

Senator Sam Says

Washington - Congressional committees considered a multitude of problems last week. A typical Congressional day found eleven Senate committees and twenty-five House committees in session. Transportation, TFX warplane contract, constitutional procedures dealing with mental health, and the budget were matters before Senate committees. House committees considered agriculture, appropriations, military construction, education, foreign assistance, and tax programs. Other House committees held hearings on the Federal Highway Program, Space Program, fourth class mail, and crime in the District of Columbia.

Hearings before the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, of which Sam chairman, on revision of civil procedures to deal with mental illness have demonstrated the need for such legislation to keep a proper balance in mental health treatment on the one hand and adequate protection for the individual's rights on the other.

One of the session's difficult problems concerns "how to pay for Federal governmental services." Eighteen years ago when peace came after six years of war there was a feeling that as a victorious nation we might find our financial and other problems easier to solve. But it has not worked out that way. In fact we have found that in spending billions of dollars to maintain the peace, and in moving into an era of space and science, we are sweeping some serious Federal financial problems under the rug.

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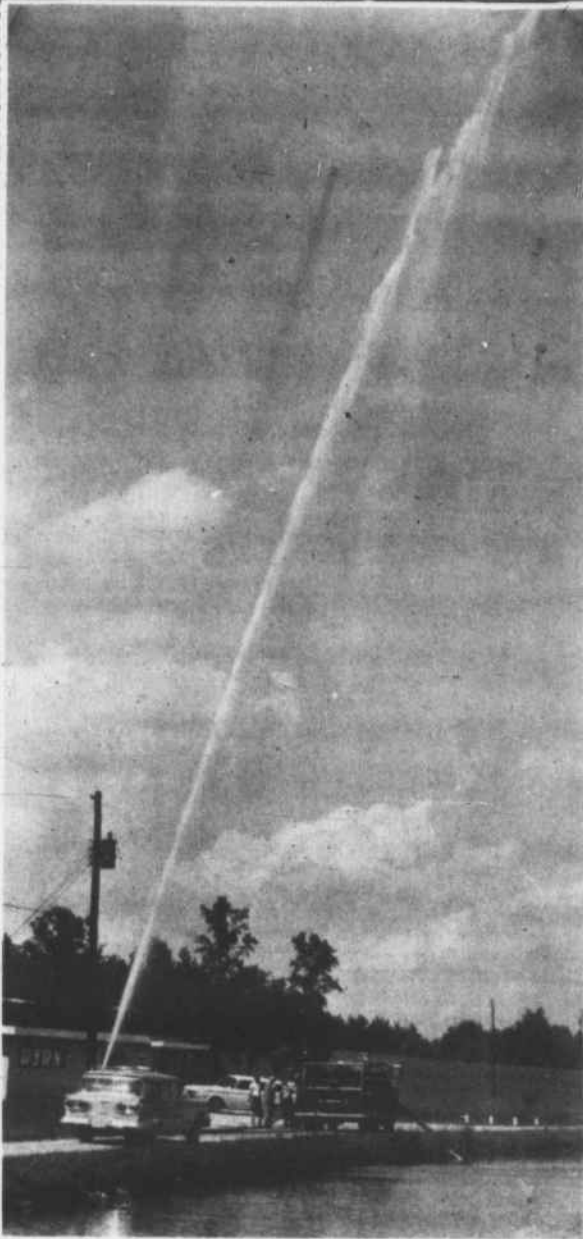
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Pressure Test

The Louisburg Fire Department's new 750 gallon Segrave Fire Pumper throws a stream of water well over 100 feet up in pressure performance tests conducted at Griffin's Pond just east of town Wednesday afternoon. - Times Photo.

Power Shut-off Slated For Sunday

Electric service to all Town of Louisburg customers and members of Wake Electric Membership Co-op served by Wake Electric's Louisburg substation will be interrupted from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., Sunday, May 26.

Hospital Adm. Head Nurse Attend Meet

Charlotte - Administrator M. M. Person and Mrs. Edith McKinne, director of nursing, represented Franklin Memorial Hospital in a series of conferences just concluded by The Duke Endowment for executives of more than 150 Carolina hospitals.

The meetings were held in Charlotte with officials of hospitals assisted by The Endowment attending in small groups. Endowment staff members conducted the sessions and discussion topics ranged from the most economical method of handling laundry to bookkeeping and cost control.

Endowment members participating included James R. Felts, Jr., assistant executive director of the Hospital and Orphan sections; George P. Harris, director of field service; B. G. McCall, director of management service; H. Carl Rowland, director of planning and design service; and Ashley H. Gale, Jr., field representative.

Godfrey Buys Store Here

John A. Godfrey of Louisburg, announced the purchase of the stock and accounts of the Quality Furniture Co., here last week.

Godfrey, who will operate the store in its present location on South Main Street, plans to continue under the name of Quality Furniture Co.

Rocky Ford Area Struck By Tornado

A small tornado played hopscotch through the Rocky Ford Community in northwestern Franklin County about 4 p.m. Tuesday, uprooting trees and unroofing a number of barns and other outbuildings. There were no casualties.

The small, but destructive funnel, dipped down from the clouds in advance of a severe thunderstorm to first hit in an orchard about 200 yards northwest of the Rocky Ford Grocery, operated by Morton Lassiter and Singleton Pace, uprooting apple trees and stripping the tops from dog and chicken houses.

Next, the funnel shaped cloud, that one woman described as looking like smoke from a house on fire, skipped across the road in a southeasterly direction carrying parts of the trees and metal shed roofs and set down in front of a small negro graded school where it scattered two outdoor privies across the countryside, leaving the now abandoned school building untouched.

The next visible sign of damage was some additional hundred yards away at the Donald Mitchell place where a stable was unroofed and one of a row of other outbuildings was lifted from its foundation and utterly demolished.

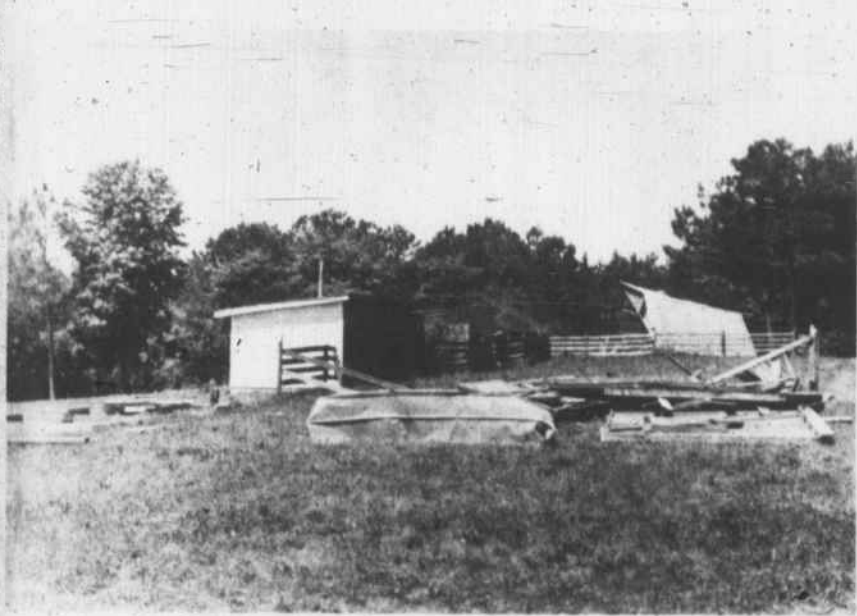
Thence the funnel skipped across to the J.B. Alston farm where it unroofed a tobacco barn before disappearing into the clouds for good. All of the damage appeared in a narrow path about a half a mile long.

Elsewhere about the county there were reports of scattered hail, but only in a few isolated incidents was damage reported. Some hail was observed here in Louisburg as 1.66 inches of rain was recorded.

Families To Leave Haiti

Washington - The State Department has announced plans to evacuate dependents of Government personnel in Haiti. It also offered to assist U. S. citizens who wished to leave.

A spokesman said, however, that the "deteriorating situation" between the two Caribbean nations was a matter of concern to the United States and has led to the evacuation order.



Rocky Ford Tornado Damage

Unroofed barn in background and demolished smoke house in left foreground are the results of a small tornado that skipped across a narrow path about half mile long in the Rocky Ford section Tuesday afternoon. - Times Photo.

County Gives Tentative Ok To 7¢ School Tax Increase

The Franklin County Commissioners have tentatively granted a request of the County Board of Education for a seven cent increase in Capital Outlay levy for the coming fiscal year. The action came yesterday as the Commissioners met to study the proposed new budget. The Board had requested ten cents.

The request was made so that the Board could formulate plans to build additional classrooms at Riverside School in Louisburg in anticipation of consolidating Cedar Street School and possibly Mapleville at Riverside for the 1964 school term.

The Board has stated that a need exists for a cafeteria and additional classrooms at the Riverside School and the request for additional funds will enable the Board of Education to make long range plans for these needs.

The increase of seven cents to the current forty-five cent

levy is expected to bring in an additional \$14,000 this year or a total of approximately \$100,000 in capital outlay funds for the school system. The major portion of the forty-five cent levy will go toward the completion of the Bunn cafeteria, now under construction and the building of a cafeteria at Gold Sand, which was approved several years ago.

The capital outlay fund for the next fiscal year beginning in July of 1964 will enable the Board of Education to meet the most pressing needs at Riverside School and follows a long standing plan of replacing the building of new buildings throughout the county system, based on immediate needs.

While the Budget has not been

officially approved and the new levy is at present, only tentative and subject to change, it is believed satisfactory to the Board of Education. One Board member, speaking unofficially, stated that the Commissioners were to be congratulated for their action. That it showed their concern as well as that of the Board of Education for the welfare and needs of the children of the county. It is generally agreed, that the new increase is to be temporary.

The action does not bind the County Board of Education to any specific building program, but barring some emergency, it is expected that the funds will be used in the Louisburg district to improve facilities for the Negro students.

153 Sought For Unclaimed Pensions

Many residents of Franklin County who are entitled to old-age pensions are not getting them because they have not made application for them.

That is indicated by an examination of Social Security files, which has been undertaken on a national basis to discover and locate such individuals.

It had been supposed that everyone who had been making regular payments to the Old-age and Survivors Insurance fund would apply for benefits the minute he qualified for them. But it hasn't worked out that way.

The Government, after becoming aware that the situation was a wide-spread one, went to its electronic computers to find out just how many people were involved.

The machines turned up the names of more than 1,000,000 insured persons in the United States, all over the age of 65, who had filed no claims.

In Franklin County, on the basis of the general findings, it appears that there are an estimated 153 local residents who could be receiving OASI checks each month and are not.

These payments would range from a minimum of \$40 a month

to more than \$250, which is the maximum that the family of a retired or deceased worker can get.

On the average the amount being paid in old-age benefits, according to the current figure, is \$76.18 per month.

For the 153 in Franklin County who are not collecting, this would add up to \$11,656 a month, or \$139,840 a year.

Social Security officials have made studies to determine why so many eligible people are missing out on their benefits.

They found that a large proportion of them who have continued working beyond 65 do not realize that changes in the regulations permit them to collect all or part of their benefits, even while working.

Others have failed to note that reductions have been made in the amount of coverage needed to qualify. As a result, some who were turned down in the past are now eligible.

A third group has the mistaken notion that a person has to be in need in order to get Social Security.

Many of these qualified people have already been located and advised of their rights. The search for the others continues.



New Fire Pumper Tested

Segrave Engineer John L. Sullivan, right, gives operating instructions to Fire Department Engineer Karl Pernell, left, and other members of the Louisburg Fire Department following the delivery of the department's new Segrave Pumper here this week.

County Votes Yes, Nation Votes No

The Kennedy Administrations new wheat control plan apparently was defeated in Tuesday's nationwide farmer referendum. Returns from 34 states showed that only about 42 percent were in favor of the program. This is the first time in 13 wheat grower referenda that a production plan was rejected.

North Carolina farmers voted overwhelmingly in favor of the program. Returns from all 96 counties voting showed 64,000 votes in favor and 15,078 against. The favorable vote was 81 percent of the total.

Franklin County farmers voted 1022 for the program and 141 against for a total of 88 percent for the program. There were 1163 votes cast in Franklin County.

Recorders Court Docket

The following cases were disposed of before Judge W. F. Shelton in Franklin County Recorder's Court here with Solicitor W. H. Taylor prosecuting for the state.

P. G. Pace, assault. To pay costs. \$50.00 compliance bond to June 1st.

Sylvester Bryant, c/m/33. Accessory before the fact. Nol pros with leave.

Charles Junior Ross, w/m/28. Speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Myrtle Leoma Parham, w/f-37. Aiding and abetting a felon. Nol pros.

Odell McKnight, Worthless Check. To pay check and costs of court.

William Andrew Allman, Jr. w/m/19. Speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10. fine and costs.

Sandra Hudson Cottrell, w/f-22. Speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Rufus Solomon, c/m/19. Non support. Nol pros.

Clarence James, c/m/21. Probable cause hearing; to be held for Superior Court.

Arthur Junious Thomas, c/m-19. Assault with deadly weapon. 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of costs.

Arthur Alston, c/m/30. Murder. Probable cause found; ordered held for Grand Jury.

Richard Gupton, c/m/22. Probable cause found. \$500.00 bond to Superior Court.

Haywood Crudup, c/m, non-support. Nol pros.

Charles Junior Ross, w/m-28. Non support. 6 months suspended on payment of costs and \$50.00 per month into C.S.C. beginning June 1st.

Harrell Jackson Pearsall, w/m-16. Breaking and entering; larceny. Probable cause found, ordered held for Superior Court.

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