

WASHINGTON WEEK

By Harris Elsworth

Following several very busy weeks, congress has had two weeks of comparative inactivity. During the week of Lincoln's birthday observation, many Republican members went home to attend Lincoln day banquets.

During the week following, Jackson-Jefferson day dinners were attended by Democratic members. With these two birthday weeks out of the way, there will be renewed activity until Easter.

One of the most controversial bills of this season, the universal military training bill, is at present in the hands of the rules committee. It is my understanding that the rules committee does not intend to send this bill to the floor during this session.

During the first week after we re-convened, it was rumored that PMT would be one of the first bills to be considered. Nothing further has been said about it officially since it was sent to the rules committee by the armed services committee with a request that it be given a rule for consideration on the floor.

The rules committee of the house of representatives might be likened to a funnel which controls the stream of legislation to the floor of the house. This committee determines which bills are to be acted upon and when they are to be taken up. Except for appropriations bills which are reported directly by the appropriations committee, and minor bills passed by unanimous consent, and except for rare instances of bills being brought to the floor by a petition of the membership, no bills are acted upon without the consent of the rules committee. It is not anticipated that the UMT bill will be forced out by petition, and I have not yet heard of any change in sentiment in the rules committee, so at present it does not seem likely that the UMT bill will be acted upon this year.

No one should start now to spend the money saved by him by the term of the tax reduction bill passed by the house.

We had to handle such a bill early in the session if it is to be completed by both houses and vetoed and over-ridden by mid-June. The total reduction figure will be changed by the senate after congress disposes of the Marshall plan bills—and house expects it to be changed.

Opposition party criticism of Republican insistence upon taking some of the federal tax burden off our necks says we should retire the war debt instead. Of course we should—and will. The question is—how much.

Though not an economist, even I can see that it would be ruinous to pay off the whole \$260 billion in one year. I think it also would be fatal to distribute half of that amount back to the lenders. So, figuring on down from there—just how much repayment will our monetary system and our economy stand without further cheapening our money? Experts say between three and six billions. We can do that this year and reduce taxes, too.

The United Nations organization should not be charged with failure because it has not been of much help in maintaining world peace thus far. Simple fact is, UN function is to prevent war, not stop it. We are not yet at peace. UN will not have a chance to function until complete peace is established, but if it keeps trying to work where and when it cannot, and pulls a few more boners like the Palestine partition, it may be a generation or more before there is a peaceful world in which the UN may operate to keep the peace.

GAME NEWS

Another step forward to maintain the migratory waterfowl resources of the pacific flyway was taken when a coordinated plan of study and management for the Pacific coast was decided on as a result of a conference held in Portland on February 17 and 18 by representatives of the British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and California game departments and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, it is announced by C. A. Lockwood, state game supervisor for the Oregon commission.

Varying types of waterfowl management work have been engaged in but much of this has been done by the separate agencies on a local basis. Since maintenance of this resource involves

the necessity of ascertaining annual facts on a coastwise basis, it is desirable that a program be formulated to apply to the entire flyway. The Pacific flyway, the migratory route of thousands of ducks and geese, extends from Alaska to Central America and maintenance of this resource depends upon the knowledge of the status of the birds throughout the entire range and at all seasons of the year.

A coordinating committee was established with a representative of each agency serving on the committee to establish uniformity in the program of the various agencies to pool all information being secured.

Storms last weekend washed out the dam at the Bandon trout hatchery of the Game commission and necessitated emergency measures on the part of the hatchery crew to keep up the water supply in the ponds until the liberation crew could release the approximately 100,000 legal-sized cutthroat trout being held at that station for spring release. No fish were lost, however, and plans are underway for repair of the dam.

Dance Concludes March Of Dimes

Despite the heavy rains of that evening, the March of Dimes dance, last Friday, attracted a large crowd, and consequently a fair sum for the campaign. Netted was \$93.14.

In the costume judging, Barbara Stoller, dressed as a hula girl, took the womens prize, while V. A. Mendenhall Jr. looked "mighty like" a chinaman, so much so that he was given the first prize for men. Ben Kerns, as the tall and willowy gal of many charms, kept the crowd laughing most of the evening.

In reviewing the area's effort in the March of Dimes, Mrs. V. A. Mendenhall Sr. reports: From containers, schools and postcards, \$320.00. From Dance, (net) 93.14. Total, \$413.14.

The container at the Texaco Service station was the highest with \$28.59. The fourth grade was the heaviest contributor in the schools. Of the organizations Sydney Croft lodge was highest. An old type \$2 bill, carried for 27 years by Ralph Vincent, was in the contributions.

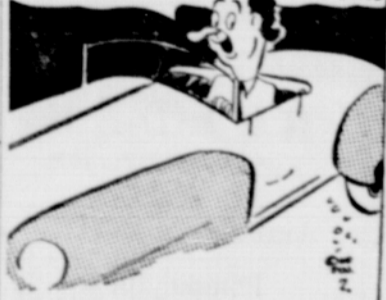
Stork Shower Wednesday At Payne Residence

Mrs. Herbert Payne and Mrs. Everett Reekman were hostesses at the Payne home, for a stork shower last Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. Walter Essley and Mrs. Donald Payne. Appropriate games were played in the early evening, climaxed by the opening of the many nice gifts by the honored guests.

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cake were served by the hostesses. Those who were present included the Mesdames Curt Waldien, Mary Van Pelt, Henry Payne, William Hempel, Fred Gardner, William Barton, Floyd Swearingen, Lynda Roberts, Anna Waldien, Gerry Myers, Claude Wright, Leslie Miller, the Misses Lois Ann Miller, Jean Gardner and Mildred Crawford, the honored guests and the hostesses.

George Funk Returns From Trip To Midwest

Returning Sunday after an extended trip east, since Jan. 3, George Funk arrived here from

San Francisco. He told the lot Tuesday that he had a story about what the group of lilies were doing to their industry by "peddler methods" and cut-throat practices and contacting greenhouses.

Mrs. Funk, who became Cheyenne, Wyo., is at a dale hospital receiving treatments for abscess of her ear. In recounting his experience Mr. Funk said that he will compile a few of his notes and release in the next issue of Pilot.

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