

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



WASHINGTON - The subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, recently heard expert testimony on the constitutional rights of the mentally ill. The hearings demonstrated that our hopes were well founded that new light would be cast upon a problem that has become one of the most neglected areas of the law. My observation as Chairman of this Subcommittee is that after further study has been made of the testimony of eminent psychiatrists, attorneys, and mental hospital superintendents, it is altogether possible that an enlightened revision of the statutes governing the mentally ill may be made.

Senator Alexander Wiley, a member of the subcommittee, aptly stated at the opening of the hearings: "The investigation pertains directly to the rights of a tremendous segment of the population. This indeed is the first time that the Congress of the United States has undertaken to look into the legal aspects of mental illness." The hearings brought forth statistics showing that "over 250,000 people are committed to mental institutions each year", and that "over one-half of the hospital beds of the entire country are devoted to the care of the mentally ill."

LEGISLATION SUMMARY - President Kennedy and the Congress have accomplished much during the first eleven weeks of the new Administration. The early part of Congress was concerned with the election of leadership, the filling of committee vacancies, and the disposition of rules procedure. Following this the Senate has passed the Depressed Area bill, the Temporary Unemployment Benefits act,

the Sugar Act Extension, the Feed Grains Program, the OECD Treaty ratification, the Reorganization Act, and the Federal Judgeships bill. All of these bills have gone to the President except the Federal Judgeships measure which at the date of this writing has been reported by the House Committee for consideration by the House, and the Depressed Areas bill which is in a Senate-House conference to iron out differences in the Senate and House versions of the bill. The Congress has thus far enacted four of the 16 measures for which the President has asked priority action. Five other bills have been passed in one or the other halls of Congress.

Spencer Crane Dies in Gastonia

Spencer Crane, 84, a former resident of Rt. 3, Murphy, died in a Gastonia hospital, Tuesday afternoon, April 4, after an illness of several weeks. He had lived with a son in Gastonia for the past several months.

Surviving are the son, Truman Crane; one step-daughter, Virgil Crane; one step-son, Virgil Crane; one step-daughter, Mrs. Ernest Coleman, all of Gastonia; two sisters, Mrs. Lillie Evans of Tellico Plains, Tenn., and Mrs. Nancy Jane Cole of Gastonia; one brother, Napoleon Crane of Charlotte; and 11 grandchildren.

Services were held at 4 p.m. Thursday in Oregrea Baptist Church.

The Rev. J. O. Winkler officiated, and burial was in Unaka Cemetery.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge.

Backward Glance

30 YEARS AGO
APRIL 10, 1931

Frank D. Davis, Murphy boy with the United States Marine in Managua, Nicaragua, is safe and did not suffer any injuries in the earthquake and fire which destroyed the capital city of Nicaragua last Tuesday, according to a letter received by his sister, Miss Polly Davis.

Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Parker spent last Thursday in Atlanta, Ga. shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lee and Miss Katherine Thompson spent Sunday with Miss Thompson's sister, Mrs. R. E. Barclay of Copperhill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Townsend and daughter, Annie Mae and Miss Sallie Kate Baker motored to Andrews Sunday.

Mrs. Mack Carringer, of Biltmore Hospital, Miami, Fla., announces the birth of a daughter, on April 3rd.

Miss Dair McCracken who is attending WCTC at Cullowhee spent Monday as the guest of Miss Carmen King.

Misses Lois Hill, Ann Chandler and Dot Heighway and Polly Davis and Lakes Martin were shopping in Asheville last Saturday.

20 YEARS AGO
APRIL 10, 1941

Boy Scout Troop 2 of Murphy was installed at a meeting of the Murphy Lions Club meeting Tuesday night at the Methodist Church.

Miss Christine Howell, daughter of Mrs. W. E. Howell, who entered training at Greenville General Hospital in Greenville, South Carolina last September, has been elected in the student council to serve the three years she will be there.

Mrs. Vesta Hensley of Murphy has announced the marriage of her daughter, Miss Mary Cathron Hensley to Clyde Sneed, of Knoxville. The vows were solemnized on March 9 in Blue Ridge, Ga., with Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Schuyler attending. The ring ceremony was used.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mulkey have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Virginia Mulkey, to Winston Craig of Ducktown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Craig.

The ceremony was performed in Blairsville, Ga., on March 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden Coward of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hyde spent last week end in Dayton, Tenn. with Mr. and Mrs. John Thuss.

10 YEARS AGO
APRIL 12, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cheney of Murphy announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Deborah, Friday, April 6, at Murphy General Hospital.

Mrs. Tom Mauney and sisters, Misses Sue and Louise Haigler of Hayesville will spend the weekend in Greenville, S. C. with their niece Mrs. Dale Lee and family.

Mrs. Rose Phoebe and family, Mrs. Dale Lee will leave Sunday for Atlanta where she will attend the Camp Surgical Garment School.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Axley and daughter, Diane, and Mrs. Axley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cook of Chattanooga, spent Sunday here with relatives.

An Easter Egg, decorated by a Murphy Crafter stopped en route at New York City then crossed the ocean and ended its travels in Paris, France. A letter from its recipient came back to Murphy to thank the artist.

R. A. Dewar Meets A Porpoise

by R. A. Dewar

The king fish were running while we were in Florida and it was very interesting and exciting to go deep sea fishing. Our boat went several miles into the Gulf. The catch included king fish, mackerel and bonita, with the king fish averaging from six to fourteen pounds.

Our most exciting time was when having hooked a king fish, we discovered a porpoise, estimated by our boat captain to weigh approximately one thousand pounds and fifteen feet in length, chasing our fish and apparently determined to swallow hook, line and king fish. I think the following description of the porpoise will be interesting to insert here and then finish the story.

"The incredible dolphin (porpoise) is dubbed the clown of the seas with some reason. He looks like a buffon with his roly poly body - twinkling eyes, prodigious nose and mouth forever frozen in a broad grin. The porpoise can be a very rough customer. He snaps his jaws like a crocodile. Even sharks and whales with the single exception of the killer whale, know better than to attack him. Using his bone hard snout as a lethal battering ram -- a porpoise can easily kill a shark by rupturing its vulnerable liver or a whale by breaking his jaw."

Our problem was to get the king fish in the boat quickly. The most exciting moment was with the fish running towards the boat for protection. The porpoise charged directly towards the side of the boat with head and his tremendous body skimming the top of the water. With no time to use the gof the king fish was swung into the boat. The porpoise came to a halt ten feet from the boat, with the grin on his face and as much as to say "Okay, it was lots of fun if I did lose my meal."

With the porpoise around the king fish left us and we were on our way back to port.

North Carolina; Mr. Raymond K. McLain, Director of the Hindman Settlement School; Dr. Elizabeth Peck, Historian at Berea College; Miss Ruth White, Hindman Settlement School.

Mr. Frank Smith, formerly of Berea College and now living in Swannanoa, North Carolina, founded the Mountain Folk Festival.

From The Desk Of State Senator

W. FRANK FORSYTH - 33RD DISTRICT

Last Wednesday was an unusual day in so far as senate action was concerned. Senator Currie of Durham had introduced a bill offering reapportionment of the Senate, giving two senators each to the counties of Guilford, Mecklenburg, and Forsyth, and cutting districts as to keep the membership of the Senate at fifty. Senator Lindsay Warren of Beaufort, leading the opposition as Charlemagne of old directing his forces, planned his attack perfectly and defeated Currie's reapportionment bill 32 to 16.

Senator Frank Banzet, by amendment, completely changed the Currie bill. This amendment called for a continued policy of no more than one senator for each county, but added three additional districts which would make the membership of the Senate 53 Senators.

The debate and the drama of this occasion stirred and thrilled packed galleries and lobbies. Every Senator was in his seat, and at times one could hear a pin drop in the Senate Chamber as a Senator would pause during debate. Climaxing this momentous occasion was Senator Warren's rebuttal, and as the old war horse rose to his feet, everyone gave their full attention. The Senate and spectators alike were certainly not disappointed because there were fireworks aplenty. To say the least, he was eloquent and ruthless, but most effective.

Most folks think that the time one spends in the session is the amount of work that a representative or a senator does. Actually the session is just a small part of a busy day. For instance, on Wednesday of last week, I had a conference with highway officials about roads in the 33rd District, a commit-

tee meeting of Conservation and Development at ten o'clock; at ten-thirty a committee meeting on Wildlife. There I explained a bill that I had introduced dealing with the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. At eleven-thirty Senate convened and did not adjourn until two-thirty, at which time I went to Finance. As vice chairman of that committee we held a public hearing, and the tobacco people presented their views of taxation. The hearing was in the City Auditorium and attended by over a thousand tobacco farmers and warehousemen. This meeting did not adjourn until four o'clock. I then had to go by the Attorney General's office and did not leave there until five.

Most days from here until the adjournment of legislature will be as busy as this day, some busier, and part of the time I will not be able to attend committee meetings. Capitol Square at this time of the year is very beautiful. The azaleas are in full bloom, the dogwoods, the camellias and flowering cherry trees are prettier now than I have ever seen them. I wish every person in the 33rd district could be in Raleigh now to see their Capitol. I am proud to be a North Carolinian.

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by Eula H. Greenwood

Although the Legislature as of April 8 completed one-half the time allotted to it by State money, it was much less than 50 per cent along with its business, (Legislators are paid \$15 daily for 120 days).

The 1959 edition of the General Assembly convened on February 4 and adjourned on June 20. The House alone introduced some 1375 bills. As of this past weekend, only around 400 - less than a third of the 1959 number - had been introduced in the House.

This gives you some idea, in theory at least, the amount of work that lies ahead of the 1961 group of legislators.

RIDDLE

A bit of a riddle being passed around Raleigh goes something like this:

"What is it that moves like a turtle for three-fourths of its life - and then like a greyhound for the last fourth? Give up? Hint: It comes to your capital city every 24 months and has 170 parts. You guessed it ... and it is scheduled to be in its turtle stage until the leaves are full grown. That is about May 10.

After that, Brother, get out of the way! Anything can happen.

END OF THE LINE?

The word we get here is that State political leaders who have not always seen eye-to-eye with him in the past will go along on the appointment of John Larkins of Jones County as one of the new Federal judges.

Put this down: there are no closer political friends in the State than Larkins and U. S. Sen. Everett Jordan. So, if Larkins really wants the place, Sen. Jordan is expected to go all out for him. This would mean the end of the line, politically, for John Davis Larkins, who first came to the Legislature 25 years ago. He will be 52 on June 8.

WHO'S YOUR CONGRESSMAN

If you do not like your Congressman, be patient. You may have another one before long. Literally thousands of North Carolinians will be moved from one Congressional District to another. We are losing a district. One of our Congressmen must go. First move in that direction - the recommendation - will be made in the Legislature in two weeks. Watch for it.

HAPPENS EVERYWHERE

Newspapers themselves laugh at the little gremlins which cause words to get into the wrong places, etc. But a few days ago the official journal of the N. C. Press Association, the well edited and interesting "The North Carolina Press" had an article about J. P. Huskins, Statesville publisher, and his receiving the Outstanding Citizenship Award.

But the headline read: "Statesville Honors Publisher Hawkins".

FLOWERS FOR THE LIVING
Last Friday, with a lot of the legislators in a hurry to get home for the weekend, the 72nd birthday of one of the really big men in the N. C. General Assembly attracted little attention .. of importance.

This will probably be the last session for John Wesley Umstead. He is serving his 13th term in the Legislature, that's 26 years of it, two terms in the State Senate and 11 in the House.

We have heard no indication that John Umstead will not run for re-election, but we note that the years this time weigh

Mrs. Maeburn Dies in Hospital

Mrs. Adine Maeburn, 87, of Route 1, Murphy, died early Wednesday morning, April 9th in a Murphy Hospital after a long illness.

A native of Cherokee County, she was a daughter of the late Moses and Mary Jane Fowler.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. C. R. Stiles of Rt. 1, Murphy; Mrs. P. H. Stiles of Akron, Ohio; and Mrs. Lela Rich of Murphy; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

\$200,000 has been paid to the Baptist senior college, which now has approximately 2,000 students in the Twin City, Southeastern, which will be ten years old officially this year, has 700 students, or more than WF itself had 25 years ago.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Union Baptist Church at Bear Paw.

The Rev. George Wilson officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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