

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

NOTE: This is the twelfth 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.

Legislators were as furiously active as celebrants around a Maypole this week, as they became the second General Assembly since 1935 to meet the late (but probably not the last, because of the new February convening date). A full-throated House debate on compulsory auto insurance extended over two full legislative days to highlight the week's activity, while bill introductions and calendar action continued to move well ahead of 1956 progress. Representatives earned Speaker Doughton's commendation as a "working House" by so clearing local calendars that not a single local bill was available for consideration on Tuesday.

Motor Vehicles
It now appears probable that there will be some form of revision of the state's laws dealing with damage by indigent motorists, but no one can say what it will be. Proponents of the compulsory insurance law showed surprising strength as they pushed HB 116 through the House. In the meantime, the Senate Committee on Insurance gave a favorable report to the unsatisfied judgment fund bill, laying the basis for a possible Senate-House deadlock on the two plans.

The practice in some courts of accepting a guilty plea to a lesser charge in drunken driving cases would be curtailed under SB 361, which would require the court to hear the state's evidence before accepting such a plea. A House bill would prohibit automobile insurance firms from acting as distri-

butors of auto license plates. SB 142 (authorizing the Department of Motor Vehicles to suspend the license of a driver who has been convicted and had part of his sentence suspended on condition that he not drive for a specified period) has been ratified.

Constitutional Revision and Legislative Reapportionment
Carrying out a proposal made in the Governor's address to the Legislature, administration forces introduced a resolution creating a 15-member commission to study the need for revision of the State Constitution and make recommendations by July 1, 1958. Following the precedent set by the handling of the Pearsall Plan, the Governor is requested to consider calling a special General Assembly session for consideration of the commission's proposals (which could then be voted upon in the general election that fall).

Thought to be dead for this session, the legislative reapportionment issue rose like a Phoenix this week, with two new bills. SB 385, reportedly offered with the administration's blessing, would increase Senate membership from 50 to 100 (giving each county one Senator) and House membership from 120 to 160 (one Representative per county, with the excess apportioned according to population) and empower the General Assembly to further increase House membership by statute. The Governor would have the duty of making the reapportionment, subject to correction by the General Assembly itself and review by the State Supreme Court. HB 982 would merely redistrict the Senate under the present constitutional provisions, thus requiring a majority (rather than 3/5th) vote for passage. It would create 38 Senatorial districts (rather than the present 33), give Forsyth, Guilford and Mecklenburg two Senators each, and reshuffle the other districts.

State Government
Widely-varying statutes govern-

ing the state's ten institutions of higher education outside the Consolidated University would be replaced by a uniform pattern under a Board of Higher Education proposed this week. It would restate the purpose of each college, provide for a uniform number of 12 trustees per institution, and define the powers and duties of trustees and presidents.

Reorganization Commission
A Reorganization Commission bill would require the State Personnel Council and the Merit System Council (both of which deal with personal standards for certain state employees) to have two common members, require that one member of the Merit System Council (which also has jurisdiction over local health and welfare employees) have experience in county government, and give county commissioners authority to require such employees and county agents to conform to the regulations for other county employees with regard to hours of work, vacations and sick leave. Other Reorganization Commission bills dealing with state property management and standardizing salary-fixing procedures have passed both houses.

Local Government
Local authorities have for years been hampered at tax-exempt state hotels in their jurisdictions. A 1955 act exempted three counties 10 per cent of the proceeds of timber cut on state lands within their boundaries, in lieu of taxes; similar treatment has been sought by three additional counties this session. SB 362 proposes to deal with the problem on a statewide basis, requiring such payments out of timber proceeds by all state agencies other than educational institutions and the State Board of Education. No provision is made for payments in lieu of taxes for other state property.

Miscellaneous
Solicitors retiring at 65 or after 20 years of service would receive 2/3 of their regular pay for life under HB 905. Another House bill would authorize pensions for certain state employees retired before the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System was established. SB 369 would grant State Highway Patrolmen a \$40 monthly subsistence allowance.

Local Government
To supplement the hurricane-relief benefits made available by the final passage of the Urban Redevelopment Bill, HB 912 would grant cities and counties authority to enact flood zoning regulations so as to qualify their citizens for benefits under the Federal Flood Insurance Act of 1956. Other local governmental measures would (a) authorize municipalities to own gas and sewer systems and extend their services beyond their limits, (b) bring all local governmental employees other than elected officials under the Workmen's Compensation Act, (c) authorize municipalities to act on behalf of their citizens whose land is also included in a drainage district, (d) give drainage districts the power of eminent domain, (e) enable landowners to create forest districts to provide improvements in their forests, and (f) impose personal property tax liens on a merchant's stock and fixtures which are trans-

ferred to another between the filing date and the tax due date.

Election Laws
The House decided (by adopting a committee substitute for the bill to amend the "anti-Jonas" law) to return the split-ticket provisions of the election laws to their pre-1955 status. HB 947 would forbid last-minute substitution of candidates except on the death of a nominee or by order of the county board of elections for good cause shown. HB 964 would repeal the rule authorizing teachers to vote in their home counties, rather than counties where they teach. Petitions for special elections would automatically die if not completed within a year, under HB 893.

Business Regulation
Bills concerning occupational licensing boards continued to flow into the legislative stream. HB 930 would require funeral directors to be licensed and specify minimum equipment for funeral homes. HB 954 extends the jurisdiction of the Structural Pest Control Commission to include moths, roaches and bedbugs and requires as many as three licenses of individuals in the business. A Senate bill modifies the procedures of the Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners. Other bills would require State licenses of small loan businesses, buyers of stock from producers and beer and wine importers.

Fears that the Senate might yet emasculate the minimum wage bill were not realized Monday, when it amended the bill to exempt summer camp employees and sent it to the House. HB 932 would authorize the Commissioner of Labor to make rules for the safety, sanitation and well-being of railroad employees.

Miscellaneous
Commissions to study problems related to cancer and the state's sex laws were proposed. SB 321 (providing for sterilization of mothers of two or more illegiti-

mate children) received a favorable report after being rewritten to declare such persons "grossly sexually delinquent" instead of feeble-minded. A House bill would let local ABC boards spend 5 per cent of their profits for education as to the effects of alcohol. You will have to get up even earlier to outfox North Carolinians if Representative Gobble's bill establishing daylight saving time is passed.

Scout Camporee Big Success At Camp Perry

In spite of cold, rainy weather, more than 300 Boy Scouts from

NOTICE!

Effective May 15, 1957 the following prices will be charged for services at Hertford barber shops:

ADULT Haircuts	85c
CHILDREN Haircuts	75c
Shave	50c
PLAIN Shampoo	65c
MANGE Shampoo	75c
Massage	75c
Tonic	35c

Jordan's Barber Shop
Hertford Barber Shop

the Albemarle District turned out for the annual camporee conducted at Camp Perry during the week-end and officials said the program was a big success.

Troops from Kitty Hawk, Manteo, Currituck, Coinjock, Rocky Hook, Hertford, Edenton, Weeksville, Center Hill, Camden and Elizabeth City were represented at the camporee which was directed by the Albemarle Chapter of the Blue Heron, Order of Arrow. Various demonstrations and skills were presented.

Mike Bell of Elizabeth City was camporee chief and had the assistance of Melvin Twiddy of Manteo, Louis Blanchard, Jr. of Coinjock,

Alex Kehayas, Billy Harry and Jack Overman of Edenton, Larry Willis of Hertford, Dallas Brickhouse, Jr., George Little, III, Alvin McCherson and Paul Davenport of Elizabeth City.

Bernard Hobson, Andy Hobson, Keith Richards, Doug Butterfield and Norman Scott of Virginia Beach, members of the Seaboard chapter of Blue Heron Lodge, were in charge of the camporee judging.

About 200 parents and friends gathered around the camp fire Saturday night for the program of stunts, songs and yells. Highlight of the evening was the tap out of several members for the Brotherhood of Honored Campers. These

included Bill Taylor of Manteo, Mike Keller of Kitty Hawk, Carlyle Woodard and Frank McGoogan of Hertford, Billy Dale and Bill Goodwin of Edenton, Robert Hart, Albert Gard, Oliver McPherson and George Harold, Jr., of Elizabeth City, along with Raymond Collier, T. F. (Doc) Lowry and Charles Smith, adult leaders.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becker of Silver Springs, Maryland, announce the birth of a son, Charles William Becker III, born May 1, at Garfield Hospital, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Becker, before her marriage, was Miss Billie Dail, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dail.

NOTICE!

BY ORDER OF THE PERQUIMANS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

I will advertise for sale, on June 1, 1957, all Real Estate on which 1956 taxes have not been paid, and also will levy on all delinquent Personal Property Taxes. I will hold the sale of the Real Estate on Monday, July 1, 1957.

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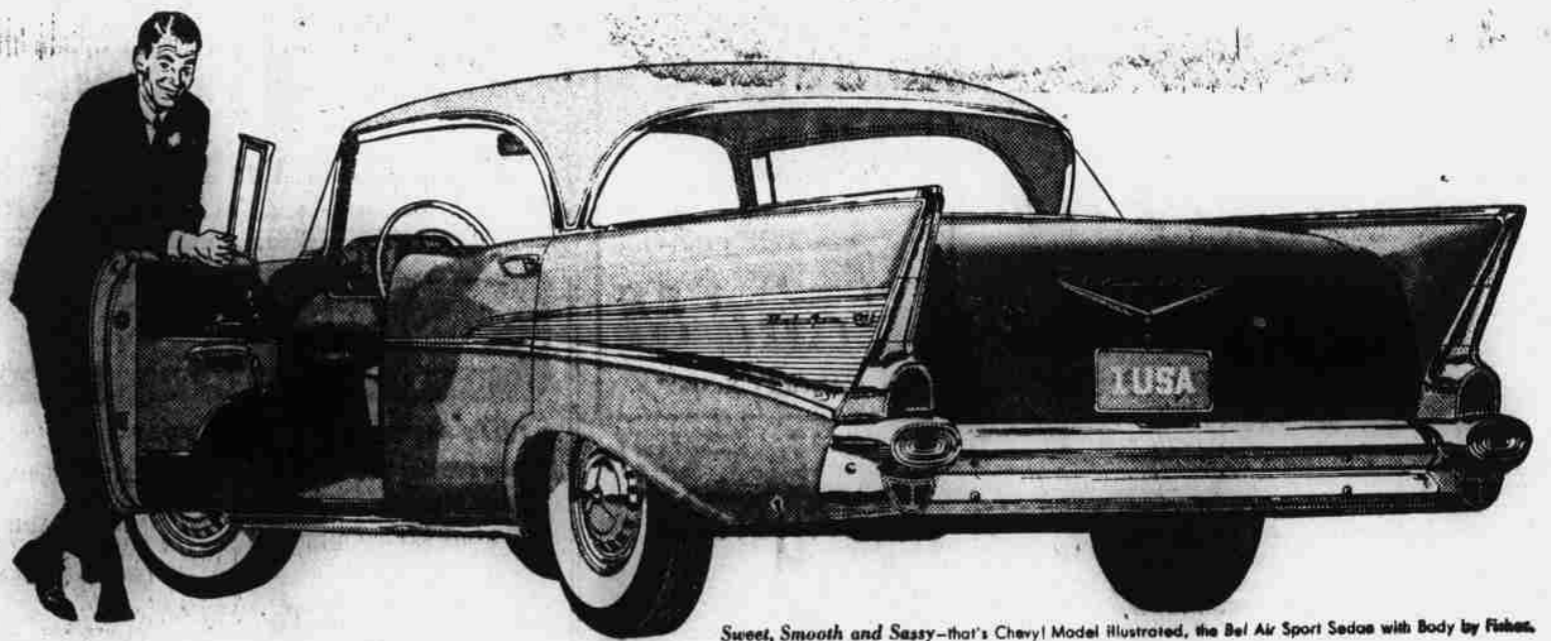
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