

# SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington — While studying the military public works bill for the continental United States, I made a few comparisons which I believe you will find interesting.

**Military Construction**  
For fiscal 1958, here are the projects and amounts for North Carolina: Army: Fort Bragg, \$1,151,000; Navy: Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, \$6,503,000; Naval Seaplane Facility, Harvey Point, \$5,728,000; Marine Corps Air Facility, New River, Jacksonville, \$39,000; Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, \$2,372,000; Air Force: Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, \$9,991,000, a total of \$25,684,000 for military construction in North Carolina.

**Comparison**  
North Carolina, generally speaking, ranks high in the amount of investment for military activity. On the construction phase alone, our State outranks New York whose total is \$19,616,000. We are far behind California which would get \$122,191,000. I cite this to show the great amount of Federal funds being spent in North Carolina by the military on this one item. Of course, it does not include the many other expenditures for na-

tional defense.

**Economy?**  
The cut-backs in personnel in the Armed Forces create a confused situation. For example, the Army is reducing its forces by 50,000. Those who applaud the economy therein practiced are prone to forget how this action hits many career military people. This austerity program is forcing from the services many careerists who had planned on making their retirement.

As you know, I have favored adequate defense preparation. I want our defense to be in being, fearing no time to prepare should an emergency strike. I believe some more effective means of providing our armed forces must be found than this "feast or famine" approach now in use.

This is why I am reluctant to drastically reduce our personnel until a firm program can be adopted. It is false economy. If we are to urge young men and women to make a career of helping defend our country, we ought to have a system whereby they can do it without the constant threat of being involuntarily turned out on the whim of the moment.

## Ornamentals

By C. W. OVERMAN  
Cowan County Agent

Where to plant trees and shrubs can cause quite a family argument. Men, don't argue, you can't win—use subterfuge. An example: Recently John Harris' (Extension Horticulturalist) wife came home with a batch of flowers and was about to plant them in the lawn. He suggested a "better" place behind a hedge near the woods. For some "unknown" reason they never reached 6 inches high!

Try to keep your lawn free of shrubs and flowers. It's easier to mow that way and it looks better, too. Some plants are needed around the house, but they are needed at other places, too.

Shade is important. No place is complete without trees, arrange them informally so they will cast shade where you need it. If your house faces north or east, it might look better with trees placed at the sides to frame it but this does not mean you should never have trees in front, if you need shade have it. For fast growing trees it is hard to beat Plane Tree (Sycamore), Willow Oak, and Tulip Tree. Other good trees include the other oaks, maples, pecan, hackberry, ash, linden, and of course, many others. Chinese elm, Silver maple and Lombardy

popular aren't so good because insects or disease are likely to attack them.

Screen off unattractive views. Does your home have an area that isn't attractive—a barnlot, clothes line, neighbor's backyard? Look at your place from the highway, from the kitchen and living room windows and from the porch. What do you see? Is it attractive? If not, arrange your planting or fence to screen off unattractive areas. Use evergreens that require little pruning, they will give a screen the year around. Examples: Ligustrum, hemlock, photinia, camellia, sasanqua, southern magnolia, yucca, southern wax myrtle, cherry laurel and holly.

Enclose your backyard for outdoor living. The front we usually leave open, however, you can enclose it if you like. The entire grounds might be more-or-less private and if surrounded by plants of one kind together for mass effect. Space your shrubs in the border so they will eventually grow together. Forsythia about 5 feet, Pyracantha, 8 feet, and dwarf azaleas about 4 feet apart.

**Vegetables and Fruits**  
To be sure of good stand gar-



**SURROUNDED**—"We ought to be home by Fairtime," quips Mrs. J. E. Stone (seated) to Mrs. Charlotte Jones as they begin the tremendous task of mailing out the 10,500 Premium Lists for the 1957 N. C. State Fair to be held October 15-19. But both Mrs. Stone, Entry Department Director, and Mrs. Jones, Office Secretary, are experts at this job and this biggest premium list yet will soon be on its way.—(N. C. State Fair Photo).

den vegetables should be seeded a little thicker in the fall than in the spring and gradually thinned to the desired stand. Poor stands often result from poor soil preparation and too much undecayed grass and weeds in the soil. Decaying debris gives off heat that tends to kill off young seedlings. Lumpy and "trashy" soil also is full of air pockets which cause rapid drying out of seedlings and roots.

Collard seed may be sown during early September and cut off like turnip salad when the plants are about six inches high. The young and tender collard plants make a tasty dish.

Each year vegetables of not good appearance and quality are exhibited at the community, county and State fairs. In many cases premiums are turned back because of too few entries. Gardeners should plan now to select vegetables that are uniform in size, shape and color, free from blemishes and true to type. Let's don't go to the fair and then say "I've got better looking tomatoes, etc., in my garden than they have here." Let's take them to the fair, show them off, win a ribbon and a cash premium, too.

There is no truer truth obtainable by man than comes of music.  
—Robert Browning.

## Garden Clubs Join In Fight On Litterbugs

Garden Clubs throughout the State are leading anti-litterbug campaigns in cooperation with the "Keep North Carolina Beautiful" program sponsored by the Governor's Committee for Clean Highways.

Mrs. J. R. Bennett of Rocky Mount, who with Mrs. Ennis Jackson of Gastonia represents the Garden Club of North Carolina on the Clean Highways Committee, said this week that over 50 clubs had sent in detailed reports of clean-up and beautification campaigns.

With auto litterbags, posters, window stickers, and full support of press, radio and city officials, the Garden Club women are reminding the public to do its part in the war against litterbugs.

The results are showing up in cleaner highways, streets and parks, from coast to mountains.

"This local leadership by the Garden Clubs is bringing the clean-up campaign home to peo-

ple all over North Carolina," said Committee Chairman Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines. "The effects of the work which the Garden Clubs are doing is evident in editorials, in letters and comments indicating that the public conscience is being aroused. That is one of the chief objectives of our 'Keep North Carolina Beautiful' campaign, and we are grateful to the Garden Clubs for helping show the way."

Almost all of the 53 garden clubs which have reported on their anti-litterbug campaigns are distributing auto-litterbags and attractive decals bearing the message "Don't Be A Litterbug."

## ACCIDENT FACTS



Raleigh—What was the safest month for driving and walking last year? In a study by the State Department of Motor Vehicles, traffic fatalities in North Carolina occurred like this in 1956: January 90, February 61, March 92, April 94, May 91, June 80, July 94, August 108, September 89, October 89, November 104, and December 116.

## MILK PRODUCTION RECORD

According to purchases by distributors in North Carolina, producers set a new record in Grade "A" milk sold during the first six months of 1957. Current January-June purchases of 415 million pounds of Grade "A" milk exceeded similar purchases in 1956 by approximately 45 million pounds—an increase of a little over 12 per cent. Although purchases during each month of 1957 were ahead of comparable months for 1956, biggest gains were recorded for January, March, April and June when increases over the purchases for the same months, last year were 16.2, 11.8, 14.5 and 11.4 per cent respectively.

**Tit For Tat**  
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## WOMAN SURVIVES IN TEXAS WILDS

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**Statement**  
**HARDWARE MUTUAL CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY**  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin  
Condition December 31, 1956, As Shown By Statement Filed

Assets	
Bonds, \$64,179,962.44	Stocks, \$500,001.00
Mortgage loans on real estate, \$551,552.72	Real Estate, \$2,773,426.04
Cash and bank deposits, \$2,542,886.44	Agents' balances of uncollected premiums, net, \$3,762,300.70
Reinsurance recoverable on loss payments, \$1,846.45	Interest, dividends and real estate income due and accrued, \$356,286.75
All other assets as detailed in statement, \$201,135.55	Total admitted assets, \$74,869,418.09
Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds	
Losses unpaid, \$31,933,007.57	Loss adjustment expenses unpaid, \$4,332,043.96
Other expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees): Underwriting, \$31,354.81; Investment, \$24,446.10; total, \$55,800.91	Taxes, licenses and fees (excluding Federal income taxes): Underwriting, \$1,155,949.00
Federal income taxes, \$55,121.00	Unearned premiums, \$21,886,361.00
Dividends declared and unpaid: (b) Policyholders, \$1,375,000.00	Amounts withheld or retained by company for account of others: \$217,072.92
Excess of liability and compensation statutory and voluntary reserves over case basis and loss expense reserves, \$101,423.24	All other Liabilities, as detailed in statement, \$1,766,012.96
Total liabilities, \$63,477,933.76	Special surplus funds, \$2,275,000.00
Capital paid up, \$1,600,000.00	Unassigned funds (surplus), \$7,516,424.33
Surplus as regards policyholders, \$11,391,424.33	Total, \$74,869,418.09
Business in North Carolina During 1956	
Accident only (Individual): Net Premiums, \$322.30	Hospital and medical expenses (Individual): Net Premiums, \$106.85
Group accident and health: Net Premiums, \$2,617.57; Net Losses Incurred, \$2,617.57	

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Liability other than auto (B. I.): Net Premiums, \$13,441.25; Net Losses, \$5,142.25  
Auto liability (B. I.): Net Premiums, \$129,830.71; Net Losses Incurred, \$55,138.13  
Auto liability (P. D.): Net Premiums, \$71,362.73; Net Losses Incurred, \$36,011.03  
Auto phys. damage: Net Premiums, \$60,525.17; Net Losses Incurred, \$24,583.04  
Liability other than auto (P. D.): Net Premiums, \$5,221.97; Net Losses Incurred, \$893.95  
Glass: Net Premiums, \$5,399.66; Net Losses Incurred, \$3,480.87  
Burglary and theft: Net Premiums, \$3,145.19; Net Losses Incurred, \$273.74

Total Net Premiums, \$458,736.26; total Net Losses Incurred, \$209,833.53  
President, Carl N. Jacobs; Secretary, H. A. Graner; Treasurer, Robert E. Busbey; Home Office, 200 Strong's Ave., Stevens Point, Wisconsin.  
Attorney for service: Chas. F. Gold, Commissioner of Insurance, Raleigh, N. C.  
North Carolina Insurance Department, Raleigh, N. C., 1957.  
I, Chas. F. Gold, Commissioner of Insurance, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the Hardware Mutual Casualty Insurance Company of Stevens Point, Wis., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1956.  
Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.  
CHAS. F. GOLD,  
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