

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

By The Institute of Government

NOTE: This is the sixteenth and last 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 1953. It is confined to discussions of matters of general interest and major importance.

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

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 redistricting.

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 Raleigh having appropriated a record sum of over \$631 million for state services during the 1953-55 biennium. Final totals were about \$425 million from the General Fund, \$2 million from the Agriculture Fund, and \$204 million from the Highway Fund. Although the Budget Bureau reported that the budget was substantially in balance at the session's end, some legislators departed fearing that the State may have embarked on a program of deficit financing. Only the availability of a credit balance of over \$45 million permits a balanced budget for the next two years.

On adjournment day the House completed concurrence in the Se-

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust given by Elmer Allen and wife, Flora Allen to the undersigned as trustee for the Kings Mountain Building and Loan Association on the 20th day of September, 1947 now on record in the Register of Deeds Office for Cleveland County in book 336 at page 26 to secure the payment of the indebtedness therein mentioned and default having been made in the payment of same and at the request of the Kings Mountain Building and Loan Association, I will sell for cash at the courthouse door in Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina on Monday June 1, 1953 at 10:00 o'clock a. m. or within legal hours, the following described real estate: Situated in No. 4 Township, Cleveland County, N. C. and BEGINNING at a stake, M. V. Cash's corner and runs thence S. 66 1/2 E. 4.12 chains to a stone pile, R. L. Hope's corner; thence with Hope's line N. 40 1/2 E. 16.90 chains to a stone; thence N. 73 W. 4.17 chains to a stone; thence S. 3 W. 11 chains to the BEGINNING, containing 8 and one-third acres, more or less and being a part of the Thomas Arrowood land, excepting, however, the following lot which has heretofore been sold off to Brakefield as will appear on record: BEGINNING at an iron stake, near the branch, Walker Arrowood and R. L. Hope's corner in M. C. Neal's line and running with Hope's line S. 40 deg. 15 min. W. 731 feet to the middle of the El Bethel-Bethlehem Road; thence a new line with center of road N. 29 deg. 15 min. E. 530 feet; thence with center of road N. 13 deg. E. 176 feet to a point in the center of road on the M. C. Neal line; thence with the Neal line S. 67 deg. 45 min. E. 191 feet to the BEGINNING, containing 1.25 acres.

This the 29th day of April, 1953.
B. S. Neill Trustee
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NORTH CAROLINA CLEVELAND COUNTY
In The Superior Court
Before The Clerk
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:
Dennis Norman Farris, Minor

By Edward Fink Williams and his wife, Hazel Dean Williams

NOTICE
The defendant above named will take notice that an action has been begun by the petitioner in the above entitled matter in the Superior Court of Cleveland County, North Carolina wherein petitioners are asking the court that they be permitted as prescribed by statute to adopt a minor child, Dennis Norman Farris; and that said defendant will also take notice that he is required to appear at the Clerk of Court's office at Shelby, North Carolina within twenty (20) days after the 17th day of May, 1953 and answer or demur to the petition now on file in the Clerk's office, and upon his failure to do so petitioners will apply to the court for the adoption of said minor child as set forth in said petition.

This the 17th day of April, 1953.
E. A. Houser
Clerk Superior Court
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nate 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 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 and Reorganization

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 parole board (to replace the office of paroles commissioner) and an Historic Sites Commission to screen requests for state funds to restore 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 divisions makes its report. . . . Despite nurse objections, doctors were included on the reorganized nurse board. . . . Membership was reduced on the Personnel Council from seven to five and on the Ports Authority from nine to seven. . . . Membership was increased on the Library Commission from five to eight on the Board of Boiler Rules by adding a licensed heating contractor, and on the five-member Turpike Authority by adding five Highway commission members.

State Government Study Commissions

More than the usual number of study commissions have been established to report back to the 1955 General Assembly. Most prominent are the 9-member commission directed to recommend changes in the organization of state government and the 7-member body established to study the purpose, function, organization and inter-relation of state-supported institutions of higher learning. Other commissions will study laws relating to juvenile courts and supervision of delinquent children, the laws pertaining to public schools, the location and financing of possible marketing centers to provide better products, and possible uses of certain TV channels temporarily reserved for educational purposes. As a compromise on the bill to prohibit pari-mutuel gambling, a 5-member commission was formed to investigate dog track operation in Currituck counties. Proposals to create groups to study the leaf tobacco warehouse business and the coroner system were defeated.

Roads and Highway Safety

Although largely ignored for most of the session, highway safety received careful attention during the last week. Generally recognized as one of this legislature's major accomplishments was enactment of the controversial financial responsibility law. Designed to increase the number of insured motorists in N. C. from about 35% to 90%, the new law requires each motor vehicle operator or owner involved in an accident to deposit security with the Motor Vehicles Commissioner

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred by that certain deed of trust recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Cleveland County, North Carolina, in Book 342 at page 184, the said note and deed of trust having been sold and assigned by the Kings Mountain Building and Loan Association to Mrs. Emma Pearson on December 23, 1952, she now being the legal owner and holder of said indebtedness, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse of said county in the city of Shelby, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock noon on the 18th day of May, 1953 all that certain piece, parcel and lot of land situated in the town of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, and BEGINNING at a stake at the intersection of Parker and Dilling streets and runs thence with Parker street E. 115 feet to a stake, Tillman Pearson's corner; thence with his line S. 93 feet to a stake; thence W. 115 feet to a stake in the edge of Dilling street; thence with Dilling street N. 93 feet to the beginning.

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in an amount sufficient to satisfy probable damages arising from the accident unless he is insured or released from liability. Failure to deposit the required security means suspension of driver licenses. Certain to attract attention

Propositions and Grievances.

A final carefully planned effort to obtain a House vote on a referendum bill, was tabled in a close vote on the session's last day. The new measure providing mandatory driver license suspensions for several speeding and reckless driving offenses. Other new legislation provides minimum penalties for drivers-operating motor vehicles after expiration of their licenses, strengthens the accident reporting law, and provides a method by which a hot rod driver can be charged with speeding offenses if an officer is able to copy his license number but is unable to catch him.

Although truckers have been granted an additional 1,000 lb. per axle weight tolerance under the new law, the Senate 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 driving.

Education

Born of a series of compromises, the new school consolidation policy has become law. It places more power and responsibility in local hands and authorizes continued operation of schools which fall below required attendance figures if local communities are willing to make up any operating deficit caused by under strengthed 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 pupils living more than 1 1/2 miles from school if necessary to prevent extreme hardship or danger; and (3) limit participation in girls' basketball tournaments to one per school year. Loans were authorized for medical and nursing student specializing in psychiatry at one of the three medical schools in the state.

Miscellaneous

Judicial Redistricting. By the margin of one vote the House refused to endorse the Senate-approved redistricting plan, and in that dramatic moment any hope of additional regular superior court judges was lost. The Senate refused to reconsider the House plan for six new judges, so both houses 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 the 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 illegal 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 towns 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.

The number of North Carolina farms selling whole milk has nearly doubled in 10 years. In 1940 there were 11,521; in 1950 there were 21,371.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Citizen:

You, Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer, have gone to the polls and voted for your mayor and city commissioners. You have chosen the men you believe to be best qualified for the job. You have extended your confidence in the ability of these men to take the helm of the good ship, Kings Mountain, in the fast rapids and rough waters of two years to come.

Their jobs as Mayor and City Commissioners have just begun, however, the quality of the work they do, while not earth-shaking or of national importance, will be greatly determined by the co-operation, and teamwork of every citizen.

You have put these men into the honorary offices they will hold because of your beliefs and confidence in their ability. And while ability is a great asset to any business, it must be backed by teamwork. There have been many great baseball pitchers, immortals in the sports field, but never once have one of these men won a single game by himself. To win a baseball game takes the teamwork and co-operation of all the players, just as to run a city takes the teamwork and co-operation of all its citizens.

Let's pull together and work with, and support to the fullest; our Mayor and Commissioners that their work might be better, more outstanding, and that our fair city might advance forward at a steady pace.

The progress of the City's Recreation Commission can be credited to an early establishment of a recreation center, if only a little official work is forthcoming now; thanks to the teamwork of Burlington Mills.

Extended Sewage, sidewalks, and streets, too will come to Kings Mountain, with teamwork from us all so let's all get in there and pitch.

MACK MURRAY

Craftspun Posts Second Loop Win

Craftspun's men's softball team defeated Shelby Sporting Goods at Shelby last Friday afternoon 2-1 behind the two-hit pitching of Boyd Worsham.

It was the second straight win in County Men's Softball league play for Craftspun. Grover posted its first win,

defeating Foote Mineral 5-3. Worsham singled in the winning run in the sixth for Craftspun, scoring Bud Reynolds who had walked and advanced on an error. Bud Ross singled to score Craftspun's first run in the third and Shelby Sporting Goods came back to knot the count with one in the fifth.

The line score:
Craftspun Yarns 2 2 1
Shelby Sporting 1 2 2
Worsham and Reynolds; Grigg

and Camp. In the Grover-Foote battle, the winners scored early to ride out the victory. With John Gold on the mound, Grover scored two in the second, two in the third and one in the fifth off the offerings of Red Fite. Keeter had a homer and a single for Grover and Carl Wilson and Goforth each had two hits for Foote.

North Carolina's Grade A milk producers have increased from 1,642 in 1947 to 4,661 in 1953.

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