

Scott Believes Benson To Resign Cabinet Post

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Raleigh—Within the past two or three weeks I have become convinced that Secretary of Agriculture Benson will resign in the very near future from President Eisenhower's cabinet.

Recently there has been quite a bit of talk in Washington that at long last he has been persuaded he is a definite detriment to a feasible farm program and to the Eisenhower Administration.

Just before leaving a few weeks ago on a trip around the world to review foreign market conditions, Secretary Benson made an extensive grass roots tour into most of the farming areas of the United States. In this tour at home he sought out opinion about his ideas of putting more flexibility into his already flexible price support programs.

The reaction was very unfavorable, both from farmers and from the general public. He found that farmers feel strongly that cheaper prices—which would certainly result with still lower price supports—are not the answer to the ills of agriculture. He also found sour response among non-farm people to his efforts to blame increased consumer food costs on the farmers.

Just as important as the bad reaction from farmers and the general public was the reaction among members of Congress in his own party. The Secretary found himself about as far out on a limb as he could get with his proposals that he be given authority to set all price supports anywhere he chooses from zero to 90 per cent of parity. I do not know of a single member of Congress—of either political party—who has endorsed such a proposition.

With this string of events in the past few months, it appears

certain that there is no doubt about Secretary Benson leaving the Cabinet.

Some reports in Washington say that high level Republicans have convinced President Eisenhower that it will be impossible for the Party to sell Benson's policies in next year's Congressional elections. Politically, it is easy to understand that many influential people in the Republican Party feel that Benson must go before Congress reconvenes in January.

I think that Secretary Benson will resign shortly after he returns from his world tour, and that he will not make a formal presentation of his proposals for lower price supports before Congress. His departure will be graceful. I am certain that the President will agree to keep him in Washington, probably as a "special assistant," and advisor, on world agricultural problems or some such thing. Instead of actually firing him, the President will probably "promote" him to a non-active position where he doesn't have to come into contact with the public, especially farmers.

CANCER AND DRINKING

Dr. Ernest L. Wynder of the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research, speaking at the annual meeting of the Institute's scientific symposium, declared that heavy drinking added to heavy smoking tends to increase a man's risk of developing cancer of the mouth and larynx. Cigar and pipe smokers also run a relatively greater risk of cancer of the inside of the mouth and upper throat than do cigarette smokers, although the latter run the greater risk of lung cancer, the scientist said.

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Open Fire Is Comfort Aid

Nothing is more "homey" and delightful on a winter evening than a fire in an open fireplace. The know-how of modern brick masons and builders have largely eliminated the mess and bother connected with an open fire.

There are endless kinds of fireplace equipment to add pleasure to fire building. New types of dampers on the market do away with the draft usually associated with a fireplace when it is not in use. Modern fire screens and more efficient fire dogs make it much safer to have an open fireplace in your home.

A fireplace, even when not in use, is an attractive addition to any home. During the summer it will look cool and lovely filled with growing house plants or cut greens. It will provide a center of interest for an otherwise dull room.

Large, Early-American type fireplaces are popular for a den or kitchen these days. They have a double use, providing a perfect charcoal cooker during the winter months.

A wood fire is by far the most attractive kind of fire to have. Hardwoods make the best firewood because they burn longer and hotter. It is a good idea to have a sheltered place to keep some logs dry. These dry logs will catch quickly and in turn keep the greener wood burning.

Slightly green wood burns more slowly and after it catches, will make a fire that lasts a long time. There are chemical products on the market that can be thrown into the flames to give many different colored lights to a fire. Pine cones also make interesting fire patterns.

FARM PRICES DROP

Prices received by farmers declined 2 per cent between mid-September and mid-October, according to the Agriculture Department. However, the farm price level in mid-October was 2 1/2 per cent above that of a year ago but about 23.4 per cent below the record reached in February, 1951. Prices paid by farmers for goods and services used in production and in family living were unchanged during the month, at a record first set last April. These prices were about 2.7 above those of a year ago.

Syria officials recently signed a twelve-year economic and technical assistance agreement with the Soviet Union that was said to have "no strings."

Murray Gives Painting To Valle Crucis School

The Valle Crucis School wishes to thank Mr. Howard Murray for the beautiful hand-painted picture that he gave to our school. We are very grateful to him.

Students Absent

We have had several of our students absent from school this week with the flu.

Mrs. Horton's Third Grade

We have thirty-six children in our class this year. Most of us had a perfect attendance record until the flu epidemic started. Only ten have escaped flu so far.

Sixteen parents have visited our room this fall. The third grades had the most parents present at the September and October P. T. A. meetings. We were awarded a new library book each month.

We are enjoying our social studies unit, "Living Together Now and Long Ago." The first part was how people lived together on farms, in villages and in cities.

The second part is about American Indians. We have a display of Cherokee Indian made baskets, moccasins, beads. Also some books and pictures of the Cherokees. We are making books about Indians. We plan to make some Indian pottery and paint Indian designs on them.

Our science units have been interesting and helpful. Our first unit was a study of insects. We mounted some moths and butterflies and found a number of cocoons.

Our most interesting unit was about reptiles. We had in our room, specimen snakes and a live snake that Kate Brine brought. We read a lot of books about alligators, crocodiles, lizards and snakes. We studied poisonous snakes and non-poisonous ones. We learned that the black snake is helpful to the farmer. He eats mice and rats in the fields and barns. Rattle snakes and copperheads are found in Watauga moun-

tains. Mrs. Mary Brine came to our room and told about her trip to England and the royal family. She liked our bulletin board with so many pretty pictures of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip. Our bulletin board was filled with clippings of the royal family.

Mrs. Taylor's Second Grade

We would like to thank Mrs. Mary's mother, Mrs. Joe Fox, for the nice candy party she gave us for Halloween.

Our main theme is "Living Together in Our Community." We have learned that community is a neighborhood with homes, churches, and business places. We are finding out how community workers help us and how we can help them.

It was fun making our large community map. On this map we showed our homes, churches, stores, school, roads, signs, road numbers and buses. We know how to tell people where we live.

We are now working on "Transportation" in connection with our community helper unit. We want to find out how people in a community work together with the help of transportation.

On our work table is a model village complete with easy to make trucks, which was sent to us by the North Carolina Motor Carriers Association.

Mr. Triplett's Eighth Grade

In science we have been study-

ing about the lives of the people who existed 100 years ago. We have also been studying about the disposal of sewage.

On November seventh we took a field trip. We found out about our water supply and how we dispose of the school garbage.

We want to thank Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Love for our wonderful lunches they have been serving this year.

THE NS SAVANNAH

The country's first atomic-powered merchant ship will carry the designation NS (for nuclear ship) instead of the familiar SS (for steamship), according to James C. Hagerly, who also announced that the first ship would be named the NS Savannah. The SS Savannah was the first ship to cross the ocean under steam power—across the Atlantic from Savannah, Ga., to Liverpool, England, in 1819, requiring 22 days.

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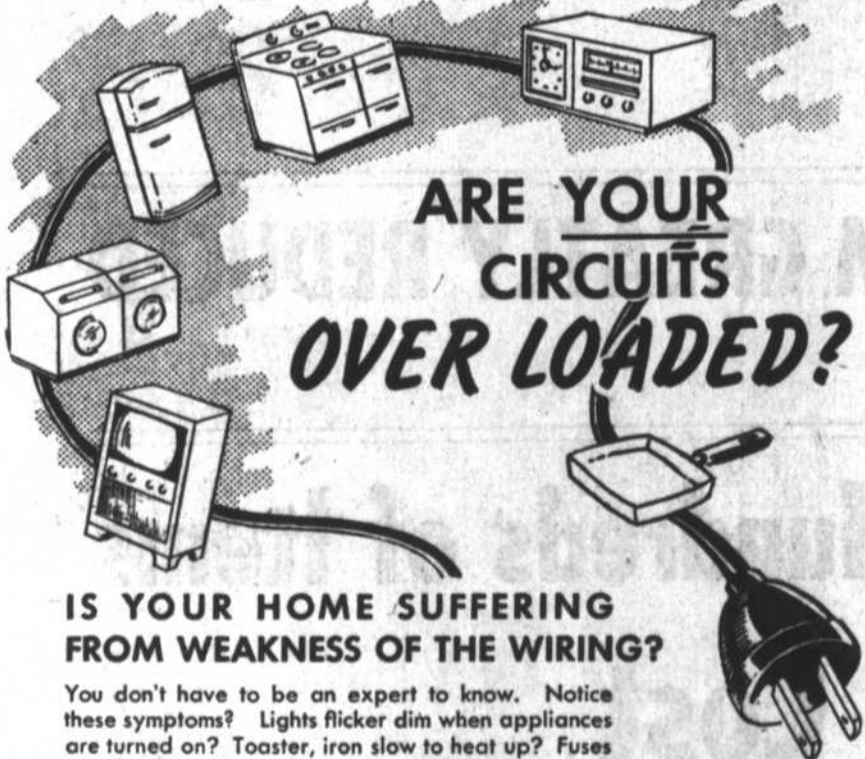
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