

OTHER EDITORS SAY  
THE MONTGOMERY INDEPENDENT

### OBSERVATION PLATFORM

Dear Madalyn Murray:  
I would be less than candid if I said it was a neighborly impulse which prompts me to offer new ammunition in your fight to promote atheism.  
But as a neighbor, who lived down The Alameda a few blocks from your neighborhood in Baltimore, I kept up with you since you first hit the back page of "The Baltimore Sun."  
In fact I live across the street from the junior high where young Bill first refused to take part in school prayer.  
Now, about the help. You already have made it subversive to pray in school, you have them hanging on the ropes about not taxing church property, and you probably created the climate where the Bible would be outlawed in the school room.  
How would it be, Madalyn Murray, if you could get the Bible banned from the whole country? You have already proved yourself bold enough to tackle the most imposing problems. No doubt, Gen. Eisenhower was an inspiration to you when you worked on his staff as a WAC.  
This is a fight that should gladden your soul, and make "Murray vs. Curlett" look like a finger exercise.  
The caper depends on the Supreme Court's decision about Ralph Ginzburg's conviction as a smut peddler. Those poor old men have been thrashing around about pornography until, in desperation, they have opened the door for just your type.  
It wasn't the content of what

Ginzburg printed that the justices objected to. After all, "The Housewife's Handbook on Selective Promiscuity" has been used as a therapy tool by professional psyche-tinkerers.  
What they objected to was the way Ginzberg advertised his wares. Get it? You can get a book banned by emphasizing its salacious content in book ads.  
You claimed to have read the Bible when you were 13, and if you need to refresh your memory, borrow the Book from the library again. You can find all kinds of drama — sexual, scatological and sanguine. A little imaginative copy writing, some easy fund-raising and your legal machine can crank up again.  
At this point I must say I do not like you, Madalyn Murray. I would not be kindly disposed to ban the Bible in any event, except that I think it would be the biggest shot in the arm for Christianity since the Romans found an entertaining way to feed the lions.  
Can you imagine the impact if the Bible, the most ubiquitous yet least read book, suddenly became forbidden? How would that be for getting them back in the fold?  
Can't you see the possibilities, with the customs men searching to find the forbidden Book smuggled in from Paris under a jet-set girdle?  
Maybe Billy Graham could establish a floating radio station off the coast of Bermuda, and read selected passages late at night with millions of Americans

glued to their receivers in darkness.  
It would be a great thing for religion — all the excitement of the days of the martyrs, but without all that torture and gore.  
In fact, when you start your war chest, you might make a successful appeal to the preachers.  
But don't put my name on your list, Madalyn Murray. In fact, this newspaper won't even run your Bible ads.  
by R. W. Plowden

### Walter Jones Announces April 14th Meeting for Southern Educators

First District Congressman Walter B. Jones today expressed concern over the HEW School Guidelines recently released. Jones said that, based on percentage formula it would completely disregard the freedom of choice, allowing pupils to attend the schools they prefer. Congressman Jones termed the

### Azalea Arts Festival Sunday and Monday, Expected to Draw Largely

The Azalea Arts Festival of the Kinston Arts Council is a two-day event scheduled for April 17th and 18th.  
Mrs. John H. Kelley, project chairman, and Council President, Mrs. James M. Tyler started getting committees together last November to plan one major project during 1966.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt A. Minges, volunteered a beautiful setting for the event. "Hillcrest," a 70-acre farm, was offered by the Minges as a background for an art exhibit, luncheon and fashion show.  
At "Hillcrest" there are about 2,500 camellias with over 1,200 varieties and thousands of azaleas, many dogwoods and innumerable varieties of evergreens.  
Outstanding attractions at "Hillcrest" include a Japanese Tea House with matching Japanese garden gates, a 10-acre lake and fifteen acres of virgin timber.  
With Mrs. H. C. Wooten Jr., Mrs. S. P. Hines, and Mrs. James

D. Tyler as special coordinators, Mrs. Kelley assembled working committee chairmen and the festival began to take shape.  
Mrs. Carl C. Wooten and Mrs. James E. Todd, luncheon chairmen, began plans for lunch to be served in decorated boxes. These boxes will be decorated by Kinstonians at "Box Parties" scheduled between now and April 17th.  
At the same time, Mrs. W. L. Stump, Art Exhibit chairman, has been busy with plans for an interesting exhibit of the work of outstanding North Carolina artists.  
Mrs. Francis Blakeslee Speight, artist of Greenville, and Wesley Crawley, Professor of Drawing at East Carolina College and professional sculptor, will serve as judges for the painting and sculpture entries.

directive "grossly unfair to citizens of both races," and pledged his efforts toward securing revisions to continue the plans under which the schools operated last year. Jones stated that the directive does away completely with freedom of choice, and, if the percentage formula is placed in effect, it will force students to be enrolled in schools against their wishes. The percentage formula as promulgated by HEW also applied to faculties. Here again this will remove the right of choice from many members of the teaching profession.  
Anxious to secure amendments or a revision of the recent guidelines, Jones has conferred with Henry Hall Wilson, Presidential Assistant, Vice President Hubert Humphrey and HEW Commissioner Harold Howe, pointing out the unfairness of the recent directive in stating his belief that it was illegal and contrary to the Civil Rights Act and the Supreme Court decision of 1964. Jones challenged Commissioner Howe to show that he had Legislative authority to issue and enforce the directive.  
As a result of Jones objection, Commissioner Howe stated that he would have a meeting of Southern Educators within the near future to discuss the matter more fully, and this conference is to be held April 14 at 3:00 p.m.  
"My greatest concern is the future of the North Carolina public school system, and I will do all possible to protect the future of our public schools and the maintenance of its high standard," Jones said.  
"I have directly protested to the proper authorities if HEW refused to amend or alter their position, it is my hope that some school board will challenge their actions. I do not believe that under the law the Commissioner or the Department has the authority they have assumed," stated the Congressman, who is spending the Easter Recess in the First District.

### QUESTIONS VETERANS ASK

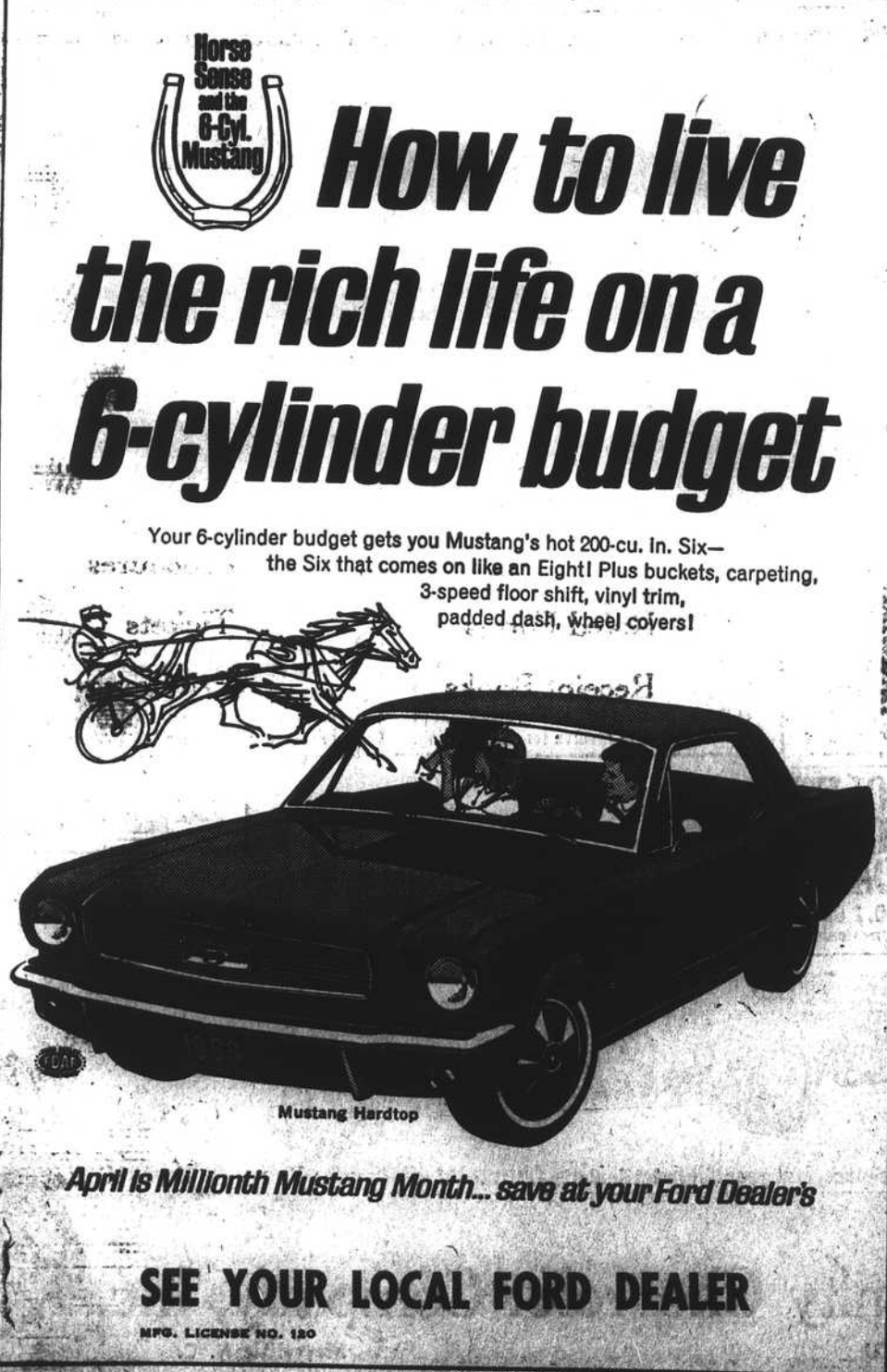
Q — My husband tried to enlist in the Navy and was turned down because of his health. He then enlisted in the Merchant Marine. He died in 1939 and I would like to know why I am not entitled to a pension from the Veterans Administration?  
A — Members of the Merchant Marine are not veterans. They are not eligible for the various benefits in the Veterans Administration program.

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