

TOWNSEND PLAN PROBE DELAYED BY COMMITTEE

Dissension In House Threatens Continuation Of Inquiry

Washington—Sharp dissension within the ranks of the house old age pension investigating committee Saturday threatened to delay continuation of the inquiry into affairs of the Townsend plan to pay persons over 60 a \$200 per month pension. The committee, it was learned, has called off meetings for at least three weeks. Members were understood to be sharply divided on how the inquiry should be continued.

Principal sources of disagreement are:

- 1—Why Dr. F. E. Townsend, head of the movement, had not been called to testify. He offered to appear voluntarily in a communication to Chairman C. Jasper Bell (D., Mo.)
- 2—Why Robert E. Clements, erstwhile secretary-treasurer of the movement, was not permitted to give a "full statement" of his knowledge of the financial affairs of the movement.
- 3—Why the inquiry has been delayed.

Chairman Bell has gone to Kansas City, Mo., his home, and intends to stay there a "week or ten days." James R. Sullivan, committee counsel, who was reported to have gone to Kansas City, slipped quietly away to assist Reps. Joseph A. Gavanan (D., N. Y.) and Samuel L. Collins (R., Calif.), in gathering data on the movement on the West Coast.

Sullivan, Collins and Gavanan will be away at least two weeks. Meanwhile, Rep. Scott W. Lucas (D., Ill.) is in his home state because of the primaries there and Rep. J. William Ditter (R., Pa.) has gone home to Pennsylvania.

The eight man committee, it was learned, had been split before the adjournment over Bell's method of conducting the inquiry. The split was not along party lines, however, it was understood.

One group demanded that Dr. Townsend be put on the stand immediately. It asked also that Clements, who testified that he stayed up all night on 24 hours notice from the committee to get the financial picture of the organization, be permitted to give the "other side of his story."

Clements testified that the Old Age Revolving Pensions, Ltd., the Townsend vehicle, had received \$951,000 since its inception in 1934. He said he had a record showing how the money had been spent but he was not permitted to offer it.

"In other words", a committee member said, "the inference was left that Dr. Townsend and Clements got the money without allowing an opportunity to show what became of it. I have no axes to grind and believe in letting the chips fall where they may, but it seems to me that it should be fair to get both sides of the picture."

Rep. John Steven McGroarty (D., Cal.), leader of the house Townsend bloc, sharply assailed the committee for failure to call Townsend and said that he had asked Chairman Bell to do it.

"The investigation has not proved a single act of wrong-doing," McGroarty said. "The movement will go on. It is no longer the Townsend Clements-McGroarty movement but a national undertaking."

McGroarty, although he has split personally with Townsend over political aspects of the pension movement, repeatedly has asserted his sincere belief in the old age revolving pensions plan, which he charged Townsend had abandoned.

He has retained his membership in OARP despite the personal controversy with Townsend, and still is considered the plan's chief sponsor in congress.

McGroarty said that he had no hope for passage of his bill to pay the pensions through a two per cent transaction tax at this session "but we will continue to press to bring it up."

About 60 signers are on a petition filed with Speaker Joseph W. Byrns to force floor consideration.

Meanwhile, Sheridan Downey, Townsend's personal attorney, and Gomer Smith, a vice-president of the movement, were preparing a suit to be filed here soon to halt the hearings on the grounds of unconstitutionality.

After his death the hospital wedding of Bernhardt D. Johnson, 40, of Cincinnati, O., was revealed. Johnson died of injuries received when he was struck by a truck.

All Plants Subject To Parasites And Disease

The human race would soon run short of food if all methods of controlling plant diseases were suddenly abandoned.

Practically every plant now grown for food or other purpose is subject to attack by diseases and parasites said Dr. R. F. Poole, plant pathologist at State College.

The exceptions are certain disease-resistant varieties which have been developed within recent years.

Artificial cultivation of crops, without disease control methods, is favorable to the increase of plant diseases and parasites, Dr. Poole added.

In the early days, when pioneers were first wresting their fields from the forests, they had little need to worry about disease infestations. But those days have long since past.

Now it is almost impossible to produce a crop of fruit sufficient to supply the local demand without the use of dusts, sprays, and other methods of insect and disease control, Dr. Poole said.

"If you do not believe this," he stated, "visit two orchards when the fruit is ripe. Go to one where the diseases have been kept under control, then go to one where no effort has been made to check them. Observe the difference. The facts will speak for themselves."

Fortunately, he continued research workers have found ways for controlling most of the parasites and diseases which now affect the farmers' crops.

The rest is largely up to the farmers, he commented. When they follow the recommended control practices, they can produce good crops. But when they grow lax and careless, diseases and parasites spread rapidly and the crops suffer losses that sometime run into millions of dollars.

Lime-Sulphur Spray Controls Peach Rot

Brown rot is one of the most common and destructive peach diseases in North Carolina.

Yet it can be controlled effectively and economically, said Dr. Luther Shaw, extension plant pathologist at State College.

The first step, he said, is to destroy all the mummified fruit in the orchard, both on the trees and on the ground. Either burn them or bury them where they will decay.

Destruction of the mummies will eliminate one of the main sources of the parasite fungus that causes the disease.

Lime-sulphur and wetable sulphur make good sprays for protecting peaches during the growing season. Use 12 1-2 pounds of dry-mix lime-sulphur to 50 gallons of water, or 3 pounds of wetable sulphur to 50 gallons of water.

Lime-sulphur and wetable sulphur can be purchased ready for use, or the former may be mixed at home in the ratio of 5 pounds of finely ground dusting sulphur to 7 pounds of hydrated lime with 1-2 pound of calcium caseinate.

For ordinary conditions, three applications of the spray are recommended. The first should be about four weeks after the blossom petals have been shed. Four to six weeks later spray again. The third application should be about 10 days before the fruit is due to ripen.

However, if brown rot should appear to any appreciable extent shortly after the first application, follow it with another spraying in three weeks. This necessitates four applications in all.

Sulphur dust will control brown rot almost as effectively as lime-sulphur spray, Dr. Shaw added. The dusting schedule is the same as the spraying schedule.

4-H Clubs To Protect Small Game And Birds

North Carolina 4-H club boys and girls will soon be rallying to the aid of small game, birds, and wild plants—which have been fast disappearing from countryside.

Boys and girls living in the country are in good position to help conserve and propagate wild life, said L. R. Harrill, 4-H club leader at State College.

The 4-H clubs have launched a state-wide life and conservation program which will be pushed as one of the major projects this year, Harrill continued.

As an added inducement, arrangements have been made for a state wild life and conservation camp to which will be sent ten club members from each of the four extension districts of the State for a week's training with all expenses paid.

The trip to camp will come as an award for club members submitting the best reports on their activities be-

MRS. PENLAND, OF HARSHAW CHAPEL, BURIED SATURDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha C. Penland, 85, of the Harshaw Chapel section of Cherokee county, were held at the Hampton Memorial church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. Mr. England officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. W. D. Townson was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Penland had been ill for several months and passed away quietly Thursday night at 11:30.

She was born in Buncombe county but moved to Cherokee about 45 years ago where she endeared herself to many people. She had been a faithful member of the Methodist church for more than 70 years.

Surviving are four sons, W. L., J. O., and N. F., all of Murphy, and A. F., of Monroe, Ga., and many friends and relatives.

JOINS NAVY

Walter Candler King, of Route two Murphy, was enlisted in the United States Navy from this station on April 9, 1936, and sent to the Naval Training Station at Norfolk, Virginia for a period of twelve weeks recruit training. Upon completion of recruit training if possible King will be given leave to visit his home and upon return from leave will be assigned to sea duty. Young King is the son of Edwin Lewis King of route two, Murphy. Walter attended the Murphy High School. Applicants for enlistment in the United States Navy are accepted daily from 9 to 4:30 on week days and 9 to 1 p. m., on Saturdays. At this time there are vacancies for white and Negro men. The negro men are enlisted only in the Messmen branch of the service.

tween now and August 1. It is open to any club boy or girl from 10 to 20 years old.

The club members will make surveys of birds and animals, study trees, plant wild shrubs and flowers, build bird houses and fish ponds, collect and mount specimens of trees and shrubs, and feed birds and small game in winter.

A feature of the program will be making a map of the farm showing the location of fields, cultivated crops, forests, pastures, meadows, eroded areas, fences, buildings, springs, streams, and the size, kind, and location of feed for birds and game.

Harrill pointed out that these maps will also be useful to club members' parents in the new soil improvement program.

FINAL RITES FOR M. D. COLEMAN HELD THURSDAY

Funeral services for M. D. Coleman, 61, of Culberson, were held at the Shady Grove Baptist church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. Thomas Truett officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. W. D. Townson was in charge

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of funeral arrangements. Mr. Coleman died Thursday evening at 5 o'clock suddenly of a heart ailment. A member of the Baptist church, he had been employed around 20 years by the L & N railroad and was only recently retired on account of bad health.

Surviving are his wife; a son, John, of Cleveland, Ohio; two daughters, Mrs. Albert Watson and Mrs. Verlon Roberson, both of Culberson; one brother, Milton, of Belmont, N. C., and two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Walker, of Etowah, Tenn., and Mrs. Mauda Hayes, of Isabella, Tenn.

Tax Lister's Notice

For the purpose of receiving your tax lists for the year 1936, the undersigned List Takers for Murphy Township will be at the following places on dates indicated. Come and list your taxes at one of the places and thus expedite the business, and also save expenses to the public and extra cost to you.

Murphy—Court House—
April 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 29 and 30.

Grape Creek—School House—
April 13th and 14th.

Ebenezer—School House—
April 15th and 16th.

Boiling Springs—School House—
April 17th and 18th.

Grandview—Davis Store—
April 20th and 21st.

Martin's Creek—School House—
April 22nd and 23rd.

Peachtree—School House—
April 24th and 25th.

Tomotla—Keener's Shop—
April 27th and 28th.

Very respectfully,

P. H. LEATHERWOOD, List Taker.

B. L. PADGETT, List Taker

W. W. BARTON, Tax Supervisor.

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