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I. C. Court District Changes Suggested

Bills Would Boost Number Of Judges

Legislation Offered In Both Houses

RALEIGH (AP) — Legislation to re-align the state's Superior Court districts was introduced in both House and Senate today. The bill is aimed at increasing the number of regular resident Superior Court judges and reducing greatly or eliminating the special judges.

Rep. David Clark of Lincoln and 63 other representatives joined in sponsoring the House measure, and Sen. Nelson Woodson and 15 other senators signed the Senate bill.

The bill, prepared by the state's Judicial Council, would increase the number of resident Superior Court judges from 21 to 32. It would divide the state into 30 districts and two of these would have two judges each.

The Judicial Council said that because of the great concentration of judicial business in Mecklenburg, Guilford, Wake, Durham, Forsyth and Beaufort counties, the present Superior Court judges from those counties is to be a separate judicial district. Wake, Durham, Forsyth and Beaufort would be in one Superior Court case and Mecklenburg and Guilford would have two each.

Rep. W. B. Rodman Jr. of Beaufort, a member of the Judicial Council, said the bill contemplates either the elimination of special judges or greatly reducing their number. The state now has 11 special judges appointed by the governor in addition to 21 regular resident judges elected by the people.

The Judicial Council said it had spent many hours on its judicial restructuring plan. It said its solution "is not a perfect plan, but we sincerely believe it is as adequate a solution to the problem we face as could be devised."

The proposed bill would leave the present judicial districts unchanged and would not alter the number of solicitors.

The bill would give the governor power to appoint 11 resident Superior Court judges in addition to the present 21 judges who would retain their posts although many would see some changes in the counties that compose their districts. The new judges would take office July 1 and would be subject to election in 1956.

Rep. John Umstead of Orange, who today was named chairman of the House's Committee on Mental Institutions, introduced a bill clarifying the operation and administration of the state mental hospitals.

Umstead said his measure spells out what had not been certain in dealing with the mentally ill and certain attendant actions ever initiated.

For instance, if an inmate escapes, under Umstead's bill the institution is liable for the cost of the sheriff of any county in which he believes the escapee has headed for. The bill also prescribes the superintendent's obligation to notify the sheriff and court clerk of the county from which the patient has been committed.

Rep. C. Blake Thomas of Johnston introduced a bill which called for a reproduction of applications for accident and health insurance coverage to accompany each policy.

As conditions now stand, explanation of the bill was given by the delegation to the State's 1955 convention.

Sen. Blythe introduced bills today affecting zoning and planning in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

The bills, numbered 106 and 107, are concerned with zoning and planning in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. The bills were referred to the Senate's Judiciary No. 1 Committee.

The measures, pushed by the Charlotte City Council and Mecklenburg County Commissioners, were unanimously endorsed by the Mecklenburg delegation to the General Assembly at its regular Monday night caucus this week.

The measures would provide for the orderly growth of metropolitan Charlotte. One authorizes the creation of a zoning board of adjustment with five members from the city and five from the county.

SENATORS NOT ALONE IN THE BEWILDERMENT

LANSING, Mich.—(AP)—The Soo locks may be all right in their way—the biggest in the world and all that—but some folks think they're in an awfully out-of-the-way place.

The Michigan Senate sat in bewildered silence when it read a letter from a Chicago lady to State Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler. The letter said:

"Last summer my husband and I decided to take a trip to Michigan to see the Soo locks. After driving several hundred miles and arriving at Mackinac City we learned that there was an hour's ride on the boat and another hundred by auto.

In Welcome To GE

Hodges Praises N. C. Attitudes

HENDERSONVILLE — Governor Hodges said here today that "North Carolina is a conservative, progressive state operating squarely in the middle of the fiscal road."

"We are conservative," Hodges said, "but we are unwilling to make spending commitments unless and until we feel that the expenditure is really justified, and until we know just where the money is to come from. We are progressive in that we are continually planning for the future, gearing our policies to make the changing spirit of the times."

In a speech prepared for delivery at ground-breaking exercises near here for General Electric Co.'s new multi-million-dollar outdoor lighting manufacturing plant, North Carolina's governor asserted "We sincerely believe that our human as well as our material assets are entirely worthy of conservation and development."

Welcoming General Electric to North Carolina the governor said, "We believe in the well-being of this state and we want to come to a state that is extravagant and wasteful; on the other hand, it does not want to come to a backward state."

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Matusow Says McCarthy Provided False Data

NEW YORK (AP)—Former Communist Harvey Matusow says he today gave false testimony that helped convict 13 Communist leaders from the office of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-N.Y.) as participants in a news conference yesterday.

At the same time he denied the Communist party had "planted" Don Surine as a witness to give false testimony so cases of Congressional investigating committees would be "discredited."

Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.) chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, said in Washington yesterday "there's no question" Matusow was a Communist "plant."

Matusow, 28, said he campaigned in 1952 against candidates in Montana, Idaho, Utah and Washington, but the only one he mentioned by name at his news conference was Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.).

Matusow said he gave the implication that Mansfield knowingly had written an article for the left-wing magazine, New Masses.

The truth was, he said, the article printed by the magazine was a reprint of a Senate speech by Mansfield published in the Congressional Record and available to anyone.

Matusow cited this as an example of "false documents" he used as campaign material.

To a question whether McCarthy knew of this, Matusow replied: "Jean Kerr was in on it and Don Surine was in on it."

Miss Kerr now is McCarthy's wife. She and Surine were on McCarthy's staff.

U. N. Officials Weigh Next Formosa Step

Conference Outside Organization Possible

BY MAX HARRELLSON
UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—U.N. diplomats consulted today on the next step in their quest for peace in the Formosa Strait. They generally agreed the U.N. can do little in the face of Red China's boycott of the proposed Security Council cease-fire talks.

Three courses appeared to be open:

1. Make another effort to persuade Premier Chou En-lai to send a representative here.
2. Debate the Formosan problem without the participation of the Chinese Communists.
3. Try to arrange a conference outside the U.N. — like the Far Eastern parley in Geneva last spring—at which the whole China problem could be discussed. This appeared the likeliest prospect.

NO COMPROMISE
In view of Chou's declaration that he would not send a representative to the U.N. unless the Security Council ousts Nationalist China and gives Peking that seat, many delegates saw no chance for compromise here. The council was expected to stick to its previous firm refusal to replace Chiang Kai-shek's representative. Chou also was not expected to back down.

Some U.S. leaders in Washington were more optimistic. Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said Chou's reply "may be a propaganda reply." Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.), the senior Republican on the Foreign Relations Committee, said the Red Chinese were "maneuvering for position" and their answer was not final.

A State Department statement expressed "regret" at Red China's "further flogging of the United Nations." The statement said the United States would be "consulting" with other members of the Security Council toward a further meeting.

TWO CONDITIONS
The Red Chinese Premier rejected the council's invitation yesterday in a long cable to U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld. He said that even if the council ousted Nationalist China, he would send a representative only to discuss the Soviet charges of U.S. aggression against China, not to debate New Zealand's "cease-fire" proposal for which he was invited.

The council undoubtedly will meet within a few days—possibly Monday—to consider its future course. It already has before it two-point agenda consisting of both the New Zealand proposal and the Soviet charges.

700 Young Members Expected Republicans Open Meeting

More than 700 of North Carolina's Young Republicans began flocking to the Queen City today for the statewide YRC convention which gets underway at Hotel Charlotte.

The three-day rally will combine a liberal mixture of speeches and business with Sen. Harry Goldwater of Arizona and Lincoln's Rep. Charles Raper. Raper is scheduled for major messages tomorrow.

A resolution for the abolition of the civilian absentee ballot is certain to hit the convention floor. Other likely pieces of discussion will center around realignment of senatorial districts and a resolution to set up an assessment of campaign funds from members of the State Highway Patrol.

Registration started at 9 o'clock this morning.

President Marcus Hickman of Charlotte heads the state's Young Republicans. He was elected by the executive committee to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Bill Arnold. He probably will be drafted to retain the position.

Tomorrow the keynote address will be offered by Congressman Jones who comes here from Washington. Saturday night's dinner will have Sen. Goldwater as the featured speaker.

The senator is a figure in Republican circles and a well-known young business leader in his home state.

News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Franklin
Bellhops And Cardboard Mascot Are Ready For State's Young Republicans



IT WAS NEVER THIS COOL. In Peru, Moma, says this Peruvian llama. In a Baltimore hereinafter called a llama night. The Andes, says our llama friend, were never like this. (AP Wirephoto).

Well Ahead Of Schedule

Boulevard May Open In 1955

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Completion of the final two-mile stretch of the western link of Independence Blvd. may come well ahead of the target date of Jan. 1, 1956.

Much progress is being made in spite of the recent wintry weather and all indications point to an earlier completion of the project, officials say.

Since work was started last July by H. R. Stewart Co. of Asheville, the project has moved along rapidly and the contractor has stayed well ahead of schedule.

The Morehead St. level of the Independence Blvd. underpass was opened the middle of December and was completed months ahead of the expected time.

City Engineer Loyd G. Richens said today that installation of the underground facilities on Morehead St. and South Blvd. and Wilkinson Blvd. is nearing completion.

This work, including sewer lines, water mains, gas mains and latrine lines, has kept well ahead of the construction contractor, Mr. Richens said.

STRUCTURES PROGRESS
Mr. Richens said that work on the six structures in the link has proceeded at a good pace in spite of the recent bad weather.

Workers are able to prepare forms and do other types of work on these structures not affected by the weather, Mr. Richens said.

As a result, all work has been completed on the giant retaining walls at the Morehead St. underpass.

At present, workers are engaged in the construction of the retaining walls at the South Blvd. overhead bridge, where abutments and piers have been completed and structural steel beams are already in place for the pouring of concrete for the deck.

Mr. Richens said that the overpass across the Columbia Drive viaduct is well advanced.

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Government To Appeal Case Against Lattimore

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government announced today it will appeal the decision by Federal Judge Luther W. Youngdahl dismissing a new perjury indictment against Owen Lattimore.

The decision to take the issue to the U. S. Court of Appeals was announced by U.S. Dist. Atty. Leo A. Rover.

Lattimore, controversial Far Eastern affairs specialist, was accused in the indictment of lying when he denied to a Senate committee that he had ever been a follower of the Communist line or a promoter of Red interests.

Judge Youngdahl in a decision Jan. 28 described the charges as "formless and obscure." He said that to require Lattimore to stand trial on them would "make a mockery of the Sixth Amendment which requires that a defendant be advised specifically of charges against him."

Rover made the announcement of the intention to appeal before Chief Judge Bolitha J. Laws of U.S. District Court.

DELAY SUGGESTED
Lattimore has been scheduled to go on trial Feb. 14 but Rover suggested that in view of the appeal the trial be continued to some indefinite date or set far enough ahead to allow the Court of Appeals to rule.

Judge Laws continued the trial to an indefinite date, and told Rover and Thurman Arnold, one of Lattimore's attorneys, to consult with him after the Court of Appeals decision.

Rover said he felt the "feasible way" was to try the entire Lattimore case at one time.

Arnold said that was his view, too. Five perjury charges from a 1952 indictment remain in force against Lattimore.

Sun, Cold In Battle

Winter sank frosty white fangs into the tender flesh of the Carolinas again today.

But it may have bitten off more than it can chew. With the help of a bright sun and warm zephyrs from the south, near spring weather may drive winter air from the air today.

The air was warming up to such an extent weather men say the threat of snow tomorrow has been all but erased. Clouds should thicken tonight and chances for rain tomorrow are good. But chances for snow are slim indeed.

The new cold air mass, which swept into the Carolinas from the north, gave the states a taste of the bitter cold which has gripped New England and New York for the past few days.

But it was a small taste. While New York was freezing in zero weather, the Carolinas got by with temperatures in the 20s.

Low here this morning was 24 degrees, and weather men forecast a 44-degree top this afternoon. Clouds will increase during the day and this will hold temperature down a degree or so.

At the same time the clouds will hold some heat in, and the mercury is not expected to drop below 25 in the morning.

OUR WEATHER

Mostly fair and cold today. Increasing cloudiness and not quite so cold tonight. Tomorrow, cloudy with possibility of rain tomorrow afternoon or night. Low expected tonight—25. Low expected tomorrow—24. High expected today—44. High expected tomorrow—41. Sunrise 7:20 a.m.; sunset 5:34 p.m.

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