

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Since writing last week's column for a few days ago, the sections of North Carolina with college students, including one talk at the college.

Continuing Classes
I have always enjoyed seeing young men and women as they take on their responsibilities as citizens. The continuing classes this year at the college to begin in the next favorable circumstances. My hope of a commencement speech is that it should be timely. That makes the preparation of a commencement talk require a great deal of time and it is a real

challenge to the best thought processes of the speaker.

Auto Dealers
I am hopeful that the Senate will soon take up the O'Mahoney Bill. It seeks to give the automobile dealers of our country their day in court to protect them from the failure of automobile manufacturers to act in good faith in complying with the terms of franchises or terminating or not renewing franchises with their dealers. This bill was reported favorably from the Judiciary Committee on June 4. It is now on the Senate calendar. I feel that legislation of this type is long overdue. The hearings held before the Senate committees have indicated that au-

tomobile dealers have been increasingly encroached upon until they are virtually no longer independent business men. In short, they have little economic freedom. Of course, it is obvious that the manufacturers must have some rights when they issue a franchise, but the proposition should be more even and not so one-sided as now. The O'Mahoney Bill attempts to counterbalance this inequity.

One Bright Spot
One bright spot in the new farm bill is that North Carolina will be about 63,101 acres better off in 1957 in cotton acreage as the result of the Stennis amendments which were adopted. I was glad to strongly support these amendments. They completely offset the scheduled 11.5 per cent reduction in acreage for North Carolina in 1957 and will actually result in an increase of about 7,321 acres in 1957 as compared with 1956.

Miscellaneous Items
The Senate last week passed the appropriation for the new trout hatchery in Pisgah Forest. We are now ready to take up the social security revision proposals which will require considerable time. I was glad to see the Senate provide funds for research in cancer and heart diseases. There is some talk around the Capitol that Congress should now complete its work by July 10, but I feel that it will probably be longer than that before adjournment.

CLUB MEETS

The Bethel Home Demonstration Club met Friday, June 8, at the Community Building with Mrs. D. W. Simpson as hostess.

The United Nations Hymn was used as the opening song, followed by the devotional which was given by Mrs. J. P. Ward. Miss Blanche Goodwin, president, conducted the business, with chairman reports being heard.

Mrs. L. A. Proctor, Home Dairy Leader, gave a most interesting report on "Dairy Foods."

In the absence of Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Reuben Stallings, Home Management Leader, gave a demonstration on "The Use and Care of Small Electrical Appliances."

Mrs. E. J. Proctor, Sr., conducted a contest on Small Electrical Appliances with Miss Sarah Ward winning the prize.

The hostess served cookies and

CLASSY GAS SAVER

World motorcycle racing champion H. F. Mueller holds up a measure with a little more than a quart of gasoline—the amount he needs for each test run of the new, streamlined German NSU racer. That small amount of fuel took the vehicle 100 kilometers (about 60 miles) at a speed of 100 kilometers per hour in an initial test. Top speed by Mueller in his "racing chair" was about 90 miles per hour. During the special run, Mueller was lying almost flat on his back in the machine.

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Veterans Asked To Cash Leave Bonds

Thousands of World War II veterans in this state are holding Armed Forces Leave Bonds that have drawn no interest for five years or longer, and Uncle Sam would like to pay up—an average of \$200 apiece.

Walter P. Johnson, State Sales Director of the U. S. Treasury's Savings Bonds Division, has an idea for these ex-G.I.'s who apparently don't need the money right now. He suggests they redeem those Leave Bonds and put the money in Series E Savings Bonds, which pay 3 per cent interest compounded semi-annually when held to maturity of nine years and eight months.

In the country as a whole, 130,000 veterans hold Leave Bonds worth \$26 million. It's all that's left of more than two billion dollars paid to members of the Armed Forces discharged between April 1, 1943, and October 1, 1946. The five-year bonds, carrying an interest rate of 2 1/2 per cent a year, were used to reimburse veterans for unused leave.

A special act of Congress in 1947 made the bonds redeemable after September 1 of that year. Some \$1.5 billion were cashed within the next few months; others were held to draw additional interest. However, the last of these matured on October 1, 1951, and have drawn no interest since that date.

"Now the Treasury would like to clear its books of this bond issue," Mr. Johnson said, "and is calling on all veterans' organizations to help locate the 130,000 bond owners. Then when these bonds are cashed, I can think of no better place to put the money than in safe, sure, indestructible United States Savings Bonds. And," Mr. Johnson added, "if you don't have any Leave Bonds, Savings Bonds are still a good buy."

Cottonseed Oil Use In 1955 Approaches Record High Of '54

Total U. S. factory consumption of cotton seed oil in 1955 amounted to almost 1.5 billion pounds, the National Cotton Council reports.

The Council notes that last year's total was the second largest amount consumed in any previous year. All-time high for cottonseed oil usage occurred in 1954 when 1.8 billion pounds were consumed.

Cottonseed oil accounted for 29 per cent of total U. S. factory consumption of vegetable oils in 1955, compared with 31 per cent in 1954. The decline in cottonseed oil consumption, and its share of the market between 1954 and 1955, is primarily the result of an increase in the price advantage of soybeans all during the period, the Council says.

Cottonseed oil distribution by major and uses shifted considerably between the two years.

almost 60 per cent of total consumption was winterized for use in salad oils, cooking oils, salad dressing, mayonnaise and related products, compared with 37 per cent of consumption in 1954. About 18 per cent of cottonseed oil consumption went into margarine in 1955; in 1954 margarine accounted for 22 per cent. Shortening accounted for 39 per cent of 1955 cottonseed oil consumption, compared with almost 30 per cent in 1954. All other edible and inedible products represented about 4 per cent in both years.

These cottonseed oil facts and figures appear in the 1955 edition of the Cotton Council study, "Cottonseed and Competing Vegetable Oils." Copies of the new study are available from the Market Research Section, National Cotton Council, P. O. Box 9908, Memphis, Tennessee.

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