

DEAR MR. PUBLISHER,
 BY **PARSON JONES**

Dear Mr. Publisher:

I had the funniest dream the other night. I dreamed the world council of churches decided that all the denominations in the world oughta get together. They claimed that every church should be made up of every faith. For instance, my little church would include Catholics, Methodists, Baptists, Lutherans, and so on.

First off, they tried the freedom of choice plan, where a member could decide where he wanted to go. The idea was that of their own free wills, church members would provide a denominational balance in every church.

Well sir, that approach didn't turn out too good on account of some people still preferred their own churches. Some folks wouldn't go to another church 'cause they said it was too far to travel. It looked like the hole program was gonna fall apart when the world council of churches came up with another plan. They decided to make membership assignments and bus people to their designated churches. There was a lotta grumbling at first, but pretty soon folks got used to the idea. But it wasn't long until they decided the denominational balance should cut across state lines. Folks in Alabama started attending church in Florida and vice versa. That wasn't too bad. Next they decided that the northern Christian and the southern Christians ought mix. Pretty soon church members in South Carolina were attending with the Catholics in New York.

That plan worked so well they decided to "bus" folks from one continent to another. That way people in the United States were attending church in Germany and versa visa. It got to be such a big thing that people had to give up their jobs and go to church full time. I woke up before everybody starved to death.

So long for now.

Parson Jones.

Taylor Seeks Money For Conservation

WASHINGTON - Congressman Roy A. Taylor has called on House leaders to provide \$195.5 million to assure continuance of the Agriculture Conservation Program.

In his new budget for Fiscal Year 1971, President Nixon made no request for funds to operate the program after July 1, when current appropriations will expire.

"Last year, Congress appropriated \$195.5 million for this program and I believe that a similar amount should be provided for continued operations during the new fiscal year," Rep. Taylor said in a statement submitted to the House Appropriations Committee.

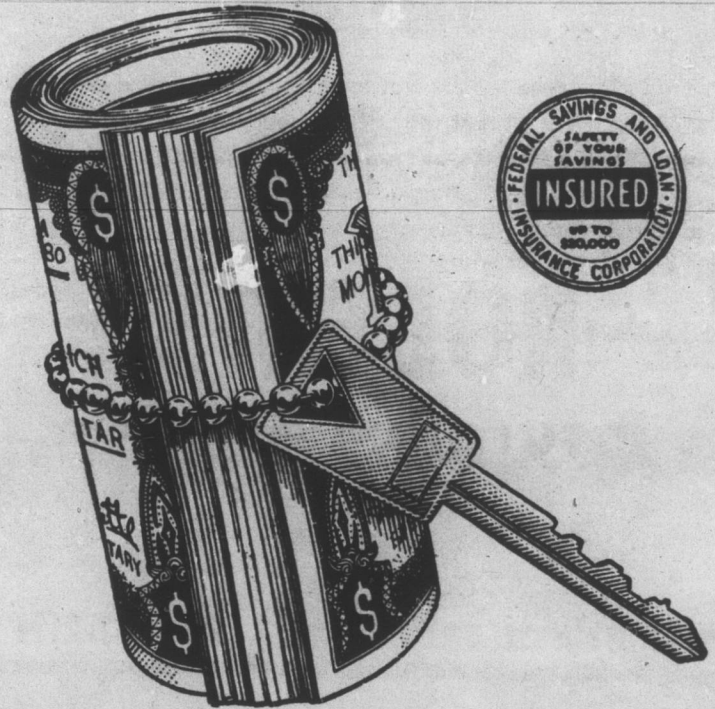
The Congressman expressed disappointment that the White House had failed to provide funds for land conservation at a time when widespread emphasis is being placed on improvement of the environment.

"In my district the Agriculture Conservation Program is reaching more farm people than any other phase of the entire Department of Agriculture Program," he declared.

The Congressman said that the ACP funds have been used effectively to "heal the gullies, stop the washes, eliminate the broomsedge and reforest the steep slopes in Western North Carolina."

"We cannot afford to go backward in our efforts to conserve the soil and water resources that are so essential to the well-being of our nation," he declared.

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