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Weekly Legislative Summary

NOTE: This is the fifteenth of 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 1957. It is confined to discussions of matters of general interest and major importance.

Summertime heat brought anguish cries for air-conditioning or adjournment from weary legislators this week, but with neither of the major money bills yet out of committee, relief seemed several weeks off. Confronted with an increasingly clogged public calendar, the House held a special session Thursday night and passed 19 bills, but the next morning its members found another 80 public bills awaiting action. Speaker Doughton promised several extra sessions next week.

For the first time this session, committee reports killing various bills played a major role in legislative activity. One such funeral, at which a House committee tabled the minimum wage bill so it could not be considered by the House on a minority report, sparked the liveliest fight of the session. Celebrants at the wake were distressed Tuesday when the corpse apparently stirred, and by week's end it appeared the bill might yet rise from its coffin.

Other major activity included Senate action killing the proposal for a Constitutional convention and Senator Currie's legislative reapportionment bill, and still unresolved House action on proposals to modify the law on deposit of state funds. Bills to legalize horse and dog racing and to create a commission to study school finances attracted most interest among the new introductions.

STATE GOVERNMENT
Senator Martin's bill for a Constitutional convention was defeated by a 2-1 margin, even after revision to allocate delegates to counties on the same basis as the present House. The administration-backed measure creating a Constitutional revision study commission passed the Senate after amendment deleting a request that the Governor call a special session to consider the commission's reports prior to the 1958 elections. A House committee killed a similar Republican bill.

A series of reapportionment measures received unfavorably House committee reports, while the Senate was beating down the Currie bill calling for 100 Senators and 100 Representatives. Although the plan was touted in some quarters as advantageous to the larger counties, most of its support came from small county Senators.

One of Kerr Scott's major gubernatorial campaign proposals was that the state collect interest on its unused funds deposited in state banks. This year bankers have complained that provisions of his plan which require investment at the highest available rate of interest were taking this money out of the state; their answer was HB 589, permitting excess funds to remain on deposit in N. C. banks even though a higher return could be had from short term federal securities. Thursday the House amended this bill, after a bitter debate, so as to permit deposit at an unfavorable interest rate only in banks whose outstanding loans exceed 50 per cent of total deposits, and then only when the difference between U. S. Treasury interest rates and the banks' rates is 1-2 per cent or less. The vote on third reading will be next week.

While a Senate committee gave an unfavorable report to SB 129, setting up a system of district family courts, the Senate passed a resolution...

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
A Western North Carolina Regional Planning Commission, authorized to prepare region-wide plans and to assist counties and municipalities in their planning, would be created by HB 1233; the commission would serve 11 counties — HB 1201 would enable municipalities with populations over 750 to establish municipal recorder's courts — A House bill to exempt bank deposits and cash from ad valorem taxation was killed before the week was out — The measure providing 4-year terms for constables also received an unfavorable report.

A 1955 measure aimed at 'single shot' voting, which has been made applicable to a number of localities this session, would be limited to primary elections under SB 457 —

...established that Magnolia was called Stricklandville. We believe our readers, especially the younger generation would like to read the story of old Stricklandville. Wonder if there aren't some of our readers who remember the story. If so please let us know and I'll run over to see you.

BREAKS INTO POOL ROOM

'Red' Smith, operator of a pool room here, lost \$50 in cash last Friday night when someone broke through the front glass and entered the building. It looks like it might have been someone very familiar with the place. 'Red' kept his cash in a box hidden in the building. Sheriff's officers took fingerprints but no clues have developed yet.

TO SHOW FILM

The Brotherhood of the Warsaw Baptist Church will show an inspiring film "The Life of Martin Luther" Sunday, June 2 in the auditorium of the church.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

KENANSVILLE PATIENTS

Kenansville folks hospitalized at Duplin General Hospital are: Mary Sheppard Atkinson; Mrs. Thomas Hughes, Annie Dell Jackson, Billy Stephens, Mrs. J. O. Stokes and Essie Davis Thomas.

BIRTHS

Six births were recorded at Duplin General Hospital during the past week. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams, Warsaw, a boy, May 23; Mr. and Mrs. James C. Davis, Faison, a boy, May 23; Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas Taylor, Faison, a boy, May 23; Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Frederick, Warsaw, a boy, May 24; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Stancil, Warsaw, a girl, May 28 and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Judge, Chingupin, a girl, May 30.

He who gives what he would as readily throw away, gives without generosity, for the essence of generosity is in self-sacrifice.

SCHOOLS

The Governor's request for a thoroughgoing study of school finances (particularly as to the possibility of shifting some of the burden to local units) was reflected in bills creating a 9-member study committee and directing it to report to the 1959 legislature. The State Bd. of Education is also asked to study means of fuller utilization of public school facilities. Meanwhile, Representative Kerr's bill authorizing year-round operation of the schools and HB 471, authorizing the State Board to consolidate city and county school administrative units, were given unfavorable committee reports.

HB 970, requiring teachers to take national examinations as a basis for salary ratings, met the same fate.

MOTOR VEHICLES AND HIGHWAY SAFETY

Representative Philpott declared that the sins of the fathers were still being visited upon their sons, as the fourth mechanical inspection bill since repeal of the unpopular 1947 law met defeat. Other bills killed in committee included the proposal to suspend the registration of all vehicles owned by a person not complying with the Financial Responsibility law and (b) the requirement that commercial vehicles be equipped with splash guards. A new Senate - House deal looked developed when the Senate refused to concur in an amendment to the vehicle equipment bill which would delete the authority of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to approve safety belts. Meanwhile, the compulsory insurance bill took a long step toward enactment when it received a favorable Senate committee report, subject to an amendment that would make the act expire in 1961 unless renewed before that time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Three years after State Supreme Court decisions wiped out the dog tracks at Morehead City and Moyock HB 1214 would reestablish racing on a local - option basis, subject to supervision by a State Racing Commission. Revenues from any tracks would be split between the state and the county where the track is situated. Because the bill is statewide in its application, it is not subject to the Constitutional objections which struck down the earlier acts.

25 pages of committee amendments to the bill rewriting the state's health laws are being studied by legislators, with floor action slated next week — HB 1200 would make available loans of \$2000 a year to graduate students in psychology and would make available loans of \$2000 a year to graduate students in psychology and sociology; they could be repaid by one year's service at a state hospital for each year's loan — Bills directing action by the State Bd. of Health with regard to salt marsh mosquitoes buzzed through both houses.

DUPLIN COUNTY

HB 1077 — Introduced by Johnson, May 13, (Wallace Zoning) May 20, received in Senate; sent to Counties, Cities and Towns.

HB 1255 — Introduced by Johnson, May 23. To authorize the mayor and board of commissioners of the Town of Kenansville to execute on behalf of the Town of Kenansville a deed to certain property in the Town of Kenansville to the county board of education of Duplin County and for the county board of education to exchange said property with Duplin County. (Authorizes exchange of described property without monetary consideration.) To Local Government.

Johnnie James Batchelor
Johnnie James Batchelor, of near Beulaville, age 87, died in the local hospital last night after a week's illness. Funeral services will be held from the graveside in the Jeff Lanier cemetery Friday afternoon at 2:30 conducted by the Rev. King D. Brown of Burgaw.

He is survived by his wife; six sons, Ronald, Sherman, Herman, D. D. Dawson and Guy Batchelor of the home community; five grandchildren; one brother, Ora Batchelor of Beulaville and two sisters, Mrs. Melvin Henderson of Mt. Olive and Mrs. Ross Flerd of Warsaw.

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AIN'T IT SO

By Billy Arthur

There's much in the news these days to convince young men this country is the land of opportunity. For instance, when Dave Beck started out, he didn't have a union to his name.

We gather from the divorce courts that cupid is a pretty good shot but that he often bags some sorry game.

That people get wiser as they grow older is because they forget what they thought they knew.

If it be true there are more than 50,000 hill-billy and jazz bands in the nation, the increase in the number of mental sickness cases ceases to be a mystery.

Reports of juvenile delinquency indicate that in today's homes everything is operated by switches except the children.

If history repeats, North Carolina's legislators will not pass the appropriations bill until their pay runs out. Everybody feels more economical then.

At this time of the year in 1895 the Orange County Observer reminded its readers:

The commencement season is now on. Mary's little lamb still follows where'er she goes, the boy is still on the burning deck, the Turk still sleeps in guarded tent, the Star Spangled Banner still waves over the land of the free from the cold blue lakes on the Canadian border to where the warm waves of the Gulf, and the elusive high school girl — bless her dear little white robed self — writes original essays on subjects too deep for mortal ken, the marshal is a-broad in the land in all the glory of blue sash and variegated rosette, and the medal winner sputeth in every hill and orateh in every valley.

So it is today. The dear girls, free from the teachers' tutelage, are now open to summer excursions and picnics; the Henderson Gold Leaf observed in 1839 at the same time the Wilson Mirror said the 'college girls are now striving for a bachelor of hearts.'

The Mirror's gifted Editor Henry Blount added:

'Tis now the college graduate, With shirts and cuffs immaculate, Does trusts and men annihilate In language bold and strong. The day that we commemorate, The measure we should agitate, The gas that is inadequate Are touched on in his song.

He says we should eradicate The evils that contaminate The sons, that all are profligate And paint the city red.

The wine that will intoxicate, The many drinks intemperate, All these, he would reiterate, Are questions of much dread.

He says we should evaporate This state of things unfortunate, And easily facilitate A man to make a dash.

One year from now he'll advocate, In tone of voice effeminate, The wares of men impregnate, And boldly cry out, 'Cash!'

Blount went on in a later issue: 'The halcyon days of inter-regnum have come, and quiet reigns in the echoless halls of learning.

The tremulous maidens, who wistfully looked diplomaward, have been lullabied by the latined parchment which so sweetly banners her name in mysterious German text, and the ebullient spirited undergraduate finds freedom from recitilians and parabolas and pencil-sucking ratiocinations as she furtively glances at her nimble pedals in the witching comeliness of slippers and black hosiery, while filled with visions of red June apples, and ebon glistening blackberries down beside the lane.

The long days of delving in mystic realms of lore, with no finger-board to point to the goal of ambition, save that of betuddled hope, have at last given way to tree climbing, dress tearing and branch wading, and while the midsummers' fruit and grain harvest shall last the joy of the light hearted maiden shall go undisturbed.

There will be preserve jars to be covered, and feminine garments to be picked from floors by mothers, but there will be recompense in cheery voices and sunny laughter that shall ring around the old homestead, that shall make the raiding of sweet meat closets and the contentment of wardrobe system a real pleasure in the material heart.

'God bless the girls! Let them swing on the gate, romp through the fields, peep into birds' nests in the trees and sleep in the sugar-dish if they like. A few short years and they will have walked through the little rosiness in life that is undimmed with sober realities, and will be saddled with the cares of a very serious world.

For the once, girls, dish your thoughts of books and pedagogues in the slop bucket; shuck your shoes and stockings and have a good time generally. Love your parents, brothers and sisters, for that matter, your sweethearts, too; above all, love with all your heart that God who gave you such blue skies, broad sunshines, singing birds, all else necessary to your perfect happiness.

Enjoy yourselves to the utmost during your vacation, and when the days of your school day plodding shall have ended, may you all be as happy as a pigswillie man may be able to make you.

Begin Budworm Control

Now In 1957 Tobacco

Indications are that it's time to begin controlling budworms in tobacco. Last year this pest resulted in heavy injury to the crop, according to Farm Agent Vernon Reynolds.

They appeared to be harder to kill than in previous years and this created concern among tobacco farmers. Investigation indicated that most of the difficulty was in getting sufficient coverage in the bud of the plant. To obtain satisfactory control of budworms, it is essential that the insecticide be placed in the bud.

Insecticides that will do a satisfactory control job when adequate coverage is obtained include DDT, TDE, and Endrin applied either as a dust or spray. It appears best to use DDT while the tobacco plants are small and then switch to TDE or Endrin when it's time for hornworms to appear. TDE and Endrin control both the hornworm and the budworm.

Whatever material or method of application is used it is important to get adequate coverage in the bud and to begin treatments before the budworm does the damage. Repeat applications on severe infestation of the budworm until control is obtained. For the best job of control, preventative control should be attempted.

Swimming To Begin At Cliffs Of Neuse

On June 7; Special Program Is June 9

Summer schedule will begin at Cliffs of the Neuse State Park, near Seven Springs on June 7.

Bruce Price, Park Superintendent, said that the summer hours are now in effect, 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. daily, but that the swimming facilities, concession stand and nature trail tours will not begin until June 7.

Since the bathhouse and other swimming facilities have been completed, attendance at the Cliffs Park has been on the increase annually. The hours from 8 a.m. until 10 a. m. will be in effect this year through October. In the past, these hours have only been observed through Labor Day in September. The regular facilities such as picnicking will be available the year

round, as usual. But the swimming facilities will close on Labor Day, as in the past. Price said.

Sunday, June 9, at 5:30 p.m. has been set as the unveiling of the Lionel Well Memorial at the Cliffs of the Park.

Frank F. Graham, former U. S. Senator from North Carolina and now United Nations mediator, will be the principal speaker.

Moseley Davis, of Mount Olive, will preside over the occasion. Davis' family deeded 97 acres of the land now in the Park to the State for the specific use as a State Park.

It was largely through the dream and work of Lionel Wells that Cliffs of the Neuse State Park is a reality today.

Artificial Breeding In Dairy Industry

Increasing; Good Stock Is Available

Some 60,000 cows will be bred artificially in North Carolina this year if the current level of growth continues, according to a report today from T. C. Blalock, dairy specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service.

March was the big month in the first quarter of this year with a 25 per cent increase over the same month last year.

Blalock points out that more and more dairymen are now milking mature daughters that resulted from artificial breeding. They've found that, on the average, these are the best group of cows they have ever owned, states Blalock.

Dairymen realize that if they are to stay in the dairy business and continue to make a profit they must milk better cows, he declared.

'Artificial breeding when coupled with good feeding and sound management is a sure way to obtain these higher producing cows.'

During recent months several of the 60 county cooperative breeding units have been offering, in addition to the regular dairy breeds, service from Aberdeen - Angus and Hereford bulls in the best breeds. This appeals particularly to the family cow owner who wishes to raise veal calves or grow out a steer for home consumption.

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A—Yes. They may be resumed only if VA finds that the cause of unsatisfactory progress has been removed, or if the student changes to another course more in keeping with his abilities.

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A—The money that had not yet been applied to premiums would be returned to your beneficiary, in a lump sum.

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A—Yes, it is possible. However, lenders generally confine their lending operations to certain specific areas. You should check your lender.

Black Shark

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looks like now that the farmers are having to pay through their noses for going along with the tobacco companies and their desires.

Some farmers have plowed up their tobacco and planted over where the disease struck early. Now this is difficult to do because (1) it is late in the season and (2) where black resistant varieties of tobacco can be found, the plants are too large to transplant.

Shivar

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Hester as Treasurer; John B. Hall as Secretary and Burt Smith as Local Director. Retiring President Craft along with President Shivar will serve as State Directors for the club.

The local Jaycee club was organized in 1954 and has progressed steadily since that time. Some of the club's projects for the past year were building the tennis courts behind the Nurses' Home, sponsoring the Kenansville Explorer Scout Troop, collecting and delivering Christmas Baskets to needy persons in community, decorating a Christmas tree for the town, and in cooperation with the National Jaycees sponsoring a 'Traffic Safety Doll' program in the first and second grades of the Kenansville School.

What Questions Vets Are Asking

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