

The Week In Washington, D. C.

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There is an old but pithy comment which I had not recalled for years until a few days ago. The saying goes: "Back home and broke." Yes, that's it. Now I know what it means because I cashed the last of our travelers' checks to buy our train tickets from the pier in New York to Washington, D.C. Last week Helen and I completed a rather short but exceedingly interesting trip to Europe, arriving back here just as the House resumed active work after its summer recess.

On the trip we visited in England, Ireland, France, Spain, Italy and Germany. To save travel time we frequently used the excellent European airlines and were thus able to spend several days in each of the countries visited.

For obtaining information on specific subjects, such as the study of socialized medicine made by my committee in 1949, an official trip is excellent. However, I saw more and learned more in a general way on this one personal tour than in all of my previous official trips put together.

In the next two or three weekly letters I will note some observations made particularly as to Germany and regarding the European defense program headed by General Eisenhower. For this time I will mention a few general impressions:

1. The people of Europe seem to be getting along fairly well. I seemed to notice a much more generally cheerful attitude than I saw either in 1947 or 1949. In general, the low-income people are having just about the same difficulty in Europe as they are having here at home. The cost of living keeps just about even with wages. All stores seem to be well stocked. Markets and food stores offer ample selections and seem to be well patronized. In short, the downtown areas of European cities are quite similar to comparable areas here.

2. We visited one country, Spain, which had little or no aid from the United States, and we found the people there as friendly toward us, and Americans generally, as were the people in the countries we are aiding with a great many dollars. From that I think I can draw the conclusion that friendship is not bought with our dollars.

3. Germany, and what happens in the future to the 80 or 90 million Germans, is the number one problem in all Europe—or in the whole world.

4. The unified European defense system, being welded together by General Eisenhower and the splendid people in what they call the SHAPE headquarters near Paris, is by far the most important and, I think, the most successful of any of our foreign policy efforts. The economic importance of the European defense plan seems to dwarf our lavish ECA program. I will discuss this more fully in my letter next week.

5. Unlike most other American visitors to the Eisenhower headquarters, I have no prediction or comment to make as to whether Ike will or will not be a candidate for the presidency. I am pretty certain of one thing though, and that is the General regards his task of putting together a 12-nation defense wall in western Europe as far more important right now than anything that might happen politically a year from now. He seems to have the sound idea that the job he is doing is essential to Western security and world peace and, therefore, is far more important than what happens to him personally. Fortunately, General Eisenhower is intelligent enough to know that if he did or said anything now which might indicate his mixing

of politics with the job of being European commander, the success of that job might be endangered.

JUST PERSONAL



By DEWEY

Brookings is being talked by the whole state, and much of the west, due to its tremendous new growth in recent years. Constantly, almost every mail inquiry comes to this office, seeking information concerning possibilities in this area for countless types of businesses. A copy of the Pilot is mailed in hopes that from the columns, some conclusion may be formed. It is impossible for me to say definitely in any manner.

It has become necessary for many home-owners to put locks on doors which used to remain unlocked. Temptation for children not in school who are left to their own amusements have been pilfering residences and doing damage to premises. Parents should keep closer scrutiny to prevent any further damage and possible damage cases. Dogs, romping with these children, have wrecked some beautiful gardens.

This brings us up to discussion of the work facing the council in the coming weeks. The job is tremendous (stupendous would be a more correct word). Charters are being studied; ordinances applicable to the city are being read by the individual members, with the idea to not impose upon anyone.

Perhaps one of the most important immediate ordinances will be one regulating the zoning of all future buildings. It is going to be difficult to decide which area shall be used for what purpose.

Who would like to guess on the actual population of Brookings? That would be fun to have guesses published. Who would like to write down their guess and compare it with the neighbor or the friend? Try it. I will climb out on a limb and say that 2000 would about hit the number. Does anyone have a better guess.

LANGLOIS

By MARION BROOKS

LANGLOIS HIGH SCHOOL ELECTS CLASS OFFICERS

Election of class officers for the current school year was held during activity period September 17.

The senior officers are: President, Charlie Clarke; vice president, Dick Everest; secretary-treasurer, Mary Hildebrand; student council members, Mary Hildebrand. The seniors also decided to hold a dance in the high school gym on October 6.

The junior class officers are: President, Noel Martin; vice president, Dorothy Storm; secretary-treasurer, Shirley Phillips; student council member, Clyde Quigley.

The sophomore class officers are: President, Mary Donaldson; vice president, Gary Bruckler; secretary, Barbara Phillips; treasurer, Iris Robbins; student council member, Madelyn Johnson. The sophomores decided to hold freshman initiation some time

during the first part of October.

The freshman class officers are: President, Irene Sypher; vice president, Barbara Medlock; secretary, Dorothy Wigle; treasurer, Gerald Phillips; student council member, Dale Smith.

Miss Muriel Hughes is senior class advisor; Fred L. Hargand is junior class advisor; Robert L. Thetford is sophomore class advisor, and Miss Evelyn Carter is freshman class advisor.

A student body meeting was held on September 17 with Barbara Phillips and Gary Bruckler being elected student council members from the student body in general.

P.-T.A. NEWS

The Langlois Parent-Teacher Association met Thursday evening, September 18, in the grade school gym. The new president, Mrs. Wilbur Sypher, called the meeting to order and introduced the teachers of the high school and grade school faculties.

The group voted to increase the annual dues from \$1 per family to \$1 per member and to sponsor a Brownie Scout troop for the younger girls.

After a lengthy discussion of the projects to be undertaken for the coming year, it was decided to finance 50 per cent of the cost of a stage curtain for the high school gym, and 50 per cent of the cost of a tape recorder for the grade school. Cy Gardiner, Carl Britton, Gerald Quinn and Mr. Freetz were named on the ways and means committee to make plans for raising the required funds.

Room mothers for the year were named as follows: First grade, Mrs. Lloyd Clauson; second and third grades, Mrs. Bob Zimmerman; fourth grade, Mrs. Virginia Hendrickson; fifth and sixth grades, Mrs. Harold Britton; seventh and eighth grades, Mrs. Charlie Jensen, and P.-T.A. advisor for the high school, Mrs. Jean Strain.

Mrs. Paul Smith and small son and Mrs. Wilbur Sypher were Coquille visitors Monday.

Mrs. S. E. Cheever and John Gerber of Langlois were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Gerber of Bandon.

Mrs. Ethel Kranick of Westmost Grange called on several persons in Langlois trying to stimulate interest in the queen contest in connection with the Cranberry Festival. Miss Patty Boice of Langlois was chosen by the Sixes Grange to be their representative at the meeting Satur-

day night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pook were in Coquille Friday morning. On their way home they stopped at the cranberry growers meeting in Bandon. This meeting was in the form of an inspection tour of bogs previously sprayed in a weed control program. Much progress in weed control was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Aldropp motored to Eugene on Saturday and earlier in the week Mr. Aldropp was in Arcata installing a set of loggers scales.

Mrs. Donna Churchill is home for the weekend. She teaches and lives in Gold Beach during the week, returning home for the weekends.

Langlois Hi played the first football game of its history with Port Orford this week. Final score: Port Orford 21, Langlois 0.

Sixes Grange H.E.C. met with Dovia Sweet on Thursday afternoon. Seven members and three visitors were present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Thetford of Hoquiam, Wash., arrived for a weeks visit with the Bob Thetfords on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pook were called to Portland early Sunday morning by the death of Mr. Pook's brother.

Langlois Girl Scouts met September 19 with their leader, Mrs. Archie Aldropp. Margaret Britton was taken in as a new member. Mrs. Docia Sweet and Mrs. Mart Hoggatt continued lessons in textile painting on tea towels. Refreshments were served by Jean Sypher.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Moore and daughters, Leann and Joyce, and Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Glenden-

ning and two daughters, Phyllis and Janice, of Sherwood were weekend guests of the Frank Moores. Le'and is a nephew of Frank Moore and son of O. L. Moore. They made the Rogue River trip on Saturday and returned home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Donaldson have a baby girl, born on September 21 at Mast hospital in Myrtle Point. She was named Barbara Lou. She was born on her grandfather Donaldson's birthday.

Mrs. Cliff Lang accidentally stepped into a hole near a burning stump and burned one foot quite badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fletcher and family moved this week from the Thompson house to Westlake, Oregon.

Jane Leathers of Ophir visited the Dean Collins over the weekend.

Sixes Grange met at the Sixes Grange hall Saturday evening in regular session. Four candidates were obligated into the third and fourth degrees. Nomination of state officers was part of the business. Garngie will open through the winter at 8 o'clock, standard time. A very nice program was put on by the H.E.C. chairman, Mary Woodworth.

Elder C. Lloyd Wyman of the Coquille Seventh-day Adventist church had charge of the services at the Langlois Community church. He will be back next Sunday, September 30. Everyone enjoyed his songs and inspiring message.

The Easter lily growers of the Langlois area have about completed the digging of their bulbs for the year.



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