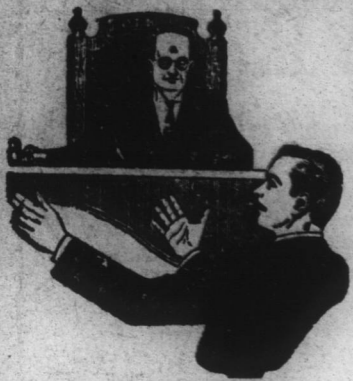


This is the Law



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(For the N. C. Bar Association)

This is one of a spring series of articles that will appear each week throughout the next three months. They have been written for the non-lawyer as a public service of the North Carolina Bar Association.

General Assembly

How many members of the General Assembly of North Carolina are there?

There are fifty members of the Senate and one hundred and twenty members of the House.

How are the members of the General Assembly chosen?

The members of the House of Representatives are elected by the voters of the one hundred counties in the State. Each county has at least one representative in the House of Representatives. The more populous counties have more than one representative. For example, Mecklenburg and Guilford counties have four each, and some of the other counties have two or three each.

The members of the Senate are elected by the voters of the thirty-three senatorial districts. Several neighboring counties may comprise a single senatorial district; and in the case of the more populous counties a single county may constitute a senatorial district. Some of the senatorial districts elect two members of the Senate and others one.

Are there any age requirements for election to the General Assembly of North Carolina?

Yes. Each member of the Senate must be at least twenty-five years of age. Members of the House of Representatives need be only twenty-one years of age.

Who fills the vacancies occurring in the General Assembly?

A 1952 amendment to the Constitution of North Carolina stipulates that vacancies occurring by death, resignation or otherwise, "shall be filled immediately by the Governor appointing the person recommended by the executive committee of the county in which the deceased or resigned member was resident, being the executive committee of the political party with which the deceased or resigned member was affiliated at the time of his election."

What is the pay received by the members of the General Assembly?

Members of the Senate and House of Representatives receive the same pay. It is fixed by the Constitution of North Carolina, which says they "shall receive

as a compensation for their services the sum of fifteen dollars per day for each day of their session for a period not exceeding one hundred and twenty days. The compensation of the presiding officers of the two houses shall be twenty dollars per day for a period not exceeding one hundred and twenty days."

They receive a subsistence allowance, not to exceed eight dollars a day, for each day of the period during which the General Assembly remains in session.

They receive a travel allowance for one round trip, from their home to Raleigh and return, once during the session of the General Assembly. A bill has been introduced in the 1959 session providing travel expenses for one round trip to their home each week. As of the time that this column was written, final action on this bill had not been taken.

Tar Heel Farmers In 1958 Lost \$3.6 Million From Cotton Disease

In spite of a "good cotton year" in 1958, North Carolina farmers lost over \$3.6 million from cotton diseases.

Howard R. Garriss, in charge of plant pathology for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, reports that annual losses from cotton diseases in the United States over a 29-year period prior to 1955 averaged 15 per cent of the total crop.

Garriss isn't saying that these losses could have been prevented. However, he does believe that they could have been greatly reduced by farmers employing all the known techniques in controlling diseases.

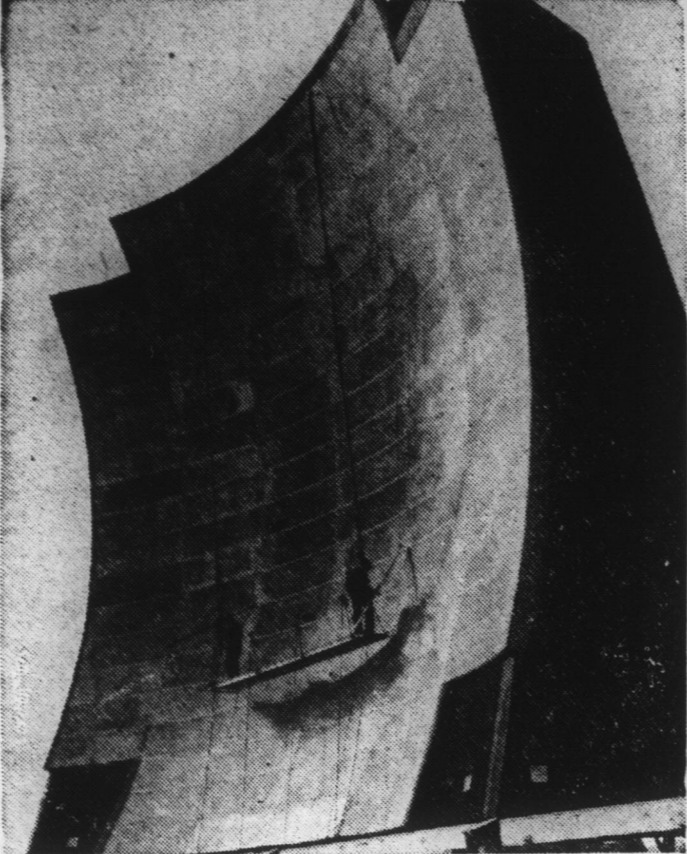
Garriss lists the six major practices in controlling cotton diseases as follows:

- (1) Plant high quality, properly treated seed of a recommended wilt-resistant variety.
- (2) Prepare an excellent seed bed and plant when soil temperature and moisture favor germination.
- (3) Plant at proper depth and use correct fertilizer placement.
- (4) Use care in thinning and in all cultivations—plow shallow.
- (5) Practice crop rotations and turn cotton stubble under in the fall.
- (6) Avoid planting in heavily infested "nematode" soil, or fumigate the soil.

Local agricultural agents will gladly furnish farmers with the details on any of these practices.

AT NCEA CONVENTION

A delegation of students from East Carolina College last week attended the annual convention of the North Carolina Education Association held in Asheville. Among the group was Clinton Davis, president-elect of the Student NEA at East Carolina.



"EAR" DOCTORS—Talking seams of this 60-foot-tall parabolic antenna is an annual chore for technicians who work on Alaska's "White Alice" communications system. The giant "iron ear" is one of many along a 3,100-mile line that serves civilian, commercial and military purposes.

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Note: This is one 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 1958. It is confined to discussions of matters of general interest and major importance.

It begins to appear that the 1959 General Assembly will see substantially fewer bills than were introduced in 1957. This Assembly is now about even with the 1955 body in total introductions, but it is far ahead of both 1955 and 1957 in ratifications.

Major fireworks of the week exploded during the House debate on reapportionment and a committee hearings on sterilization of unwed mothers and minimum wages.

Reapportionment
HB 139 would have reapportioned the House seats in conformity with the 1950 federal census; the effect would have been to transfer House seats from Cabarrus and Pitt to Alamance and Rockingham. Those favoring the bill argued that the Assembly was morally bound to act, and cited the recommendations of the Constitutional Study Commission (which would empower the Speaker to reapportion) as an urgent reason for the Assembly to demonstrate that it would handle its responsibilities. Opponents questioned whether any General Assembly other than

the one convening next after the census has authority to act. At the end of the bill suffered its fifth consecutive defeat. Proponents found a ray of hope in the close-

ness of the 61-50 vote.

Sterilization

The Davis-Jolly bill (which would authorize sterilization of mothers of more than two illegitimate children, in the absence of proof that the mothers were not "grossly sexually delinquent") met heavy opposition Wednesday at the hearing before the joint Senate-House Committees on Health. Arguments dealt with anatomy, religion and finance, and there were sharp differences of opinion on each topic. Near the end of the discussion a racial note was injected into the argument and the hearing ended in an uproar reminiscent of last week's "drunkometer" hearing. The bill was referred to a subcommittee for further study.

Public Purchasing

Nash's Representative Valentine went shopping for better bargains in public procurement with four bills to liberalize governmental purchasing procedures. HB 452 and 453 permit local public agencies to buy equipment and supplies from governmental units anywhere in the United States without securing public bids, and allow cities and towns to dispose of surplus property to other governmental units on a negotiated basis. Under HB 454 local governments could make purchases from State contractors at State contract prices—assuming the contractors' willingness—without complying with competitive bid requirements. HB 455 provides that informal contracts (those involving small sums) shall be awarded under the same standards as formal contracts—to the lowest responsible

bidder, taking into consideration quality, performance and delivery time.

Minimum Wages

Last session the House Committee on Manufacturers and Labor did some procedural pioneering by tabling a minimum wage bill in committee—a maneuver which thwarted plans of supporters of the bill to obtain a floor vote upon a minority report. This year's maneuvers resulted in a favorable report for HB 121, as committee chairman Wilson of

Ocean Highway Signs In Georgia

Erection of metal Ocean Hiway name-markers on the 125 miles of U. S. 17 along the Georgia coast has just been completed. Now 750 miles of the route's 998 miles between New York and Florida are name-marked Ocean Hiway.

Georgia is the fifth state to officially name-mark the route of

the popular North-South artery, the Ocean Hiway. Others are South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland.

Official authorization for naming U. S. 17 in Georgia was obtained by Georgia members of the Ocean Hiway Association through a bill passed by the Georgia legislature. The metal Ocean Hiway markers were provided by the Georgia State Highway Department and erected by the Highway District of Georgia. Northbound or southbound motorists this Spring can obtain free, by return mail, a new 20-panel full color, illustrated Ocean Hiway map folder by writing William T. Schwartz, secretary-treasurer, Ocean Hiway Association, P. O. Box 1552, Wilmington, Delaware.

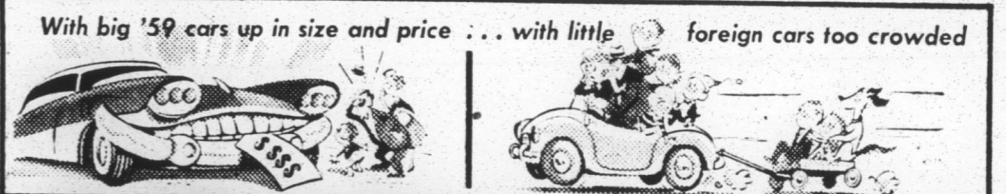
Typewriting Contest Scheduled April 16th

East Carolina College's annual spring typewriting contest will be held at the college Thursday, April 16, when participants from Chowan County will compete with contestants from Beaufort, Camden, Craven, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Greens, Halifax, Hertford, Lenoir, Martin, Pamlico, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington and Wilson counties. Two types of tests will be administered—one for advanced students and one for beginners.

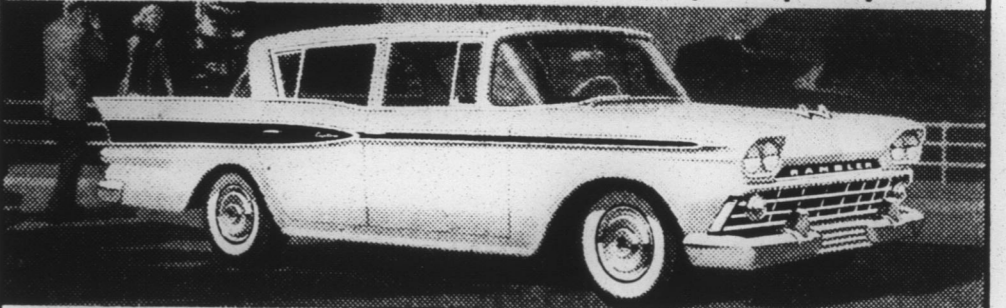
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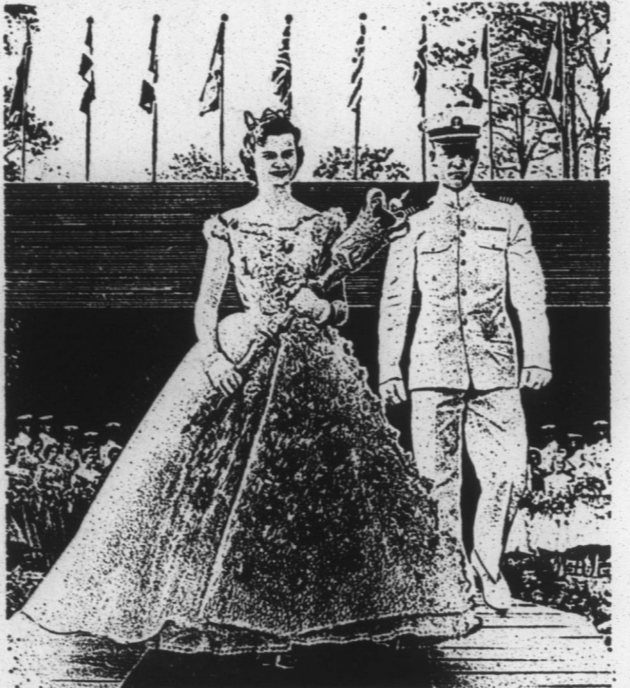
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