WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

By The Institute of Government

girls' basketball, automobile rac determination on appropriations. ing, and roasted oysters. Pamlico Education County officials and the state priforce on Thursday to oppose legin tournaments outside their no matter how laudable the objective .(Item: the regulation was overruled).

The Governor continued to confer with legislators in the mansion throughout the week while his budget message was being ironed out for Tuesday delivery. In the meantime it was becoming evident that much important legislation, including the legislative programs of several state departments, was being held up, possi-

ahead of 1951 in the House, sible unconstitutional delegation slightly behind in the Senate. If of legislative power had been alegislation of state-wide interest voided by limiting county comis slow reaching the capitol, it missioners' power to reduce or incan be said that local legislation crease salaries to 20 per cent per is picking up. Through Friday 266 fiscal year. Meantime the city of local bills had been introduced as Raleigh requested annual approcompared with 191 at the same priations of \$60,000 to compensate time last session. Speculation the city for fire and police pronext week will center on the Senate, which now has a rule prohibiting the introduction of local Judges and Court Procedure bills after March 1. To date 56! local bills have been introduced forgotten our judges and soliciin the Senate, in comparison with tors. Bills introduced this week over 250 for the entire session in would raise salaries of supreme

Appropriations ber joint appropriations commit. judges from \$10,000 to \$12,000. tee has been sitting three after. superior court solicitors from noons each week to hear depart. \$6500 to \$7150 (plus an expense ments, institutions, and agencies allowance increase of \$150), and explain why they should get a big. emergency judges from \$50 to ger slice of the pie. By Wednes- \$100 weekly, HB 163, a Judicial day, February 18, all had been Council bill endorsed by the Govhead. Total requests over and a ernor to add six additional superibove the \$638,000,000 in appropri- or court resident judges, passed ations recommended by the Advi. second reading in the sory Budget Commission reached Friday, Rep. Womble of Wake \$145,386,074 from the General objected to third reading of the Fund and about \$118,000 from the bill, stating that no provision was Highway Fund. This total in made to relieve the crowded doccludes \$110,595,617 for permanent ket in Wake County, where it improvements (of which \$60,000, sometimes takes five years to get 000 was requested for school a civil case tried. building purposes) and \$34,790,457 The Judicial Council (assigned budget message will be read to procedure and administration) the legislature on Tuesday, after has already seen two of its recommittees will begin wielding the However, the General Statutes

million additional appropriations Miscellaneous requests, some legislators conward possible tax reductions tion bill was jarred slightly as it with emphasis this week on the reached the floor of the House operated exclusively for religious, the "ayes and noes" of the 1953 charitable, literary, scientific and session, was crushed as SB 88 educational purposes. Estimated was passed with only eight disto reduce state revenues by \$500. senting votes. The bill was rati-000 per year, Rep. Falls' HB 309 fied on Friday and is now law. would permit individuals to de Another administration measure, duct up to 20 per cent (instead of HB 205, creating a commission to only 10 per cent as now provided) study and recommend changes of net income for gifts and con- in the state governmental structributions; still greater deducture, was reported favorably by tions would be allowed by Sen. House Judiciary 1, but floor con-Shuford's SB 161 which would in sideration was postponed until crease allowable deductions from next Tuesday. Agriculture got in-10 per cent of net income to 20 to the "commission" picture on per cent of gross income for such Monday when a bill was introgifts. Another bill (HB 302) would duced authorizing the Governor permit deductions of commuta- to appoint a seven-member comtion expenses in computing tax mission to make recommendaable net income. Designed to at- tions to the 1955 General Assembtract mining industries to the ly on locating and financing a

NOTE: This is the sixth of a fect on state revenues anticipated series of weekly summaries pre- SB 144, endorsed by 18 senators, pared by the legislative staff of would adopt the federal rule of the Institute of Government on depletion allowances in permitthe work of the North Carolina ting deductions for depletion of General Assembly of 1953. It is mines, natural deposits and oil confined to discussions of mat- and gas wells. To adjudicate ters of general interest and ma- questions of liability for state and local taxes a Tax Appeals Commission would be established un-The General Assembly waited der provisions of HB 326. The for the Governor's budget mes- joint finance committee can be sage during this seventh legisla expected to withhold final action tive week and turned for diver- on all tax bills pending the Govsion to other subjects, such as ernor's budget message and final

Two more bills concerning subson were hosts on Wednesday to jects mentioned in the Governor's legislators and other guests at an inaugural message were introducoyster roast at the prison; Wake ed this week, SB 124 appropriates County citizens turned out in \$339,720 for each year of the biennium to set up a program of islation which would permit Sundriver training and safety educaday automobile races at the tion in all public high schools. Southland Speedway; and both HB 367 attacks the school consohouses agreed on Friday that a lidation problem and proposes a solution under which most of the Education prohibiting girls' bas- schools closed in recent years ketball teams from participating could be reopened. An able subcommittee was appointed by home countles was impractical. Chairman Maddrey of the House education committee to consider all consolidation bills introduced and draft a state-wide bill. The subcommittee now has under consideration HB 84 (Bertie) and HB 310 (Moore), designed to permit reopening of closed or consolidated schools, and will now receive HB 367.

Local Government

Another proposal giving county commissioners authority to fix bly pending approval by the chief county employees' salaries has reached the General Assembly, The rate of bill introduction is this one with statements that postection and garbage collection for non-taxable state property.

The General Assembly has not. court justices from \$14,400 to \$16,-000 (with an extra \$500 for the Since January 21 the 89-mem chief justice), superior court

for operating funds, Next week it by law the duty of continuous reis expected that the Governor's search on means to improve court which the appropriations com- mended bills pass both houses, paring knife. As yet no one knows Commission (assigned by law whether there will be a sub-com- the duty of continuous research mittee appointed to make the to revise and correct the statufirst draft of the ultimate biennial tory law) has seen four of its money bill. That, too, may be de- bills reported unfavorably, although five of the original 17 have passed both houses and five Despite implications in the \$145 more have passed the Senate.

The smooth progress of the tinue to direct their attention to. Governor's highway reorganizaincome tax. Two bills envision in on Thursday. A spirited, if futile, creased deductions for gifts made show of opposition by Rep. Kiser, by individuals to organizations culminating in the first call for state but with little immediate ef. produce marketing center. At-



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County's January **Bond Purchases** Were \$57,093.75

Sale of United States Defense the month of January 1953 total-

grace" to the ailing Ku Klux Klan \$4,543,765.50. appeared simultaneously in both House and Senate on Wednesday.

ed \$57,093.75, all in Series E Sears Employees Get dividual statements, they learned 000,000. Of this total, only \$74, per cent of their wages and salathe extent to which each has 000,000 represents the amount defense Bonds Chairman George Blanton, based on the monthly sales report from Allison James, State Director of the U. S. Defense Bonds Division in Greens.

The total figures for North Bonds in Cleveland County for Carolina's 100 counties were as follows: Series E \$3,820,217.50; W. Randolph Burgess, Deputy to fund 842 shares of Sears stock Series T \$281,000.00; Series J & K the Secretary of the Treasury, plus a cash balance of \$15,345.00. tempts to deliver the "coup de (combined) \$442,548.00; totaling make the following statement re-

announcing the above sales, re- encouraging. To summarize HB 306 and SB 140 clamp strict ported that they contributed to sales of Defense Bonds of all seregulations on all secret societies wards a very successful January ries were 14 percent higher than in the state in terms broad enough for Defense Bonds sales through in January, 1952, and redempto include college fraternities and out the nation. In a letter to the Communist Party.

State Defense Bonds Chairmen, a year ago.

In January, 1952, and redemptions are included at the nation are included at the nation of the pany.

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A report of their participation in the 1952 profits of Sears, Roebuck and Co, made good reading Co. Employees. this week to 24 Sears employees in Shelby.

With the receipt of annual in-

garding the nation's sales: "Jan of \$60 per share for the Sears County Chairman Blanton in uary sales of Defense Bonds are

shared in the company's profits last year as members of "The Savings and Profit Sharing Pension Fund of Sears, Roebuck and

At a meeting of fund members. Harold Love, manager of Sears, disclosed that this local employee group has to its credit in the Based on a year-end market value stock, this group now has a total take care of their needs following investment worth \$65,865.

Sears employees throughout the ployees are eligible to join the

and salaries.

fund now owns 25 per cent of the company's stock, Mr. Love dis of service basis.

Started back in 1916, the Sears fund is designed to permit employees to share in the company's profits and to assist them in creating a financial reserve to help their eventual retirement from Mr. Love said that 114,600 business, All regular Sears em-

posited into the fund by the em- sit into the fund each year. Sears ployee members from their wages annual contribution into the fund and salaries.

As the largest single stockhold-centage of its net profit before er of Sears, Roebuck and Co., the taxes. This sum is credited to employee-members on a length-

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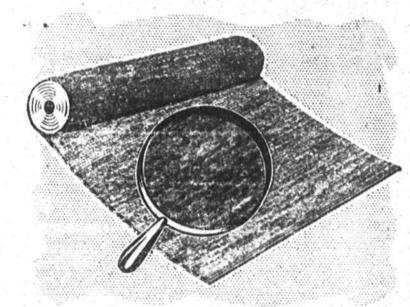


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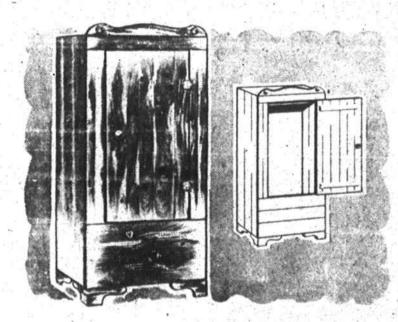
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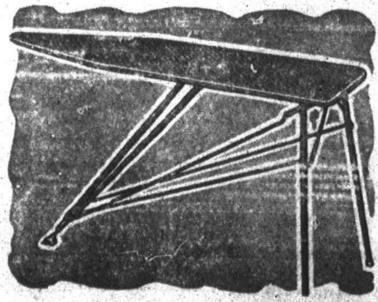
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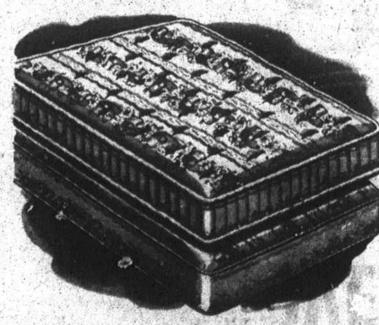
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