

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

A Resume of Government Happenings in the National Capital

Serious consideration is being given to reintroduction of the Knutson tax reduction bill with the same provisions as vetoed by President Truman except that tax reductions would start January 1, 1947, instead of July 1, 1947. Several Democratic senators, including Senator Byrd of Virginia, have indicated they would "go along" on a measure like that and predictions are made even that such a measure would be passed over a presidential veto.

As a matter of fact, it was indicated throughout the debates on the Knutson measure that several Democratic senators, otherwise opposed to tax reductions this year, would approve such a measure next year, and it was even indicated that President Truman might sign a tax reduction bill starting next year.

Again the national science foundation bill, which has passed the senate, is stymied in a house committee although strenuous efforts by proponents are being made to force the measure out

of the committee. The main controversy over the bill, which provides 20 million dollars for research in basic science by private research and the training of scientists and research in universities and colleges, is the patent feature of the measure.

During the last congress such a bill passed the senate with the provision that all patents resulting from research would be free and open to all industry. The thinking in this line is that these patents were the result of research with government money and should be for the use of everyone. The same thinking was followed on the atomic energy law. The present bill, however, contains no such provision and, as a matter of fact, provides that patents resulting from scientific discoveries as a result of the federal appropriations remain the property of the discoverer.

It is possible that former Sen. Robert LaFollette of Wisconsin may be offered the job as general counsel under the new Taft-Hartley labor law. Whoever is named by the President to this job will be a virtual labor czar since he is responsible to no one, not even the national labor relations board for which he is counsel. He would be absolute in determining which cases were violations and would be absolute in referring these cases to the board for hearing. He would act

in the position of a prosecuting attorney, with the board sitting as a hearing court.

Although several thousand persons have been severed from the federal payroll during the last few months, the congestion in Washington seems no less. As a matter of fact, housing in the capital is in tighter demand than at any time during the war. One reason is that many federal agencies which were moved out of Washington during the war to make room for war agencies are returning with their employees. Included among those already back are the patent office from Richmond, Va., rural electrification administration from St. Louis and several others. The senate now has been asked to approve transfer of nine other agencies with 2,500 employees back to Washington. These include securities and exchange commission and immigration and naturalization with 550 employees from Philadelphia; fish and wildlife service and national park service with 1,300 employees from Chicago; actuarial office of Veterans' administration with 500 employees from New York. Other agencies which want to return to Washington are alien property custodian and the federal deposit insurance agency.

Although Ed O'Neal, American Farm Bureau Federation president, indicated that if price conditions get worse the nation might have to return to price controls. Sen. Robert Taft of Ohio said there's "not a chance" by the present congress.

O'Neal, testifying before the joint congressional economic committee, told of the serious meat shortage and its consequent high prices and declared that flood devastation in the corn belt is adding to the meat shortage. At best, O'Neal said, the nation may have to adopt voluntary meat rationing.

Said Taft, however: "We can control prices to some extent by controlling exports of corn and corn products and we can eat something else." "The law of supply and demand will keep a kind of ceiling on and if prices are too high, people will simply buy less."

Adams News

Mrs. Tom Hartley, who underwent an operation at the Wilkes hospital recently, is at home, much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hodges are erecting a new home on the highway near Adams.

Mrs. Spencer Campbell, of Sugar Grove, visited last week with her mother, Mrs. J. N. Presnell. There is little change in Mrs. Presnell's condition.

Earl Colvard, who has been in ill health for several months, is slowly improving.

Mrs. R. J. Brown and children visited Friday with relatives in Mountain City.

Mr. M. C. Lawrence and daughters, of Trade, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lawrence of Plumtree, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown Sunday.

Rev. Truman W. Conley, the man who was jailed for preaching the Gospel, will preach at the home of Jim Brown sometime in August. The date will be announced later.

Veterans' Farm Class Tours Ashe County

The Veteran farm training class of the Appalachian high school participated in an extensive farm tour of some of the better farms in Ashe county Saturday, where they saw some improved farm practices being used successfully. J. T. McLaurin, of the Ashe county soil conservation department, directed the tour.

On two farms Serecia lespezeda was being grown on land that had been badly eroded and was producing excellent crops of quality legume hay. On another farm Serecia was being used to control erosion on a gall eroded to a depth of seven feet. The Serecia was two to three feet high and is being used for a wild life border. However, it could be used for a hay crop.

On another farm visited one and one fourth acres of ladino clover seeded last fall was providing abundance of pasture for two dairy cows. The ladino was three to six inches tall and showed little effect of grazing.

Mr. Blevins, owner of a fifty-four acre farm, paid income tax last year. The majority of the Blevin farm is steep mountain land not suitable for cultivation. Since 1940 he has stopped plowing his steep land and started strip cropping his more desirable land. This made it necessary to reduce the acres of crop land one half but the total crop yields have remained the same. In 1940 there was one horse and two cows grazed on the farm but now there are two horses and twelve cows being grazed. Mr. Blevins, states he was sick and tired of seeing his land go down the branch.

On still another farm visited there was twelve acres of alfalfa. The farm owner had reduced his corn crop from ten acres to two acres and had corn in the crib, meat in the smoke house, fat cattle and horses, and doing less work.

N. C. Teachers Get Long-Sought Raise

Raleigh—The State Board of Education last Wednesday unanimously adopted the nine months school fund budget calling for expenditure of \$59 million for the 1947-48 school year and the increase of instructional salaries of certificate holders by at least 20 per cent.

Of the total appropriation of \$59 million granted by the 1947 General Assembly, \$58,955,724 was budgeted, leaving a margin of only \$236,260. The Assembly designated \$50,489,130 of the appropriation for instructional salaries.

Salary schedules were set for all teachers in the state, with an increase of approximately 30 per cent for teachers holding G (graduate) and A and B certificates when increment benefits are included. The percentage increase ranges from 29.21 to 30.52, with the average expected to be slightly above 30 per cent.

For certificate holders under B, the range is as high as 25.36 per cent, with no certificate holder receiving less than 20 per cent. It was estimated that there would be 1,301 holders of the lower certificates. In addition, it was expected there would be about 390 teachers who would be unable to qualify for a certificate of any kind. The salary for these persons will be fixed at \$100 a month, with a percentage increase of 13.21.

Holders of G certificates with at least two years experience are slated to receive a salary of \$203 a month. Those with Class A certificates with no experience will receive \$180 a month, and those with B certificates, with no experience, \$160 a month.

Class C certificate holders will be paid \$137 a month; elementary holders \$127 a month; and elementary B holders \$117 when they have had no experience. Principals will receive salaries scheduled according to their number of years experience and the number of teachers in their schools. Those with no experience heading schools with fewer than seven teachers will be paid \$216 a month. Principals with as many as eight years experience heading schools with fewer than seven teachers will receive \$277 a month.

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Final Plans Being Made For Farm And Home Week

With final plans rapidly shaping up for 1947 Farm and Home Week, which will be held on State College campus August 25-29, it is hoped this year's event will be an outstanding one to the more than 5,000 farm men and women expected to attend.

Lectures by such outstanding National speakers as Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Dorothy Thompson and Congressman Stephen Pace are scheduled. These talks will relate to state, national and international affairs affecting rural people. Other outstanding speakers during the week include: Dr. T. B. Hutcheson, outstanding personality in southern agriculture and Dean of School of Agriculture at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va.; J. B. Hutson, newly elected president of the board of directors of Tobacco Associates, Inc.; and Thomas J. Pearsall, former speaker of the House of Representatives.

There will be a series of talks and discussions, many of them held on the day at the same hour in order to give each person a chance to attend the one in which he is most interested. These periods will deal primarily with new and improved methods and procedures for farm and home activities. They will include such factors as crop and livestock production, farm mechanization, rural health, family relationships, home food supply, labor saving devices, and other points involved in family living.

New home equipment with emphasis on electrical appliances; the latest in farm machinery; and new methods in crop production and processing will be featured in exhibits, as well as a number of demonstrations relating to both the home and the farm.

Not forgetting the recreational side of the week, arrangements have been made for visitors to see places of historical interest in Raleigh, and visits will be

made to the college farms. There will also be group singing, square dances, contests and prizes and other features.

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