

How Work Drive Started Air-Conditioning Essential The City Beautiful

When the Secretary of the interior, Harold Ickes, called his staff of 4,000 employees together the other day and warned them against "soldiering" on the job, it sent a cold chill down the backs of nearly half a million Federal job-holders, even though the thermometer in this hot and humid city stood at 100 degrees in the shade.

The idea is gaining strength here that Mr. Ickes is about efficient an administrator within the sphere of his department's activities, as has been seen in Washington for some time. He intends to get things done if everybody in his department has to sweat to get 'em done.

The young man didn't know Mr. Ickes by sight, so when the Secretary of the Interior asked, mildly: "Is this the way you usually receive visitors?" the nonchalant reply was: "What's that to you?"

Then the Secretary identified himself, and one young man in the Federal Service has been shaking in his boots ever since. That incident started Mr. Ickes on a quiet tour of inspection of the Interior Department. He found, as he told his assembled staff, many men and women in the cafeteria, after the time they were supposed to be at their desks, eating their breakfasts on Government time.

Mr. Ickes, however, reckoned without the Washington climate. Every new administrator who comes to Washington, especially from the North, always tries to speed up the Federal machinery. Hundred of earnest men have tried it ever since the National capital was established in this swamp on the banks of the Potomac.

Some of the new Federal buildings are air-conditioned, equipped with modern mechanism to keep the temperature and humidity at a comfortable degree all the year around. But none of the old ones and not all of the new ones have yet set up this modern method of enabling people to work in comfort.

Now President Roosevelt is having his offices enlarged, and the whole wing of the White House will be air-conditioned. Some parts of the new Commerce building, the offices occupied by the Secretary and some of the higher officials, are also so equipped, but Congress has never been willing to appropriate money to extend the system to entire buildings.

Under the present Governmental system, whereby the President is handed a few billions to spend about as he pleases, it is expected that a fair slice of the Public Works Administration funds, which Secretary Ickes manages, will go toward removing the last excuse of Government clerks for loafing on the job.

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NEWS BRIEFS

TWIN CROONERS

Bing Crosby and his wife, the former Dixie Lee, screen actress, became the parents of twin boys in Hollywood. While Bing, singer, actor and pretty fair amateur golfer, was passing out the cigars he was told that he and his wife had established some sort of "record" for screen couples. No other couple in the movies has twins.

PLANS PROBE

Determined to get to the bottom long-standing complaints of monopoly in the aluminum industry, the department of justice plans to push its investigation of the Aluminum company of America with fresh vigor. Attorney General Homer Cummings has disclosed. The Aluminum company controlled by Former Secretary of Treasury Andrew W. Mellon, his family and associates, for years has been accused by independents of exercising monopolistic, price-fixing control over supplies of the metal.

DROWNS SELF, BABIES

Mrs. Robert Glenn Smith, 23, with her only two children, Peggy, three years old, and Ray, 14 months old, stepped into 12 feet of muddy water a few hundred yards above the Freeman mill dam, seven miles east of High Point and all three were drowned. The death of the mother ended two years' suffering with pellagra, which her neighbors said had partially affected her mind.

PRISON HEAD RESIGNS

The killing of Helen Spence Eaton, escaped girl convict, by a trusty guard near Little Rock, Ark., which the prosecuting attorney has charged was "murder," has been followed by the resignation of Prison Superintendent A. G. Stedman at the end of an inquiry into the whole affair. He said he resigned to stop criticism of the penal system and the governor.

RESTORES PENSIONS

Some 25,000 of the nearly 30,000 world war veterans cut off the pension rolls because they couldn't prove they were disabled in service shortly will have compensation restored because the government cannot show they were not disabled in war service, according to Washington dispatches. Eighty or 90 per cent of these so-called "presumptive" cases, which have been a sore spot in veterans' matters for some time, are being put back. Their compensation was disallowed under the economy act.

ELECTION PROBE

The State board of elections will pay a special visit to Wilkesboro July 25 to continue its investigation or charges of irregular voting in Alexander and Wilkes counties in the June 30 primary. J. Hayden Burke, of Taylorsville, who was defeated by a narrow margin by J. A. Rousseau, of Wilkesboro, charged that Republicans voted.

NEW NRA BOARD

An industrial appeals board to protect small business from monopolistic influences has been created as part of the widespread reorganization of the national recovery administration. The board, which will take over some of the functions of the late Darrow board, consists of three members. Amos J. Peaslee, acting director of NRA compliance, is the chairman. John S. Clement, Philadelphia floor covering manufacturer, is the second member while the third has not yet been chosen.

FRENCH BIRTHRATE DECLINES

France is disturbed over a decline in births for 1933 when faced with as increase in death rate, nearly 40,000 fewer babies were born in 1933 than in 1932. and advocates of large families are redoubling their efforts.

DIES AT 107 YEARS

Rhoda Tucker, negro woman who died at South Boston, Va., Sunday from the infirmities of old age, was said to have been 107 years of age. She was able to see distinctly and read without glasses, and until a few days prior to her death did work in a small garden. She lived with her daughter, who is now 80 years of age.

In The WEEK'S NEWS



OIL KING AT 95—John D. Rockefeller celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday at his Lakewood, N. J., home July 8 very quietly because of his recent illness. He is shown in his latest photograph.

WED AT 98 (FAHRENHEIT)

—Miss Henrietta M. Pinneke, of Guttenberg, Iowa, and Francis D. Sauerby, of Edgewood, Iowa, met last year at the Havoline Thermometer at A Century of Progress. Exactly a year later they were married at the same place, the thermometer registering 98 degrees at the time.



IMPROVES HIGHWAYS—Defender of scenic charm along Quebec's highways, the Hon. J. E. Perrault, Quebec Minister of Highways, has won world-wide attention for leadership in regulating billboards and preserving beauty on motor roads. He has put Quebec's highways into finest shape for Cartier 400th anniversary fetes this Summer.



GIANT PLANT—John Nicolson, General Manager of Distillers Company, Limited, announces plans for erection at Linden, N. J., of world's largest gin distillery where famous British brands of gin, including Gordon's and Burnett's, will be produced.



BETTER, THANKS—Ida Lupino, screen actress with the beautiful eyes, is recovering after a light attack of infantile paralysis. She's staying away from swimming pools, though, because she caught the disease in one.



HEY SKINNAY! It's splashing time in the pool at the base of the Civic Virtue statue, City Hall Park, New York City. And what's more, on broiling hot days the cops look the other way as the boys escape the sidewalk heat.

GOEBBELS GABLES TO HITLER—German Chancellor Adolf Hitler listens intently as Dr. Joseph Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda, explains the public reaction to the recent "purging" of the Nazi party. General von Blumberg (center) watches the proceedings.

State Offers Chances For Rural Power Lines

Finds State Is Most Suitable

Preliminary Survey Conducted and Possibilities Discovered.

North Carolina now has greater possibilities for rural electrification than any other state, according to national authorities who have been studying the situation here.

The demand for current for rural electric lines can be supplied with power tapped from the 49 municipally-owned plants at low cost or generated in hydro-electric plants on the numerous streams in the Piedmont area, said George W. Kable, national director of rural electrification.

Mr. Kable recently conducted a preliminary survey of the state which showed that an extension of rural transmission lines from the municipal systems could furnish current to thousands of farms in the near future.

The municipally-owned plants are located in cities scattered over the state and each could serve a large number of farms in its general vicinity.

The development of the vast potentialities for hydro-electric power would of necessity be slower, Mr. Kable said, since this would involve the construction of dams and power plants as well as the stringing of transmission lines.

WINSTON PHYSICIAN INJURED

Dr. Thomas Benbow, widely known Winston-Salem physician, was seriously injured Sunday when his automobile ran over an embankment near Brevard. He was attempting to avert a collision at the time the accident occurred, it is stated.

Judge Defends Modern Wives

Husband's Can't Expect Mates To Go Into Hiding

Newton—Social customs should be considered in passing upon legal decisions, and changes in these customs should be noted by the law, according to Judge W. F. Harding, Charlotte jurist, holding the July term of superior court in Catawba county.

"Changed social conditions should be noted by judges in making their decisions," he said in passing upon an alimony case here today, "and what was considered wrong 50 years ago, what would have shocked our parents, no longer shocks us."

Continuing: "If a young man 50 years ago went to a dance and got drunk, he was escorted from the floor. For a woman to have gotten drunk at a dance would mean she would have been socially ostracized. Whether right or wrong, that is no longer true. The facts are that today both men and women get drunk at dances, and it is considered all right.

"The same thing seems to be true in regard to cigarettes. A young woman who smoked years ago had no social standing, whereas today it is perfectly proper for young (Continued on page eight)

Fire Damages Lowery Hospital

Damage of approximately \$4,000 to building and contents was done by fire at the Lowery hospital here Saturday morning. The flames originated between the ceiling and the roof on the second floor from defective wiring, firemen report, and considerable damage was done to the roof and supporting timbers. Patients were moved out and no injuries resulted with the exception of a burned hand sustained by Fireman C. R. Adams when a portion of the roof fell in.

Sold Her Fortune



ST. LOUIS ... Miss Huraldine Shores, 19, (above), sales girl, held a \$1 ticket in the Irish Sweepstakes which proved to be worth \$100,000. ... Failing to realize its value on race day she sold it to a stranger who offered her \$750. Now she wonders if the stranger will return to share the winnings.

Jewelers Honor Norman Ingle

At the annual convention of the North Carolina Jewelers' Association in session at Durham this week, Frank Selig of Elizabeth City was elected president, and Norman Ingle, popular young jeweler of this city was named one of three district vice presidents. The association also went on record as endorsing the Roosevelt administration.

Warden Says Get Permits For Seining

Assistant State Game and Fish Warden, W. C. Lisk advises all that wish to seine to get permits from him or at the Sheriff's office. No seining is allowed in the back waters, as the waters have been treated for mosquitoes. The power companies having treated the waters, and the public is asked to cooperate with them by refraining from seining in these waters.

Parkway Will Get \$2,000,000

GOOD MORNING

PARTNERS Scuttle, scuttle, little roach. How you run when I approach Up above the cupboard shelf Hastening to obscure yourself! Most adventurous of all vermin, How I wish I could determine How you spend your hours of ease; Or in abandonment most utter. Shake a shimmy on the butter? Do you chant your simple tunes Swimming in a bowl of prunes? Does your long antenna whisk its Gentle tip across the biscuits. Little friend, why be so shy? We are brothers, thou and I— In the midnight, like yourself, I explore the pantry shelf.

EXCUSE IT PLEASE

A man who believed he knew all about parrots undertook to teach what he thought to be a young mute bird to say "Hello!" in one lesson. Going up to the cage he repeated that word in a clear voice for several minutes, the parrot paying not the slightest attention. At the final "Hello" the bird opened one eye, gazed at the man, and snapped out, "Line's busy!"

BOTH ENDS AGAINST THE MIDDLE

Two men who had been bachelor cronies met for the first time in five years. "Tell me, Tom," said one, "did you marry that girl, or do you still darn your own socks and do your cooking?" "Yes," was Tom's reply.

DISCHARGED

Mrs. Jones—Yes, my new girl formerly worked for Mrs. De Style. She says she left there of her own accord, but I think she was discharged.

Mrs. Williams—What makes you think so? Mrs. Jones—I judge so from certain things she's let fall since she's been with me.

Mrs. Williams—What were they?

MARTIAL RELATIONS

Judge: "Now tell us about your martial relations. Were they pleasant?"

Prisoner: "Pleasant enough, but they all wanted to come and live on me, Judge."

Mr. Slack—I want you to understand that I have my own train of thought.

Mrs. Slack—Yes I know; a very slow train with an awful poor conductor, John.

She—"Anybody would think that I was nothing but a cook in this household."

He—"Not after eating a meal here!"

WHAT THEY MISS

"The sun never sets on the British Empire," said the Englishman proudly.

"How unfortunate!" remarked the American girl. "At home we have such lovely sunsets."

NO ADVICE NEEDED

Ikey Cohen became wealthy in New York. Having arrived at the place where money was secondary to the satisfaction of parading his ability to purchase anything his fancy dictated, he adopted the policy of buying only the best.

At length he became involved in a matter which required the attention of an attorney. Through enquiry, he determined New York's leading attorney and consulted him. The question was trivial but the attorney, rendering a written opinion, also submitted a bill for \$400. Cohen gasped. But he paid it.

The next day, he met the attorney on the street. Cohen bowed low and greeted him warmly.

"Good morning, sir, good morning. Lovely day, ain't it?"

And then, suddenly recollecting the pain which followed a former question he had propounded to the same attorney, Cohen said: "But remember I'm tellin' you, I ain't asking you."

Her Fund Goes For Road

Allocation For Park-to-Park Highway Increased to \$6,000,000.

The Public Works administration has made available an additional \$2,000,000 for the scenic highway to connect the Shenandoah National park in Virginia and the Great Smoky Mountains National park in North Carolina and Tennessee.

The allocation brought to \$6,000,000 the total that has been set aside for the parkway, which will extend 350 miles and cost more than \$16,000,000.

Although no definite route has been agreed upon, the road will follow in general the southern Appalachian mountain range. It is expected both North Carolina and Tennessee will be given entrances to the Great Smoky park.

In announcing the additional allotment, public works officials said the parkway will make easily accessible to motorists the Great Smoky park, which contains some of the most beautiful scenery in eastern America. Original plans called for the road to connect with the skyline drive in the Shenandoah National park.

The states of Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee have agreed to co-operate in the construction of the Parkway by providing a 200-foot right-of-way, except where it lies within national park areas.

Young Democrats To Meet Monday

A meeting of the Young Democrats of Rowan County has been called for Monday night, by John C. Kesler, president. The purpose of the meeting is to elect delegates to the state convention which convenes in Asheville on July 27 and 28.

Representatives from all precincts are urged to attend this meeting which will be held in the court house, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Shannon To Become Spencer Postmaster

W. H. Shannon has received from Washington his commission as postmaster at Spencer, which came from Postmaster General James A. Farley.

The appointment is for four years, and is dated from June 13, and was signed by the President before leaving Washington several weeks ago.

Mr. Shannon expects to take charge of the Spencer office on next Monday.

SAYINGS OF SOLOMON

Little James—Papa, was Solomon the man who had 700 wives? Papa—I believe he was, my son.

James—Was he the man who said, "Give me liberty or give me death"?

WANTED Correspondents

THE WATCHMAN desires to secure a number of good live-wire correspondents in all sections of Rowan County, especially on each of the R. F. D. routes out of Salisbury, and at the following towns in this immediate section: China Grove, Landis, Rockwell, Elmwood, Gold Hill, Mt. Ulla, Bear Poplar, Yarkin, Woodleaf, Franklin. An attractive offer will be made to those who will send in the news of their respective neighborhoods weekly. Supplies are furnished by us. A personal interview is desired. Call at THE WATCHMAN office, 119 East Fisher Street.