

### Legislative Summary

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The committee recommended excise taxes on installment paper dealers, and beat several amendments which have modified or eliminated the wholesale sales tax. In present form, the bill is substantially the same as the original Budget Revenue Bill. The bill passed second reading in the House Friday; third reading is expected to be routine, with any further battling left to the Senate.

### Courts and Constitution

Having two study committees, the Bell Committee and the Bryant Commission—to report on the same Judicial Article has from the beginning posed a number of problems. The committees in the General Assembly eliminated some of the problems by arriving at an acceptable text for the Judicial Article and inserting that text into the proposed Constitution. SB 94 and SB 99, embodying the court revision and the entire Constitutional revision respectively, moved along together in the Senate until agreement was reached on the text of the court bill and it passed second reading on June 6. The next day it was scheduled to make way for revised Constitution; proponents of the court bill now consider the Senate action a derailment. SB 99 is now in the House where after three successive postponements it is on the calendar for Tuesday, June 18. If the two houses agree on a draft of the Constitution, the issue will then arise as to whether only the entire Constitution shall be submitted to the people, or whether the separate Judicial Article shall also be submitted. If the final Constitutional draft contains the Senate amendment limiting every county to a maximum of one Senator, the issue of

whether one or both propositions are submitted will become vitally important to the more populous counties. In view of the lateness of the legislative hour, there is now a distinct possibility that neither the Constitution Express nor the Court Local will reach ratification station on time.

### Highway Safety

The Senate agreed with the sentiments of HB 729 that persons who speed in excess of 80 mph on the public highways should be liable to imprisonment for as long as two years, but the upper chamber refused to approve HB 730 which would have made operation of a motor vehicle at more than 80 mph prima facie evidence that the vehicle was being operated by the registered owner thereof.

SB 383, which would increase the requirements of proof of financial responsibility for motor vehicles to \$10,000-\$20,000 (now \$5,000-\$10,000) was approved by the Senate exactly two weeks after receiving a favorable report from committee; the much-discussed bill is now in the House Insurance Committee.

HB 1274 was introduced by Rep. Henley of Cumberland to establish minimum safety standards for vehicles used to transport migrant farm workers, and to govern drivers of those vehicles. The House Agriculture Committee reported out a substitute which authorizes the N. C. Utilities Commission to adopt reasonable rules and regulations governing the transportation of such workers, and makes violation of the act a misdemeanor.

### New Bills

Among the more significant new bills were: HB 475, exempting laundry employees from the minimum wage requirement until 1963 (the bill died the day after it was introduced); HB 1255, changing the date as to which property is to be assessed for ad valorem tax purposes (thereby permitting corporations to take advantage of a provision in federal tax laws, without affecting their state taxes); SB 489, permitting state employees to pay contributions to community fund-raising campaigns by a withholding arrangement; HB 1304 modifying the law with respect to taxability of goods and products held for shipment or shipped through N. C. ports in foreign commerce; and SB 492, which would authorize counties and municipalities to levy taxes and issue bonds to provide extra personnel and equipment needed to suppress riots or extraordinary breaches of law and order.

### Miscellaneous

The Senate passed a House bill specifying that JP's, constables and other judicial and law enforcement officers selected on a township basis are not subject to social security

coverage, and also passed Senate bills making such coverage available (subject to referendum, and retroactive to January 1, 1960) to Supreme and Superior Court judges and to law enforcement officers who are members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Benefit and Retirement Fund (with the state paying both employer's and employee's shares for retroactive coverage for the officers, but only the employer's share for the judges). SB 403, prohibiting the use of plastic bags, has been rewritten in committee to require only that the bags bear appropriate warning of the danger to small children. HB 1227, which would have given towns in dry counties the authority to call ABC elections, was re-referred to committee where it is expected to expire quietly. Another ABC bill (HB 1025, applying only to Gibsonville) was approved by the Senate; the bill had passed the House after producing the only tie vote of the session in that body. The legislative travel bill completed its journey as it was ratified Friday. Now, legislators who are working without pay can look forward to a "wind-fall" from this new source.

### FHA SUPERVISOR OUTLINES PART DEPARTMENT PLAYS

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adding livestock or poultry to their operation, to obtain the needed income. These added enterprises may prove to be very successful and very costly if they are not properly planned, proper facilities provided and the enterprise efficiently managed.

"To make an operation pay whether it be livestock, poultry or general farming, it is necessary to have certain equipment before a successful job can be done.

"Today you very rarely, if at all, find a farmer cultivating his farm with a horse and plow. Every farm has a tractor and equipment necessary to do a good job of farming but rarely do we find a farmer with the necessary farrowing houses, feeding platforms, readily available water supply or grain storage facilities to do a good job of raising livestock. Those farmers who do have these facilities are reaping the benefits of good planning.

"More and more drainage work is being done locally but there still remains a large number of farms that are in need of drainage. There is no investment that will pay a farmer a greater return than the money invested for drainage where drainage is needed.

"The agricultural agencies in the county are set up to help farmers do the necessary work to bring their operations into full production. Technical assistance is supplied by the Soil Conservation Service and Extension Service, federal cost-shar-

ing assistance and price support loans is supplied by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. Farmers Home Administration supplies the financial needs of eligible farmers along with the supervision and management assistance needed. Farmers Home Administration is not in competition with local lenders such as banks, PSA and other private sources, but supplements this credit.

"A word or two about the financial assistance available through the Farmers Home Administration. Almost any financial need a farmer may have is available to eligible applicants through the Farmers Home Administration program. Operating loans may be obtained for the purpose of livestock, farm and home equipment, feed, seed, lime and fertilizer, and when necessary to pay other farm operating and family living expenses. These loans may be made for a period of from one to seven years depending upon the needs; farm ownership loans may be made to buy land and to improve land and buildings and may be made for periods up to forty years; farm housing loans may be made to construct, improve, alter, replace or repair farm homes or farm service buildings, or provide water for farmstead and household use. These loans are repayable over a period up to 33 years; soil and water conservation loans may be made to carry out measures for soil conservation, water development, conservation and use and drainage. This will include the construction and repair of terraces, dikes, ditches, ponds and tanks, the establishment and improvement of per-

manent pastures, basic application of lime and fertilizer, tree planting, well drilling and the purchase of pumps and other irrigation equipment. Soil and water loans are scheduled for repayment within the shortest time consistent with the borrower's ability to repay but in no case may the repayment period on loans to individuals exceed 30 years.

"Any farmer interested in obtaining additional information regarding the services available through the Farmers Home Administration should contact the local FHA office located on the second floor of the Bus Station Building in Hertford or the sub-office at 321 Kramer Building in Elizabeth City."

### Mrs. R. H. Goodwin Dies At Son's Home

Mrs. Clara Lane Goodwin, 74, died at the home of a son, Ralph Goodwin, at Center Hill Tuesday morning at 10:10 o'clock after a lingering illness. She was a native of Chowan County and widow of R. H. (Dick) Goodwin.

Surviving are three sons, Ralph R. Goodwin and Carlton Goodwin of Tyrner and Murray L. Goodwin of Columbia, N. C.; two daughters, Mrs. Roy E. Lane of Tyrner and Mrs. B. J. Smith of Portsmouth; three brothers, L. H. Lane and E. J. Lane of Tyrner and M. D. Lane of Hertford; two sisters, Mrs. E. L. Copeland of Tyrner and Mrs. H. P. Lamb of Newport News; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was a member of the Center Hill Baptist Church, where funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Henry V. Napier, pastor

### N. C. Ranks 38th In Teachers' Pay

North Carolina's classroom teachers are receiving this year an average salary of \$3,770 and thus ranks 38th among the 49 states in this respect.

This is reported recently in its fall estimates by the Research Division of the National Education Association. Alaska, the newest state, ranks first in this respect with an average to these NEA estimates, is Mississippi with an average of \$3,070.

Other states ranking below North Carolina are the following: Georgia, \$3,625; West Virginia, \$3,610; Nebraska, \$3,525; Tennessee, \$3,475; North Dakota, \$3,450; South Dakota, \$3,400; Alabama, \$3,350; South Carolina, \$3,305; Arkansas, \$3,270; and Kentucky, \$3,250.

Some of the states with higher average salaries than North Carolina in addition to Alaska are the following: New York, \$6,200 (2); Maryland, \$5,300 (8); Florida, \$4,980 (16); Louisiana, \$5,560 (23); Oklahoma, \$4,500 (26); Texas, \$4,410 (27) and Virginia, \$3,900 (36).

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