

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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NOTE: This is the fourth of a series of weekly summaries of the work of the North Carolina General Assembly of 1953. It is confined to discussions of matters of general interest and major importance.

Public legislation of major importance began coming in faster and the rate of bill introductions began to pick up as the General Assembly finished its fifth week. Public hearings outside of appropriations hearings have begun to attract state-wide attention; bills of general interest are making their way to the floor of both houses daily, and they are being

dispatched with desultory debate; bills ratified into law include some legislation of importance. The Governor's legislative program is moving along with apparent support from both houses and will probably move faster following his return to Raleigh. Occasional references to controversial legislation not yet introduced and the fact that the appropriations and finance committees are still doing spadework serve as reminders that much work remains to be done.

Appropriations and Finance. Attention this week has shifted to the state's revenue laws, partly because of the disturbing implications of appropriations requests which now exceed the Advisory Budget Commission's recommendations by over \$50 million. A joint finance sub-committee was assigned the task of examining the state's reportedly complicated corporate tax structure with an eye to making it more attractive to industry; a second sub-committee was assigned the job of modernizing the license tax schedules (set in 1931 in the light of two decades of economic change. Despite Rep. Winkler's proposal made on Monday, which would impose a 1 cent tax on retail sales of soft drinks and bring in an estimated \$1 1/2 million annually, little legislative support for additional taxes is evident.

Test Your I. Q.

1. What is the meaning of the nautical term "knot"?
2. What is the distance between the earth and the sun?
3. Can you name the permanent



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pal Board of Control requested \$5.3 million for operations and fixed \$25 million as necessary for par request about \$6 million. The permanent improvements. No decision on appropriations, revenues, and bond issues is expected until Governor Umstead has delivered his budget message.

Meanwhile nibbles are being made at state funds by bills seeking \$35,000 for the employment of six school music supervisors, and \$10,000 for research on hay-rot.

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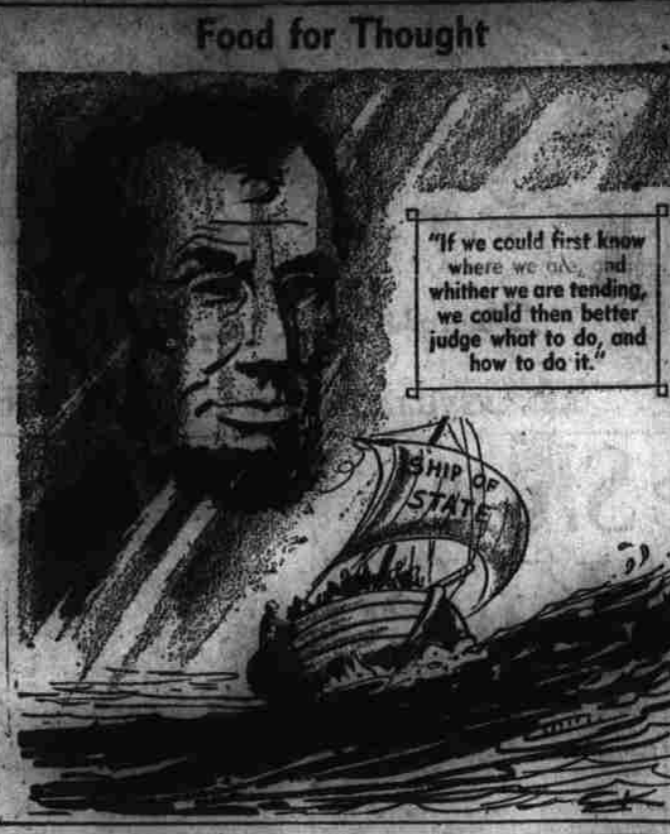
Courts

Governor Umstead, in his inaugural address urged more superior court judges but no additional judicial districts, in order to reduce the work load of the judges. This week Rep. Whitmore introduced HB 163, proposed by the Judicial Council, which would add an additional resident judge in the 4th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 14th and 18th districts and provide for their assignment and rotation. The new judges would be appointed by the Governor this year to serve until their successors are elected in the 1954 general elections. While it is hoped that the new resident judges will reduce the need for as many as eight special judges HB 175 would give the Governor what has become standard authority to appoint as many as eight for two-year terms.

Law enforcement officers seeking to curb speeders on the highways opposed hot-rod enthusiasts at the public hearing on HB 90 held on Thursday before the House Judiciary 2 committee. Suggested by Governor Umstead in his inaugural message, the bill would prohibit operation on the highways of any motor vehicle which has been altered so as to increase its speed. The committee deferred action on the proposal following a lively debate. The Senate bill designed to impose a mandatory prison sentence on drunken drivers for second and subsequent offenses received committee approval in the form of a substitute bill this week. The committee substitute would change the penalty originally proposed for a second offense from imprisonment for from 90 days to 6 months to imprisonment in discretion of the court, and for third or subsequent offenses from imprisonment for from 6 months to 2 years to imprisonment for from 60 days to 2 years. The substitute bill is on the Senate calendar for Monday.

Election Law Changes
On Monday night six bills containing election law changes endorsed by the State Board of Elections were introduced in the Senate. Perhaps the most noteworthy measure would revise the law providing for investigation and prosecution of election law violations, require SBI investigations on request of the Governor, Board of Elections, Attorney General or any superior court solicitor, permit removal of trial from the county in which the offense took place to adjoining district, and permit prosecution of violations constituting a felony by the Attorney General when called upon by the Governor and Board. Hard-pressed precinct officials will hail the bill requiring any precinct having more than 1500 registrations to be split so that no precinct will have more than 1500 registrations. Among other changes were (1) increased compensation for county election board members, (2) advance registration provisions for cities above 50,000 and (3) statutes to carry into effect the constitutional change permitting the Governor to fill legislative vacancies by appointment of the person recommended by the county executive committee of the party of the deceased member rather than by special election.

Expected permissive "home-rule" legislation has now materialized in the form of three house bills to give county commissioners authority to fix: (1) salaries of all county officials and employees except county commissioners; (2) fees of the superior court clerk, registrar of deeds, sheriff, jailor and coroner; and (3) the number of



Food for Thought

"If we could first know where we are, and whither we are tending, we could then better judge what to do, and how to do it."

WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Former Israeli Leader

- HORIZONTAL
- 1.6 Pictured late with folios
 - 13 Pauses
 - 14 Conclusion
 - 15 On the sheltered side
 - 16 Irritates
 - 17 Constellation
 - 19 East (Fr.)
 - 20 Dawn goddess
 - 21 Sewing tools
 - 23 Size of shot
 - 24 Measure
 - 25 Symbol for calcium
 - 26 Enchantment
 - 28 Frighten
 - 30 Indian home
 - 31 Sun god
 - 32 Army order (ab.)
 - 33 Bracing
 - 36 Malicious
 - 39 Make amends
 - 40 His nation—in Asia Minor
 - 41 French article
 - 42 Palm lily
 - 43 Enmeshed
 - 48 Ocean
 - 49 Weight unit
 - 51 Woody plants
 - 52 Shellier body
 - 53 Son of Isaac (Bib.)
 - 55 Abstract being
 - 56 He was founder of the Jewish
 - 57 Withdraws

Here's the Answer



- VERTICAL
- 1 Weepers
 - 2 Epic
 - 3 Inquires
 - 4 Belongs to it
 - 5 Manuscript
 - 6 Existed
 - 7 Geraint's wife
 - 8 False god
 - 9 Mother
 - 10 Malt drink
 - 11 Cuddle
 - 12 Vex
 - 13 Whirlwind
 - 14 Bird's home
 - 21 Born
 - 22 Lances
 - 25 Educates
 - 27 Epic poetry
 - 29 Italian river
 - 33 Tear into shreds
 - 34 Indolent
 - 35 Coin
 - 36 Assail
 - 37 Oleic acid salt
 - 38 Approached
 - 44 Region
 - 45 Lease
 - 46 Not as much
 - 47 Electrical unit
 - 48 Male deer
 - 50 Burmese wood spruce
 - 52 Station (ab.)
 - 54 Chalchalan city
 - 56 Spain (ab.)

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- DOORS
- MOULDING
- LUMBER
- ROOFING
- SHINGLES
- HARDWARE
- GLASS



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Answers to Test Your I. Q.
1. It is a measure of speed. One knot equals one nautical mile per hour. A U. S. nautical mile is 6080.20 feet long.
2. 92,000,000 miles.
3. Nationalist China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States.
4. Sheldon Lejeune, Oct. 12, 1916, in Cincinnati, Ohio, threw a baseball 426 feet 1/4 inches.
5. Thomas Jefferson.

Notice of Sale
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA: COUNTY OF DUPLIN:
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Builders Supply Company, Incorporated dated the 24th day of June 1948 and recorded in Book 431, at Page 630 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Duplin County; Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and said Deed of Trust being by its terms thereof subject and demand having been made upon said trustee to foreclose said Deed of Trust, to wit: the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, at the main entrance of the Branch Banking & Trust Company in Warsaw, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock Noon, on the 18th day of February, 1953, the land conveyed in said Deed of Trust the same lying in Warsaw Township, Duplin County, and State of North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

First Tract: Beginning at a stake in the center of a ditch on the East side of the A. C. L. Railroad right of way, and runs thence to and with said ditch, North 72 degrees 45' East, 398 feet, to the western edge of N. C. Highway No. 117, thence with the Western edge of the said Warsaw-Magnolia Highway South 4 East, to the line of the Roland Lumber Company, thence with the line of the Roland Lumber Company, to the Eastern edge of the right of way of the A. C. L. Railroad Company, thence with the Eastern Margin of the said A. C. L. Railroad's Company right of way to the point of beginning. And being the same lands described in a deed from Bessie M. Best, to Builders Supply Company, Inc. recorded in book 435, at page 358, Duplin County Registry.

Second Tract: Beginning at a stake on the western edge of N. C. Highway No. 117, and T. R. Quinn's line, and runs with his line South 76 degrees 30' West, 319.2 feet, to a stake, on the Eastern edge of the A. C. L. Railroad's right of way, and T. R. Quinn's corner, thence with the Eastern edge of the A. C. L. Railroad right of way, North 15 degrees, 30' West, 44.4 feet to Mrs. Bessie M. Best, thence with her line North 78 degrees 45' East, 398 feet, to the western edge of N. C. Highway No. 117, thence with the western edge of said highway South 3 degrees 53' East, 467 to the beginning corner, containing 3.71 acres, more or less. Excepting a certain tract or parcel of land, which was deeded to Builders Supply Company, by Mrs. Bessie M. Best, and recorded in book 435 page 358, Duplin County Registry, to which reference is made for a more complete description.

On the 14th day of January, 1953, H. D. Balamon, Trustee.

Corn stocks on farms January 1, totaled 2.2 billion bushels, up 18 per cent from the 1.9 billion bushels on farms a year before.

The 8.2 billion pounds of milk produced on the nation's farms in December topped that of a year earlier by 3 per cent and is a record high for the month.

Farmers got only 46 cents each dollar that consumers pay for farm foods in November. That is 3 cents below what they received a year earlier, and the lowest since the end of World War

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