

Highlights Of The 1969 General Assembly

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cles in the criminal law that hamper law officers in dealing with actual or imminent riot situations (the omnibus riots-civil disorders bill). It also enacted some of the more limited measures that fill comparable gaps in authority to deal with campus and other disorders. However, it rejected some of the harsher and more broad-gauged proposals that were not directly related to coping with actual or imminent riots or disorders.

Riots and Civil Disorders; Campus Unrest

The current of disorder, endemic to our times, lapped at the shores of the General Assembly throughout much of its time in Raleigh this year. More than twenty bills were introduced during the course of the session dealing with various aspects of the problems created by riots and civil disorders and campus unrest. Among the more noteworthy of these bills were the following (final disposition shown in parentheses):

H 321 (Omnibus riots-civil disorders bill) To clarify the powers of local governments to impose curfews and take other riot control measures; to spell out "stop and frisk" powers for law officers during violent disorders; and to codify a number of riot-connected common law crimes (Ratified).

H 530 (The Mohn bill) To require universities to screen and approve all visiting speakers through an elaborate procedure, and to determine whether to permit speakers to appear on the basis of detailed standards set forth in the bill (Unfavorable report).

H 551 (The Watkins bill) To require mandatory six-months-to-four years expulsion for students, and dismissal of faculty, who disrupt the operations of educational institutions (Not reported by committee).

H 802 To prohibit outsiders on campus during university-declared curfews (Ratified).

H 985 To revoke State scholarships of students on State supported camp-

uses who are convicted of serious crimes in connection with campus disorders (Ratified).

S 832 To authorize the Governor to order public buildings evacuated during public emergencies (Ratified).

H 134 To increase the punishment for sit-ins in public buildings (Ratified).

H 66 To make an assault on a policeman or fireman a felony (Ratified).

S 168 To immunize National Guardsmen aiding civil authorities from liability for good faith acts during public crises (Ratified).

H 986 To make it a misdemeanor for students expelled or suspended from a State-supported university to reappear on campus (Unfavorable report).

As is apparent from this record, the General Assembly responded selectively to this difficult and emotion-laden issue. It enacted the carefully studied general bill to remedy known deficiencies

Consumer Protection Legislation

Consumer interests, in modern North Carolina history, have had relatively little organized support or representation in the General Assembly. Not surprisingly, our statute books and the ranks of Tar Heel state and local governmental agencies do not abound in consumer oriented programs or consumer protection policy.

A hint of change could be noted during the 1967 legislative session, when members like Rep. Clark of Union and Rep. Penny of Durham invested considerable effort toward building support for measures such as regulation of installment sales and small loans. This year, efforts to foster consumer protection legislation broadened both their base of support and scope of legislative concern. Two organized groups, the State Legislative Council and the North Carolina Consumers Council, actively supported consumer oriented legislation in the General Assembly this session.

Among the measures on which consumer groups concentrated their attention this session were bills dealing with interest rates, regulation of auto installment sales, and minimum wage legislation. Other subjects lying within the range of their concern included the study of auto insurance rates, workmen's comp benefit increases, meat and egg inspection laws, day care center regulation, and abolition of capital punishment.

Other strong supporters of consumer-oriented legislation this year included Attorney General Morgan and Commissioner of Agriculture Graham. In his legislative program the Attorney General stressed bills to bolster his new Consumer Protection Division-measures to adopt State unfair and deceptive trade practices legislation, to strengthen and broaden North Carolina's antimonopoly legislation, and to direct the Attorney General to represent the interest of the consuming and using public before courts and regulatory agencies. Proposed agricultural legislation this year included bills to strengthen the Commissioner's hand in enforcing sanitary requirements for soft drink bottlers, to enable the Commissioner to establish standards of quality under the Egg Law for consumer protection, and to revise the State meat inspection law.

A box-score on consumer backed legislation shows a mixture of successes and failures, but overall a substantial achievement. The legislative programs of the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Agriculture were largely enacted, as were increases in minimum wages and workmen's comp benefits. Once again, abolition of capital punishment and regulation of day care centers failed, though the latter came close to passage in the waning stages of the session. The session-long battle over interest rates was finally resolved on the last day by adoption of a conference report that resolved a compromise between the lender-backed Senate bill and the more consumer-oriented House bill.

Fountains Views Lift Off Of Apollo 11

Washington, D. C. - When, as your Representative, I accepted the invitation to get up around 2 a.m. on July 16 and board at 4 a.m. a United Air Lines 200 passenger DC8 jet plane for Cape Kennedy, Florida, and there sit in the open sun for several hours anxiously and hopefully waiting to observe -- for a period of less than 2 minutes -- the blast off of Apollo 11 carrying three great and courageous Americans on their historic six hundred thousand, 8-day voyage to the moon and back, I did so with mixed emotions.

Over television, I had seen the launching of earlier manned space vehicles, but to be physically on the scene and to see this particular launching with my own eyes and to see thousands of others also watching in almost reverent silence, was an experience I shall never forget. Nor will I ever forget the even more indescribable experience of witnessing over television Apollo 11's landing on the moon, the walking and work of Astronaut's Armstrong and Aldrin thereon, and their departure therefrom.

Whatever one's feelings may be about the moon project -- and frequently I have had my doubts, the successful launching of men to the moon and back to earth should make all of us proud. We should be proud not just because of this tremendous achievement in space technology and what it's future portends, but proud also that in spite of all our problems on both the international and domestic scenes, some 400 thousand Americans, including the combined re-

sources of more than 20 thousand American business firms, universities, graduate students, engineers, and other workers all over this land have cooperatively worked together to make it possible.

Unquestionably, this great adventure is being met with strong opposition. It's cost in money, manpower, energy and ingenuity has been so great; and our problems have so increased since President Kennedy set the goal in 1961, that critics will continue to ask: "Was this voyage really necessary?" A satisfactory answer will probably have to await the judgment of history. Surely our tremendous program in space technology and the successful termination of this particular voyage have improved our defense posture and the security of our country; and I shudder at the thought of what might happen to the morale, attitude and outlook of the American people if we were to come out second best in such a strategically important area of human progress. As one editorial put it, "Man's destiny has always been, and obviously always will be, to pursue that which is just beyond his reach, to seek an understanding of the miracles of nature, and to break that barrier which allows us to see," as Saint Paul put it, "through a glass darkly." And here man's destiny is really not to grab but to reach. As Neil Armstrong appropriately said when he first set foot on the moon, "That's one small step for man and one giant leap for mankind." And, as Charles Lindbergh recently said, "Scientific accomplishment is a path, not an end."

The fundamental reason for space exploration and for going to the moon probably lies in what one writer called: "That restless, inquiring spirit that has gripped mankind from the beginning, that desire to answer the unanswerable questions, that eagerness to push from one frontier to the next, that unquenchable spirit which has led men to brave uncharted seas, fly like birds, probe the recesses of the atom, challenge every dogma and every fact." That same pioneering spirit led Copernicus, Galileo, Marco Polo, Columbus, Darwin, Edison, Einstein, Bohr, Curie and Fleming to discoveries which have revolutionized life.

Whatever may be the final judgment upon our space efforts, and especially the moon project, one message in particular ought to come through loud and clear. The scientist Werner Von Braun himself put his finger on it when he said the success of this program "should confirm our belief in the certainty of its Creator." Surely this amazing achievement in opening for us a tiny door to the awesome reaches of outer space and the vast mysteries of the Universe should confirm the existence of God. In fact, without such a well conceived and perfectly planned and ordered Universe, God's creature, man, could never have found the way.

Maybe it's just possible that this almost miraculous achievement of God and man working together will give us all a new sense of how small men are and how great God is.



DON'T BOUNCE THE FISH

Did you ever see a fisherman practicing "skip-along"?

It's a game played by trailing a stringer of fish over the side of a boat while the throttle is wide open.

All kidding aside, forgetting to pull the stringer into the boat before moving to another fishing spot is a mistake made by many fishermen. The cure for the problem, say the fishing authorities at Mercury Outdoors, is to properly care for fish the moment they are taken. Fish should be placed on ice as soon as possible, but there are several preliminary steps to keep in mind.

They should be drawn immediately. The stomach contents begin to decay soon after a fish is taken, and gastric juices can eat through the wall causing tainted flesh. Also be sure to remove all blood along the backbone.

Next, wipe the body cavity dry with a clean cloth or paper towel. Try to keep the fish from getting wet. Water attracts bacteria which only speeds decay.

Always put an ice chest in the boat and take along some plastic bags. The bags are perfect wrapping and will keep cleaned fish from contacting any water in the ice chest. It's better to lay fish on top of the ice than to bury them, and the chest should be opened occasionally to let in some fresh air.

In addition to not bouncing fish on the stringer, this method of handling assures you of good eating when you get them home.

However, the most important consideration, advise the lads at Mercury, is that if the woman of the house likes to eat the fish you catch, bringing them home in this manner will make it easier to get away the next time you want to go fishing.

Some Guy!

Husband: "I saw Tim Tooley today, and he didn't even speak to me. He thinks I'm not his equal, I guess."

Wife: "Why, that stupid, brainless, conceited, good-for-nothing moron! You certainly are his equal!"

Finch In Greenville For Boy's Home Practice

Greenville -- Louisburg's Thomas Finch, other players and coaches for the seventh annual Boy's Home All Star Game arrive in Greenville this weekend to begin preparations for the classic clash between North and South.

Fifty-four of the state's top high school football players and four of the outstanding coaches will all be here Sunday and will hold their first official workouts first thing Monday morning. Practice sessions will continue on a rigorous schedule all week as strategies and starting lineups are mapped out for the contest next Saturday, Aug. 2.

The North team's 5-1 record in the series may be endangered this year as they go against a single wing attack by a South team weighing in

Edwards Wins Championship

at a hefty average of 195. Gerald M. Whisenhunt of Goldsboro and Paul Markland of Rockingham are South coaches.

The lighter North team, averaging 183, is coached by Homer Thompson of Winston-Salem and Don Palmer of Lexington. A straight-forward "I" formation and the depth of its backfield may help offset the North's weight disadvantage.

Scheduled at 8 p.m. in Ficklen Stadium at East Carolina University, the game is sponsored by the North Carolina Jaycees. All proceeds go to Boy's Home at Lake Waccamaw. Tickets are now on sale and are available from any Jaycee.

Owen R. Edwards, auto body repairman and shooting enthusiast of Route 3, Louisburg, recently walked off with honors at the Southern Zone Trap championship tournament sponsored by the American Trapshooting Association at Palm Beach Gun Club, Lakeworth, Florida.

Shooting on July 17, 18, 19, and 20, and using a Browning 12-Gauge "Broadway Trap" superposed gun, Edwards broke more than 150 straight birds, missing only 3 out of 200.

Owen copped the southern Zone Class B championship and camp home Tuesday afternoon with several beautiful trophies.

People Spots In The News

FRONT SEAT at a war: Vietnamese children watch American armored squadrons roll by, an all-too-common sight.



DENISE LONG, drafted by S. F. Warriors, shows how she averaged about 70 points a game.



RALPH LIGOURI goes end-over-end in race at Rossburg, Ohio. He was hospitalized with head and back injuries.



90th BIRTHDAY of F. W. Woolworth is marked by Lester A. Burcham (left), president, and Robert C. Kirkwood, board chairman. They outlined three-year expansion program involving 624 new stores.

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WEEK-END SPECIALS

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REG. BOX		
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IGA SOFT		
DRINKS	16 OZ. BOTTLE	10¢
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An Honorable One

Personnel Manager: "H-mmm-m, you say you were discharged from your last job?"
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"Do you mind telling me why?"
"Not at all: my enlistment was up in the navy."

Pungent!

"I always wash my hair in beer."
"Does it help?"
"No, but I have the happiest dandruff in town."

Wife's Duty

Smith had been scolding his wife and ended up saying, "And I believe you fib a little at times."
"But I mean well," his wife returned meekly. "I think it's a wife's duty to speak well of her husband, occasionally."

Long Time

Doctor: "I advise you to take a hot bath before retiring."
Patient: "Before retiring? But I won't be retiring for another ten years."

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