

Brief Review Of Work Handled By Recent Congress

Record Is Not One for Any Party To Be Very Proud Of

Rushing to complete certain legislation before quitting for the national conventions, the Eightieth Congress passed, after a haphazard fashion, laws affecting various phases of the national economy and the individual lives of many citizens. The record, as a whole is not one for any party to be very proud of.

Typical of the Republican Party it maintained certain legislation for a brief time or as an aid for its candidates to clear the election barriers this fall. After that time, the march for Hooverville is to be expected.

A brief review of the legislation follows:

A farm bill, retaining right much of the meat of the old program, was renewed for a year, but farmers have been warned that price supports will be greatly lowered. In fact, some support prices are lowered in the bill recently passed.

Other legislation includes: The Taft-Hartley Labor-Management act.

A measure extending the terms of Atomic Energy Commission members a flat two years.

The portal-to-portal pay bill, restricting claims for pay from the time a worker reached his place of work until he left it.

A bill freezing Social Security pay-roll taxes at 1 percent.

A rent-control bill, diluted to permit rent boosts in many cases and taking controls off completely in others.

An income-tax reduction bill.

A bill allowing World War II veterans to cash bonds they received for unused leave time at the time of their discharge.

A bill to admit 205,000 European refugees to the United States in the next two years for permanent residence.

A bill raising pay of 433,000 postal workers \$450 a year and 850,000 civil-service workers \$330 a year. This bill increases certain postal rates beginning January 1.

A bill making the Commodity Credit Corporation a permanent agency.

A bill creating a special commission to study the executive branch of the government with a view to effecting economies through consolidations of functions.

In the field of international relations, Congress passed the foreign-aid program to help European and Asiatic nations to recover economically.

An appropriation bill to finance the foreign-aid program.

A separate bill for military aid for Greece and Turkey.

A bill for American participation in the International Refugee Organization.

The Senate ratified peace treaties with Italy, Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania.

Kill Big Snake On Main Street

A large rattle snake was killed on West Main Street near the Williamston Parts and Metal Company junk yard early last Sunday afternoon. The reptile, measuring about four feet in length, had nine rattlers and a button.

The snake was stunned when a car ran over him, but he was subdued only when people living in that neighborhood attacked him with a weeding hoe.

SYNTHETIC MAN

Wearing a hearing aid for the first time, Justice John L. Hassell last week said they were about to make a synthetic man out of him.

"They put eye glasses on me. Then they equipped me with false teeth. I have a walking stick and now they have bemedaled me with a hearing aid," Mr. Hassell said, adding that he was feeling fine and could hear very well with the new gadget.

CITIZENS OF TOMORROW



The Enterprise takes much pleasure in presenting another in a picture series of this section's "citizens of tomorrow". So far none has figured prominently in public affairs, but as future citizens they have a tremendous assignment to handle in a muddled world. Certain they'll do a better job than has been done or is being done, The Enterprise presents the youngsters as the one great hope for the future.

Top row, left to right, Patsy, four daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Holloman, Williamston; Benny, four, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hardison, Williamston; Clayton, three, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mobley, Williamston; Bottom row, Little Bill, three, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sessoms, Williamston; Nancy, three, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Latham, Williamston, and Johnny, four and a half, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Rogers, Williamston.

Make Drive Against Illicit Liquor Traffic

RAINFALL

After holding to record figures for three years during the month of June and falling in quantity during the first five months of this year, the rains dwindled to a fairly low point in this section last month. The 2.57 inches of rain do not constitute a new low for June, but it compared with 6.47 a year ago, 6.07 the previous year and 6.60 inches in 1945.

The rainfall has been spotted in the county, leaving some sections unusually dry and others with a sufficiency. Up until the week-end, four small rains, measuring a total of only .15 of an inch, had fallen here.

Worms Destroy Large Pasture

An advanced corps of army worms, the first reported in this county, destroyed sixteen acres of pasture on the V. G. Taylor farm in Poplar Point Township last week-end, and are threatening other acres, according to a report released this week by Assistant County Agent D. W. Brady.

The worms, first detected last Saturday, laid waste to the sixteen acres of sudan grass by late Sunday. The sixteen acres were in two fields, the worms taking the best of the grass first and then retracing their steps to wipe the fields clean.

Monday, the worms had not attacked a large field of Ladino clover, but they were said to have been working their way across the 10- or 12-foot path separating the two fields.

Preparations were being made to dust the fields where the worms first attacked, the agent explaining that it wasn't advisable to dust regular pastures, but that dust and bait could be used on most other crops to check the worm. "The sudan grass has been ruined and we plan to dust the field to kill as many of the worms as possible," the assistant agent explained Monday.

Recovering From Major Operation At Oteen

Successfully undergoing a major lung operation in Oteen hospital last Tuesday, Bernard York, young son of Mrs. Kate York, is getting along very well, according to reports reaching here early this week. While the young man was serving in the army down in Texas during the war, dust settled in one lung, formed a solid, making the removal of part of the lung necessary. He is expected to continue as a patient in the hospital for weeks.

No Polio Cases In County So Far

Contrary to rumors heard during the past several days, no polio cases have been reported in this county so far this year.

A two-year-old colored child, Robert Speller, who lived on the corner of Broad and Gurganus Streets, died in Duke Hospital on July 3 and it was difficult to diagnose his ailment at first. An official report just received from the hospital stated that death was attributable to TB meningitis. The child's father, Braxton Speller, died in the county sanitarium about ten days or two weeks earlier of tuberculosis.

No quarantine or any other action has been taken in this county as a precautionary measure against poliomylitis, and none is anticipated just now, according to a report from the health department. However, children and grown-ups, too, are warned not to get overheated.

In some instances adjoining states have clamped down quarantines, denying various sports clubs to enter this state to participate in scheduled events.

Inspection Lane Now Open Here

The lane for the inspection of automobiles in this section is open this week on Warren Street, and owners of vehicles are reminded that inspection deadlines have been fixed. In other words owners of vehicles of 1936 or prior year models and the year models of 1947 and 1948 must be inspected on or before August 31 of this year.

The lane, open here through Wednesday of next week will not be reopened until the last day of August, meaning that owners of the designated model cars will have to have them inspected by Wednesday afternoon of next week or go elsewhere to meet the deadline.

The owner who waits until after the deadline to have his car inspected will not be allowed to drive it to the inspection lane. The only way he can get it there after the deadline is to have it towed there by a wrecker or some other vehicle.

Seeking Local Correspondent

A prisoner of war, stationed in the Williamston camp for several months, Ulzich Lux, a German, is seeking correspondence with someone in this section. In a letter to the mayor of Williamston a few days ago, Lux said,

"May I ask you today for a great favor? I was once a prisoner of war in your town and I like to have correspondence with an American who is a little bit interested in German people. It would be very nice for me to have a friend in America and if he will allow it to me to speak of all our trouble.

"The Americans had been always so good to us that I like to remember my stay in your town. When I speak to my German friends, all people of Germany are thankful and hopeful for the help of America.

"Maybe you can find an interested American in your factory of artificial manure, basket or tobacco where I worked when in Williamston, and who will correspond with me."

Lux referred to the fertilizer factory. His address is: Ulzich Lux, Tazmifler Str. 74, Luchow, Hannover, Germany.

Continues Quite Ill At Home Of Her Niece

In declining health for months, Mrs. Myrtle Brown, well known local woman, continues quite ill at the home of her niece, Mrs. Robert L. Coburn, on Biggs Street.

Continues Ill In A Washington Hospital

Mrs. S. Claude Griffin continues ill in a Washington hospital, last reports reaching here stating that she had been resting fairly comfortable, that there was no marked change in her condition.

Farmers Planted Excess Tobacco

One hundred and fifty farmers or about one out of ten planted in excess of their tobacco allotments, according to a final check on the plantings, it was announced by the Triple A office in this county this week.

The excess acreage ranged from one-tenth to four and five-tenths acres, it was learned.

Most of those planting in excess did so unintentionally and have already destroyed the excess to avoid penalties. Others who have not yet destroyed the excess may do so or they may go ahead and market the excess and pay the penalty. If tobacco has been harvested, the farmer will be required to destroy a fraction more to care for the amount taken from the excess acreage. Any farmer desiring to destroy excess plantings is directed to contact the supervisor who measured the plantings. The expense is to be borne by the farmer.

The work of the supervisors, just recently completed in this county, has been checked by state supervisors who declared that an excellent job had been done.

John D. Bonds Dies Suddenly

John Dennis Bonds, operator of a small store on the old Greenville road, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Herman Moore, on the old Everetts Road, at 7:15 o'clock Saturday morning of a heart attack suffered the evening before.

Funeral services were conducted at his late home Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by Elder A. B. Ayers, assisted by Elder E. C. Stephenson. Interment was in Seward Cemetery, near Williamston.

The son of the late J. D. and Mizzie Roberson Bonds, he was born in Martin County sixty years ago on December 19, 1887, and lived all his life in this county except for a few years spent in Washington and Pitt Counties. He farmed most of his life.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ella L. Bonds; four sons, Mervin, Fenner, Earl and U. A. Bonds, all of Williamston; three daughters, Mrs. Jesse Clark, Mrs. Herman Moore and Mrs. Milborn Donaldson, all of Williamston, and twenty-three grandchildren.

Reported Improving In Rocky Mount Hospital

Mr. H. C. Benjamin, father of Mrs. J. S. Whitley, was reported slightly improved in a Rocky Mount hospital yesterday. He entered the hospital on Monday of last week for treatment and is expected home the latter part of this or early next week, one report stated.

Undergoes Operation In Richmond Hospital

Accompanied by Mrs. Critcher, Mr. Titus Critcher left last Friday for Richmond where he underwent a major operation for a kidney ailment in St. Elizabeth's hospital yesterday morning. Reports reaching here late yesterday stated that he was getting along very well but that he was suffering considerable pain at that time.

Firemen Called Out Thursday Afternoon

Receiving their third call in as many days, Williamston's volunteer firemen poured considerable water on a burning sawdust fire along side the Plymouth branch of the railroad between Main and Washington Street last Thursday afternoon shortly before 6:00 o'clock.

FIRST VISIT

His hip broken in a fall at his home on Smithwick Street here last November, Mr. Joe Leggett hobbled up town last Friday for his first visit since the accident.

He made the trip with the aid of crutches.

Construction Boom Reaches A Climax Here Last Month

Continued on a limited scale during the winter and spring months, building construction reflected a marked upward trend here last month when builders combined to make a building boom.

Building permits were issued to six new home builders, five to builders of commercial projects, including a new high school unit, and four permits went to persons repairing old homes.

The permits call for construction costing at least \$113,350, Building Inspector G. P. Hall explaining that few formal contracts were entered into, that the permits only represented estimates, that the actual cost would possibly exceed \$150,000.

The six permits for home con-

struction call for \$36,850 expenditures, the project costs ranging from \$1,000 to \$9,000. Construction work was not started immediately on all the homes. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Whitley are laying the foundation for their new home on Franklin Street just across from the James Station Ayers'.

Commercial construction was materially boosted by a \$45,000 contract for a new high school unit here. No contract was negotiated, but Mr. S. A. Mobley estimated that a storage warehouse he is constructing on Railroad Street will cost approximately \$10,000. It is estimated that the five commercial projects will cost \$67,000.

Repairs to four homes will cost an estimated \$9,000, the building inspector explained.

Crop Outlook In The County Is Only Fair

Tobacco And Corn Crops Unusually Poor This Season

Reports Indicate Crops In This County Are Better Than In Others

As of last week-end, crop prospects in this county were rated from only fair to poor, especially for tobacco and corn. On the other hand, prospects for peanuts and cotton were rated exceptionally bright, meaning that the county has one major promising crop. Very little cotton is grown in this county, the crop having dropped from one of major importance to about fourth or fifth rank.

Possibly one half the county area has been planted in crops. It has been favorable, will produce a near-normal tobacco crop. But even in those sections disease and pests have effected a slight reduction in the crop.

Discussing the prospects in the scattered areas where one-half the crop is planted and where weather conditions have not been very favorable, County Agent T. B. Brandon said that production has been curtailed as much as fifty percent in some cases while in a few extreme instances disease has wiped out the major portions of some crops. Plant lice, while threatening the entire crop, were not so destructive after all, the farmers spraying quickly to check the pest in the heavily-infested areas while other insects went into action during the hot days the latter part of June to counteract the work of the lice. "However, the lice did some damage," the agent declared.

One of the greatest threats confronting the tobacco farmer in the county at the present time, according to the agent, is black shank, a disease that attacks and causes the stalk roots to rot. The disease has made its appearance in the county over a period of several years, but it has been limited, more or less, to a few farms here and there and to small areas in the fields. This year, according to the agent, it is scattered all over the county and cutting down the crop in fairly large quantities. "One farmer has already disked under three acres of his crop," the agent said, while several others have abandoned as many as two acres, and still others have reported smaller losses.

About the only protection available against the disease is found in certain tobacco seed. The Oxford No. 1 seed have proven fairly resistant to the black shank and it is fairly certain that there'll be a big demand for that type of seed in the county next year. Reports from other counties state that black shank is causing considerable damage to the crop, that the disease is possibly worse there than it is here.

But the main trouble with the crop in at least one-half the county is traceable to dry weather.

PRESIDENT



Wheeler M. Manning was installed as president of the local Lions Club at a meeting of the organization last Thursday evening. He succeeded K. D. Worrell who completed a very successful year as president.

Commend Workers In Recent Drive

Martin County was commended today by officials of the North Carolina division of the American Cancer Society for its success in attaining 109.7% of its quota during the 1948 drive for funds to fight cancer.

Martin's drive was headed by County Commander Mrs. Charles I. Harris and County Campaign Chairman W. Dan Peele, both of Williamston.

State Commander Mrs. George E. Marshall and State Campaign Chairman John D. Larkins, Jr., said, "Martin County's work has contributed directly to North Carolina's success in exceeding this year's state goal of \$200,440. Furthermore," the division officials added, "the individual efforts of Martin County's workers have helped insure the lives of North Carolinians against the possibility of death by cancer."

Funds raised in the campaign will be used in an endeavor to reduce North Carolina's cancer death toll by financing education, service and research programs.

County Youth With U. S. Army In Japan

Corporal Johnny P. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Taylor, of RFD 3, Williamston, is serving with the First Cavalry Division now on occupation duty in Japan.

The division is commanded by Major General William C. Chase. Corporal Taylor enlisted in the Armed Forces on November 29, 1946 and received his basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington. He sailed overseas for duty in Japan in March 1947. Cpl. Taylor is now serving with "C" Troop, Fifth Cavalry Regiment, as assistant Squad Leader.

Sanitary Ratings For Markets And Cafes In County

Few Retail Outlets Graded Below "B" During Past Quarter

Martin County markets and cafes maintained fairly high sanitary ratings during the second quarter, according to a report just recently filed by Sanitarian W. B. Gaylord. No retail outlets or cafes were ordered closed and only four markets and three cafes fell below "B" ratings, the sanitarian said. The ratings follow:

Markets—Grade A
McClees, Williamston, 94.5; Ward, Williamston, 94.5; Colonial Frozen Foods, Williamston, 93.5; Colonial, Williamston, 92.5; Everett & Warren, Robersonville, 92.5; Page, Robersonville, 92.5; Hardison, Jamesville, 91.5; Peele, Williamston, 91.5; West End, Williamston, 91.5; Hardy, Williamston, 91; Moore Grocery, Williamston, 90.5; Tiny, Williamston, 90.5; Williams, Robersonville, 90.5; Williams Community, Williamston, 90.5

Grade B
Brown Bros., Jamesville, 88.5; Hardy, Everetts, 88.5; Cherry, Everetts, 88.5; Smith, Williamston, 88.5; Bunting, Oak City, 87.5; Donaldson, Williamston, 87.5; Ayers, Oak City, 86.5; Red Front, Williamston, 86; B. & B., Hamilton, 85.5; Edmondson, Hassell, 85.5; Sexton, Jamesville, 85.5; Slade Rhodes Co., Hamilton, 85.5; Johnson, Helen, Hamilton, 85; Jones Community, Williamston, 85; Sunny Side, Williamston, 85.5; Brown, Williamston, 84.5; E. & K. Bunting, Oak City, 84; Gold Point, Robersonville, Rt. 2, 83.5; Johnson, H. S., Hamilton, 83.5; Lilley, Williamston, Rt. 2, 83.5; Roberson, W. A., Williamston, 83.5; Edmondson & Cherry, Hamilton, 83; Robertson, Williamston, 83; Bryan, Robersonville, 82; Ben's, Williamston, 81.5; Daniel, Oak City, 81.5; Moore, Williamston, 81.5; Mizelle, Williamston, 81.5; and Rogers, Williamston, 81.5.

Grade C
Reddick, Williamston, 77.5; Council, Bethel, RFD, 73.5; Don Front, Williamston, 73.5; and Walter Johnson, Williamston, 72.

Cafes—Grade A
Griffin's Quick Lunch, Williamston, 95; Crystal Grill, Williamston, 94.5; East Side, Williamston, 93; Leggett, Williamston, 92; Southern, Williamston, 92; Central, Williamston, 91.5; Jernigan, 91, Williamston; Snack Shack, Robersonville, 90.5; Ell Vee, Williamston, 90; Friendly Coffee Shop, Robersonville, 90; (Continued on page eight)

Former Resident Dies In Hospital

Funeral services were held at 9:30 o'clock last Friday afternoon in Washington for David Bogart Seagriff, former Williamston resident, who died in a Durham hospital the day before. Services were conducted in the Presbyterian Church by the pastor and interment was in Washington's Oakdale Cemetery.

Mr. Seagriff, 25, made his home here about a year during the war while he was deputy collector for the State Department of Revenue. A native of Washington, he recently entered business in Garland, Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Frances Congleton of Stokes, his mother, two sisters, and a brother.

ROUND-UP

Little activity was reported on the general crime front in this county last week-end, the jail records showing that only two persons were temporarily detained during the period.

One of the two was a young white woman and the other was a young white man, and both of them were booked for drunken driving. The woman was said to have been operating an automobile while attired in a bathing suit. She was released in \$150 bond and did not report for trial yesterday in the county court.