

N. C. Legislature In Action

This is the ninth 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 1963. It is confined to discussions of matter of general interest and major importance.

HB 492 permits any county to adopt a loose-leaf and full time permanent registration of voters; this authority is presently limited to counties containing a municipality of more than 10,000. HB 505 specifies that in the event of a tie vote for first place in an election, the winner shall be determined by lot; tied candidates must be notified and afforded an opportunity to witness the drawing. SB 276 (HB 522) deletes from the oath required when a voter changes party registration the statement that the voter will support his new party nominee upon such time as he again changes party affiliation according to law.

On Thursday, the Senate Committee on Election Laws and Legislative Representation reported favorably a committee substitute for SB 10, the bill regulating absentee voting. The committee substitute was adopted and the bill passed the Senate Friday. The bill retained most of the features of the original and was endorsed by Chairman Joslin of the State Board of Elections as workable. Prospects for the bill were improved in the House as Speaker Blue issued a statement in support of the original bill; some House members have been seeking to make significant changes in the original.

HIGHWAY SAFETY
Highway safety continued to be a popular subject of new bills. SB 273 (HB 527) establishes a chemical test of the breath (to determine alcohol content of blood) of drivers believed to be

intoxicated. One who drives on the highways is deemed to have consented to the test; if a person refuses to take the test, his driver's license must be suspended for six months. The result of the test, or the refusal to submit to the test, are admissible in court. SB 24 limits the authority of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to suspend or revoke a driver's license for offenses committed in another state, by specifying that the commissioner may not suspend or revoke a license when the out-of-state offense consists of speeding between 45 and 70 mph while operating a for-hire vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeding 20,000 pounds gross weight. SB 253 requires the Motor Vehicles Dept. to suspend driver's license of a person under 20 who commits more than one moving violation. Suspension results for the first violation if it results in an accident causing property damage or personal injury. SB 258 protects the Good Samaritan. It provides that doctors, nurses, or other persons who render emergency aid to or obtain hospitalization of the victim of an automobile accident or other emergency are not liable in damages for their acts or omissions and are not liable for hospital bills. SB 288 authorizes highway patrolmen and local officers to issue "warning repair orders" to owners of motor vehicles having defective, improper or inadequate safety equipment. The motorist has ten days in which to correct the defect and present the warning and his corrective action for inspection. HB 541 requires the Dept. of Motor Vehicles to suspend a driver's license for speeding in excess of 15 miles per hour over any posted speed limit fixed by or pursuant to GS 20-141; suspension is al-

ready mandatory in specified instances; this bill broadens the application of the suspension mandate. HB 501 the compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance law.

EDUCATION

Money: Two different bills, each authorizing the issuance of \$100 million in school construction and improvement bonds, subject to a vote of the people of the state, were introduced during the week. HB 489 sets out specific allocations to each county; funds would be expended under the direction of the State Board of Education, for needs determined by the board, the county commissioners, and the local school board, with the commissioners controlling in case of disagreement. SB 262 (HB 514) allocates the funds to counties and administrative units therein according to average daily membership figures. Funds would be made available by the State Board of Education, when the local unit submitted an approvable plan of school organization and a plan of expenditure, for construction, improvement and renovation of school facilities and for purchase of necessary equipment. SB 280 (HB 519) appropriates to the counties a sum equal to 15 per cent of the annual sales and use tax net proceeds to be used for purchase, construction, etc., of school plant facilities.

CREDIT
SB 252 makes it unlawful to cheat-if the cheating consists of getting credit for another's work or in some other fraudulent way acquiring college credit, diplomas, etc. Giving and receiving improper assistance are equally condemned.

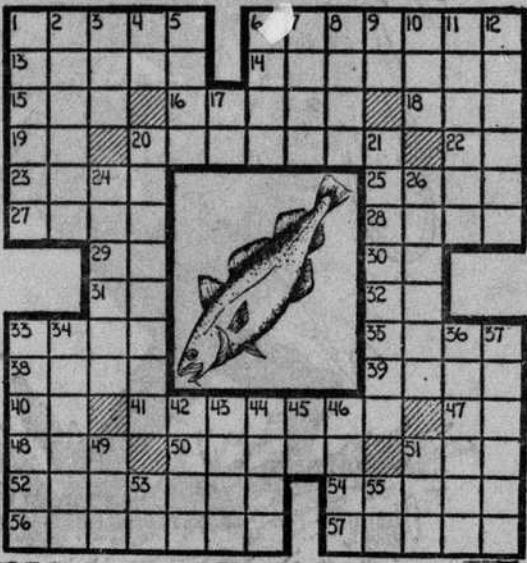
HIGHER EDUCATION
The Senate Committee on Higher Education has approved SB 72, the Carlyle Commission's recommended bill and is expected to report it at the beginning of

WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Food Fish

- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Depleted fish
 - 6 It is a young
 - 13 Old woman garment
 - 14 Interstices
 - 15 Color
 - 16 Kingdom in Asia
 - 18 Falsehood
 - 19 Advertisement (ab.)
 - 20 Draws back
 - 22 Lord (ab.)
 - 23 Heap
 - 25 Century plant
 - 27 Face
 - 28 Animal fat
 - 29 Tantalum (symbol)
 - 30 Part of "be"
 - 31 Palm lily
 - 32 Anent
 - 33 Always
 - 35 Preposition
 - 38 Infrequent
 - 39 Famous
 - 40 English school
 - 41 Chemical suffix
 - 41 Copal-like resins
 - 47 Musical note
 - 48 Expire
 - 50 Climbing vine
 - 51 Lower limb
 - 52 Respects
 - 54 Self respect
 - 56 Sitings
 - 57 Flavor

- VERTICAL**
- 1 Leaves
 - 2 Trust
 - 3 Pole
 - 4 Atop
 - 5 Sand hill
 - 6 Sleeveless
 - 7 Mouthward
 - 8 Remove
 - 9 Field officer (ab.)
 - 10 Sick
 - 11 Mariner
 - 12 Listened
 - 13 Lined
 - 14 From (prefix)
 - 15 Mended
 - 16 Wages
 - 17 Written message
 - 18 Mourn
 - 19 Eats away
 - 20 Any
 - 21 Satchel
 - 22 Ohio city
 - 23 Wild ass
 - 24 Fish sauce
 - 25 Mimic
 - 26 Bulk
 - 27 Any
 - 28 Knocks
 - 29 Greek letter
 - 30 Mouth part
 - 31 Half an em
 - 32 Sun god



Boy Scouts Win Badges

SB 264 (HB 508) establishes a system of scholarship grants ranging up to \$100 per semester (based upon the financial status of the applicant and his family) to encourage college attendance by North Carolinians.

Stan Hodge of Troop 91 was advanced to Star rank and Michael Brown of Troop 92 to Life rank as features of Boy Scout Court of honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts Thursday night.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

The merits of "fair value" as a rate base were debated Thursday as joint committees on Public Utilities continued hearings on SB 116 (HB 203) the General Statutes Commission's revision of the state utility laws. SB 256, by Sen. Forsyth, revokes the authority of utilities to put suspended rates into effect under bond, and requires the re-establishment of rates existing prior to any presently effective increase under bond. The bill would adopt, on a statewide basis, substantially the same principles as SB 12 and SB 69 (the Nantahala Power Company bill) combined. SB 266 regulates the practice of utility companies making payments to new home builders and others to secure the installation or adoption of use of a particular utility service; a utility would first have to file and obtain approval of a schedule of compensation by the Utilities Commission, and no preference could be given for multiple or exclusive use by the consumer of a particular utility service.

COUNTIES, CITIES and TOWNS

SB 254 may facilitate municipal rubbish collection. The bill allows a truck to tow as many as three trailers for the purpose of collecting refuse and rubbish in municipalities, provided the total length of the "trailer-train" combination does not exceed 50 feet. HB 510 specifies that the Insurance Commissioner, in exercising his duties in enforcement of the State Building Code, shall work in cooperation with local officials and inspectors.

MISCELLANEOUS

SR 282 and an unnumbered House Resolution both request the President of the University of North Carolina and the Chancellor of State College to restudy the question of the Dixie Classic and to report back to the respective houses by May 10. The House Resolution passed that body; the Senate Resolution was referred to committee-HB 507 appropriates funds to permit two one-step increment salary increases for full-time State employees under the Personnel Act.



and SOCIAL SECURITY

Q—I have rented my farm out for \$1200 a year cash rent. Does this amount count in the \$1200 amount I may earn under social security?

A—Cash rent counts under social security only if you and your tenant have agreed that you take a material part in the production of the crops raised on the farm. Generally speaking, when a landowner rents out his farm for cash, he wouldn't be taking a significant part in the production of the crops since he would get a set amount of rent for the year whether or not it was a good crop year.

Q—I had my farm in the soil Bank Program last year. This year I have placed part of my land in the new Feed Grain Program. The Soil Bank Payments I received last year counted for social security purposes. Will the payments I receive this year also count for social security purposes.

A—The answer is yes. The same rules apply under the new Feed Grain Program as applied

to Soil Bank.
Q—I recently quit my job and started my own business. Will this self-employment be counted toward social security?
A—If your net earnings amount to less than \$400 in a year, they do not count toward social security and you do not pay social security taxes on them.
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