

# Townsend Plan Takes It On Chin From Two Sides

### Congressional Investigating Committee in Battle Creek, Mich., Hears Scheme Discredited As "Money Racket" While Similar Group in Los Angeles Uncovers Evidence of Election "Deal."

Los Angeles, April 30 — Political maneuvering and a vast promotional venture which accompanied the spread of the Townsend old age pension plan were described today in testimony before a congressional investigating committee.

Pierre Tomlinson, appearing before investigators as the man who "built up" Dr. Francis Townsend, father of the plan, told of a \$12,000 "deal" between Townsend leaders and Gov. Frank Merriam's representatives through which the voting strength of the pension plan was to have been delivered for Merriam in his 1934 campaign.

The money was not paid, he said. "You mean that you didn't get the dough?" asked Joseph Gavagan (D., N. Y.) member of the committee.

"No," the witness replied. "Dr. Townsend delivered the goods before they were paid for."

Earlier Tomlinson, formerly employed by the Los Angeles board of education, told of his promotion campaign to put D. Townsend "on a pedestal."

"He gave a big sales talk," the witness said of the meeting with Dr. Townsend which resulted in his employment.

"He assured me we could build a national magazine equal in circulation and revenue to the Saturday Evening Post and all make a hatful of money."

Three hundred employees worked with Tomlinson and C. E. Smith in the "promotional end," he said.

Tomlinson said the vote "deal" with Merriam's campaign representative was made by Dr. Townsend and R. E. Clements, former secretary-treasurer of the pension organization. Townsend leaders urged their followers to support Merriam, who subsequently was elected governor, the witness said.

In addition he produced a letter which quoted Dr. Townsend as disapproving of Upton Sinclair, EPIC candidate for governor, in the primary election campaign, and recommending "we should unite" to

support Raymond Haight, an unsuccessful candidate.

### EX-OFFICERS CONVINCED PLAN IS "MONEY RACKET"

Battle Creek, Mich., April 30 — Two former officers of Michigan old age pension clubs testified at a congressional hearing today they deserted the Townsend organization because they were convinced it was "a money racket."

The testimony was given by the Rev. David B. Moore, 60, of Traverse City, and Mrs. Juanita H. Jackson, of Jackson, before a small audience of elderly people who booed repeatedly at criticism of the \$200-a-month proposal.

Rep. Clare E. Hoffman (R., Mich.) conducting the investigation, previously had declared in formal statement that the hearings had convinced him "the plan is a racket, whatever the original purpose may have been."

Hoffman concluded the hearing today. The white haired Mr. Moore said he believes strongly in pensions for the aged, but testified he had retired as president of the Traverse City Townsend club because "the Townsend plan is a money racket."

Mrs. Jackson disclosed detailed conversations she said she had with Dr. Francis E. Townsend, founder of the plan, when he spoke at Jackson in January, 1935. "All he could talk about was money," she said. Mrs. Gladys Brittain, secretary of a club at Niles, Mich., told of discovering a shortage in club accounts when she took office. She advised national and regional headquarters of the Townsend organization of the misappropriation, she testified, but received no reply.

When she took the matter up with Dr. Felix A. Rachette, of Paw, a lecturer for the Michigan organization and Rep. Hoffman's opponent for the congressional nomination in the fourth district, she said he advised her to "cover it up."

"I do not think he meant that," she said, "but that is what he said."

### MISS CLARA GENTRY TO WASHINGTON, D. C.

Miss Clara Gentry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Gentry, of Allensville, N. C., left last Thursday morning for Garfield hospital, Washington, D. C., where she will work. For the past year or more Miss Gentry has been nursing in Durham. She is very popular in this county where she has done much work in the Health Department.

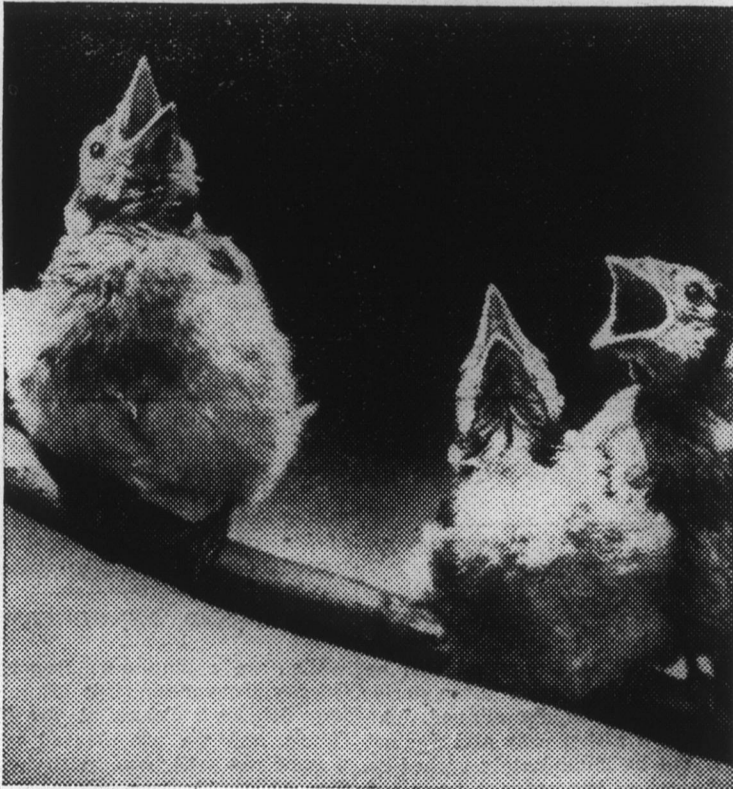
Fifty-five 4-H club members of Jones County attended a recreational school last week in which they were taught games and exercises to carry back to their local clubs.

Farmers are pleased, generally, with the use of peat moss on tobacco plant beds this winter. Good stands of vigorous plants were secured, they report.



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MISS VICTORIA GARRETT Social Editor

## Young People Honor Pastor

On Tuesday night of this week the Young People of Providence Baptist church honored Rev. J. C. McGregor, who is leaving for Rocky Mount in June, at the home of Miss Myrtle Young.

The group enjoyed a delightful social hour at the close of which Mr. McGregor was presented many nice and useful gifts.

## Y. W. A. Enjoys Meeting

The regular meeting of the Y. W. A. was held at the home of Miss Lucille Davidson on Tuesday night of this week.

Devotional was conducted by Miss Ora Latta. Mrs. Thomas Brooks led the members in prayer, a business period followed.

The topic for discussion was "Pioneers of The Kingdom." Several very interesting papers were read on the subject. At this time a delightful social hour was enjoyed. Various games and contests were entered into.

Delicious punch, sandwiches and cakes were served to the following: Virginia Puckett, Mrs. Marvin Long, Helen Bradsher, Ora Latta, Mrs. Thos. Brooks, Mrs. Albert Warren, Ruth Franklin, Helen Latta, Mrs. Alvin Warren, Dorothy Warren, Alma Bradsher, Mamie Love Barnette, Lorena Wade and Gladys Davidson.

## First Anniversary Celebration

The Daughters of America Council No. 5, Mother Jones celebrated its first anniversary Saturday night, April 25. Several speeches were delivered by members of the Daughters of America and Jr. O. U. A. M. After the speeches and music, sandwiches, cakes and drinks were served. Judge L. M. Carlton talked on Liberty, Rev. N. J. Todd spoke on Love and Virtue, Chas. F. Tankersley, Jr., of Henderson, spoke on Patriotism. A duet was rendered by Mrs. Hattie E. Pulliam and Mrs. Della Painter. Other guests were members of Charity Council No. 6, of Greensboro, N. C. and members of the Jr. O. U. A. M. Council No. 570. Mr. W. W. Willis of Dan River Council Jr. O. U. A. M. from Milton, with his string band furnished several good numbers.

(Sent in by Louise Oliver) R. S. of D. of A.

## Mrs. G. C. Hunter Entertains

The Wednesday afternoon bridge club met with Mrs. G. C. Hunter on Wednesday afternoon of this week.

The lower floor of the home was thrown open and beautiful tulips added to its attractiveness. Three tables of bridge were enjoyed. Mrs. R. P. Burns, club high score prize, winner for the afternoon. Mrs. John D. Morris won the prize for second honors. To Mrs. Burke Mewborne went the visitor's prize.

The hostess served her guests a delicious salad course, iced tea and strawberry short-cake.

## P. T. A. Meeting

The Parent-Teacher association held an interesting meeting in the community house at the Olive Hill school Tuesday afternoon. The members passed the afternoon by sewing costumes for an operetta to be given this week. The program also included a beautiful solo by Mrs. Harry Puckett, who was accompanied at the piano by Miss Mary Shorr.

After the usual business the election of officers was conducted by Mrs. Numa Edwards. Those elected are: Mrs. W. C. Pulliam, president, Miss Helen Graves, vice-president, Mrs. K. C. Wagstaff, secretary and treasurer.

Before adjournment the parents, acting as hostesses of the meeting served hot chocolate and wafers.

## Friday Afternoon Rook Club Meets

The Friday afternoon Rook club had an interesting meeting with Mrs. E. P. Dunlap on Friday afternoon of last week.

Iris and many other flowers were arranged in the living room where

three tables of the club game of Boston Rook were enjoyed. Many interesting progressions were played. Books were exchanged among the members.

The hostess, assisted by Mesdames T. B. Woody and Harry Winstead, served a delicious two-course luncheon.

## Crews-Slaughter

The following announcement will be read with interest by the many friends of the young couple:

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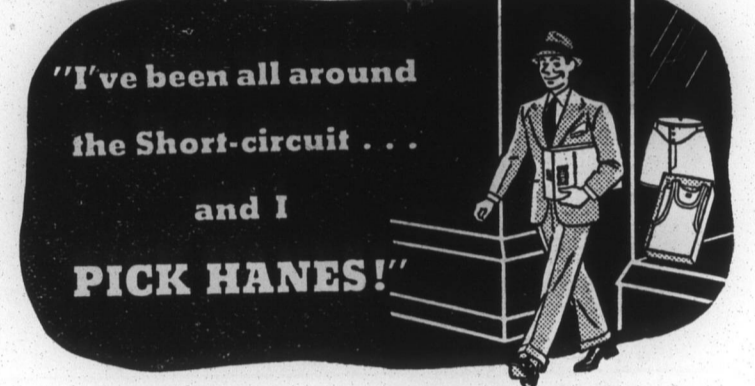
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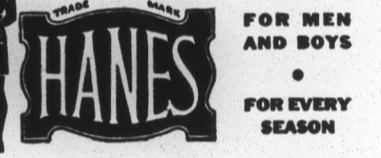
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