

# Washington Report

By BILL WHITLEY

**GAS AND OIL.** Sen. W. Kerr Scott is planning to introduce a resolution in the Senate this week that would start a thorough investigation of the recent price increases in gasoline and fuel oil.

Scott called for the probe after the major oil companies put into effect a one-cent per gallon price increase throughout the Nation on gasoline and heating fuels.

The Tar Heel Senator is hoping that a special committee of the Senate will be named to handle the study.

**COMPLICATED.** "It's a very complicated field to get into," Scott said, "but these most recent price increases definitely look like more than just coincidence."

Scott said he felt the oil companies "should pay the consequences" if it is found that they boosted prices to take advantage of the war scare in the Middle East.

He said it "is more than strange" that the increases came at a time when inventories of the oil companies are abnormally high.

"On the face of it," he said, "it just doesn't look regular, and I think Congress has an obligation to let the public know what's going on."

**ASSIGNMENTS.** Now that committee assignments have been made by Congress, Senator Scott will be burning the midnight oil.

He was named chairman of the Tobacco Subcommittee of the Senate Agriculture Committee and will begin hearings "as soon as possible" on some of the tobacco industry's many complex problems.

The first order of business, Scott said, would be to go over the recent variety regulations of the Department of Agriculture "with a fine-tooth comb."

In addition to a drastic acreage reduction in tobacco this year, the Department outlawed the production of three high-yielding varieties, Coker 138, 140, and Dixie 244.

**PROJECTS.** The Department of the Army has just released funds for the construction of four National Guard armories in North Carolina.

The new armories are scheduled to be built at Asheboro, Mt. Airy, Newton and St. Pauls.

**BOOKLET.** Interested in getting more information about how Federal laws are made?

Senator Scott says he will be glad to furnish copies of "How Our Laws Are Made" to anyone for the asking. It's a booklet printed just recently by Congress and it has a lot of valuable information on the procedures used in passing all legislation.

**TITO.** In the past few weeks, Sen. W. Kerr Scott has been getting quite a bit of mail about the proposed visit of Marshall Tito of Yugoslavia to the United States.

Much of the mail, from all areas of the Nation, voices strong protest to the United States inviting the Communist ruler to make an official visit to this country.

Scott's feeling about the proposed visit is quite firm.

Of it, he says:

"For quite a while, I have felt the President should get a new Secretary of State. Mr. Dulles has confused more problems than he has solved. Certainly, if he did resign, I'm sure anybody who replaced him would have better judgment than to invite Tito, who has double-crossed the United States in the past, to make an official visit to the United States."

**GAS AND OIL.** Senator Scott's movement to begin a thorough investigation of recent gasoline and fuel oil price increases picked up steam last week.

After drafting the resolution that would set up a special bi-partisan Senate committee for the purpose, Scott circulated it among his colleagues.

By the time he introduced it

last Friday, 19 other Senators, including Senator Ervin, asked to co-sponsor the resolution.

Meanwhile, two standing Senate committees announced that they wanted to look into the price increases also.

The Judiciary Committee expressed an interest in the matter in respect to any monopolistic practices that might be involved, and the Interstate and Foreign Commerce said it planned to look into the pricing practices of the industry.

"It certainly looks like there is plenty of sentiment in the Senate to carry out an investigation of the whole affair," Scott said.

"Since such an investigation cuts across the jurisdictional lines of several committees, I think it would be wise to have a special committee assigned to it to go into all its ramifications very thoroughly," he said.

**CEREMONIES.** Scott will be leaving Washington early next week for a busy week in North Carolina.

He plans to go from Washington to Raleigh Wednesday to take in all the festivities of Gov. Hodges' inauguration.

He will remain in the state until the middle of the following week for several speaking engagements.

## Hodges Ready For Inaugural

Raleigh—A final week of preparation for his inauguration and for convening of the 1957 General Assembly began today for Gov. Hodges.

The governor will take his oath for a four-year term on Feb. 7, one day after the Legislature formally opens.

Hodges renewed his plea for greater local support of schools in a Saturday night speech to Lions Clubs in Wilmington. While in the coastal city, the governor also conferred with Col. H. C. Roaland, Wilmington district engineer, on beach erosion and water control projects.

Hodges told the Lions that education "is one of the great answers for the growth and prosperity of North Carolina." While he favors increased state supports for schools, the governor said, the state cannot "pay more than a good minimum." The extras should come from the local level, he added.

**CARD OF THANKS**

The family of Mrs. Elizabeth Greene, deceased, wish to express their sincere gratitude to their friends for their many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy during their recent bereavement. The flowers and food were also appreciated.

U. S. farmers, who now lose about 150 million dollars worth of property by fire each year, are taking out more fire insurance than ever before, report officials in the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

## Letters To The Editor

### Was There Three Rails On L. R.?

Watauga Democrat: To settle an argument I would like to know, if you can give any information about the Linville River Railroad that ran into Boone some years ago. Was there three rails up to Elk Park and Cranberry? Then two rails from the above points of narrow gauge into Boone. I came over this railway February 7, 1924 from Johnson City to Boone and I think I saw three rails and two of the rails looked like about 18 inches apart on right hand of said track. Is this right or wrong? W. A. Watson, Deep Gap, N. C.

(Editor's note: As we recall, there were three rails to Elizabethton, so that standard gauge cars could be handled that far.)

### Thanks Paper

To The Editor:

A newspaperman looked at a sheet of Christmas stamps and exclaimed, "Here's a way to wipe out tuberculosis."

This statement, made in the presence of the editor-in-chief of the North American, resulted in that newspaper using its influence to help sell the stamps to raise funds to keep a shack open where eight TB patients were being treated. The first Christmas Seal Sale produced ten times the necessary amount.

The 50th Christmas Seal Sale has also been aided immeasurably by the support of newspapers. As State Christmas Seal Chairman, I wish to thank your newspaper, on behalf of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, for its support and enlist your cooperation throughout the year in the work of your local TB Association.

To your readers who generously bought and used Christmas Seals, and those who, through oversight, have not sent in their contribution yet, but who intend to do so, we say "Thank You." We urge you to participate in the TB control program you helped pay for and to learn how to keep TB from happening to you.

TB has not been wiped out. But there is more real hope for its de-

feat today than ever before. The number of deaths prevented, since drugs entered the treatment picture a decade ago, is impressive. Less progress has been made in preventing the spread of TB from the sick to the well. It is here that the help of every citizen is needed.

The total of Christmas Seal contributions as of January 21, according to reports received from 102 local associations, is \$413,887.28. Of this amount, 94 per cent remains in North Carolina to support the work of the state and local associations. Six per cent goes to the National Tuberculosis Association and comes back to us in services and in the benefits of a nation-wide research program.

SPENCER LOVE,  
1956 State Christmas Seal Chairman

Knowland is seen as Knight's 1958 rival.

## Francis May Dies At Trade

Francis Oliver May, 62, died Monday at his home, Trade, Tenn., R. F. D. 1.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the Trade Methodist Church. Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. Bill Martin were in charge of the rites and burial was in the Arnold cemetery.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters: Everett and A. R. May, of Trade; Mrs. Lizzie Oliver, Bristol; Miss Annie Oliver, Trade. There are two brothers, Tom and John May, also of Trade.

### FREAK ACCIDENT

Denver, Col.—Richard Perdham, 9, was critically injured when an electric fan blade broke and sailed across the living room of his home, cutting his throat. The boy lost seven pints of blood before he could be rushed to a hospital for treatment.

The giant sequoias, earth's largest living trees, weigh sometimes 2,000 tons. That's about the size of a small steamship.

The Soviet Union has called for a meeting of the Disarmament Commission of the United Nations soon.



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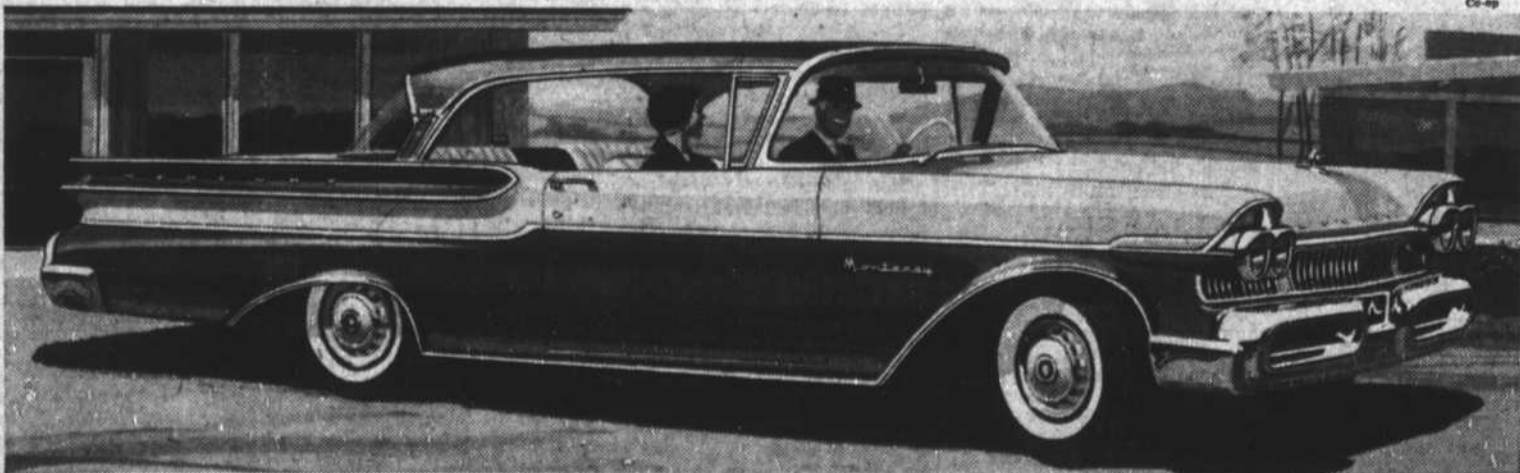


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