

**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 stakes are obviously very high. With proper controls and responsible management and programming, I feel that the present commercial television can perform 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.

**RENEW YOUR
SUBSCRIPTION**

GARDEN TIME

The question is frequently asked, "What do we mean when we speak of soil pH?" Simply stated, it refers to the relative acidity, sourness, or alkalinity, sweetness, of the soil. The pH of the soil affects the growth of all plants, and this is the reason lime is needed for some and not for others. If we apply a set of values to the pH range, from 4 to 10, we can state the ranges as follows: 4 to 5.5, strongly acid; 5.5 to 6.5, slightly acid; 6.5 to 7.5 neutral; and above 7.5 alkaline.

It is common knowledge that the azalea and the camellia require acid soils with the azalea being more tolerant of acid conditions

than the camellia. Applying the scale already given, the azalea would fall in the range between 4.8 and 5.7 and the camellia between 5 and 6. This is getting a little technical, but it illustrates my point.

Since the ranges are not significantly different, both plants are usually grown in the same general area. On the other side of the picture we find that legumes, such as alfalfa and sweet clover, require a pH range of from 6.5 to 7.5. Spinach, often used as a test plant, 6.3 to 7.3; gardenia, the same as camellia; cabbage, 6 to 7; tomato, 5.3 to 6.3; Irish potato, 5 to 5.7; sweet corn, 5.5 to 6.7; and so on down the line of plants.

Lime is used to sweeten soils and sulphur and aluminum sulfate to make them more acid. However, you should never attempt to amend your soils until you first have them tested. The test will not only determine the pH but also organic matter and the essential available nutrient elements such as nitrogen, phosphorous, and potash.

Your county agent, vocational teacher or the Soil Conservation

Service in your county will be glad to help you. Some of them can run a quick test for pH, but for complete analyses, the samples should be properly collected and sent to the Soil Testing Laboratory, State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C. Sample boxes are available in the county agent's office with complete instructions for collecting and mailing.



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