

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

NOTE—This is one of a series of weekly summaries of the work of the 1947 session of the General Assembly of North Carolina. These summaries are not intended as a report upon all legislation, but are confined to discussions of matters of general interest or of major importance.

Even before the 1945 session of the General Assembly adjourned sine die, observers were expressing the opinion that the issue concerning the pay of State employees in general and public school teachers in particular would occupy much of the time and attention of the 1947 legislature. The opinion of those observers has already been more than borne out: this session has already seen a supplementary pay bill for the balance of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947 passed by the Senate as introduced (providing for a 20% average increase for the "lower" brackets for the last 6 months of the 1946-7 fiscal year), amended by the House after strenuous argument, to provide increases ranging up to 30%; has already seen the Senate reject the House amendment and throw the bill into conference; has seen the Senate adopt the conference report which would have appropriated within an approximate \$100,000 of the estimated \$8,150,000 additional

cost to the General Fund of the supplementary pay bill as amended in the House; has also seen the House by a decided and apparently determined majority reject the same conference report because it did not give the lower bracket employees, (those now earning up to \$2,700 per year), and especially public school teachers, the percentage increase provided by the House amendment; has seen additional conferees appointed in both House and Senate; has seen those conferees bring in a report which was promptly adopted by both House and Senate, which report was a victory for all and a defeat for none: the "administration forces" succeeded in holding off an Act which would seem to provide increases above 20% in the lower brackets by having the additional salary payments cover a longer period than 6 months and by having the salary additions called "emergency bonuses" instead of "emergency salaries", and the proponents of the House amendment got within a very few dollars per month in each bracket for which they were contending—all this, while both conference reports explicitly and solemnly declared that nothing in either report, nor any vote on either report, would bind anyone when it came to the consideration of the biennial appropriations bill—the bill which would determine teachers' and State em-

ployees' pay for the next biennium. All this, of course, was technically unfinished business of the 1945 session, but it may have proved to have been something like a testing-ground for this session: in spite of the declaration of both conference reports on the supplementary pay bill that no precedents were being set, both sides acted quite definitely as if a principle were involved, and up to now, neither side has admitted either by word or deed that it has abandoned its principle. And in the meanwhile, opposing and even confusing lines are being formed: the administration seems determined to hold the "20% line"; the "regular" education forces seem to be equally determined to bend it, at least upward to 30% for the "lower" (teacher) brackets, while the "South Piedmont Group", having not only organized into a coherent and articulate group but having also engaged separate and influential lobbyists, seems determined to surge well upward through even the 30% formula.

During the past week, the General Assembly received other bills dealing with school teachers: HB 73 would permit any student at any of the State-supported institutions of higher learning to give a note for tuition, fees for not over 4 academic years, if he is a resident of the State, enrolls for a course leading to a teacher's certificate, and signs an agreement to teach in the public schools of North Carolina for a corresponding length of time, with note to be cancellable or payable in proportion to the time actually spent teaching; HB 90, which would provide free tuition at summer school conducted by State institutions for teachers having contracts to teach during the ensuing school year and who would agree to teach, notes given for such tuition to be cancelled upon compliance with the teaching agreement, otherwise to be payable with 4% interest from date; and SB 36 which would allow teachers, principals and superintendents to deduct from gross income for State income tax purposes, the "ordinary, necessary expenses" for attending summer school.

Besides the teachers' summer school tax deduction noted above, another tax bill introduced during the past week would permit a taxpayer to deduct from gross income the amount of \$600 or the amount of Federal income taxes actually paid or accrued during the income year, whichever is smaller.

Other bills introduced during the week would: make a number of administrative and some substantial changes in the law relating to the arbitration service of the Department of Labor; bar all city and county ad valorem tax liens for taxes assessed for the year 1936 and all prior years (as introduced, the bill would become effective upon ratification); permit boards of county commissioners to postpone or defer the revaluation of real property for taxation for the years 1947 and 1948; enact a comprehensive automobile driver's financial responsibility law; rewrite the law on adoptions; amend the law relating to the interstate transfer of children; provide a refund of 5 cents of the 6 cents gasoline tax paid by municipalities on their gasoline purchases; make conviction of husband or wife of a felony a ground for absolute divorce; amend the law relative to juries to permit juries to be drawn from any reliable list, such as telephone directories, city directories, etc., and make other changes necessitated by the new Constitutional qualification of women as jurors, also making jury service optional with women called for service; rewrite many provisions of the election law; make numerous changes with respect to the law governing franchise haulers and bus carriers; repeal the contingent liability of the Highway Fund to the General Fund for the equivalent of the 3% sales tax on gasoline sales; raise the age at which males and females may marry without parental consent from 16 to 18 years of age and change other age limits somewhat accordingly; and amend the law dealing with the legitimation of children born out of wedlock and the results growing from such legitimation.

BALLAHACK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mansfield spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mansfield at Newport News, Va.

Mrs. James Richardson and children of Norfolk were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harrell last week.

Sidney Goodwin has returned home from Albemarle Hospital where he has been a patient the past three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chappell, Jr., of near Elizabeth City spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Goodwin.

Mrs. R. H. Harrell and Mrs. Shelton Nixon visited Mrs. H. V. Baker Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Copeland visited Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Goodwin Sunday.

CHAPANOKE NEWS

Mrs. W. D. Campen and children of Norfolk, Mrs. Winborne and daughter Vivian of South Norfolk and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Potter of Elizabeth City were guests on Sunday of Mrs. John Bright and Mrs. Roy Pierson.

Chief Carey Quincy and Mrs. Quincy of Norfolk spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Quincy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elliott spent the week-end with friends in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McNider spent Monday evening in Center Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cassidy from South Boston, Va., were week-end guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Only.

C. P. Quincy has returned home from the Albemarle Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Only and guest visited relatives at Moyock Sunday afternoon.

WINFALL STUDY GROUP MEETS

The Winfall community held its P. T. A. Study Group meeting on Tuesday evening, January 21, at the home of Mrs. Johnnie Lane, with Mrs. J. D. Stott as leader.

The meeting opened by singing "I Would Be True". Mrs. J. D. Stott gave an interesting devotional. She also gave an interesting talk on "Youth and the Uncertain World". Mrs. J. Van Roach gave an interesting article entitled "The Major Needs of Minors". An article "Counseling With Our Children", was given by Mrs. Johnnie Lane.

After the meeting a social hour was enjoyed, during which the hostess served a sweet course.

CORRECTION

Through error it was reported in the last issue of this paper that Charles E. White, Jr., had been elected vice president of the Perquimans Wildlife Club, this should have read Cecil W. White as vice president of the local club.

Love is maintained by wealth; when all is spent Adversity then breeds the discontent. —Herrick.

WEEK-END SPECIALS

- Karo Syrup, 5-lb. can 65c
 - Brer Rabbit Molasses 19c
 - Pearl Hominy 2 lbs. 20c
 - Skipper Compound, pkg. 60c
 - Sausage Seasoning, lb. 29c
 - Lard Tins 50c
 - Oxydol, large pkg. 39c
 - Duz, large pkg. 39c
 - Fels Naptha Soap 15c
 - June Peas, can 16c
 - Aged Am. Cheese, lb. 75c
 - Black Pepper, pkg. 25c
 - Aladdin Lamp and Parts
 - BALL BAND BOOTS
- G. W. JACKSON**
HERTFORD - ELIZABETH CITY HIGHWAY

Fresh For Your Garden

We Have Just Received a Shipment of
NEW GARDEN AND FLOWER SEEDS

— Including —
ONION SETS AND MAY PEAS
Come In Today and Select Seed
For Your Garden

Hertford Hardware & Supply Company

"Trade Here and Bank the Difference"
HERTFORD, N. C.

FOR BETTER

Used Car Buys

SEE TOWE-WEBB MOTOR COMPANY

We have a good selection of late-model USED CARS that will provide you with dependable transportation. See these cars today:

- Two 1941 Dodges—new paint jobs
- One 1942 Chevrolet Two-door Sedan
- One 1941 Pontiac Club Coupe
- Eight 1942 Plymouth Special Del 4 Doors
- One 1½ Ton Chevrolet Truck

New Plymouth And Dodge Engines

We have just received a shipment of new engines for Plymouths and Dodge. See us for a complete line of auto accessories including batteries, tires and seat covers.

TOWE-WEBB MOTOR COMPANY

PLYMOUTH-CHRYSLER SALES AND SERVICE
Phone 2461 Hertford, N. C.

PUBLIC SALE

I will offer for sale at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, at the Winslow Store in Nicanor, on Saturday, February 1, 1947, at 9 o'clock A. M., the following articles:

The entire stock of Groceries and Fixtures, including Show Cases, Counters and Scales.

Also One 14-Inch Grist Mill

TERMS OF SALE—CASH

Cecil C. Winslow

ADMINISTRATOR

Tractor Repairs



KEEP YOUR TRACTOR AND EQUIPMENT IN TOP SHAPE

Spring is just around the corner . . . that means plowing, planting and cultivating. It's time to get your tractor and equipment in shape for the Spring job it has to do.

We have a complete line of repair parts and can give you any kind of a repair job you may need.

Don't wait until you are ready to begin your job, but have your equipment repaired now. Get our estimate on the repairs you need.

OUR WORK IS GUARANTEED

J. C. BLANCHARD & CO., INC.

"BLANCHARD'S" SINCE 1832

HERTFORD, N. C.



FOR A BETTER ROOF

Use Aluminum
We Can Supply Your Needs

5-V AND CORRUGATED ALUMINUM ROOFING

In 6-8-10 and 12 feet lengths. Guaranteed for a lifetime. This roofing does not rust . . . needs no upkeep or painting.

We also have composition roll roofing and shingles, roof cement and roof coating.

See us today for your roofing needs, and be sure of protection for your home and farm.

Hertford Hardware & Supply Co.

"TRADE HERE AND BANK THE DIFFERENCE"