



## Report From Washington By Rep. Walter B. Jones

Since last reporting to you, the House agreed to a compromise with the Senate on the Higher Education Act concerning student loans. This authorizes federal market adjustment payments to lenders with respect to insured student loans when necessary in the light of economic conditions, in order to assure that college students will have reasonable access to such loans up to a 10 per cent interest charge, with the student paying seven per cent and the federal government guaranteeing the other three per cent.

The House also passed and sent to the Senate an extension of one year of the peanut acreage control legislation. This provides the authority to lease, sell and transfer peanut acreage allotments within a given county. Under no condition can these allotments be transferred across county lines.

Also of interest to our farmers is the fact that the President has signed into law the Seed Certification Act. As previously reported, this bill will insure uniformity as to the genetic qualities of seeds which

travel in inter-state commerce, subject to standards approved by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Of major importance and long debate was the House consideration of a bill "To Amend and Extend Laws Relating to Housing and Urban Development and for Other Purposes."

During the debate an amendment was proposed which would authorize the insurance of loans made for the purpose of financing the purchase of mobile homes. The use of this type housing has become a way of life here in the United States. The changes and complexities of our economic structure have caused many people to adopt this type housing as a matter of convenience and financial savings.

Another amendment offered would direct the secretary of HUD to assure, to the extent possible, that there is no unreasonable restraint by contract or practice against the employment of new or improved technologies or methods of construction in connection with housing programs administered by him.

Simply stated, this amendment provides for federal financing for the assembly-line production of moderate and low-priced housing. This was opposed vigorously by some of the larger unions, based on their fear that this mass manufacture of pre-fabricated housing would threaten their security. It is my opinion that if adequate financing at reasonable rates of interest could be offered, there will be created enough work through demand for the contractors and the unions, as well as those who enter the mass-production field.

As finally approved by the House, this legislation will require that under the urban development programs, for each residence that is torn down another must be built as a replacement. All members of the North Carolina delegation voted favorably for final passage of this legislation.

### Millions Benefit By SS Program

More than one and a third million Americans and one million of their dependents have learned they can count on social security — not just when they retire, but to help see them through misfortune now. They have one thing in common: serious sickness or accident has caused them untold hardships. Some are ex-servicemen whose wounds disabled them. Some are workers who never missed a day of work until sickness or accident struck them down. Some are children whose father or mother suddenly became disabled. Each receives a monthly disability check from social security.

When social security began nearly 35 years ago it was only a program for retirement. But now it's a lot more than that. It has been improved to cover more and more instances of unforeseen catastrophe which strike the young as well as the old. Disability is just one of these instances. When you are talking about social security, you're talking about something to be counted on now. And when you're thinking about lifetime protection, you're thinking about social security.

Individuals who have questions about various parts of the social security program are urged to contact the social security office to get proper and timely information. Asking a friend or neighbor who is a beneficiary for information about social security is not always wise because the facts in each case are not necessarily the same. The people in the social security office at 401 South Dyer Street, Elizabeth City, N. C., telephone 338-3931, will be glad to be of assistance.

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# Make Church - Going A Habit . . .

GOD'S JUDGMENT ON JUDAH

International Sunday School Lesson for Nov. 2

Memory Selection: "Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God; and the Lord will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you."—Jeremiah 26:13.

Lesson Text: Jeremiah 7; 26; 52.

The central truth of this lesson is that disobedience to God's ordinances inevitably ends in both personal and national decay, and national disaster.

If we are in any doubt on this score, we have only to reflect on the story of the downfall of Judah, as depicted so graphically for us in the Book of Jeremiah. Indeed, in our own day and time we have witnessed in very recent years the downfall of hitherto great nations who went against Christian principles and beliefs.

Judah would not live according to God's laws; neither would she heed the warnings that Jeremiah, at God's bidding, gave to her on more than one occasion.

Judah had suffered spiritually under the regime of King Zedekiah; idolatry was rampant, and the people only gave lip-service to the Lord in His Temple. They shirked the discipline the Christian life would impose upon them. They ignored the fact that—while they went through the motions of worship—God knew what was truly in their hearts.

Thus it was that Jeremiah refused Zedekiah's command to intercede for Judah, for he (Jeremiah) believed that Judah had sinned too long to escape the fate that was in store for her. And for this refusal, he was imprisoned and exiled.

Are we, ourselves, entirely innocent of the sins of the Judeans? Are we not equally guilty with them in some of our attitudes? Our idols may just be different—wealth, position, our comfort and ease. The broad, wide avenue of spiritual laxity is so much easier to travel than the thorny path of self-discipline and truth that God would have us tread.

We are prone to take undue advantage of our fellowmen, and we, too, are sometimes blind to the fact that, although God's punishments are sometimes seemingly exceedingly harsh, they are always intended, in love, to have a redemptive purpose. The crosses we may be asked to bear will invariably strengthen our spiritual awareness and discipline our souls.

We, in this day and time, are equally in need of responsible God-motivated leaders—not hypocrites or rabble-rousers—but Christian-oriented men who have the courage to speak out and call us to order.

We need to repent. We need to mend our spiritual fences. We must ever be aware of the inevitability of God's judgment upon the disobedient who ignore His ways and refuse to acknowledge guilt and the need for reformation.

We need to acknowledge the fact that we are constantly in need of spiritual renewal.

# NOBODY LOVES ME

Mark sat in the middle of the hospital ward, looking scared and lonely. All around, other babies were being hugged and cooed at by their visitors.

He couldn't know we'd stopped to get his clothes and that today he'd be going home. His understanding of the situation was limited. But then he saw us, and he laughed and held out his arms, loneliness and fear forgotten.

Sometimes life makes us feel lost and lonely. Perhaps a business fails, a son is unreliable, a new job overwhelms or a loved one's gone. When we can't see our way, where can we turn?

God is our Comforter. Whatever our problem, there is guidance and help in His word.

Your church is the best place to learn understanding of God and yourself. This understanding is the key to the abundant life that is His promise.

Scriptures selected by the American Bible Society

- Sunday Jeremiah 2:14-37
- Monday Jeremiah 3:1-14
- Tuesday Jeremiah 3:15-25
- Wednesday Jeremiah 4:1-10
- Thursday Jeremiah 4:11-31
- Friday Jeremiah 5:1-17
- Saturday Jeremiah 5:18-31



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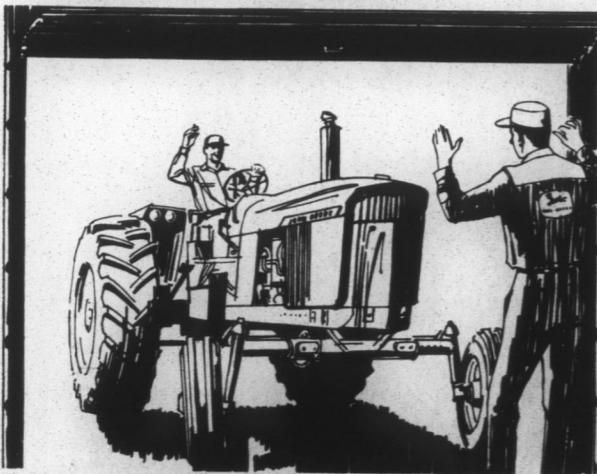
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