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WASHINGTON, D. C., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1937.

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Navy Day Crowd Braves Rain to Visit Gunboat Erie

THOUSANDS JOIN IN CEREMONIES TO **OBSERVE NAVY DAY**

Sham Battle and Aerial Show Expected to Draw Record Crowds.

PEACE WITH HONOR IS ROOSEVELT THEME

Varied Program at Yard to Be Given From 8 to 5:14 O'Clock. Tribute to Be Paid Heroes.

With the assurance from President Roosevelt that "war will be avoided by all honorable means." the Nation to-Day, the birthday anniversary of Theodore Roosevelt. The Washington Navy Yard-focal point of the District's observance—prepared to be host to more than 200,000 persons before sundown.

In New York the Navy laid down

the keel of the \$60,000,000 battleship North Carolina, the first vessel of its kind to be put under construction since the World War.

In addition to all the usual fanfare the Washington yard, three new features ar being presented today—King Neptune's Court, a privilege usually reserved for voyagers crossing the Equator; massed buglers of the Marine Corps sounding calls, and the use of boats for the first time in conjunction with landing operations incident to the sham battle.

While the Navy Yard is holding high holday, the Naval Observatory, with its stores of scientific knowledge and instruments, is attracting its share of visitors. Those who had the fore-sight to write to Capt. J. Frederick Hellweg, the superintendent, for reserved tickets for tonight's program will look through the giant telescope at the heavenly bodies, provided the weather is clear.

About 83,000 had passed through the gates of the Navy Yard by noon. despite the downpour. Some humorous incidents crept into

the day's proceedings. A diver was preparing to descend into the murky waters as a boy shouted: "You forgot your hat," before the diving helmet was put over the sailor's head. Observance at Jones Statue.

Statues of naval heroes hereabouts ances. Probably the largest celebration of this nature was held at 12:30 o'clock at the Commodore John Paul Jones monument in West Poto-mac Park, where the Marine Band arranged to give a musical program before the exercises. The program was prepared by the Military Order of the World War and the Advisory Board of the Masonic Clubs, Rear Admiral Harry G. Hamlet, Coast Guard, retired, was the principal speaker. More than a score of veterans' and patriotic organizations, led by the Navy League of the United tates, which sponsors the annual Navy Day celebration, laid wreaths at

The program at the Jones memorial called for Capt. Sydney K. Evans, former chief of naval chaplains, now proved McAffee was very drunk.

At the Commodore John Barry in Franklin Park the Knights of Columbus honored that hero this morning. Walter I. Plant, State deputy of the K. of C., accompanied by the State warden, William A. Mulligan, laid a wreath and prayer was offered by the Rev. Joseph E. Gedra, assistant pastor at Immaculate Conception Church.

Thankful for Peace. President Roosevelt wrote Secretary

Swanson a letter for Navy Day in which he said: "We are at peace with all the world and for that we are

Recalling the observance, the Chief Executive commended the annual celebration to all Americans, pointing out that "it is through the moral sup port of our citizenry that the Navy derives its most vigorous incentive to

Secretary Swanson sent a message to all ahips and stations of the service saying that it "is particularly fitting that these annual observances occur on the anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt, whose early efforts contributed so greatly to giving

his country a modern navy.

At the Washington Navy Yard, carrying out the Secretary's orders, are the gunboat Erie, the destroyer Leary and the Coast Guard cutter Bib! The vessels are open to the public

p.m., while the Naval Observatory is

Many Activities on Review.

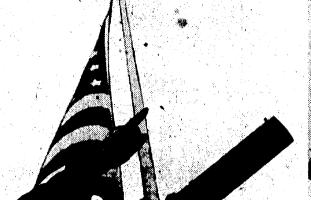
The variegated program at the yar embraces work in the forge shop deep-sea diving from the U.S. S Crilly: making cartridge cases; the 2.000-ton forging press breaking down huge steel igots: firing of a torpedo and affoat: an air show by planes from the Naval Air Station at Anacostia: Coast Guard life-saving work catapulting a plane; demonstration of air tactics by a section of fighters from Carrier Division 2, Fleet Air De schment, Norfolk, Va., and horizontal

Comdr. Harold E. Saunders, in broadcast under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution, emphasized the importance of the naval testing basin at the yard and revealed that a 22-foot model for the ship not yet christened, which is to Manhattan, is now being tried out here. The basin is used for merchant

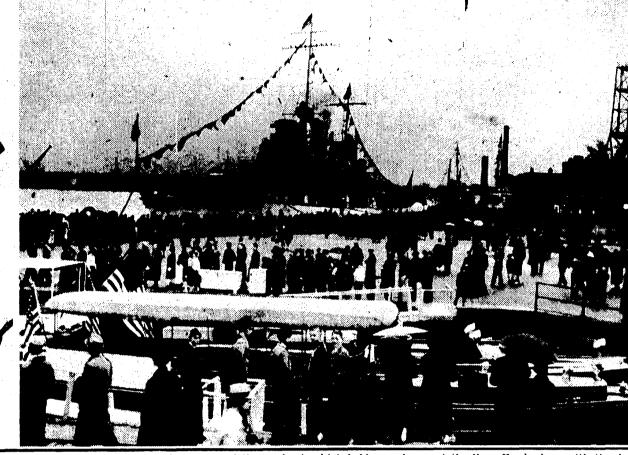
eraft as well as naval vessels. At the Naval Academy Mrs. William A. Becker, president general of the luncheon of the Rotary Club at th D. A. R., presented to the officers Willard Hotel, asserted it was the lack which she emphasised that they are us to war in 1812 and again in 1917."

amblems of "unity through freedom."

Telling his audience that "the might Declaring the Nation "may have of England" is "the British fleet." Adperfect faith in the morale and effi- miral Train, former naval aide at the etency" of the fleet, Rear Admiral White House, said that "the battle-Charles R. Train, president of the ship is still supreme and as such re-Revel Ensemining Board at the Mayy mains the backbone of our naval shall E. Tyers and Irving E. Tyrell. Nevel Branching Board at the Mayy mains th Department, addressing a Mayy Day strategy."



Scaman H. A. May is shown demonstrating the signal gun on the U. S. S. Eric to June Maddox, 1409 South Carolina avenue S.E. She was among the 200,000 expected at the Navy Yard for today's observance of Navy Day.



A crowd of visitors is shown around the gunboat, which held open house at the Navy Yard, along with the destroyer Leary and the Coast Guard cutter Bibb. The Navy Day celebration included demonstrations of battle craft and shore equipment.

—Star Staff Photos.

TRIAL NEARS END

of Drunkenness of Accused Janitor.

question of whether the defendant was too drunk to know what he was doing were begun this morning in the District Court first-degree murder trial of William (Major) McAfee, accused of slaying Mrs. Henrietta Anderson. 36, at 1633 L street N.W., with a heavy iron furnace shaker August 22.

The elderly colored defendant was anitor at the L street address. He testified during the week-long trial that his mind was a blank for 24

Assistant United States Attorney conceal the crime clearly proved he knew what he was doing. Mr. Murray said McAffee took the furnace shaker from the basement to Mrs. Anderson's apartment and there before an audience of more than 500,

timony by the Government's witnesses Social Security Board, who discussed broved McAffee was very drunk.

Assistant United States Attorney bendent children.

the case will go to the jury. McAfee was the principal defense witness. He testified he was so drunk the Sunday afternoon Mrs. Anderson was slain that he remembered nothing that he might have made the statetroduced as a confession, but said had no recollection of doing so. He denied the truth of what it con-

MRS. M'CLESKEY. D. C. TEACHER, DIES

Served in Various Schools Here for 25 Years-Funeral This Asternoon.

Mrs. Elsie Thompson McCleakey, for more than 25 years a teacher in Dis- said: "Federal grants are not sufficient trict public schools, died Monday in Sibley Hospital after an illness of six weeks. Funeral services are being dence, 5464 Thirty-first street N.W. Burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery A native of Washington, Mrs. Mc-Cleskey was appointed a teacher in April, 1912, and first taught at the Adams School, Subsequently, she taught at the H. D. Cooke School, Monroe School, Petworth School and Monroe School, Petworth School and finally at the Health School. She had displays. Motion pictures, color sides, been assigned to teach the fifth grade at the latter since last February, when transferred from the Petworth

service-16 years. She was an active member of the Chevy Chase Methodist Episcopal

Mrs. McClesky is survived by her husband, Milton A. McCleskey; her mother, Mrs., Mary Alice Thompson, and a sister, Miss Mabel I. Thompson.

GEN. SCHLEY TO SPEAK

gineers, will be the principal speaker at an open meeting of the Engineer the need of proper spending for pre Chapter of the Reserve Officers' Association of the United States at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Jefferson room adequate steps particularly in regard

Col. Fred B. Ryons is president of the Engineer Chapter, and Col. Frederic A. Delano is chairman of the

emen a complete set of of a Navy sufficiently strong to protect State and territorial flags, in America's rights as neutrals "that sent

STREET ASSAILS LACK OF FUNDS

Arguments Center on State Welfare Report Is Submitted-500 See Exhibit of Relief Agencies.

> Lack of sufficient appropriation to with more adequate funds with which to meet the needs of the District was deplored last night by Elwood Street, director of public welfare, in his presentation of the board's 11th annual report to the Commissioners.
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> The Commissioners have indicated

their disapproval of the board's request for a 1939 appropriation for public assistance amounting to \$4,079,455, or more than double the sum granted for this year. The Commissioners are asking the Budget Bureau for no in-Charles B. Murray told the jury of 12 crease over this year. The Welfare white men the defendant's crude attempts to conceal the crime clearly new item of \$1,225,000 for the relief

of employable persons. Mr. Street's report was presented at struck her repeatedly on the head, thereby indicating the slaying was dethereby indicating the slaying was deliberate.

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> ended June 30 last, Mr. Street stated "Although much has been accom plished this year, much be done. * * * Our inst Our institutions in general are overcrowded, equiped and understaffed."

Inadequate Funds Cited.

He cited the need of modern build ngs, additional equipment and additional personnel and commented: "Relief funds are inadequate even for the task of caring for the employables who are our community

"A very serious community situation also is created by the lack of any appropriation for the relief of mployable persons," he said.

The director described the devel of the Social Security Act and its accompanying local legislation as the 'most arduous single activity" of the hoard during the year. Here again he scored the lack of funds when he with their present limits to cover the cost of living in urban communities. The work of welfare agencies, in cluding the penal institutions, relief agencies and child welfare agencies,

which Mr. Street discussed, was vivid illustratedy by colorful exhibits placed throughout the corridors surtions were represented with needle craft, woodcraft and cooking exhibits photographs and sketches denicted other activities, particularly in the division of child welfare.

Aiding of Children Cited.

Miss Hoey in her address pointed that all provisions under the Social Security Act affect the child either directly or indirectly. She emphasized that State legislators mus realise that the purpose of the act is not merely to provide aid in time of Meyer of Baltimore, comedy magician; need for the American people, but Henry Haviland, Washingtonian and provide security at all times.

"Lack of security for parents profoundly influences their children," the speaker stated. She also remarked Maj. Gen. Julian L. Schley, re- speaker stated. She also remarked cently appointed chief of Army en- that inadequate assistance means expensive care in the future and stresse ventive measures. "In this connection we must take

to health," she said.

Miss Hoey emphasized the necessit adequate public assistance and declared: "The most unfortunate thing that can happen is for the public to think no skill is required in ublic welfare work and make of such an organization a political machine.

der the board's direction who have completed their 35th year of service.

They included Clarence W Dervice. Mr. Street presented to the audi-George R. Baker, Harry Carter, H. S. Clargett, N. S. Lambert, Briest Petitt.

Girl Victim of Meningitis Is Worse, Hospital Reports

Janet Trenis Received Sulfanilamide Treatment for Ill. The condition of Miss Janet Trenis,

pretty 22-year-old college student from Nokesville, Va., who has received the sulfanilamide treatment here for epi-demic cerebro-spinal meningitis, was reported "worse" today at Providence Hospital. The drug, taken in tablet form, is a component of the elixir sulfanilamide,

which has caused 46 deaths in the Nation, but which used alone is considered one of the most effective known treatments of meningitis. Dr. Christopher J. Murphy, who has

brought to the hospital Sunday, Miss rallied after injection of an anti meningococcic serum. The sulfanila-mide treatment was used after she regained consciousness, he said. Suffered Setback Last Night.

Though Miss Trenis rallied from the treatment through yesterday, hospital authorities said she had suffered a

here by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T L. Trenis, after efforts to diagnose

tory quarters with Miss Trenis at States Division of the United States Fredericksburg were brought here for Food and Drug Administration, said Dr. Murphy said. Dr. Sanford Rosenthal, senior phar- by Federal investigators.

mi cologist at the National Institute mated" three tons of sulfanilmide

remained overnight for observation, colored preparation, mostly in 700 bot-Dr. Morris Fishbein, spokesman for of Health, said today that "an esti- the American Medical Association, announced yesterday that diethylene

have been used in the United States glycol has been established as the since its introduction here from Ger- lethal agent in the elixir of sulfanila-

SHOWS OF MAGIC TO AID LUNCH FUND

Seven to Perform in Series at Belasco Theater Starting November 1.

The wisardry of Washington and out-of-town magicians is going to provide free lunches for the thousands of needy school children here.

Starting November 1 the magicians Houdini, Kellar, Thurston and W. W. Durbin in a week of matinee and evening performances at the Belasco 2:30 p.m. and evening shows at 8:30 The proceeds will go to the schools. fund of \$67,500 that must be raised by the community to keep the free. lunch service operative for the school Works Progress Administration is taking care of the labor

costs of the project.

Magicians to appear in the week of magic include Theodore T. Golden, president of the National Council of the Society of American Magicians Charles W. Townsley, vice president of the Washington branch; C., C. professionally in New York and Philadelphia, and Harry Baker, president of the local assembly, No. 23, American Society of Magicians, and a sleight-of hand artist.

Special arrangements have been made with officials at Franklin Administrative Building to allow school children to get off early from school to see the afternoon performances.

Western Union will call for applica tions and deliver the tickets un arrangement with the magicians. Last night several thousand Washingtonians danced at the Mayflower Hotel at a ball to raise funds for the

On the program also were the Boys' Band of the Industrial Home School, "the Drake Passily" of the child welfare division and a group of children The chairman of the meeting, life from the District Training School.



JANET TRENIS.

demic meningitis, he said, it is used for treatment of all forms of strepoccocic infections. Fatalities from cerebro-meningitis

Elixir Accounted For.

Virtually all the elixir of sulfanilaretired, to deliver the invocation: for a talk on the life of Jones by Comdr.
Norman B. Hall, and the address by Admiral Hamlet.

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treatment Sunday and the principal shipments of the wine-

DR. JESSE N. REEVE DIES HERE AT 7

Retired Oculist Had Taught Chil dren From Private Schools for Many Years.

Dr. Jesse N. Reeve, 71, retired ocu list who for many years had taught children from local private schools died Monday night in Georgetows

Hospital after a long illness.

Dr. Reeve, who lived at 1868 Coteaching those who, due to sickness other causes, had fallen behind The matinees will be at in their regular school work. Many pupils were sent him by private

> A native of Tennessee, Dr. Reeve was graduated in medicine from Georgetown University. After engaging in general practice here, he became an eye specialist. Due to failing health, he retired practice as oculist about 25 years ago and had engaged in teaching until

> Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ashley Miller Reeve, and four sisters, Miss Felicia Reeve and Miss Josephine Reeve, both of this city; Mrs. Adolph Williamson, Scattle, Wash., and Mrs Greer Baughman, Richmond, Va. Funeral services are being held to-day in Gawler's chapel, 1750 Pennsylvania avenue N.W. Burial will be

SASSCER AND SECREST **WILL SPEAK AT DINNER**

By a Staff Correspondent of The Star. UPPER MARLBORO, Md., Oct. 27 —Senator Lansdale G. Sassoer, candidate for Governor of Maryland, and Representative Robert T. Secreet Democrat, Ohio, will speak at the fourth annual banquet of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Southern Maryland, to be held at T. B. tomor row night.

Each member of the club's baseball

team, winner of 20 straight games to capture the county league championship this year, will receive a trophy from Walter Johnson. John S. White, member of the State Legislature from Prince Georges County, will be toastmaster for the

REALTY LICENSES TO BE PROTESTED

Real Estate Commission Former Policeman and Gets Notices on a "Half Dozen" Persons.

against the granting of licenses to a 'half-dozen" District real estate salesmen or brokers have been filed with automobile in which he was riding the newly created District Real Estate ran off the road, plowed through a Commission, it was announced today by John A. Petty, commission secre-Requests that they be notified if

the salesmen or brokers applied for permits, so they might appear before the board to specify their objections, were made by the District residents in their communications to the commission, Mr. Petty said. If the complaints prove to be of serious nature the commission probably will set the cases down for formal public hearings, Mr. Petty said, but he added that the com-mission could use its discretion. He said he could not reveal in advance of a formul case the names of

either the prospective objectors or the real estate brokers or salesmen mentioned in the letters. The law creating the commis-

soon. Mr. Petty said the commis-sion now had distributed about 400 road at high speed, snapping off both sets of application forms to real the telephone pole and a tree, and estate brokers or salesmen. the law, licenses must be issued by William J. Canning. The impact tore November 23 to all who are to con-

tinue in business. Just how many persons will obtain know, but he estimated there are some the real estate section of the tele-

phone directory.

The District Commissioners today paved the way for issuance of licenses by approving a set of regulations governing the operations of the Real Estate Commission, which had been adopted by that commission and anproved by Corporation Counsel Elwood H. Seal. For the most part. sions of the Real Estate License Act

JUDGE AND COUNSEL EXCHANGE WORDS

Mattingly Orders O'Dea to Produce 36 Released After Raid and O'Dea Refuses.

Relations between Police Judge Robert E. Mattingly and Assistant Cor poration Counsel John O'Dea were somewhat strained today as a result of sharp words exchanged in court yesterday over the aftermath of a dice game raided by police.

Judge Mattingly was informed by police that the corporation counsel's officer had refused to issue complaints in the Community Chest campaign against some 36 persons arrested in the raid and released on collateral. Four more taken in the game and unable to post bail had been convicted by Judge Mattingly Monday and sent to

The judge ordered the prosecutor to

have the other defendants brought be-fore him. O'Dea said he couldn't do it, because he had already issued "no papers" slips.

As Mr. O'Dea started to leave the

court room Judge Mattingly called to him, repeating his demand that the crapshooters be produced. The prosecutor retorted that he already had acted and would take no further part in the cases. He then left the A report on the episode was made to

Corporation Counsel Elwood H. Seal today. Another assistant in his office said the courts had no authority to order up a case dropped by the prose-Ardmore Club to Meet.

ARDMORE, Md., Oct. 27 (Special). and School Club of Ardmore will be held at the home of Mrs. Eva W. Busey and Mrs. George Sullivan at 3 ner on it will not be back for several o'clock tonight. Members have been asked to come in Halloween costumes.

Sandlot Pitcher Plows Through Pole.

Fifteenth street S.E., former policeman and well-known sandlot baseball pitcher, was killed last night when an telephone pole and a tree and smashed into a house at 1736 Good Hope road

The death raised the District traffic fatality toll for the year to 87, which is 17 more than at this time last

Carolina avenue

S.E., listed by po-

lice as driver of

the car, and George H. Duri-



were treated at Casualty Hospital for head injuries sion sets up a long list of acts for and cuits about the face, which the commission may suspend, Mr. Williams apparently lost con-Granting of licenses is to be started a curve at Good Hope road and Eight. Under careened into the house occupied a hole in the house wall and knocked

plaster from the walls inside. Mr. Kelly left the police force more licenses Mr. Petty said he did not than six years ago. Known widely as "Finney," he pitched for the police baseball team for several years and was active in promoting neighborhood sandlot teams.

Roy Smith, 431 Fourth street N.W. was injured critically this afternoon when a grocery truck he was at Washington boulevard and Mc-He was taken to Georgetown Hospital where he was reported in "very grave condition with a fractured skull and internal injuries. Police said the lumber truck was driven by James Morris colored, employed by J. F. Purcell

Louisa, Va. In an unusual accident yesterday afternoon Mrs. Ethel A. West. 27, of face and head when she fell out of the door of her husband's automobile as he was driving across Arlington Me-morial Bridge. Park police said she had opened the door slightly and was thrown off balance when it was caught

AID COMMUNITY CHEST

The Junior Board of Commerce an nounced yesterday after a breakfast meeting at the Ambassador Hotel that 170 of its members would participate as workers in the metropolitan area. Harold Fang, a director of the board, will head the group's team captains and division chairmen.

Mystery Co-ed, Winner of \$15 Prize, Sought

ning design for the official George Washington University sticker! Without a clue to her identity, Ralph Flewharty, manager of the university co-operative stores, is wonder ing where and who she is and how he can give her the \$15 prize she has

Last semester the university students selected from a field of three entries in the \$15 prize sticker contest a design featuring the Washington Monument. The girl who drew it, however, apparently did not return to school this year.

Meanwhile the stickers are being ithographed, and the entry blank with the sought-for name of the winweeks from the lithographing com- day. A maximum of 66 was recorded

PROMOTION TESTS FOR CIVIL SERVICE **WORKERS PLANNED**

Commission to Give Examinations for Persons in Lower Grades.

222 OF 762 EMPLOYES ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRANCE

Clerical and Stenographic Forces Affected Chiefly-Designed to Aid "Career System."

Marking a new departure in ef-forts to build up a career service in the Government, the Civil Service Commission announced today that competitive promotion examinations shortly will be held to give its own employes in the lower grades an op-portunity to qualify for inter-office advancement.

The examinations will be held for those in grades one and two-generally clerical and stenographic forces—and while they are not compulsory, those who do not compete and pass will not be considered for advancement unless the promotion registers are not appropriate to the positions to be filled or are exhausted 222 Are Eligible.

The examination will be confined to the Washington office of the commission, and there are 222 employes out of a total of 762 eligible for entrance. For the most part, they are in the lower wage brackets.

In the past, the commission—as well

as other agencies—has given employes an opportunity to qualify for advancement in grade through non-competi-tive examination, and before the World War there was a limited promotional policy provided for skilled laborers, messengers, watchmen and guards. The present step, however, is far advance over these.

Promotion System. "This," said the commission an-nouncement, "is in harmony with the

commission's belief that the toward a career service in the Government lies in developing a competitive promotion system within the service so that employes qualified for promotic may not be overlooked when vacancies in higher positions occur." Many of the commission employes

have signified their intention of com-The innovation is designed to attract wide attention through the Government, both because of President Roosevelt's interest in the principle of career service and the fact organized employes long have argued for this plan.

sons in the car with Mr. Kelly were injured painfully. Edward D. Williams, SMITHSONIAN NOTES 39, of 1630 North **NEW EVOLUTION IDEA**

Annual Report Presents British Scientist's Challenge to Tra-

ditional Concept. By the Associated Press. A British scientist's challenge of traditional concepts of evolution and heredity won formal notice resterday In its annual report the institution

presented the theory of Prof. W. P. Pycraft, British zoologist, that the body molds itself by diverting food, and hence growth, to those organs most stimulated in its ordinary activi-This theory, the institution said,

represents "an alternative for the whole Mendelian hypothesis of heredity and advances the idea of evolution through use of organs as a supplement to the Darwinian scheme of evolution through natural selection and the Lamarckian concept of evolution through environment."

Pycraft contends, the report con-tinued, that neither the Darwinian nor Lamarckian theories are sufficient explain the enormous diversity of animal forms.

INSPECTOR DEFENDS POLICE IN PRECINCT

Finds Nothing Wrong With Enforcement in Reply to Protest

of Association. Inspector L. I. H. Edwards, assistant police superintendent in charge of personnel, today defended second nre-Mid-City Citizens' Association, which had protested alleged immoral conditions on sections of New York avenue N.W. within the precinct.

the largest population of any precinc in the city made the second precinct difficult to police properly, but nevertheless, "I think they are doing an excellent job up there and I can find nothing wrong.' Members of the citizens' association charged at a meeting Monday night that they had heard law violators

Edwards said congestion caused by

boast about paying money to policemen to escape prosecution. FAIR, SLIGHTLY COOLER

TOMORROW'S FORECAST Disturbance Over Virginia Blamed for Heavy Rain Here-Storm Warnings Posted.

Fair and slightly cooler weather is in store for the District tomorrow, after heavy rain this afternoon and possibly early tonight, the Weather Bureau

A disturbance of moderate intensity

over Virginia, which caused the

Weather Bureau to order storm warnings displayed on the coast from Delaware Breakwater to Boston, was blamed for the heavy rain here today. The temperature here rose from a low of 54 degrees at 6 a.m. today to 58 at 10:30 a.m., which was slightly warmer than at the same time yester at 4 p.m. yesterday.