

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

This is the seventh in 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.

At the close of the 45th legislative day, a total of 737 bills and joint resolutions had been introduced in the General Assembly, as against a total for the same period in 1945 of 875. Of the 737 measures so far introduced, only 129 came in during the first five days of the past week, as compared to 202 during the corresponding period of the 1945 session. So, from the standpoint of the number of bills introduced, the current session continues to fall behind its predecessor, and if that fact were any indication of the speed with which the legislature is moving toward adjournment (which it is not), it would seem apparent that this session would extend somewhat beyond the 67 legislative days of 1945. A better indicator is the speed with which the major committees are turning out their work, and here those who hope for an early adjournment have some cause for misgivings. The committees appear to be working unusually hard, and with great seriousness of purpose, but many difficulties are being encountered, especially in the money committee. For example, much hard work still remains before the Joint Appropriations Committee will be ready to report out the Biennial Appropriations bills, and the Permanent Improvements Fund bill, containing even more fighting points, perhaps, than the appropriations bill (and which is casting its shadow backward to complicate decisions upon many seemingly unrelated items in the appropriations bill) will still have to be worked on. Another indicator is the unusual number of members who seem primed to tear into almost every measure, no matter how apparently innocuous it may be, and read, amend, postpone, recommit or otherwise handle it in such manner as to impede its progress. This Legislature was heralded as likely to be one of the most controversial in over a decade, and it seems bent upon living up to its billing. While controversy is helpful in arriving at a fair balance of interests, it is not conducive to speed, and at this point our last week's prediction of adjournment on April 10 seems to be a little on the optimistic side.

Perhaps the legislative event of the week of the most general interest was the passage by the House of HB 229, called by its proponents the "right to work" bill and by its opponents (among other things) the "anti-union" bill. After a lengthy debate which did not succeed in clarifying the scope of the bill, the "ayes" so overwhelmingly out-sounded the "nays" that no opponent seemed to think it worthwhile to call for a division (standing vote), and some observers thought it somewhat peculiar that no one had moved for a roll-call vote. When last heard from, the bill was resting in the Senate Committee on Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce.

Other public bills of general interest received some attention during the past week. Four were bills dealing with fireworks: three House bills, 37, 42 and 141 were reported unfavorably by the House Committee which at the same time brought in a favorable report on SB 4, already passed by the Senate. This bill, which would prohibit practically all dealing in or use of fireworks in the State except for public exhibitions under the supervision of licensed experts, was scheduled to come up for second reading in the House on Tuesday of this week. SB 159, which would reduce the statute of limitations upon filing caveats to wills from 7 to 3 years after probate, passed the Senate. HB 429, which would enable the Department of Conservation and Development to cooperate with the State

Highway and Public Works Commission and the U. S. Geological Survey in undertaking an aerial topographical survey of the State, was approved by the House Committee on Conservation and Development and sent to the Appropriations Committee to see if it would likewise approve the \$100,000 per year needed to match a similar sum from the Highway Fund and \$200,000 per year from Federal funds. SB 172, which would appropriate \$25,000 to the Roanoke Island Historical Association, Inc. (producer of "Lost Colony") was also approved by the Senate Committee on Conservation and Development and likewise sent to Appropriations to pass on the money part of the bill. Upon ratification of HB 17 on Friday, the North Carolina College for Negroes became "North Carolina College at Durham." Killed by unfavorable reports of committees were HR 184, which sought to ask Congress to free the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from the control of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (the resolution having been opposed in the committee hearing by a delegation of Cherokees); HB 13 (the same number as last session's "cat" bill) which would have lowered the voting age to 18; and SB 79, which would have created a Board of Examiners of Funeral Directors, and which had passed the Senate with some difficulty.

SB 130, which would provide a State-wide liquor referendum and which was introduced February 12, is still in Finance Committee. Two more such bills were introduced the same day this week: SB 200, introduced by Chaffin and sent to Finance

Committee, and HB 487, introduced by Tompkins and others, sent to committee on Propositions and Grievances. To add its bit to the general confusion, HB 497, which would call for a vote in Mecklenburg County on the question of establishing liquor stores therein, was introduced at the same time as the two dry measures.

Among other bills of general interest introduced during the past week are SB 182, which would repeal the statutory laws regarding the registration of lobbyists; SB 183, which would require all highway patrol cars to be similarly painted so as to be readily distinguishable and which would give members of the highway patrol authority to exercise the general power of peace officers only when so directed by the Governor, rather than upon request of a sheriff or chief of police, as at present; SB 196 (introduced simultaneously as SB 475) which would submit to popular vote a constitutional amendment to repeal section 4 of Article V which imposes limitations upon the increase in State county or municipal debt; SB 205, which would raise the limitation upon the municipal tax rate for general expense from \$1 to \$1.50 on the \$100 assessed valuation; HB 461, which would create an examining board for practical nurses; HB 469, which would make it unlawful for any filling station to remain open for business between the hours of 10:30 A. M. and 1 P. M. on Sunday; HB 477, which would change the date for holding primary election from the last Saturday in May to the third Saturday in June; HB 474, which would extend the "hasty marriage" law passed in 1945 and applicable to only a few eastern counties (3 of which have bills pending to let them out of it) to make it a State-wide law applicable to residents as well as non-residents; HB 483, which would set up standard

weights and lengths for loaves of bread; HB 478 which would provide a small bonus to teachers for successfully attending summer school, to be financed by appropriations of \$350,000 and \$600,000 for the first and second years, respectively, of the next biennium; SB 210, which would abolish the necessity of a "seal" on deeds and other conveyances of individuals; HB 516, which would submit a constitutional amendment to fix the salaries of members and presiding officers of the General Assembly at \$1,200 and \$1,500 and for extra sessions at \$250 and \$300, respectively; and HB 523, which would allow honorably discharged members of the armed forces

who served more than 60 days between December 1, 1941, and December 1, 1945, to deduct \$500 from their net income for State income tax purposes. Under this bill, qualified veter-

ans would receive benefits up to \$35 per year, depending upon their incomes. Honorably discharged veterans without taxable incomes would not, of course, be affected.



MARKETING with Marjorie

Spring will soon be here... and one of the first signs is apt to be the falling off of appetites. Now, in Grandma's day that was the signal to dole out doses of sulphur and molasses (ugh!). But today it's merely an added incentive to make meals tempting-looking and grand-tasting. So I hope today's suggestions will help you do just that.

STRETCHING EXERCISE FOR MEAT

To make one lb. of ground beef serve 6 people, combine it with 1 medium onion (chopped), 1 can of vegetable soup and 2 cups of SUNNYFIELD RICE GEMS. Season, pack into baking dish and bake in a moderate oven, 375° F., 1 hour. You get extra nourishment as well as extra portions by using SUNNYFIELD RICE GEMS as a meat extender, because they contain precious vitamins and minerals. Serve them often for breakfast, too. They're thriftily priced at A&P.

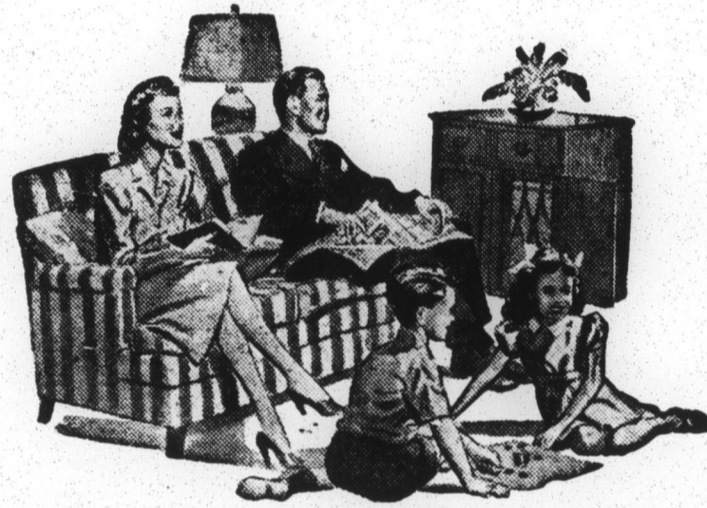
SOME CRUST!

Like cheese with your apple pie? Then use it as a top crust. And for rich, tangy flavor, use MEL-O-BIT AMERICAN CHEESE from the A&P. Just bake your pie minus the top crust, and 10 minutes before you take it from the oven, lay slices of MEL-O-BIT (about 1/2" thick) over the apples. Umm, what a crust!

SHAMROCK SALAD

Come St. Patrick's Day, stuff green peppers with softened cream cheese tinted green, chill 4 hours, cut in 1/4" slices and arrange in strips like shamrock leaves, with strings of pepper for stems. Pretty as a colleen... and delicious with this dressing: Blend 1/4 tsp. mustard, 1/4 tsp. salt, dash of cayenne and 2 tbsps. sugar with 1 cup undiluted WHITE HOUSE MILK; add 1 tbsp. vinegar gradually, stirring till thickened. Smooth! Of course—thanks to creamy-rich WHITE HOUSE MILK from the A&P. Try it!

CAKE THAT TAKES THE CAKE Do your cakes crack, hump or have tough crusts? Then chances are you use too much flour. Be careful to measure accurately. Sift and spoon flour lightly into cup without packing down. Level cup with knife. For lighter, finer-textured cakes, be sure to use SUNNYFIELD CAKE FLOUR from the A&P.



"What could the Red Cross do for you?"



(Just find yourself—or your family—in the pictures below)



ARE YOU A VETERAN WITH A PROBLEM?

You can get help with anything from stubborn personal troubles to your benefit claims!

The Red Cross helped more than 1,100,000 veterans last year, through home service workers in chapters.



WILL YOUR CHILD GO SWIMMING THIS SUMMER?

The Red Cross may save her life!

Throughout the nation, the Red Cross gives training in swimming and water safety. The drowning rate in the U. S. has been cut in half since this program was begun.



DO YOU LIVE IN ONE OF THESE AREAS?

Every one had a serious disaster last year!

Your Red Cross saves lives, supplies emergency food and medicine, even restores homes according to need.



WILL YOU BE IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT?

Even the most careful driver can't be sure!

There are 12,000 Red Cross highway first-aid stations and mobile units operating in your interest.



HAVE YOU A BOY (OR GIRL) IN THE ARMED FORCES?

Today—tomorrow—any day may bring a real need for the services of a Red Cross field director, recreation or hospital worker!

At home and abroad, the essential wartime activities of the Red Cross for the armed forces are a continuing responsibility.



WILL ILLNESS INVADE YOUR HOME?

No family is immune!

Red Cross training in home nursing is a protection to the home and the community. Altogether 2,710,980 individuals have received Red Cross Home Nursing certificates.



GOING TO HAVE A BABY?

You'll be a better mother after Red Cross training!

Classes in nutrition, mother and baby care, and family health, are available in hundreds of Red Cross chapters.

Don't you see? How easily it may be you who will need the Red Cross? See—how much—how very much—it means to your country, to your community, to you yourself to have this great organization ready and able to answer the next cry for help? See—why you should give now—give all you can—to the American Red Cross?

"Let's Be Neighborly"
With PETER CARLTON
Chowan County Radio
Program
STARTS THIS SUNDAY
OVER WCNC
1:30 to 1:45 P. M. and Twelve
Successive Sundays

Greeting Cards
For All Occasions
at
CAMPEN'S
JEWELERS

CONSTIPATION Risky in BAD COLDS

Retained undigested food becomes putrefactive, causes toxins, which overload the liver and other vital organs of the body, lessening your resistance to colds and other winter illnesses and interfering with their treatment. Why take this chance when you can take Calotabs? Calotabs thoroughly yet pleasantly act on every foot of your intestines, sweeping out toxin-laden putrefactive foods and virus-laden mucus, enabling you to more effectively avoid or fight a cold. Nothing acts like good old Calotabs. Use as directed. 10c and 25c at all druggists.

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GIVE  so your **RED CROSS** can carry on!
Chowan County Chapter American Red Cross