

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Feb. 23. — Passage of the Supreme Court Retirement Bill will make only a slight change in the status of the Justices. Under the present law any Justice of the Supreme court may resign at 70 on a pension of full pay, \$20,000 a year, for life.

Justice Holmes, who resigned at 88 and lived for four years longer, is the only one who has taken advantage of this law in recent years—and he refused to take his pension. One reason why others have not done so is that their work on the Bench is so integral a part of their lives that they do not like to give it up and go into enforced idleness so long as they are still able to perform their judicial duties.

Another, though probably a less compelling reason why Supreme Court Justices retain their seats when they could resign, is that their pensions would be subject to income tax, which their salaries are not.

Always a Member
The retirement bill permits any Justice to retire from active service on the Bench at or after 70, but he is still a member of the Court, as a retired officer of the Army, and could be called upon for special duty at any time. His life tenure is not impaired by the bill, nor his salary reduced in any way.

The original purpose of the bill,

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which has been considered by previous Congresses, was to extend to the Supreme Court the same retirement privilege now enjoyed by judges in the lower Federal courts. The purpose back of the present revival of the plan, however, is to make it easier and more attractive to some of the older Justices to retire now and so create vacancies in the Court which the President could fill with younger men.

Flood—Dust—Reclamation
Next to the Supreme Court issue, Washington's interest is centering upon the extensive projects of flood control, desert reclamation and soil conservation, which are taking concrete form.

The reclamation project, interest in which has been stimulated by the recent recurrence of dust storms in Oklahoma, outlines a long-range regional project taking in all or parts of ten states.

The Federal Government, the state governments and local authorities in these ten states would cooperate to put several million acres back into grass and develop methods of protecting settlers on the tillable lands of the region and providing financial assistance to such as might need it.

Relief of sufferers from the Ohio-Mississippi floods comes ahead of projects for the prevention of future floods. Due to the fact that so much of the \$790,000,000 just appropriated for the W. P. A. and other relief agencies will be needed for immediate relief work in those river valleys, Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins has asked Congress for another \$200,000,000, which he will doubtless get.

"Disaster Corporation" Loans
Congress also passed and the President has approved a bill creating the "Disaster Corporation," authorized to lend up to 20 million dollars to flood sufferers, who cannot obtain sufficient credit from ordinary channels for rebuilding their homes, shops, farms and factories. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is to supply the capital.

The Administration's agricultural proposals, as now shaped up include five major projects in the interest of agriculture. One is continuance of the soil conservation subsidy plan, estimated to distribute an annual benefit of 500 million dollars with larger subsidies in times of big crops.

Plans are also about matured on new legislation for stronger voluntary and compulsory production control than was called for in the original AAA.

A third proposal is an enlarged crop insurance plan, to protect farmers against the hazards of weather and insects, with the cost of insurance borne partly by general taxation.

Fourth is an entirely new project for cash and credit advances to individual tenant farmers who want to work their way from tenancy to farm ownership. The fifth is a broad system of price-fixing loans on major crops, coupled with government-financed storage of surplus commodities.

Those are the elements of the completely integrated agricultural program which was worked out and unanimously approved at the conference of fifty farm leaders with the Secretary of Agriculture and other Administration and Congressional leaders held here this month.

No Processing Tax
The new farm program eliminates one of the major grounds upon which AAA was invalidated by the Supreme Court, which held

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY CAPITAL

Dobson, Feb. 22.—The Dobson Woman's Club met at the club house on Thursday evening, with the President, Mrs. W. E. Hancock, in the chair. After the opening club song, the Collect was repeated in concert. After the roll call and minutes of last meet, the treasurer's report was given. During the business meeting reports from the various committees and departments were read and approved. The attendance prize fell to Mrs. Grady Cooper. Sons, "America the Beautiful," preceded the address of the evening. Mrs. R. A. Freeman in a clever introductory, presented Mr. A. V. West, of Mount Airy, who spoke to the club women on "Citizenship." Mr. West was at his best, and his speech was most interesting and inspirational, as he brought to mind the needed essentials to good citizenship.

During a social hour refreshments were served by the committee of the month, Mrs. R. A. Freeman, chairman, Mrs. A. D. Folger, Mrs. F. F. Riggs, Mrs. Lee Thompson, Mrs. Rufus Chenaault, and Mrs. J. T. Harper.

Death came to our little town near the dawn of day on last Wednesday morning, and removed from among us, Mrs. J. R. Sawyers, widow of the late J. R. Sawyers who preceded her in death almost 2 years.

Mrs. Sawyers was 70 years old—an exemplary Christian woman, a member of the Methodist church, and mother of eight living children who were with her at the last—except Mrs. Ruth Burton of California, who was absent because of sickness in her family.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church on Friday, by Rev. O. H. Hauser, of Westfield and her pastor Rev. C. W. Russell and body laid to rest in the Dobson cemetery; under a blanket of beautiful flowers.

Court which has been in session

that the processing tax for the benefit of farmers was an improper use of the government's taxing power. The new plan would impose no special taxes, taking the necessary funds from the general revenue instead of putting the whole burden upon processors of agricultural commodities.

The tenant-farmer project has been mapped on a large scale. There are estimated to be about 3 million farmers, scattered all over the nation, who do not own their land. The plan proposes to advance government funds to the extent of ten million dollars a year to enable tenants to buy approved farms, which would provide for 2,000 or 2,500 farmers annually.

States are to be urged to reform their tenancy laws, which are generally regarded as less fair to the tenant than are the land laws of England.

Under this plan the government would buy millions of acres and resell to farmers who are now tenants such parts of it as are suitable for farming.

Speculation in farm land is to be discouraged or prevented, and land prices, mortgage interest and other credits regulated by law.

during the past week, progressed nicely and a great many cases were disposed of, under the efficient supervision of Judge Hill and Solicitor Allen Gwyn. Several cases are on docket to be tried the coming week. In addition to the County Bar, Gov. R. A. Doughton and Loyd Crouse of Sparta, Mr. F. P. Burton and Mr. Joyce of Stuart, Va., were in attendance at court.

Jack Fletcher, a deaf and dumb colored man, who lived in Dobson, was burned to death Thursday night.

He was found in the edge of the woods near the public highway, just out of Dobson, dead with his clothes burned off. Just how the tragedy occurred is not known.

He had been at work in a garage and it is thought a match ignited his clothes, which perhaps were saturated with gasoline. Jack was a good carpenter and Dobson will miss his odd jobs.

Rev. O. H. Hauser of Westfield preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning, filling his regular semi-monthly appointment.

Atty. Wade B. Hampton of Washington, D. C., arrived in Dobson Sunday morning for a few days visit with his mother and brother, Mrs. Emma and Henry Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Reid, Miss Vera Alberty and Mr. Cole Blevins returned from Baltimore last week, where they spent a few days buying goods for the Reid Dept. Store.

Miss Mazie Comer, of Raleigh, spent the week-end with her people here, returning Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Marion attended the funeral of Mr. Marion's step-father, Wm. Allen near Pineville Friday.

COOL SPRINGS

(Deferred from last week)
Mrs. Paul Newman entertained at a delightful party Tuesday evening, honoring the birthday of her daughter, Madelon. Thirty-five guests enjoyed Mrs. Norman's hospitality. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of an evening of games. We wish Miss Newman many more birthdays as happy as the one just past.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stout of Arlington, were visitors with us Sunday, and dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pettyjohn.

Miss Mabel Tulbert of Shoals Branch community, was a weekend guest of Miss Madelon Newman.

All teachers and a good number of officers and pupils were present for Sunday school Sunday morning. Rev. I. W. Vestal was with us, also.

All present at the preaching hour and a grand treat in the very good sermon delivered by our pastor, and well, it's telling, but he also sang a solo.

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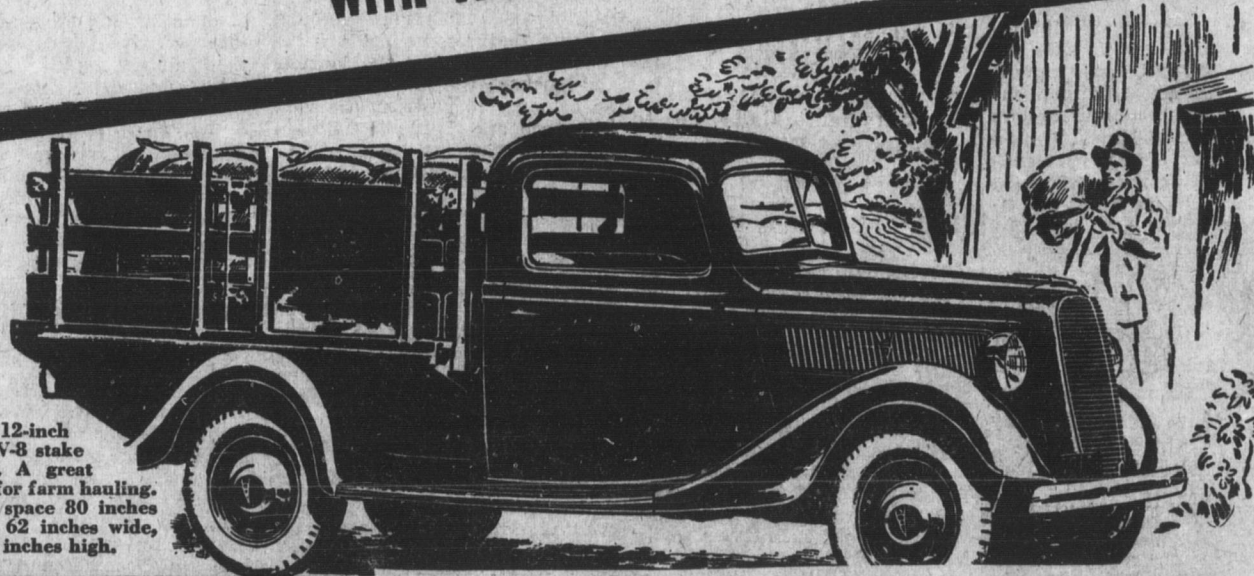
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