



## Rep. Walter B. Jones Reports From Washington

In recent days the House has settled down to long drawn out sessions.

By a vote of 385 to 16, the House passed what is known as the Flag Desecration Bill. This gave many of the members an opportunity to speak at length on the subject of patriotism. So this bill which had little or no opposition and should have

consumed no more than an hour of discussion was accorded seven hours of congressional oratory. This bill provides for a penalty of a year in prison and a \$1,000 fine for casting contempt on the flag by defacing, defiling, mutilating or trampling on it.

Already the 50 states have similar laws regarding the handling of the American flag, but I see no reason why it should

not also be a federal offense in this day when misguided minority groups are showing utter contempt and disregard for not only the flag but of other things which have symbolically made this nation great. I make no apologies for voting for this measure.

Again last week the bill to increase the legal debt limit was considered and passed by the House. You will recall two weeks ago that Congress, by a margin of nine votes, failed to approve this measure. This time the committee came forth with a substitute bill which provided \$7 billion less than the original bill. Many people understand this as an authorization to increase spending or as approving the present policy of expenditures but it is neither.

What the bill does provide is the legal authorization for the U. S. Treasury to pay for obligations already made. Many of us who voted against the bill two weeks ago hope that we have served sufficient warning on the administration that we will not continue to vote for huge appropriations to finance untried and unproved programs.

The debt ceiling action cannot be construed as a partisan issue for the debt ceiling was increased seven times during the eight years Eisenhower was in office at a time when this nation was not militarily involved with any other nation. The debt ceiling increase in the broadest sense permits the treasurer to pay the prior mistakes of Congress in creating expenditures beyond receipts. Along with many other congressmen who are concerned, it is our hope that this will be the last time for many years that this debt limit will have to be increased.

Another important matter debated by the Congress, but not voted upon was the \$5 billion appropriation for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. When this appropriation is approved, this will bring the total amount of money spent for outer space somewhere near \$25 billion.

I am convinced that somewhere in this vast program there is a certain

amount of waste and the desired objective could be obtained with less money. For an example, in the bill there is an appropriation of almost \$500 million for expenditures on the moon, if and when we ever reach this objective.

It might be that those who are so enthusiastic about our foreign aid program have run out of countries on this earth and are attempting to extend this aid even into other planets. I intend to vote for all amendments which will reduce the amount of appropriations in this bill.

I think you might be interested in the increasing crime rate in your Capitol City, Washington, D. C. According to figures just released for the month of May, there were 3,022 major crimes. This was an increase of 880 over May of 1966 or a 41.1 per cent increase. For the current 12 month period, there were 33,911 major crimes reported which was an increase of 8,898 over the previous 12 month period or a 35.6 per cent increase.

These are not to be confused with traffic violations and juvenile delinquency, but are major crimes of murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assaults.

# THE ROUNDUP

By WILBORNE HARRELL

The Roundups for several weeks are probably going to be just "foot-in-the-door" pieces, just to keep 'em going. But I shall give you as good as I can, and write them to the most of my strength. Okay?

At the risk of becoming a bore, apropos the lady who insisted on telling you about her operation for the umpteenth time, I am going to tell you a little more about my ad-journ in the hospital. To start with, let me say that they served excellent coffee, which went straight to my heart and endeared me—hold it a minute, I don't think endear is quite

the proper word. Can you become endeared with a hospital? I think not. But anyway I loved their coffee, and I am hard to please when it comes to my java . . . THE U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, while I was there carried a story of the June 5 blackout which affected four eastern states. With the story was a picture of a hospital corridor taken during the blackout. Lying on my bed, I wondered how that affected the patients. Did some of them panic? I know I probably would have, because total darkness even for a few minutes, will panic me as quick as anything . . . There's one thing for certain: this hospital business



tion, Where is Edenton? Well, I've held the door open a little way this time, and this will be the last bulletin from never-never land. Never again, I hope.

## Students Start Quality Reading

Students who have started quality reading for the summer are:

Bill Chesson, Mary Alice Byrum, George Holmes, Jane Blanchard, Ed Hassell, Ron Rogerson, Grace Sawyer, Jean Byrum, Hubert Sartain and Amy O'Neal.

New books received at Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library this week are:

National Park Guide by Michael Frome. This is the only complete guidebook to all national parks with special sections on the national monuments, seashores, recreational areas, parkways and historical sites.

The Country Team, a novel by Robin Moore, author of The Green Berets.

Man and the Sun by Jaquetta Hawkes. This book is the story of the relationship between the sun and mankind—our dependence on it, worship of it, and our use and misuse of solar energy—from prehistory to the hydrogen bomb.

Lord of the Mountain, a novel of Ireland today by Walter Macken.

A Horse In Your Life, a guide for the new owner, by Heather Smith.

The Parnell Tragedy, a biography by Jules Abels.

Women at Work, every woman's guide to successful employment. In this

book the president of the world's largest temporary help service gives complete and authoritative answers and expert advice.

An Expensive Place to Die, a novel of espionage by Len Deighton.

The Basic Book of the Cat. This is an enjoyable book covering all aspects of cat care, lore and history, by William H. A. Carr.

Elegance, a complete guide for every woman who wants to be well and properly dressed on all occasions by Genevieve Antoinette Dariaux.

The Wind's Will, a novel by Gerald Warner Brace.

For History's Sake is an account of North Carolina's concern for its documentary heritage that may well serve as a model of what should be done in other of the older states of the Union. This book is by H. G. Jones.

### ON HONOR ROLL

Miss Sandra Hare of Edenton was on the honor roll at Chowan College during the spring semester.

### MAKES DEAN'S LIST

Miss Florette P. Byrum of Tyner was on the Dean's List at Campbell College for the spring semester. She is a sophomore.

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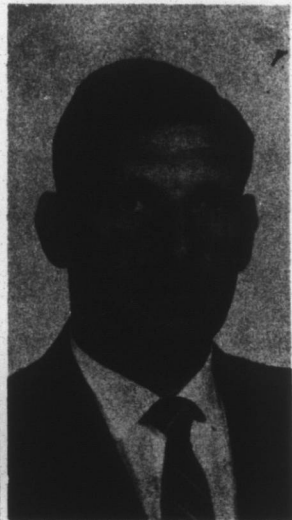
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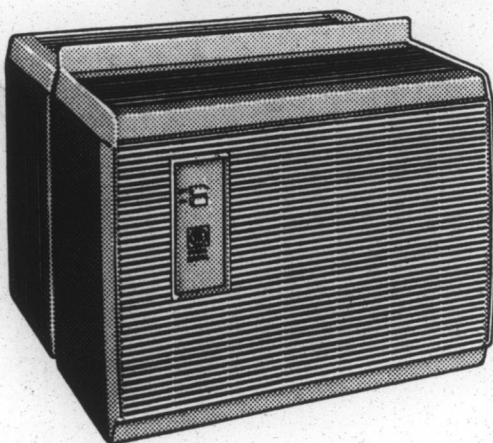
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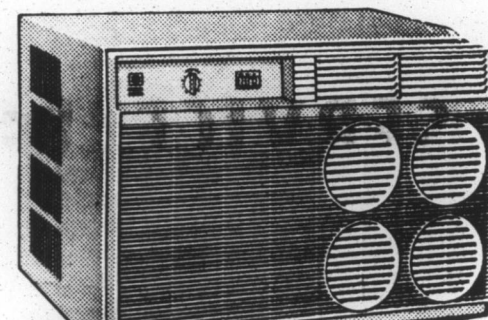


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