

## Looking at WASHINGTON

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January 27, 1955. Two young men who temporarily reside in the District of Columbia are going around with mighty long faces these days. Their names are Charles and Dick Jonas, aged thirteen and eleven. The source of their discomfort is the news from Lenoir telling of deep snows which necessitated the closing of the schools.

Here they are, way up north, well outfitted with new sled, boots, and other necessary outdoor equipment, and for all the good they are doing they might as well have been left in North Carolina. The other day I heard Charles muttering something about the snow having a harder time getting north of Richmond than Grant had in getting south of it.

The weatherman has predicted big league blizzards on three different forecasts in recent weeks, but so far there has been only one actual fall, and that so light that it had entirely disappeared by mid-morning. There have been a couple of flurries which didn't amount enough to cover the ground.

Speaking of school (this is for the benefit of eighth graders), our son Charles is having a harrowing experience these days. The curriculum for the eighth grade at home did not include courses in algebra and foreign languages. He is, therefore, having to make up a full semester in algebra and Latin. This keeps him at school from twenty minutes past eight until half past four in the afternoon. Twice a week he has to return after supper for an hour and a half of tutoring, and then on Saturdays he has to go back for an additional hour and a half. This quest of knowledge interferes considerably with basketball, which he had come to consider one of the required courses of school. There is some compensation on his Dad's side of the ledger—I save money on television current and picture shows.

On Monday I attended the first meeting of the Committee on Government operations. We approved a resolution extending the authority of the President to submit reorganization plans until April 1, 1958. This is the authorization under which the president is seeking to reorganize and streamline the Executive Departments and Agencies of the Government, with an assist from the Hoover Commission.

Existing authority provides that reorganization plans, when submitted by the President, shall become law unless rejected by a constitutional majority of either House. Some members of Congress feel that this gives the Chief Executive too much authority, and efforts have been made to change the rule to provide that Congress may reject a reorganization plan by a simple majority of those present and voting. All such efforts in the past have failed because it is generally agreed that the House of Representatives, composed as it is of 435 different individuals, is too unwieldy to be effective in this sort of activity. Inevitable squabbles and interminable debate would result over every

proposal to consolidate agencies or to transfer activities from one agency to another. I think it is fairly evident that effective reorganization can better be accomplished by the Executive than by the Congress, acting in assembly.

A number of reorganization plans have been put into effect in recent years under this authority but much still re-



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main to be done. The new Hoover Commission is hard at work and is expected to transmit its final report to the President by May of this year. Those of us who are interested in the elimination of duplication and waste and in streamlining the activities of the Federal Government, as much as possible, are hoping for additional recommendations in this field as a result of the intensive study of the various task forces of the Hoover Commission. Certainly everyone who is familiar with the tremendous growth and expansion of the Federal establishment in recent years will agree that there is considerable room for further progress in this direction.

I had intended in the last part of this newsletter to discuss the recent budget message. Recent events involving the international situation caused a change of plan. I shall therefore leave the subject of budget and finance until a later date, except to mention I was disappointed to discover my old enemy deficit spending still listed in the books. There is one encouraging aspect which should be noted, however, and that is that the spending trend continues downward and definite progress is being made toward the goal of a balanced budget.

On Tuesday the House served public notice to the world that we haven't forgotten Teddy Roosevelt's advice: "To walk with and carry a big stick." The vote on the Foran resolution was a mere 409 to 3 in favor of it. If anyone had any doubts left we stand united as a people in our foreign policy, those doubts may now be safely swept aside.

Perhaps the most significant thing about this action is that the President submitted the matter to Congress and asked for approval or rejection of what amounts to a new statement of our foreign policy. Constitutional lawyers are in sharp disagreement on whether it was actually necessary for the Chief Executive to ask Con-

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## 115 Volunteer Bloodmobile Gets 94 Pints Of Blood

The PTA of Riverside School is to be commended for the long hours of hard work given in behalf of Avery County's sick and for their desire to help us keep our Red Cross Blood Program. The Home Demonstration Club of Plumtree and its staff, under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Harrison, made a most delicious refreshment. Thus a wonderful success story can be printed for all to read.

In spite of snow and ice, 115 people went down the line from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. to donate blood. Only 21 persons failed the physical. It is a thorough physical, a heart check is made, blood pressure is taken, etc., and only who fail this test go out determined to build up their health and try again as a prospective blood donor. Those who are short on iron are told to eat good blood-building foods in order to feel better able to do their work, and sometime later be able to give blood.

Mr. Hobson, the Principal, assisted every capably wherever he was needed. He is due heartfelt thanks from everyone interested in Free Blood for the sick. He more than does his part every time the bloodmobile comes to Riverside. Mr. Charles Davenport, President of the PTA, worked tirelessly to help in fill our quota of 85 pints.

Wonderful publicity was given by the woman in the Harris City Plants and Tar Heel Mica Plant. Mrs. Elsie Bowers brought a fine group of Cranberry High students. How happy they were were to be able to give their first pint of blood. Mr. Bill Yates, president of the Veterans' Club at

Lees-Merac, brought seven donors.

Mrs. Robert Brinkley gave her pint of blood but also worked as an R.N. assisting Dr. Christian with histories, etc. Mrs. Brinkley helped so much, we thank her again. Miss Janet Ollis, a nurse from Crossnore Hospital, weighed, counted pints and took temperatures of every volunteer! Thank you, Janet!

Volunteer workers include: Mesdames: E. T. Erickson, Sam Thompson, Keener Biggerstaff, Laxton Biggerstaff, Ernest Davenport, Frank Berry, Carl Stewart, Ralph Phillips, Frank Phillips, Vernon Pittman, Louise Burleson, Lawie Albridge, Henry Burleson, Frank Angel, Ivor Vance, Friel Vance, and Miss Barbara Davenport.

Those who registered to give blood include:

J. D. Walsh, Jr., Lawson Puckett, Al Burleson, Buckey Smith, Frederick Blair, Gene Castle, Kernal Johnson, Fred Davis, Jack Hughes, Claude McCoury, Dennis Carraway, Fred Johnson, Jr., Miss Lillian Buck, Mrs. Alma Benfield, Mrs. Don Wiseman, Roy L. Stronpe, Joe Fisher, Dayton Benfield, Carl Johnson, William Brinkley, Jasper Vance, Stokes Fisher, Robert Taylor, Miss Edith Cornett, Lloyd Buchanan, James Calloway, Doliver Pritchard, Berley Williams, Mrs. Henrietta Phillips, Wade Buchanan, Goldman Hughes, Guy Ollis, Mrs. Minnie Lee Carpenter, Rev. Frank Berry, Mrs. Pansy Biggerstaff, Mrs. Betty Lacey, Mrs. Ruth Calloway, Howard Collins, Mrs. Sadie Wiseman.

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## N.C. Democrats Have Jefferson-Jackson Dinner Saturday

RALEIGH, N. C.—(Usual) speaker appeal will be a major characteristic of the annual gathering of North Carolina's Democrats at their 1955 Jefferson-Jackson Dinner here on Saturday, February 5th.

In addition to the strong appeal of the principal speaker, U. S. Senator Clinton P. Anderson of New Mexico, for all Democrats, there will be an outstanding woman official of the national party present. She is Mrs. Katie Louchheim, director of women's activities for the Democratic National Committee.

Also in attendance as special guests of Congressman and Mrs. Thurman Chatham will be Miss Marjorie LeComte from the American Embassy at Paris. She is one of the few persons in our history made a citizen of the United States by an act of Congress. Dinner Chairman William B. Harrison has reported.

With the annual dinner only a few days off, Harrison reported, many of North Carolina's counties have been heard from, making requests for dinner res-

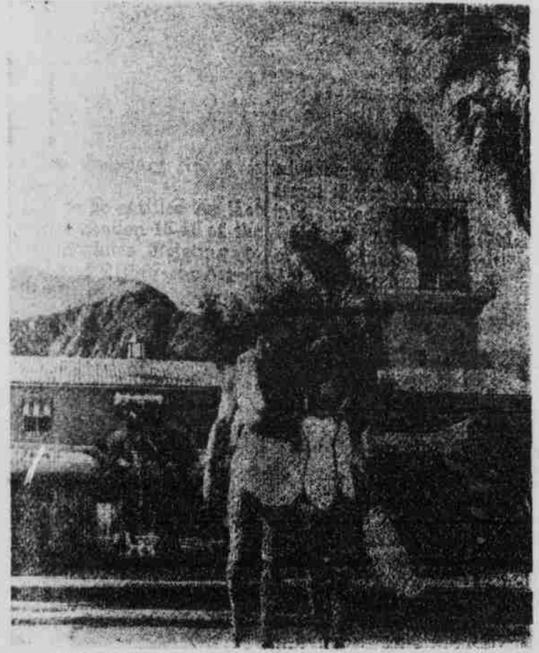
ervations for their delegations, and forwarding at least a part of their subscription quotas. Twenty-five of the 100 counties have completed their quotas, the dinner chairman said.

He urged that all chairmen of the county Democratic Executive Committees complete their quotas as early as possible to avoid last minute confusion because of the limited seating available at the dinner.

Senator and Mrs. Anderson while in Raleigh will be the personal guests of Governor and Mrs. Luther Hodges. The Governor and the Senator have been closely associated for a number of years, both in national government and in the activities of Rotary International.

Senator Anderson is widely recognized as a most effective speaker. He is a cattle farmer and insurance executive of considerable scope in his native New Mexico, in addition to his long record of service to his country through the Democratic Party. His message to the Democrats of North Carolina promises to be one of considerable significance, Harrison said.

## Most Photographed Tower



AMALFI, CALIF.—This unusual tower with its observation balcony has become the most photographed tower in America. Located on the grounds of the El Mirador Hotel, the "Tower of the Sun" was graced by the famous hand hammered bronze bell brought from the Church of Our Lady in Amalfi, Italy.

## Senator Winters Co-Sponsor Of Bill Giving Right To Arrest Without Warrant

RALEIGH, N. C.—Senator Belmont H. Winters, of Elk Park, has co-sponsored a bill in the North Carolina Legislature which would give officers the right to make arrests without warrant.

Mr. Winters sends word that he would appreciate any comment, pro or con, in regard to the bill.

Other Senators who co-sponsor the bill are Morgan of Harnett, Godwin and Morgan of Cleveland, Woodson and Jones of Surry, Williamson, Rose and Britt of Summersill, and Poole of Moore.

The text of the bill, which has been referred to the Committee on Judiciary No. 2, is as follows:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to Rewrite Section 15-41 of the General Statutes Relating to the Right of Officers to Arrest Without a Warrant.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 15-41 of the General Statutes of North Carolina is hereby amended and rewritten to read as follows:

"A peace officer may without warrant arrest a person;

"(a) When the person to be arrested has committed a felony or misdemeanor in the presence of the officer, or when the officer has reasonable ground to believe that the person to be arrested has committed a felony or misdemeanor in his presence;

"(b) When the officer has reasonable ground to believe that the person to be arrested has committed a felony or misdemeanor and will evade arrest if not immediately taken into custody."

Sec. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

## N.C. Stock Car Drivers To To Be Honored Saturday

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—North Carolina stock car racing drivers will be honored at the annual Victory Dinner of NASCAR (National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing) during the forthcoming sixth annual Speed Week at Daytona Beach, Florida.

The Speed Week eight-day program (February 20 through 27, will include speed trials by some of the world's fastest sport cars and strictly stock passenger cars on the famous hard-packed sands, along with three days of racing over the 4.1-mile beach and road course February 25, 26 and 27.

Glenn Wood of Stuart has been named the North Carolina

state champion in the NASCAR Sportsman Division, with Billy Myers of Winston-Salem in the runner-up spot.

Some \$125,000.00 in cash, trophies and other awards will be announced and presented to the track, state and national champions in the five NASCAR racing divisions at the annual victory conclave, which will be held in the ocean-front Daytona Plaza Hotel.

Chris Williams of Stuart walked off with top honors among the car owners in North Carolina during the past season.

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