WASHINGTON, D. C., MONDAY, JULY 22, 1940.

# **Capital Rises** To 11th Place In 1940 Census

### Passes San Francisco, **Presses Pittsburgh** For 10th Ranking

Passing San Francisco, Washington has risen from 14th place to 11th among the country's cities, closely pushing Pittsburgh for 10th

This was disclosed today as San Francisco's population was revealed to be 629,553, as compared with Washington's 663,153. By forging ahead of San Francisco by a count of 33,600, Washington took a third step up the ladder, having previously exceeded both Buffalo and Milwaukee, which have populations of 575,150 and 589,558, respectively.

San Francisco's 1940 census showed a decline of 4,841 from the 1930 population figure.

Small Difference.

In the preliminary 1940 figures, which are to be revised into final form, the difference between Washington and Pittsburgh now is comparatively small for cities of their size, with Washington standing just behind Pittsburgh's 665,384. Several other changes in the

standings of the first 20 cities of the country have taken place. Baltimore, with 854,144, has passed St. Louis, which has 813,748 in the preliminary count.

New Orleans, with 492,282, has moved up to take 15th place away Field, police reported. from Minneapolis, which has 489,-Boston is the only remaining large

place at the last decennial census. New York Has 7,380,259. The order of the country's great-

est cities in the preliminary count New York, 7,380,259; Chicago, 3, 384,556; Philadelphia, 1,935,086; Detroit, 1,618,549; Los Angeles, 1,496,-792; Cleveland, 874,305; Baltimore,

854,144; St. Louis, 813,748; Boston, 781,488 (1930 figure); Pittsburgh, 665,384; Washington, 663,153, and San Francisco, 629,553. The Washington gain from 486,-869 in 1930 to 663,153 in 1940, an increase of 36.2 per cent, is the largest percentage gain of any city in the country over 100,000 popu-

## **District Legion to Give Five Citizenship Awards**

The District department of the American Legion announced today that five Washingtonians will be given American Legion citizenship awards for 1940 at the department's annual convention at 8:30 p.m. August 1 at the Mavflower Hotel. Receiving the citizenship certificates this year will be Miss Maude Aiton, principal of the Americanization School: Stephen T. Porter. chief of the District Fire Department: Gordon Hittenmark of the National Broadcasting Co.; Frank B. Noyes, president of The Evening Star Newspaper Co., and Chairman Martin Dies of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The awards will be made by Zeb Hamilton, chairman of the department's Americanism Commission. The department has given the awards annually for the last three years to persons not eligible for membership in the Legion, but who by their private lives "exemplify the traits so necessary to further the American principles of citizenship."

# 15 Refugee Children To Visit at Greenbelt

Fifteen boys and girls who have fied war terror in their native lands will arrive in Greenbelt, Md., today for two weeks of vacation as guests of the community.

Some of the youngsters, from 9 to 12 years of age, are refugees from bombed areas of Englandothers have come to America from countries where the tide of war has reached its crest and passed, leaving the problems of scanty food, clothing and shelter.

They will arrive at Union Station under chaperonage of Miss Mildred Stadholz of the division of social and cultural adjustment of the National Refugee Service, New York. Members of the Greenbelt Citizens' Association will transport them to the town, where the children will enter homes of residents who have

agreed to act as hosts. Town Manager Roy Braden will present the refugees with cards admitting them to all of Greenbelt's recreation facilities.

Among those heading the greeting party are Mrs. A. Chasanow, chairman; the Rev. Robert Kincheloe, Mrs. Thomas McNamara and Dr. Samuel Berenberg.

# Father Jailed, Accused Of Slaying Infant Son

ROCKVILLE, Md., July 22.-Unaware that his son is dead, James Barcus, colored, 20, of Rockville is held in jail here for the murder of the 19-month-old infant.

The baby, James, jr., died in Montgomery County General Hospital of a fractured skull. The father is accused of having struck the child's head against the ground in a rage. Police were told by Barcus' wife that the tragedy occured when Barcus came to a home where she was staying with friends near Rockville and demanded that she return to his house with the baby.

She refused and they argued over the child's custody, the woman said. She told police that Barcus then eized the baby, ran into the yard

and dashed it to the ground. today by Policemen William S. Craw- field Hospital. The elder Mr. Miller ford, Marion B. Dayhoff and Earl received lacerations and possible in-

## Traffic Record

The traffic record, as revealed at police headquarters for 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m.

Fatalities, none. Motorists injured, 6. Motorists arrested, 299. Pedestrians injured, 3. Pedestrians arrested for violation of pedestrian control reg-ulations, 7.

The traffic record for 24-hour eriod ending at 8 a.m. today: Fatalities, none. Accidents, 33. Motorists arrested, 101. Pedestrians injured, 5. Pedestrians arrested for violation of pedestrian control reg-

# Injuries in Accident, Received in June, Fatal to Woman

Four Persons Are Hurt And Driver Is Held After Series of Crashes

While no fatal traffic accidents occurred in or near Washington over the week end, the death of Miss Dorothy Parrish, 26, of the 2900 block of Forty-fifth street N.W., who was injured on June 30 in an automobile crash near Laurel, Md., was reported at Garfield Hospital.

Miss Parrish, an employe of the of the Agriculture Department, was Rich, a soldier stationed at Bolling

Four persons were injured and city still to report. It was in ninth by Montgomery County police to a driver who is quoted as saying he 'couldn't remember any accident." Held Under \$1,000 Bond.

The man, Canie B. Steele, 32, of Boyds, Md., was being held in the Rockville jail today in default of \$1,000 bond after being charged with operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor, failing to stop after a collision, failing to render assistance after a and having inadequate

The first of the two accidents occurred when Edward B. Byrd, 18, of Dawsonville, Md., stopped on Route 28 at Seneca Creek to join some friends who were in swim-

Byrd told police he saw another automobile bearing down on him and leaped back to the running board of his own machine. The car sideswiped his automobile, hurled Byrd about 10 feet, swerved and forced a third machine down a bankment and into a fence, steep embankment and into a fence, and then continued on toward Rock-

Hip Is Injured.

Mr. Byrd was taken to Frederick Hospital with hip injuries, while Lyle W. Paugh and James A. Sims, both of Vindex, Md., occupants of the machine forced off the road, suffered superficial injuries and declined medical assistance.

Mr. Paugh and Mrs. Sims telephoned Montgomery County police, but were unable to furnish the license number of the hit-and-run car or to give anything but a meager description of the machine. Policemen William S. Crawford

and Earl U. Stearn, on the way to the scene of the double accident, said they saw an automobile force another off the road at the Rockville city limits and gave chase. They noticed the machine was

running on one flat tire and was minus a hubcap and door and they arrested the driver, Steele. His 4-year-old son, Canie, jr., who was with him, was turned over to friends and taken to Boyds.

The two policemen, on reaching Seneca Creek, found a hubcap and later found an automobile door near the scene of the accident in which Byrd was hurt. Byrd was given first aid at the office of Dr. Upton D. Nourse in Dawsonville.

While police were talking with the boy at the doctor's office Michael White, living near Buck Lodge, Md., entered the physician's office with a broken right arm he said he received in the accident.

Police said he told them he was with Steele but was taken a mile from Seneca Creek before the driver permitted him to alight and seek medical attention. The automobile door, he said, dropped off when he

In an accident near Davidsonville, Md., a bus loaded with members of the Lucky Five Club. Washington colored organization, en route to an outing at Carr's Beach, Md., caught fire from a defective brake and was destroyed, but all of the occupants escaped

Nine persons were injured in a two-car collision yesterday a quarter of a mile from the Maryland State police barracks at Waldorf, Md. They were treated at Casualty Hospital.

Five of the injured were still in the hospital today. They are Mrs. Ethel Bowers, 45, Baltimore, serious head injuries; Miss Mabel Kroll, 58, Baltimore, cuts and bruises; Mrs. Eva Schwartz, 60, Baltimore, head injuries; Barbara Barbee, 7, of 2701 P street N.W., head injuries, and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, 53, Arlington Va., head injuries.

First aid was given William Bowers, 45, Baltimore, husband of Mrs. Bowers and driver of one of the cars; Mrs. Florence Anderson. 41, Arlington, Va.; Warren Barbee, 9, of the P street address, and James Welsh, 10, Baltimore, Md. They were released immediately after

Maryland police said the second car in the accident was driven by Archie P. Anderson, 52, of 823 Twenty-fourth street, Arlington, Va., who was not injured. Hit Parked Car.

treatment.

Injured when their automobile crashed into a parked car at Chillum road and New Hampshire avenue N.E., Max Miller, 51, and Joseph Miller, 21, of 1033 Sixth Barcus fied but was arrested early Street N.E. were treated at Gar-E. Stearn in the barn of a farm ternal injuries, but his condition where he is employed near Redland. was declared "not serious"; Joseph

# Ten Identified By Policeman **As Rioters**

All Defendants Seen Before, During or After Row, He Says

The 10 Rockville (Md.) men charged with rioting June 19, when a mob broke up a meeting of the Jehovah's Witnesses were identified in Montgomery County Circuit Court today by Policeman L. B. Thompson, first witness called by

Officer Thompson told the jury he had seen all of the defendants either before, during or after the riot when a mob entered the sect's meeting hall and wrecked it after members had declined to salute the flag of the United States on the ground it was against their religious belief. The policeman said several of the defendants had been drink-

Several members of the petit jury were disqualified by the court after stating they had either formed or expressed an opinion in the case. The jury was sworn in at 10:40 o'clock. Judges Charles W. Woodward and Stedman Prescott are presiding in the case.

In his opening statement State's Attorney Ben G. Wilkinson, jr., said testimony would show the Welfare and Recreation Association crowd broke in the Jehovah Witnesses' hall and gave about four or riding in a car driven by Edward five men and 18 or 20 women and children, one of the women an invalid, "two minutes American time" to salute the flag and that, when three automobiles damaged yester-day in two traffic mishaps attributed broke up furniture and halted the

Pugh Stopped in Statement. James H. Pugh, who made the opening statement for the defense, was halted by the court when he attempted to tell about a meeting Of Plane Targets which the witnesses held in the which was stopped by police. Judge Woodward sustained an objection by Mr. Wilkinson, explaining: "We can't allow you to make a

Mr. Pugh said the defense would show that the defendants were highly respected citizens of the community who had never been in trouble or charged with a crime before and that many of the leading citizens of the town were present. He declared that the officers had "acquiesced" in the mob's action, "You are not contending that acquiescence by the officers, if it should be proved, would be any defense, are you, Mr. Pugh?" Judge Woodward asked. Mr. Pugh replied that he was

merely trying to bring out all the facts and withdrew the statement. Telephoned for Instructions.

Mr. Thompson said that he arrived at the garage across from the meeting place of the Witnesses 222 Montgomery avenue, about 8:45 p.m. and found about 50 or 75 men gathered together with an American flag. Some of the men told him phoned headquarters for instructions, he told the court.

In response to orders he went to the meeting hall and asked if members of the sect would salute the flag in order to avoid trouble, he said. When they refused he went downstairs again and told the crowd he "didn't want anybody hurt." and then went to telephone headquarters again. While he was telephonthe street and broke into the hall The men charged, all from Rockville, are Buck Cornwell, Jack Maddox, Goldsboro Burrows, John E. Barrett, George Mullican, Joseph Fisher, James Foster, Benjamin A.

Burroughs, Roscoe Cope and Raymond Davis. Among those summoned are Fowler W. Stevens and Bernard L. Rowe, two members of the Witnesses who were placed in "protective custody" by police after the riot. They will testify for the State. A few weeks ago two county policemen, L. B. Thompson and Charles

Peters, were fined by the County Police Trial Board on charges of failure to prevent a breach of the peace. A third policeman, Sergt. Guy L. Jones, was acquitted of a charge of neglect of duty. The County Commissioners dismissed Police Chief Charles M.

Arme as a result of the riot.

### William F. Logan Dies In Kansas City, Mo.

William F. Logan, 71, a former resident of Washington, died Thursday in Kansas City, Mo., friends here learned today. He was formerly connected with the old Bureau of Markets of the Agriculture Department here.

After 1924, and until his retirement last year, Mr. Logan had been in charge of the Kansas City office of the Commodity Exchange Administration of the Agriculture Department. He leaves his wife and one son.

Free Opera Tickets for Blind The Civic Grand Opera planned to give away free tickets to the blind at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the National Library for the Blind, 1126 Twenty-first street N.W.

Miller was sent home after treat ment for bruises and shock. Mariorie Roland, 6, of 1426 street S.E., was treated at Providence Hospital for a lacerated lip received in an automobile-truck that Paul Dodson, jr., was to have collision at First street and Virginia avenue S.W.

Donna Lennon, 3, of 3040 R street N.W. received head abrasions when she fell from an automobile near Potomac, Md. She was treated at Georgetown Hospital and sent home.
Rudolph Minor, colored, 46, of 924
R street injured a tendon in his left leg in an automobile collision at Fourth and O streets N.W. He Doctors at the hospital said Paul was treated at Freedmen's Hospital.

The leaned too heavily against a screen and toppled backward when the screen came out. He landed on the concrete below. He was rushed to the hospital in an automobile which reached the scene a low screen and toppled backward when the screen came out. He landed on the concrete below. He was rushed to the hospital in an automobile which reached the scene and toppled backward when the screen came out. He landed on the concrete below. He was rushed to the hospital in an automobile which reached the scene and toppled backward when the screen came out. He landed on the concrete below. He was rushed to the hospital in an automobile which reached the screen came out. He landed on the concrete below. He was rushed to the hospital in an automobile collision at Fourth and O streets N.W. Potomac, Md. She was treated at where he was taken yesterday with



THIS, TOO, IN THE "CITY BEAUTIFUL"-Children play in this rubbish-banked alley while their parents go out into the city to

**Gunners Sight at Sky** When Flyers Fail to Put in Appearance

The 260th Coast Artillery, District National Guard, spent its practice period at Camp Simms yesterday afternoon "shooting" at anything which crossed the skies above them, after its regular targets had

Aiming at makeshift targets was made necessary due to the failure but was again halted by the court. of the 104th Observation Squadron of the Maryland National Guard to is practicing preparatory to Army maneuvers in Northern New York, beginning August 4.

Officers at the National Guard Armory announced that this week, National Guard week, will be deexclusively to recruiting After this week only experienced men will be allowed to enlist.

The recruiting station in the Woodward Building will be open until 9 o'clock every night and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings the recruiting office will be open in the nesses salute the flag, and he tele- armory. The men enlisted now will go to the maneuvers. Ordered to Duty.

Meanwhile it was announced that certain Reserve Army officers from the Washington area have been called to duty with the District National Guard at the August ma-

The assignments to duty were as follows:

To the Headquarters Company Headquarters Special Troops 29th Division, under the command of Maj. William Roy: Capt. Bernard Philip Donnelly, 1489 Newton street N.W., and First Lt. Ralph To 121st Engineers.

To the 121st Engineers under the command of Col. John W. Oehmann: Capt. Martin Goerl, 1329 Allison street N.W.; Capt. Walter Pinkus, 826 Marietta place N.W. First Lt. Henry W. Cottony, 1736 G street N.W.; First Lt. George Samuel Parson, 3925 W street N.W. First Lt. Leonard Millman, Silver Spring, Md.: Second Lt. William Samuel Crumlish, Hvattsville, Md. Second Lt. James M. Towey, 1857 Ontario road, N.W.; Second Lt. Roy Cornett, 1324 Vermont avenue N.W.; Second Lt. Karl Itkin, 1749 New Hampshire avenue N.W., and which he was stricken a year ago. First Lt. Robert C. Hecker, medical staff, St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

The following Reserve officers also have been assigned for training: Lt. Col. Heber H. Rice, 5 Taylo street, Chevy Chase, Md.; Maj Stanley F. Brewster, Army and Navy Club; Capt. Paul H. McMurray, Reno road, N.W.; Capt. Charles R. M. Connolly, Woodward Building, and Lt. John S. Kintz, 1115 Twelfth street N.W.

### Wheaton House Burns In Early Morning Fire By a Staff Correspondent of The Star.

WHEATON, Md., July 22.-A vacant house on Hermitage avenue was destroyed early today by a fire of undetermined origin. Silver Spring and Kensington firemen said the blaze almost rased

the structure before they reached

the scene. They were unable im-

blue suit and all the other presents

opened yesterday on his second

They are waiting for the child

to return from Emergency Hospital,

up at home today, waiting.

# 260th Coast Artillery Possibility of Malaria Outbreak Defense Training Disappointed by Lack Seen in Littering of Streets **Ruhland Says Health Peril in Accumulations**

Of Rubbish Is Real This Time of Year (No. 8 of a Series.)

health menaces were stressed today by Health Officer George C. Ruhland in commenting on the current drive to clean up Washington.

laria type, he warned, find an ideal breeding ground in the broken jars, bottles and tin cans which accumuyards of the city. This is a time for especial cau-

tion, he declared, because nearby feeling that the Government will Oxon Run is infested with malarissighting practice. The Guard unit type mosquitoes, which a strong wind might blow toward Washington. Mosquitoes of the type at Oxon

Run, he explained, will become malaria carriers if they bite a person with the malaria parasite in his blood stream. Possibility of an Outbreak.

Since some physicians are treating syphilis with malaria, he said, malaria-type mosquitoes, blown here by the wind and bred in the stagnant waters of tin cans, will be given their fatal chance to propagate malaria and carry the infection to others. It is because of this possibility

Ruhland urged Washingtonians to streets and allevs. pointed out, has been trying to pose properly of what they were eliminate mosquito breeding grounds through with. here, but its work cannot be effec-

of an outbreak of malaria that Dr.

vide these opportunities for mosquitoes to thrive. allowed to gather in back yards, out of its lethargy.

Minister Holds

Thanks Service

In a special "thanksgiving" serv-

ice, Dr. John E. Briggs, for 31 years

pastor of the Fifth Baptist Church,

yesterday paid tribute to his doctors

his recovery from an illness with

Now in good health, Dr. Briggs

greeted from his pulpit Drs. R.

Arthur Hooe and George R. Sorrell.

The minister also thanked his

congregation for having stayed by

him loyally during the illness with

which he was stricken a year ago

The Rev. J. Herrick Hall, new

minister of music, assisted in the

Celebrating the start of National

craft Artillery's 46-piece band will

hold a concert tonight at 8:30 o'clock

Son of Paul Dodson, employed at

while his mother read the comics

teenth and H streets N.W.

**National Guard Concert** 

vesterday.

special program.

mediately to locate the owner of the at the Woodward Building, Fif-

The white toy rabbit, the new | the injuries and described his con

dition as good.

Child in Hospital After Fall,

**Birthday Gifts Await Return** 

For Recovery

#### alleys and gutters, the health offidangers of leaving litter cer said that such an accumulation about the street to attract and breed | could lead to the breeding of other insects and rodents, always potential health menaces. Danger to Whole City. He pointed out that as long as

other part of the city runs a risk of at two high schools and three vocabeing infected by carriers of disease. "In the matter of public halth," late stagnant water as they lie he said, "there are limits to what the streets, alleys and back the Government service can do. In the last analysis, a lot depends on more persons responding to the opthe public. There is too much of a portunity to learn new skills.

> its obligation to its city, too." The Health Department, he aserted, is handicapped in its sanitary policing by an inadequate staff. The ratio of inspectors is one to every 60,000 people. These men, said Dr. Ruhland, must walk their beats. hampered by limited means of transportation. He said he would like to increase the inspection force of the Health Department, as well as put to work sanitary engineers as

inspectors. Could Save Taxpayers Money. With a ratio of one to 60,000 poplation," said Dr. Ruhland, "we can't hope to cover the ground as competently and effectively as we should. dispose of collectors of stale waters citizen to reduce the litter nuisance. in better places than the city's and the health menace, and incidentally, it would save the taxpayers The Public Health Service, he money, if they were willing to dis-

It is, however, the health menace tive as long as Washingtonians pro- that Dr. Ruhland fears in an unsightly city, he made it clear. He doesn't want it to be an outbreak Commenting, too, on the trash of malaria that brings Washington

# Three Are Named **To Speed Construction** For War Department

Civilian Experts Are **Recommending Firms Best** Qualified for Jobs

To speed construction projects in he defense program, Secretary of War Stimson today announced appointment of three civilians who are widely experienced in engineering, architectural and construction work to act as an advisory section in the office of the quartermaster

Yesterday, coincdientally, was Dr. Hooe's birthday, and the former For each building job the new patient presented greeting cards to advisers will recommend three firms which appear best qualified. the physicians. Dr. Hooe described Dr. Briggs as a "co-operative, sub-The War Department will then atmissive and totally unafraid" patient. tempt to negotiate contracts on cost-plus-fixed-fee basis. The Secretary of War appointed: junior pastor of the church and

who during the World War conducted a War Department study of methods and results of \$1,000,000,000 expenditures on 500 war construction jobs. He is now a member of the Sanderson & Porter engineer-Guard Week, the 260th Anti-Air- ing firm. Forrest S. Harvey of Pasadena Calif., a World War Army major

> He has recently been associated with Leed, Hill, Barnard & Jowett of Los Angeles, supervising har-bor construction at Port Hueneme, Calif. F. J. C. Dresser of Cleveland, director of the American Construction Council and recently a P. W. A

Two additional positions in the advisory section are left vacant. a filling station in the 1800 block There are now applications on file from about 1,100 contractors and 320 professional organizations desiring to co-operate with the Government in the defense construction birthday anniversary were stacked of Adams Mill road N.W., the child was sitting in the window yesterday

# **Registration Slow** At 5 Schools Here

Special Instruction in **Trades Will Start** Tomorrow Morning

Registration of persons who will ake special courses in trades vital any part of the city is unclean every to national defense was proceeding tional schools today. Although the turn-out early in the

day fell short of expectations, it was believed the afternoon would find Classes will get under way tomor-

six weeks' instruction that will fit them for places in defense industries. Arrangements have made to train as many as 600. Few Appear at McKinley. Two hours after the registration desk opened at McKinley High

School, only a few prospective trainees had appeared. Nevertheless, it is planned to start classes tomorrow in machine shop, auto shop and mechanical drawing. Armstrong High School was busier with between 30 and 40 persons having appeared before noon to sign up for instructions in metal work,

er technical courses offered. Phelps Vocational School reportd 25 registrations and Abbott Voational School had registered 15 before the day was half over. Response at the Chamberlain Voca-

auto mechanics and the various oth-

tional School was slower. Arrangements Made for Supplies. In most cases the schools are already equipped with necessary supplies to carry on the schedule of classes five days a week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Where supplies are lacking, it is planned to requisition them without delay.

The early registrations included a number of persons on W. P. A. rolls, with some also reporting from the

Prospective trainees include men with previous experience that might be useable in defense industries. They are returning to the vocational schools to learn new trades Those who are taken from W. P. A. rolls will continue to receive their

# Girl Scout Leader Lauds **Backyard Contest**

"back yard playground" contest, recently inaugurated here. was described yesterday by Miss Eleanor Durrett, director of the District Girl Scouts of America, as one of the most beneficial projects undertaken in the District of Coumbia in many years."

Many Girl Scouts, she said, have given impetus to the affair by entering their yards in the contest. "I am sure by encouraging children to play in their own yard away from dangerous streets and traffic will help reduce accident and death Francis Blossom of New York, rates of children in this city." Miss Durrett added. The contest is sponsored by the

Recreation Department, the Traffic Advisory Council and the District Works Projects Administration. It is open to all District residents. Entries in the contest will close July 31. Those wishing to enter the contest may do so by notifying the Recreation Department in the Ferce who was in charge of extensive School, 1740 Massachusetts avenue Panama Canal Zone construction N.W. Telephone Michigan 1155. The work of judging the yards to choose the winner will begin Au-

### **Body in Little Patuxent** That of Capital Waiter

The body of a man found drowned in the Little Patuzent River, near Savage, Md., Saturday night was identified by friends yesterday as that of J. Grady Andrews, 25, of the 500 block Massachusetts avenue

unemployed waiter and had been out of work for about a year. He was a native of Nashville, Tenn., and had been inlasing from his residence here for about 10 days.

Mr. Andrews, it was said, was an

# D. C. Embalmers **And Free Water Bills Vetoed**

### Maze of Examining **Boards Cited** By President

President Roosevelt today sent veto messages to the Capitol dis-approving two District bills. One would establish a board of funeral directors and embalmers for the District, and the other would au-thorize the Commissioners to furnish water without charge to charitable institutions in Washington.

In explaining his action on the funeral directors' bill, the President

"The present system of quasi-pri-vate examining boards in the District of Columbia, with their lack of uniformity in the appointment and pay of examiners, in the rules and regulations governing the examination and licensing of applicants, in the enforcement of the laws, and particularly in the control of their finances and accounts, has. in recent years, been the subject of no little criticism.

#### Commissioners Object. "Recent surveys of the govern-

ment of the District of Columbia, including studies by citizens' committees, have censured the increasiing number of independent District boards of examiners. As a consequence legislation proposed by the District Commissioners for the reorganization of the District of Columbia government provides that all these examining boards and commissions would become advisory agencies only and function under a single license department.

"In view of these objections of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia I am withholding my approval of this bill."

Mr. Roosevelt observed that in his estimation the present District health laws protect the public adequately from any problem that might arise out of the business of embalming and funeral directing. Mr. Roosevelt stated that in dis-

approving the water bill he was taking the side of the District Commissioners. Existing legislation permits the supplying of free water to churches and charitable institutions that receive annual congressional appropriations. The vetoed bill would add the privileges of this law of 1905 to charitable institutions which do not have inmates, a type of institution that does not benefit

Difficult to Fix Status.

"The Commissioners of the District of Columbia," the President said, "are opposed to the approval of this measure, in part because of the loss of revenue involved, but also on account of the difficulty of determining the institutions that would be entitled, and the extent to which each would be entitled, to the free water privilege.

"The Commissioners believe not only that the approval of the bill would increase largely the number of institutions receiving water free of charge, but would be likely to result in the furnishing of free water to some agencies, the status of which, as eleemosynary institutions, would be difficult of determination.

"It seems to me that in spite of the well intended purpose of the measure that the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia have taken the right position with respect thereto, and that I am, therefore, justified in accepting the recommendation that the bill be not

## Hazen Back at Office

Commissioner Melvin C. Hazen paid his first visit to his office in several weeks. He has been away on doctor's orders recuperating from a heart ailment. Mr. Hazen said he felt fine, but would attempt only part time work for a while.

## **Band Concerts**

By the Navy Band, at the Capitol tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Lt. Charles Benter, leader; Charles Brendler, assistant leader. PROGRAM.

March, "All Hands".....Lt. Benter Overture, "Il Guarany".....Gomez Solo for cornet, "Inflamatus,"

Musician Oscar Short. Suite of three numbers (a) "In a Chinese Temple Garden" \_\_\_ (b) "In a Persian Market."

(c) "In a Monastery Garden." excerpts from the musical comedy-"Maytime" \_ Romberg Philippine waltz, "Pepa y Chating," Araullo Duet from flute and clarinet, "Lo.

Hear the Gentle Lark" .. Bishop Musicians R. Townsend and C. Brendler. Three dances from "The Bartered

Bride" (a) Polka (b) Furiant. (c) Dance of the Comedians. Hungarian Rhapsody No. 14," Liszt

"The Star Spangled Banner."
By the Marine Band at the Marine Barracks tonight at 8 o'clock Capt. William F. Santelmann, leader; Henry Weber, second leader. PROGRAM.

"Marche Hongroise" from Damnation of Faust". ----Berlioz Overture, "Carneval". -Glazounow Second movement, "Nordic Symphony No. 1" Hanso Baritone saxophone solo, Colorado"

Musician Felix Eau Claire. "Love Scene," from the tone poen "Feueranot" Quartet from "Rigoletto" .... Verd usicians Edward Masters, corne

Petite Suite" "Petite Suite" Debus Ballad, "Huntingtower" Respira Finale, "Symphony in D Mingre

de Luce

Robert de Hart, cornet; Robert Isele, trombone, and Donald Kin ball, euphonium.

"The Marines' Hymn."