

Government Institute Gives Summary of New Laws Affecting Surry

ONLY LOCAL LAWS
Large Number Passed Which Apply To Surry Citizens
VERY IMPORTANT

Continuing a practice inaugurated in 1933, The Institute of Government, presents herewith, for the convenience of local officials and the press, a summary of local legislation affecting Surry county, its cities, towns, sub-divisions and citizens. Of course, many general laws also affect the County, but space does not permit these to be summarized here. A summary of these general State-wide laws will be found in the May-June issue of Popular Government, the Institute's magazine. Only local laws, and general laws from which the County or some part of the County is specifically excepted, are mentioned. No attempt is made to cover bills introduced which never became law.

II. LAWS AFFECTING THE ENTIRE COUNTY.

A. Tax Law.
 Chapter 160, Public-Local Laws, validates all tax sales held by the County and cities and towns within the County, which were held on days other than those provided for by law. The Chapter, also provides for the issuance of alias summonses in all tax actions and proceedings where service has not been obtained. The Chapter extends to December 1, 1935 the time in which to institute proceedings on tax sales certificates for 1933 and prior years' taxes.

Chapter 158, Public-Local Laws, authorized the County Commissioners to adjust, fund and refund some \$1,350,000 in outstanding bonds. Refunding bonds to bear an interest rate of not more than 4 1-2 per cent. The Chapter directs a tax levy for debt service sufficient to yield \$90,000 annually, and specifies that the remainder after paying interest shall be put into a sinking fund in order to pay the bonds at maturity.

Chapter 423, Public-Local Laws, creates the office of County Tax Collector and directs the County Commissioners to designate the Collector before the first Monday in November 1936, for a four year term subject to removal for cause by the Commissioners with the approval of the resident Judge. The Commissioners are to fix the bond of the Collector. All taxes in the hands of the Sheriff are to be turned over to the Collector, and all duties im-

Washington Bride



WASHINGTON . . . Miss Grace Roper, daughter of the Secretary of Commerce, is now the bride of Dr. Frank John of New York, the wedding here being a social event of the month.

posed upon the Sheriff as Tax Collector shall be transferred to the Collector. The Chapter requires the Commissioners to furnish assistants in order to maintain branch offices in Mount Airy and Elkin at salaries not exceeding \$75 per month in Mount Airy and not more than \$45 per month in Elkin. The Mount Airy office to be kept open at least five days per week and the Elkin office at least three. The Chapter fixes the Collector's salary at \$2,000 per year, and provides that, beginning the first Monday in December 1936, the salary of the Sheriff shall be \$2,000 per year plus fees as fixed by law.

B. Other Laws.
 Chapter 161, Public-Local Laws, provides that the County Accountant shall also perform the duties of purchasing agent, tax supervisor and bookkeeper, and fixes the bond of the combined office at \$10,000. The Chapter also authorizes the Commissioners to designate a bank or banks as County Treasurer.

House Bill 1068 authorizes the Commissioners to borrow money at not exceeding an interest rate of 4 1-2 per cent in order to pay the difference necessary to secure larger school buildings in exchange for present buildings. Such exchange must be approved by the County Board of Education, and title to property received in exchange shall be taken in the name of the Board of Education. The amount borrowed shall not exceed \$50,000. The Chapter provides that the buildings may be used as a branch of any State Educational Institution, and the money spent for equipment as well as for buildings.

Chapter 458, Public Laws, authorizes the State School Commission to pay up to \$600 each for children injured or killed in school bus accidents in Surry County during the present closing school year, and provides that if the State School Commission does not pay for such injuries, the County Commissioners may pay the same or any part thereof.

Chapter 246, Public Laws, sets up the following terms of Superior Court in Surry County: 2nd Monday before 1st Monday in March, 2 weeks for criminal and civil cases; 7th Monday after 1st Monday in March, 2 weeks criminal and civil; 8th Monday before 1st Monday in September, 2 weeks civil; 4th Monday after 1st Monday in September, criminal only; and 5th Monday after 1st Monday in September, civil only.

House Bill 613 puts a two year closed season on deer, wild turkey, and ringnecked pheasants in Alleghany, Wilkes, Surry and Yadkin counties, and prescribes a penalty of \$100 to \$1000 or 60 days to 2 years for violation. The bill also fixes the penalty of \$5-\$25 or not over 30 days for allowing dogs to chase deer or other game in the Roaring Gap and Mitchell River Reservations. Finally, in Alleghany, Surry and Wilkes counties, fishing, except in the Yadkin river, with seines, nets, traps or dynamite, or the placing of sawgust in streams is prohibited under penalty of fine of \$100 to \$500 or 60 days to one year.

Chapter 296, Public Laws, appoints G. C. Hauser, Wesley Scott, W. S. Comer, F. W. Graham, W. A. Jackson and Joe Hall as members of the County Board of Education, each for terms of two years.

Chapter 310, Public Laws, as amended by Chapter 429, Public Laws, transfers Mrs. Annie J. Norman from Class B to Class A on the Confederate Pension Roll.

Chapter 64, Public Laws, authorizes cities and towns, and Chapter 65, Public Laws, authorizes counties, to enter into contracts with public or private hospitals, for period up to 30 years, for medical care and hospitalization of the sick and afflicted poor of the unit, provided the contract does not call for an annual payment of more than \$10,000 by any one unit. Surry County is

excepted from the provisions of both of these Chapters, but no reference is made to cities and towns in Surry County under Chapter 64.

Surry County is also excepted from the provisions of two other general laws. (1). Chapter 457, Public Laws, which prohibits the placing of trash, refuse or scrapped automobiles within one-hundred and fifty-yards of a hard-surface highway, outside of an incorporated town, unless such trash, etc., is hidden from the view of persons using the highway; (2). Chapter 379, Public Laws, which started out to prescribe a uniform schedule of fees to be charged by the Clerks of Superior Court, and which ended by prescribing a uniform schedule for slightly less than half the State, as Surry and some fifty odd other counties were excepted from its provisions.

II. LAWS AFFECTING CITIES AND TOWNS IN SURRY COUNTY.

A. Elkin.

Chapter 67, Private Laws, authorizes the town to issue \$528,250 in refunding bonds, under the provisions of the Local Government and Municipal Finance Acts, to be issued for outstanding principal and interest

accrued to December 1, 1934. The Chapter validates the old debts and authorizes the levy of taxes to pay the debt service on the funding and refunding bonds.

House Bill 1298 authorizes the Town to accept bonds in payment of past due taxes and all street assessments, and validates all such acts in the past. The bill limits the Town tax rate, exclusively of special street and sidewalk assessments, to \$1.60 on the \$100 of property valuation.

Chapter 190, Private Laws, authorizes the Commissioners to accept title to property in lieu of cash payment of taxes and paving assessments when they deem the same equivalent to the value of the property. The Chapter authorizes the Commissioners to sell or lease such property on terms considered to be the Town's best interests.

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