

# The Federal Diary

### 52 Pct. of Employees Have Veterans' Preference Status

By Jerry Klutz



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A NEW BATCH of official statistics reveals this interesting breakdown on the Government's 2,380,000 civilian employees of whom more than 231,000 are in this area:

In all, there are 575,990 women of whom 45,290 have veterans' preference. In this area, 93,690 are G-girls, around 40 per cent of the total, and 5890 of them hold preference.

Employees with preference are now in the majority. They hold 1,218,410 of the jobs, or 52 per cent. Of that number, 208,550 are disabled and 19,540 are wives, widows or mothers. In the Washington area, 86,650 employees have preference of whom 10,100 are disabled and 2610 are wives, widows or mothers.

A total of 2,008,140 employees are in the competitive service; 1,663,980 of them have career status, 241,338 career-conditional status, and 102,822 are temporaries and indefinite. In this area, 198,607 are in the competitive service and the respective status figures are 159,713, 30,984 and 7910.

World-wide, there are 1,599,869 white-collar employees and 586,181 blue-collar workers. In the Washington area, the count is 193,191 and 32,244 respectively. You may be surprised to learn that the Government has 104,839 unpaid employees on its rolls of whom 3002 are here.

California, with 237,853, still ranks No. 1 in the number of Federal employees, followed by the District, New York has 181,000; Pennsylvania, 130,000; Texas, 113,000; Illinois, 98,000; Ohio, 88,000; Virginia, 66,000; Massachusetts, 61,000; Alabama, 60,000; Georgia, 56,000; New Jersey, 52,000, and Missouri 51,000.

The Washington area has the largest concentration of classifieds: California the most blue-collar employees, and New York the most postal workers. Classifieds outnumber postal or blue-collar employees in all of the 50 states.

**STICKERS:** Under the Hatch Act, you may display a political sticker on your private auto if the use of stickers is allowed by local ordinance. But the Civil Service Commission cautions that you should not do it if you use your car while on duty conducting public business. The same general rule applies to the wearing of a political badge or button.

**FBI** gave distinguished service awards to Ruth K. Wood, Otho Ezell and Roy Preston, and incentive awards to Dixie Anne Berger, Edwin Deiss, Joseph Lockman, Sandra Kaye Rice, Dean Robinson and Ronald Sumner. **THE ARMY** gave its second highest civilian honor, the meritorious service award, to Charlotte Campbell and Dr. Elmer Becker of Walter Reed Medical Center.

### Free Chest X-Rays Available Today

Free chest X-rays will be available today through Saturday at the D. C. Tuberculosis Association mobile unit at 727 H st. ne. Anyone over 18 is eligible.

The unit is open today from 11 a. m. to 12:30 and 1:15 to 6 p. m.; Wednesday through Friday 10 a. m. to 12:30 and 1:15 to 6 p. m.; Saturday, 9 a. m. to noon and 12:45 to 5 p. m.

### 128 Items Stolen

The theft of 50 electric razors, 76 watches and 2 lighters from the Standard Drug store at 1115 H st. ne. was reported to police yesterday by store manager Jesse W. Skelly. The haul, valued at \$1414, was apparently made over the weekend.

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# Sewer Plan Is Endorsed By 2 Groups

### Regional Planners, Anti-Pollution Unit Favor Proposal

By Susanna McBee

The White House plan to keep sewage out of the Potomac River above Washington won solid endorsements from two area organizations yesterday.

The Metropolitan Regional Conference's Water Supply and Pollution Abatement Committee backed the 28-million-dollar Potomac Interceptor Sewer proposal in the morning. And in the afternoon, the plan was unanimously approved by the National Capital Regional Planning Council.

Both groups, however, raised questions about details of the Administration's plan to authorize the District to build the interceptor to serve Dulles International Airport and upstream Maryland and Virginia.

John M. Kyle, representing the Montgomery County Council at the Regional Planning Council meeting, expressed concern about the provision giving the District Commissioners authority to condemn right-of-way for the sewer. "I'm not too sure we're going to be happy with that," Kyle said.

Donald E. Gingery, head of the Planning Council, said he did not think the District would ride roughshod over Virginia and Maryland local governments even if it wanted to. "We've got enough power in Congress to override anything we think is abhorrent," Gingery said.

District Engineer Commissioner A. C. Welling said the city would cooperate with nearby Maryland and Virginia in building the huge interceptor up the bank of the Potomac.

Fairfax County Supervisor William H. Moss urged Council members to let the details await approval of the overall plan to protect the area's major drinking water source from sewage pollution. "I don't want to see something close to Motherhood and God killed by nit picking," Moss declared.

"This is a heaven-offered opportunity," Welling said. "It is not one we are likely to get next year." The Council then passed a resolution endorsing the Administration's proposal.

Under the plan, the Federal Government would contribute \$3 million as its share of the sewer's cost. It would also authorize the District to borrow up to \$28 million from the Federal Treasury to complete the interceptor and a trunk line servicing the Chantilly, Va., airport. The costs are to be repaid from fees charged users.

# Police Car Beats Cadillac in Race With Speedster

A Lark caught a Cadillac last night.

Pvt. Eddie D. Wright and Clarence W. Albright, of No. 2 Precinct, said they saw the Cadillac speed through a red light at 4th st. and New York ave. nw. They gave chase in their new "compact" scout car.

Clocked at speeds up to 70 miles an hour, the Cadillac failed to make a turn from N st. to 1st st. nw. and struck a light pole, police said. The driver fled on foot but was collared a short distance away.

Identified as Edward E. Wilkins, 28, of Upper Marlboro, he was treated at D. C. General Hospital and charged with 11 traffic violations including colliding, leaving after colliding, speeding and running two stop lights and four stop signs.

# May Burden 1960 Voters

# Blank Paper Registration Plagues Virginia Despite Repeal Legislation

By Jeffrey S. O'Neill

Virginia may be unable to scrap its blank paper registration procedures for this presidential election year despite repeal legislation passed by the General Assembly.

Attorney General Albert S. Harrison is trying to resolve apparent conflicts among separate laws on the books and in the Virginia Constitution, and may rule within a week.

The blank paper provision, if unchanged, would burden thousands of Northern Virginia residents qualifying between July 13 and Oct. 8 for the November general election.

The General Assembly enacted the blank paper registration provision and abolished printed registration forms, in



The Legal Aid Society helps persons who cannot afford "even a modest fee" for an attorney. Mrs. Melvin J. Beran, at left, is a receptionist at the Society giving volunteer service as a member of the Service Guild of Wash-



ington. She interviews applicants for aid prior to legal interview. Attorney Andrew L. Geisler, at right, gives legal advice during an interview. Geisler is one of three paid half-time lawyers of the Legal Aid Society.

# Legal Aid Society Serves 6500

By Leslie H. Whitten

A chip from a piece of coal he was breaking for a friend snapped into Paul E.'s left eye and blotted out his vision.

Paul, a 43-year-old construction worker, went to various doctors and hospitals for eight months, always hoping one would promise return of his sight. None would. The eye was removed.

When Paul sought to collect on his accident insurance, the insurance company said it did not believe sight was destroyed within 90 days of the accident as the policy provisions required.

Paul E. could not afford his own lawyer. He went to the Legal Aid Society office at 805 G st. nw. There, director Alvin Fisher began collecting medical data.

Last week Paul E. cashed a check from the company for \$1000, more than enough to cover his medical expenses. Fisher worked eight hours on

the case. Paul had paid only the registration fee of \$1.

The case of Paul E.—and that is not his real name—was one of an expected 6500 this year. Ten years ago the Society dealt with 4412, and 20 years ago 2247. The total expenditure in 1959 was \$30,361.

Part of the funds are raised in what is surely one of the lowest-pressure campaigns in the city: a luncheon and a follow-up letter.

The luncheon, an annual event, will be held Thursday at the Sheraton-Carlton. The law firm of Covington and Burling will be cited by the Society for—among other things—permitting its young lawyers to serve Legal Aid without loss of salary.

Judges Walter M. Bastian and Warren E. Burger of the United States Court of Appeals will address the 100 lawyers and judges present.

In 1959 members of the bench and bar sent in almost \$12,000. The United Givers

Fund provided \$16,677. Registration charges and dividends from the David L. Krupsaw Fund and from stock covered the balance of the modest budget.

(The budget is too modest, according to a District Bar Association's Commission on Legal Aid report in October, 1958. The report called the Society's funds "pitifully inadequate.")

Fisher, three paid lawyers working half-time and more than 20 volunteer attorneys hear cases in the neat 7th floor office. These cases may be solved in a few minutes or may stretch out as long as three and a half years.

The more than 3000 domestic cases last year involved divorce, child custody, support and adoption. Economic proceedings on wages, pension and the like numbered 1674.

Property and miscellaneous matters filled out the 6490 total.

Founded in 1932 when Fisher joined it as a young lawyer,

the Society has functions parallel to those of the District Bar Association's Legal Assistance Office. Both handle only civil cases.

The Society's gauge for aid is an applicant's inability to "pay even a modest fee to an attorney after taking account of fixed expenses like cost of shelter, food and clothing."

Those who can afford more are sent to the District Bar's Lawyer Referral Service.

Once an applicant is accepted, the Society not only gives legal advice, but tries cases, drafts documents and conciliates in disputes.

Many client's problems involve indebtedness, but a lean-faced young man brought one in recently with a physician-health insurance ring. The man complained his creditors were "hounding me nearly to death."

His profession: a collection manager. The Society worked out a debt adjustment program for him.

# State Plans Resources Development

By Wendell P. Bradley

BRYANTOWN, Md., May 9 (AP)—The Board of Natural Resources drafted plans today for a "three-to-five-year program" for development of natural resources in Maryland.

The Board agreed to formally coordinate the work of six state conservation agencies it represents.

A committee was appointed to draft a formal statement of policy.

The meeting was held at the Charles County home here of Board member David Hume.

Hume said he hoped action by the legislature also would bring the Board into liaison with the State Roads Commission, the State Department of Health and the Department of Economic Development.

He said a lack of unity among conservation agencies has put the State on the defensive against problems of pollution and waste of resources. He said the State must take the offensive with long-range planning.

Robert M. Brown, chief of Environmental Hygiene for the State Health Department, met with the Board to discuss sewage problems arising from two huge housing developments planned in Prince Georges and Charles Counties.

Brown said the officials of different conservation agencies were apart in their understanding of the effects the sewage discharge would have.

Hume said this was an example of the need for unity

# Citizens Start Fight For Rural Zoning

By Wendell P. Bradley

Angry citizens in one of the last undeveloped areas of suburban Washington banded together last night to fight their county Government and save the woods and hills that now surround their homes.

At issue is whether the area will develop willily according to the whim of real estate developers or according to a master plan which preserves at least part of the country side.

The fight is over 84 square miles of Prince Georges County. But the issue is one that faces suburbanites in all the outlying areas.

The Maryland-National Capitol Park and Planning Commission prepared a zoning map last fall reserving most of the 84 square miles for rural residential development.

Last Friday the Prince Georges County Commissioners amended the map. Their opponents say the change will turn the countryside into a disorderly mass of drive-ins, gas stations, and rows and rows of box-like homes.

"Unless the Commissioners stop, and stop now, the whole map will be invalidated," Mrs. Mervin Phelps of the County League of Women Voters said. The League will ask the Commissioners to rescind the amendments.

These include rezoning from rural to commercial, apart-

# Tree Farm Urged for 'Hill' Needs

By Wendell P. Bradley

Faced with a million-dollar landscaping job on the Capitol grounds in the next few years, Capitol Architect J. George Stewart wants to grow his own shrubs and trees. He thinks it will be cheaper that way.

Stewart said yesterday he has proposed to the Senate Appropriations Committee that the old Poplar Point Nursery be reactivated on the south shore of the Anacostia River. It has been an earth dump since a flood 18 years ago.

Stewart said his experience in tree buying has convinced him it would be less expensive to reactivate the nursery than to buy shrubs and trees commercially.

The idea has interested Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass.) who has backed Stewart's request to the Senate Committee.

Stewart said it would cost about \$100,000 to prepare the 7-acre Poplar Point tract and set in seedling trees and shrubs, and about \$15,000 a year to maintain the nursery.

New Capitol landscaping will be needed next year when the East Front extension is completed. More will be needed for the newest House Office Building and when the Congressional Hotel, the George Washington Inn and other buildings are razed.

Housewives Telephone

Housewives from the Henson Valley Civic Association and the Camp Springs, Temple Hills and Friendly citizens' associations spent yesterday calling neighbors and plastering 50 autos with protest signs.

Last night the cars, with more than 100 retiree residents, drove to the home of Commissioner A. Preston Perrie, one of three Commissioners who voted for the Henson Creek rezoning.

Perrie, "somewhat ruffled," said only that his action had been "considered very carefully" and closed his door.

Residents plan to descend in force on the Commissioners at 10 a. m. today.

The 230 acres, at Brinkley and Allentown roads, is owned by developers John Aylor and Fred and Frank Scuderi. Fred Scuderi said it would be unfeasible to develop the land without the changes the Commissioners granted Friday.

He would not say how these changes affected the value of the land. But he said that developed his way the land will produce \$350,000 a year in county taxes, compared to \$125,000 if developed as the planners envision.

William Baxter, Assistant Supervisor of Assessments, said the land in that area sells for about \$2000 an acre now. Rezoned for commercial and apartment use it would be worth \$4000 to \$20,000 an acre, he said.

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# D. C. Warned On Delaying Rapid Transit

### Declared Costly and Harmful By Budget Aide, Civic Leaders

By Jack Eisen

A key White House aide, an organization of Washington business and civic leaders and a noted architect all warned yesterday that delay in providing a rapid transit system here will be costly and harmful.

As a congressional committee continued sifting testimony from last week's hearings, there were these developments on the transit front:

• Elmer B. Staats, deputy director of the Budget Bureau, declared that the proposed area-wide transit network will be costly but "any succeeding (transportation) plan is going to be more expensive."

• The Federal City Council urged that detailed planning for transit start immediately and that it include major use of existing railroad lines and the construction of a downtown subway.

• Architect Louis Justement, who appeared on a Washington Building Congress program with Staats, predicted that the construction of freeways downtown prior to the building of a subway would destroy the city and provide "the kiss of death" for transit.

For U. S. Participation

Staats, who reported White House support for transit at last week's hearing, opened the door yesterday to possible long-range Federal financial participation in an area-wide transit authority.

The White House bill provides for the immediate creation of a transit development agency with limited powers, to be succeeded in 1963 by a Federal corporation or an area-wide transit authority that would be locally controlled.

Staats said such an authority could be financed, in addition to passenger fares, by a regional system of taxes, user charges and long-term borrowing by bonds, or a combination of these.

He was asked whether the Federal Government would be willing to contribute a sum in lieu of taxes to such an authority, as it does to the District Government.

Guarantee Possible

Staats responded that this would have to be considered later, but it is possible that the Federal Government could guarantee the authority's bond issue despite a "general policy" of not doing so.

As a businesslike agency, he declared, the authority probably would have to rely upon revenue bonds—a type paid off from income.

Staats also expressed reluctance to delay the conversion of the temporary transit development agency into a permanent one beyond 1963. A case could be made for a one-year extension, he said, to let the Virginia and Maryland legislatures consider the proposal further.

Justement urged that Washington resist the "un-ending demands of the automobile and highway builders" and delay freeway construction so transit can get a head start.

Otherwise, he insisted, the city will be irrevocably damaged and its downtown doomed.

The Federal City Council, in a report by its special transportation study committee, called for a fast start on

the proposed downtown subway. Much money could be saved, it said, by using existing railroad lines, at least in the earlier stages of developing the area-wide transit system.

Some planners have said the rail network would not serve residential sections of the District adequately. The Council report would leave that job to buses, diverting construction funds to extensions into the suburbs whose commuting motorists create most of the downtown congestion.

It rejected an all-freeway solution to transportation problems, while endorsing the network of roads envisaged in the Mass Transportation Survey report.

Incumbent Rep. Richard E. Lankford said his bill to speed up anti-pollution measures will be the subject of hearings by a House Rivers and Harbors Subcommittee on Wednesday.

His opponent, Walter L. Green, urged immediate steps by the District, Maryland and Virginia to clean up the river. He elected to the House, Green said, he would meet often with the Prince Georges County Commissioners to discuss water pollution and other problems.

The candidates addressed the Fort Washington Democratic Club in the St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

**Democrats Out-Gain GOP In Registration**

BALTIMORE, May 9 (AP)—Democrats have outgained Republicans by more than 6 to 1 in voter registration since the 1958 Maryland primary, unofficial figures indicated today.

A roundup of the latest available reports shows 866,878 Democrats will be eligible to vote in the May 17 primary—an increase of 37,266 over two years ago.

Republican registration has risen to 345,699—up 5895. The number of voters registered, but belonging to neither major party, rose from 26,597 to 27,107. These are ineligible to vote in the party primaries.

Totals for the Fifth and Sixth Congressional Districts are: FIFTH, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Howard, Prince Georges, St. Marys Counties, and part of Baltimore City—152,033 Democrats, 61,920 Republicans, 5510 others, and SIXTH, Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, Montgomery, Washington Counties—130,436 Democrats, 100,702 Republicans, 8835 others.

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