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retary; Mrs. Louise Whitehurst, corresponding secretary, and Leonard Wirt Parker, treasurer.

When the Capitol Cafeteria, a privately owned eating place facing the

Capital Plaza, opens for business on these cold Washington mornings at 6 o'clock, there is usually one patron who is ready to pick up a tray and select his breakfast.

That patron is the dean of the N. C. delegation in Congress, Rep. Robert L. Doughton of the 9th district, member of the House since March 4, 1911.

Farmer Bob is now making his

home in a room at the George Washington Inn just across the street from the new House office building where he has his own office suite.

As for Mr. Doughton's general health and his demeanor, he has neither looked nor felt better in years than he does right now.

Meanwhile, the usual speculation is underway as to whether he will seek renomination to the House next year or decide to retire to his farm near Laurel Springs in Allegheny county.

Thus far, Farmer Bob has had nothing to say about his future. He has felt for some years that he may like to retire, but each time he gives it much thought his constituents move in and make him change his mind.

In view of the Farmer's good health and disposition as he goes along in the lower 80's, most any Tarheel observer could do little more than draw the conclusion that his name will be on the ballot again in 1948, which will be 38 years after his first congressional campaign in 1910.

Rep. Hamilton Jones said recently that he had not given up in his efforts to get the Army to declare surplus the army quartermaster depot at Charlotte ahead of the two year schedule that the Army has set for disposing of the property.

Charlotte industrial interests have been fighting for sometime to have the Army declare the base surplus within the next few months so that it could be purchased for new factory facilities. The warehouses there also qualify as desirable industrial property. Jones said that Charlotte businesses had postponed construction of new warehouses because the depot might become surplus.

Jones said that before the end of the special session of Congress he and Senator Hoey would call at the Army Department to try to persuade the Army to change its mind.

A Sanford man has been named as the new deputy director of the Treasury Department's office of international finance. Dr. John W. Gunter, 33-year-old Sanford native, will return from his present duties in London to assume the new post. Treasury Secretary John W. Snyder said in announcing the appointment.

Rep. Deane has announced that the Postoffice Department had approved a proposal to change the name of the town of Sanatorium to

McCain effective January 1.

For the most part, public education in N. C. is showing a slow but steady progress. Besides substantial salary increases granted by the state legislature, there has been a marked decrease in the number of teacher vacancies in the state. During the present school year there are only 50 vacancies in the system compared with 100 for the last school year. But REA's research division estimates that still some 3,000 teachers need to be added to the staffs to replace those holding emergency certificates and to bring the teaching load down to 1940-41 levels.

Emergency or substandard certificate teachers are also on the downgrade. Those holding the substandard certificates this year number about 2,700 compared with 3,000 last year. Of the approximately 2,700 holding the substandard certificates, about 95 per cent are held by teachers in rural schools.

The number of students has increased this year over last by nearly 3,000 and the number of teachers by more than 400.

The dimmest outlook on the education horizon in the state is the number of persons now taking teacher-training. The NEA reports "much smaller number" of men and women

are taking part in teacher-training programs than in the year 1940-41.

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