



Person Says Farming Bill Not Acceptable In Its Present Form

No Sign Of Decision By President

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson said after a White House conference today the new farm bill is not acceptable to him in its present form.

There was no indication, however, that President Eisenhower had reached any final conclusions about the compromise measure, drafted by a Senate-House Conference Committee.

Presidential press secretary James C. Hagerty told reporters before the meeting broke up the President would not make up his mind on the bill until it had passed both houses and had been sent to him for action.

The President had an hour's meeting with Benson, Asst. Secretary of Agriculture True D. Morse, and White House staff members, Hagerty described it as an "initial discussion" of the measure completed last night.

As Benson left by a side door of the White House reporters had an opportunity to put three questions to him before he got into his car and sped away.

Asked if he hoped to get the bill returned to the committee, Benson replied, "No comment."

"Do you hope there will be some changes somewhere along the line?" he was asked.

"There will have to be some changes to make it a good bill," Benson replied.

Then a reporter asked: "Is the bill acceptable in its present form?"

"It is not acceptable to me in its present form," Benson said.

Hagerty said Eisenhower would discuss the farm bill at his weekly meeting with Republican congressional leaders at 8:30 a.m. Monday.

Benson also will attend this meeting, which shortly before Eisenhower leaves for a work-rest vacation in Augusta, Ga.

The compromise bill contains some features requested by the administration but also calls for a one-year restoration of high, rigid price supports opposed by Eisenhower and Benson.

Attending today's discussion between the President and his agriculture department leaders were Sherman Adams, chief assistant to the President; Wilton B. Parsons, deputy assistant and in charge of legislative liaison; Gabriel Hogue, administrative assistant on economic affairs; and Fred A. Scammon, administrative assistant to the White House staff members.

Any administration effort to get a bill more to its liking would require a new battle in the Senate or the House. There has been some speculation such an effort would be made.

A House vote, probably on Wednesday, will provide the first test.

Eugene Sen. Ellender, D-La., and Rep. Colley D.N.C., chairman of the two houses' agriculture committees, predicted quick approval in Congress. They put it up to Eisenhower on a take-or-leave-it basis. Ellender said Eisenhower "takes it or there is no farm bill" this session.

Two Of Three Robbers Taken

FLINT, Mich. (AP)—Police and FBI agents today captured two of three bandits who robbed the Citizens Commercial and Savings Bank of \$62,402 yesterday.

First reports said all the money had been recovered but that one of the bandits escaped during the bullet-punctuated capture.

Police and FBI agents flushed the trio in an older residential district where they were occupying a home. They continued to pursue the third man.

FBI agents prevented immediate identification of the captured bandits, holding them incommunicado.

Police scolded off the northeast side of the city in their efforts to catch the third bandit.

A witness said he heard three shots. Then he said a man ran out the back door of a nearby house. He said the man carried a nickel plated revolver.

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Water Splashes High Against Bank

The Commercial National Bank Bldg. at 4th and Tryon St. got an unexpected spring washdown today when a two-inch water main burst on W. 4th St. about 9 a.m.

A 30-foot geyser of water sprayed one glass block section on the W. 4th St. side of the building, but no damage was reported inside the building.

The main, which runs off the main line into the bank, was first reported as having a "slight leak" last Wednesday by employees installing lines for the Duke Power Co.

It was still a slight leak when city employees arrived to fix it shortly before 9 a.m. today, but it became a towering stream of water after a worker pulled mud away from the pipe.

Pedestrians were sent scurrying out of range as the muddy spray covered a large section of the street.

The shower kept up for over an hour as Water Dept. employees sought a valve to shut off the water. They were forced to cut

off water along the 100 block of W. 4th St. shortly after 11 a.m. The line was then plugged and service was restored about 15 minutes later.

Water Dept. employees said the broken pipe was of galvanized iron and was about 40 years old. They said a rusted spot had been there for several months.

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Winter Makes Comeback In North Midwest In Some Sections

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spring weather returned to northern Midwest areas today with snow, cold and strong winds.

April showers sprinkled areas from the Middle Mississippi Valley eastward to the Atlantic Coast. Generally fair weather prevailed in most of the western half of the country.

Near blizzard conditions were in the Red River Valley section of Minnesota-North Dakota. Gusty winds whipped up heavy snow falls, causing much drifting. Some roads were blocked and planes were forced to fly because of poor visibility. Falls measured up to seven inches.

Fresh falls of snow at Duluth, Minn. were more than six inches, making a total of 21 inches on the ground. The snow fall was general across northern Minnesota.

The snow, accompanied by strong winds, was headed for sections Wisconsin and Michigan.

Temperatures were from 15 to 25 degrees lower than yesterday morning in many parts of the Upper and Middle Mississippi Valley as colder air drifted southward behind the storm. Freezing readings extended as far south as Oklahoma. Kansas City's 39 above was 28 degrees lower than 24 hours earlier.

Heavyest rainfall was in the Upper Ohio Valley with more than 1 1/2 inches in many cities. Skies cleared in the southern part of the country except for showers in northern Florida.

Stormy weather hit sections of the Southeast and mid-Atlantic states yesterday. Tornadoes skipped across sections of the Carolinas, mowing two persons, damaging homes and other buildings and disrupting communications.

The twisters struck in the Abbeville-Georgetown, S.C., area and then dipped into neighboring North Carolina, causing damage near the Mecklenburg-Union county line and near Belmont.

A gusty wind topped a partly cloudy day in Atlanta. Killing two women hanging out clothes.

Early morning temperatures ranged from 12 above at Minn. N.D., to 1 at Laredo, Tex., and Jacksonville, Fla.

UNGALLANT MOTORIST GIVEN FINE

PASSAIC, N.J. (AP)—You know the old one about gas and alcohol not mixing.

Now comes Magistrate H. Dick Don Ramsey's ruling. Killing a motorist.

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Tornado's Aftermath: A Crutch, A Sofa And Wreckage That Was Howard Short's House.

Mr. and Mrs. Short were at work their children at school.

Mrs. Baker said she didn't even know the barn 75 feet away of the house across the road were damaged until the storm passed.

A store-owner, Pickett Hanson, who lives two miles away, said he didn't know anything about a tornado an hour after it hit.

Mrs. Flowe's mother-in-law, Mrs. C. B. Flowe, said she saw what looked like clouds of smoke rising toward me. Then, she said, the storm lifted quickly and was gone.

Several pigs and chickens were killed in the Austin yard, but no people were hurt. Mrs. Austin was delivering her Charlotte News route and the children were at school.

Red Cross disaster workers got to the scene quickly. Charles Rice headed a three-man crew from Charlotte and Union County disaster chairman B. C. Smith arrived from Monroe.

Power linesmen worked into the night restoring electric service. Mecklenburg and Union county police and state highway patrolmen converged on the area to prevent looting and help control the crowd.

Other houses in the area had window panes and shingles, but serious damage was confined to the Austin home.

Stallings, to the Bulgars in Lawrence and to a single house belonging to Mrs. Elizabeth Huddleston, on an unpaved road leading to Sunfield AME Church.

Mrs. Hudson was visiting her son, Mrs. Lela and killed her. "Thank the Lord it took my mother's life instead of my mother," Mrs. Murray said.

"When we saw the wind," she said, "I looked like a giant ball of fire."

NEIGHBORS HELPING

In Stallings, neighbors were transferring the hay from the Currys' barn to their own today and helping Howard Short store his damaged furniture.

The rain stopped a few minutes after the crate storm hit. The furniture and the hay were not damaged. Two hours after the water dipped to earth there wasn't a cloud in the sky over the area.

The Associated Press reported other Southern communities were hit. Links with their stories as Mecklenburg, Union and Gaston counties.

In Atlanta, a dead tree toppled over in a gust of wind and killed two women hanging out clothes. Mrs. Ruth Wilson, 48, and Mrs. Lela Murray, 47, were killed.

PEACH GROWERS HIT

Peach growers, although not numerous in the Abbeville-Georgetown area, also suffered from the storm.

Estimates of damage caused by wind, rain and hail stones have not been completed.

For a time yesterday, old Highway 74 was blocked by trees and signposts. It was cleared by police officers and service station operator J. O. Dickworth, who also stayed on his job helping clear away debris in his neighborhood.



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KANSAS CITY WEATHER MEN PREDICTED STORM LIKELIHOOD

A Weather Bureau forecast center in Kansas City predicted the likelihood of tornadoes in the Charlotte area yesterday.

A spokesman in the office said a "tornado warning" went on the wire at 10:27 a.m. yesterday.

The warning, he pointed out, did not make a definite tornado prediction but only that "one or more tornadoes was likely."

Such a warning went out earlier in the week when conditions were favorable for storms in the Elizabeth City area.

Yesterday's warning came just four hours ahead of the storm which ripped through a section of Union County near the Mecklenburg line.

Under 'Private' Plan Public Schools Would Stay Open

RALEIGH (AP)—Gov. Luther Hodges says the proposed private school plan does not envision elimination of the state's public schools and replacing them with private schools.

The governor offered his explanation of the proposal by the state's Advisory Education Committee during a news conference yesterday.

Stating he is "heavily and thoroughly" in accord with the committee's recommendations, which were made public Thursday, the governor added, "I would be a foolish man who said this solved the problem forever."

He told newsmen he will call a special session of the Legislature between June and September to act on the committee's suggestions.

In answer to other questions, the governor:

1—Said he wants the special session to confine itself strictly to school segregation problems and not get sidetracked by such issues as increased pay for teachers or limited access highways.

2—Remarked that U. S. Sen. Sam J. Ervin had discouraged him on the idea of proposing that Congress limit the power of federal courts to rule on school matters.

3—Declared the segregation issue shouldn't keep the public from voting for bond issues for school construction.

4—Indicated he thought the segregation issue would have little, if any, effect on the state's efforts to get new industry.

In discussing the education committee's proposals, the governor reiterated its report relies on voluntary separate school attendance and the power of local officials to assign pupils to maintain separate schools generally.

The special legislative session was recommended by the committee so the lawmakers could

consider amending the Constitution. One of the amendments would allow the transfer of children who object to attending integrated schools or the payment of their tuition in nonsectarian private schools.

The other would allow persons in local school units to vote on closing their schools.

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THE RESPONSIBILITY



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Major State College Needed In City

By CHARLES KURALT Charlotte News Staff Writer

The chairman of the State Board of Higher Education indicated today that Charlotte needs a major state-supported college.

D. Hiden Ramsey, speaking by telephone from Asheville, cautioned that his powerful board is just beginning its study of how to meet the coming tidal wave of Tar Heel students—but he hinted one possible solution is a college for Charlotte.

The state has about 30,000 college students now. By 1956, it is expected to have about 75,000.

Expanding on that today, he said, "Every big city in Texas, for example, has at least one major college. You have Queens, which is small, and nearby, Davidson, which has put a reasonable limitation on its own growth."

"I don't know what's coming out of the present ferment. I

don't know what turn we're going to take. But Charlotte has a great capacity to acquire things it needs."

Mr. Ramsey's remarks sounded good to Charlotteans like W. A. Kennedy, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce college improvement subcommittee, who have tried for years to attract state funds to the support of the Charlotte City College.

One big, unresolved question, is this: To what extent will the Board of Higher Education recommend decentralization of education in North Carolina?

That's a crucial question for Charlotte. Many educators in the state favor enlarging the Big Three state schools—the University at Chapel Hill, State College in Raleigh and Woman's College

in Greensboro—to take care of the coming influx of students.

TREND OTHER WAY

But Mr. Ramsey said today the trend in such states as California and New York is the other way—toward a network of community schools.

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Union, Mecklenburg Hit

They started cleaning up in the Stallings community of Union County today.

That's where the tornado which hopped across the Mecklenburg line yesterday did its worst damage.

Along a thin, quarter-mile path that cut diagonally across old Highway 74, no building, no tree, no telephone pole was left standing.

Two other tornadoes also hit the Carolinas. One did considerable damage to sheet metal buildings at the Duke Power Co.'s 100-mill lion-dollar plant Allen near Belmont. Flying debris there injured two people.

MUCH DAMAGE

Another twister dipped into the Abbeville-Georgetown area in South Carolina, tearing the roof off a building of the Abbeville textile mill and destroying several homes.

Heavy rain and winds were reported virtually everywhere in North and South Carolina.

But it was a full-blown, if small, tornado which hit Mecklenburg.

It dipped to earth first in the Providence community not far from Tom Grier's store, tore the chimney off the home of Andrew Boulevard on Providence Rd. and snapped large cedar trees in its yard.

Mr. Boulevard, who is janitor at Charlotte's Trinity Presbyterian Church, was not at home, nor was his family.

STRIKES AGAIN

Then the twister lifted, traveled about two miles and struck again in the Antioch community of Mecklenburg, which borders the Union line.

There it hit the J. M. Caldwell estate on the Matthews-Wedding road and collapsed an old general store across the road from the Caldwell home.

Then it hit Stallings with full fury.

"We're just lucky," Charles Flowe said, "that it came when we did. Any other time, somebody would have been killed."

Mr. Flowe, reached at his Charlotte office, rushed home to find his house uninjured. But the house of his next door neighbor, a scant 100 feet away, was a shambles.

There, C. B. Austin walked through his wrecked home and shook his head at the damage. Timbers from outbuildings which had been flattened behind the house had punched jagged holes in his wall. His roof had been stripped of most of its shingles, leaving a checkerboard pattern. A tricycle which had been in the yard was hanging crazily in a little tree.

HOUSE DESTROYED

The worst damage of all was on a hill behind the Austin house. The old, eight-room frame house of Howard Short, giant owned by the twister. Gantt oaks beside it were uprooted. What was left of the walls had settled on the furniture.

Our Weather

Mostly sunny today with high temperature 70. Rather windy this afternoon becoming calder tonight. Tonight's low—63. Tomorrow sunny weather and a high near 65.

Low this morning—51. Low tomorrow morning—37. High yesterday—72. High tomorrow—63. High today—70. Sunrise 6:02 a.m.; 6:49 p.m. More Weather Data on Page 5-A