

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

This is the first of a series of weekly summaries of the work of the 1947 session of the General Assembly of North Carolina, this first summary covering the first ten days of the session. 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.

The speed with which the 1947 session of the General Assembly apparently organized itself and got ready to do business gave rise to some faint hope that the objective of Senate Resolution 2 introduced on the first day of the session, "Providing for adjournment on Monday, March tenth, one thousand nine hundred and forty seven" (which would mean a remarkably short session of 53 legislative days as against 67 legislative days in 1945), might be realized or at least approached. This faint hope received a slight boost when both House and Senate committees were named on the second day, as against the sixth and fifth days respectively in 1945, and when the major money bills—the biennial appropriations bill and the budget revenue bill—were introduced on the fifth day as against the seventh day in 1945. Also, the speed with which other measures were being presented lent some encouragement: at the close of business on the ninth day, the Senate was exactly even with the last Senate on the corresponding day of the last session with 34 bills in the hopper, while the House had outstripped its predecessor's record by 50 bills to

the 1945 House's 36.

The faint hope raised by these evidences of a business-like attitude was quickly dispelled by the happenings of the first few days. It soon became clear that the Assembly's organization was a technical rather than a smoothly working one, and that, while the seriousness of purpose of the individual members could not be doubted, the purposes being pursued so seriously were by no means identical. The Assembly shows promise of being an exceptionally hard working one, but hardly an exceptionally harmonious one.

The first sign that all was not to be moonlight and roses came in the House on the first day when the Committee on Rules recommended the temporary adoption of the 1945 rules. As was expected, Representative Umstead of Orange immediately led a fight to amend the rules which require two-thirds votes instead of simple majorities to take a bill from a committee and place it on the calendar or to take a bill from the unfavorable calendar and place it on the favorable calendar when the unfavorable report of the committee is accompanied by a minority favorable report. After considerable debate and much parliamentary maneuvering, temporary and then permanent rules were adopted with the two-thirds rules intact, and by better than a two-thirds vote. This was regarded as a substantial administration victory, and it may have seemed at the moment that the administration had a substantial working majority in the House—a matter which had been in doubt. That doubt was given some substance by the determined fight over the Supplemental Appropriations bill—SB 11, identical to HB 14. That bill as originally drawn would have provided average increases in the pay of teachers and other State employees for the last six months of the current year of 20% for those in the "lower" brackets (those now making up to \$2,700 per year) and a flat increase of \$45 per month for those now making from \$2,701 to \$6,600 per year, except constitutional officers, the 20% increase being in accord with Governor Cherry's recommendation in his address to the joint session. Introduced in both chambers on Thursday, the bill was reported favorably to both bodies on Friday, when the Senate immediately passed its bill and sent it over to the House for similar speedy action. The House not only balked, however, but in the face of a determined fight by supporters of the original bill, adopted an amendment which raised the increases to 30% on salaries up to \$1,200, and to 25% on salaries of \$1,201 through \$2,700. Back to the Senate went the bill for concurrence in the House amendment, but this time the Senate balked and refused to accept the House amendment. The bill then went to a conference committee which brought out a report which, while allocating to salary increases substantially the same amount of funds which would have been required by the House Amendment, by and large maintained the principal of not more than a 20% increase. This report the Senate quickly accepted but the House rejected, resulting in the discharge of

the conference committee. At week's end, the Speaker of the House had reappointed an enlarged representation to a conference committee, the President of the Senate was expected to do so Monday, and there the matter rested. All of which presages some hard and bitter skirmishes on many items in the record-breaking biennial appropriations bill.

In addition to the usual biennial revenue and appropriations bills, the Assembly also received a bill to set aside an additional \$9,300,000 in its Post War Reserve Fund, raising that fund to an approximate \$30,000,000, and another bill to transfer \$41,501,437 from the present and expected surplus to a Permanent Improvements fund, to be used, subject to certain conditions, for a building program. The State is dealing in increasingly large figures.

Legion Conference Be Record Breaker

State Headquarters Expects Largest Meeting Since Organized

Indications are that the American Legion Post Officers' Conference to be held in Durham on January 26-27 will be the largest ever held in the 28-year-old history of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion, according to word received here from the State headquarters of the Legion in Raleigh.

The headline attractions at the conference will be National Legion Commander Paul H. Griffith, a veteran of both World Wars, and Mrs. Norman H. Pearl, national president of the American Legion Auxiliary. Other outstanding figures of the national department of the American Legion at Indianapolis, Ind., will also attend the conference.

State Legion Commander William M. York, of Greensboro, and Executive Vice-Commander Paul R. Younts, of Raleigh, announced that the conference not only will be attended by commanders of the more than 350 Legion posts in the State, but also by adjutants, committee members, and other interested Legionnaires as well as non-members of the Legion so that they may understand what the Legion program for 1947 is in the State.

Vet Question Box

Q. As a World War II veteran with visual impairment pursuing a course of vocational rehabilitation, am I entitled to the services of a reader to aid me in completing my course?

A. Yes. Every veteran in school training whose vision is so impaired as to make it impossible or inadvisable for him to use his eyes for reading will be provided with reader service either by the school or through the regional office manager of Veterans Administration.

Q. As a citizen of the United States who served in the Canadian Air Forces during World War II, am I eligible for benefit under Public Law 16, Seventy-eighth Congress, as amended?

A. Yes, you are qualified in the same manner and to the same extent as persons who served in active military or naval service of the United States, but you must be a resident of the U. S. at time of filing your claim. Benefits under Public Law 16 will not be extended to you if you have received similar benefits from the government of the nation in whose active military or naval service you served.

Q. As a World War II veteran on terminal leave and hospitalized pending final discharge, am I eligible for benefits under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act?

A. Yes, subject to all conditions of the act except final discharge, but you will receive no subsistence allowance while on terminal leave.

Q. May widows or children of deceased veterans secure a guaranty loan?

A. No. This privilege is limited to veterans themselves, but a loan guaranteed for a veteran may continue after his death.

Q. Must property used to secure a loan be covered by insurance?

A. It is customary for lenders to require insurance on buildings against which loans are made in order to protect themselves since it may provide funds to replace the loss. Buildings

used as security for loans which carry the guaranty of the Veterans Administration must be insured against fire and other hazards against which it is customary to insure in the community.

Explained

A well-known millionaire sportsman confesses that he has never yet entered a night club. This, no doubt, explains why he is still a millionaire.—The Humorist.

CARD OF THANKS

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Today (Thursday) and Friday, January 23-24—

Red Skelton and Marilyn Maxwell in "THE SHOW-OFF"

Saturday, January 25—

Charles Starrett and Smiley Burnett in "LANDRUSH"

Sunday, January 26—

Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in "THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES"

Monday and Tuesday, January 27-28—

Hedy Lamarr and George Sanders in "STRANGE WOMAN"

Wednesday, January 29—

Double Feature James Warren in "SUNSET PASS"

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