

European Trip Is Planned By Ellsworth With Group Making Special Studies

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH

Everything is very quiet on the House side of the capitol now. Practically all of the representatives have left Washington. The House recess ends officially Sept. 21, but since that is the middle of the week nothing except routine business will be transacted until Monday the 26th.

In a few days I will leave for Europe with members of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Public health legislation is assigned to that committee. Hearings have already been held by the committee on the Truman socialized medicine bills. We discovered, however, that first-hand information regarding the operation of socialized medicine in England would be vital to a really careful consideration of such legislation.

It is my intention to do considerable of what might be called private investigating when I am in England with the committee. I know the group will be given plenty of official information and that a competent report will be written on the facts and figures obtained by the committee. What I want most to know, however, can best be obtained by talking

with people — doctors, working people, officials, and everyone who will spare the time for conversation. I also want to dig rather deeply into the question of finance. This subject is so extremely important that I feel a great need for every scrap of reliable information I can get.

The committee will come home by air and will arrive back in Washington the morning of the 26th.

The Senate committee investigating into the activities of the so-called "5 percenters" has this capital city agog these days. It is a sordid revelation of the sort of thing that can and does go on when appointments to high places in the world are made almost solely upon the basis of friendship and politics.

I think in fairness, and just to keep the record straight about this "5 percenters" mess, I should point out that the center of the disturbance, a former army officer by the name of James Hunt, apparently did nothing either dishonest or illegal. All I know about it is what I read in the news-



OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams

papers — and the Washington, D. C. papers are full of it—but it is pretty clear to me that Hunt has been doing nothing more or less than ordinary attorneys and lobbyists here do, and have been doing for many years. They represent clients who want to do business with the government on the most favorable basis possible. Hunt knows his way around Washington and in government circles and charged his clients a fee for using that knowledge for them. He seemed to be able to deliver fairly well because of the cupidity and low calibre of certain men holding high positions of public trust. Hunt has been smeared somewhat. I don't think much of his "profession" and it may be just as well to turn the heat on such people. However, let's not forget that the real gullies with those people Hunt was able to "influence."

It seems likely now that this session of Congress will adjourn for the remainder of the year along about the fifteenth of October. I plan to get home just as soon as I can after the business of the session is completed. I still expect to be able to visit all seven counties of the Fourth Congressional district before the end of the year. Meanwhile, this is the last "Letter from Washington" for several weeks—and possibly for this year.

Elkton

By PHYLLIS A. SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hedden and daughter, Donna, left for a trip to Seattle, Wash. Wednesday. Heddens drove to Eugene and took a train from there. They will visit Mr. and Mrs. George Welling while in Seattle.

Miss Evelyn Hudson returned from a business trip to Albion, Idaho, Thursday.

The Carl Moore family have returned from a two weeks' vacation trip to Hermiston, Ore., where they visited with Mrs. Moore's mother Mrs. Bault. The Moores also enjoyed seeing the Pendleton Round-Up.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bishop were visited last week by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Metheny of Divide, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Moore, formerly of Los Angeles, Calif., are going to make their home in Elkton.

Mrs. John Price of Philomath, Ore., is visiting with her son's family, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hudson and grandson, Donnie Suloff, went on a trip over the weekend. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hudson at Silverton and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hudson and family at Portland. They also attended the State fair at Salem Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warnack and daughters, Colleen and Jean, of Medford are visiting with their

many friends at Elkton.

Visitors at the Bennie Knypstra home include a niece, Miss Betty Sipkens of Grants Pass. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Tikker and daughters, and Mrs. Grace Evans of Venice, Calif.

Word has been received at Elkton of the death of Mr. Ralph Wainwright.

The county road crew is doing a good job of widening and straightening the Mehl Canyon road.

Gale Merrill had the misfortune to turn his car over in the middle of the highway, in front of the Charles Ross residence.

Rivet Tossing Is Champ With 125 Foot Throw

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Get out the record books, boys, here's a new one—and with rivets yet.

Eddie Derr of Middletown, Pa., and Clarence Price, Pittsburgh, teamed up Monday to win the "national rivet-throwing championship" with heaves of 125 feet.

Derr acted as the pitcher, tossing red-hot rivets to Price, who caught them in a funnel while standing on a four-inch wide steel girder atop a metal tower.

The event was sponsored by the Structural Iron Workers (AFL, local 104.)

When he applied the brakes to avoid a cow that was being led across the highway, Friday, Sept. 2, neither Merrill or his car were badly damaged.

Miss Joan Lastrude who works in Portland, spent the weekend in Elkton.

Mr. and Mrs. John MacNeil and family went to Albany Saturday to visit Mr. MacNeil Sr.

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She was six years old when the family crossed the plains by ox-drawn wagon. Her parents, Jacob and Elizabeth Wood Henkle, settled on the South fork of Mary's river, in Benton county, Dec. 25, 1853.

Her first husband, John L. Shipley, died in 1877.

Pool Inaugurated With Splash; Lobby Flooded

CUSHING, Okla., Sept. 8.—(AP)—The dedication of Cushing's new memorial swimming pool certainly was a big splash.

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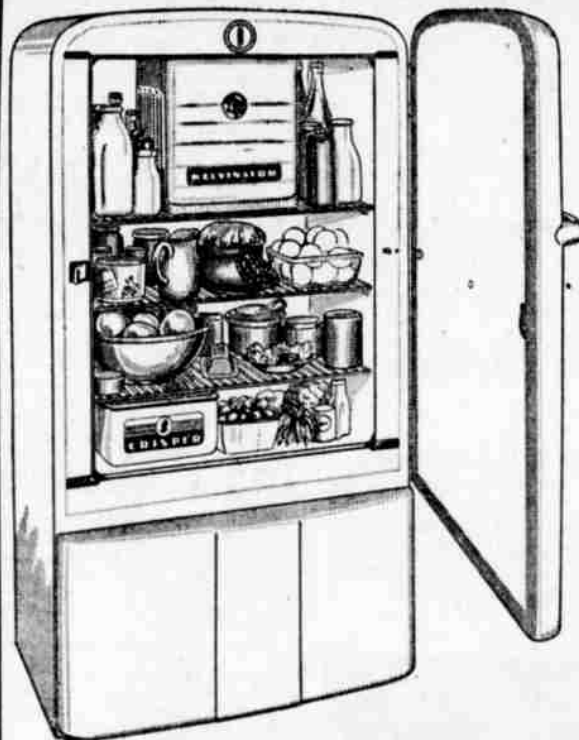
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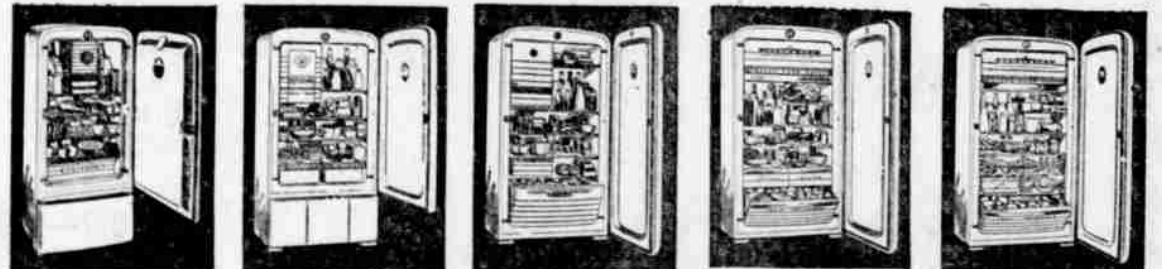
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