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Eagle Creek

(By Margaret Ross)
The upper classes of the Eagle Creek School (5-6 and 7-8) held a skating party at Gresham on Tuesday eve, Feb. 4. Mrs. Frank White was taken to Providence Hospital in Portland last Friday after suffering

a heart attack. This last Monday the Whites' son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim White arrived from Ft. Benton, Mont. Their daughter in law, Margaret Shellhart and family came from Eugene last week end to see her mother. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Glover last Sunday entertained eleven

at a family get together. Besides their son and daughter in law, Clifton and Marian Glover, there were Florence's brother, Victor Colt and family, including two married daughters and their respective families. The Louis Gerbers entertained last Sunday on the occasion of Mrs. Gerber's birthday. They were also observing the unique anniversary of their daughter and son in law, Gladys and Raymond Shaver of Oswego, whose wedding anniversary and mutual birthday fall on the same date. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shaver were born on Jan. 29 of the same year.

Florence Cloninger last Saturday entertained her son Doug and family from Portland with a birthday party for one of her small grandsons. On Tuesday Mrs. Cloninger entertained the Grange Home Ec. Club. The Sam Olmsteads had another houseful of company again, with their son Orrin and family from Dallas, spending the weekend, while two other sons' families came on Sunday. Six girls accompanied Rev. Vernon Ross to Portland on Monday evening for the meet-

ing of Westminster Fellowship of Portland Presbytery at the Moreland Church. Eagle Creek girls who attended were Betsy Day, Barbara Gaylord, Barbara Nelson, Cecelia Paine, Liz Stephens and Michelle Wilson. Last Friday night another car missed the Eagle Creek west corner and landed in the ditch. Already we're losing count of these accidents. On Tuesday evening, Feb. 4, three residents of the Douglas Ridge area, including Bert Barnes, H. W. Mattson and H. E. Harmon attended the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Boring Rural Fire Protection District to inquire about the possibilities of joining this District. Incidentally, that front page article on Rural Fire Protection in last week's issue of this paper was written for you folks and not for the firemen (who already know about the subject.) If you just skipped over it, as some of our friends did, we urge you to look it up and read it now, if possible. This past Monday night brought many residents out of their homes to view the rosy

glow of the aurora borealis, otherwise known as northern lights. Some of us viewed this amazing phenomenon for the first time in our lives.



NO COMMENT
By JAMES W. DOUTHAT

WASHINGTON - Members of the economy forces in Congress pledge themselves to cooperate in every way possible with President Eisenhower in eliminating non essential government activities in order to help pay for increased defense spending which he has requested.

While advocating whatever spending is essential for national safety, they still think that total government expenditures are too high and should be trimmed in every feasible manner.

They do not support all of Mr. Eisenhower's spending requests (far from it,) yet they are encouraged by several aspects of the Administration's fiscal program outlined by Congress.

One of the Eisenhower statements they applaud is that "it is necessary that every possible economy be effected in other defense activities to help offset the increased cost of the high priority programs."

Mr. Eisenhower also was cheered for abandoning or postponing some domestic programs (such as federal aid for school construction,) curtailing expansion of others, and recommending the transfer of greater responsibility from the federal government to state and local governments or to private individuals or enterprises.

While members of the economy bloc were pleased by these developments, it must be added that they think considerable more progress could and should be made in this direction. Feeling this way, they urge a continuance of the grass roots rebellion against waste and extravagance in government spending that started a year ago after submission to Congress of the Administration's \$71.8 billion spending budget for the present fiscal year ending next June 30.

The budget presented to Congress this week for the fiscal year starting next July 1—calls for net expenditures of \$73.9 billion, with defense spending up \$4 billion over the current year, and a reduction in some other areas.

This increase in defense spending requires a real campaign for savings wherever possible, in the opinion of members of the congressional economy bloc. And they explain that support from back home is essential if it is to succeed.

They contend that Mr. Eisenhower needs all the support he can get for his economy efforts since a determined effort is being made by some members of Congress to convince the public that the President is a penny-pinching miser in defense spending at a time when they claim untold billions of additional spending is required.

The same campaign is being waged with respect to non-defense activities by those whose only solution for almost any type of problem is higher and higher government spending, regardless of need or the ability to use more money advantageously.

This effort is certain to be intensified as the November Congressional elections approach. Therefore, it is contended by the economy group, Mr. Eisenhower must have strong support immediately and constantly if he is to resist successfully the campaign for higher spending that he is recommending.

Other aspects of the Administration's fiscal program which provide varied degrees of encouragement to conservatives in Congress include these:

1. Mr. Eisenhower's confidence that expansion of the nation's economy will soon be resumed and that a \$500 million budget surplus will result next year.

2. Mr. Eisenhower's pledge for "reduction of taxes when possible."

3. Mr. Eisenhower's request for a temporary \$1 billion increase in the \$275 billion debt ceiling—rather than a permanent increase.

Needless to say the battle of the budget is certain to be in the forefront of congressional discussion during the next few months.

LAUNCHING OF SATELLITE LESSENS HYSTERIA
Successful launching of the satellite Explorer is expected to lessen the hysteria which swept Congress and the country when the Russians launched their Sputniks.

Instead of demands to turn the treasury upside down and make the nation an armed camp, pleas are now heard in Congress for caution and careful consideration, lest the econ-

omy be irreparably damaged. Proof that the U. S. is not defenseless—that, whatever the deficiencies in the Pentagon may be, the nation is militarily strong—is making for a calmer atmosphere at the Capitol. Agreement between the Administration and the Democratic-controlled Congress on the initial defense appropriation of \$1,260,000,000 was cited as evidence that defense will not become an all out political issue.

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Those from Estacada who enjoyed a potluck dinner at the Eagle Creek Grange recently were Mrs. Florence Gohring, Mrs. Mary Eshelman, Mrs. Mollie Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McConnell and Mrs. Elsie Hale

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wiley are parents of a 7 pound, 14 3-4 ounce daughter, Vicki Carol, born in Doctors Hospital, Oregon City Jan. 30. The new baby was born on the 8th birthday of her sister Dian; this is their 6th child; 4 girls and 2 boys. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Swanson are the grandparents.

Jim Rickey of Seaside, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rickey, Sr. of Estacada, was recently elected president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Seaside. Mr. Rickey is manager of the Coronet Store in Seaside

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Woods and family of Sweet Home visited with friends and Mr. Woods' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Woods. While here visiting they attended the Japanese banquet at the Grade School.

Mrs. Sadie Wade was pleasantly surprised on Wednesday evening of last week when her

granddaughter, Mrs. Verne Moeller and two other friends of Seaside came to visit and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wade and Merle Wade enjoyed dinner and visiting with all of them.

EASTERN STAR WILL MEET TUESDAY, FEB. 18
Mountain Chapter No. 108, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 8 P.M. in the Masonic temple. The past matrons and past patrons will be honored at this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Kerber of Port Orford who were recent visitors of Mrs. Elsie Hale, left on Wednesday of last week to visit their other sister, Mrs. Spencer Burch of LaGrand.

Mrs. Leon Kniskern and children and Miss Elva Kniskern of Portland visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Reinhart.

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