

# The Carolina Review By Jerry Mobley: Lawmakers Bypass Resolution

**GRAB BAG...** Speculation had mounted prior to last week's opening session of the 1980 General Assembly that the lawmakers might very well bypass the 1979 Closing Adjournment Resolution. That resolution severely restricted discussion and voting topics for this session to budgetary matters and a few other well-defined issues.

While most observers assumed the Assembly would not adhere strictly within the "budgetary guidelines," no one was quite prepared for the grab bag of items included in the Joint Resolution relating to which bills might be considered during this session.

The 16-item agenda that passed out of the Senate last week accumulated two more possibilities as it was amended in the House.

The lengthy resolution as amended, (two and a half pages) contained several "housekeeping" bills pushed by the governor that would alleviate problems caused or uncovered by previous legislation.

Included in this category were bills that would allow postponement of the effective dates for certain portions of the Speedy Trials

Law and the Fair Sentencing Act.

Other resolutions under the housekeeping category dealt with support of the arts by cities and counties as well as a law to allow confirmation of interim appointees of the governor.

In all, the governor seems to have about 10 items outside of the 1979 Closing

Adjournment Resolution guidelines that his administration feels is important enough to warrant special "enabling" legislation.

**DRUG PENALTIES...** Foremost among the governor's legislative agenda is Item 4 of the resolution which calls for a "bill to be entitled An

Act to Control Trafficking in Certain Controlled Substances."

Stiffer penalties for drug smugglers.

While not budgetary, most of the lawmakers seem more than willing to accommodate the governor and the attorney general (both have asked for such immediate legislation)

increasing additional laws dealing with the drug problem.

In the words of one prominent senator, "It is long overdue."

**MORE DIFFICULT...** One item included in the "enabling legislation" resolution that is certain to meet much more difficult cir-

cumstances is a bill "relating to contract and installment loan rates."

The bill is the creation and recipient of strong support by the banker's lobby—one of the more powerful and active lobbyist groups in Raleigh.

Simply put, the bankers are looking for a means of raising the ceiling on in-

terest rates for contract and installment loans. Right now, the legislated ceiling is at 18 per cent.

However, with interest rates on other monies recently falling from a temporary high of about 20 per cent, the legislators are apparently in no mood to make permanent legislation that would invite the wrath

of consumer groups and inflation-ravaged voters.

Success during this session of the Legislature to raise the ceiling on interest rates might add great validity to observations in recent years that the lawmakers are being unduly influenced by the "too strong" and "too active" banker's lobby.

## Award Given For Support

**WINSTON-SALEM** — The American Heart Association, North Carolina Affiliate presented the Williard G. Cole Award to radio station WBXB at its 31st Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions in Winston-Salem May 21-22.

The award is given to selected news media in the state for outstanding support of the Association's programs and fund raising efforts. Named after late Robeson County Pulitzer Prize-winning editor, the award is limited to six stations statewide.

## Hollowell Earns Perfect Average

**RALEIGH** — Frances Scott Hollowell of Edenton earned a grade-point average of 4.0 out of a possible 4.0 at Peace College for the spring semester, making As in all courses for the third consecutive semester.

Fran is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hollowell, Jr. of 6 Queen Anne Drive, Edenton. She graduated from Peace May 10 and will continue her education at the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga. in the area of home economics and interior design.

While at Peace, Fran was a dean's list student and was named to Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor fraternity for junior college students.

Peace is a two-year college for women and is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.

## Boyce Receives Recognition

The Edentnn Rotary Club has awarded its Student of the Month citation for April to Edward Blake Boyce, a senior at John A. Holmes High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Boyce, Jr. of Edenton.

Blake is senior class president, and is involved in many extra-curricular activities. He has been an outstanding football player, winning All-Conference and Most Valuable Player awards. As a junior he was elected to Boys' State, and received the DAR Good Citizenship Award.

Blake is a member of Boy Scout Troop 164, where he has won the Award of Merit and the Order of the Arrow. He is an Eagle Scout nominee.



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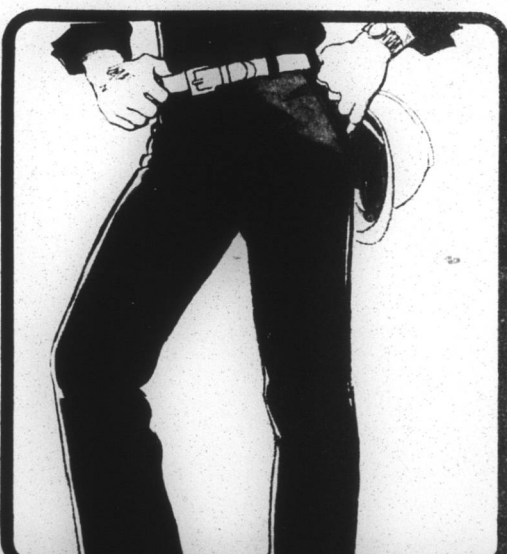


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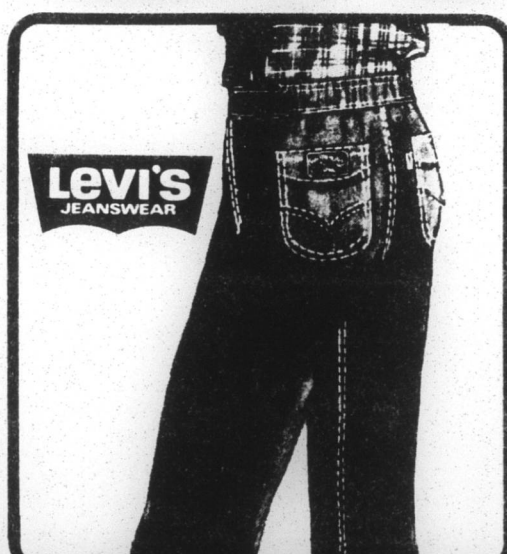
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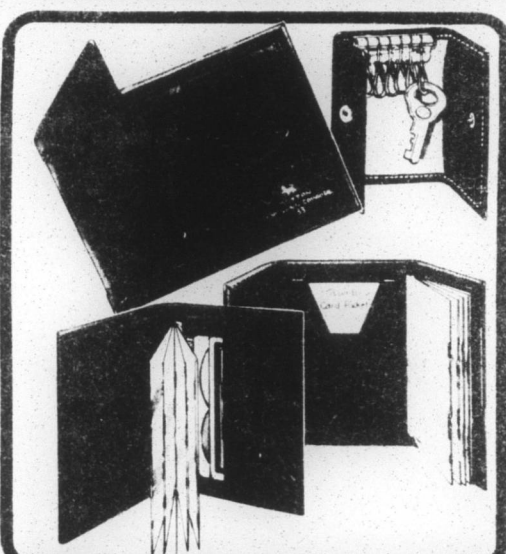
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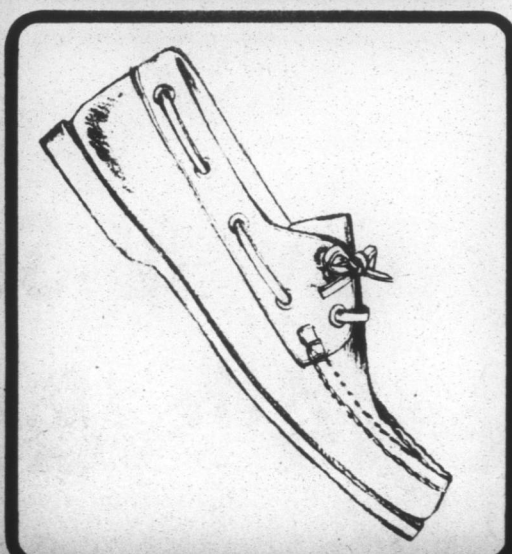
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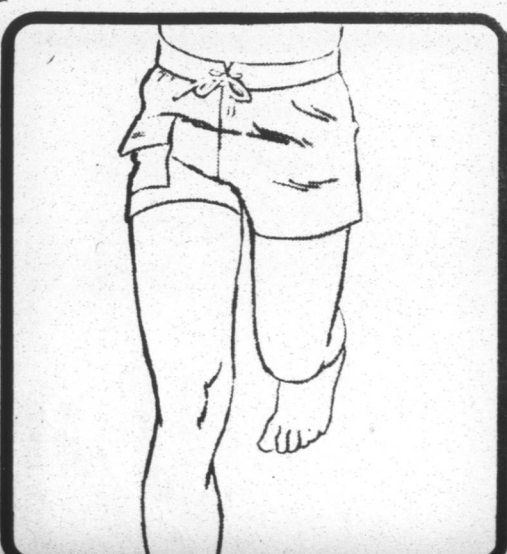


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