

161 MILLIONS APPROPRIATION BILL GIVEN HOUSE

Gardner Denies Big Fee Was Paid Him For Political Influence

Was Counsel And Not Lobbyist For Aviation Group Paid Income Tax With Half of Fee

Former Governor O. Max Gardner denies emphatically that he was paid a \$75,000 fee for whatever "influence" he could exert on Congress by the aviation industry, but that he received a \$74,500 fee as attorney and advisor in the complete reorganization of the aircraft industry.

The following statement was issued Saturday upon his return to Shelby from Sea Island, Ga., where he had been spending a week with friends.

Mike Sepaugh, 49 Buried At Earl; Was Briefly Ill

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 for Mike Sepaugh, 49 year old farmer of the Earl community. Services were in charge of Rev. J. L. Jenkins and Rev. J. N. Wise. Interment was in the New Hope Baptist church cemetery.

Mr. Sepaugh died late Friday night at his home following a ten day illness with pneumonia, complicated with heart trouble.

Morning Cotton LETTER

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Hedging sales were more noticeable Friday but the selling was absorbed rather impressively mainly by trade interests. Sales of goods during the late part of last week are said to approximate production for the first time in a long while. Europe was a moderate buyer of the distant months during the past week. General trade indices show continued improvement. When the tax situation has been settled we believe a broader demand for cotton will develop.—E. A. Pierce & Co.

THE MARKETS
Cotton, spot ——— 11½ to 12½
Cotton seed, wagon, ton ——— \$33.00
Cotton seed, car lot, ton ——— \$36.00

New York cotton at 2:30: Jan. 15.19, Mar. 11.24, May 10.81, July 10.50, Oct. 10.15, Dec. 10.14.

Testifies



Jacob Paley (above), self described "junk dealer" of New York, told Senate Munitions Committee at Washington, D. C., he paid as little as 12 cents each for old army machine guns. Committee voted bill to drastically curb all arms sales.

Training School Of Methodists To Begin Next Week

The annual Cleveland county training school, sponsored annually by the Central Methodist church here for its own members and for workers and leaders in 15 or more rural Methodist churches will get under way next week.

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"Be A Good Neighbor" Invites Roosevelt In "Fireside Chat"

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Feb. 24.—President Roosevelt from his home here last night suggested to the nation that "the good neighbor idea—as we are trying to practice it in international relationship—needs to be put into practice in our community relationships."

Fear \$90,000 PWA Work May Be Lost At Kings Mountain

Projects In Balance Of Uncertainty

All Money Gone And New Appropriation Would Be Necessary.

Loss of a \$90,000 PWA project in Kings Mountain which would include the building of a new city hall, street improvements and sewer lines, was thought almost certain today after a letter has been received from Herman G. Baily at Chapel Hill.

However, Haywood Robbins, Charlotte attorney has made several trips to Washington and feels part of the original work may be done Congress may earmark a new appropriation this spring.

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Renovation Plans Made By College In Spring Months

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Sam Maverick

An original "maverick" is Sam Maverick, above, who celebrates his 100th birthday this year along with the centennial of his native state of Texas.

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A statement designed to clarify the actual situation of the textile industry in relation to the process taxes invalidated by the supreme court has just been issued by Claudius T. Murchison, president of the Cotton Textile Institute: It is:

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Iron Differences Out Of Main Bill In Senate Meeting

See Quick Action On Following Work

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—A \$161,863,147 agriculture appropriations bill for the 1937 fiscal year was laid before the house today as the new \$500,000,000 soil conservation farm program headed for a conference on house and senate differences.

The appropriations committee refused to allow \$1,000,000 requested for the Shelter-belt program of tree planting down the great plains belt.

J. B. Carpenter Of Waco Dies; Bury Tuesday

Funeral services for J. B. Carpenter of Waco will be held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. H. M. Robinson at Saint Paul Methodist church.

Mr. Carpenter died at his home at Waco Sunday evening at 9:30 o'clock after an illness of a week. He had been desperately ill for two days with pneumonia and a heart ailment.

Mr. Carpenter was a good Christian and upright citizen, held in high esteem by his host of friends. He was born January 27, 1858 and was 78 years and 25 days old at the time of his death.

Ritchie Is Dead; Victim Of Stroke

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Farmers Finances Good Senate Told By Expert

Bettis Home Is Burned At Earl With Estimated Loss Of \$8,000

Roaring flames, fanned by a brisk February wind wrought destruction at noon today for the old A. E. Bettis home at Earl, and with the home, nearly all the furnishings and family properties.

An exact estimate was not made by the present owners of the house but was set tentatively at least \$8,000. The fire was started on the windward side of the roof and was discovered while the Bettis' were eating dinner.

Those living in the house were

Baxter Bettis, Miss Sally Bettis and Mrs. Katherine Bettis White.

The Moss residence about 150 feet away was saved by a bucket brigade which kept pouring water on the walls and roof to protect it from the heat.

A detachment of Shelby firemen answered the call and drove to Earl in one of the city trucks, but the house was burned before they arrived.

The house was built nearly 30 years ago by the late A. E. Bettis and was a ten room structure. Mr. Bettis was the father of Hugh Bettis, Mrs. George Washburn and Mrs. Gary Hamrick of this city.

Rules Are Given Governing Music Contest April 17

Committee Outlines General Procedure; Plan Grand Festival.

A set of rules and regulations for the county-wide Music Festival which will be held at Polkville, April 17 and in which glee clubs, quartets, trios and other music groups will compete, was released by the general committee today.

The committee is composed of J. C. Jordan of No. 3; J. D. Huggins of Polkville; R. C. Wiggins of Piedmont and were appointed by the Schoolmasters club of the county.

District Meeting Of Three-County Teachers Planned

Cleveland, Gaston, Rutherford Leaders Study Health And Recreation.

Health and recreation will be given serious consideration in this city when teachers and school administrators of Gaston, Cleveland and Rutherford counties come to Shelby Friday, March 28 for the annual third regional conference on these subjects.

The local committee was named today and full details of the program which will be given at that time were submitted.

Forestry Meetings Begin Wednesday; Experts To Attend

A series of forestry meetings purposed to stimulate interest in the preservation of the few remaining acres of timbered land in Cleveland county are planned here this week, with instruction to be given by E. W. Graeber, expert from the extension service headquarters at Raleigh.

Points To Erosion Policy As Method For More Advance

Shows Big Threat Of Farm Mortgage

Head Of Farm Credit Administration Reveals Personal Opinion.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—Declarations that the farmers financial status had shown vast improvement and that the nation is threatened with billions of dollars loss by soil erosion, was placed before congress today by government agencies.

Governor W. I. Myers of the farm credit administration, which holds about 40 per cent of the farm mortgage debt of the country, said there had been such a vast improvement in the farm status that need for government credit is decreasing.

Bring An Axe

The meetings are announced by John S. Wilkins, county agent and he asks that all the visitors bring an axe with them and actual thinning and caring for small amounts will be done. He said the move is to preserve the approximately 30 percent timbered land in the county.

The first meeting will be at the farm of C. C. Falls of Belwood at 9:30 Wednesday morning. The second will be teh forestry lessons at the Lattimore estate at 1:30 Wednesday.

Pneumonia Takes Little Moss Child

Funeral services will be held at the home Tuesday at 2 o'clock for Donald Eugene Moss, 17 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moss of 54 Walnut street who died early today after a brief illness of pneumonia.