

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN B. GAINES

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I rise today to honor the life of a distinguished Kentuckian, Mr. John B. Gaines, president of the Bowling Green Daily News. He passed away last week at the age of 92.

John came by his passion for reporting news and connecting with the community quite honestly. He was born and raised in a newspaper family his grandfather founded the Daily News, and his father ran the newspaper until his passing in 1947 and for half a century, John served as the paper's publisher. When in Bowling Green, I always appreciated the opportunity to sit down for a conversation with John.

I will miss John and wish to extend my heartfelt sympathy to the entire Gaines family—John Pipes Gaines and his wife Susan Leonard Gaines, Mollie Gaines Smith and her husband, S. Russell Smith, Jr., Mary Gaines Dunham and her husband, David Lee Dunham; and grandsons, John Scott Gaines, Stephen Wilson Gaines, S. Russell Smith III and John Brooken Smith and his wife, Katie. While the Bowling Green community has lost a prominent voice, John's legacy will continue. The newspaper is in good hands under the leadership of his son, Pipes, and his grandsons working there.

The paper he so loved and dedicated his life to paid tribute to him on Sunday with an article titled "Daily News president dies at 92." I ask unanimous consent that the full article be printed in the RECORD, and that the entire Senate join me in honoring the life of this beloved Kentuckian.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Bowling Green Daily News, July 15, 2007]

DAILY NEWS PRESIDENT DIES AT 92 (By Alicia Carmichael)

Daily News president and avid fisherman John B. Gaines always told his childhood friend John Clagett "he was going to live until he got pulled under by a big fish at the age of 90," Clagett said Saturday.

On Friday at The Medical Center, 92-year-old Gaines died quietly, surrounded by family, after a short illness.

"The big fish got him," Clagett said sadly Saturday from his home in Middleberry, VT. Still, according to many of those who knew him well, Gaines lived life to the fullest until his last days.

"He had much difficulty getting around, walking, but he came to church most every Sunday" at Christ Episcopal Church, said John Grider, who through the years did bookkeeping, accounting and tax work for Gaines and served with Gaines on the board of directors at Citizens National Bank.

Ewing Hines, who worked for Gaines for 40 years as a Daily News accountant, said Gaines was still talking about fishing on Friday.

"I called down at the hospital," Hines said. "(His son) Pipes took the phone, and I heard him say in the background, 'Tell him it's a good day to flyfish.' And I thought he was getting better."

Now Hines can't believe his "best friend" is gone.

"This hurts me about as much as anything that has happened," he said. "He always had time to talk to me. He was a great person."

Michael G. Catlett, who was Gaines' financial consultant and friend, said Gaines "was a man who showed you personal attention. He acted like he really cared for you when he was talking to you."

Gaines and Catlett often took walks through Bowling Green, before walking became difficult for Gaines.

"I used to tell him, 'I enjoy our walks downtown because it elevates my status in the community,'" Catlett said. "He laughed about that."

With Gaines' passing, Catlett said, Bowling Green has lost a "treasure . . . a great man of integrity, manners and respect."

Don Stringer, the former longtime managing editor at the Daily News, also talked about Gaines' integrity.

"He always stood behind us" in the newsroom, Stringer said, "and he had no compunction, when we were right, about saying, 'That's what we're going to do.'"

With "a wonderful dry sense of humor," Stringer said, Gaines took the newspaper business' ups and downs in stride.

Daily News general manager Mark Van Patten said many often overlooked Gaines' vivid wit because of his usually serious demeanor.

But that demeanor came from his love for the newspaper, which was started by his grandfather, also named John Gaines, in 1882. The younger John Gaines, a graduate of the University of Alabama, took over the running the Daily News after his dad, Clarence M. Gaines, died in 1947. For half a century, he was the paper's publisher.

"He really loved the newspaper and loved this community," Van Patten said, "and that was always foremost in decisions he made." Van Patten added he has "never worked for a publisher that had stronger ethics than Mr. Gaines," who "just loved newspaper and journalism and the business of newspapers in general."

Less than two weeks before he died, Gaines was in his Daily News office, as he was nearly every work day when he wasn't ill—or, in his later years, spending 6 weeks each winter in Florida.

"I could not believe it," Grider said of Gaines' devotion to his work at a time of life when most have been retired for decades.

Gaines' mind was kept sharp because of his work, Grider thinks.

"We had a lot of nice discussions," Grider said, "and for his age, his mental capacity was remarkable."

Gregg K. Jones, who is co-publisher of The Greeneville Sun in Tennessee, president of Jones Media Inc., past chairman of the Newspaper Association of America—the largest newspaper trade association in the United States—and a former president of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association, said Gaines was planning, as recently as two weeks ago, to attend this year's SNPA meeting in West Virginia.

For two terms, Gaines was director of the association. He also served as president of the Kentucky Press Association, as his grandfather had once done, in 1962, and was the 1980 recipient of the Edwards M. Templin Memorial Award, which was presented by the Lexington Herald-Leader to the Kentucky newspaper person who performed the most outstanding community service.

"He was revered in the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association," Jones said, "and people were always excited to see him there, not only to hear what he had to say, but so they could learn from him."

Jones, whose family has owned The Greeneville Sun for generations, said Gaines was as passionate about his family's owner-

ship of the Daily News as he was about the newspaper industry in general.

"He didn't like the idea of newspapers being owned by impersonal public companies," Jones said. "He cared so much about his community. He made that very clear, and that's something our families shared. We've always placed a very high value on the bond between a newspaper and the community it serves."

Gaines especially loved helping small business people grow their businesses, Jones said.

"He considered his relationships with his advertisers and readers to be partnerships," Jones said. "So many people in Bowling Green have built their businesses through (the) newspaper in Bowling Green. He loved that and seeing people succeed, and seeing Bowling Green progress."

"At the same time, John was a fiercely independent guy," Jones said—a newsman who at one time was a member of the Calendar Club literary group in Bowling Green, a former member of the Bowling Green Noon Rotary Club, a member of the Society of Professional Journalists and a charter member of the Bowling Green-Warren County Jaycees.

Gaines was also chairman of the boards of News Publishing LLC, which operates the Daily News, and the Daily News Broadcasting Company, which operates WKCT-AM and WDNS-FM radio stations in Bowling Green.

In his free time, Gaines loved fishing, dove hunting, traveling both domestically and abroad, and good food, said his grandson, Steve Gaines, who is editorial page editor at the Daily News.

"My fondest memories of my grandfather will always be spending countless hours fishing next to him on the creek beds or countless hours in the dove field, either shooting doves or talking about Alabama football," Steve Gaines said.

John Gaines was also loyal to his church, where he had served on the vestry and was a trustee of the Delafield Committee.

The Rev. Howard Surface, who was Gaines' pastor at Christ Episcopal Church for four decades, said that for years, Gaines came to the church several days a week.

"For many, many years my office was in the front part of the church on State Street," Surface said, "and every day around noon I would see John. He made a habit of walking up State Street and he would stop at the church's prayer chapel."

Gaines' also was devoted to his family, Steve Gaines said.

"My grandfather said many times the best thing he ever did in life was marry Mabel Sharp Gaines, and he was right."

Gaines and his wife raised three children: Pipes Gaines, who is now publisher of the Daily News, Mary Gaines Dunham, who is retired from her job as national advertising director at the newspaper, and Mollie Gaines Smith, now of Louisville.

The couple also had several grandchildren, including Scott Gaines, who is Steve Gaines' brother and works in the business side of the Daily News.

Steve Gaines said he now takes solace in the fact that his grandfather was surrounded by family when he died. He's also comforted by the fact that his granddad knew the Daily News would stay in the Gaines family after his death.

"He wouldn't have wanted it any other way," he said.

Stringer said he now thinks one of Gaines' greatest legacies has been passing down his sense of integrity to his children, and gave Gaines what he considers "the highest compliment you can give" in the newspaper business.

“He was a hell of a good newspaper man,” Stringer said, “and I think the community is going to miss him.”

EXTRANEOUS PROVISIONS OF S. 1762

Mr. CONRAD. Madam President, as chairman of the Committee on the Budget, pursuant to section 313 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the following list of reconciliation provisions considered to be extraneous and subject to the Byrd rule.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

EXTRANEOUS PROVISIONS OF S. 1762 AS REPORTED BY THE HEALTH, LABOR, EDUCATION AND PENSIONS COMMITTEE

Provision	Violation	Description of provision
Sec. 301	Sec. 313(b)(a)(A) No change in outlays or revenues.	Lender Insurance.
Portion of Sec. 801 on page 55 lines 16 through 20.	Sec. 313(b)(1)(A) No change in outlays or revenues.	Statement of purpose of College Access Partnership Grant Program.
Portion of Sec. 801 on page 68, lines 9 through 11.	Sec. 313(b)(1)(A) No change in outlays or revenues.	Sunset.

MATTHEW SHEPARD ACT OF 2007

Mr. SMITH. Madam President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. Each Congress, Senator KENNEDY and I introduce hate crimes legislation that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society. Likewise, each Congress I have come to the floor to highlight a separate hate crime that has occurred in our country.

On June 4, 2007, in Pearland, TX, Terry Mark Mangum brutally murdered Kenneth Cummings, Jr., for being gay. Mangum says the two had drinks at a Montrose-area club before returning to Cummings' home in Pearland. Mangum confessed to having stabbed Cummings to death with a six-inch knife at Cummings' residence that night. He then burned the body and buried it at a 50-acre ranch owned by his grandfather. Mangum says he believed that Cummings was gay and allegedly had planned the killing for 6 months prior to the murder.

I believe that the Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Matthew Shepard Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

TRIBUTE TO MYRON PIERCE OF SOUTH PARIS, MAINE

• Ms. SNOWE. Madam President, today I pay tribute to Myron Pierce of South Paris, ME, as he is honored by Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp No. 69—Sons of

Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and the Western Maine Veterans Advisory Council. Through the years, Myron Pierce has demonstrated a selfless and stalwart commitment to his family, his community, and his country. Born in Bethel, ME, the oldest of eight children, Myron began his military career at the age of 19, serving in the Army National Guard and was activated to full-time duty the following year stationed at Camp Blanding, FL. By 1942, he was a machine gunner with the 12th Bomb Group and led night patrols that uncovered the presence of German troops, earning him a Silver Star. From 1941 to 1945, he fought with the 103rd Infantry of the 43rd Division, also known as Winged Victory, and was wounded in combat in North Africa. During the Korean War he rejoined the Maine Army National Guard. While in that theater, he led 27 consecutive night combat patrols in Iron Triangle near Pork Chop Hill, where a Chinese unit ambushed the 2nd Infantry Division and he endured grenade shrapnel. He and two others were the only survivors of that fateful night. Through the remarkable span of his distinguished 30-year military career, Myron received countless military medals and rose through the ranks from private to company commander, then to operation officer, and finally battalion commander. He also served as assistant commandant for the Army Reserve Officer School—all commendable distinctions.

Upon retiring from the military, for the next 26 years, Myron focused his dedication in the classroom as an educator. Never wavering on his sense of duty, he continued his service to his country by reaching out to students on matters of patriotism, flag etiquette, and the Voice of Democracy. As a teacher at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, he spearheaded a local chapter of the Distributive Education Club of American, DECA, a cooperative program working with local area businesses and high school students teaching them business and marketing skills as well as how to be a contributing and productive member of the community. Myron worked in conjunction with the State of Maine to construct a Veterans Home for the Oxford Hills area veterans. As a tireless advocate on behalf of veterans, in July of 1995, he was successful in his mission to bring the Western Maine Veterans Home to South Paris. Again, ever-vigilant in his contributions to his fellow veterans, he was appointed by Maine Gov. John R. McKernan to the board of trustees for Maine Veterans Homes and was reappointed to serve a second term by Gov. Angus King. A testament to his motto, “We are here to service the community,” in 2004, Myron Pierce was presented with the well-deserved Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award. I want to offer my heartfelt best wishes and deepest appreciation to Myron Pierce for his

extraordinary service and sacrifice to his community and to our Nation.●

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN MEMORIAM: CHARLES LANE

• Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I wish to honor a great Californian, Charles Lane, who passed away on July 9, 2007, at the age of 102.

Charles Lane was an American actor seen in hundreds of films and television shows. At the time of his death, Mr. Lane was the oldest living American actor. He appeared in many of Frank Capra's films, including “Mr. SMITH Goes to Washington,” “Arsenic and Old Lace,” and “It's a Wonderful Life.”

Lane was born Charles Gerstle Levison in San Francisco, CA, to Alice and Jacob Levison on January 26, 1905. In 1932, Lane married Ruth Covell, and they remained together for 70 years, until her death in 2002. Until his recent passing, Charles Lane lived in the Brentwood, CA, home that he and Ruth bought in 1964.

Charles Lane began his acting career in 1929 at the suggestion of actor/director Irving Pichel, and in 1933 Lane became a founding member of the Screen Actors Guild. His final acting role was at the age of 101 in 2006's “The Night Before Christmas.” His last television appearance was at the age of 90 when he appeared in the 1995 Disney TV remake of its 1970 teen comedy “The Computer Wore Tennis Shoes.”

Lane appeared in more than 250 films and hundreds of television programs. On his busiest days, Lane sometimes played more than one character, changing costumes and filming his two or three lines, then dashing off to another set for a different costume and a different role. While Lane often portrayed stern and hard-hearted characters, his friends and fellow actors remembered Lane as warm, funny, and kind.

Lane was not only found on the screen; he was found of the stage. In 1928, he joined the company at the Pasadena Playhouse, which was known for training actors for the movies, appearing in more than 100 productions over three decades. He made his film debut as a hotel desk clerk in “Smart Money” in 1931 with Edward G. Robinson and James Cagney.

In 2005, the TV Land Awards paid tribute to Lane by celebrating his 100th birthday. After he was serenaded “Happy Birthday” by the audience and was presented his award, Lane remarked to the audience, “If you're interested, I'm still available.” He was given a standing ovation.

Our Nation lost an amazing actor with the passing of Charles Lane, but his legacy to film and television will be remembered as we continue to enjoy the many films and programs he made during his long career.●