

# Washington Report

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CONGRESSMAN WALTER B. JONES

The legislative wheels continue to grind slowly. On Monday of this past week the House considered the Consent Calendar which contained 12 legislative matters ranging from the transfer of peanut acreage allotments to providing Secret Service protection to widows and minor children of past Presidents, to wit. Mrs. John Kennedy and her two children.

On each of these a roll call was demanded, and what should have taken two hours to complete, caused the session to run for more than eight hours due to these requested roll calls.

The remainder of the week was spent in general debate on the Economic Opportunity Amendments of 1967, or better known as the Poverty Program. When Congress concluded its business for the week, this debate was still in progress.

It now appears that we will not vote on the Poverty Program until some time next Wednesday or Thursday. I will report to you at a later date on the amendments and the final results of this legislation.

Referring back to last Monday, one of the most important bills on the Consent Calendar was an Act to provide for transfer of peanut acreage allotments. This will interest many of the peanut growers of eastern North Carolina. The bill permits the transfer and sale of acreage within counties, but not across county lines. This will become law when the Senate approves.

The First Congressional District was honored this week when Mrs. Effie Brickhouse, Postmaster at the Columbia, North Carolina Post Office, was

installed as President of the National Association of Postmasters. I had the pleasure of attending the ceremony at the Office of the Postmaster General, Larry O'Brien. The First District and the State of North Carolina are proud of the honor accorded Mrs. Brickhouse in this important office.

Saturday, November 11 was Veterans Day. As a result, all Federal employees observed Friday, the 10th, as a holiday, inasmuch as the 11th was a Saturday. This did not apply to Members of Congress and their staffs. The usual duties of answering correspondence, making phone calls regarding Social Security and servicemen continued in the same way.

In this question of National Holidays, much interest is being shown in the Congressional bill proposing that all legal holidays occur on Monday, except Christmas and New Year's Day. There appears to be divided opinions as to the desirability of this proposal.

There are those in opposition for religious reasons stating that it would interfere with church attendance on the Sunday preceding the Monday holiday.

Others oppose it on the grounds of highway safety asserting that it would increase highway fatalities during the prolonged holiday weekend. Those who support the legislation, on the other hand, contend it would afford many people long, recreational weekends.

Another argument for the uniform holidays on Monday is that industry contends that when a holiday occurs in the middle of the week employee absenteeism is very prevalent on the day before and the day after a mid-week holiday.

This bill is now in the Judiciary Committee and in all probability, will not be considered during this session of Congress. This office has received considerable mail on this subject and it is equally divided pro and con.

The House and Senate continue to have a difficult time agreeing on the reductions on appropriations. The House has shown a strong will to reduce many of the appropriation bills while the Senate continues to take the opposite position. This is a reversal of opinion, since prior to this first session of the 90th Congress, it was generally conceded that the Senate showed more tendency towards conservatism than did the House.

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## Muggy Weather Can Ruin Items If Mildew Shows

Have your shoes, handbags, gloves, luggage or other leather goods mildewed during the recent damp muggy weather? Any traces of mildew that appear on these items should be removed promptly before the mildew grows into the leather and leaves permanent stains or other damage, according to Mae H. Spicer, Duplin home economics extension agent.

To remove mildew from

leather goods, she said, wipe with a cloth wrung out of a mixture of denatured alcohol and water, half and half. Undiluted alcohol might affect the color of the leather. After wiping off mildew, dry leather in a brisk current of air. An electric fan may help. Or wash leather with a thick suds of mild, neutral soap or saddle soap. Then, wipe with a damp cloth and dry promptly.

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To ward off mildew keep leather clean and well polished with a good wax dressing. Many housewives have found that in humid weather it pays to keep shoes and luggage high and dry on an upper shelf instead of in the usual location

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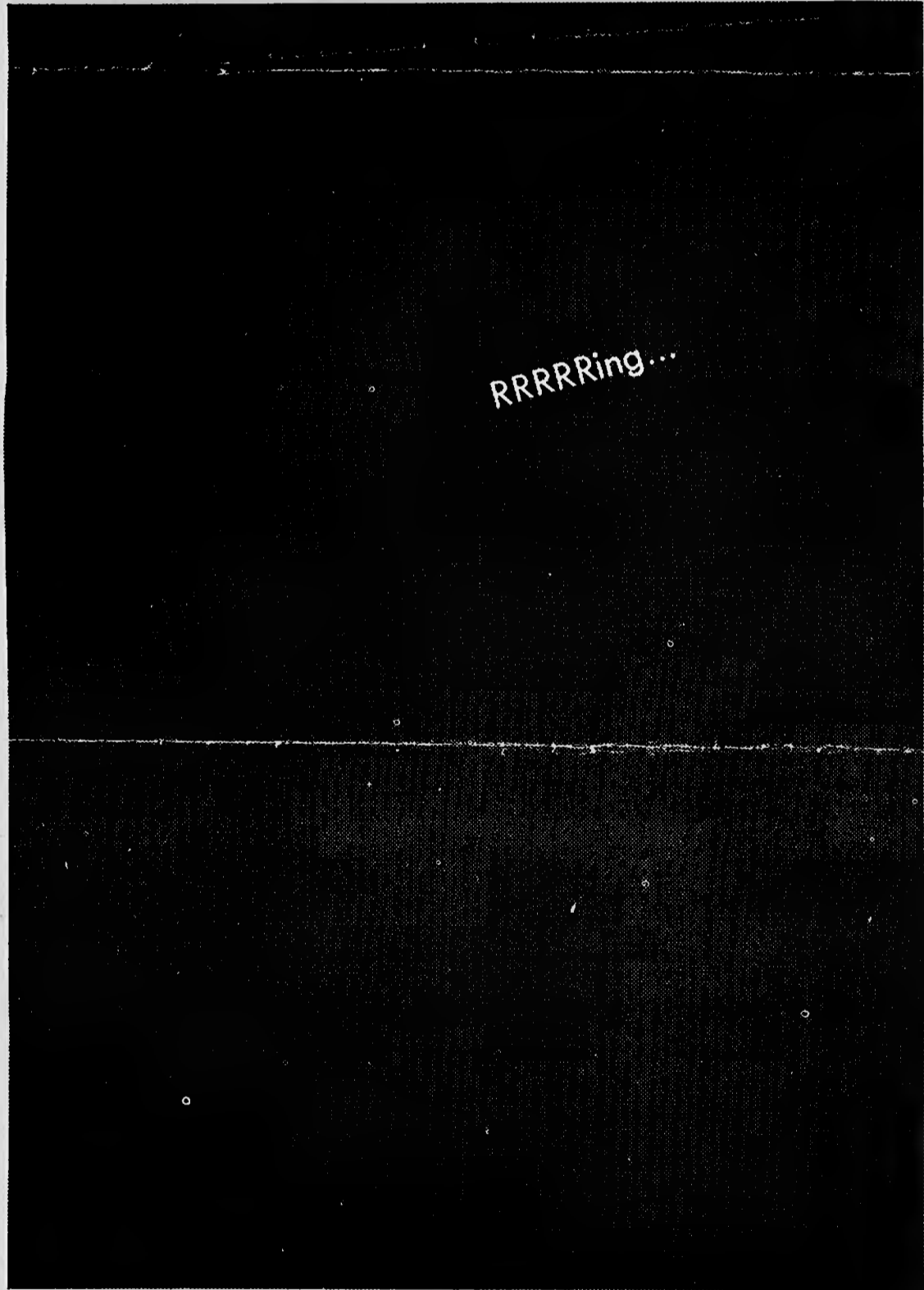
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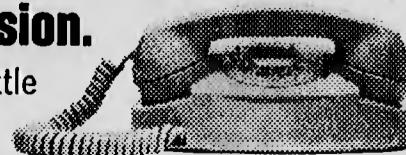
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