

Weekly Legislative Summary

This is one in a series of weekly summaries prepared by the legislative staff of the Institute of Government on the work of the North Carolina General Assembly of 1961. It is confined to discussions of matters of general interest and major importance.

The General Assembly presented one of its increasingly frequent road performances at Winston-Salem Wednesday. The two houses met in the same arena, with only a curtain to separate them, and their loud-speakers were beamed at the same audience. As the curtain opened only token resistance to the passage of sound, the session developed into a contest between reading clerks Billy Arthur of the House and Eugene Simmons of the Senate. Arthur won.

Legislative Representation
 HB 205 and HB 478, the long-awaited bills to reduce the State's Congressional districts to eleven were introduced Monday night by Sen. Morgan and Rep. Kemp, respectively. Although the bills differ in detail, both answer the two biggest questions in the same way — both place Congressmen Cooley and Fountain in the same district, and both leave populous Mecklenburg in Republican Charles Jonas' district. Roughly speaking, both bills take the five districts which now lie generally west of a line running from Scotland to Granville counties and convert them into four districts. Wake County, which is now in Congressman Cooley's 4th district, is transferred to a new 7th district which embraces southern Piedmont counties; the resident Congressman in this district is Paul Kitchin of Anson County. The present 12th district which extends westward from Buncombe to Cherokee would be enlarged by both bills; Kemp would add 4 counties; whereas Morgan would add 3 counties. The Kemp bill would leave the present 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th districts unchanged; the Morgan bill would leave only the present 6th unchanged, (the 6th, comprised of Guilford, Alamance, Orange and Durham, is the most populous district in the state).

HB 1, the first bill to be introduced in the session, became the first bill affecting seats in the General Assembly to pass in 20 years. This means that in the 1963 General Assembly, Mecklenburg will have 5 House seats, Cumberland will have 3, Alamance, and Buncombe, and Onslow will each have 2, and Cabarrus, Johnston and Pitt will each have one; all other counties will have the same representation they have in the 1961 session.

Courts
 The contest over court revision moved closer to a decision, and possibly closer to agreement during the week. The House Committee on Courts and Judicial Districts reported favorably a committee substitute for HB 104, the Taylor Bill, to establish a uniform and unified court system in the state. The substitute is in the nature of a compromise, and eliminates

many of the differences between the original HB 104 and HB 149 and HB 444, introduced by Rep. Crawford and Kerr. Virtually all of the provisions of HB 104 which vested considerable authority in the Supreme Court have been changed to return that authority to the General Assembly. The substitute accepts the provision from HB 444 which leaves in the General Assembly basic authority to make procedural rules for courts below the Supreme Court, but this authority could be delegated to the Supreme Court, subject to the continuing power of the General Assembly to amend the Court-made rules. The new HB 104 would require the General Assembly to establish a uniform system of lower courts to replace all existing courts, including justices of the peace, below the superior court. The Supreme Court would have general administrative authority over the entire court system, and the entire system would be financed at the State level. As the committee reported out the substitute for HB 104 it narrowed the issue by then reporting unfavorably HB 149 and HB 444. Consideration of the substitute HB 104 was made a special order of business for the House for April 25.

Motor Vehicles
 Three bills relating to Motor Vehicles were introduced Friday. HB 544 provides that the principal fee for registration of property-carrying vehicles operated in combination shall be placed on the power unit (the tractor) and that a fee of \$3.00 shall be imposed on trailers and semi-trailers. The bill also specifies rates for farm vehicles, which are one half the rates fixed for private haulers.

HB 545 adds a new Article to the Motor Vehicles Chapter of the General Statutes to authorize the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states and countries with regard to licensing and registration of motor vehicles. HB 547 would provide for probationary operators' licenses for persons between the age of 16 and 18, to be valid only during daylight hours, and to be subject to stricter suspension and revocation provisions than are regular licenses. The bill also would allow a court to impound, for a period in the discretion of the court and at the expense of the owner, a vehicle used in prearranged highway racing, or in speeding, or which failed to stop after an accident.

HB 366, which increases the penalties for prearranged racing on the highways, passed the House Tuesday after weathering a heavy attack. SB 98, requiring annual inspections of motor vehicles passed the Senate on Tuesday; similar bills have failed in recent sessions, following an unsatisfactory experience with a 1947 bill. HB 204, which extends indefinitely the compulsory automobile insurance law passed second reading in the

THAT'S A FACT

WHAT-NO INCOME TAX?
 THE HIGHEST WEEKLY INCOME IN THE WORLD BELONGS TO CH- RICH SIR ABDULLAH AL SUBAH, RULER OF THE SHEIKDOM OF KUNAWIT— OVER \$5,000,000!!

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Senate Friday. If this bill should not be enacted, the compulsory law would expire on May 15.

Zoning
 HB 509 empowers any municipality to zone the territory within one mile of its corporate limits; the power is now limited to municipalities of more than 2,500 population. The bill also provides that if the county commissioners fail to appoint the required additional members to the municipal zoning commission, planning board or board of adjustment, the municipal governing board may make the appointments after 90 days.

HB 510 removes the requirement that a municipal governing body which zones two or more corners of an intersection must upon request of affected property owners make the same regulations cover the other corners. HB 508 provides that municipal subdivision regulations may require construction of community service facilities in accordance with municipal policies and standards.

Finance and Appropriations
 The Finance Committee heard representatives of electric power and natural gas companies protest proposed higher taxes on their products. A representative of the NC Wholesalers Association declared that a tax on tobacco products would lead to bootlegging and a destruction of tax morality, as well as sharply decreased sales. A representative of the Association of Local ABC Boards also feared an increase in bootlegging and a reduction of sales if liquor tax-

es were increased. The technique employed by Administration forces to get Appropriation Committee approval of the recommended public school budget increase, before the budget was referred to a subcommittee, was employed unsuccessfully in the opposite direction in the Finance Committee. Rep. Satterfield of Person moved that the Joint Finance Committees vote to strike from the Administration tax bill the provision taxing food and drugs, before the tax bills were referred to subcommittee. A motion to adjourn forestalled action on the Satterfield motion.

Members of the Appropriations subcommittees are as follows: Senate — Stikeleather, chairman, Clark, Clayton, Crew, Humphrey, Jordan, Rutledge, Scott, Shuford, Stone and Van Langingham. House — Woodard

of Wilson, chairman, Andrews, Belk, Britt, Byrum, Harris, Hicks, High, Kerr, Kiser, Palmer, Quinn, Sermons, Snyder, Umstead, and Zollicoffer.

The walls of the historic old capitol were equal to the strain last Saturday—they stood up, even though a Republican was presiding over the House. Mrs. W. N. Cook did the honors at the abbreviated session and conducted the meeting with impartiality. Observing that her Democratic opponent was present in the lobby she invited him to sing, but the Democrats present, apparently feeling that they had suffered enough, objected.

Coals To Newcastle
 "Yes," said the guest recently discharged from service, "I spent two years in Alaska."
 "Too bad," sighed the hostess, "we're having salmon for dinner tonight."

Legal Notices

North Carolina, Chowan County.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND
 Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by Samuel L. Cooper and wife, Claudia Cooper, dated the 17th day of September, 1959, and recorded in Book 75, at Page 457-458, default having been made in payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and said deed of trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in Edenton North Carolina, at noon, on the 19th day of May, 1961, the property described in said deed of trust, the same being in First Township, Chowan County, North Carolina, and particularly described as follows:

That piece of land lying on Cowpen Neck Road, beginning on said road at a pine line tree between James Bond and Betsy Bond's heirs, thence North 12 1/2 deg. East 70 yards to an oak stake, then about a West course parallel with Cowpen Neck

Road 35 yards, thence South 12 1/2 deg. West 70 yards, thence Eastwardly along Cowpen Neck Road 35 yards to the beginning, containing about one-half (1/2) acre, more or less.

But this sale will be made subject to all outstanding and unpaid taxes and special assessments, if any.

This the 17th day of April, 1961.
 FRANK M. WOOTEN, JR.
 Trustee.
 Apr27,May4,11,18

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Elijah B. Boyce, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Edenton, North Carolina, on or before the 27th day of April, 1962, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This April 27, 1961.
 PEOPLES BANK & TRUST COMPANY,
 Administrator of the Estate of Elijah B. Boyce.
 Apr27,May4,11,18,25,Jul

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Gurnie C. Hobbs, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Edenton, North Carolina, on or before the 13th day of April, 1962, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This April 8, 1961.
 HATTIE H. HOBBS,
 Executrix of Estate of Gurnie C. Hobbs.
 Apr13,20,27,May4,11,18c

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix of the estate of Ernest W. Leary, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned within one year from date of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 6th day of April, 1961.
 MYRTLE R. LEARY,
 Executrix of Ernest W. Leary Estate.
 Apr6,13,20,27,May4,11c

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Minnie Moore Rountree, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned within one year from date of

this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
 This 20th day of April, 1961.
 MINNIE BELLE ROUNTREE,
 Administratrix of Minnie Moore Rountree.
 Apr20,27,May4,11,18,25c

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