

# Washington Report

## Understanding The Clean Air Act Debates

By Robert Georgine

An urgent matter now before Congress is one involving health, the environment and jobs. It is the Clean Air Act, and the debate is about the most effective methods to clean the air and keep it clean.

Paradoxically, current law discourages the building of new highly controlled industrial and energy plants, and encourages the continued operation of older plants which are less efficient, energy intensive and higher polluting.

A legislative proposal in the House of Representatives, the Luken-Dingell bill, would change this.

It provides a mechanism for administrative extensions of compliance deadlines, provided the request for extension does not include any backsliding from already achieved air quality.

It requires new plants to install the best system of air pollution controls and where needed, older plants to upgrade their air pollution controls.

It eliminates a provision of air quality regulations, called increments, that every observer of the law has found of doubtful value.

It preserves and allows states to expand the num-



Congress is considering a bill that could improve air quality and employment in America.

ber of pristine air quality areas.

It would recognize acid rain studies.

It recognizes that new cars are three-to-five times less polluting than some older vehicles.

Many people concerned about our air and our economy are asking their legislators where they stand on the bill, writing to senators at the U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510, representatives at the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Mr. Georgine is President of the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO. His department, which represents 15 trade unions and speaks for 4.1 million workers, is one of the strongest backers of the Luken-Dingell bill.

"A man must make his opportunity, as oft as find it." Francis Bacon



Mrs. Barbara Barton is shown center with the first grade class of Mrs. Joan Morris, shown right. Mrs. Barton recently completed her student teaching at Pembroke Elementary School. Also shown to the left is Mrs. Lennie Sampson, teacher's

aide. Mrs. Barton expressed her appreciation to the principal, James D. Dial, assistant principal, Kelly Sanderson, Ms. Morris and Ms. Sampson for their assistance and encouragement. Said she, "Every one at Pembroke Elementary School was so helpful.

They all seemed to want me to do well. I'm very grateful for their assistance. They encouraged me. I believe that Pembroke Elementary School is one of the best runned schools in the county." [Bruce Barton photo]



The first textbook printed in America was Thomas Dilworth's A New Guide to the English Tongue, printed in 1747 in Philadelphia Pa.

"No man is rich who wants any more than he has got." Josh Billings

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During the past few days we have begun to receive a sprinkling of calls that will develop into a deluge within a few weeks. An insect known as the Japanese beetle has begun to arrive on the scene again and will wreak havoc in some areas before they disappear in about two months.

I have heard Japanese beetles called everything from their correct name to sex bugs or miniature tumblebugs. Regardless of the name that is used for these pests, they do create quite a problem in this area beginning about mid-June.

One reason that Japanese beetles create such a problem is that they arrive in vast numbers and feed on more than 275 different plants. Last year the heaviest invasion of Japanese beetles came about at the same time that our corn crop was in the silking stage. Since mature silks are one of the favorite foods of these beetles, we had a tremendous number of calls regarding beetles and potential damage to corn. Yet, as we observed those fields, the beetles had infested the corn

plants usually two or three days after pollination had occurred. Therefore, we had little damage on the corn crop even though it appeared quite the opposite during the infestation.

Japanese beetles are little less than one-half inch long and are a shiny, metallic green. They have coppery-brown wings and are usually distinguishable since they congregate in extremely large numbers. The beetle spends about ten months of the year in the ground in the form of a white grub that is about one inch long. Following pupation, they develop into the beetle that is so common in this area. The period of greatest activity for the beetle is from four to six weeks. Therefore, since we are seeing a few of them now, we can expect a large number to exist throughout the rest of June and the month of July.

Control of these pests is normally handled through chemical means. Both Sevin and malathion will control these beetles, but Sevin does receive the stronger recom-

mendation. However, timeliness and thoroughness of application of these insecticides are very important. Treatments should begin as soon as the beetles appear and before damage is done. The insecticides should be used only on plants where the beetles exist.

In regard to other control measures there have long existed a Japanese beetle trap that has a sexual attractant to entice the beetles to enter the trap. The only problem with these traps, which is significant, is that in heavy infestations such vast numbers of beetles are attracted to the general area of the trap that more beetles actually arrive on the scene and cause damage than would exist otherwise. Therefore, it is obvious that the traps are less than effective when the intended purpose is to reduce the population of these pesky beetles.

For further information regarding Japanese beetles, a timely call to the Extension Office is advised.

## In Loving Memory...

### OVER THERE

Over there, Papa, there'll be no more pain. You'll be able to enjoy the sunshine again.

Over there you'll have a body that's brand new, You'll have two full legs too. I know sometimes that we have to live in fate, But we have to live with love, not hate.

Over there you'll see the face of Jesus, And live forevermore, and thank him for our sins that he bore.

Over there we won't have to worry about loved ones that are gone, Because we'll all be at last-home!

Papa, don't worry about leaving us all here, We're right behind you, except you're nearer.

Don't worry about what you are leaving behind, This world was so much trouble and such a bind.

I wish I could go with you, but you know I can't stay With Johannah and Daddy to take care of I can't get away. One day if the Lord sees fit, I'll be up there with you and with Jesus we'll sit.

I know we didn't get to talk much on earth, But up there we'll have a new birth. We'll talk and talk while the

ages roll, And together we'll see the sights untold. Nobody will be able to pull us apart.

Because we'll be in Heaven with a brand new heart. With a shining crown, and a spotless robe, eyes that's perfect and hair that's aglow.

Won't it be grand to be in that place, but the greatest thing is to see Jesus' face. Tell Jesus I'm coming and it won't be long.

I've had too much pain and suffering, that's my song. So tell the angels to step aside, My Papa is coming and his yearning won't subside.

The angels will have to sing a new song, "Roll back those clouds and step on."

I'm gonna miss you, Papa, but my love will stay the same, I'm not perfect, but I can't complain.

Heaven is waiting with her arms open wide. Waiting for you to step inside.

No more sorrows or pain to bear, I'll see you one day, Papa, over there!

Submitted by Ms. Joan Allen of Fayetteville in loving memory of her grandfather, Mr. Johnson Jacobs, who departed this life on March 25, 1982

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