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The above increases would be in addition to annual increments and retirement benefits contributed by the State, according to the Governor, and when these are taken into account, the proposed increases would amount to approximately 17 percent for teachers and 13 1/2 percent for other State employees.

In preparing these weekly reports, your representative is confronted with the fact that almost 1,200 bills or proposed laws have been introduced during this General Assembly to date. Reporting space in the newspapers does not permit of discussion of a great number of important items of legislation and in preparing these reports, it becomes difficult to determine just which items of state-wide legislation are of interest to the people of the county. Naturally all items of local legislation will be reported as a matter of course. Accordingly, it would be most appreciated if you, the interested readers of this report, would write me a short letter, advising me of those items of state-wide legislation which are of greatest interest to you. In this way, it is believed that this report would serve a much more useful purpose.

Local Problems

Representative Addison Hewlett of New Hanover County and your representative are collaborating in the preparation of a bill enabling legislation which is necessary to make the property owners of North Carolina eligible for flood insurance under the Federal Act providing therefor. This bill will be introduced either during the coming week or not later than the following week.

It appears that, although the Federal Act has been passed, no money for setting up the organization and the insurance fund has been appropriated and the matter of this appropriation is presently before a subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee. This subcommittee has recommended an unfavorable report on this appropriation and I am informed by Congressman Lennon that unless extreme pressure is brought on the subcommittee and the whole committee, it is possible that these funds will not be made available. I, therefore, urge all of you to contact Congressman Albert Thomas, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Appropriations, and Congressman Clarence C. Cannon, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, by letter or by telegram, urging them of the necessity for this appropriation. As all of you know, it is impossible to obtain flood insurance on any of our

exposed coastal areas from commercial companies and lending agencies have refused to make loans in any case where either business or residential construction is contemplated without flood coverage. The lack of this flood insurance has brought new construction to a standstill and if we are to develop our coastal area, including our beaches, this insurance must be available in order that construction loans may be obtained. Your cooperation in demanding of our Federal Congress that an appropriation be made will be of great value and will probably mean the difference between our having available to us flood insurance or our not being able to obtain such coverage. I, therefore, urge you to contact the two above named congressmen.

Five-Man Board

I have had very little response to my previous requests that I be given some indication of the wishes of the people of this county with regard to passage of legislation which would provide for a five-man Board of Commissioners. As heretofore explained, no fault or criticism is found by any proponent of this legislation with the work of our present Board. However, it was the thought of such proponents that a five-man board would give the county wider representation and permit the Board to better serve the people of the county. I have no feeling in this matter other than my wish to follow the desires of our people and will not introduce such legislation unless the majority of the people of the county desires this change. Inasmuch as the time is rapidly approaching when a cut-off date will be set, after which date no further local legislation may be introduced, it is requested that all interested persons advise me of their feelings in the matter, both pro and con.

Election Laws

I have also received a great number of requests that our county be included among those other counties which now prohibit voters from choosing only one person where more than one person is eligible for election to a particular office. For instance, our Board of County Commissioners is composed of three officials. The present act, now law in a great number of counties, prohibits any person or persons to vote for only one person to the office of county commissioners at a Democratic primary election and requires that each voter select not less than three commissioners and vote therefor, otherwise any voter who votes for either one or two commissioners only would have his vote counted as not voting for any commissioner. I would also appreciate having

your reaction to including Brunswick County among those counties which prohibit the above practice of voting for only one or two commissioners rather than voting for at least three of the candidates for this office.

TRAFFIC CASES
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Fred Jones was found guilty of assault upon a female and was given 30 days in jail, suspended upon payment of costs and good behavior.

Robert Peterson was found guilty of public drunkenness and was given 30 days. This sentence was commuted to time served because of illness of defendant, paid costs.

The following cases involving speeding were disposed of: James Alston, Jr., 65-mph, \$10 and costs; William Norwood Macon, 70-mph, \$15 and costs; Frank Jasper Dennis, 55-mph in 45-mph zone, \$10 and costs; Woodrow W. Guyton, 65-mph, \$10 and costs; Wilbert C. Phelps, 70-mph, fined \$15 and costs; Clarence Peterson, 65-mph, \$10 and costs; Rolf Lewis Spicer, 70-mph, \$15 and costs; Robert Lee White, 70 mph, \$15 and costs.

The following cases of reckless operation were handled: Gene White, \$25 and costs; Gene Allen Bennett, \$25 and costs; Jack Edison Kelly, \$50 and costs.

Horace M. Simmons was found guilty of operating with improper equipment and was fined \$10 and costs, the fine being remitted.

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Senator Adam Whitley, Smithfield; Representative D. G. Bell, Morehead City; W. P. Saunders, Raleigh; Garland F. Fulcher, Oriental;

Harry White, Winston-Salem; John E. Justice, North Wilkesboro; Alvah Ward, Jr., Manteo; Oscar Breece, Fayetteville; Eric Rodgers, Scotland Neck.

WCSA MEETING
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meet at Trinity Methodists Church in Southport in the fall. An enjoyable social hour followed.

HARBOR IMPROVEMENT
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Making this trip was Representative James C. Bowman of Southport, who recently appeared before the State Port Authority in Raleigh and told members of that group that the situation with regard to the Suez Canal means that there must be a realignment of long range planning on the part of the petroleum industries of the world. "I am convinced," he told the group, "that some port on the Atlantic Seaboard is

destined to become the Carolina petroleum center for the United States." He urged the disintegration be given to provide a 40-foot channel to Southport. Last week Representative Bowman was named as a member of the North Carolina delegation to the Congress of Rivers and Harbors which meet in Washington next month. At a meeting of other members of this delegation at which Governor Luther Hoke made in attendance, the Brunswick county representative once again made an appeal for a 40-foot channel to the Southport harbor and pointed that more than the natural depth already exists in the harbor. This week-end he expressed his hope that a project of this nature be presented at the forthcoming session by members of the North Carolina delegation.

During the trip yesterday there was discussion of the fact that the construction and present use of super tankers has made a drastic change in shipping petroleum products. It was made clear that few inland ports are able to care of these new ships, and that in many instances it is necessary for them to discharge a part of their cargo in order that they may make their way to existing storage and distributing facilities. There were expressions of various ideas of how this natural harbor at Southport may be used to the best possible advantage in the future.

The trip was made aboard one of the boats of the U. S. Engineers, and technical advisor in session by members of the North Carolina delegation.

ination of charts was Col. H. C. Rowland. Also on the trip was Lt. Col. R. D. Shaffer, assistant district engineer; Col. George Gillette, former District Engineer and former executive director of the State Port Authority; Mayor Dan Cameron of Wilmington; John Fox, president of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce; L. C. McDuffy of the Corps of Engineers; Harry Clark, of the Committee of 100; E. L. White, former mayor of Wilmington; Al G. Dixon, executive editor of the Star-News newspapers; Dr. R. H. Holden of Shallotte; Representative Bowman; and James M. Harper, Jr., editor of The State Port Pilot.

Read The Want Ads

HIGHWAY WORK
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ject 3-156 to intersection of US 17 at Supply, 0.3 mile; and the county road from Makatoka to Juniper Creek via Exum, 9.5 miles. Two new bridges, 104 feet long and with 28-foot wide roadways, were built by contract forces on NC 87 and from a point on NC 130 near Southport, northwest to a point 6.6 miles southeast of US 17.

FAT STOCK SHOW
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the show. All persons who are interested are urged to contact their local county agent or agriculture teacher. The twenty counties consist of: Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Greene, Harnett,

Hoke, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Wayne.

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Klutz, D. L. Scoggins, E. H. Hayes, L. F. Hodges, I. M. Jacobs, Leland;

V. E. Galloway, Aiton Bennett, Supply;

J. M. Danford, Sherwood G. Johnson, Elwood W. Bullard, Bolivia;

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