

WASHINGTON distance
Many years ago someone called Washington "the city of magnificent distances," and the appellation has stuck. I was again reminded of it last week, when on a trip to the Nation's capital I had to call at a dozen or more Federal offices.

Washington is more like the great European cities than any other American municipality. Its growth has been horizontal instead of vertical. About the tallest building in the city is the National Press Club and that is only 13 stories. Most of the Government buildings are under six stories high.

It is not at all uncommon to have to travel three or four miles, or farther, to get from one Government building to another, and in the course of a day around Federal offices the visitor has to walk along literally miles of corridors.

It occurred to me that one of the reasons why Government business takes so long to transact may be the time and energy wasted in getting from one office to another. Washington is not geared up to speed and efficiency.

BEAUTY in marble
Major L'Enfant, the brilliant Frenchman who planned the Federal city, conceived it as the most beautiful city in the world. It seems more beautiful every time I visit it—and I've known Washington since 1881. In another fifty years there will be nothing to compare with it for beauty.

The Supreme Court moved into the most beautiful of all Washington buildings, last week. It is built all of white marble. Outside, Vermont marble, corridors of Alabama marble, interior courts of Georgia marble, floors of Italian, Spanish and African marble.

Everything about the building is freshly new and gleaming except the Justices' chairs. They sit in the old, comfortable chairs they are accustomed to. When it was proposed to buy a new chair for Justice Cardozo, he replied that the old chair, that was good enough for Justice Holmes for 20 years was good enough for him.

TENANTS everywhere
In spite of the multitude of Government buildings, there isn't room for all the new Federal offices. Uncle Sam is the biggest tenant in Washington. After taking all the available office space in town, public offices are spreading out into hotels, apartments and private houses.

Some of the "temporary" buildings put up during the World War are still in use by Federal offices. Uncle Sam is Washington's largest taxpayer. He pays half the cost of running the District of Columbia. In return for the Federal Government's assumption of the tax burden, the people of the District, 60 years ago, gave up their right to vote on local affairs. If they want to vote on state or national questions, they can do so in their old home towns.

HOUSING problem
I hear a lot about the "housing shortage," but I don't know of any place where it is as acute as in Washington. More than 100,000 new Federal employees have been trying to crowd into the city in the past two years. There just isn't room for them.

145 applications on file for his next vacancy. Another built a 30-family apartment house and rented every apartment from the plans before the foundations were in. Rents are down most everywhere else, but not in Washington.

One result has been the spilling of population away out into the Maryland suburbs and across the Potomac into the beautiful Virginia hills. I met one Federal official who "commutes" to Washington every day from his home in Baltimore, forty miles distant.

FLAG the salute
I read in the papers the other day that a Boston schoolboy had been disciplined for failing to salute the flag. Somehow, I don't feel that compulsion is the best way to instill patriotism.

Saluting the flag is no evidence of how anybody really feels. It is a meaningless gesture unless it comes from the heart out. In Germany under Hitler everybody is forced to salute the Nazi emblem, but you can't make me believe they all mean it.

If I could teach every child what our flag really means, the first thing I would try to make them understand is that it does not stand and never has stood for: compulsion, even compulsion to salute it. If Old Glory means anything, it means—to me at least—the complete liberty of every individual under it to believe and believe as he pleases, so long as he doesn't try to interfere with other people's beliefs and behavior.

FLAMES RAZE HOME
Mr. George Greene, Stony Fork citizen, is reported to have lost his home and its contents by a fire of unknown origin, little or none of the furnishings having been salvaged. No insurance was in force on the property.

NO OPINION GIVEN CONSTITUTION IN LIQUOR LAW CASE

High Tribunal Says Indictments Proper Course of Action Against Rum.

FRANK HANCOCK TOUTED AS OPPONENT OF BAILEY

Settlement of Smith Reynolds Estate Confirmed; Increased Tax Receipts; Usual Resume of the News About Raleigh.

Raleigh, Nov. 4.—Indictment of offenders and not injunctions against officials is the method for testing the constitutionality of the Pasquotank and New Hanover liquor laws enacted by the 1935 General Assembly, the N. C. Supreme Court held in a three-to-one decision handed down Friday, written by Justice Michael Schenk, with Justice Heriot Clarkson vigorously dissenting.

Making no decision on the constitutionality of the act, the opinion has the immediate effect of dissolving the injunction signed by Judge Clawson Williams which prevented calling an election on the question of county sale of liquor and starting officers of Franklin county from stores if the election carried. Immediately Franklin officials set about plans for an election as early as possible. Sixteen other counties vote to sell liquor and are at it, one, Rockingham, voting against the sale.

Only those claiming irreparable damage from enforcement of a statute are permitted to ask the judiciary to set at naught a solemn act of the co-ordinate legislative department, Justice Schenk holds, saying that allegations of personal injury, property damage and discrimination are not established, and if the act is not constitutional, then the plaintiffs "have an adequate remedy at law by having indicted and prosecuted those persons doing such things."

Justice Clarkson, in a lengthy and vigorous dissent, writes that he thinks the liquor act unconstitutional as impinging four articles of the Constitution of North Carolina, and void for uncertainty, and injunctive relief should have been granted. He thinks it violates the fundamental democratic principle of "equal rights and opportunities to all, special privileges to none." But the three other members of the court formed the majority.

HANCOCK MAY RUN

Rumors persist that Congressman Frank W. Hancock Jr., Oxford, is planning to oppose Senator J. W. Bailey for his senatorial seat next June, and another is that State WPA Administrator George W. Coan Jr., former mayor of Winston-Salem may be a candidate for Congress in the Fifth district, either as an opponent or as a successor to Mr. Hancock, if he does or does not oppose.

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LEGIONNAIRES TO VISIT SCHOOLS OF THE COUNTY

The Watauga Post American Legion in conjunction with the Legion Auxiliary, will feature special educational week programs at the Cove Creek School Monday morning, November 11 at 8:30; Bethel School Monday, at 1:15, and Boone High School Saturday, November 10, at 8:45. The patrons of these schools are invited to be present for these exercises.

All principals of high schools and junior high schools in this entire district, who are interested in these time ly programs, are asked to communicate with G. W. Teal, district commander, Boone, so that dates may be arranged.

NEW POLICE OFFICER TAKES BEAT SATURDAY

Mr. S. D. Ollis of Morganton entered upon his duties Saturday as special officer in the Boone police department, succeeding Sergeant Pitts of Lenoir, recently resigned.

Mr. Ollis comes to Boone with endorsements voluntarily extended him from some of the leading and influential citizens of Morganton and Burke county, and is known as a courageous, courteous and efficient officer. He has been a member of the Morganton "force" for the past seven years.

ENVISSIONS 34,000 AT WORK

State WPA Director George W. Coan Jr., believes that about 28,000 unemployed workers in the state will be on WPA jobs by the first of next week and that in another 10 days the state's quota of 34,000 will be at work. Last week more than 200 projects costing above \$2,000,000 were ordered started. It is reported from Washington that direct relief will end this month, for which only \$350,000 has been sent so far. Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, director, hopes however that direct relief will not end until the need for it disappears.

ARMISTICE DAY.



Monday marks the seventeenth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, which terminated the World War, and a general holiday observance is in order. Locally the American Legion has arranged special events, and announcement is made of closing of stores for the day.

GARAGE ADDITION NOW COMPLETED

Chevrolet Company Occupies One of Most Modern Plants In This Section.

Those who came to the W. R. Chevrolet Company Saturday for their first glimpses of the new automobiles viewed the vehicles in the handsome 50x50 foot brick and stone addition to the company's plant here. The annex was completed just in time for the new cars and for the present is being used for new car storage. The building, which is an integral part of the older structure, fronts on two streets, the side next to Green Street being finished in rustic stone.

With the new structure the sales rooms and shops of the progressive concern occupy a space of 50x192 feet, and represent the largest plant of its kind in this part of the state. Salesrooms, repair shops, lubrication depots, paint and body shops are all to be operated in their respective quarters, and Mr. W. R. Winkler, the proprietor is being congratulated upon his enterprise.

Incidentally the new model Chevrolets, which are on display in various models and body types are said to have been accorded an enthusiastic reception by the motoring public. The new machines have many important new features, and large sales are anticipated.

Bids To Be Received For Star Mail Lines

Postmaster W. G. Hartzog announces that bids are being received at the Boone postoffice for the carrying of mails over a number of star routes in the county, and that blanks are expected daily on which to submit the proposals. Bids close on January 14, 1936, at 4:30 p. m. Contracts will be let on the following routes:

No. 18528, Boone to West Jefferson; route 18198, North Wilkesboro to Boone; 18232, Boone to Lenoir; 5231 Triplett to Boone; 18230 Mountain City to Boone.

Revival Is Closed With Number Baptisms

Twenty-six were baptised at the Towards Creek Baptist Church Sunday following a two weeks meeting conducted by Rev. E. C. Hodges of Boone and Rev. J. J. Richardson of Stony Creek, Tenn. The largest crowd ever seen at a baptismal service was in attendance Sunday and the event marked the close of what is said to be the most successful revival held in that section in more than thirty years. The attendance throughout the meeting was large, and the spiritual life of the community was greatly strengthened.

ARMISTICE DAY SERVICES AT BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Special Armistice Day services will be held at the Boone Baptist Church Sunday night, November 10, at 7:30 and all veterans of Watauga county with their families are invited to attend. The local post of the American Legion will be in charge and while the public is invited, special seats will be reserved for the veterans.

\$349 BENEFIT IS PAID WATAUGANS

Eighteen Local Industrial Workers Benefit From Compensation Law.

Raleigh, Nov. 4.—Watauga county workers received \$349.00 in workmen's compensation during the year which ended June 30, 1935, and \$319 was awarded for medical and hospital bills for injured workers by the N. C. Industrial Commission. The annual report shows that 18 workers were injured in that county during the year, eight of them receiving medical attention only 10 receiving compensation for temporary total disability, none receiving compensation for permanent partial disability, and none died from injuries in industrial work.

In the state as a whole, injured workers or dependents of those killed received \$710,943, while \$396,266 was paid out in medical and hospital costs that year. Cases reported reached 327,172, of which 20,326 were medical cases only, 6,129 resulted in temporary total disability, 652 in permanent partial disability and 73 in death, for which their dependents received \$254,078.00. In the six years of the operation of the workmen's compensation act 167,966 workers were injured, an average of 94 each work day, and in that period \$5,538,806.00 has been paid workers or their dependents and \$2,852,007.00 for medical and hospital attention.

ARMISTICE NIGHT FETE IS PLANNED

American Legion Arranges To Have Fireworks Display And Supper.

The Watauga Post American Legion and Auxiliary will sponsor an oyster supper and fireworks display at their new hut in Legion Park Monday night, November 11, in celebration of Armistice Day.

The festivities will begin at six o'clock and the public has a cordial invitation. According to the sponsors the fireworks display will be one of the best and most magnificent ever undertaken in this section of the state.

Dynamite Cap Explosion Fatal

West Jefferson.—Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Glendale Springs for Clay Miller, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Miller.

The boy was fatally wounded Monday when four dynamite caps with which he was playing at his home exploded. His left arm was blown away and a gaping hole was blown in his lower abdomen. The child was nine years old. It is reported that his father knew he had the caps but did not think there was any danger in his playing with them.

BANK CLOSURES FOR DAY

The Watauga County bank will be among the places of business in the town to observe an all day holiday Monday, in observance of Armistice Day.

Stores Will Close On Armistice Day

Operators of the various mercantile establishments in the town have signified their intention of remaining closed next Monday in observance of Armistice Day. Dry Goods, Hardware, Grocery establishments, etc., have joined in the closing agreement, and people of the community and county are asked to anticipate their needs this week, in order that they may not be inconvenienced by the temporary suspension of mercantile activity.

Drug stores, cafes and the like of course will render their usual service.

WPA WORK GOING FORWARD IN CITY

Thirty Men Now Engaged; Work On Aho Road is Reported Started.

Work on the first Works Progress Administration projects started in Boone last Friday as 18 men, with their supervisors started work in the street improvement program. By Tuesday the number of laborers had been increased to 30 and others will be added. Meantime ere this is printed or soon afterward crews are expected to be engaged on a number of different projects in various sections of the county.

The first work done in Boone consisted of the construction of two or three stone and concrete culverts and other work preliminary to the placing of stone surfaces on some of the hitherto unimproved streets. A coating or binder of tar is expected to be applied in the spring.

Mr. Joe Luther is project foreman, and Mr. Allen of West Jefferson is the engineer on the job. B. R. Bryan is acting in the capacity of time-keeper and Mayor Grady calls attention to the fine organization so quickly formulated, and states that the town and the workers are moving along as a unit, to the end that the greatest possible benefits may accrue from the Federal expenditures.

Work is said to have been started on the road leading from Aho to Penley, Mr. D. W. Wooten being the general foreman, and other projects approved for the county are getting in shape rapidly for active work to start.

Local White Tutors Rank 91st in State

Raleigh, Nov. 4.—Watauga county's white teachers rank 91st in the 100 counties of the state in scholastic training, as against 96th place 10 years ago, figures in the Department of Public Instruction show. Last year the average scholastic training was the equivalent of 2,733 years in college, as compared with only 321 of a year 10 years ago, an increase of 2,412 years in training in the 10-year period. Negro training last year was equivalent to three years in high school, as against two years 10 years ago, an increase in training of one year in the 10-year period.

Everett Culler Gets Serious Injury In Fall

Mr. Everett Culler, of Zionville, was seriously injured in a fall from a farm tractor a few days ago, and is a patient at the Banner Elk Hospital, according to word brought Wednesday by Mr. J. A. Warren of that community, a business visitor in town.

Young Mr. Culler was operating the machine, it appears, and as it started to turn turtle, jumped, fell against the body of an abandoned automobile, broke his jaw in three places, and suffered a serious fracture above one eye. The injured man is reported as being in a serious condition.

ERECTS NEW HOME

Mr. Jeff Stanbury, who recently purchased the Azor Hartley place east of Boone, has finished the erection of the walls to a handsome 8-room brick residence, and the interior finishing is now being done. The building is of thoroughly modern construction throughout and Mr. and Mrs. Stanbury believe they will be able to occupy it within the next two weeks.

AUDITORIUM REDECORATED

The administration auditorium at Appalachian College has been completely decorated by the Wilson Brothers, local painters, within the last two weeks. The Greek designs on the walls are especially attractive, and the finishing is done in varied shades of tan.

LEADS SCORED BY G. O. P. AS LATE RETURNS COME IN

Year Elections Indicate Loss Of Democratic Strength In East.

DEMOCRATS LOSE FIGHT TO KEEP N. Y. ASSEMBLY

Republican Leads in Philadelphia Race; Kentucky Vote Heavy, but Returns Unavailable; New Jersey Returns Yet in Doubt.

Republicans swept into the lead Tuesday night in strategic sectors of the off-year state election front.

The home districts of both President Roosevelt and Postmaster General Farley were counted in the G. O. P. column. Several Democratic incumbents in the New York state assembly were unseated.

On a basis of incomplete returns, the New York state Republican leadership claimed to have elected 80 of the assembly's 150 members, and regained voting control of that body.

Democratic nominees, however, were far in the lead in races for two seats in the national house of representatives, both from New York city.

Wilson Takes Lead
Meanwhile, S. Davis Wilson, Republican, was leading John B. Kelly, Democrat, for the Philadelphia mayoralty.

New Jersey, also electing a general assembly, was slow reporting its ballots. Kentucky, which settled a heated gubernatorial contest will not tabulate votes until today.

Democratic leaders in New York Assembly Speaker Irwin Steingut, in city have not conceded defeat, but a telephone conversation, congratulated Republican assembly speaker Irving M. Ives on the apparent GOP victory.

"The people have spoken, the results are decisive," Ives said. "The new deal in the state of New York has been repudiated."

Republican State Chairman Melvin C. Eaton, in a statement in New York city, said the results "clearly showed a trend away from the new deal."

Eaton said the Democrats "failed in their efforts to buy this election." He charged yesterday that the administration was attempting to buy votes through distribution of WPA jobs.

The Democrats suffered their severest blow in Erie county, whose major population is in Buffalo, and in Monroe, where bitter battles were waged in the city of Rochester.

The Democrats, who won control of the house last year for the first time in 22 years, had conceded the possible loss of only one seat in Erie and had hoped for a complete sweep in Monroe by recapture of the one seat they lost last fall.

Mrs. Hilliard Dies At Lockland, Ohio

Mrs. Pearl Hilliard, wife of Clyde Hilliard and a native Wataugan, died at her home in Lockland, Ohio, November 1, and the remains were returned to this county, interment being at the family cemetery near Forest Grove Church. She was 42 years old. Funeral services were conducted from the church by Rev. J. C. Canipe of Boone, and Rev. Fletcher of the Cove Creek Baptist Church.

Surviving is the husband and four children, all of them residents of Lockland, Ohio; Mrs. Alice Seranton, George Hilliard, John Hilliard and Miss Jewel Hilliard. Three brothers and six sisters also survive: C. W. Eller, Butler, Tenn.; Jim Eller, Peoria; Connelly Eller, Bluff City, Tenn.; Mesdames Alice Helton, Bean Station, Tenn.; Mrs. Maggie Fletcher, Sherwood; Mrs. Hattie Combs, Vilas; Mrs. Nettie Gragg, Sugar Grove; Mrs. S. S. Ward, Neva, Tenn.; Mrs. Nora Reynolds, Elizabethton, Tenn.

ASSOCIATIONAL RALLIES

Mr. Carl Triplett, Sunday School director for the Stony Fork Baptist Association, has released the following program for the associational rallies to be held at the Mount Vernon Church Sunday afternoon, November 10:

General theme: "Our Call to Evangelism"; 2 p. m., song, praise, Scripture Matt. 28:19-20, John 9:4, prayer; 2:15, talk, "The Assigned Task"; 2:35, talk, "The Field"; 2:55, talk, "The Worker."

REVIVAL CLOSURE

A revival meeting closed last Friday at the Pleasant Grove Church with the baptism of 10 converts. The meeting was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Ashley, who was assisted by Rev. W. C. Payne, and there were large and interested congregations.

The Worth White Club will meet at 7:30 Friday, the 8th, with Mrs. A. E. Hamby as hostess.