

# Rep. Jones Reports From Washington, D.C.

By Congressman Walter B. Jones

This week Congress struggled to reach agreement on two controversial issues which had held up passage of a funding bill for most government agencies. Continued failure to pass the appropriation legislation has threatened the paychecks of thousands of military and federal civilian employees and also jeopardizes the ability of many government agencies to maintain their various programs. The deadlock involves a dispute on what restrictions should be placed on the Medicaid-financed abortions for poor women, and whether there should be a Congressional payraise this year.

The House has insisted on restricting Medicaid abortions a greater extent than already exists under current law, and also has backed a 5 1/2 per cent Congressional payraise. The Senate wants to maintain the current abortion and has voted against a Congressional payraise. I personally feel that these controversies should not have been allowed to hold up

passage of appropriation bills for other government functions. But, for most of the week, efforts to work out a compromise or to separate these issues from the rest of the bill, have been unsuccessful.

Also the House worked on a bill authorizing programs under the jurisdiction of the Department of Energy. The House defeated amendments which would have reimposed price controls on domestic oil prices. This would have rejected the President's announced policy of gradual decontrol of these costs. Proponents of price control cited the severe burdens being placed on thousands of citizens on limited or fixed incomes because of rising fuel prices. Opponents of the amendment argued that price controls inhibit new production of oil and lead to shortages.

A House Committee on which I sit is now considering a total revision of U. S. laws affecting our country's merchant marine fleet. There is widespread agreement that this civilian fleet is totally inadequate to meet demands which would

be required if our country were faced with a military emergency. Some have suggested that it is appropriate to make it easier for our shipping lines to purchase their vessels from foreign countries. It is possible that this might provide some short term strength to our merchant marine fleet, but this would occur at the expense of American shipyards and maritime suppliers who would lose current business to their competition overseas. Eastern North Carolina has a number of

industries related to shipbuilding and so this bill could have a direct impact on our area. The present outlook is that the Committee will continue hearings seeking an

## Around The Farms

By R. M. Thompson  
County Extension Chairman

From everything that I have seen, the frost that we probably didn't damage peanuts. The most critical time for frost damage on peanuts is the first twenty four hours after the peanuts

alternative acceptable to all maritime industries, but the chance that the Committee will pass a bill anytime in the near future.

are turned up, while there is a great deal of moisture in the kernels. If we continue to have frost and they get the peanuts the same. Peanuts pick real well right behind the digger but drying Continued On Page 11-A



**INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED** — The Carter's Ink Company here has been recognized for employment of handicapped persons. The American Legion award was presented to Robert Dunham, center, plant manager, by Roy L. Harrell, representative of the local employment office. At left is E. C. Toppin, commander, Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion. (Staff Photo by Luke Amburn).

## Solar-Heated Facilities Considered

**RALEIGH** — A contract for a pair of solar-heated rest area facilities on I-95 near Dortches in Nash County will be among the contracts which the N.C. Board of Transportation will consider for approval in its October meeting.

The meeting will be held Friday at 10 A.M. in the board room of the Highway Building in downtown Raleigh and the public is invited to attend.

State Sec. of Transportation Tom Bradshaw said, "We are looking forward to the board's action on the contract for two solar-heated rest areas on I-95. The rest areas would be among the first state-owned facilities to utilize solar heat and would represent a first

for the transportation department. We hope to award contracts for similar facilities in the future. Gov. Hunt has expressed enthusiastic support for using solar energy for heating purposes. We believe this is another example of our board's commitment to the governor in utilizing energy-saving devices in public facilities."

The board will also vote on 13 additional contracts for improvements to highways statewide. All totaled the contracts, including the one for the solar-heated rest areas, represent \$22.9-million.

The state's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 1980-1986 will not be

presented at the meeting Friday.

Secretary Bradshaw explained, "This year's TIP has been affected by soaring inflation and dwindling revenues. The board is continuing to study anticipated revenues for transportation improvements and the priorities for projects. We intend to incorporate the latest available projections for funding projects in the new TIP. We expect the updated program to be presented for the board's approval at a meeting in November. The time, date and location will be publicly announced by the department."

The program is an orderly plan which serves as a guide to develop priority transportation improvements over the next several years. It is designed to match building costs with available and anticipated revenues and is updated each year to account for fluctuating costs, to consider new projects and to adjust priorities.

## Merit Award Presented To State Univ.

A National Award of Merit has been presented to the School of Design at N. C. State University for two outstanding publications, "Carolina Dwelling" and "100 Courthouses."

The honor, given by the American Association for State and Local History, was announced by Claude E. McKinney, Dean of the School of Design.

McKinney called the award "one of the nation's most prestigious for local history achievement."

The two design school publications were cited by the association for their significant contributions to the understanding and appreciation of North Carolina historic architecture, its public buildings and vernacular building traditions.

"Carolina Dwelling," edited in 1977 by Doug Swain, an NCSU graduate student, is a pictorial study which reveals the state's environment through its more humble landscapes. A film for television on this subject won Swain the National Trust for Historic Preservation Award.

The publication is Volume 26 in an NCSU design series. Advisors on the project were Robert Stipe and Shun Kanda, professors of the NCSU School of Design.

The work, "100 Courthouses," is a report on the historical, architectural development of courthouses in N. C. which evaluates the building's suitability for current and future use. The publication was edited by Robert Burns, an NCSU professor of architecture.

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