

From The Gallery By Mildred Huskins

RALEIGH — Members of the General Assembly geared up early Monday evening with eyes turned towards early adjournment. There were other things on their collective minds, however.

All of them, especially those in the House of Representatives, had been heavily lobbied over the weekend. It was the week most of them dreaded, for any mention of a bill coming out of the Committee on Insurance sent chills up their backs. Decisions had to be made. There had been calls and visits, telegrams and letters, from company representatives, agents and just the people who had cast their votes last fall. Promises had been made and it was soon to be time to deliver, one way or the other. The dreaded insurance bill had come out of the committee and was set for debate Tuesday as a special order of business.

Dr. Albert Edwards opened the Monday evening session with prayer. "These thy servants have now turned aside from the voices of their constituents. They now turn to the voices of their colleagues and the lobbyists. Lord, may they also hear another voice. Thine own..." The chaplain keeps up with the business of the legislature.

Members were in high good humor, however, and Rep. Gordon Greenwood was called upon to explain a bill which would provide for issuance of special

registration plates for members of fire departments and rescue squads. The Buncombe County legislator said: "If you have any questions I hope you will wait until after the session." They must have waited for the bill passed and was sent along to the senate. The Gentleman had cast his eyes upon a very lengthy calendar.

There was a bill on the calendar which would amend exemptions from the lobbying act which was passed in the 1975 session. Rep. Albert Martin of Yadkin arose to ask Rep. Bob Jones of Rutherford a question.

"Are you making it easier for them to talk to us?" the gentleman asked. "Didn't you go home this weekend? I'm not sure I'm going to vote for this bill since you are making it easier," Rep. Martin threatened.

Debate settled in on a committee substitute for House Bill 212 to permit stolen property to be restored to the rightful owners in advance of trial under certain circumstances as were included by the lawyers. The laymen seemed to be in favor of the measure as one legislator gave as an example the fact that two ladies in his district had their television stolen. "It was found in three days but they didn't get it back for six months. They missed 'As The World Turns' and 'Search for Tomorrow' and

boy, were they mad." —
Rep. Al Adams of Wake, the most recent bridegroom, was welcomed back to the hall of the house Monday evening after only a weekend honeymoon. Rep. William Creech of Wake lauded the gentleman thus: "I want to point out, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the house, my colleague has put his duty to the state ahead of his personal pleasure for he has cut short his honeymoon to resume his work here. That is true dedication to duty." —
Then Rep. Wilda Hurst of Onslow and a summer resident of Emerald Isle had a bit of information to pass along. "The Gentleman is now a freeholder of Emerald Isle," she said. It may be recalled that her bill to allow freeholders at that resort to vote and elect officials was not passed since it was determined to be unconstitutional.

When Tuesday's session was about to convene Dr. Edwards again was on hand to lift up the issues of the day.

"When we pause to pray, Our Father, are we not all lobbyists. But when we lobby Thee, You are wise to lead us to the right. Now as these men and women begin their work may they tackle happily and wholesomely the issue of this day." —
Rep. Jeff Enloe of Jackson County seldom is heard about the halls of the house but is forever in his seat to record his vote. It seems he had a local bill which was all bottled up in a senate committee and he needed some help with time running short. So he arose to make a motion.

"Mr. Speaker, I move that House Bill — be recalled from the senate and referred to Local Government II," the gentleman said.

"What is the status of the bill, Rep. Enloe?" the speaker asked.

"It's ready to come over," was the answer to that one.

"Is it there for concurrence with a house amendment?" the speaker wanted to know.

"No, they're holding it," the soft-spoken gentleman said and was assured by the speaker: "We'll call and maybe they will hear."

Sure enough much later in the session Speaker Stewart told the gentleman from Jackson: "The gentleman's call has been heard. The Philistines have returned

your bill. Now, what would you have me do with it?" "Just send it on to Local Government II," was Rep. Enloe's reply and the matter was settled to his satisfaction.

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Prior to the debate on the insurance bill the speaker was handling a number of bills which had been placed on a consent calendar. This is made up of a group of bills which seem to be noncontroversial and thus not expected to generate much debate. One of these was a wildlife bill which had come over from the senate and would prohibit setting or using traps of leggripping, steel jawed or conbear type for the capturing of animals or birds. Someone asked the sponsor to explain a conbear trap. Rep. Tom Ellis of Vance did his best and then Rep. Jim Edwards of Caldwell, who has a lot of answers to a lot of things, announced he had one of that type trap in his office if anyone wanted to come by after the session to see it.

"We may need it before this session is over," the Speaker quipped. Then he continued, "I have more on the trap. It is called conbear for the German who invented it and I know because the reading clerk just told me." —
We are always glad to get the definition for terms. This one came from Rep. Peter Hairston of Davie. "An expert is a man away from home." —
The other day the bill which provides for annual testing in the public schools was back before the house. The senate had amended the bill to put it in the original form and had knocked out the house amendments. This action had peeved some of the members of the lower chamber who had worked hard, held hearings and thought they had improved the measure. However, it had not suited the governor so the senate restored it to its original wording. But, as some of the members pointed out, that senate wording was grammatically incorrect.

In spite of the poor grammar, Rep. Hartwell Campbell of Wilson, who was handling the bill, moved that the house concur with the senate amendments. But the house is loaded with educators and they were not inclined to allow the poor grammar to remain in the bill, so their colleagues voted not to concur. It was even suggested that the testing program be extended to include the senate.

"What grade?" asked the Speaker, going along with the spoofing.

"Why, kindergarten, of course," suggested Rep. Sam Bundy.

The vote was taken and the speaker announced: "The grammarians in the house prevail and the score is three to two in favor of the house."

At that point, the Speaker named a conference committee to work out the correct wording of the amendments. Rep. Albert Martin arose to ask a question. "What happens if the conferees do not agree?" he wanted to know.

Rep. Fred Dorsey said he could answer that question but he was ruled out of order and Rep. Martin said, "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I don't think he could have answered it anyway."

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Doris C. Squires (mother of Bonnie Price) and D.L. Caison (Bonnie's grandfather) of Chowan Beach; Carita Knerr of Chesapeake, guest of Howard Polston; and Mr. and Mrs. Miyasato from Hawaii, parents of Nad Miyasato of Chowan Beach. Welcome. We hope you enjoyed our service and will return soon.

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In the course of current events never forget that you can get so close to the trees that you can't see the forest.

Band

Continued from Page 5 of bands and associate professor of music at Virginia Commonwealth University, states he has assembled the finest available staff to work with these young people. A special program was designed for marching bands to provide an indepth study of various styles, methods, formations, and drills, with special emphasis on show design, marching and maneuvering.

Edenton-Chowan band students who are working tirelessly in this Mid-Atlantic Band Front Camp are: Flag Corps: Michele Alexander, Kay Chandler, Kellie Sopher, Laura Walker and Dianne Yates; Rifle Corps: Cheryl Harmon, Rhonda Kirby and Annette Partin; Drum Major William Holley; and Drum Line: Sherrod Banks, Lynn Dale, Mark Storie, Woody White and Joseph Willis.

The students may return home Friday night with aching bones and muscles, but they will be filled with new techniques and innovations learned at Ferrum College, better equipped to entertain their many fans this fall with halftime shows.

Balls Major Social Events

Continued from Page 3 the goddess of dancing and choral song.

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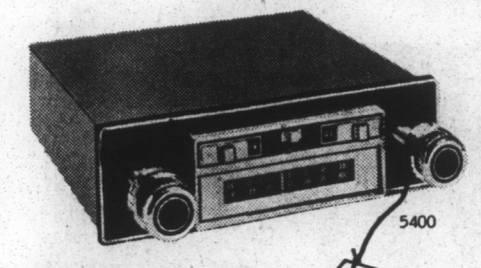
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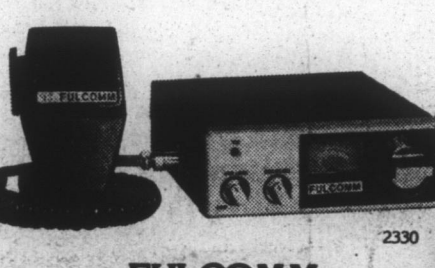
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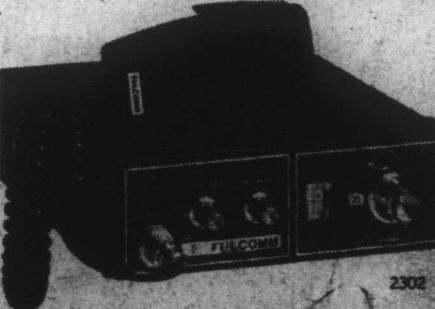


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