

Washington Report

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CONGRESSMAN WALTER B. JONES

Many of you have expressed concern over the reduction in service by the United States Post Office Department. I can assure you that along with many other Members of Congress, I too am very concerned over the lack of adequate service.

In a speech on the House Floor, delivered on Wednesday,

June 28, 1972, I made the following remarks:

Mr. Speaker: Many of you will remember the childhood game of "post office." But more recently, the post office is now playing games with the American public. It is inconceivable to consider the curtailing of services to the American public that have been instigated in recent months.

The sectional centers, which at one time we were told were the answer to all mail problems, are being consolidated, causing the mail to travel hundreds of miles to ultimately reach a neighboring community only a few miles away.

There are many small cities in my district where it has come to my attention have ultimately no mail service from Friday until Monday. The displacement of many long-time employees is causing anguish and great personal sacrifice in leaving their homes in order to continue postal employment.

Mr. Speaker: I am sure that other Members of Congress have been experiencing the same complaints which have reached my office. Referring to the U. S. Constitution, one of the prescribed duties of the Congress as outlined in article I, section 8, is "to establish post offices and post roads."

To my knowledge this has never been changed. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I raise the question, is the Congress performing its full duties as directed by the Constitution in sitting idly by and permitting the disintegration of the handling of the U. S. mail? I think it is time that we reevaluate what we have done and through legislation or otherwise, provide the people of this Nation the postal service to which they have rightly become accustomed.

MIRROR MIRTH

Don't race trains to crossings. If it is a tie you lose....June is the month of brides. The other eleven are devoted to divorces....It's better to know nothing than to know what isn't so.

A pacifist is one who cannot argue in favor of peace without using his fists....Golfers, roughly speaking, play golf roughly speaking....In this mechanized age, even public officials are machine made.

A lecture is a talk by which the notes of the professor become the notes of the students, without passing through the minds of either....Mink is really the skin girls love to touch.

The narrower the mind, the broader the statement....Some people commit murder, others get their satisfaction from reading obituary notices....When a woman really loves a man, he can make her do anything she wants to do.

It's called cold cash because we can't keep it long enough to warm it up....A bachelor is the sourvenir of some woman who found a better one at the last minute....

A diamond is a gem whose bright sparkle renders a woman stone blind to the defects of the

man offering it....An advisory capacity is the only capacity in which some people are willing to serve.

Two can live as chapsly as one. They usually have to....Limburger is a variety of cheese whose odor puts it in the first rank....Art, like morality, consists in drawing the line somewhere.

A husband's actions are generally right, but his reasons seldom are....All a sweater does for some girls is make them itch....An American is a person who doesn't know the words to the Star Spangled Banner.

There's nothing like a living doll to bring the Santa Claus out in a man....The old go to church to close their eyes, the young to eye their clothes....Middle age is about ten years older than

you are. A reducing diet is one that does so much for the will power, and so little for the waistline....Sometimes the only thing a man gets out of college is himself.

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