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## IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

It seems to me that Greyhound has found an excuse to slap back at this area, which, two years ago, voted almost unanimously to grant a franchise to American bus lines, when the road load limits were placed by the state highway commission. This may not be the case, but it does seem that way to me.

Last week, the buses stopped at Gold Beach from the north, and Crescent City from the opposite direction. Roads between Gold Beach and Crescent City should be in better condition, in general, than outside this area, due to the re-surfacing last year. To me these seems to be little excuse for this action.

I recall that during the possibility that an opposing franchise might be granted, Greyhound did more than was asked—it inaugurated more schedules, acted as if it wished to please patrons to the utmost. Came the state hearing and consequent denial of the competing franchise, and a big change in Greyhound action.

I can think of a lady in this community who was sold a ticket on the Greyhound, to make a connection at Springfield Junction. The tariffs showed this connection, but agents were not no-

tified when that connecting run was discontinued because of road conditions in MacKenzie pass.

This lady was set off at the Springfield Junction at 10 p. m. with the bus driver cognizant of the fact she would have no connection. He was even discourteous to her when she asked if this was the spot where the Bend-bound bus would pass. He never told her to go to Eugene, there to make transfer.

This action made only a moderate impression on me until the action taken last week. Maybe I do not have the right idea of the thing, but that is the way it seems to me—here where I sit.

I suppose that last week I was one of the "biggest crabs" in the area when I could not get the wheels in the printing office to roll. Now, after a week "on the inactive list" and with a Thursday duty performed on Sunday, I have taken stock of the past week.

Perhaps we, in this community suffered more than any other community in way of electricity, but certainly we did not have the elements to fight like they did over the mountains to the east, from whence our electric power comes. Our discomfort was resultant of their storms—not by ours.

We had about six inches of rain last week. I can think of many communities near where I was born that six inches of rain would be considered sufficient to grow a crop of wheat. Rain, if you will not, does not pile up on the road and cause traffic to become stalled. That happened almost everywhere, except right in this community.

We had our discomforts last week—plenty of them, but by a comparison, we had things not too bad. We found an old gasoline stove that filled in for the electric. We found candles to at least light up the house so we could walk about. We had more time to sleep—we should have been—actually—given the

rest we had been wanting.

We have learned through the experience of last week how interdependent we have become in the past 50 years upon one another. Last week we were given a taste of what our parents believed was luxury, and took all things as they came. We should have learned a lesson in patience—but I doubt if we have—I am not too sure of myself.

Eventually, it seems to me all power lines must go "underground" to prevent frequent occurrence of that experience. The installation, actually, would be little more expensive—and the maintenance would be practically nothing.



By Harris Ellsworth, M. C.

(Editor's Note: This is the first letter received from Harris Ellsworth since his return to Washington for second session of the 81st congress. More will follow each week.)

Our constitution requires that the president shall "from time to time give to the congress information on the state of the union, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient." Presidents Washington and Adams delivered their messages orally when congress assembled. Jefferson discontinued this practice and transmitted his message in writing. This became a custom which was followed by our presidents for 112 years until April 8, 1913., when President Wilson established the custom of addressing congress in person.

Accordingly, President Truman appeared in person and delivered his message after the opening of the second session of the 81st congress.

The reception given the president when he entered the chamber and was presented, was splendid. The members of congress on both sides of the aisle like Mr. Truman personally, as their applause clearly indicated.

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However, what he had to say in his message was applauded only very lightly. I watched the source of such applause as was given during the speech. It came from a rather small group on the Democrat side which I'd identify as being the left-wing contingent of the present majority in congress. A sizeable majority of the Democrat members and practically all of the Republican members "sat on their hands" as theatre people would say.

Lest you might think I mention this lack of applause for the message in a spirit of hide-bound partisanship, I must point out that my comments represent accurate observation and reporting as anyone who was present would testify. On the other hand, I consider the nature and extent of the applause an important and seldom obtained indication of the general attitude of the members of congress toward the president's requests for legislation. In other words, I am now convinced that most of the Democrat members of the house do not, in their hearts, approve of the president's program but it will be surprising indeed if they vote against it. The administration in power can wield a disciplinary lash which its party members are inclined to fear.

Although much more wordy, the message itself was but a

re-hash of the last several talks Mr. Truman has made. About the only thing missing was his former reference to all opponents of his views as representatives of the selfish and greedy interests. He was apparently holding out a slightly wilted olive twig to those who disagree with him. The rest of it was the same.

He asks for measures which would increase government expenditures. He says he will ask for more taxes. Many of his proposals would increase his executive control. Summed up, Mr. Truman and his administration want to collect more money from the people and spend it for them rather than let the people spend their own money for themselves as they see fit. In other words, what he proposed is nothing more nor less than a controlled socialist state.

LeRoy Ross, 6 lb. 7 oz. boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Conner Kessler, Sunday afternoon at Seaside hospital, Crescent City. It is their first child.

P.-T. A. sponsored volleyball for women will be held Wednesday afternoon at 4, according to Mrs. Lynn Hampton. Ladies desiring this recreation, are asked to bring own gym shoes.

## Now you Know!

The answers to everyday Insurance Problems  
By Pete Lesmeister



Question. What items should be considered in arriving at the total amount of theft insurance which should be carried? We read in the papers about burglars who back moving vans up to a house when the owners are away and simply take everything but it seems foolish to pay the premium on a big insurance policy when the chances of something like that happening are so very slight.

Answer. You should make a careful inventory of all items to be insured against theft and should include all things which are valuable and which could easily be carried away. Watches, jewelry, clothing, cameras, sports equipment, typewriters and radios are a few examples.

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