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When We Find 'Friends Indeed'

The Brookings Fire Department is definitely on the job! When the Akers fire was reported Monday afternoon, in no time at all the fire truck was on the way. The men worked like beavers to put out the blaze. Neighbors and friends gave their assistance.

Ladies took home soaked and stained garments and linens to try to restore them so that the Akers family might use them again.

And the Akers family went home with the Goldizens just as naturally as a horse goes to water. Not because Mrs. Goldizen is employed by The Pilot, but just because we feel we want to tell everyone that they are real friends.

It seems that The Pilot staff has just gotten through helping me over a rough spot and now again it came to the front to take every load off my shoulders that they can. Lulu Goldizen, Paul Peterson and Thomas Manning are loyal workmen. They go beyond the call of duty.

To all the people of the community that have helped me or offered help, I want to say that I appreciate it. Your good will and kindness is a strong support and encouragement to me and my children at this time.

MRS. DEWEY AKERS and FAMILY.

Letter From Washington

HARRIS ELLSWORTH, M.C.
 4th District, Oregon

SEVERAL YEARS ago, in fact it was during my first term as a Member of Congress, I took a prominent part in the successful effort to establish at Albany, Oregon, a U. S. Bureau of Mines Electrometallurgical Laboratory. This facility, as its name indicates, is largely devoted to the development of new processes for the extraction and refinement of metals with the use of electricity.

In justifying the expenditure of Federal funds on the construction and operation of this laboratory, I argued that such work would repay its cost to the government. It seemed reasonable that it would do so in the course of time. I had no wildest hope, however, that my argument would be proven so completely or so quickly. For several years the lab has been producing a metal known as Zirconium (not otherwise obtainable in quantity in this country) for a vital defense plant. The annual saving to the government on this product alone is equal annually to more than the total cost of the laboratory.

At home I have said repeatedly that the Bureau of Mines Laboratory is of great value to our area (and to the whole country, of course) because it prepares the way for the development of unexplored and undeveloped mineral resources in our mountains. One such deposit, well known for generations, is nickel located in the form of low-grade ore in Nickel Mountain, near Riddle. For several years the laboratory has been working on a process which would produce pure nickel from that ore on a practical basis. Nickel is perhaps our most needed metal. There is practically no dependable quantity production of it in America.

The great Hanna Company of Cleveland has followed the labor-

atory work on the Nickel Mountain ore from the start. It has cooperated with the Bureau of Mines by furnishing both money and technical help. I have been in touch with the subject the whole time and it has been an interesting—even a dramatic—development.

Now the process is ready for a full-scale try-out. It would not be correct to say that the process is perfected, but there is every likelihood that it can and will be perfected and successfully operated. At least the Hanna organization thinks so and our nickel-starved Defense Department people insist that they go ahead and get into production.

I have just learned that work on the railroad spur and clearing will begin in about two weeks. The Hanna Nickel Smelting Company plans to start erecting steel for the main building in August and they hope to begin operating in June of next year.

So what was just an idea a few years ago is now about to be a multi-million dollar industry in Oregon which will supply an urgently needed metal for our defense work.

DEVELOPMENTS came rapidly last week on my House Resolution 89 which directs the Interior committee to investigate the U. S. Indian Bureau and its land transactions. The resolution also calls for a study of the Indian problem looking toward legislation which will make Indians free and independent citizens. The Rules committee held a hearing on the resolution Tuesday, reported it favorably, and it was passed by the House on Wednesday. I understand the Interior committee through its subcommittee on Indian Affairs will begin work on the study immediately. Hearings will be held in the West some time this year, I believe.

GUNS, TANKS, planes, ammunition and other war defense supplies cannot be produced instantly when and as prescribed. It sometimes takes years to develop and produce a new plane. New ships of any size at all generally require much longer than

a year to complete. Other military items cannot be ordered today and received tomorrow. Appropriations for government expenditures, however, are made annually by the Congress. To make it possible for the Defense Department to place an order during one fiscal year (an appropriation year) and pay for it during another fiscal year, it has become customary for the Congress to appropriate money in advance of expenditures in the form of contract authority for future delivery. The total of the sums so appropriated or obligated for future payment is staggering. During the second half of the present fiscal year, which will end June 30, there is available in the form of unexpended appropriations and contract authorizations some \$140 billions! About \$60 billions of this was provided in 1952, the remainder is the amount of such appropriations made prior to 1952. Most, but not quite all, of this backlog of appropriated but unexpended money is for the military departments.

I MENTION this situation first of all to show that recently revealed shortages of supplies in Korea cannot be blamed on Congress. Money in plenty has been made available, but the previous administration simply did not get the ammunition and other supplies produced and shipped. The Eisenhower administration knows all about this situation and, I am told, is proceeding at once to step up the production program to keep pace with Korean war and defense requirements. The other point involved in this discussion is that with a cushion of more than \$100 billions to work with, surely the Defense Department can do sufficient readjusting in purchasing contracts to obtain everything needed during the coming fiscal year even if the requests in the pending Truman budget are sharply cut. I am informed on excellent authority that if new appropriations totalling \$72.9 billions, as requested in the Truman budget, should be passed by this session of Congress, the total funds available for expenditure for the fiscal year beginning July 1 will exceed \$175 billions.

To me that seems to be a far greater total amount than prudent business judgment should require it to be. The point is that I think the budget can and should be reduced by ten billions and the pending tax reduction bill enacted.

EVERY MEMBER of Congress who served as chairman of the House Un-American Activities committee has been subjected to a smear campaign of lies, misrepresentations, and fabricated or twisted quotations. When Representative Harold Velde of Illinois, a splendid, intelligent and conscientious man became chairman of that committee at the beginning of this Congress, the left-wing and commie-sympathizer wolf pack began yapping at his heels. They had considerable trouble getting anything "on" Velde because his record is clean and he conducted hearings and other activities of the committee on the highest plane. They thought they had him! On a radio show he was asked if his committee intended to investigate in the religious field. He replied, quite properly, to the effect that it was their function to look into communist activity on the part of individuals regardless of who they are or where they might be employed. That did it! His answer was immediately twisted to infer that he proposed to investigate the churches. Naturally that perversion of what he said set up quite a storm. Fortunately the truth was not far behind the misrepresentation in publication in newspapers and on the radio. Mr. Velde has reported to the

For What It's Worth

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

MY GOOD WIFE packed up the children the other day and left for her mother's. The



only difference between her departure and those which you read about in books was that she said she would be back in a few days.

While I naturally missed having someone around to see to it that I didn't absent-mindedly leave home in the morning minus some essential clothing, I did benefit to the extent of having an experience of which I had often thought of but never realized.

Some good friends invited me over for dinner and the evening knowing I was alone. That in itself was not so unusual as I have been invited out before; but this was the first time that my host didn't knock himself out and me at the same time in his endeavors to entertain. He accepted me as one of the family and dispensed with the usual fol-de-rol which most people hold to be necessary when guests are in the home.

He flattered me immensely by giving me the privilege of taking care of myself and so didn't feel obliged to stand on his head and wiggle his ears every time there was a lull in the conversation in order to keep me from being bored. In fact, since there was an interesting program on the radio, he stretched out on the davenport and listened with me while his wife and young son were down on the floor working

House that he received from all sections of the United States some 1,700 letters, telegrams and post-cards last week—less than 70 of which critical of him and his committee activities, and many of those 70 were anonymous! It is encouraging to know that it is pretty difficult to deceive the people of our country.

on a jig-saw puzzle. I went home that evening fully convinced that nothing in life was impossible; I was even encouraged to hope that the same thing may happen again.

Of course, I understand that those who have television are making great strides in relieving the pressure of entertaining. They just welcome the guests, seat them where they can watch television comfortably, and then scurry down town to a good movie until they feel it time to dash home. Then they sneak in the back door just in time to shake the hands of the departing guest and listen to them rave about their wonderful evening. The trend is encouraging to say the least. Television may have an advantage after all.

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