SEC. 5. That the Postmaster General may make such rules, regulations, and orders as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act: Provided, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to interfere with the postage charged or to be charged on Government operated air-mail routes.

Approved, February 2, 1925.

CHAP. 133.—An Act Authorizing the appointment of William Schuyler Woodruff as an Infantry officer, United States Army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and hereby is, authorized to appoint William Schuyler Woodruff, formerly a captain of Infantry, United States Army, an officer of Infantry, United States Army.

Approved, February 3, 1925.

CHAP. 140.—An Act To provide for compulsory school attendance, for the taking of a school census in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

ARTICLE I.—COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

SECTION 1. Every parent, guardian, or other person residing permanently or temporarily in the District of Columbia who has custody or control of a child between the ages of seven and sixteen years shall cause said child to be regularly instructed in a public school or in a private or parochial school or instructed privately during the period of each year in which the public schools of the District of Columbia are in session: Provided, That instruction accepted, given in such private or parochial school, or privately, is deemed equivalent by the Board of Education to the instruction given in the public schools.

SEC. 2. Any child between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years who has completed satisfactorily the eighth-grade course of study prescribed for the public elementary schools of the District of Columbia, or a course of study deemed by the Board of Education equivalent thereto, may be excused by the superintendent of schools from further attendance at school under the provisions of this Act, provided he is actually, lawfully, and regularly employed.

SEC. 3. The Board of Education of the District of Columbia may issue a certificate excusing from attendance at school a child who, upon examination ordered by such board, is found to be unable mentally or physically to profit from attendance at school: Provided, however, That if such examination shows that such child may benefit from specialized instruction adapted to his needs, he shall attend upon such instruction.

SEC. 4. The Board of Education shall define in its rules and regulations valid excuses for absence from school, and the absence of a child between the ages of seven and sixteen years for any reason other than so defined as valid shall be unlawful.

SEC. 5. An accurate daily record of the attendance of all children between the ages of seven and sixteen years shall be kept by the teachers of every public, private, or parochial school and by every teacher giving instruction privately. Such record shall at all times
be open to the school-attendance officers or other persons authorized to
enforce this Act, who may inspect and copy the same.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of every principal or head teacher of
every public, private, or parochial school, or private teacher to re-
port to the department of school attendance and work permits the
name and address of any child between the ages of seven and sixteen
years enrolled in his school whenever such child has been absent
from school two day sessions or four one-half day sessions or more in
any school month, together with the reason for such absence as far
as known.

Sec. 7. The parent, guardian, or other person residing perma-
nently or temporarily in the District of Columbia and having charge
or control of any child between the ages of seven and sixteen years
who is unlawfully absent from public or private school or private
instruction shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction
of failure to keep such child regularly in public or private school
or to cause it to be regularly instructed in private, shall be punished
by a fine of $10 or by commitment to jail for five days, or by both, at
the discretion of the court: Provided, That each two days such
child remains away from school unlawfully shall constitute a separate
offense: Provided further, That upon conviction of the first offense,
sentence may, upon payment of costs, be suspended and the defend-
ant placed on probation.

ARTICLE II.—SCHOOL CENSUS.

SECTION 1. That it shall be the duty of the director of school
attendance and work permits, under instruction of the superintend-
ent of schools, approved by the Board of Education, to cause to be
made a complete census of all children between the ages of three and
eighteen years permanently or temporarily residing in the District
of Columbia, and annually thereafter or as frequently as may be
found necessary or desirable. Such census shall be amended from
day to day as changes of residence occur among children within the
ages prescribed in this Act, and as other persons come within the
ages prescribed, and as other persons within such ages shall become
residents of the District. The record of such enumeration of children
shall give the full name, address, race, sex, and date and place
of birth of every such child, the school attended by him, and if the
child is not at school the name and address of his employer, if any,
and the name, address, and occupation of the parents or guardian.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the principal or head teacher of
every public, private, or parochial school or private teacher, in ac-
cordance with the rules adopted by the Board of Education, to report
to the director of the department of school attendance and work
permits the name, address, sex, age, and race of every child under
eighteen years of age residing permanently or temporarily in the
District of Columbia who enrolls in or withdraws from his school.

Sec. 3. Any parent, guardian, custodian, principal, or teacher of
a child between the ages of three and eighteen who willfully neglects
or refuses to provide the information required by this Act, or who
knowingly makes any false or untrue statement, shall be guilty of a
misdemeanor and on conviction shall be punished by a fine of $10
or by commitment to jail for five days, or by both, at the discretion
of the court.

ARTICLE III.—ADMINISTRATION.

SECTION 1. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to con-
solidate the administrative duties incident to the enforcement of the
provisions of this Act and of the Act to regulate child labor under
Sec. 2. The Board of Education is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to appoint a director of said department whose rank shall correspond to that of other directors who serve as officers of the Board of Education, and who shall be paid the same salary as said directors, and who shall be known as the director of the department of school attendance and work permits, and also to appoint such a number of attendance officers, inspectors, clerks, and other assistants as shall be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Such appointments, other than that of the director of said department and clerks, shall be made from a list of applicants obtained from open competitive examinations conducted by the respective boards of examiners of the Board of Education, and designed to test the fitness of the applicants for the duties to be performed.

Sec. 3. That the juvenile court of the District of Columbia is hereby given jurisdiction in all cases arising from this Act.

Sec. 4. The Act of Congress approved June 8, 1906, entitled “An Act providing for compulsory education in the District of Columbia,” and all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. That this Act shall take effect from the date of its enactment.

Approved, February 4, 1925.


SEC. 4. That the property and affairs of said corporation shall be managed by not less than forty trustees, who shall be elected annually at such time as shall be fixed by the by-laws, and at least one trustee shall be elected annually from a list of nominees to be made by each of the State societies and submitted in this society at least thirty days before the annual meeting, in accordance with the general provisions regulating such nominations as may be adopted by this society.”

Approved, February 6, 1925.

CHAP. 143.—An Act To authorize the discontinuance of the seven-year regauge of distilled spirits in bonded warehouses, and for other purposes.

SEC. 4. That upon withdrawal of distilled spirits from any internal-revenue bonded warehouse, in lieu of the allowance provided in subdivision (b) of section 600 of the Revenue Act of 1918, an allowance for loss by leakage or evaporation not exceeding one proof gallon as to casks or packages of a capacity of not less than forty wine gallons and one-half proof gallon as to casks or packages of a capacity of less than forty wine gallons and not less than twenty wine gallons, for each period of six months, or fraction thereof, after the expiration of seven years from the date of original entry or gauge, may be made in