

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

By Harris Ellsworth, Member of Congress

After running in what has seemed to us to be high gear for three months, congress has slowed down for Easter week and will go back into session with heavy legislation under consideration beginning the week of April 14. There has been the usual criticism of congress since it convened January 3, most of the complaint taking the line that the Republican-controlled congress has done nothing. If we had jammed through major legislation in a hurry, we would have been accused of hasty and ill-considered action. Obviously, your elected public servants in congress are fair game for the barbs of criticism at any and all times. It seems to me that is a healthy condition, for it means people are concerned with government and are watching their representatives.

From where I sit, however, it seems to me this congress has not only been very busy, but the house of representatives has actually accomplished more in those three months than has been accomplished in the opening three months of any congress in recent history. The house has passed several appropriation bills, a tax reduction bill and several score of minor pieces of legislation. Meantime, committees have been holding hearings preparatory to reporting the remainder of the important legislation for the session.

not a bona-fide proceedings of the congress.

The congressional record will not have a new section—a third one, which is to be known as "The Daily Digest." The purpose of this new feature is to give a quick official resume of all legislative business transacted on Capitol Hill. It is designed to provide senators and representatives with a brief over-all reference record of operations in the chambers and committees of both houses. The Daily Digest will also serve to keep the press and business people informed about congress.

It was the idea of the re-organization plan to accomplish a dual purpose in this innovation. To simplify finding wanted information in the record without going over every page and to bridge the gap between the congress and the people who have too little knowledge of the waily work of their congress.

The plan is to offer the Daily Digest in two forms—one bound into the regular congressional record and a separate edition for the digest alone which can be kept in cumulative loose-leaf form as a ready reference of legislative proceedings. Like the Record, the Daily Digest will be obtainable at a nominal price for single copies and on a subscription basis for each session of congress.

Immediately after the Easter week slowdown, the labor committee will report its important and highly controversial labor bill; the interior department appropriation bill will be on the floor; the banking and currency committee will have a housing bill; and the president's proposal for aid to Greece and Turkey will be considered.

Dairy farmers may be interested in knowing that I have a supply of Farmers Bulletin No. 1443 entitled "Dairy Cattle Breeds." This booklet is illustrated, and in addition to giving information regarding the characteristics of the various breeds, contains the history, origin and development of them. I shall be glad to send this bulletin to anyone on request.

A valuable outgrowth of the law passed last session to modernize congress has appeared in the form of an addition to the congressional record. On two occasions, the format has been changed from a three-column to a two-column page, and back to three columns.

The Record has heretofore been in two parts—the detailed proceedings of the senate and house of representatives and the appendix. This latter portion is composed of remarks and miscellaneous matter which the congress wants to put on record, but

Harbor School Notes

THIRD GRADE

Donald Callaway broke the crocodile so he had to bring a dollar to replace it.

Virginia Akers won the crocodile and also won the wooden shoe to keep, in arithmetic. She won the crocodile in spelling contest.

Mr. Newton brought a May pole.

David Carson broke his collar bone on the teeters.

The first grade has new teeters.

each wrote a "thank you" note to him.

Anna Ettinger had hers chosen as best letter. We signed all our names to Anna's note and will send it to Mr. Foltz.

Friday we had our Easter egg hunt. First prizes were won by Jimmy Widney and Anna Jean Gardner. Consolation prizes went to Judy Johnson and Walter Craig.

Lana Woody brought "Jolly Jump-ups" to school. DeMoss read it to us.

Mrs. Donald Erb and her family of Eugene, were here last week visiting at the C. A. Mack home. She is the widow of late Donald Erb, president of University of Oregon, who died of pneumonia some year half ago.

SECOND GRADE

Mr. Foltz brought two more teeter-totters this week.

Jane Woodworth brought some pictures of the Mississippi river. We have been reading about it in our Democracy readers.

On Monday we got a letter from Raye Jean Minshew. She is at Santa Monica.

David Carson fell off the teeters and fractured his collar bone. He has been out of school.

The boys and girls who have been reading in More Friends and Neighbors plan to make a movie of their favorite story.

Dixie Wolfe, Tommy Widney, Zane Woodworth and Bobby Page won prizes at the Easter egg hunt.

FIRST GRADE

Dale Crump brought a bouquet of wild flowers to school Monday.

Mr. Foltz brought two portable teeters to school for the first grade. The boys and girls

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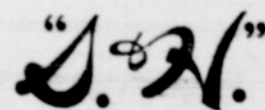
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