



# 55-Cent Minimum Wage Proposed

## Legislation Backed By Gov. Hodges

RALEIGH—(AP)—Legislation to provide a 55 cents minimum hourly wage for North Carolina workers was introduced in the House today.

Reps. Thomas Turner of Guilford and J. M. Phelps of Washington sponsored the measure which has the backing of Gov. Hodges.

Turner pointed out that the bill exempted many occupations and would affect only about 45,000 workers. He said that it "at least recognizes the principle of a minimum wage."

Exempted from the provisions of the measure would be workers in agriculture, dairying, domestic service in private homes, outside salaried on commission, and those whose pay is usually composed of tips in addition to wages. It also would not affect employers having no more than two employees.

Meanwhile, the first decisive test of the session on legislative reappointment was scheduled today on the Senate floor.

A bill to reassign House seats in line with 1950 census results was on the calendar for Senate action. The bill would give Alamance and Rockingham counties two representatives each instead of one, and reduce Pitt and Cabarrus counties from two to one each.

The measure, introduced by Sen. Clarence Stone of Rockingham, already has touched off debate on two occasions. Both times, Stone successfully resisted efforts to send the bill back to the Committee on Elections and Election Laws. The committee reported the bill "without amendment" and took no position for or against it.

**LEFT ON CALENDAR**

In debate yesterday, Stone charged that the move to send the bill back to committee was a maneuver to kill the measure. The Senate supported Stone by a narrow 25-22 vote and left the bill on the calendar.

Legislative reappointment after each census is required by the State Constitution. However, this year the Legislature has refused to make changes in line with 1950 population shifts.

A special Senate commission is studying the question of reapportionment of Senate seats. A public hearing has been set for March 9.

New legislation introduced yesterday included a bill by Rep. Edwin S. Pate of Wake to change membership on the State Milk Commission. Pate proposed that the commission be composed of six public representatives not connected with the dairy industry, and the state agriculture commissioner.

At present the commission has one public member, four representatives of the milk industry, a retailer and the agriculture commissioner.

**"BOBO" IN FRANCE**

CHERBOURG, France—(AP)—Barbara "Bobo" Rockefeller arrived here today from New York on the liner Queen Mary. She and her son and the child's governess are on their way to Paris. Mrs. Rockefeller declined to talk to reporters.

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**BECOMES HYSTERICAL**

In the midst of the judge's sentencing, the young woman became hysterical, and her husband rushed to her side. She was led from the courtroom by Mrs. S. C. McGinnis, county jail matron.

She had been charged on seven cases of store-breaking.

Charles Jones, 25, brother of Bill Jones, was sentenced to from 12 to 18 months on the roads on two counts. Richard T. Honeycutt, 20, was sentenced to from 6 to 12 months on the roads on one count, and Shelle Beal, 35, received the same sentence.

Referred to the probation officer for his recommendations were Van Elder, Leroy Cole, Raymond Honeycutt, all charged with store-breaking and larceny, and James H. (Moe) Buryerson.

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Olson (left) With Counsel, Lt. Col. Bruce Gillaspay. (AP)

## Bond Lawyers Prepare Bill For Hospital

Hope Is Brightened For Hospital Plans

By DICK YOUNG  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Hope brightened today for inclusion of the \$250,000 Memorial Hospital planning bonds in the special bond election May 3.

City Attorney John D. Shaw conferred by telephone with the city's New York bond attorneys this morning.

And he announced afterwards that he had requested the bond attorneys to prepare a bill that would provide a legal way to get the \$250,000 planning bond on the May 3 ballot.

City Manager Henry A. Yancey said that such a bill affecting public health would have to be a state-wide measure, since, as he said, local bills regarding public health cannot be enacted.

Even though the way is eventually cleared to obtain a referendum on these hospital planning bonds, decision by the Supreme Court may be necessary before an approving opinion is given by the local attorneys.

At any rate, the bond attorneys have been asked to prepare the bill legalizing a vote on these planning bonds.

**SPEED ASKED**

When the bill is received, it will be dispatched to members of the Mecklenburg legislative delegation with the request that it be speeded through the current session.

The mix-up regarding the \$250,000 hospital bonds came earlier this week when the bond attorneys ruled that there was no legal authority for the issuance of this type of so-called planning bonds.

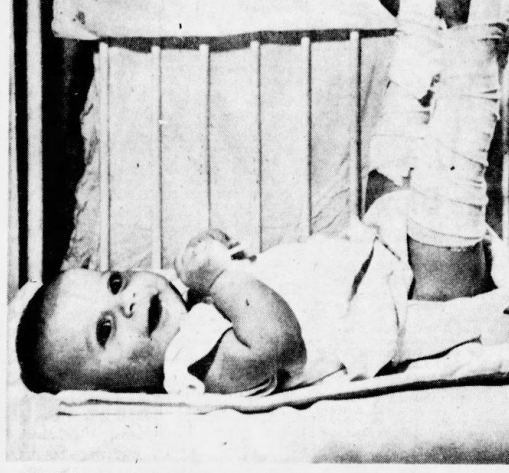
Frank W. Stepp Jr., chairman of the Mecklenburg Facilities Study Committee of the Social Planning Council, appeared before the City Council yesterday afternoon requesting that every effort be made to get these bonds before the people at the May 3 election.

Members of the Council readily agreed to his request, and Mr. Stepp announced that he would telephone New York bond attorneys this morning.

Mr. Stepp told the Council that if a bill legalizing a vote on the bonds were prepared, it could be gotten through the Legislature under suspension of the rules within two days.

Mr. Shaw said that the bond attorneys will quickly prepare the bill, and he expects receipt of it the first of next week.

Then it will be turned over to Mecklenburg legislators with the request that it be hurried through the legislature.



CHEERFUL BUT SURPRISED at her present predicament—her legs strung stiffly overhead as she lies in a hospital bed in Decatur, Ill., five-month-old Doris Hall manages a smile for the cameraman. Her left leg was broken when her sister tried to move Doris from her own bed onto the top of a double-deck bunk. (AP Wirephoto).

## Which Judge Has The Power?

### Bill To Bring More Court

By ANN SAWYER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The creation of Mecklenburg as a separate judicial district with another resident Superior Court judge is being looked upon here as the first of three steps to obtain more weeks of court for Mecklenburg.

Local attorneys expressed their pleasure with the law passed yesterday in Raleigh. It provides for increasing judicial districts in the state from 21 to 30. Guilford and Mecklenburg counties also will receive a second resident regular judge.

Judicial districts which have been the same as judicial districts remain unchanged, and Mecklenburg will continue to form the 14th judicial district with Gaston County.

The next bill expected which may help Mecklenburg get additional courts involves the division of the state into three or more divisions. At present there are two divisions and judges rotate within either. It is thought that the new bill will call for three divisions, but four, five and seven divisions have been discussed.

**NEW SCHEDULE**

After the General Assembly acts on the division bill a new schedule of courts will be presented by the Judicial Council, made up of one Supreme Court member and all Superior Court judges.

It is understood that the Judicial Council has a bill setting up certain terms of court in Mecklenburg. The local bar association reportedly has a similar bill but it is not known whether these bills are similar or in conflict.

At present Mecklenburg can have 88 weeks of civil and criminal court. With the set-up here Mecklenburg can have two sessions of civil court at the same time, or one session of civil and one of criminal.

The authorization of another resident judge brings several local problems. There is the question of which resident judge will have appointive powers. The resident regular judge appoints county civil service members and is authorized to appoint the clerk of court in case a vacancy occurs.

There is also the problem of quarters for the new judge in the already overcrowded courthouse.

Gov. Luther Hodges is expected to name the new judge before July 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Receiving a salary of \$12,500 plus \$2,500 travel expenses, he will serve until the next general election. At that time he can run for a regular eight-year term.

Passage of the restricting bill is looked upon here as some attorneys as almost the end of special two-year term judges which are appointed by the governor. At present the governor has the power to appoint 12 special judges, but it is believed he will appoint only four.

The restricting measure has started speculation in both Mecklenburg and Gaston counties. The re-alignment puts Gaston in a judicial district with Lincoln and Cleveland counties. In Gaston individuals being mentioned as judges are Solicitor Basil L. Whitener and P. C. Fronberger, City Recorder's Court judge.

**LIST GROWING**

In Mecklenburg, the list is growing, but formal action by the local bar association is not expected for several weeks. Warren C. Stack, association president, said the executive committee will discuss March 11 the calling of a special bar association meeting.

Names being tossed around as possible appointees are those of Judge J. C. Seeberry of City Recorder's Court, former City Judge E. McA. Currie, John M. Robinson, Paul R. Ervin, Hugh Lobdell, City Attorney John D. Shaw, H. I. McDougle, Hugh Campbell, Grainger Pierce, and William T. Covington.

## Property Offered

### Sardis Churches' Case Compromised

Parties in the long drawn-out controversy over Sardis Church property today reached a compromise settlement in Civil Superior Court.

By mutual consent, it was decided that Sardis Church property belongs to the local Sardis ARP trustees. Also by mutual consent the parties agreed that trustees of the Sardis Presbyterian Church may take a 60-day option on the property to purchase it for \$82,500.

Settlement of the case marks the end to a controversy which began in 1952 when the majority of the Sardis ARP Church congregation changed its membership to Southern Presbyterian and Sardis ARP Church.

Sardis ARP trustees and ARP synod trustees have contended that the property belonged to the group that remained loyal to the ARP denomination.

The suit to oust former ARP trustees was brought by trustees of ARP synod and the Sardis ARP Church.

Property involved in the \$82,500 settlement includes the church, church grounds, two cemeteries, a fellowship building and church manse.

The English language daily said the shooting took place near Ishikawa Island, 265 miles south of Naha.

Three crewmen reportedly escaped by leaping overboard.

No other details were available.

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## Scottish Poet Dies

EDINBURGH—Scottish poet, Lewis Spence, Scottish author and poet, died today. He was 80.

## Evening Prayer

By the help of the Holy Spirit, our Father, challenge and inspire us to follow in Christ's footsteps. Teach our minds to know Thee better, our hearts to love Thee more, our wills to be completely given unto Thee. In our Lord's name. Amen.

## Our Weather

Partly cloudy and mild today, tonight and tomorrow. Few scattered showers.

Low this morning — 45.  
Low tonight — 50.  
High tomorrow — 75.  
High today — 70.  
High tomorrow — 73.  
Sunrise 6:50 a.m.; sunset 6:20 p.m.

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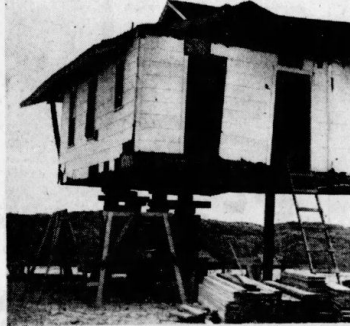
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Picture Of Determination: Hurricane-Wrecked House Being Rebuilt At Garden City, S. C. (Photo By Hugh Morton)

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The charge originally contained eight specifications. One count man was convicted last night on charges of writing pro-Communist articles for the prison camp newspaper.

The case will be reviewed by Col. Aston Hayes, of Ft. Bragg, staff judge advocate, who will submit recommendations to Maj. Gen. Joseph P. Cloward, commanding general of Ft. Bragg.

The trial, which ended midday in its third week, saw 31 prosecution and 29 defense witnesses take

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