



Report From Washington By Rep. Walter B. Jones

The committee hearings continue to increase in tempo and importance. As I have previously stated, the entire tobacco economy is under serious threat during this present session of Congress. In addition to the concern over the ban on advertising, already bills have been introduced to phase out the tobacco support program within the next three or four years. It would be superfluous for me to emphasize the disaster which such action would bring to the economy of the greater part of the First District if the support program was abolished.

Many of you have heard of the research discovery at N. C. State University by Dr. William Johnson which does two things: one, provides a new approach to the curing of flue-cured tobacco which approach would reduce up to 85 per cent of the alleged ingredients which some claim are health hazards. The other process is one which could be used by the manufacturers which would reduce by 50 per cent the alleged harmful contents. Unfortunately, this process would require less tobacco per cigarette, but fortunately, would also eliminate the use of stems and other inferior parts of the crop. Having seen this demonstration in Raleigh a few weeks ago, I felt it wise to have this brought before the Committee on Agriculture, which we did on

Wednesday, April 30. The reception was excellent; practically the entire committee was in attendance as well as a packed audience. I felt it time to bring to the attention of the uninformed members of Congress that research is being conducted and hope does exist to produce tobacco which even its most severest critics could not claim dangerous. I feel that if this demonstration and testimony before the committee did nothing more, it would at least give those of us who must protect the future of the tobacco farmer some defense against the critics and also some hope for those who are genuinely concerned.

Some four weeks ago, a group of some of the most responsible black citizens of Washington County came to my office and presented a logical plea accompanied by a petition containing some 2,000 names of black citizens of that county for an additional year of "Freedom of Choice" as it relates to the public schools. On one or more occasions in the past where the request had been made by black citizens and where the school enrollment was composed in excess of 50 per cent by black citizens, it had been granted. But unfortunately for Washington County, the present administration under the Department of HEW refused this request. I am going to include in this column a portion of a letter I wrote to Secretary Finch, a copy of which was

also sent to the President of the United States:

"It is indeed a sad day to realize that this nation through bureaucracy has sunken to the depths of dictatorship where the desires of an overwhelming majority of the citizens of both races are completely ignored. To those in North Carolina who voted in the last general election in the hope that some sanity and understanding could be restored to our multiple school problems, I can only share their disappointment. If these decisions were being made by men of good faith and a genuine interest in the education of our children, this unfavorable decision might be understood. But, on the contrary, the decisions are being made by those who have, and are, releasing federal funds only for other objectives. If the request had been made by militants of either race, I could well understand the refusal. But inasmuch as the sentiments expressed came from the dedicated citizens who believe sincerely that the request was in the best interest of Washington County and the future of its schools, I cannot understand this decision of HEW."

The prediction of a few months ago of "Tweedledum, Tweedledee" is apparently coming true.

Readying A Window Box

In order to grow annual flowers in the restricted area of a window box, certain preparations are necessary.

The first is to make certain there are sufficient holes in the bottom of the box to insure perfect drainage. If not, drill more.

The next also furthers good drainage. A 3 or 4-inch layer of gravel, broken flower pots or other similar coarse material is placed in the bottom of the box.

Then comes the soil, placed to within two inches of the top of the box. This should be specially mixed because it must be rich, otherwise it will never nourish plants all summer.

Start with good garden soil. Add an equal volume of peat moss—granulated, as it comes in bags. When these are well mixed, sprinkle on a cupful of any complete fertilizer to each bushel of soil.

You can estimate the number of bushels by setting a bushel basket next to the pile of soil and comparing the bulk of the two.

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Dear friends,

The bereaved family needs the help of friends in overcoming grief - someone with whom to relieve the joys and sorrows, the doubts and certainties. Their need continues not just for hours, but for days, weeks, even months.

Good friends, thru their understanding and strength, can turn grief into a healing, restoring experience.

Respectfully,

H. B. Willford, Jr.

Make Church - Going A Habit . . .

THE BIBLE IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE PEOPLE

International Sunday School Lesson for May 11

Memory Selection: "Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God."—Acts 2:11.

Lesson Text: Nehemiah 8:1-3; Habakkuk 2:2; Acts 2:1-2.

In our lesson today the importance of language is stressed. For important it is—without it man would be unable to communicate with his fellow man—and with God. And lack of communication means lack of understanding, and a great and immeasurable loneliness.

In our last lesson we studied the history of the Bible, and of how it came to be written. In today's lesson we cannot help but be struck by its universality; through its translation into many tongues it has reached into the far corners of the earth and brought man closer to his neighbor.

This fact is aptly illustrated in our Bible selection from Acts 2, verses 1-12. The Holy Spirit is seen at work during the Pentecostal rites, when Jews were gathered together to give thanks for the harvest which had been successfully gathered. They came from many different regions, and spoke many different dialects. Yet, on this particular occasion, each spoke and heard in his own tongue—and understood (and was understood) by all.

Understanding is as essential to man as is language, for without understanding language becomes just so many words strung together. The Bible speaks to men of those things which are common in the lives of all of us; basic, personal things, like life and death, sin and its counterpart—salvation; weakness and strength; sickness and health.

How fortunate we are that a handful of men, throughout the ages, cared enough to devote their lives to the translation of this record of true Christianity, that all men—the poor as well as the rich—might know the might and the majesty of God's love; that they might have a foundation stone upon which to build their personal lives, that the promises of the prophets might be their reward.

We find it hard to believe that the neat, leather-bound Book with the gold-leaf on the edge of each page—that same Book that brings us comfort and a sense of awe, and a great measure of peace—that same Book which is such a familiar sight in these days and times—was once a rarity for which man risked their lives.

Translated from the original languages of Hebrew and Greek, in recent years the American Bible Society proudly announced the completion of the translation of the Gospel of John into the language of an African tribe—the Sakata. What a long way it had come from its original translation—the Septuagint. But, as more and more nations embraced the Christian faith, there followed several translations in Latin, of which Jerome's "Vulgate" became the most widely accepted. This was the chief Bible of the Chris-



Who doesn't like to be remembered? It's natural to feel a certain glow when you receive a greeting card. It means that someone has thought of you, that someone cares.

Yet how foolish it would be for any of us to ever believe that we are alone or friendless. There is always Someone who cares, who cares very deeply . . . who cared enough to sacrifice His only Son for us.

At times, we are all lonesome. Yet we are never really alone. There are few places in the world where we cannot, if we but look, find a church that will welcome us wholeheartedly. God's house is not like other houses. There is always room in it for one more. And when that one more has entered, there is room for yet another.

Start taking part in the life of the Church today!

Scriptures selected by the American Bible Society



John 21:1-19	Acts 9:1-9	Acts 22:1-11	Acts 26:9-18	Revelation 1:9-18	Acts 1:6-14	Acts 1:15-26
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Please pay your taxes before May 13,, and thus avoid having your property advertised for sale.

W. B. Gardner, Collector
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