

Money Prizes Offered For Essay on Inventor

The John Ericsson society and the American-Scandinavian Foundation have announced two prizes of \$400 and \$100 respectively, to be awarded annually to students of any Swedish-American college in the United States or students of Swedish birth or extraction for the best

essays on the Swedish-born engineer, John Ericsson.

It was Ericsson's invention of the ironclad ship "Monitor" which defeated the "Merrimac" at Hampton Roads and was a decisive factor in the outcome of the Civil War. Ericsson was also responsible for numerous developments in the field of steam locomotion, and designed the screw propeller, air compressors and the calorific engine.

The essays may be of any length, must be typed, and should treat the general themes of John Ericsson and his contribution to the United States; John Ericsson, the Inventor; or John Ericsson, his life and work.

Entries for the contest will be accepted at the American-Scandinavian Foundation, 127 East 37th street, New York 21, New York, from March 1 until Nov. 1. Prizes will be awarded by a joint committee of the Society and the Foundation shortly after Jan. 1.

Further information concerning this contest may be obtained from K. S. Ghent, foreign student adviser, in the office of student affairs on second floor of Emerald hall.



SU Currents

'Abraham Lincoln' Scheduled Sunday

"Abraham Lincoln" will be shown Sunday at 2:30 and 5 p.m. in the SU ballroom, according to Donna Lou Douglas, member of the SU Movie committee.

Walter Huston stars in this film of Stephen Vincent Benet's story of Lincoln's life. Admission for the film is 30 cents.

Collected Famous Films Will Be Shown Tonight

Famous films of the past collected in the "Hollywood Memory Book" will be shown tonight at 7 and 9 p.m. in Commonwealth 138. The program featuring former stars will offer variety of entertainment. Beverly Spence, member of the Movie committee, has said. No admission charge will be made.

No Friday at Four

The Friday at Four program will not be presented this week because of the Oregon-Oregon State game in Corvallis, Beverly Chamberlain, member of the Music committee, has announced.

UO Graduate Studies Trade

Robert W. Chamberlain, a University of Oregon graduate, has enrolled at the American Institute for Foreign Trade at Thunderbird field in Arizona.

Specializing in South America, Chamberlain is preparing for a career in American business or government abroad.

Chamberlain, whose home town is Portland, graduated with a business degree from Oregon. He was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity.

Mrs. Chamberlain, the former Bernice Joanne Hite of Eugene, is studying languages and customs while at Thunderbird. She also attended Oregon.

COLUMNIST REPORTS

'Hot Blast' Prepared by Ike Against Democrat Tax Cut

By CHARLES F. BARRETT
Of the Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower Tuesday reportedly drafted a hot blast against the drive by House Democrats for a \$20-a-person income tax cut starting next Jan. 1.

Administration officials and Republicans in Congress indicated the President, at his news conference Wednesday, would take a personal hand in the scrap.

House Showdown

The House Ways and Means committee, meanwhile, voted 16-9 to send the tax bill to the floor for a House showdown, expected Thursday. The final committee action ratified a decision Monday to wrap the tax cut into an administration bill postponing almost three billion dollars in excise and corporation tax cuts, now set for April 1.

Committee Chairman Cooper (D-Tenn) and House Majority Leader McCormack (D-Mass) predicted the combined bill would pass. Rep. Kean (R-NJ), a committee member who opposed the income tax cut, agreed he saw little chance to stop it.

But Rep. Halleck (R-Ind), assistant House minority leader, said "I think we'll beat it."

Veto Advised

Halleck, generally credited with considerable influence at the White House, said he would advise a presidential veto if the bill passes in its present form.

The issue was stirring perhaps the biggest fight of the year between the Republican administration and House Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex) and other House Democrats. It seemed certain to pop with fury into next year's congressional and presidential elections.

Some Senate Democratic leaders were not enthusiastic about the move by their party members in the House. Chairman Byrd (D-Va) and Sen. George (D-Ga), senior members of the Senate Finance Committee, announced their opposition to the income tax cut.

The bill would give an annual \$20 tax cut for each taxpayer and each dependent, on income earned in 1956 and thereafter. This would be \$100 for a family of five. The reductions would be felt first in payroll withholding taxes after Jan. 1. About five million taxpayers would be relieved of any federal income tax bill at all.

•Stock Market•

Financial and commodity markets were closed Tuesday for Washington's birthday.

Eugene Stations Cut Gas Prices

An intermittent gasoline price war in Eugene service stations seemed to have started again Tuesday.

Some downtown stations formerly selling regular-grade gas at 29.3 cents per gallon Monday displayed signs advertising it at 28.3 cents. They later replaced those with signs for 27.3 cent

gasoline, according to the Register-Guard.

Some Springfield stations were reported to be selling at even lower prices. Officials of major oil companies were not able to explain the cost-cutting in terms of an overall trend, stating that it began from individual actions of station operators.

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