

# WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

This is the seventh in a series of weekly summaries of the work of the 1947 session of the General Assembly of North Carolina. These summaries are not intended as a report upon all legislation, but are confined to discussions of matters of general interest or of major importance.

At the close of the 45th legislative day, a total of 737 bills and joint resolutions had been introduced in the General Assembly, as against a total for the same period in 1945 of 875. Of the 737 measures so far introduced, only 129 came in during the first five days of the past week, as compared to 202 during the corresponding period of the 1945 session. So, from the standpoint of the number of bills introduced, the current session continues to fall behind its predecessor, and if that fact were any indication of the speed with which the legislature is moving toward adjournment (which it is not), it would seem apparent that this session would extend somewhat beyond the 67 legislative days of 1945. A better indicator is the speed with which the major committees are turning out their work, and here those who hope for an early adjournment have some cause for misgivings. The committees appear to be working unusually hard, and with great seriousness of purpose, but many difficulties are being encountered, especially in the money committees. For example, much hard work still remains before the joint Appropriations Committee will be ready to report on the Biennial Appropriations bills, and the Permanent Improvements Fund bill, containing even more fighting points, perhaps, than the appropriations bill (and which is casting its shadow backward to com-

plete decisions upon many seemingly unrelated items in the appropriations bill) will still have to be worked on. Another indicator is the unusual number of members who seem primed to tear into almost every measure, no matter how apparently innocuous it may be, and read, amend, postpone, recommit or otherwise handle it in such manner as to impede its progress. This Legislature was heralded as likely to be one of the most controversial in over a decade, and it seems bent upon living up to its billing. While controversy is helpful in arriving at a fair balance of interests, it is not conducive to speed, and at this point our last week's prediction of adjournment on April 10 seems to be a little on the optimistic side.

Perhaps the legislative event of the week of the most general interest was the passage by the House of HB 229, called by its proponents the "right to work" bill and by its opponents (among other things), the "anti-union" bill. After a lengthy debate which did not succeed in clarifying the scope of the bill, the "ayes" so overwhelmingly out-sounded the "nays" that no opponent seemed to think it worthwhile to call for a division (standing vote), and some observers thought it somewhat peculiar that no one had moved for a roll-call vote. When last heard from, the bill was resting in the Senate Committee on Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce.

Other public bills of general interest received some attention during the past week. Four were bills dealing with fireworks: three House bills, 35, 42 and 141 were reported unfavorably by the House Committee which at the same time brought in a favorable report on SB 4, already passed by the Senate. This bill, which would prohibit practically all dealing in or use of fireworks in the State except for public exhibitions under the supervision of licensed experts, was scheduled to come up for second reading in the House on Tuesday of this week. SB 159, which would reduce the statute of limitations upon filing caveats to wills from 7 to 3 years after probate, passed the Senate. HB 429, which would enable the Department of Conservation and Development to cooperate with the State Highway and Public Works Commission and the U. S. Geological Survey in undertaking an aerial topographical survey of the State, was approved by the House Committee on Conservation and Development and sent to the Appropriations Committee to see if it would likewise approve the \$100,000 per year needed to match a similar sum from the Highway Fund and \$200,000 per year from Federal funds. SB 172, which would appropriate \$25,000 to the Roanoke Island Historical Association, Inc. (producer of "Lost Colony") was also approved by the Senate Committee on Conservation and Development and likewise sent to Appropriations to pass on the money part of the bill. Upon ratification of HB 17 on Friday, the North Carolina College for Negroes became "North Carolina College at Durham." Killed by unfavorable reports of committees were HR 184, which sought to ask Congress to free the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from the control of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (the resolution having been opposed in the committee hearing by a delegation of Cherokees); HB 13 (the same number as last session's "cat" bill) which would have lowered the voting age to 18; and SB 73, which would have created a Board of Examiners of Funeral Directors, and which had passed the Senate with some difficulty.

SB 130, which would provide a State-wide liquor referendum and which was introduced February 12, is still in Finance Committee. Two more such bills were introduced the same day this week: SB 200, introduced by Chaffin and sent to Finance Committee, and HB 487, introduced by Tompkins and others, sent to committee on Propositions and Grievances. To add its bit to the general confusion, HB 497, which would call for a vote in Mecklenburg County on

**INTERNATIONAL LOG RULE**—State Senator John S. Watkins of Granville County, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, points out here the advantages the International rule offers the farmer over the Doyle rule, which is now widely used in this State in calculating the number of board feet in logs and standing timber. Senator Watkins and Senator Arthur Corrie of Pitt County have introduced a bill in the Legislature which would make the International rule the official standard of log measurement in North Carolina. This bill has the support of the State Board of Agriculture, the State Grange, and the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation.

the question of establishing liquor stores therein, was introduced at the same time as the two dry measures.

Among other bills of general interest introduced during the past week are SB 182, which would repeal the statutory laws regarding the registration of lobbyists; SB 183, which would require all highway patrol cars to be similarly painted so as to be readily distinguishable and which would give members of the highway patrol authority to exercise the general power of peace officers only when so directed by the Governor, rather than upon request of a sheriff or chief of police, as at present; SB 196 (introduced simultaneously as SB 475) which would submit to popular vote a constitutional amendment to repeal section 4 of Article V which imposes limitations upon the increase in State, county or municipal debt; SB 203, which would raise the limitation upon the municipal tax rate for general expense from \$1 to \$1.50 on the \$100 assessed valuation; HB 461, which would create an examining board for practical nurses; HB 469, which would make it unlawful for any filling station to remain open for business between the hours of 10:30 A. M. and 1 P. M. on Sunday; HB 477, which would change the date for holding primary election from the last Saturday in May to the third Saturday in June; HB 474, which would extend the "hasty marriage" law passed in 1945 and applicable to only a few eastern counties (3 of which have bills pending to let them out of it) to make it a State-wide law applicable to residents as well as non-residents; HB 483, which would set up standard weights and lengths for loaves of bread; HB 478 which would provide a small bonus to teachers for successfully attending summer school, to be financed by appropriations of \$300,000 and \$500,000 for the first and second years, respectively, of the next biennium; SB 210, which would abolish the necessity of a "seal" on deeds and other conveyances of individuals; HB 516, which would submit a constitutional amendment to fix the salaries of members and presiding officers of the General Assembly at \$1,200 and \$1,500 and for extra sessions at \$250 and \$300, respectively; and HB 523, which would allow honorably discharged members of the armed forces who served more than 60 days between December 1, 1941, and December 1, 1945, to deduct \$500 from their net income for State income tax purposes. Under this bill, qualified veterans would receive benefits up to \$35 per year, depending upon their incomes. Honorably discharged veterans without taxable incomes would not, of course, be affected.

### ONE MINUTE SPORTS QUIZ

1. What sport is Tito Guizar known to have starred in?
2. Where is Bob Elliott's new home in baseball?
3. Were "Sugar" Robinson and Rocky Graziano subjected to an inquiry by the same commission?
4. Have the New York Giants beaten the New York Yankees in a World Series in the past ten years?
5. Who is the tourney manager who recently demanded vindication of the golf-lovers?

### Answers

1. Tennis.
2. Boston—the Braves.
3. Yes—by the New York State Athletic Commission.
4. No.
5. Fred Cochran.

### At Home On The Farm

#### The City Cousin

"His entire life was spent in the rural community where he was born."

This was said of Bill Tyree, dirt farmer, in his plain and simple obituary that came out in the county seat weekly newspaper shortly after he died.

I had read this line before in more than one account of the passing of a friend. It is part of the stock in trade of men everywhere who write for "the hometown paper."

Close to the soil themselves, in small towns that depend on the outlying farm sections for their very existence, country editors have a keen

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Because he was strong enough to stick it out, some folks get the idea that he was too weak to move on to the "greener pastures" that are kinda like the end of the rainbow.

He spent his entire life in Twin Forks community, all right! Course, he went to state conventions of his farm groups when he could, and he tried not to miss a State College Extension Service "Farm and Home Week"—like the one they're going to have the last week in August this year. From these associations he gleaned many, real friends, became "neighbors" to fellow-farmers all over the Old North State, and when he returned to this community where his entire life was spent, you can be sure he was a better farmer, and that Twin Forks felt the impact of his dynamic leadership.

Bill saw good times and bad times find their way to his rolling farmstead, but he knew how to handle both of them. I've seen him prosper, and I've seen him paying up his newspaper subscription with bags of potatoes and Leghorn hens. Sometimes he had to pay the doctor and the parson with this same legal tender, but Bill Tyree could be counted on to "pay in full."

How many "Bill Tyrees" do we have in North Carolina? Well, look at your small rural communities. Search out the school, the church, the newspaper that serves it. If these institutions stand strong, there is at

least one "Bill Tyree" somewhere down a nearby road, of whom they will say at his passing:

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# NOTICE!

## Meeting Of Board Of Equalization And Review

The Board of County Commissioners of Perquimans County will meet as the Board of Equalization and Review in the Court House on Monday, March 17, 1947, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of hearing complaints and the equalization of property values, and said Board will adjourn from day to day until this work is completed.

# J. W. WARD

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