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Letter From Washington

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I DO NOT BEAR any ill will toward government "economists." In fact, I guess I don't rightly know what such an employee is or what he does. All I know for sure about such people is that we have an amazing number of them on the government payroll. They are well paid, too. Representative John Taber of New York, chairman of the House Appropriations committee, says we have 2,498 economists employed, which service costs Uncle Sam just under \$18,000,000 per year.

This reminds me of the remark Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay made at the National Press Club luncheon this week. The president of the club when introducing McKay commented that, like a Chevrolet automobile with which the Secretary is very familiar, the Department of Interior is made up of many parts. Whereupon the Secretary arose and while acknowledging the accuracy of the comparison noted one important difference. "The fact is," Secretary McKay said, "that ALL of the parts in a Chevrolet are necessary."

Apparently it takes a bunch of economists to help run the government but surely not all 2,498 are necessary. I'll venture a guess that if the present list were cut in half, no one would worry much and the saving would help balance the budget.

SPEAKING of saving money, the elimination of practically all of the price control organization

will make a saving of approximately \$44,000,000 during the next fiscal year.

THIS WEEK I went with a small group of members of the House to lunch at the White House. We were invited by President Eisenhower. It was a very formal, good humored affair. The President is having a series of such luncheons. He intends in this way to meet and converse with every member of the Congress. It is a very good idea and is, I think, especially liked by the Democrat members. The President certainly shows no favoritism to the members of his own party at these gatherings—and that is surely a sensible attitude to take for a social occasion.

After lunch, President Eisenhower took us upstairs and told us some interesting things about some of the rooms. I had been through the White House just after the remodeling job was completed. It was fully furnished then but did not look very home-like to me. This time it really did look like a home that is lived in. I don't know exactly what the difference is but I expect Mamie could tell us—she had added the little touches which have changed a great big house into a pleasant home.

ALONG ABOUT the middle of 1950—probably about the time the fighting broke out in Korea—government financial experts were worried. Owners of government bonds were cashing them faster than the bond sales drive could sell them. The trend continued. The latest monthly tabulation indicates, however, that this trend has stopped. During that month \$69,000,000 more bonds were bought than were cashed. This is a sure sign of the confidence people feel in the new administration.

For What It's Worth

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

PROBABLY very few people were aware that March 3 of this week was Teachers' Day; nevertheless such was the case. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was the president responsible for the formal education of our children. And just as June is the month for brides and December belongs to Santa Claus, no month could be more appropriate than March in which to designate a day in remembrance of our teachers. For this is the time of the year when contracts for the next year are offered or denied.

These are the fateful days when the schoolmaster discovers whether he flunked the wrong child, whether the wrong leading lady for the school play, or let the wrong athlete sit on the bench.

It matters not that he may have opened the minds of his students to the beauty of a poem, impressed upon them the true principles of democracy, or enlightened them to the fact that a \$1200 a year income will not provide for a fully occupied two-car garage. Such achievements are of little importance; for, tragically enough, in too many cases these are not qualifications by which our teachers are hired and fired.

If the local pedagogue has catered to the children whose parents' voices are loudest in the community, he will in all likelihood be retained for another year along with a raise in salary regardless of whether his students have learned the difference between a participle and a pollywog.

But if the teacher has failed to ascertain on which side of the tracks his check is signed, he will no doubt, as Caesar, meet his Ides of March; and while the dagger thrust may not be fatal to his career, he will in all probability be viewing new scenes through his classroom window come next fall.

Living thus dangerously, it is no more than right that the teacher should have HIS day.

On the Main Drag

A new Oregon State Bank sign.

In the spring the Garden Club's fancy turns to fashion shows and not so lightly.

Big city Brookings still able to scare up a bobcat.

Mr. Arp making maps on the sidewalk.

Lewis Peterson smelling snow in the air.

Jake, the Barber, stubbing his toe.

Corsages made by our artist friend, Maude Sandbo.

Charles Young flashing keys to all the parking meters.

Those professional steppers at the minstrel show. You missed something if you didn't see it. Even Zazu Pitts was there.

That ill used car of George Blunts. So would we, if a tractor had fallen on us.

Carmen Miranda, Zazu Pitts, Lon Chaney and that high kicking chorus doing OF.

SMITH RIVER

The potluck supper and get-together party sponsored by the Smith River Women's Club, held on Thursday evening, Feb. 26, was a good success with nearly one hundred persons in attendance for the affair. Mrs. Mabel Browne was general chairman of the supper and program.

The tables in the banquet room were decorated with red, white and blue crepe paper streamers, with motifs and napkins carrying out the patriotic theme of George Washington's birthday.

A flower arrangement on the mantel was centered with three red, white and blue candles. Club President, Mrs. Evo Mello, Jr., spoke a few words of welcome to the group.

Following the supper, all were seated in the clubroom, where an interesting program was enjoyed.

Beautiful colored slides were shown by Vance Bolick, showing many interesting views and scenery. The pictures were taken by the Bolicks on their trip to Kansas a year ago.

Mrs. Bolick explained the pictures, which were enjoyed by all.

A trio of colored minstrels dressed in costumes and playing an accordion, banjo and guitar, kept the audience thrilled with music and songs. The trio was composed of Robert Reuss, Rodney Saxelby and Robert Reuss.

Another enjoyable part on the program was the Azalea minstrel chorus in costume, from Brookings, who entertained the audience with minstrel and spiritual songs.

Taking part in the chorus were Mrs. Mete Meyers at piano. Others were Bernice Swanson, Nell McKenzie, Dorothy Widney, Marie Tuffs, Helen Hanscam, Mary Fisher, Wilhemina Donnelly, Lucia Martindale and Ida Hall.

A vote of appreciation was extended to all who took part in the evening program. Chairman Mabel Browne was assisted in serving by Mrs. Ethel Goodlin and Mrs. Edna Ross.

The Smith River P.-T.A. has completed plans for the annual smorgasbord.

The committees, under the direction of Chairman Mrs. Edna Samuelson, report this will be the best and most colorful the P.-T.A. has put on at the Community hall. It will be Saturday evening, March 14, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Music during the supper will be played by Ted Westbrook on the Hammond organ. There will be dancing, bingo and entertainment for young and old.

The Smith River American Legion Auxiliary is making plans for a spring style show to be staged at the Community hall on the afternoon of March 24. Clothes to be modeled will be lent to the auxiliary by Mrs. Carol Stanbrough through the courtesy of Daly's store of Crescent City. Tea will be served during the afternoon. Mrs. Eunice Faris is chairman of this affair.

Mrs. Charles Norman and little daughter, Cynthia Helen, born Feb. 24, have returned home from the Seaside hospital. Mrs. Norman is employed as clerk at Hight's store. Mrs. Floyd Bogner mother of Mrs. Norman, arrived from Corvallis, Ore., to get acquainted with her new granddaughter.

Mrs. Charles Spooner is spending the week in Portland, where she is undergoing a medical checkup at the Portland clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Crook enjoyed the beautiful drive Sunday over the coast highway and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Crockett at Pistol River.

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