

THIS WEEK
—In Washington
With Clinton Davidson



Twenty years or more ago a beloved national humorist got more laughs from his wisecracks about Congressmen than from any other source, and the unintentional effect has been a lasting misconception regarding the work and character of the average member of Congress.

We have tried from time to time in this column to provide a more accurate picture of our public servants, and so this week we are doing a brief sketch of one of our favorite Congressmen, Sen. Willis A. Robertson of Virginia.

Sen. Robertson is chairman of the powerful Banking and Currency Committee, which has jurisdiction over the Securities and Exchange Commission Small Business Administration, Export-Import Bank, Export Controls, Price and Wage Controls of the Defense Production Act, Consumer Credit Controls, Sousing and all Securities Legislation, the Federal Reserve Board, and the National Banking Act.

What Are Senators Made Of?
At a public meeting of the Ways and Means Committee of the House in 1941, my wife remarked: "The fourth man on the Democratic side has such a splendid personality; it accents kindness and even a degree of serenity. Who is he?"

When I called on this gentleman his sixth term as a member of the other Representative (Robertson in House) I learned that his father was a Baptist minister, a ripe scholar who could read the Bible fluently in Greek, Latin and Hebrew; that he devoted the best years of his life as a home missionary serving mountain churches in southwest Virginia, or as Secretary serving mountain churches in Robertson expressed it at that time. "He rode a mule all over those mountains so as to preach in small churches."

As a result of this heritage Sen. Robertson has been an active mem-

ber of the Senate Wednesday breakfast group which discusses Biblical teachings, and he tries to serve the Nation in a manner pleasing to the Lord.

While a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, in which all tax legislation must originate, the Virginia statesman helped write 12 tax bills, steered the Hull Reciprocal Trade Agreements Program, was largely responsible for simplification of income tax forms, and for the "pay-as-you-go" tax plan.

Economy in Government
His fiscal studies first as a member and then as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, served him well on the Senate Banking and Currency Committee on which he served 12 years before becoming Chairman, and in his work as member of five Senate Appropriations subcommittees which handled 96 per cent of the total budget.

I know from long personal relations with the Senator, that he has consistently worked for economy and a balanced budget, while at the same time sponsoring relatively inexpensive but vital items which have been of great assistance to farmers.

Although Sen. Robertson has received numerous plaudits for this effective work on the several important financial committees of Congress, in the opinion of this writer his religious heritage and religious activities are responsible for his absolute integrity and fairness at all times.

We are most fortunate in having such a large number of men and women as Congressmen and Senators who likewise have religious backgrounds and who are noted for their honesty, and devotion. Just to list the names of these men would more than fill this column.

ASC NEWS

Farm Storage Loans
Farmers store grain on farm, must have satisfactory bins and quality grain. Apply for loan at the ASC Office, 1c per bushel service charge. Farmer is responsible for quantity of grain until delivered to CCC, no insurance required. Early delivery discount for corn. Grain delivered to CCC of a grade below lowest grade for which a rate has been established, will be subject to a discount equal to the market price differential between the grade of grain placed under loan and the grade delivered. Ear corn may be stored, but prior to delivery to CCC it must be shelled and contain moisture not above 13.5%.

1959 ASC LOAN PROGRAM
Loan rates are announced as follows:

Barley Bu.	60%	\$0.88
48 No. per bu.		
Corn	90% of	1.21
56 No. per bu.	3 yr. av.	
Grain		
Sorghums	60%	1.64
Support Rate	Loan Rate	
Oats Bu.	60%	\$0.60
Rye bu.	60%	1.07
56 No. per bu.		
Soybeans bu.	64%	1.80
60 No. per bu.		
Wheat bu	75%	2.00
60 No. per bu.		

Self-Employed Farmers Must Report

If a self employed farmer has earnings of \$400, he must file a social security tax report. Even if his actual net earnings are less than \$400, he may file a report and have his earnings credited for at least \$600. He still has time social security if his gross earnings to report for the years starting with 1956. If he doesn't report these back years, he will lose social security credit. His benefits will be lower when he applies. Farmers who reached retirement age in last January will need more than two years under social security to get benefits.

Will you please remind your neighbors to make his performance report.

Savings Bonds Sales Near 35 Million

The sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds in North Carolina during September totaled \$3,498,613.

In Cherokee County, sales for September were \$9,199.85. For the year, County sales amount to \$172,131.95, which is 70.3 per cent of the county's quota.

"Every indication points to an increase in savings bonds as the public becomes fully aware of the new interest rate of 3 1/2 per cent," said F. D. Whitaker, County Volunteer Chairman who released this report.

government tax 'take'.

Magill also urges revision of the capital-gains tax, perhaps applying to the sale of investments the same treatment now applied of sales of dences to the extent that the proceeds are reinvested, no taxable is recognized. "Thus new investments would be made possible," he explains, "and new jobs would result."

Urges Lower Taxes To Create New Jobs By 1965

A lowering of income taxes and changes in the capital-gains tax are urged by a financial expert to keep our present 67 million workers employed and to find 20 million additional jobs for Americans who will be added to the labor force in the next 16 years.

Roswell Magill, former Under Secretary of the Treasury and now President of the Tax Foundation, outlines these proposals.

Magill says it takes about \$14,000 in new capital to create one new job in industry and that tax changes to encourage rather than discourage the starting of new enterprises are needed. He points out that the peak 91 percent in the present income tax schedule is the "highest personal-income-tax-rate known in the world."

"The government can stimulate economic growth," he writes, "by adopting a tax system that leaves private investors with enough savings and enough encouragement to promote vigorous private enterprise. . . All rates should be reduced. Setting the range of rates at 16 to 64 percent would be a great improvement over the present span of 20 to 91 percent.

"We know that such a cut in tax rates would encourage economic expansion, for it has done so wherever it has been tried in the past. A reduction in rates also would produce more revenue for the Treasury. Business expansion automatically increases the tax



Elementary School Library

Murphy Elementary School Library School received many new books. In order to get them into circulation as quickly as possible, pupils from Miss Addie Leatherwood's seventh grade formed an "assembly line" to assist the librarian in processing the books. Shown above, left to right are: Jane Whitley, who glued book pockets and date due slips; Kenny Jane Davis, stamped the school identification; Missy Wilson wrote the classification number on the spine

of the book. Freddy Davis sprayed the books, Mary Arden Davis covered book jackets with cellophane, Shiela Gracet conditioned and inspected the book and Becky Jo Ray wrote accession numbers in the books. Seated at the librarians desk are Sally Bault and Barbara Worthen pupils from Mrs. Jane Reynolds eighth grade, who have charge of the book. Freddy Davis sprayed the books

MARBLE

By Mrs. Mamie Rich
Rush Mauney of Blairsville, Ga. was business visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rich last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Garrett of Marble, visited with Mr. Garrett, parents in Blairsville, Ga. last week-end, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Garrett.

Mrs. Sam Rose and Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Rose in Dounsville, N. Y. were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Rose in Dounsville, N. C. Mrs. Betty Wilson spent last week-end with her sister and niece in Canton, N. C. Mrs. Eva Reese and Stella Owens.

Tommy Harris of Murphy, formerly of Indiana, was a visitor here last Thursday.

Fred G. Hall of Peachtree, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Rich last Thursday.

Mrs. Nancy McHan, Mrs. Vestle Hensley, Mrs. Carmel Totherow, Mrs. Betty Wilson and Mrs. Ann Palmer were recent guests of Mrs. Mamie Rich.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Colvard, Mrs. John Colvard and Mr. and Mrs. Buel Cearley of Robbinsville, were visitors here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Rich of Marble and several singers from Vengeance Creek, attended the Singing Convention at Malby Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lee Gibby returned home Friday after a two weeks visit with her sons and other relatives in Cleveland Tennessee.

Mrs. Worth Palmer of Marble, was Sunday guest of relatives in Ad-Tews.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jenkins and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Palmer Sunday afternoon.

Seek Farm Census Takers For County

Applications for employment as census takers for the 1959 Census of Agriculture in Cherokee, Clay & Glraham County are being accepted, it was announced by Field Director Joseph R. Norwood of the Census Bureau's regional office at Charlotte.

Farm census job applicants must be licensed to operate and must provide a privately-owned automobile in good condition. Census takers will be paid 7 cents a mile for official travel.

Persons interested in these jobs should notify Boyce V. Stiles at Murphy, who is serving as crew

Shares In America

President Eisenhower was not using a superficial catch-phrase when he referred to the Series E and H bonds as "shares in America." Signing legislation under which he promptly exercised authority to raise interest rates on these bonds, at this point from a maximum of 3.25 per cent to 3.75 per cent, he expressed hope that the improved return will make the bonds a more attractive investment to 40 million individuals now holding them and to many others in a position to save.

In terms of normal small-denomination leader for this area. The crew leader can be reached at the following telephone number: VE 7-2407.

Applications for census taking jobs must be citizens of the United States, have a high school education or furnish evidence of comparable experience, be in good physical health and of excellent character, and be at least 18 years of age. They must have sufficient financial resources to sustain themselves for approximately four or five weeks from the date of appointment until they receive their salary check. Applicants with veteran preference who meet all requirements will be given priority over non-veteran.

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national savings, the new investment rate can stand on its own as a fair return. Sold in large volume through payroll deduction plans, the bonds offer a method for disciplined saving—for a relatively "painless" accumulation of capital that may easily and quickly be transferred into dollars if needed.

It is in the relationship between the savings bond program and the over-all problem of financing the Government that the "shares in America" theme has a broad meaning. More than \$42 billion of these bonds are now outstanding, representing approximately one-seventh of the current public debt of around \$290 billion. The voluntary assumption of this proportion of the public debt through relatively small individual bond purchases not only is an expression of faith in America, as the President said, but is of tremendous help to the Treasury in its debt management. As such, it contributes in substantial measure to the economic strength of the Nation.

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