

**IN WASHINGTON**

WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY

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UNITED STATES SENATOR

Editor's Note—Senator Reynolds' column for this week is written at John Hopkins Hospital, where the Senator is being given final treatment for an acute ear condition affecting his hearing.

The cause of agriculture is now being ably presented to the Congress. The arguments for and against the proposed farm bill promise to furnish new light on the conditions confronting the American farmers and ways by which those conditions may be corrected. In the first few days of debate, there is evidence that whatever measure may be finally enacted will be drafted on the basis of first-hand data.

In the course of hearings held throughout the country, prior to the convening of the special session, farm witnesses from at least twenty-five states presented their views. Equally as important, these hearings brought to many sections of the country a new realization that the community storekeepers and the community bankers can not prosper unless the farmers in the outlying areas share in our economic advantages. Thus the effort now underway in Congress is more than an attempt to write a farm bill—it is an attempt to bring stability to our farm population, without which we cannot move ahead as a country.

More than ever before, the debate in Congress and the letters from my colleagues concerned with the farm problem, reflect the thought that the American people as a whole can enjoy the economic benefits of our Democracy only in proportion to the extent that our farmers prosper.

Unfortunately, many of the conditions that retard agriculture will not be corrected in the measure now under consideration or any other passed at this session. But the foundation is being well-laid for giving our farmers new hope and encouragement and at last the knowledge that the Congress views the problem of agriculture with understanding. Too many temporary expedients in the past have made many of our farmers rightfully skeptical of legislative remedies for their disproportionate share of our national wealth.

It is already evident that a farm bill alone will not help the farmer, unless there is along with it better control of marketing and distribution. It is here that the farmer has been really hurt. It has resulted in the grower who nurses a farm commodity from seed to sale, getting far less for his commodity than the middleman who sells it. In addition, it is also realized that any permanent help for agriculture will include a plan whereby the farmer will not buy in a protected market and sell in an unprotected market. This, of course, involves tariff changes, always a highly controversial legislative subject.

It might also be pointed out that farmers generally are getting a better understanding of the day by day attempts to give them assistance. The American Farm Bureau Federation and other farm groups, through state organizations, are keeping the individual farmers and their spokesmen advised of developments. As a result, sentiment from "back home" reaches the Capitol almost daily and has an important part in guiding the views of members desirous of protecting the best interest of their constituents.

If I may add a personal note, it is to say that it has been a source of much regret to me that a near condition which required immediate attention or the danger of serious trouble later, has prevented me from participating in the preliminary consideration of the farm bill. However, I shall be on the floor within a few days and give such humble assistance as I can, to the cause of agriculture—our most pressing national problem.

**VACANT HOUSE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE**

A vacant house, belonging to James Holyfield of Troy, was destroyed by fire here late Sunday evening. The house was located about 1-2 miles west of Elkin and due to its inaccessibility, the local fire department could not fight the blaze. The loss was negligible, as the building was in bad condition.

**SURRY ALUMNI OF ELON COLLEGE ARE TO MEET**

Elon College, Nov. 30—A meeting of Elon alumni of Surry county will be held in Mount Airy, on Thursday, December 2, according to George D. Colclough, of Elon college, field secretary of the college.

Prof. E. P. McLeod, of the class of 1927 will be toastmaster for the event which will be held at the Blue Ridge hotel.

Dr. W. M. Jay, of Winston-Salem, will deliver the main address. For many years, Dr. Jay was head of the English department of Elon college. Prof. A. L. Hook, of the college, will show

a motion picture of 'Student Life on the Elon Campus.'

**FOUR ECLIPSES TO OCCUR DURING 1938**

Raleigh, Dec. 2. — Four eclipses, two of the sun and two of the moon will occur in the year 1938, according to the Carolina

Co-operator Yearbook and Almanac, now off the press.

The first total eclipse will occur on May 13-14 around midnight and will be visible in this section. A total eclipse of the sun, invisible to North America, will follow on May 29.

A total eclipse of the moon will take place on Nov. 7-8, the end-

ing of which will be visible in the United States. A partial eclipse of the sun is slated for Nov. 21, but this will be invisible to the United States.

The Carolina Co-operator Yearbook and Almanac is a 100-page daily reference guide for farmers. In addition to helpful farm reminders, it also contains

witticisms, nuggets of philosophy and salty humor.

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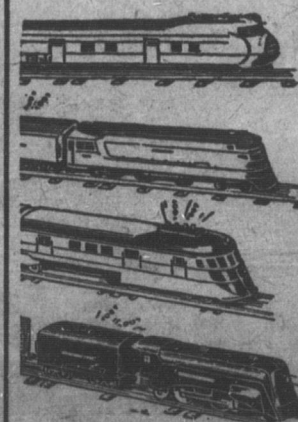
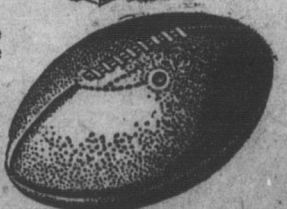
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