

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

NOTE: This is the thirteenth 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.

Thoughts that legislative well-springs might be drying up were dispelled Thursday, when House members submitted 45 new bills (in addition to taking action on 113 bills). Despite heavy work in both houses (interrupted only slightly Wednesday when sessions were cut short so legislators could attend President Friday's inauguration as head of the Consolidated University), hopes for a May adjournment have receded. The key factor is still the rate of progress of Finance and Appropriations Subcommittees in considering their major bills.

An extraordinary amount of General Assembly attention was devoted to a still-unresolved House struggle over a local bill to extend Charlotte's city limits. Perhaps more significant forensic fireworks flashed in the Senate over the driver-training bill and in the House over bills to eliminate salacious literature from Tarheel newstands. Among the introductions were bills calling for a Constitutional convention and requiring certain organizations (apparently the NAACP in particular) to file annual reports; both measures are akin to gubernatorial suggestions, but neither came from administration spokesmen.

**Municipal Annexation**  
Bills extending city limits biennially produce a legislative headache. The 1947 General Assembly supplied an aspirin, with a state-wide law providing for extension by municipal ordinance in the absence of objection; however, the aspirin contained a grain of poison, in providing a vote on annexation by dissatisfied outside residents, and many cities have con-

tinued to annex by direct legislative action. After experiencing this migraine reaction for the first time, in dealing with the Charlotte, Greensboro, and Thomasville bills, Representative Wooten sought this week to change the remedy. HB 1051 would take annexation matters from both the Assembly and the electorate and transfer the final word to the courts. Either the governing body of a city or 51 per cent of the adjacent property owners could initiate the action; in case of a dispute, the superior court would hear the case, and if it found certain conditions to be present, it would approve the annexation. An unusual provision would authorize outside residents to contract with the city to make specified payments, after which they could not be annexed for 15 years.

A Durham annexation measure introduced the same day provides another approach. It would allow the city to annex by ordinance, but only within a specified area and only after the city council had made a study and a series of specified findings. Incidentally, the final vote on the Charlotte annexation bill is expected Tuesday.

**State Government**  
In the wake of the administration's bill calling for a Constitutional-revision study commission, Senators Martin and Hamilton submitted a proposal which would ask a vote in the 1958 general elections on the question of calling a Constitutional convention. The convention would consist of 100 elected delegates (one per county) and its recommendations would be submitted for approval of the people in 1960. The state's past four Constitutional conventions (in 1861, 1865, 1868, and 1875) were all composed of 120 members, apportioned on the same basis as the House of Representatives.

Two more Reorganization Commission bills were introduced. One would require all occupational licensing boards to file annual reports with the Secretary of State giving information concerning their operations to maintain up-to-date registers of their licenses, and to

Famed Novelist In Her Library



Pictured above is Mrs. Inglis Fletcher, the Albemarle's noted novelist, in her library at Bandon Plantation.—(Photo by N. J. George)

submit to annual audits by or under the direction of the State Auditor. The second bill clarifies the responsibilities of the State Personnel Director in classifying and setting salary ranges for positions of persons subject to the State Personnel Act. The state property management and prisoner work-release bills were ratified.

Stung by the complaints of coastal residents, the 1955 General Assembly created a commission to the form of three bills) were introduced in both houses. They would direct the State Board of Health to set up mosquito-control units, convert the commission into a permanent advisory group for the Board of Health, and authorize creation of local mosquito-control districts by landowners.

HB 1041 would raise the pay of superior court judges from \$11,000 to \$12,000 and increase their expense allowances from \$2,500 to \$3,500 annually.

**County Government**  
Two proposals of the Association of County Commissioners were introduced. HB 1033 would authorize county commissioners to name roads in unincorporated areas, and HB 1034 would allow

is licensed, executes contracts, and supervises work; now only individuals may be licensed... SB 397 would rewrite the laws relating to credit units; among other changes, it would permit interest charges of 1 per cent per month (the limit is now 6 per cent per year)... State income tax relief would be given to producers of asbestos, mica, tungsten, manganese, lithium and other commercial minerals by HB 1024; it would authorize them to take a 23 per cent annual depletion allowance (conforming to the federal law).

The bills requiring licensed physicians to register every two years and tightening provisions for the licensing of dentists have been ratified, along with SB 162 regulating unfair trade practices in the diamond industry.

**Miscellaneous**  
Senators engaged in a lengthy debate before passing the bill establishing a statewide driver-training program in the high schools; most of the controversy turned around the question of whether an additional fee of \$1 per car registration was actually needed to finance the program.

Representative Satterfield introduced a bill which would require annual reports by corporations having as their objects (on a racial or religious basis) the advancement or suppression of the interests of a particular group (including promotion or restriction of employment) the affecting of the administration of justice, or facilitating or restricting voting. The reports would have to give the names of in-state members and employees and of contributors, and to list expenditures in the state.

HR 1014 asks Congress to call a Constitutional convention to amend the federal Constitution so as to allocate a state's electoral votes in proportion to the popular vote... The "lawyer's bills" to abolish the Rule in Shelley's Case and to permit recovery in tort actions on a comparative negligence basis were killed in a House committee...

Unseasonably cool weather was insufficient to prevent a resolution asked the Board of Public Buildings and Grounds to air condition the legislative chambers. study the problem of salt marsh

mosquito control. This week the commission's recommendations (in Peace is the promise and reward of rightness.—Mary Baker Eddy.



If You Smoke you need OLAG  
—best for family too—  
Dentists say "wonderful" ...  
"best I've ever used" ...  
"best tooth paste on the market"  
JAYNE MANSFIELD—CLOSE-UP OF A PIN-UP

Famous author and columnist, Jim Bishop, examines the life and personality of Hollywood's most publicized glamour girl. Read his candid and illuminating profile of this attractive and talented actress in May 19th issue of the American Weekly Magazine in Colorgrature Distributed with the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN On Sale SUNDAY At Your Local Newsdealer

Housework Easy Without Nagging Backache

Nagging backache, headache, or muscular aches and pains may come on with over-exertion, emotional upsets or day to day stress and strain. And folks who eat and drink unwisely sometimes suffer mild bladder irritation... with that restless, uncomfortable feeling.

Doan's Pills  
Ad No. 117-41 lines

Now **Trailways** has 6 trips daily to: **NORFOLK** PLUS THRU **NEW YORK** SERVICE TO **NEW YORK**

Convenient Connections to: **Virginia Beach**

Departures:	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM*	PM
Lv. Edenton	6:20	9:20	12:15	3:50	8:40	11:25
Ar. Norfolk	8:40	11:40	2:35	6:10	10:55	1:35

\*Thru To New York

**EDENTON BUS TERMINAL**  
322 S. Broad St. PHONE 2424 Edenton, N. C.

**TRAILWAYS**  
THE ROUTE OF THE THRU-LINERS!

THE EXTRA MEASURE OF SERVICE

A bank is judged not only by its efficiency and sound management, but also by the manner in which it serves its customers. A reputation for cordial personal service has made many friends for The Bank of Edenton and has been an important factor in our growth. We never relax in our effort to deserve this reputation.

**THE BANK OF EDENTON**  
EDENTON, NORTH CAROLINA  
SAFETY FOR SAVINGS SINCE 1894  
MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM  
MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

THANK YOU!  
I want to thank everyone who saw fit to vote for me in the Edenton Municipal election on May 7 of the Board of Public Works.  
Horace White

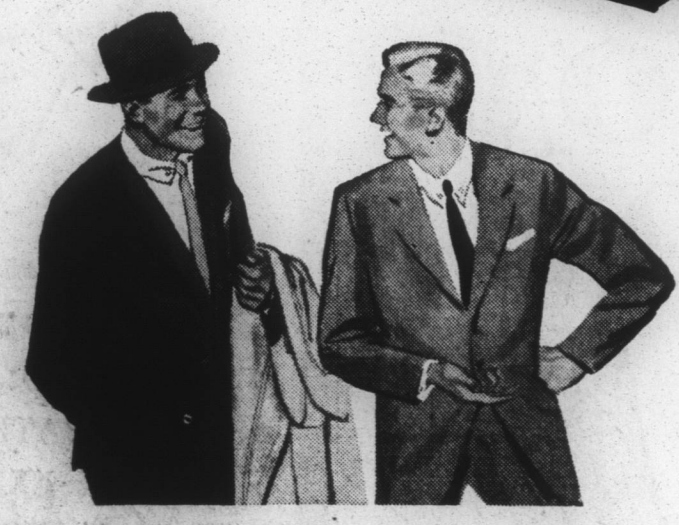
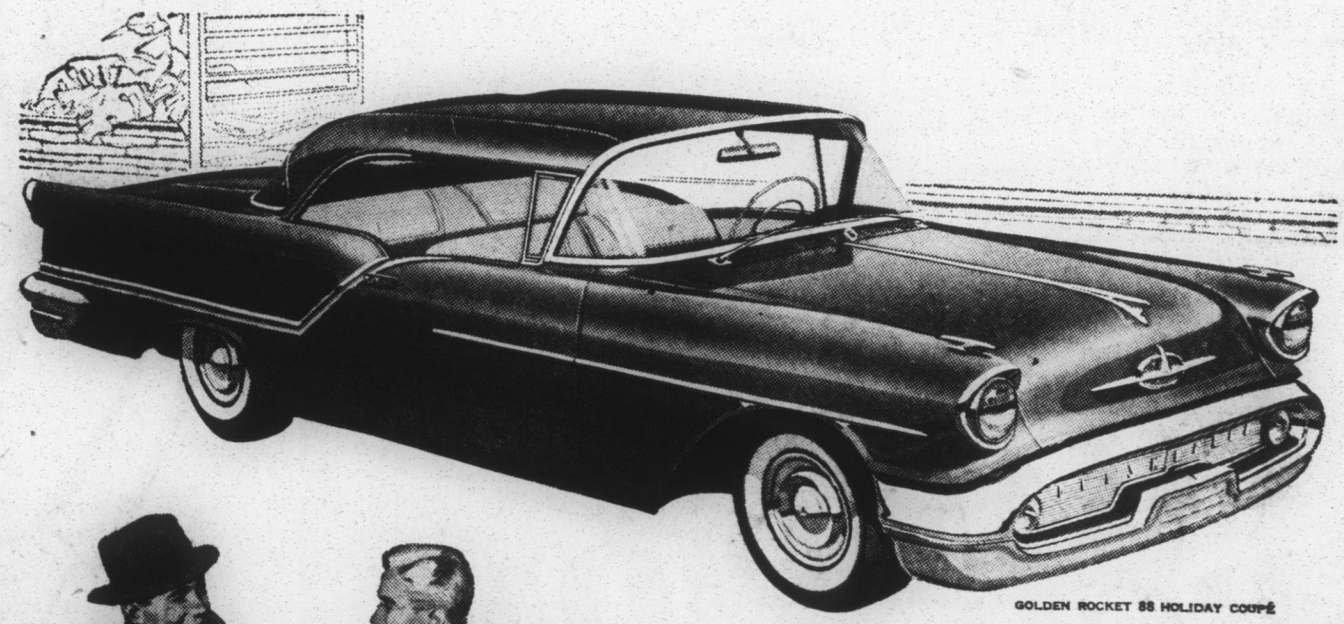
\$2.45 PT. \$3.85 1/5 QT.



6 YEAR OLD **CENTURY CLUB** STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY

NATIONAL DISTILLERS PRODS. CORP., N.Y. STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY, 85 PROOF

OLDSMOBILE  
DESIGNED FOR SOUTHERN LIVING



"Come on try it... there's nothing like a J2 Rocket!"

**Olds Owner:** Let me show you. This J-2 Rocket\* is like two engines under the hood.  
**Friend:** Neat trick—how does it work?  
**Olds Owner:** It's a new progressive carburetor system: Gives you more economy... or extra power for safety. Take your choice.  
**Friend:** Economy sounds swell... but with a big car like this...?  
**Olds Owner:** You bet! They engineered the J-2 Rocket Engine for our kind of driving... top efficiency at normal driving speeds because it's fueled by one carburetor.  
**Friend:** How about that extra power?

**Olds Owner:** Give it 3/4 throttle and two extra carburetors cut in. It's mighty reassuring to know you've got that extra power in the bank.  
**Friend:** I get it. Economy when you want it—power when you need it.  
**Olds Owner:** Correct. But talking about it won't give you the whole story. This one you've got to drive. Climb in—let's go.  
**PERSONAL NOTE:** Your Olds dealer would like you to try J-2, too! It's available now on all models, including the Golden Rocket 88, lowest-priced Rocket Engine car. Be his guest for America's newest driving experience.  
\*Optional at extra cost.

SEE YOUR AUTHORIZED OLDSMOBILE QUALITY DEALER  
May is Safety Month—Check Your Car... Check Accidents!  
Manufacturer's License No. 110