

Annexation Bills Passed

Three bills to change annexation procedures for municipalities passed the House yesterday.

The bills, products of the Municipal Finance Study Commission, were explained at length on the floor by their introducer, Rep. Pat Taylor Jr. of Anson.

Rep. Byrd Satterfield of Person got through and amendments exempting his county and three others from two of the bills.

Taylor did not object to Satterfield's amendments exempting Lenoir, Harnett, Pender and Person counties from one bill and taking Person, Harnett, Cherokee and Pender counties out of another.

The measures as explained by Taylor would make annexation a uniform procedure spelled out in State statutes. They provide for annexations without elections.

The Anson legislator called the bills "the best annexation laws in the United States." He said annexation now can only be accomplished through "main strength and awkwardness."

One of the bills sets out annexation methods for towns having over 5,000 population—another for towns with less than 5,000 population.

The other bill pertains to annexation procedure when such is requested by owners of real property outside the town's corporate limits.

The bills include provisions that municipalities annexing land must provide specified sewage and water lines after first giving detailed plans of the facilities planned.

Other provisions give property owners the right to take cases to the courts if city planning has not been carried out satisfactorily after annexation.

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N. C. Jaycees Open

ASHEVILLE (AP)—The North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce opens Thursday a three-day convention it says may be the largest it ever has held in the state.

More than 900 Jaycees and their wives are expected to attend, perhaps as many as 1,000, convention officials said.

Preliminary events include a party for all past members of the Jaycees executive meeting Thursday night. Friday there will be a five-member executive committee and the final of the "Jaycee" competition will follow a ball dance and floor caucuses are expected to start Friday night. On Saturday

Farm Group Plans

The relation of agriculture to North Carolina business will be studied Thursday by a group of 200 farm and business leaders from a seven-county area.

The study will begin with a trip to Raleigh's Farmers Market, where produce and farm goods are pooled for sale to retailers, and visits to four merchandising plans.

Stops on the tour include International Paper Co., Winn-Dixie Stores, Kellogg Switchboard Plant and Colonial Stores Warehouse.

Dr. C. Brice Ratchford, assistant director of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service will head a list of five speakers. Other panelists include Brooks James, director of the department of agriculture; Dr. C. Turner, director of the department of economics; M. Curtis, director of farm marketing. The study is being conducted in the Capital Area District which includes Johnston, Granville, Franklin and Wayne counties.

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Many southeastern property owners reported they were refused policies after Hurricane Hazel did heavy damage in the area in 1954.

The sub-committee reported, "It is our unanimous and reasoned opinion that (the) bill cannot be altered or amended to accomplish in a satisfactory manner the purpose or intent for which it was drawn.

"It is a dangerous policy to attempt by legislative action to alter underwriting principles . . . under private enterprise.

"There now exists to our knowledge only slight risks in and around the Southport-Shal- lotte area which have not been covered by a standard policy of fire or extended coverage."

The report was signed by Sens. J. Max Thomas of Union, chairman, Wills Hancock of Granville, Robert Morgan of Harnett and Will Garrison of Lincoln.

laws passed second reading in the House yesterday after being opposed only by the two K's — Reps. John Kerr of Warren and Roger Kiser of Scotland. And they had Speaker Addison Hewlett to contend with on the floor.

The measure, introduced by Rep. John Hargett of Jones, re-writes laws dealing with fire in- spection.

But that wasn't the portion that Kerr and Kiser objected to as the measure romped through 75-2 in a roll call vote.

They didn't like the portion which defined secondary schools as grades 7-12. This was done, Rep. Ed Yarborough said, so the State could come under the Fed- eral Ntional Defense Education Act, which could make several million dollars available for sec- ondary schools in the State if Fed- eral funds are matched.

Although the bill under consid- eration doesn't commit the State to the NDEA program, Kiser said the portion defining secondary

governments down here sticking its nose into every classroom "

The word federal was enough to bring Kerr out of is seat. "When you send the federal gov- ernment into the public schools of North Carolina, you know what you have," he shouted.

Speaker Hewlett sent former speaker Kemp Doughton to the dais while he spoke in favor of the bill from the floor.

Hewlett pleaded, "I hope you gentlemen won't be scared to death because it has the federal government in it." He said he believed his county, New Hanover, is ready to spend some money to get the federal aid under the act.

This brought Kerr up and run- ning again. "If you want to turn your school system over to the people in Washington, you can do it "

The House voted to table an amendment by Kiser that would have cut out that portion of the bill dealing with the NDEA and went ahead and approved the bill. Third reading is set for today.

Annexation Bill Clears House

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Legislation permitting munic- ipalities to annex fringe areas without holding elections passed the House by a roll call vote of 100-10 yesterday after eight more counties were exempted.

As it passed the House and went to the Senate, a total of 13 counties had been excluded.

Person, Harnett, Pender, Chero- kee and Lenoir were exempted before the bill passed on second reading Wednesday. (It was er- roneously reported in The News and Observer that the bill had passed.)

Yesterday, the following eight were excluded by amendment: Cumberland, Edgecombe, Iredell, Franklin, Halifax, Nash, Randolph and Perquimans.

The bill is in for another type of amendment when it reaches the Senate. Rep. Boyce Whit- mire offered an amendment ex- empting annexed territory now in

a sanitary district from taxes for retiring debt on water and sewer systems for the first five years of annexation.

Rep. H. Pat Taylor Jr. of An- son, a member of the Municipal Government Study Commission which recommended the legisla- tion, told Whitmire the amend- ment was not objectionable to him and agreed to work with Whitmire on it on the Senate side.

Had it been attached in the House, the measure would have reverted to its first roll call read- ing.

Taylor's idea was agreeable to Whitmire and the amendment was withdrawn.

Before exempting his county, Rep. John T. Henley of Cumber- land tried unsuccessfully to amend the bill to provide that no areas would be annexed without a vote of the people involved.

Rep. H. Clifton Blue of Moore

supported the amendment, saying that "nowhere under this plan do the people outside have a right to make their wishes known . . . Democracy is well worth the price we have to pay for it."

Rep. Frank Snapp of Mecklen- burg said the amendment "cuts this bill entirely to pieces." Giv- ing fringe areas a veto would be "utterly ignoring" the interests of people in cities, Snapp said, and would "choke the growth" of cities.

The measure, applying to cities of 5,000 or more population, was one of three municipal study group bills passed by the House and sent to the Senate.

One of the others sets out an uncontroversial annexation pro- cedure for cities of less than 5,000 and the third provides a uniform method of annexation when areas petition to come into municipalities.

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Annexation Bill Clears Assembly

A simplified annexation method for North Carolina cities popping at the urban seams cleared the General Assembly yesterday.

The bill, with many smaller counties exempted, provides an ironclad way for communities of over 5,000 population to bring in outlying suburban areas.

Under its provisions, annexation could be accomplished by resolution of the municipal governing board if it was prepared to extend municipal services to the area.

The new law does away with the requirement for a vote by people in the outlying area.

Jordan Votes No.

Wake County is included in the list of counties coming under the measure, although Wake's Sen.

John Jordan was the only senator to shout "no" as the bill cleared its last legislative hurdle, passing the Senate.

Jordan had said he was opposed, but would not take Wake out of the bill. Pressure to take the county out had built up since residents of Coley Forest-Ridge Road voted recently not to come into Raleigh's corporate limits.

The legislation which passed yesterday was recommended by a study commission which said that North Carolina urban growth was being "stifled" by requirements that elections were necessary before areas could be annexed.

A similar bill setting out a simplified annexation method for communities of less than 5,000 people passed the Assembly earlier in the week.

The following counties were exempted from the bill: Columbus, Cumberland, Edgecombe, Halifax, Harnett, Iredell, Nash, Pender, Perquimans, Person, and Randolph.

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Around The

Piano pupils of Everett will present tonight at Stephen hall.

The Raleigh C. meeting at 1 p.m. Sir Walter, will be on the School Pat Washington.

Associate Justice Moore of the State S will be the speaker Club dinner meeting Methodist Church to o'clock.

Suits for divorce (two-year separation yesterday in Wake S by Emily Claris against John W. Maylores Perry Banks at Banks.

The Raleigh Cour acts will meet 12:30 o'clock in Room at the S& Marvin R. A. charge of the prog introduce Dr. J. L. head of the Divisi Planning, who will of the phases of sch

Solicitor Sees Station Owner

Pretlow Winborne, solicitor of City Court, said yesterday he had no plans at the present to draw a warrant against a radio station operator who continued to sponsor a treasure hunt after a new city ordinance banning such promotions went into effect.

Winborne said the car-key hunt had apparently ended with the keys being found and so far no clues have been given in the search for a hidden certificate the station claims is valued at \$5,000.

The solicitor conferred briefly with John Green, owner of Radio Station WSHF. Green said two

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