

FUNERALS OF LAW MAKERS JUNKET TRIPS

(Copyright 1932 by United Press) Washington, Dec. 21 (UP)—Burying the congressional dead has become such an elaborate business that Rep. Samuel B. Pettengill, Indiana democrat is advocating curtailment of what he calls the "funeral racket." Chairman Summers of the house judiciary committee also has felt for some time that the death of a fellow member has served largely to afford a junket for a large delegation of colleagues.

Expenses of congressional funerals are disclosed in the new report of the clerk of the house. Contrary to custom the report was not ordered printed this year but the bulky accounts are available to inspection. The most costly funeral of the year was that for the late Speaker Nicholas Longworth. Train fares cost \$4422.20. A special train from Alken, S. C. where he died, to Cincinnati, where he was buried, cost \$2797.74. Another \$3624.46 was spent transporting a delegation of congressmen and senators to the ceremonies at Cincinnati.

Critics of the burial expenses direct their attention chiefly to the soaring demands of senators and congressmen. There is little objection to reasonable burial expenses especially since a wave of extravagant tastes caused the house some time ago to set a limit of \$400 on caskets.

The Longworth congressional delegation turned in bills for about 60 round-trip fares from Washington to Cincinnati with drawing rooms, compartments, sections and two lower berths. This party attended the funeral in Cincinnati and then a number of the members enjoyed a hilarious aftermath at a Cincinnati brewery. No member of the house ever died perhaps who was missed as much as the jovial Longworth and some of those at the brewery party afterwards said it was what their lamented friend would want them to do.

A typical funeral expense account runs as follows: Casket \$400; embalming \$35; candles, chairs, crosses, \$25; palm decorations, floral crepes \$31; opening of grave, cemetery, \$52; hearse \$20; 7 flower cars \$94; 8 limousines family \$90; 7 limousines congressional \$84; outer burial case \$75. Total—\$902.

The widow usually is given a year's salary. The clerks are carried for one month to allow for final disposition of the deceased member's office papers and other business.

Congress usually allows \$250 for funeral expenses of house employes. Old items are found occasionally on these expense accounts. One showed a \$4 charge for underwear. On another bill an item for a \$725 casket was cut to \$400. Items of \$4.25 for "Tuxedo shirt, collar and tie" were stricken off as was 75c for "pressing suit."

For the 14 deaths in the year ending last June 30, the average funeral cost to the government was slightly less than \$1500.

In addition to these costs congress always holds special memorial services and issues to the family bound copies of the eulogies delivered on these occasions.

Turner Boy Scout Troop To Advance

Turner—The Turner Boy Scout troop is busy working on the signaling and first aid work for second-class advancement, meeting Tuesday evening of each week in the high school building. Waldo Riches is scoutmaster and Walter Peterson assistant scoutmaster. The troop is sponsored by the Turner Community club with the following committee appointed: Douglas B. Parkes, chairman; Robert Schaefer, Ivan Hadley and Henry Ahrens.

Sunday the troop participated in a hike to the woods, cooking dinner over an open fire. On Wednesday night the troop hope to attend the annual court of honor at the state house in Salem. Members of the local troop are Robert Hatfield, Elton Ball, Albert Jensen, Varnel Denham, Claude Horsnick, Chester Hedges, Harlan Bones, Herschel Peterson.

Czechoslovakia may limit the use of wheat flour.

Thesis Is Penned In Master Degree

Silverton—Of interest here is the arrival of a thesis of Albert M. Davis, former principal of the senior high school, who is now studying for a master of arts degree at Leland Stanford university. The thesis is entitled "The Administration of Student Body Funds." A great deal of the material was gathered from student activities carried on at the local high school. The thesis, in bound form, is dedicated to Dr. John C. Almack, a Stanford professor; James Manning, local student activities director, and to his wife, Mrs. Davis. Included in the book is the high school student body annual report prepared by Louise Latham, then student treasurer. The book was sent to Mrs. Davis' sister, Mrs. H. R. Irish.

SURVEY STARTED IN SILVERTON SCHOOL

Silverton—A survey of all students participating in student activities, and what things they are interested in, is being made by William Gates, Miss Lou Ann Chase and Miss Mary Sinclair, of the high school faculty. Edith May Lord, of the student body treasurer's staff, in charge of class, club and informant accounts, is making a graph showing the findings of this committee.

The results will tell what affairs interest the greatest numbers, and will point out the need, or not, for additional activities. The following regular activities are carried on now, during the last period of the clubs, Orangemen, T. N. T., Home Economic, managerial squad, practices for student body, holiday, and class plays; shop maintenance class, under Mr. Gates, which helps keep school property in repair; tumbling group; corrective classes; girls athletic group; student body office work, such as cabinet meetings, bookkeeping; assemblies; informant; typing; library and art room both open for use.

OAK RIDGE SCHOOL PROGRAM PLANNED

Labish Center—The Oak Ridge school taught by Grace Klampe of this place, will present its Christmas program Thursday night at the schoolhouse. The program includes three plays, entitled "The Christmas Spirit," "Christmas Detectives" and "Christmas Speakin' at Skauges Skule." A dialogue, "Christmas Disappointment" will be given by Kathryn Taylor and Stanley Parton, and monologues by Dorothy Parton, Earl Kleen, Kathryn Taylor and Stanley Parton; readings will be given by Mable, Dena and Harold Hartman, Della and Dora May Kleen; seven songs are included, with piano duet by George and Viola Tooker and a cornet solo by Dick Johnson.

Labish Center—On a stage decorated with an imitation stained glass window, offset by tall tapers and colored lights, the Sunday school presented its program Sunday night. A program of about 30 numbers was given, which followed a candle-light service by the Christian Endeavor society. The attendance was good, although it was cut down due to much illness.

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AIRLINES OF BRITISH WILL CIRCLE GLOBE

London (UP)—British aviation authorities are planning to encircle the entire globe with regular British airlines.

Plans include the inauguration of a regular air route between New York and Bermuda, as a preliminary step to a regular trans-atlantic air service; the extension of the present British-India service to Australia; a Great Circle air route between Britain and Canada, via Ireland and Newfoundland, linking up with the trans-continental line from Montreal to the West and on to the Far East.

Of these ambitious projects the one nearest actual realization is the British-Australia service which is expected to be inaugurated in 1933. The present service to India terminates at Karachi, but negotiations now are proceeding with a view to continuing the route through India, Burma, Malaya and the Dutch East Indies to Australia. The section between Karachi and Singapore probably will be operated by joint co-operation of an Indian

company and the Imperial Airways, while Australian lines are expected to take over the route from Singapore to Australia and the cities in South Australia. There also is a possibility of a link between Hong Kong and Rangoon, via French Indo-China, operating in connection with this main trunk route to Australia.

It recently was revealed by Lieut. Colonel F. C. Sheldermine, Director of Civil Aviation, that serious attention is being given to the many problems involved in the establishment of a trans-atlantic airmail service. The first step in this plan would be the establishment of a good airport at Bermuda and the inauguration of a regular air route between Bermuda and New York. Canada has displayed intense interest in the idea of the Great Circle air route which, it is confidently expected, will be inaugurated in the near future.

Machines Collide

Silverton—An automobile collision at the intersection of James Avenue and North Water street late Monday afternoon resulted in a damaged running board, front fender and bumper of the car driven by Mrs. H. E. Johnson, and the back fender of the Charles Hoyt car. Mrs. Johnson was driving west on Water and Hoyt was making the turn from James avenue onto Water. No one was injured.

CHRISTMAS TO BRING CONCERT

Portland, Dec. 21—Again this year a Christmas season concert will be presented by the Portland Symphony orchestra, and is announced for Monday evening, December 26. A faint possibility that there might not be one this time resulted in numerous inquiries and definite word has been given that not only will there be a concert this Christmas but it will be lovelier than those of the past and will be presented at astonishingly low prices.

For the first time seats will be sold at the Sunday matinee prices for the holiday evening concert. That means the lowest 25 cents and the highest \$1. Reservations are already being made at the Symphony box office at the J. K. Gill company, and the public is reminded that in 1931 every seat in the auditorium was sold for the Christmas music concert. It is believed that with the announcement choruses from "The Messiah" by Handel will be repeated this year and with the advantage of the very low prices, the auditorium will be filled again and early reservations will be the only assurance of a chance to attend. Music lovers find that the Christ-

mas holidays are hardly complete without hearing selections from "The Messiah," which will be sung by large choruses, which alone can give it the volume and magnificence that is so impressive. There will also be on the program lovely orchestral numbers, including "Passacaglia," (Bach) which has been orchestrated by Respighi. Translated from the Spanish, it means "A dance played in the street." Bach adapted it from an eight-measure theme of an old Italian dance, giving it 20 variations and much grandeur and brilliance. Beethoven's 6th Symphony will open the program.

The Christmas concert is entirely separate from the regular symphony series, and is not included in season tickets that have been purchased.

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ARGUE OVER DEBTS THEN FIGHT IT OUT

Oakland, Cal. (UP)—Two natives of California and a native of England met for tea, stayed to argue over war debts, and ended in police court, where the two Californians were found guilty of battery.

Henry Skipworth, a naturalized Englishman, suffered the major casualty in the "war over war debts." He suffered a broken nose and a fractured shoulder. It seems he argued that Britain should pay; the Californians were for cancellation.

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