

Washington Report

— By —
CONGRESSMAN WALTER B. JONES

Congress had a rather light schedule last week, but we continued to work hard and long in the various committees, especially in the Agriculture Committee.

The Tobacco subcommittee, of which I am privileged to be a Member, considered several bills regarding the transfer of tobacco allotments in the dark-fired tobacco belt.

Of course, this does not apply to our flue-cured tobacco in the First District and other places, but it did become apparent that there are those from the flue-cured belt who are demanding some revisions in their control of the transfer of allotments.

The President of the South Carolina Farm Bureau and his counterpart, the President of the Georgia organization, both advocated the open and unrestricted sale of allotments within the borders of a State.

On the other hand, I have been informed that the North Carolina Farm Bureau Executive Committee passed a resolution opposing any degree of sale of allotments.

All testimony last week including the action of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, advocated liberalizing the leasing arrangements now in existence, for example, extending the one year lease provision to three, five, or ten years, for that matter, and the general approval of leasing across county lines.

Already the Committee has before it two bills; one, introduced by Congressman O'Neal of Georgia would permit the sale of allotments anywhere within a State. Congressman Kornegay of the Sixth District of North Carolina has introduced a bill which would permit the sale of allotments within a county.

I am taking the position that we should move carefully in order not to impair or destroy the control program which for the most part is working so well. And so, as a compromise measure, I am considering offering legislation which will

provide for almost unrestricted leasing across county lines and the restricted sale within county lines.

I am well aware that many of you have conflicting convictions and opinions as to what should be done, but I do not believe it is in the best interest of our economy to move into unrestricted sale of allotments at this time, even though the United States Department of Agriculture has recommended such action.

So I hope you will consider my proposed legislation as one of compromise so as not to disrupt our agricultural economy with too much radical change too soon. I am sure that the hearings on the flue-cured tobacco bills will be held within the next two weeks.

From a personal standpoint, the highlight of last week was the trip down to North Carolina where I had the pleasure of joining member of the North Carolina General Assembly during their visit into our First District. As usual, those responsible for the hospitality did a fine job.

No doubt most of the Legislators were impressed by the tremendous operation of Texas Gulf Sulphur and the historic impact of Lee's Creek.

In light of today, many were amazed at the scope and size of East Carolina College, and I like to think that some who had reservations and doubts about University status, have now become convinced of the merit and the need for such status.

Actually, what prompted me to use this in my report is the reaction I had as I viewed our entire District and our industrial development. Only a few years ago many of the well-known manufacturers were known only through magazine pictures to our citizens.

Today, they are corporate citizens of our great First District. I am thinking of Westinghouse, Sunbeam, Hamilton-Beach, Fieldcrest, Formica, Carter's Ink, and time does not permit me to list them all, but I think you get the point -- we are making progress.

I like to vision the First District of eastern North Carolina as a sort of sleeping industrial giant ready to be awakened and activated into the mainstream of industrial development; or course, contingent upon the all-out efforts from each of us. As your Congressman I shall continue to dedicate my efforts to bringing a full industrial utilization of our resources to the First District, which I am proud to represent.

No Farm Work for Kids Under 16 During School

Julian E. Parker, field office supervisor of the Raleigh office of the U. S. Labor Department's Wage and Hour and Public Contracts divisions, reminds farmers that children under 16 years of age may not be employed to work on farms during school hours.

"Children should be in school not working in the fields," says Parker. "Education pays off. Figures show the high school graduate earns well over one-third more than the worker who never went beyond the eighth grade."

The 16-year age minimum for employment on farms is set by the Fair Labor Standards Act. It applies to work by both local and migrant youngsters in the school district where a child lives while employed. It does not apply to youngsters who work for their parents on the home farm.

"Children who want to do farm work may be employed before or after school, and on

weekends or holidays when classes are not in session; at present, the 16-year age minimum set by the Federal law does not apply outside of school hours," Parker said.

He added that if State or local laws set higher standards, the higher standards prevail.

Additional information on the child-labor provisions of the Act may be obtained from the U. S. Labor Department's Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Division's office located at Room 203, Lawyers building, 320 South Salisbury street, Raleigh.

Looking Glass—

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and we think rightly so, that Sheriff Dick Lane was tops as a year round politician. Day in and day out, he adhered to the theory that elections are best won during the off season, not two or three weeks before voting time.

As Art Linkletter says, people are funny. Some voters are annoyed when candidates approach them personally for support. Others will resent being passed up, and comment, "I'm not going to vote for him,

he hasn't even bothered to ask me to."

Foolish is the office seeker who backs a fellow citizen into a corner, and asks point blank, "Are you going to vote for me?" That happens to be nobody's business except the voter's, so a candidate who gets lied to under these circumstances deserves it.

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