

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

NOTE: This is the second 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.

Introducing bills at a rate almost half again as fast as the 1955 session at this point, the General Assembly got down to work in earnest this week. Revenue hearings began, the first of many bills effectuating recommendations of between-sessions study commissions hit the legislative hopper, and an hour-long hassle in the House over a proposed teacher-pay resolution enlivened proceedings.

Budget Matters
The Finance Committees of the two houses (plus member of the Appropriations Committee, setting in by invitation, began their consideration of the 300-page Revenue Bill submitted last week. Chairman Brandon Hodges of the Tax Study Commission, Revenue Commission, and Assistant Budget Director Coltrane appeared on successive days to explain various aspects of the measure. Re-amination of the other side of the budgetary coin will begin Tuesday, when the Joint Appropriation Committee will hear agency representatives outline spending requests.

Salary increases for teachers and state employees continued to hold the limelight this week. At the outset of Tuesday's session, Representative Uzzell of Rowan offered a House resolution which would have directed the House Appropriation Committee to provide for a minimum pay increase of 15 per cent for public school teachers. After a heated parliamentary engagement, the Uzzell resolution was tabled by a vote of 58 to 53, with most members who voted to table first explaining that they opposed the procedure rather than the proposed increase. The same day a House resolution was introduced requiring the Appropriation Committee to make salary raises for all state employees its first order of business, and a bill following up last week's 20 per cent teacher pay raise proposal was offered to raise other state employees' pay by 15 per cent across-the-board.

The NCEA-sponsored bill for teacher pay came in on Friday. It raises the salary ranges for teachers by an average 16.09 per cent plus 3.22 per cent for an additional year which teachers now must work without pay. Superintendents, principals, and other school employees would get a 10 per cent raise. All raises would be across-the-board.

Against this background, other proposals appeared in for tough sledding—even Representative Roger Kiser's bills designed to save an estimated \$10 million in debt service payments through retirement of bonds issued in 1953. Payment was from an expected general fund surplus at the end of this fiscal year, all but \$123,000 of which has been committed for other purposes by budget officials.

State Government Reorganization
Proposals of three legislative study commissions for reorganization of the state government were introduced this week with the blessings of the Governor. They included a bill to revamp the State

central motor pool for state agencies in Raleigh and such other specialized services as might be found feasible. To handle increased duties in preparing long-range capital improvements programs, the Advisory Budget Commission would be given an additional member and one of its appointive members would be required to have had legislative experience. The fourth bill sets up standardized procedures to be followed in the acquisition and disposition of real property and provides for effective use of presently unused state lands.

Oiling The Owner
"What do you find the most difficult thing about a motor car?" "Paying the monthly installments."
March Of Dimes Being Brought To Successful Close
Perquimans County's polio committee is preparing to close out its 1957 fund drive, and indications are that the local campaign will be as successful as the one conducted last year, it was reported by Mrs. W. C. Dozier, chairman of the committee.

With a few reports still to be received Fund Treasurer Henry C. Sullivan reported a total of \$1,255.88 is in hand with about \$300 collected but yet to be handed to the treasurer.
A majority of the funds reported to date have come from the business and residential sections of Hertford but the contributions from rural solicitors, expected to be turned over this week, will swell the fund over the \$1,300 mark.

Total contributions collected here for the March of Dimes in 1956 amounted to \$1,349.13. The final contributions were reported on March 17th.
Mr. Sullivan stated Wednesday about \$600 of the total in hand thus far, was collected from the local business and residential sections, but Perquimans Training School reported \$20; King Street School, \$21.25; State Theatre \$50.94, and Mrs. B. G. Koonce's

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House Destroyed By Fire Sunday
The Hertford Volunteer Fire Company was called out at 6:30 o'clock Sunday morning to the home of Alex Boone, Negro, of the Beech Springs community.
The call was too late, however, for the firemen to save the home. The dwelling and all its furnishings were destroyed.
Origin of the fire was unknown as Boone had left the house earlier to go to a neighbor's home. A relative who lived with him was also away. When they returned, the house was burning and without a telephone near, they had to ride to Hertford to give the alarm.
Boone, a blind Negro, is a familiar figure on the streets of Hertford since he sells hot roasted peanuts for a living.

WHITESTON NEWS
Mr. and Mrs. Excell Markham and children spent the week-end with Mrs. Markham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winslow.
Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Winslow had as their dinner guests on Sunday their daughter, LaClaire of Guilford College, Algie I. Newlin and wife Eva and Seth B. Hinshaw and wife, Mary Edith of Guilford

CLUB ENTERTAINED
Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Elliott entertained the members of the Chappinoke Home Demonstration Club and their husbands at their home with a covered dish supper on February 14 at 6:30 P. M.
The house was decorated with spring flowers. A color motif of

HD CLUB SCHEDULE
"Milk in Main Dishes" will be the topic of demonstrations to be presented this month at meetings of County Home Demonstration Clubs, it was reported by Mrs. Joe Webb, home agent, who stated the schedule of club meetings is as follows:
Ballhaack, Tuesday, March 5, at 7:30 with Mrs. Pailen Lane; Winfall, Wednesday, March 6, at 7:30 with Mrs. Irvin Trueblood; Whiteston, Thursday, March 7, at 7:30 at the Community Building; Bethel, Friday, March 8, at 2:30 at the community building.

CIRCLES TO MEET
The Missionary Circles of the Hertford Baptist Church will meet next week as follows: The Vera Payne Circle will meet Monday afternoon, March 4, at 3 o'clock at

REAPPORTIONMENT
After failure to reapportion legislative seats in 1951 and 1953, the 1955 General Assembly tossed the hot political potato to a special study commission. That commission tossed the potato right back this week. SB 47 provides a new basis for apportionment, specifying that no county may have over two senators and no senatorial district may include more than four counties. If the four-county limitation should have the effect of increasing the number of senators beyond 50, apparently some county entitled to two senators would lose one or some district having less than four counties would have counties added, so that the total number of senators would not pass 50. House membership would be increased from 120 to 130.
To insure that this apportionment would be placed into effect this bill takes away the General Assembly's power to reapportion, and a companion measure (SB 48) places it in the hands of a Legislative Reapportionment Commission, composed of the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Attorney General, State Treasurer, and Secretary of State. This Commission would have the duty of reapportioning seats within 150 days after the decennial census report. In case it did not act, any qualified elector could bring suit in the State Supreme Court to compel it to perform its duties. Neither bill contains templates reapportionment prior to the 1960 census. Interesting legal questions would be presented if one but not both of these measures should be approved.

REORGANIZATION COMMISSION BILLS
Efficiency and economy were twin watchwords of four Reorganization Commission bills. The major measure would create a new Department of Administration out of the present Budget Bureau and Division of Purchase and Contract, with the addition of new long-range planning, administrative analysis, and property control functions. An eventual home in this Department is also provided for a new Division of General Services (replacing the present Board of Public Buildings and Grounds), with the housekeeping functions of the present Board and also responsibility for a new

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Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 27-28-March 1—Audrey Hepburn, Henry Fonda, Mel Ferrer, Anita Ekberg in "WAR AND PEACE"
Show Starts 3:30
Features 4:00 and 8:00 P. M.
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Saturday, March 2—Jock Mahoney and Martha Hyer in "SHOWDOWN AT ABILENE"
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Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 3-4-5—Rock Hudson and Lauren Bacall in "WRITTEN ON THE WIND"
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Sunday, March 3—Glenn Ford and Eleanor Parker in "INTERRUPTED MELODY"
Monday and Tuesday, March 4-5—Gary Cooper in "THE COURT MARTIAL OF BILLY MITCHELL"
Wednesday and Thursday, March 6-7—Joan Collins in "GIRL IN THE RED VELVET SWING"

RED AND WHITE was used in the dining room with a Valentine cake used as a centerpiece.
The business session was presided over by the president, Mrs. Wallace Bright. The devotional was given by Mrs. M. C. Boyce, Jr. Assistant Home Agent Miss Nancy Henderson gave an interesting skit on "How To Raise A Square Meal At Home" which was followed by a demonstration given on "How Do We Stand?" by R. M. Thompson, farm agent.
Mrs. Roy Nixon conducted several contests during the recreation period. The door prize was won by Mrs. E. L. Jennings.
Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Stallings, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Boyce, Sr., Mrs. J. C. Wilson, Mrs. Elihu Lane, Mrs. Wallace Bright, Mrs. J. H. Symons, Mrs. Elwood Maston, Mrs. M. C. Boyce, Jr., Mrs. Talmage Lewis, Miss Nancy Henderson, Mrs. Florence Webb, R. M. Thompson.

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