

## SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington — The campaign against subscription or so-called pay television has flooded my office with communications from North Carolinians in opposition to the proposal.

### Against Pay TV

On the basis of present knowledge I oppose subscription television. I have stated that Congress ought not to permit the imposition of any toll, fee, subscription, or other charge, directly or indirectly, on the general public for the privilege of viewing television programs received over television sets owned by individual American citizens. Believing this as I do, I expect to vote for one of the pending measures which will make it plain that the Federal Communications Commission is without legal power to authorize the imposition of any such toll, fee, subscription or other charge.

### Trial Basis

Last October, the FCC issued a public notice which said in substance that the Communications Act of 1934 gives it authority to grant tests, on a trial basis, of subscription television. There is great interest in this as the financial management and programming, I feel that the present commercial television can per-

form in the public interest. Broadcasting has to be regulated in the public interest. I doubt that two systems, so-called free and pay, can co-exist and render public interest programming.

### Air Service

The other day I appeared before the Civil Aeronautics Board here in Washington to plead for additional air service for North Carolina. The importance of this service cannot be overlooked. While I have a strict policy of not interfering as between competing sections of the State, the hearings last week greatly affected all of North Carolina.

### Unanimous Agreement

I shall not review the recommendations of the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee which were unanimously concurred in by both Democrats and Republicans. Many of these recommendations are contained in substance in the Symington Subcommittee report of January, 1956, which was dismissed by the Administration as a political report. I was a member of the Symington Subcommittee and an ex-officio member of the Preparedness Subcommittee. We now have unanimous agreement on these vital proposals. I regret that they were generally ignored two years ago.

## NAAS NOTES

By IRENE JORDAN

The wives of MABS held their monthly coffee at the home of Mrs. C. W. Boggs on Thursday, January 6. Mrs. F. H. Collins served as hostess.

The Chapel Choir held a potluck dinner in honor of Chaplain C. H. Iley, who will preach his last sermon at the chapel this coming Sunday, at the home of Lt. and Mrs. W. A. Holmes.

M-Sgt. and Mrs. R. G. Smith and family of Camp Lejeune spent the week-end of January 7 visiting in the home of Capt. and Mrs. J. E. Groover.

Mr. and Mrs. William Moore entertained at a buffet dinner on Sunday, January 9, in their home on Badham Road. Guests present were Col. and Mrs. A. R. Stacy, Lt. Cdr. and Mrs. D. F. Dalton, Lt. Col. and Mrs. A. R. Boag, Major and Mrs. G. H. Keller, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Flanigan, Major and Mrs. John Coffman, Floyd Swap and Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Jordan, Jr.

The NAAS Commissary opened at 10:00 o'clock Monday morning, January 10.

There will be a coffee after church at the Base Chapel on Sunday, January 16th, for those who wish to say goodbye to Chaplain C. H. Iley and to welcome Chaplain and Mrs. M. A. Curry.

Mrs. S. L. Schuster, Mrs. G. F. Bauman, Mrs. Joe Sparling, Mrs. Thomas Marshall, Mrs. James McMurray, J. E. McCaffrey and Mrs. C. M. Baker honored Mrs. Joseph Dooley at a dessert-coffee on Thursday, January 6 at 1:00 P. M., at the home of Mrs. Bauman.

### NEW POULTRY INSPECTION LAW SHOULD HELP STATE

The new federal poultry inspection law which becomes mandatory the end of 1958, should help North Carolina to increase its farm income rather than retard further expansion in the state's poultry industry.

Clayton Libeau, poultry and egg marketing specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, says at present only about five per cent of our poultry processing plants have federal inspection, yet more than 60 per cent of our poultry moves out of state.

Under the mandatory inspection law, all out-of-state shipments will have to be inspected. This will help us to be more competitive in the major market areas, says Libeau, since North Carolina has an abundance of labor and can move into the pre-cut and pre-cooked product phase of poultry marketing easier than most other states.

A new pamphlet is available explaining how to apply for federal inspection service and necessary plant reorganization. For a free copy, write to the Poultry Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, Washington 25.

## Race Between Science and Death For Child With Rare Heart Defects



A three-year-old child with a rare combination of heart defects is the prize in a race between scientific research and death. She is Laura Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lambert of Route one, Hickory, who was born with three serious heart abnormalities: tricuspid atresia and interatrial and interventricular septal defects.

Modern surgery could handle the latter conditions, but a technique to correct deformity of the tricuspid valve is still in the experimental stage. The question today is: will Laura Jean live long enough for medical research to perfect the necessary operation? She has already outlived by many months the time originally given her by physicians.

In layman's language, tricuspid atresia is a construction in the valve leading from the right auricle of the heart in the right ventricle. Blood from all portions of the body is received in the right auricle, pumped through the tricuspid valve into the right ventricle and is then pumped to the lungs for oxygen. When the tricuspid valve doesn't work properly, blood backs up in the right auricle and puts great pressure on this chamber of the heart. In addition, not enough blood gets to the lungs to be properly oxygenated.

Complicating the picture further are the interatrial and interventricular septal defects, which

are unnatural openings between the right and left sides of the heart. They allow the blood to pass back and forth aimlessly, mixing venous with arterial blood, some of it making repeated, unnecessary trips to the lungs.

What this means to Laura Jean is a definite lack of growth and some cyanosis, or "blueness" in the color of her skin. As she tries to increase her activities, she may

experience shortness of breath, dizziness, blackouts and other symptoms common to cases like hers. In addition, children with these defects are more susceptible to infections such as colds, flu, and pneumonia, as well as other diseases.

Laura Jean, however, is lucky to have a mother who has given her careful attention. Mrs. Lambert is a former laboratory technician and office nurse and, at the first sign of a cold or slight infection, she takes Laura Jean to her physician, Dr. Dewitt Trivette, who gives her proper treatment. It is believed that this accounts for the fact that the little girl has lived well beyond the time thought possible. Most other children with defects like hers die within a year of birth.

Laura Jean's chances for life lie entirely in the hands of heart researchers. She is not the only child involved in this race against time for corrective measures to be found that will restore them to health and normal life expectancy. Much of this research is financed directly through funds raised during the annual Heart Fund drive conducted by the American Heart Association through its state affiliates and their chapters. This provides an opportunity for everyone to make contributions that will buy months, years, even lifetimes for children whose conditions today mark them "hopeless".

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## Production Of Broilers In 1957 11 Pct. Above '56

Commercial broiler production in North Carolina during 1957 totaled 104,608,000 birds—11.2 per cent above production of 94,087,000 birds in 1956 according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service.

North Carolina ranked third in number of broilers produced last year being exceeded by Georgia with 261 million and Arkansas with 110 million. Alabama, with 102 million, ranked fourth and Texas with 101 million ranked fifth. Alabama with 23.6 per cent and Mississippi with 23.0 per cent led all other states in the per cent gain in production in 1957 over 1956. Georgia ranked third in this respect with 17.2 per cent.

Gross income from the sale of broilers during 1957 in North Carolina totaled \$58,047,000 as compared with \$55,126,000 in 1956—an increase of 5.3 per cent. The percentage increase in gross income in 1957 over 1956 was less than half of the increase in production owing to a drop of one cent in the average price received per pound.

### AT PENSACOLA

John D. Parrish, airman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Parrish of Route 1, Edenton, is serving at the Corry

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