

Grateful Citizens Group Won't Let Aide Resign

The adage that no one is indispensable was scrapped by members of the Northeast Washington Citizens' Association last night.

A resignation submitted by Mrs. Katherine S. Warren, now in her third term as secretary of the group, was refused by the association on grounds that she is "desperately needed, and one of the finest secretaries and ablest workers the 72-year-old association has ever had."

Mrs. Warren, who said she is loaded with other responsibilities and that her ailing mother needs her assistance, said it would be to the group's advantage for someone else to take over her position. But a myriad of protests made it clear that they felt it would not be to their advantage.

After showering her with commendations, the members agreed

to relieve her of some of her duties if she would continue, and under these circumstances, Mrs. Warren offered her services "with the proposition that the association continue to do the fine work it has done in the past."

In other business the association came out in favor of a curfew for District youths.

The group joined a number of citizens' groups who have requested that any further increases in taxes at this time be withheld, and that the 1957 budget be kept in line with the present one.

The association also favored the action taken by the Burroughs Citizens' Association, asked that steps be taken to clear up the pollution problem in the Potomac River.

The meeting, conducted by John Weber, was held at 1010 Massachusetts avenue N.E.

Higher Standards For Enrollment In Colleges Urged

The Capitol Hill Southeast Citizens' Association last night passed a resolution calling for higher entrance requirements for Wilson and Minor Teachers Colleges.

It was pointed out that the enrollment in these colleges has increased and stiffer requirements would raise scholastic level.

William Smith, chairman of the Fiscal Relations and Taxation Committee of the Federation of Citizens' Associations, spoke to the group about the District's fiscal problem. He said there will be a \$43 million increase in operating expenses over last year.

The association will study a report of Mr. Smith's committee, which is reviewing all possible sources of revenue. It will make its stand known to the Commissioners at a public hearing October 28.

The meeting was conducted by James W. O'Connor, president, in the Hine Junior High School, Seventh and C streets S.E.

Civic Group Plans Halloween Party

The Congress Heights Citizens' Association last night voted to hold its annual Halloween Party with the help of the other organizations in the area.

Elmer H. Whitney made a plea for help in the retarded children's fund-raising drive which will take place November 22. Mrs. Inez Loewus, of the District Tuberculosis Association, talked on the problem of tuberculosis in the District and what an individual can do to protect himself and his family from the disease.

The meeting was held at the Congress Heights Elementary School.

BRITISH LAY CLAIM TO TINY ISLAND IN MISSILE RANGE

The empire-minded British now have staked claim to Rockall, an island 280 miles northwest of Ireland, and about as big as a baseball diamond.

The National Geographic Society reports a landing party from HMS Vidal went ashore on the rocky speck, planted a flagstaff, unfurled the Union Jack and left a plaque.

Nobody wanted Rockall until now. Britain annexed it, the National Geographic says, "because it may fall within the orbit of a proposed guided-missile range in the Hebrides."

It is cramped, waterless, has two hazardous reefs nearby and is far off normal shipping lanes.

Mexico Bats Are Linked to Rabies in U. S.

By MORGAN MONROE
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PORTAL, Ariz., Oct. 14.—In an isolated mountain canyon near here the United States is laying for the dread killer, rabies.

The United States Public Health Service has long suspected that rabid bats from Mexico may be spreading the disease in the United States, especially around the border regions where rabies incidence often shows unexplained increases.

Headquarters for this battle is the American Museum of Natural History's southwest research station located five miles west of this quiet village on the eastern flank of the towering Chiricahua mountains.

Earlier this year Dr. E. L. Cockrum of the University of Arizona began trapping bats at the station and banding them

for identification. Similar activity is carried on by a scientist in northern Mexico—where rabid bats have been found. When recaptured at either location, banded bats thus reveal their movements back and forth across the border.

Caught in Nets

Each night a gauzy net is draped over the research station's swimming pool. The small flying mammals are caught in it without injury, banded for identification, and released to resume their nocturnal flights.

"Dr. Cockrum and his associates are compiling needed data on bat movements in the border area," said Dr. Mont A. Casier, station director and chairman of the museum's department of insects and spiders. "We should know soon whether rabid bats from Mexico are spreading rabies infection here," he added.

This is only one of several significant research projects which have drawn scientists from across the Nation to this remote corner of the Southwest in recent months. All come in search of answers to unsolved questions that cause puzzling gaps in knowledge of the world in which we live.

The famous New York Natural History Institution selected this beautifully wild area as a

southwestern research base after a widespread survey. "There is probably no area of equal size in the United States with a 'more varied and unique natural history,'" said Dr. Casier.

Traverses Life Zones

Although this scenic mountain range that juts from the desert is only some 40 miles long and about 20 miles wide, a trip from base to crest—all most 10,000 feet above sea level

—traverses all of the biological "life zones" from the Sonoran desert on the west to the Chihuahuan desert on the east. Atop the range lies the Hudsonian zone of dense evergreen forests. Some of the Nation's leading scientists are here, studying such unusual mammals, reptiles and birds as the scorpion, Arizona twin-spotted rattlesnake, and coppery-tailed trogon.

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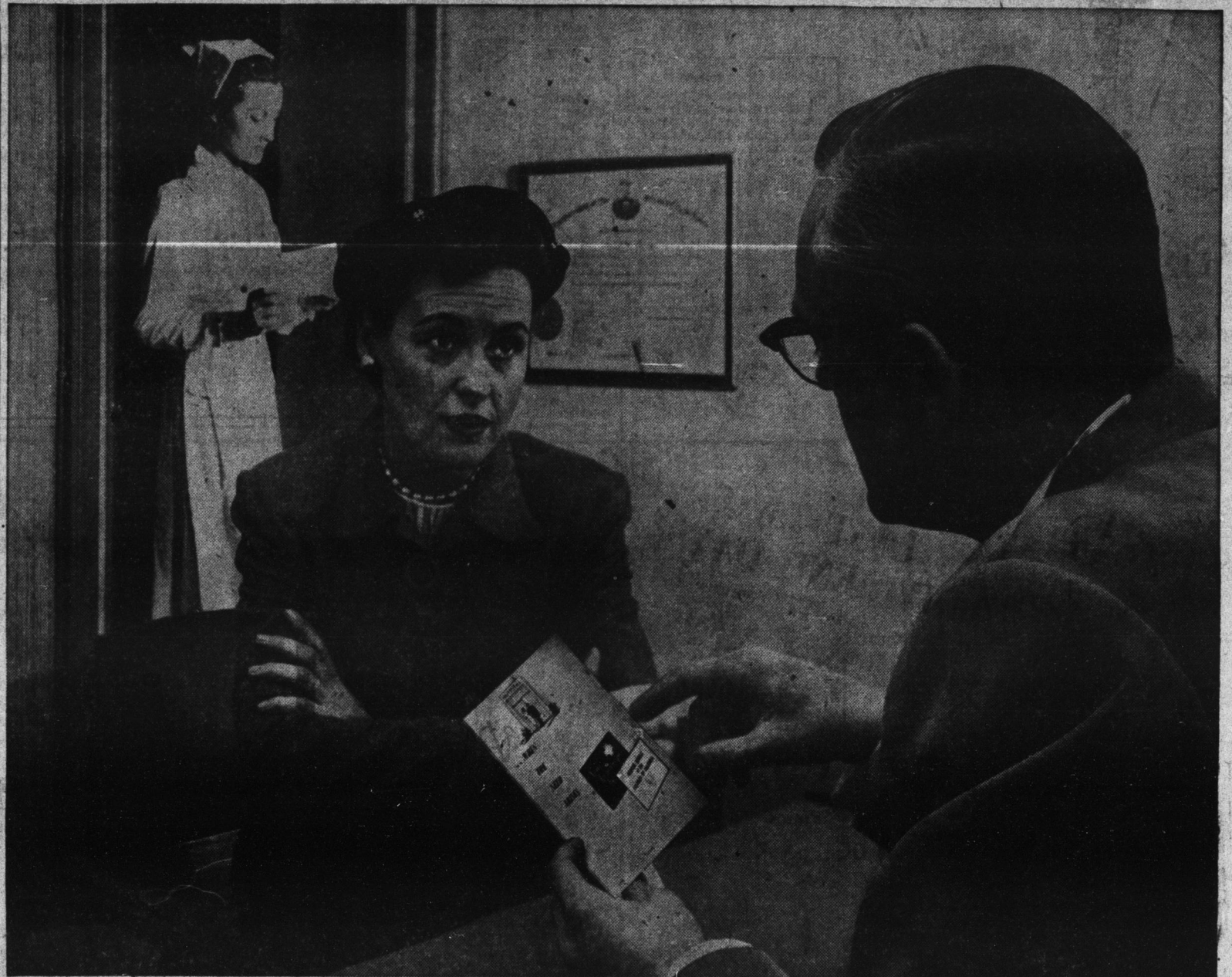
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