



Washington.—The last days of the Congress were very hectic ones. As usual, the appropriations bills were the most important measures to be put in final form before adjournment. We were asked by the President for large sums of money. Congress did appropriate large sums, but not as much as had been requested. Several billions were cut from the amount the President requested.

It is difficult for a member of Congress to judge how far he should go in approving or disapproving an appropriation. For the most part, I voted to cut expenditures, but there were a few instances in which I voted for increases—but they amounted to very little.

I felt that we must reduce government expenditures and I tried to vote accordingly. But last week there were two appropriations which I supported in full, for I thought they were absolutely justified.

Here's what was involved: In connection with the defense effort, certain areas have undergone sharp increases in population. In our own state, for example, there are Cherry Point, Camp Lejeune, Wilmington, Fort Bragg and others. With the added population in these communities, a problem arises with the sharp increase in the number of children thrust upon the public schools.

Congress had previously promised the local school officials that they could expect help in financing school construction. Therefore, I voted in favor of the \$71 million appropriation which had been cut out of the appropriations bill by the committee. When the committee's attention was called to the need for this money, most if not all of the committee members agreed that those items should be put back in the bill. The government's defense program had created the difficulty and I felt it was the responsibility of the Congress to help the local communities with the burden which we had, in effect, placed upon them.

**Dick Russell**

Senator Russell continues to make progress in his campaign for the Presidency, and it appears that he now has a real chance—depending, of course, upon the outcome of many factors at the Chicago convention.

More and more people are realizing that Senator Russell is recognized as the most able man of all those mentioned, and that if nominated he could hold his own, both in the North and the South, and against either Eisenhower or Taft.

All three of them have taken sub-

stantially the same position on civil rights. The civil rights matter ought not to be an issue but there are some who are determined to keep it stirred up for the purpose of trying to inflame one segment of our population against another.

Senator Russell is a fine and able man, and I sincerely hope that he will be nominated. If nominated, I am confident he will win.

**Going Overseas**

Vice President Barkley last week designated me as a member of the delegation to represent our Congress at a meeting of the Interparliamentary Union at Bern, Switzerland. I attended this meeting last year at Istanbul, Turkey, and it is a revealing experience to meet legislators from all of our civilized countries and to understand their problems and have them understand ours in America.

It is possible that I may be able to send back some comments for this column at intervals, and many editors have indicated that they desire that I do so. For the present, though, this will be the last of the regular weekly columns—unless I have an opportunity to make a few notes during the Democratic convention at Chicago which would be of interest to you.

I am most grateful to the many newspapers all over North Carolina which have made possible the opportunity for me to discuss my views on matters that have come before the Congress. I have frequently found that when citizens understand the facts, they thoroughly appreciate the situation that a member of Congress may be in when dealing with a particular problem.

**Greek Visitors**

My friend, Spiros G. Alexiou of Raleigh, and members of his family, stopped by to see me the other day. They are typical of the many fine citizens we have in North Carolina of Greek birth and ancestry.

Mr. Alexiou asked me about the new immigration law and I told him of the great misrepresentations made about that law. I think he was surprised to learn that the quota for Greek immigrants had not been disturbed and that there was nothing in the law affecting the good citizens of any race or nationality. He had been dubious of the law because he had read some of the propaganda that has been distributed against this bill.

I did tell him that efforts had been made and would continue to be made to keep out of America those who would come here to join subversive elements—elements which seem bent upon destroying the American system of government and economy.

I was glad to see Mr. Alexiou and his family, and was happy to have the chance to explain the real contents of the immigration bill.

Improve your opportunities—every hour lost now is a chance of future misfortune. —Bonaparte.



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**White-Footed Mouse**

Life is short for White-Footed Mice. They are old at the age of three, and they hardly ever live to be more than five. To survive that long, they must stay out of the clutches of their enemies.

Some of them are lucky and avoid capture. But according to the National Wildlife Federation, untold numbers are seized and eaten by hawks, owls, skunks, weasels, minks, foxes and snakes.

Despite this toll, White-Footed Mice are plentiful in nearly all parts of the United States. Sometimes they live in buildings, but they get along just as well in fields and woodlands. In all kinds of weather, summer and winter, they make the best of what they have.

On grassy plains, White-Footed Mice burrow in the ground. In forests, they may dig their shelters under rocks, stumps, and logs, or they may live in the hollows of trees. Because they are good at climbing, they sometimes go high above the ground to find tree holes or old bird nests in which to make their homes.

In the spot which they choose, the parents carefully build a nest of plant materials. In it they raise several litters of young each year. There are from three to seven babies in a litter.

At birth, a White-Footed Mouse is tiny, blind, and helpless. It is only an inch and a half long, and depends on its mother for food. But it grows rapidly and soon is on its own. In less than three weeks it has its eyes open and no longer needs milk.

By the time it is two months old, the White-Footed Mouse is fully grown. It is seven and a half inches long, including a tail that measures three and a half inches. Its body is plump and, for a small creature, it has large ears and eyes and a long

head. True to its name, the White-Footed Mouse has white feet. The underside of its body is white, too. Its head, back, and sides may be either fawn, brown, or gray.

Because it is so dull in color, the little animal does not attract much attention as it scurries around looking for food. It feasts on many kinds of seeds and nuts, and it also likes snails and insects. Besides the meals which it eats every day, it collects supplies and stores them away. In its cheek pouches, it carries grain and bits of nuts to the hiding place where it saves food for the winter.

Like their gray cousins, White-Footed Mice are usually looked upon as pests. They eat valuable grain, and sometimes they damage houses and barns. By eating insects, though, they make up for part of the trouble which they cause.

**Gliden And Rocky Hock Battle For 11 Innings**

A large number of baseball fans enjoyed a treat Friday night on Hicks Field when Gliden and Rocky Hock of the Chowan County League battled for 11 innings, with Gliden finally nosing out 1 to 0.

On the mound for Gliden was Franklin Hollowell, who allowed only two hits. Vernon White, star Perquimans High School performer, was on the mound for Rocky Hock and allowed only four hits. He fanned 18 batters, while Hollowell let down eight by way of the strike-out rope.

Gliden leads the league, having won 12 games and lost 5. Edenton follows with 10 victories and 7 defeats. Rocky Hock won 7 and lost 9 and Valhalla has 5 wins against 13 losses.

The greatest events of an age are its best thoughts. Thought finds its way into action. —Boice.

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