYRUP . . . 12-oz. Bottle 27c
Colonial's Own Pure Creamery
TRIANGLE BUTTER . Lb. 75c
Packed with Energy—Mother's or
QUAKER OATS 20-oz. Pkg. 18c



GET MORE PUNCH... EAT A BETTER LUNCH

- Plan a lunch from one of these:
1. Broiled cheese, bacon, tomato sandwich
 2. Bologna and egg salad Club sandwich
 3. Creamed chicken on Egg bread
 4. Tuna-celery salad with potato chips
 5. Cheeseburgers with jellied cole slaw
 6. Escalloped salmon with Mexican corn
 7. Cheese rarebit on toasted crackers
 8. Vegetable soup with cottage cheese salad



APPETIZING FAMILY DINNERS ARE HAPPY FAMILY WINNERS

- Pick a winning combination:
1. Pot Roast of Beef, browned potatoes, cheesy onions.
 2. Stuffed veal shoulder, creamed peas with celery
 3. Lamb Stew, dumplings, tomato aspic salad
 4. Barbecued Beef Liver, asparagus, beet salad
 5. Shrimp creole, shoestring potatoes, cole slaw
 6. Chicken pot pie, corn pineapple salad
 7. Scalloped ham, potatoes and carrots, tossed salad
 8. Frankfurters, hot potato salad, garlic bread
- ALL PRICES
EFFECTIVE THRU
SAT. NIGHT
APRIL 11

LUNCH MENU SUGGESTIONS

- SPECIAL LOW PRICE—CS BRAND
- APPLESAUCE . . . No. 303 CAN 15c**
- Sweet Fresh Crisp
CALIF. CARROTS . 2 1-Lb. Cans 19c
For Salads—Star-Kist White Meat
CHUNK TUNA No. 1/2 Can 35c
For Delicious Cheeseburgers
GROUND BEEF Lb. 39c
Refreshing Afternoon Pick-Up
SILVER LABEL TEA 4-oz. Pkg. 38c
- Top Off Those Salads with—Mother's
MAYONNAISE 9-oz. 59c
For Perky Sandwiches—Armour's
VIENNA SAUSAGE 2 No. 1/2 Cans 37c
A Good Hunch For Lunch
HORMEE'S SPAM . . 12-Oz. Can 47c
Special Low Price—Lang's
DILL PICKLES Quart Jar 25c

DINNER MENU SUGGESTIONS

- SPECIAL LOW PRICE—DRESSED AND DRAWN—GRADE A
- FANCY FRYERS . LB. 49c**
- Kingan's Reliable—12 to 14 to a pkg.
FRANKFURTERS . . . Lb. 47c
Economical Plate Bone In
STEWING BEEF . . . Lb. 17c
Ready to Serve—Chef's Pride
COLE SLAW Lb. 29c
Cooks Light and Fluffy—Uncle Ben's
CONVERTED RICE . 14-oz. Pkg. 22c
- Tender Spring Hanover and
TURNIP SALAD . 3 Lbs. 25c
Crystal Fresh Frozen—Sliced
STRAWBERRIES . . . 12-Oz. Pkg. 29c
Our Pride Famous
CUP CAKES Pkg. of 6 20c
Top Off Your Desserts with
REDDI WIP 7-Oz. Can 55c

MORE VALUES FROM YOUR FRIENDLY COLONIAL STORE

SPECIAL LOW PRICE—YOU SAVE 7c
TEXIZE BLEACH . . . Quart Bottle 10c
PROTECT YOUR FLOORS WITH JOHNSON'S
GLO COAT LIQUID WAX Quart Can 98c

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