

## SENATOR MURKIN SAYS



Senator Murkin says that the members of the Senate have been working hard for the past several days.

**Long Hours**  
Refer to the Armed Services Committee on the air inquiry headed by Senator Murkin and the Permanent Investigations Subcommittee headed by Senator McClellan. In addition to these committees, there have been meetings of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and the Calendar Committee which acts upon routine legislation is being handled on the floor. This activity, plus the normal requirement of working after matters pertaining to the constituents of North Carolina, leaves no time for loafing or taking advantage of the normal tendency to yield to the pleasures of a day in the sunshine.

**Not At Bat**  
During the political battles that have been in legislation remind me of every they told me back home in Morganton when I was a young boy playing sandlot baseball. The team on which I was playing was getting beat terribly bad—in fact, the score was 43 to nothing. It is said that somebody asked me if we were getting beat and that I replied in the negative, basing my opinion on the assertion that our team had not been at bat yet so we couldn't be getting beat.

**Technicalities**  
Governmental bureaucracy has been a topic of discussion since the birth of the nation. I was impressed during the recent conferences in connection with hurricane damage in North Carolina with the fact that some of the government's lawyers must stay up all night trying to figure out how to complicate a simple thing. I got that impression from the meeting with Secretary Weeks and his attorney on damage to the highways in our State. There was a simple technicality that the Secretary apparently knew should not stand in the way of granting certain funds. It is this type of bureaucratic stalling that takes so much time in Washington. But things usually work out in due course to the satisfaction of all concerned if the cause is legitimate.

**Delegation**  
I am looking forward to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington. The North Carolina delegation under the chairmanship of Mrs. E. L. White, former Mayor of Wilmington, and Mayor George W. Dill, Jr., of Morehead City, will have a dinner on the evening of May 9. Our

state is vitally concerned with rivers and harbors legislation, and this is an opportunity for unified action on our needs. You will be interested in following the action of the meeting in Washington. The North Carolina delegation is made up of some of the most enlightened and interested people on problems and needs of rivers and harbors. Their contribution to the development of our State is far more important than I can detail here. These delegates deserve a vote of appreciation for their unselfish contribution.

### Tests Planned For Deficiency Of Crops

Is a deficiency of minor plant food elements cutting crops yields? If so, what areas are becoming a problem? These are two questions Dr. Adolf Mehlich of N. C. State College Agricultural Research plans to determine.

In cooperation with County Agent Overman and several farmers Dr. Mehlich plans to try minor element applications on several farms. Cotton, peanuts and corn will be three of the crops.

Farmers who are having trouble growing crops on particular fields or areas should notify Mr. Overman, who can possibly arrange for trial tests on minor elements this year.

### NO PLACE FOR OLD ROOSTER IN MODERN POULTRY FLOCK

Apparently many small poultry flock owners still believe that they need a few roosters to keep their hens company.

But, as much of a shock as this may be to the males, those hens will perform just as well without any love life, according to R. S. Dearstyne of the State College poultry science department.

On a commercial scale, in fact, it's almost a universal practice to exclude males from the flock throughout the entire year.

Dearstyne says that the production of infertile eggs has much to commend it as far as the quality of eggs is concerned. The same goes for the large flock or small.

He points out the poultry industry is making a constant effort to increase the consumption of eggs and one egg in a carton showing embryonic development may well take a family of consumers off the egg market.

Dearstyne emphasizes that the small flock owner who markets some eggs will make a real contribution to the "quality egg cause" if he will eliminate the males from his flock.

## Benefits To State Veterans In 1955 Total \$102,593,254

Veterans Administration distributed \$102,593,254 in cash and services to veterans and their families in the State of North Carolina during fiscal year 1955, VA announced.

VA's Annual Report for 1955, now on sale at the Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., lists a wide variety of cash benefits and services distributed under law to veterans and their families in North Carolina.

Compensation for service-connected disabilities and pension for total and permanent nonservice-connected disabilities were paid to 50,831 living veterans in the amount of \$99,401,063.

Death compensation and pension were paid to the dependents of 18,892 deceased veterans in the amount of \$16,411,562.

Certain GI insurance and indemnity payments totaling \$8,298,430 were made to veterans or their beneficiaries in North Carolina for the year.

An average of 876 disabled veterans of World War II and of the Korean conflict were trained during the year under the vocational rehabilitation act to overcome the handicaps of their disabilities. They received a total of \$1,068,588 in subsistence, tuition, supplies and equipment.

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### Temporary perches for this purpose. It's important that the edges of such perches be beveled so that no sharp edges exist. And the birds should be given a balanced diet so that hard bones and normal skin will develop.

The poultryman should use birds afflicted with breast blisters for home consumption. The processor usually rejects such birds anyway. However, Dearstyne emphasizes that a small blister in no way affects the food value of the meat.

### Dust Storms Rough On Big Open Field

The severe dust storms of recent weeks in the Coastal Plain area have caused many farmers to wonder if large open fields are as they've cracked up to be.

R. S. Dearstyne, State College extension forestry specialist, says that Tar Hill farmers can't afford to let the fine particles of soil blow away because they are essential to profitable farming.

Dearstyne says that some farmers have found that planting of trees planted across large fields will greatly cut down on the amount of soil blown away.

Although it's too late to plant this spring, Dearstyne says that farmers with bad soil problems should start planning to start some trees next winter to provide windbreaks to keep their soil at home.

### Breast Blisters Not Uncommon On Birds

Although there are no sure preventive measures against breast blisters on chickens, good management practices will keep this trouble to a minimum, according to R. S. Dearstyne of the State College poultry science department.

Breast blisters aren't uncommon among chickens, especially broilers or heavy breeds of layers. The abnormality is usually caused by a constant irritation of the area caused in contact with wire floors, unbeveled perches, or sharp objects.

Dearstyne says that one way to cut down on breast blisters is to raise the feed hoppers high enough so that the birds have to stand to eat. Very often the poultryman wishes to teach the chickens to perch at an early age and install

### FAIR WAGE RATES UP

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