

Rep. Walter B. Jones Reports

Last week might be considered, as far as our offices concerned, similar to some of the popular jokes going around a few months ago — good news and bad news.

The good news was that I had the pleasure of attending on Tuesday a celebration at the DuPont Plant in Kinston. The celebration was for establishing a new world industrial safety record of more than 45,808,779 exposure hours over a 9-1/2 year period without a disabling or time lost injury. In this day of high absenteeism in industry due to accidents, this is an almost unbelievable record, and let me commend the 2,800 employees of the plant who through their carefulness and diligence made the record possible. I also commend the management at DuPont for paying proper tribute to their employees through the gala celebration which they hosted.

In the context of bad news was the results of a conference which I arranged with officials of the National Park Service. Among those present were Congressmen Roy Taylor and Jim Martin; in addition, the offices of Senator Ervin and Helms were represented. The Park Service was represented by Assistant Secretary of Interior, John Kyl and Director

of the National Park Service, Ron Walker as well as other personnel. The meeting was necessary due to a tentative decision of the Department of Interior to abandon all efforts to combat the erosion on their own property in the Outer Banks. It was quite apparent, however, that the Park Service had made a firm decision to abandon all efforts to maintain the beaches and the dune barrier and to permit, as they stated, "the natural processes to prevail."

Several alternatives were suggested, such as the placing of the responsibility of maintenance in the hands of the Corps of Engineers on the grounds they have more expertise than the Park Service. Another suggestion included the possibility of the Park Service purchasing the private property which would be threatened. Another alternative was the possibility of the Park Service returning the shoreline properties initially acquired by condemnation proceedings and permit the private property owners to maintain their own protection. Still another alternative was the construction of structural barriers; however none of these were acceptable to the Park Service.

If they pursue this announced policy, it will jeopardize the millions of dollars of privately owned commercial and personal property. I am sure that some will feel that the private property owners built at their own risk; but at the time the land was acquired by the Department of Interior, the then Director of the Park Service, Conrad Wirth, promised that the shorelines would be maintained. No doubt with this assurance, many people invested their life savings in homes and businesses in the threatened area. I think it is important to remember that the Park Service owns the entire coastline of some 72 miles and it seems that it would be to their own best interest to protect it if at all possible.

Of course, final decisions as to direction and action will come from the Congress, and as a Member of Congress, I shall continue my efforts to secure legislation in an effort to find a satisfactory way of fighting the serious problem of beach erosion on the Park Service property.

Farm Fires Most Costly

Farm fires are potentially the most dangerous, because the farmer, his family and his property are usually miles away from the nearest fire department or from neighbors who could lend assistance. Never is a farm so isolated than when a fire strikes.

Farm families should take all precautions to prevent accidental fires and they should use all methods of fighting fires if they do start, says Melvin E. Howell, Farmers Home Administration county supervisor in Hertford. The Farmers Home Administrations, in observance of National Fire Prevention Week, offers this list of fire prevention and protection ideas:

1. Make sure every member of your family knows how to call the fire department. Post the fire department number at the telephone. Also make sure your fire department knows the layout of your farm, house and barn, and the location of water supplies.
2. Check condition of heating equipment, including chimneys and flues. Make all repairs necessary for safe operation.
3. Check electric wiring for wear and loads — replace worn and inadequate wiring. Use only 15-ampere fuses unless a circuit has been especially designed for larger loads.
4. Keep fire fighting tools accessible in an emergency.
5. Have ladders ready for escape and for fighting roof fires.
6. Keep fire extinguishers on hand. Check them frequently and recharge them when necessary. Also, protect them from freezing during winter months.
7. Maintain a water supply in cisterns and stock ponds. They may be the only source of water for fighting fires.

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MISS-DEBBY BABB

Honor Is Voted Holmes Student

Miss Debby Babb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Babb of Edenton, has been chosen by the Merchants Committee of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce as Distributive Education Student of the Month.

Debby, a senior at John A. Holmes High School, is a first year student in D.E. She is employed at A & P Supermarket where she is receiving her on-the-job training.

She is the historian for the local chapter of Distributive Education Clubs of America. She has also served as chairman of the chapter fairbooth committee which won "grand Champion" in last week's Chowan County Fair competition.

Debby plans to attend Hardbarger's Business School after graduating from high school.

Academy Group March Saturday

MURFREESBORO — Members of the baton twirling unit of Chowan Academy will participate in the Chowan College Homecoming Parade scheduled for Saturday. The parade forms on Jones Drive at 9:30 A.M. and begins at 10 A.M.

Chowan College sponsored organizations and residence halls will prepare entries for parade. "Area schools have been invited to provide entries (cheerleaders, homecoming queens, student council presidents, etc.) for the parade," stated Clayton Lewis, dean of students.

Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president of Chowan College, will crown the homecoming queen during halftime activities of the 2 P.M. football game between Chowan College and Lees-McRae College.

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Sunday School Lesson

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THROUGH THE CROSS

International Sunday School Lesson for October 14, 1973

LESSON TEXT: Romans 5.

Continuing our study in the writings of Paul, we are further impressed with the reasoning powers of this great and very devout man.

We find him looking back over a truth which has already been established, and — not one to "rest on his laurels" so to speak — looking forward to the Christian application of past lessons learned in outgoing response to God's very evident concern for mankind. For Paul sought, very earnestly, to bring mankind to a solid realization of the blessings to be had in Christ, and in Him alone.

Throughout Paul's teachings the word "therefore" played a prominent part. He did not leave his hearers dangling and bemused. He strove logically to link the past with the present and the present with the future in bringing God's word to mankind.

"Justification" — or transformation — was wrought by God in sinful man. This Paul firmly believed, and so sought to impart to the faithful. Justification is gained, in God's sight, by the repentant sinner who has accepted the death of Christ as being uniquely his; for through it, man has gained acceptance at the throne of the Almighty God, Creator of all things. He has gained an awareness of his own unworthiness, and of the supreme love and concern that culminated on Calvary, when the precious blood of the Savior was shed that man might be forgiven of his sins.

Paul, the converted sinner, was acutely aware of the blessings of peace that came with his own conversion — peace of mind, peace of soul, qualities which had hitherto been lacking within himself. This inner joy Paul was anxious to share with his fellow men. These were but a taste of the joys that awaited the faithful.

Paul's thoughts were not only for the benefits which accrued to the convert in his temporal life; they were explicit in their description of the life beyond the grave. For Calvary was followed by the Resurrection. The Savior died — but He rose again, in indestructible life, that He could serve mankind from an even more exalted position...the right hand of the throne of the Father! He was man's emissary, that the repentant might have audience with the Almighty. Christians need constantly to return to the cross; Before it our weaknesses, our self-doubts, our smallness (or delusions of grandeur) fall into the proper perspective. That which troubles us and seems, at the time, insurmountable, becomes of little importance. For, seeking communion with God, we gain in perspective. For the Christian, what the death of Christ secured, the continuing life of Christ assures.

This is the lesson to be learned from Paul's teaching in the chapter under study today. Those who embrace his thoughts will find the themselves comforted by his words, guided about with a new strength and a renewed sense of devotion towards spreading God's word among the unenlightened...thus continuing Paul's work amongst mankind.

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On getting to the top...

Take another look at these stairs. You're right, there are no landings! Risky business climbing stairs without landings. And stupid, too, since they don't go anywhere.

There are people who would sacrifice almost anything to get to the top. They talk excitedly about the ladder of success. But in their eagerness to climb, they often choose a stairway to nowhere.

One day the stone masons and cement-pourers will catch up with the structural-steel men. Then a building will unfold this stairway. It will have meaning and purpose. It will be a stairway to somewhere.

Our churches are busy building spiritual values into the structure of our society. As these spiritual values unfold man's quest for success, the man on his way to the top becomes a dedicated servant of God and the community.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Acts	Psalms	Isaiah	Isaiah	Luke	Luke	Romans
13:32-37	85:8-13	26:1-11	61:1-6	10:1-9	19:41-48	14:19-23

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Respectfully,
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