

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

By N. C. INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT

January 30, 1953 — Tentative plans of the 1953 General Assembly to accept an invitation to visit Camp Lejeune sometime after the first of March indicate that this session of the legislature will not be of unusually short duration. Although this third full week of legislative activity marked the first floor debate of the session and showed a sharp increase in the number of committed meetings held, the speed-up in the rate of bill introductions anticipated at the end of the second week has not yet materialized. The number of bills introduced so far this session is about 20% less than the number of introductions for the same number of legislative days in 1951. Reports from Durham of Governor Umstead's condition continue to be encouraging.

Finance and Appropriations
The introduction of a 1953 Revenue Bill late this week gave the Joint Finance Committee a framework around which to consider proposed amendments to the State's tax structure. The bill itself contains only a slight change in the inheritance tax law and provides for a short form income tax re-

turn for persons earning less than \$5000 a year under which a standard 10% reduction could be taken. The short form return was suggested but not adopted by the 1951 legislature. The week also saw introduction of proposed amendments which would (1) give plumbing, heating and electrical contractors statewide licenses, and (2) permit home - owners who sold one home and purchased another, either during the year prior to or subsequent to the sale, to report only the excess of the sale price over the purchase price as taxable income. The committee's days were taken up with explanations of the revenue schedules by staff members of the revenue department. Meanwhile the joint appropriations committee continued hearings for state departments and agencies. Twenty-two departments and institutions ran requests for additional appropriations to more than \$20 million over recommendations of the Advisory Budget Commission. Two more weeks of hearings are scheduled before the committee can settle down to the task of formulating their recommendations. In accordance with new

Senate and House rules, of course, the Senate and House Committees may meet separately after the hearings are concluded.

Criminal Procedure and Civil Law
Among the lawyers bills introduced during the week, only five are of widespread importance— even to lawyers. Three of these effect revisions in criminal procedure: (1) permitting convicted criminals to give bail pending appeal in all but capital cases; (2) permitting probationers and persons under suspended sentence to give bond following arrest and pending court hearing; (3) eliminating provision authorizing juries to render verdicts of 2nd degree burglary when facts found are sufficient to constitute first degree burglary. The two remaining bills would, sooner or later, touch most N. C. citizens, alive or dead. The first permits creation of future interests in personalty, making it easier for persons to control disposition of property other than land by deed. The second permits, for the first time in this state, recovery for accidental injury where the persons injured were partially responsible for the injury, but limits such recovery by permitting juries to award damages based on relative responsibility.

Presidential Primary
A preferential primary election for presidential candidates, proposed in a Senate bill on Wednesday, recalled memories of last summer's presidential nominations. Although results would not be binding on delegates to national party conventions, provisions for filing of candidates by petition of any party members who can muster signatures of 5000 qualified voters, and for counting of written votes, guarantees that the choices of the majority of N. C. voters will be known, if not selected.

Education
After hearing and considering conflicting data on public schools, an exasperated Senate education

committee on Wednesday morning passed a resolution requesting the State Board of Education, Department of Public Instruction, Budget Bureau, and Division of Tax Research to reconcile their statistical data and assemble a single set of facts and figures in simple and clear terms. At the reported urging of Governor Umstead for an early consideration of school building needs, both House and Senate education committees appointed subcommittees to study jointly the need for school building construction and all bills dealing with the problem. Although House committee members questioned the appropriations provisions of Rep. Collier's \$50,000,000 bill, the first to reach the subcommittee, there was growing realization that a bond issue for more than \$50 million might be necessary to meet current needs. Bills were introduced in the House during the week to: (1) provide for loans to medical and nursing students specializing in psychiatry in medical schools within the state, repayable in cash or through service in state mental hospitals; (2) appropriate \$35,000 annually for employment of 6 areas music supervisors to train and organize leaders to promote music in schools, churches, and communities; and (3) admit students other than Indians to Pembroke College.

Highway Safety
Legislators' attention is still directed to highway safety. One bill would bring automatic license suspensions varying from 60 to 120 days for drivers convicted of exceeding speed limits by more than 15 mpm, and from 90 days to six months for such offenders also convicted of reckless driving. If a driver arrested for drunken driving requests scientific analysis of his blood, a second bill provides that he is: (1) presumed not drunk if analysis shows .05% or less by weight of alcohol in his blood, and (2) presumed drunk if alcohol is .15% or more by weight. These presumptions would be determinative of the driver's guilt if not out weighed by contradictory evidence.

Local Government
The most significant development concerning local government is still a gleam in some legislators' eyes. The suggestion is that county commissioners be given authority to fix the salaries and fees of all county officials and employees. This could reduce by several hundred the number of local bills enacted by the General Assembly each session, but such legislation would be permissive, not mandatory. One concrete proposal introduced this week would permit municipalities incorporated since the last federal census to make estimates of their population for use by state agencies in allocating state funds to local governmental units.

Miscellaneous
Resolutions adopted by the 1941 and 1949 General Assemblies, endorsing a world federal government and calling on Congress to call a convention to propose amendments to U. S. Constitution authorizing negotiation with other nations relating to the world government, would be repealed by SR 66 introduced on Friday. A similar bill sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1951 did not receive committee approval. Fox hunters who hunt for the sport of the chase and with out guns or other weapons will be interested in HB 104 which seeks to exempt such hunters from purchasing licenses.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE
Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of J. L. Oates, deceased, late of Duplin County, North Carolina, I am to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before one year from last publication date of this notice or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 17th day of October, 1952.

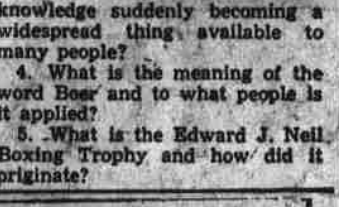
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It was bedtime and little Jackie had a question. Look, mother, he asked, why can't we pray once a week, or even once a month? Why do we have to ask every day for our daily bread?

Before mother had a chance to reply, Jackie's small brother, David piped up, So it'll be fresh.

Test Your I. Q.

- When did the state of Virginia take back her part of the District of Columbia?
- What was the origin of the Washington Monument?
- During the Renaissance, what invention was the reason for knowledge suddenly becoming a widespread thing available to many people?
- What is the meaning of the word Boer and to what people is it applied?
- What is the Edward J. Nell Boxing Trophy and how did it originate?



Rebel Revelations

Last Friday I had a memorable experience. I was a guest of the Friday Morning Club in its beautiful club house at 940 South Figueroa Street. This club of over 1000 women was founded in 1871 by Madame Severance of Boston. I have never met a more enlightened group of women, women who are aware and intelligent and know what is going on in the world in which they live.

A past president, Mrs. Don Woods, a former Canadian, took me in charge and showed me some of the rooms of the club, the library, the museum, the imposing board room. Mrs. Woods raises camellias, too, and gave the speaker, Margaret Bourke-White, one of her exquisite blooms, white with a yellow center, called Finlandia.

Margaret Bourke-White whom I have known for many years is our intrepid Life photographer who has more achievement awards than almost any woman in America... and is recognized as the top woman photographer of the world. She has recently returned from an eight month's assignment in the Orient, most of which she spent on the Korean Front. Her lecture is not only exciting but very thought-provoking. I will review it in full in a later column.

On my right at lunch was the charming former tennis champion, Alice Marble, who has had a varied full life, too. She lectured for over ten years, has sung in night clubs, designed sports clothes. I do not know whether she designed the dress she wore or not, but it was a stunning creation of roman-striped tulle silk.

Margaret Bourke-White wore a grey suit made for her in Tokyo by a tailor who copied it from a picture in Vogue. I saw another suit he had made for her—a Harris tweed in soft blues and beige with blue velvet trimming. Both of them had the perfect fit that only a tailor can achieve. I wish that I had found out the exact name of the material of the grey suit because although it was a very hot day, it did not wrinkle at all. Miss Bourke-White whose pictures do not do her justice in the least... that is pictures that others have made of her... has a deep and very becoming tan acquired in Korea and in the Virgin Islands... a vivid contrast to her silver hair.

Later we went to Beverly Hills for a fitting of a dress that is truly fabulous. It is made for her by a most clever dressmaker, Edythe Washington, an artiste for her finger tips. The creation, which will be worn occasionally during her evening lectures, is of heavy brocade brought from Japan. The pale cream, really ivory, Background, is enriched by gold threads and enlivened by turquoise and deep red figures. The gown is ballet length with the new bell skirt, lined with deep red tulle as are the pockets and the accompanying jacket. In this town of stunning dresses, this is the most beautiful that I have seen anywhere around. It has that perfect balance that only a first rank designer can achieve, simplicity of line, richness of material. If any of you suddenly inherit a fortune, hasten to 9457 Charlemagne in Beverly Hills, and let this clever girl make a wardrobe for you.

Miss Bourke-White concluded her lecture with a moving and penetrating story of her last talk with Gandhi. His warning is equally pertinent now. Of Communism he said:

"Bolshevism is the necessary result of modern materialistic civilization. The insensate worship of matter has given rise to a school which has been brought up to look upon materialistic advancement as the goal of life and which has lost touch with the final things in life.

"I prophesy that if we disobey the law of the final supremacy of spirit over matter, of liberty and love over brute force, in a few years' time we shall have Bolshevism rampant in this land which was once so holy."

Louis Fisher who has written a definitive life of the great and beloved leader of India says that those words could well become a pin-up slogan for those who wish to defend decency and liberty. Gandhi was talking about India, but he might well have been talking about the United States.

"Materialism is the mother of twin troubles," says Mr. Fisher, Communism and corruption. People who pursue power, dollars, cheap popularity and prestige, and meanwhile lose sight of the final things in life become enemies of society."

Gandhi often urged that we turn the searchlight inward knowing that a clear view of our own deficiencies is the first step towards victory over evil. And the second? We must have a spiritual rebirth which will place less value on material advancement and more on moral advancement, less of what we HAVE, and more of what we ARE.

Gandhi had mental health because in him creed and deed were one. He was integrated. That is the meaning of integrity. What he believed, he said and did... and they formed a whole truth and as Gandhi often said, Truth is God.

With truth, by living truth, humanity can conquer Communism, but in no other way. It depends not upon us, ourselves. Each time we add fuel to prejudice and intolerance, we aid the Communist cause... we fight against our own sons dying in Korea... dying for truth and a principle of life that we have not the courage to live.

Emerson had a poem that says what I mean more aptly than I can... he called it Men Who Stand Fast.

Not gold, but only men can make
A nation great and strong.
Men who, for truth and honor's sake,
Stand fast and suffer long.
Stand fast and suffer long.
Brave men, who work while other sleep,
Who dare while others shun.
They build a nation's pillars deep,
And lift them to the sky.

One of our more eminent Americans died recently... Professor Walter B. Pitkin, who was too often identified only as the author on "Life Begins at 40." The book did accomplish something of a social revolution in the United States, helping to slay the dragon of middle age, the idea that senility was a necessary evil when we reached forty. It shook off the fetter of the old prejudice against men and women, who quitting their thirties, were held to be plunging down the shady side of the hill of life. But his work was greater than that.

Dr. Pitkin was a revolutionary... a rebel. He was a form of yeast in the social dough, demanding that it change and change for the better. In all he published more than thirty books ranging in subject from how to write short stories to a "Short Introduction to the History of Human Stupidity." He operated a farm, was a peddler, cook, cattle boss, and at one time managing editor of the Encyclopedia. He concluded that the Wilson program failed because of the President's low energy and bad feet.

He was so widely interested and so widely active that life for him might be said to have begun at the age of reason and continued to the moment of his last breath.

People like Dr. Pitkin are too rare in our country... we need more like them... these witty, crusading fermenting personalities who force their contemporaries to open their minds and admit new ideas.

Do read the thoroughly inspiring narrative, The Warm Springs Story. It's not only about the growth of the place itself but about the courageous struggle against polio that Roosevelt and others waged there. Take it just for a success yarn and you'll find it worth reading for that alone. Take it, however, as the inner story of a nobly humanitarian enterprise and you'll get much more out of it. For this is still what Warm Springs is.

We joined the Boston Globe in gleefully recalling some of Eisenhower's campaign oratory last fall in Louisville when he said, "It is high time that we had real and positive policies in the world that we understand. We are tired of aristocratic explanations in Harvard words," and then appointed a dozen Harvard men to top echelon jobs in his government... including President Dr. James B. Conant, Sinclair Weeks, Henry Cabot Lodge and Winthrop Aldrich.

And we applaud with delight the action of the British Press in sticking by movie critic Milton Shulman... when illadvised Hollywood exhibitors tried to curb the truth about his pictures... telling Lord Beaverbrook that he would change his critics or else he would get no more advertising... Lord Beaverbrook promptly refused ads in his powerful Daily Express... circulation 4,000,000. What caused the furor was a review of "Affair of Trinidad"... about some schemers idling with the V-2 rocket. Said Mr. Shulman, "launched from bases in the Caribbean, the V-2 could destroy most of the major centers in the United States and presumably with any luck, Hollywood."

As to on Hollywood's black list was the Sunday Graphic's Robert Ottaway, who wrote: "A mediocre lot of movies go the rounds this week... if I were you, I'd stay at home and catch up on my reading."

The American companies got nowhere when they tried to get nonmember companies to join the boycott... like Alexander Korda who thought they were being disgusting silly. Meanwhile the American companies are losing out on valuable advertising, promotion and goodwill. And Beaverbrook's competitors rallied to his side. The London News Chronicle denounced the attempt at dictatorship and gave its full support "for the whole conception of a free press is involved." And the London Spectator said, "A really vital principle is at stake. This kind of pressure is completely intolerable."

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Movie Director

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1,8 Pictured motion picture producer
11 Add flavor
12 Oil
14 Permits
15 Ireland
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34 Shrub
36 Water lily
39 Preposition
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41 Comparative suffix
42 Tellurium (symbol)
43 Cover
45 Calyx leaves
50 Consumed
51 Noisy
53 Opposed
54 Raced
55 Shows contempt
57 Guides
58 Cubic meter

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34 Window parts
35 Labor organizations
37 Says
38 Plants
44 Two-part song
46 Comfort
47 Promissory note (ab.)
48 Proposition
49 Speak imperfectly
50 Imitated
52 Scottish river
54 Oriental coin
56 Railroad (ab.)
58 Toward

ANSWERS TO Test Your I. Q.

- In 1846 President James K. Polk announced that 39 square miles ceded to the federal government by the state of Virginia in 1790 had been returned. The Act of Retrocession permitted the citizens to decide this question.
- In 1833 the Washington National Monument Society was organized. A fund-raising campaign produced about \$75,000. The cornerstone was laid July 4, 1848. In 1859 money ran out and it stood half finished until President Grant ordered it finished by the Corps of Engineers. Dedicated Feb. 22, 1885, it was opened to the public in 1888.
- The invention of the art of printing with movable type made books cheaper and easily available to the poor. Learning was suddenly no longer the exclusive property of the nobility.
- It is a word of Dutch origin meaning farmer. It was given to the early Dutch colonists of South Africa.
- It originated in 1938 in honor of Edward J. Nell, famous sports writer killed in Spain while covering the Spanish Revolutionary War. It is awarded each year by the Boxing Writers' Association of America to the person doing most for the sport. First winner was Jack Dempsey.

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