

# Senator Scott reports from WASHINGTON



A mean fight is beginning to brew in Washington over the future of our various farm programs.

Two important developments took place last week that give some indication of what is taking place that will have far-reaching effect on agricultural economy.

On Wednesday Secretary of Agriculture Benson told the Senate Agriculture Committee that more flexibility ought to be put in the price support programs.

I am sure it was coincidence, but on the same day—almost the same hour—the House voted to end the Soil Bank after this crop year.

Both events will have pronounced effects on farmers—but more important, they reflect a deep split that has been developing among farm interests for some time.

There is no doubt that the Soil Bank was killed because of the poor and inefficient manner in which it was administered. It was supposed to be a program for all basic crops, but it turned out to be a corn and grain program.

Very large percentages of the total funds were shuttled into the mid-western grain states. Very low and unfair rates of payments were devised for cotton and tobacco which made it impractical for most southern farmers.

The manner in which this program was administered brought ill feeling—and rightly so—among southern farmers.

The result was defeat when the bill came up for a vote in the House because the normal farm vote strength was badly split.

The comments of the Secretary will certainly bring about wider splits in the farm states if he is successful in putting his ideas into legislation.

In effect, he told the Senate

committee that all price supports are bad and that they should be eliminated on a gradual basis.

He even included tobacco, which gives strong indication that he will present a bill to Congress next year that will greatly reduce the price support levels on all commodities.

If this does happen, it could mean the ruin of all the price support programs.

With the atmosphere as it is, it seems the time has come when it is imperative for farmers to put up a united front to save the entire price support program.

In order to do this, I strongly feel that farmers should thrash out their problems immediately, discuss all possible solutions and come up with positive proposals to offset the program of still lower price supports that Secretary Benson is certain to push for the next crop year.

## Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MacKENZIE

Here are some additional religious news items that will be of interest to readers of this column.

An American Negro minister has just finished a sensational tour of West Africa. The Rev. Howard O. Jones, pastor of Smoot Memorial Baptist Church, Cleveland, spoke to overflow crowds during a four-month preaching mission in Nigeria, and averaged one-hundred decisions for Christ nightly.

One young woman, a clerk in a Lagos department store, was saved through reading Jones' testimony in a magazine. During the crusade Jones led her fiance to Christ. The young lady brought thirty-five of her fellow-workers to a woman's meeting led by Jones' wife. Jones regards his reception as a strong

indication that eventually American Negro Christians will have the opportunity to advance the cause of Christ by going forth as missionaries to Africa.

HLKX, a Christian radio station in Inchon, Korea, is now beaming its full 20,000 watt power behind the Iron Curtain. Dedicated March 9, it is estimated that the station is able to send the Gospel message at least 750 miles into eastern China, and to reach all of North and South Korea. Other Christian radio stations are WMBI, Chicago, owned and operated by Moody Bible Institute, and HCJB, Ecuador.

The Sunday Telegram, Canada's first Sunday newspaper, was published March 19 in defiance of the Dominion's Lord Day Act. Nearly all denominations protested. Ontario's attorney general is believed to be gathering evidence for a court test of the Lord's Day Act.

If present plans go through, Italians will be able to listen to a nightly Gospel radio program soon. Missionaries conferring in Rome and Naples O. K.'d a national-produced program to be aired by "The Voice of Tangiers." At present Italians have only one fifteen-minute evangelical radio program a week: "A 7 A. M., broadcast on Sunday morning."

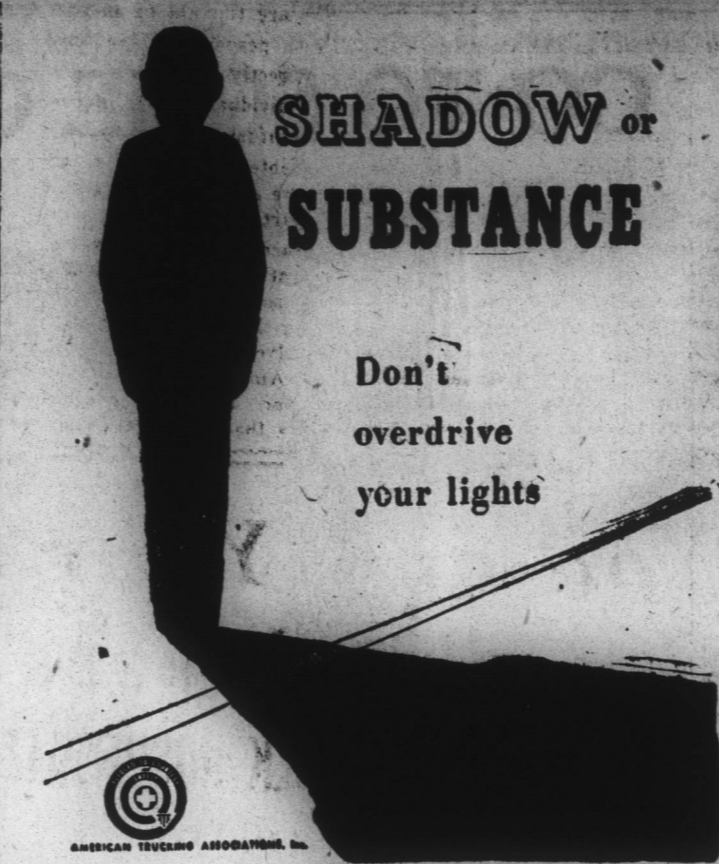
Attendance at British Sunday Schools is slipping badly. The London Times reported recently that in 1956 enrollment decreased to 1,533,000. There were 3,302,000 Sunday School scholars in Britain in 1900.



Washington—The Congressional economy bloc has issued a new appeal for help from the voters in the crucial battle to slash the \$71.8 billion budget.

They are fearful that a let-down in demands from the people for economy will weaken the economy sentiment now prevailing in Congress.

The big spenders are using all the tricks of the legislative



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trade to defeat the campaign—on the verge of success—to make substantial cuts in the budget.

They claim that government services will be crippled. But economy-bloc leaders say all budget proposals are padded.

Another trick of the big spenders is to promote defeatism—they say any cuts in appropriation bills will be "phony"—mere paper savings—which must be made up later.

But leaders in the economy fight reject such a defeatist attitude. They insist that while some savings now claimed may be wiped out later, real cuts in the budget are being made—and will continue to be made in the future.

How Big Will Cuts Be?—As the Senate began a crucial period of action on appropriation bills, these predictions were made:

1. Sen. Bridges (R-N.H.), Senate Appropriations Committee leader, foresaw a cut of more than \$3 billion under budget recommendations.
2. Speaker Rayburn thinks the

House will cut \$3 to \$5 billion under the budget.

Reductions voted by the House at that time amounted to \$1.1 billion, or 7.6 per cent of the total considered.

Some House Appropriation Committee leaders said the House will cut the Department of Defense budget \$1.5 billion and will trim \$270 million from the Department of Agriculture budget.

Presidential Action—Leaders of the economy bloc were genuinely concerned over the White House plan to have President Eisenhower launch a major effort in defense of his budget.

Demand for presidential action came from "modern Republicans" in Congress, and from departmental heads. Thus far economy-bloc leaders have been able to quote past statements of Mr. Eisenhower inviting Congress to use its judgment in reducing appropriations.

The President will have the support of most New-Fair Deal Democrats in Congress.

Political Division—Both Republi-

cans and Democrats in Congress are sharply divided on the economy issue.

Senator Knowland, the Republican leader, has advised the White House that many Republicans will not support the huge budget. He himself advocates at least a \$3 billion cut.

The "regular" Republicans believe the country is overwhelmingly for economy—that this must be made an issue in next year's Congressional campaign. The "modern Republicans" support big spending plans.

Democratic Attitude—The economy issue has cut just as deeply in Democratic ranks. This was evidenced by the meeting of National Democratic leaders over the

last week-end.

The Democrats united in assailing Mr. Eisenhower—but the New-Fair Dealers such as former President Truman and Adlai Stevenson called for huge spending. The conservative Democrats back the economy move.

Sen. Harry Byrd (D-Va.), says "our goal now should be to return our expenditures to the Eisenhower level of \$64 billion for the fiscal year 1955."

## J. Frank Miller Dies Saturday

John Frank Miller, 74, died at his home on West Church Street shortly after noon Saturday following an illness of only one week. A native of Chowan County, he liv-

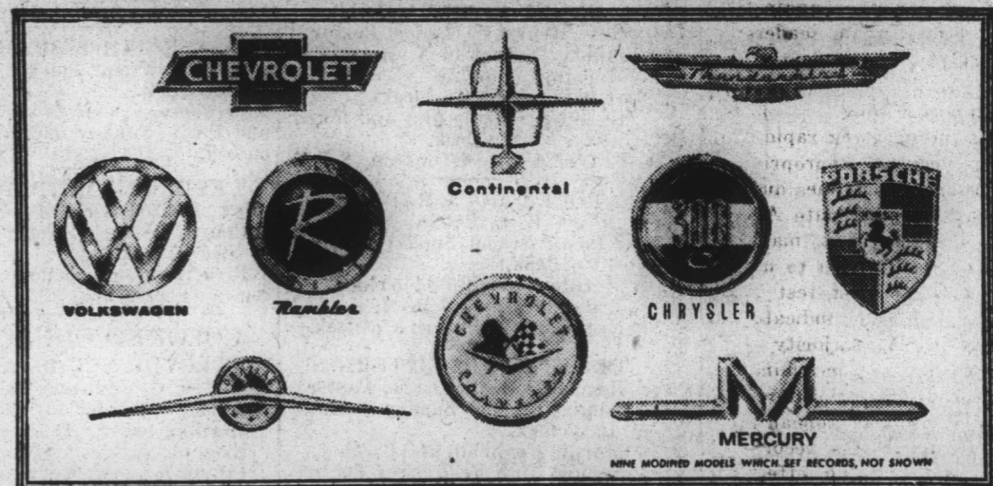
ed in Edenton over 25 years, the latter part of which he was employed by the Williford Funeral Home. He was a member of the Mars Hill Baptist Church.

Surviving are one son, C. W. Reuben Miller, U. S. Army; two daughters, Mrs. Robert M. Wiltshire of Richmond and Miss Sara Miller, at home; a sister, Mrs. Rosa Miller of Colerain and one grandchild.

Funeral services were held at the graveside in Beaver Hill Cemetery Monday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. J. Earl Richardson, pastor of the Edenton Methodist Church, officiated.

Pallbearers were Ollie Brown, Louis Brown, Raymond Mansfield, Willie White, Charlie Miller and O. B. Perry.

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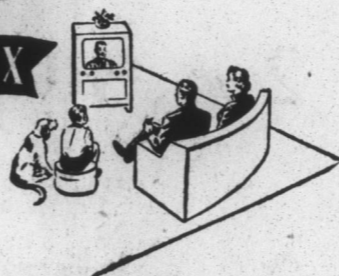
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