WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

In remarkably orderly fashion, a weary group of legislators brought the business of the 1953 General Asably to a close at 9:00 P. M., on Thursday, April 30. Of 1825 bills and resolutions introduced, 1340 bills and 45 resolutions were enacted into law. Though the margin is small the 1953 recorl shows more laws and fewer introductions than in each of the

While the lawmakers built up a deserved reputation for hard work in a longer-than-usual session and acted favorably upon a majority of Governor Umstead's legislative proposals, they also left some major issues for the 1955 legislature. Already forecast as principal problems to be faced in 1955 are revision of the tax structure and judicial and legislative redistrict-

Appropriations and Finance With approval of about \$1.8 million for expenditure on varied projects not included in the biennial appropriations bill, the General Assembly left Raliegh having appropriated a record sum of over \$631 million for state services during the 1953-55 biennium. from the General Fund, \$2 million

USED CARS

1949 Custom Ford

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1948 Pontiac, 2-Door

1947 Chevrolet, 2-Door

1949 Dodge, 2-Door

1949 Mercury

(4-DOOR SEDAN)

1947 Chevrolet, 4-door

1949 DeSoto, 4-Door

1951 Ford, 2-Door

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1947 Plymouth

(CLUB COUPE)

1947 Pontiac, 2-Door

1951 Dodge

1950 Plymouth, 2-Door

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Unquestionably the most controversial new state agency created by this General Assembly was the milk commission, approved in the final hours after lengthy debate and numerous amendments. Others established were a paroles board (to replace the office of paroles commissioner) and an Historic Sites Commission to screen requests for state funds to restone and maintain historic sites.

Several 1953 measures change the composition of state agencies. An increase in the number of highway commissioners is expected when the committee appointed to study the highway Final totals were about \$425 million divisioss makes its reports . . . Despite nurse objections, doctors were included in the reorganized nurse board . .

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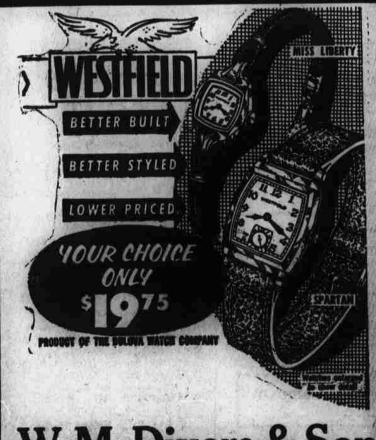
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More than the usual number of study commissions, have been estab-lished to report back to the 1955 Gen-eral Alsembly. Most prominent are the 9-member commission directed to \$45 million permits a balancel budget for the next two years.

On adjournment day the House completed concurrence in the Senate amendments to the Revenue Act which makes no substantial changes in the tax structure. Final action was also taken on the \$86.25 million bond property of the purpose, function, organization and interpretation of state-supported institutions, but voter approval is still relations of higher learning. Other makes no substantial changes in the tax structure. Final action was also taken on the \$86.25 million bond program, but voter approval is still required before \$50 million for public schools and \$22 million for mental institutions can be spent.

State Government Organization

Unquestionably the most controversial new state agency created by this General Assembly was the milk comarily reserved for educational purposes. As a compromise on the bill to prohibit pari-mutuel gambling, a 5member commission was formed to investigate dog track operation in Car-teret and Currituck counties. Proposals to create groups to study the leaf Hobacco warehouse business and the coroner system were defeated. Roads and Highway Safety

Although largely ignored for most of the session, highway safety received careful altention during the last week. Generally recognized as one of this legislature's major accomplishments was enactment of the controersial financial responsibility law. Designed to increase the number of insured motorists in N. C. from about 35 per cent to 90 per cent, the new law requires each motor penicle operator or owner inpolved in an accident to deposit security with the Motor VCehicle Commissioner in an amount sufficient to satisfy probable damages arising from the accident un-less he is insured or released from liability. Failure to deposit the required security means suspension of driver licenses. (Certain to altitract at-tention is the new measure providing mandatory driver license suspensions for several speeding and reckless driv-ing offenses. Other new legislation provides minimum penalties for drivers operating motor vehicles after expiration of their licenses, strengthens the accident reporting law, and pro-vides a method by which a hot rod driver can be charged with speeding offenses if an officer is able to copy nis license number but is unable

Although truckers have been grant d an additional 1,000 pound per axle olerance under the new law, the Sente reported unfavorably the bill which would have set forth appeal procedures from assessment of truck overloading penalties. The House killed the much-discussed measure fixing minimum penalties for drunken driv-

Education

Born of a series of compromises he new school consolidation policy has become law. It places more power and esponsibility in local hands and authorizes continued operation of schools which fall below required attendance ing to make up any operating deficit caused by under-strength operation. Other measures ratified in the closing days of the session (1) assure a \$50 monthly payment to all retired teachers; (2) permit routing of school buses to within less than one mile of oupil living more than 11/2 miles from school if necessary to prevent extreme hardship or danger; and (3) limit par-dicipation in girls' basketball tournaments to one per school year. Loans were authorized for medical and nursing students specializing in psychiatry at one of the three medical chools in the state, Miscellaneous

Judicial Redistricting. By the marin of one vote the House refused to adorse the Senate-approved redistricting plan, and in that dramatic moment any hope of additional regular uperfor court judges was lost. The senate refused to reconsider the House

Seinate refused to reconsider the House plan for six new judges, so both house's agreed to disagree. To meet crowded dockets in the next two years, twelve, instead of eight, special judges were authorized. Of that number the Governor is required to appoint only four.

Civil and Criminal Laws. The General Statutes Commission and like Judicial Council, whose duties are to recommend changes in the civil and criminal laws, had a pretty good 1953 average. About two out of every three measures introduced were approved. Two new laws regulate illegial use of dynamite and Ku Klux Klan activities.

Local Government. Final approval has been given bills providing for public records of welfare recipients and authorizing flowns under 5000 population to contract with the Highway Commission for street construction and maintenance. . Thirty counties now have salary-fixing authority (eight are not given powers over elective officials) and a baker's dozen may fix officials' fees.

MOTHERS' DAY MASSES IN EDENTON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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voltions with confessions for half hour before services. Rogations Days, May 11, 12, 13, after mass the Litany of the Saints will be recited to draw down the heavenly blessing on the fruits of the earth.

CARD OF THANKS I want to thank all my friends for the many kindnesses shown me dur-ing my recent illness. I appreciate very much all the cards, gifts, flowers, visits and prayers during my stay in the hospital and since returning

MRS. CARSON D. SPIVEY.

NOTICE

We are again calling attention to those who have not paid their privilege tax, to come to the Town Office and pay same.

Only a few who owe this tax paid any attention to our first request, and as our auditors will soon be here, we must ask that all persons owing this tax come forward and make immediate settlement.

TOWN OF HERTFORD

By: W. G. NEWBY, Clerk

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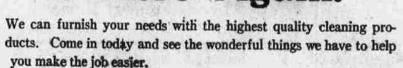
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