

**SENATOR
SAM ERVIN
SAYS**



Washington—The Congress last session gradually abandoned hopes of passing this session completed by August 15.

What's the matter? Well, the session had a number of major bills pending in a slow-down, and the Senate was marking time waiting their arrival for action.

It is hard to guess now as to whether the session will not conclude before August 15.

Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson's illness, I have been asked to serve as unofficial assistant working under our Acting Speaker, Senator Earle Clements of Kentucky. This takes long hours, and I feel like the quicker the end of the session comes the better.

I want to spend most of the summer and fall visiting around the country. The way the Washington weather has been for two weeks now I'll be satisfied to relax in the shade of North Carolina. The Senate strike here in the Capitol has been going on for three weeks, and I've depended on street cars and buses to get around the town, so the hot weather, the strike, and the humidity have combined to make conditions unpleasant.

Safety First

Ervin Mansfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Mansfield, Route 1, Hertford, and Perquimans County 4-H Club member, has written the following news article in connection with his 4-H Safety project. Ervin gives a personal account of an accident in which he lost his hand.

"The President has proclaimed July 24-30 as National Farm Safety Week, for 1955. Have you, as a farmer, realized the danger of getting killed or seriously injured on the farm? You may be happy-go-lucky and never get hurt.

"All accidents in the U. S. killed 81,200 persons in the first eleven months of 1954. But in 1953 85,600 persons were killed in the corresponding period. This was a 5% drop in 1954. Teamwork was the cause of this 5% drop.

"In 1954 I had a serious accident that could have caused death. I suffered the loss of my left hand in September of 1954. My brother and I were grinding some corn for the cows. The tractor was not belted properly and kept slipping off. I was the one who was in a hurry, so I picked up the belt and proceeded to put it on. It was then that my hand was caught and cut off. I was not aware of the fact that it was, in any way, dangerous. So take my advice and think twice before you do something similar. Keep all your fingers, your arms and legs. Remember, your safety is in your hands."

CHAPANORE NEWS

Mrs. Wallace Bright and Miss Ann Cartwright spent last Thursday in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Quincy and children of Norfolk spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Quincy.

Jesse Boyce and Leonard Pierce spent this week at Tom Brown's FFA Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brewer and children of Tallahassee, Fla., came Sunday to spend some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer left Wednesday for Ames, Iowa, and the children will remain here.

Eugene Boyce spent Sunday at Nags Head.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moore had as their guests last week her mother and sister's family from Morehead City.

GOC Post Alerted

The Perquimans GOC has been requested by the Air Force to be prepared to go on duty at a moment's notice for short periods of time from now until August 31 for the purpose of reporting movements of any balloons sighted in this area.

Mrs. Marion Swindell, post supervisor, requests that all observers be watchful for all balloons which may resemble a toy balloon and report these to the Durham Filter Center whether the post is on duty or not. If there are any questions, call 5111 for any information about reporting them.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thirty-six new books have been added to the Perquimans County Library in July. Nine of these are for adults, the rest are children's books.

Non-fiction includes Introduction to Nature by John Kierah, Disney's

Vanishing Prairie. A Child's History of the World and A Child's Geography of the World. Also a beautiful, illustrated edition of Robin Hood and his Merry Men. Double by Boyce head the list of stories for young people. A new book is being prepared for smaller children complete the list.

For adults, the library has The Flower Girls by Dane, and several de wlight romances and westerns and one mystery.

BEAN ACREAGE DECLINES

Reports from North Carolina growers indicate that they expect to plant 285,000 acres of soybeans in 1955, a 1.5% decline from 288,000 acres in 1954. The 1954 crop was 4,725,000 bushels for 1955 is estimated on the basis of 1 reports from Tassel growers. The North Carolina Crop Reporting Service advises that such a crop would be 18 percent or 726,000 bushels above the 1954 production. Current prospects point to an average yield of 105 bushels per acre; if realized, this would be 12 bushels above 1954.

Prospects Bright For Sweet Potato Crop

A sweet potato crop of 4,725,000 bushels for 1955 is estimated on the basis of 1 reports from Tassel growers. The North Carolina Crop Reporting Service estimates the acreage of soybeans planted alone this year at 423,000—four per cent below the 1954 average.

It is estimated that North Carolina growers will harvest 45,000 acres of sweet potatoes this year—2,000 acres above the 1954 harvest—the ten year average acreage.

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