On The Tar Heel Front In Washington

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Washington.—It is doubtful if there is a more homesick man in all Washington than Mills Kitchin, Federal Tax expert and Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

Mr. Kitchin bears a name which has become a state legend and is as much North Carolina as pine forests and traditional adherence to the Democratic party. He is just as loyal to his state as were the history-making members of his family.

"I was born in Scotland Neck, brought up there, lived there most of my life and wish I were back there now," Mr. Kitchin said tersely. He complains he can't really live in Washington — his life is just an existence of vacillating between a small unit in an apartment building and a small unit in an office building. After eight years of "servitude" in Washington, he asserts he still can't adjust himself to the standards here.

"You'll find more honest, fundamental values in one block in Scotland Neck than are displayed in the whole set-up in Washington," he declared. "Take for instance when a man asks you out for lunch. Before you have had time to butter your hard roll (no relation to the Southern biscuit), you know why you're asked out. And its certainly isn't because they like you, or consider you a good conversationalist. There's a hand out somewhere."

Lunching out with "acquaintances" has come to the point where he would rather pay for his own lunch, Mr. Kitchin said with a smile.

But if he doesn't like Washington as a place to live, he does find his work most interesting. At the request of former Attorney General Homer Cummings in 1934 Mr. Kitchin came to Washington to head the Feaderal tax prosecuting unit. He appears personally in trial of all sorts of federal tax evasion cases in appellate courts throughout the country. This has given him an opportunity to see all sections of the United States and to observe their customs and way of living. Strangely enough, he contends that New England is more like the South than any other section of the country.

"New Englanders, like Southerners, are more sincere in their appreciation of genuine and fundamental aspects of living," he stated. "Both sections of the country put honesty, friendliness and true Americanism ahead of any type of panhandling or money-grabbing."

Asked what his favorite hobby was, Mr. Kitchin replied without hesitation, "Hating stuffed shirts, punks and fakirs." He deplores men and women who are using the War to glorify themselves as self-sacrificing individuals, instead of honestly admitting they may be using Uncle Sam as a vehicle for receiving a high salary. His contempt of those who seek to destroy the capitalistic system is deep.

"The strange thing about such people is that they usually are sons and daughters of wealthy, self-made men who earned money the hard way," he said. "After coming from school which is supported mainly through endowments or contributions, they seek to defame the very system which made their education possible. They claim they are for 'uplifting' while in reality their only activity is an attempt at the destruction of a system which allows them the privilege of speaking against it."

Aside from his whole-hearted antagonism to every type of anti-Americanism, Mr. Kitchin spends some time fishing and golfing, when he can. He likes to garden, but says the hardwood floors of his apartment don't make very fertile soil for Victory Gardens.

Mr. Kitchin isn't a chronic "aginer," however. He waxes enthusiastic when Farmer Bob Doughton's name is brought into the conversation.

"I think Mr. Doughton has more sense than 40 other Congressmen put together," he said stoutly. 'To me, Farmer Bob and Josephus Daniels embody the real spirit of the Democratic party today."

Mr. Kitchin is also very friendly with his North Carolina neighbors, Congressmen Herbert C. Bonner, John Folger and Harold D. Cooley. He says he is acquainted with most of the North Carolina delegation, and believes them very fine men.

POLITICAL PALAVER:

The 1942 primary in North Carolina is living up to expectations of peace and quietude, with almost complete adjournment of politics. This is true with the exception of the First District where Marvin Blount, of Greenville, is seeking the nomination for the Congressional seat of Representative Herbert C. Bonner of Little Washington.

It's a poor rule that doesn't work both ways, Bonner supporters pointed out this week, in citing Mr. Blount's complaint that Mr. Bonner was nominated by the District Executive Committee in October 1940 when Lindsay Warren left Congress to become Controller General.

The procedure by which Mr. Bonner was nominated was established by law for cases of resignations or death of members of Congress, and he was elected over the Republican candidate in the general election by a 12 to 1 majority. Added to this, his supporters point out, there are other Representatives who received their first nominations the same way where vacancies occurred.

In calling the roll, they remind you that Mr. Blount once was named Mayor of Greenville by the City Council when Roy Flanagan died, and that the present Pitt County Sheriff was placed on the Democratic ticket by the County Executive Committee when the incumbent resigned.

Mr. Bonner's friends are busy in his behalf, and they have told him he could stick to his job here in wartime without fear that his cause would be neglected.

Other Congressional campaigns are quiet, according to reports reaching Washington. Evidence accumulated here points to renomination of Mr. Bonner; Representative John H. Folger of the Fifth District; William O. Burgin, Eighth; Major A. L. Bulwinkle, New Eleventh, and to the nomination of Cameron M. Morrison in the New Tenth, without difficulty.

The political waters are so peaceful there are even reports of adjournment of politics in Wilkes County, where Democrats and Republicans have fought it out among themselves and with each other for decades. The Wilkes Republicans are reported as peacefully inclined because of fears of possible warfare between their own factions.

Senator Bailey's forces are practicing wise strategy in making a straightforward fight against former Lieutenant Governor Dick Fountain for the senatorial nomination. Mr. Fountain is wending his way up and down the State, shaking hands, scratching backs and trying to arouse sentiment against the Senator. The grapevine telegraph to Washingtor reports he is making only negligible progress, if any.

The Senator has in his favor his strong foreign policy stand and his consistent support of all defense and war lagislation. On the farm side, he has voted for virtually every one of the 110 agricultural measures to come before the Senate since the Soil Conservation Act was passed in 1936. He has been loyal to the farmers all the way through.

Today, the senior Tar Heel Senator stands out as one of the foremost men in the Senate, one of its clearest thinkers, most brilliant speakers and scholars and consistent of fundamentally sound legislation. Josiah William Bailey never loses his head, nor does he yield to pressure to vote for anything he is convinced is unsound.

If you carry a brief case when you enter the New House Office Building, it's likely a fellow Tar Heel will be seated at the information desk ready to search it before you are admitted. We refer to Turner Robertson of Warrenton, who once lived in Scotland Neck, and for the past few years a member of the Capitol Police Force.

Turner checks the cameras of all sightseers, keeping them in custody until the visitors depart, and gives all brief cases a good going over. His job has been rushing since Farmer Bob Doughton's House Ways and Means Committee opened tax hearings. He admits newspaper photographers to the building only when they have 1942 passes signed personally by Speaker Rayburn.

He doesn't work the information desk all the time. When he is on other duty for as long as a month, he forgets most of the office numbers of House members in the building but commits them to memory again upon his return.

Representative John K. Kerr gave Turner his appointment as policeman. Before coming here, Turner worked in a grocery store in Scotland Neck.

A Washington State poultryman reports an egg shaped like a heart found in his laying house.

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Lv. County Home	657	707	937	1137	107	307	356	611	1106
Lv. J. H. Shore Serv. Sta.	659	709	939	1139	109	309	358	613	1108
Lv. Queen's Terminal	701	711	941	1141	111	311	401	616	1111
Lv. Valencia Club	702	712	942	1142	112	312	404	619	1114
Lv. Shell Service Station	703	713	943	1143	113	313	405	620	1115
Lv. Shoemaker Garage	706	716	946	1146	116	316	408	623	1118
Lv. Day's Place	707	717	947	1147	117	317	409	624	1119
Lv. Roaring River	708	718	948	1148	118	318	410	625	1120
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Lv. Roaring River	620	732	830	1045	1230	215	425	430	715	1230
Lv. Day's Place	621	733	831	1046	1231	216	426	431	716	
Lv. Shoemaker Garage	624	734	834	1049	1234	219	429	434	719	
Lv. Shell Service Station	625	737	835	1050	1235	220	430	435	720	
Lv. Valencia Club	626	738	836	1051	1236	221	431	436	721	
Lv. Queen's Terminal	628	740	838	1053	1238	223	433	438	723	
Lv. J. H. Shore Serv. Sta.	631	743	841	1056	1241	226	436	441	726	
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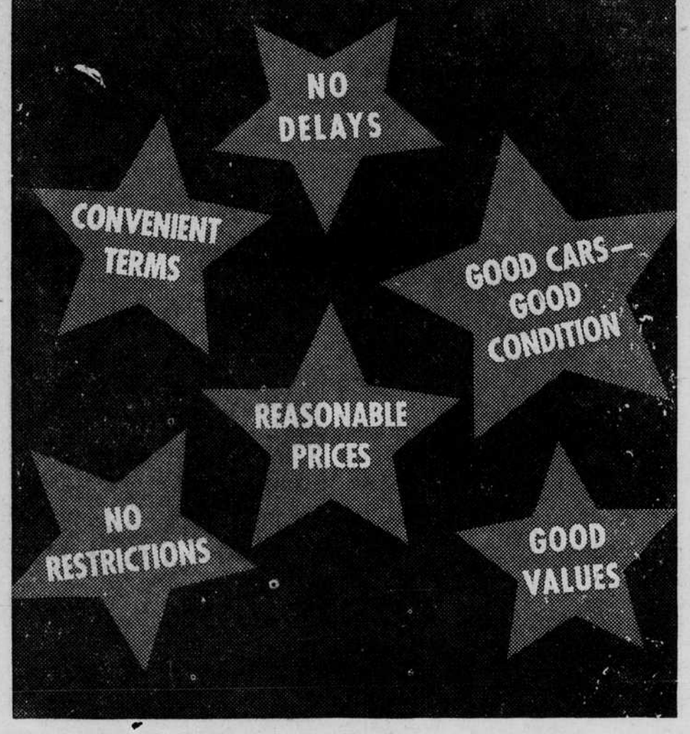

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