

**THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON**

The wide open split in the so-called farm bloc and the fact that the farm price support program, if not an actual campaign issue, will be one of the most controversial questions before the 81st congress, leads back to the bitter legislative fight which brought about the stop-gap law which is drawing the fire not only of urban but rural taxpayers alike. Add to this blaze the fact that the same congress which mandated the price support program on basic commodities, passed a law which prevents effectual administration of price support, and you have a set of circumstances which has the entire agricultural picture in a turmoil. Both the laws, the stop-gap long-range farm program which mandates price

support, and the commodity credit corporation charter extension which forbids the commodity credit corporation from buying or leasing storage facilities for grain on loan or purchase agreement, thus blocking price support, were passed in the hectic closing hours of the 80th congress when the GOP membership was desperately trying to adjourn in time for their Philadelphia convention. Here's the picture during those last closing hours: The senate agricultural committee concentrated on the price support program . . . the house committee on land-use policy. The house committee met with a bi-partisan split over the land-use and was unable to agree. It then reported its stop-gap bill and the house passed the bill on June 12, merely extending the wartime program of price supports without substantial change

until June 30, 1950. The senate committee had, meanwhile, agreed unanimously on a long-range bill reorganizing the soil conservation department and providing for permanent flexible price support program based on a revised parity formula. This bill passed the senate about 11 p. m. on the night of June 17 with final adjournment of congress scheduled for June 19 . . . two days away. After several amendments to the bill from the floor the bill received near unanimous support and passed the senate 79 to 3. So the senate long-range bill and the house stop-gap bill went to a conference committee composed of Senators Aiken, Young and Thye, Republicans, and Thomas (Okla.) and Ellender, Democrats, plus Representatives Hope, Anderson, Johnson and Murray, Republicans and Flannagan, Cooley and Pace, Democrats. Flannagan described the conference as "the strangest and most unusual experience in his 18 years on Capitol Hill." Congressman Pace said: "The house passed a bill, the senate passed a bill, and the compromise is to enact both of them." The committee split two ways . . . first between the house and senate and then between the Republicans and Democrats from the house. The conference started at 5 p. m. Friday, June 18, the day before adjournment. The senators insisted on a long-range bill. The house conferees were equally adamant against the senate bill, saying it was too complicated. So they reached an impasse and adjourned. There the matter stood overnight until 2 p. m. Saturday afternoon, June 19, the day of adjournment, when the conferees met again and quickly adjourned without progress. At 4 p. m. Saturday they met for the third time and again deadlocked. As the evening wore on the Republican conferees received word from the top leaders both in Washington and from Philadelphia that they must get together on some kind of a farm bill. The rules say a majority of conferees must agree. The senate conferees, three Republicans and two Democrats were in favor of the long range bill. Three Democrats from the house were against it and in this they were joined by Rep. Reid Murray of Wisconsin, Republican, making a majority of four out of seven house conferees. The other house conferees, Republicans Hope, Anderson and Johnson, were finally willing to compromise. Then Murray was persuaded to resign from the committee and in his place Congressman George Gillie of Indiana was named. A new

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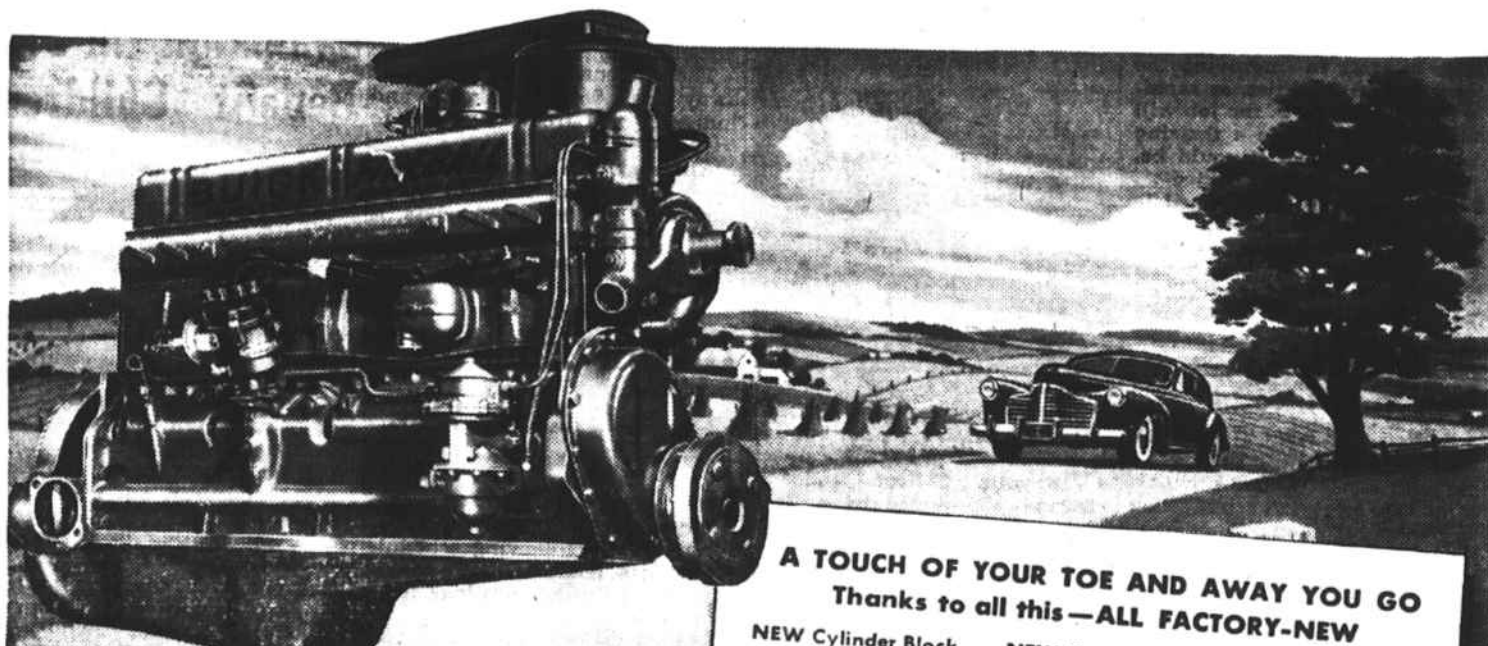
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**4-H DRESS REVUE**  
Miss Janice Ray Swift, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Swift of Reese, a member of the Bethel Senior 4-H club and winner of the county dress revue held in Boone in July, went to Lenoir on Tuesday to compete with other 4-H dress revue winners in this district. Approximately fifteen counties will be represented and the winner in this contest will advance to the state contest to be held in Raleigh later this fall. Miss Swift was accompanied to Lenoir by Miss Robbie Lynn Norr, Bethel Junior 4-H club, Miss HeHlen Hardin, Boone Senior 4-H club and Miss Betty Matheson, home demonstration agent.

**NOT GOING ANYWHERE**  
Omaha, Neb.—A boy looked on innocently while a bus driver counted out his change for a \$5 bill. When the driver told the boy to "drop your fare" in the collection box, the boy asked that the door be opened, explaining, "I'm not going anywhere. I wanted the change for my lemonade stand."

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