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THE CONGRESS

No one is ever entirely satisfied with the works of a congress, or of small committees, either, for that matter. Congress is a committee, a committee of individuals elected in two ways from all over the nation to make the rules the remainder of us abide by.

Neither the east, nor the west or south, got everything it wanted. Neither did labor or farmers or business. That is the way it always comes out and, in fact, that is the way it ought to be.

It is plain that this administration is going to do what it said it would do. It is going to stabilize the nation's economy. That means the end of the inflation and the continued weakening of the dollar. It is not going to swing either to the right or the left far enough for either side to cheer very lustily.

Congress made some very sizeable cuts in appropriations and started the nation toward a balanced budget—and high time. Biggest cut was made in national defense and even these are not great except in dollars. Percentage wise they were small and when the money appropriated is added to the sums heretofore appropriated and not yet spent, they will be ample. Foreign aid was cut and recent events indicate that European nations are tired of a diet of dollars. Perhaps we stayed with them too long.

A start was made on a new farm program. Wheat farmers may not like it although they know that they cannot keep on growing wheat so far above demand as has been the case. They will eventually reduce production to meet the market. If wise, they will take steps to expand the market in the meantime. Many kinds of farmers will be pleased over the new policy. It will lower feed costs and make milk and poultry producers happy.

It is not likely that food costs to the consumer will be lowered by lower farm prices. Consumer prices depend on many other factors, factors that are beyond the scope of a farm bill. They include labor, transportation, marketing practices, packaging. Food costs are not rising like they were under inflation and wages have not been cut, so the working man, unless one who has lost much overtime, should be better off than before.

Congress did not order any new starts of major dams and this is a disappointment to the west. It may be that the west is going to have to do something itself instead of waiting impatiently with outstretched hands for the federal government to drop dams. Senator Cordon came close to getting money to start the John Day dam but the house would not grant his request. In the house, he is known, New York has as many representatives as the eleven western states and the far east might be alarmed at the movement of industry westward.

Congress offered some diversification, one of which, the McCarthy affair, caused the "liberals", especially the more pinkish ones, to howl in real and feigned anguish. McCarthy chases com-

munist with a vigor entirely unappreciated by them. And his discernment was not always laudable.

As congresses go it was a very good one. It did not throw the money away nor promise huge funds for half-baked theory. It debated the problems of the nation and voted on them with as much national interest as can be expected in a republic. For us, we give it a passing mark.

PEOPLE

This would be a perfectly terrible world if it wasn't for people. They make the clouds bearable, the cold less penetrating, the heat less oppressive, the chase for food and shelter constantly entertaining.

Naturally people complicate the process of living no end. They intervene and interfere with everything; whatever one does people have an opinion about it which they express and some are so lacking in respect for their fellow humans that they try to do something about such things.

Except for those who can go off into the woods and get enjoyment from contemplation of the trees, the birds and the fish, people are the greatest source of pleasure for most of us. Sometimes we take them seriously and thus lose the pleasure we might derive. This is a particular habit of the young.

The other day in a park a great crowd of people was watching the monkeys, standing hours on end while the monkeys ran and jumped and cuffed one another about. To a few it seemed more fun to watch the people watch the monkeys. People are funnier than monkeys because they are more expressive; they do not depend entirely on the physical body as a means of giving away their thoughts. They are more complicated.

People are always working at something. They'll save things for years only to find that they don't need them or not so many of them. They are restless and are therefore engaged in many different activities. They make speeches and, invented the telephone, the telegraph the radio because a megaphone wouldn't carry their voices far enough. They try to wear different clothes so they will be noticed and not too different so they won't be noticed too much.

Perhaps the most amusing

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thing about people is that they take themselves seriously. Nearly every one of them has a mission, something they must do to fulfill some great purpose. This probably adds to their opinion of themselves to be so attached to big affairs because most of them do it. Truly, they are very interesting. No wonder one of them wrote years ago that "the proper study of mankind is man".

NOT SO EASY

Some candidates, and for important offices, too, are going about the land saying how simple it would be to get rid of the wheat surplus if they were put in power. Now far be it from us to handicap a candidate in his pursuit of votes, nor would we oppose some small exaggeration as to his own abilities to achieve results in the national scene where opposition is sure to arise.

We do object, however, to assumption, even for political purposes, that the solution of the wheat problem is so simple that a man who has heretofore indicated neither interest or information about it can find it with a few figures on the back of an envelope and, perhaps, the addition of a resonant voice of pain.

Mr. Neuberger is going about the state and faithfully reporting his speeches to the press. It is easy to get rid of the surplus, says this new-found master of international economics; just give it to the starving peoples of the world, raise them from their shrunken state and free the Oregon wheat grower from the shackles of oversupply. How utterly simple. Yes, how utterly simple.

These foreign nations that are pictured as being filled with starving people are much more agricultural than we are and farmers there do not take kindly to attempts to dump our surpluses on them when in one of our more kindly moods. The job of teaching them to eat wheat as we do is not so easy as we say; they prefer their own kind of food. No mention is made of the American taxpayer who has an investment of considerable size in the surplus. Neither has the candidate said anything about the costs that go into food before it becomes consumer goods, when he says that the spread between farm and market prices are outrageous.

They are. And city people who make and distribute and wrap get most of it themselves. We are naturally happy to have made a convert. It is a pleasure to have some one else working at this problem even if it be for such a little while and for so obvious a purpose. His background will be improved.

CLEVER ELSIE

It is not likely that many readers of the scare stories about the results of a possible opening of Grand Coulee dam will recall instantly the story of Clever Elsie as recounted by the brothers Grimm, whose efforts saved many of the German folk tales for us.

A family had a daughter who they considered very clever and as happens whether or not there is a reputation for cleverness a young man came calling. The mother sent clever Elsie down to the cellar to get a pitcher of beer and while Elsie was drawing the

beer she looked up and saw a pickaxe lying above her. She began to cry saying "If I get Hans, and we have a child, and he grows big, and we sent him into the cellar here to draw beer, then the pickaxe will fall on his head and kill him".

You will recall how the family, one by one, came down to see what had caused the delay and upon hearing the sad prophesy sat down to wait about the future and congratulate Elsie on her cleverness.

The stories and the pictures about the possible flood to the lower reaches of the Columbia should Grand Coulee break might well scare a dweller on the lower levels although it is doubtful if the water will make the several hundred mile trip without some advance notice. Should there be an explosion large enough to open up the huge Grand Coulee dam some other things in the north-west will be jarred at the same time.

And while clever Elsie perished years ago her spirit still goes on inhabiting the minds of the fearful.

People's Column

To the Editor:

I was much interested in the article about dancing in what is now Sherman county.

I am sure there was no dancing at the Eaton home.

When I was a small boy, there was a candy pull at Eatons. It was on a New Year's eve, Mr. Eaton boiled the molasses, my folks and the Pearson family were there. Mr. Eaton gave each of us a greased plate with some hot mallosses on it, which we pulled and made taffy. Jim Pearson got tired, and put his in his pocket, then when he could not get it out, he went to his sister, and she said, "that shows you are green".

The first dance held in that country, and the first one I ever attended, was at Clark Dunlap's home, just below where Wasco now stands. It was the night of July 4, 1881. I do not remember who the fiddler was but he was breaking the fiddle strings, and all were there, but I do know that the Bill Armsworthy took my horse and rode to Grant and got some Bruno Medler and family were there, also Hank Armsworthy,

SPORT NOTES

by ROLLIE TRUITT
AND
BOB BLACKBURN
YOUR "LUCKY" SPORTSCASTERS

National professional football commissioner Bert Bell recently criticized baseball's Willie Mays for signing with an agent and demanding fees for appearances. Bell says the newspapers, radio and television pay Mays a million dollars worth of free publicity. He now is trying to charge these mediums for further enhancing his value.

The swing Carlos Bernier took at umpire Chris Valenti could have knocked the Hollywood Stars right out of the PCL pennant. The Stars were definitely weakened by having Bernier suspended for the remainder of the season and loss of the fiery little sparkplug could be the difference between holding the league lead and losing it.



TRUITT

One of the most remarkable promotions of recent years is the nine-hole golf course in the infield at Golden Gate Fields. Golfing horse players will now have a chance to lose money out of two pockets at

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the same time by blowing a short putt just in time to tear up a two-dollar win ticket.

Frank Kelleher, the veteran Hollywood long-ball hitting outfielder, has disclosed that he will quit the game after this season. Kelleher will be 38 years old by the time the end of the campaign rolls around.

Jim Turner, the ex-Boston Braves pitcher and former manager of the Portland Beavers in the PCL, has been prominently mentioned as a possible successor to Casey Stengel if the Old Professor steps down as pilot of the New York Yankees as he has hinted he might.

The Strait of Juan de Fuca may well replace the English Channel as the ultimate goal of distance swimmers. The channel has been crossed and criss-crossed while the straits have never been conquered. Florence Chadwick, who swam the English Channel both ways, is the most recent to be defeated by the cold and currents of Juan de Fuca.

Incidentally, Glenda Ortlip, 18-year-old San Francisco distance swimmer, continued her rapid development recently by smashing the women's record for crossing chilly Lake Tahoe. The girl's time for the gruelling 12 mile swim was only 43 minutes off the men's record.

The Hollywood Stars, base-stealing-est team in the Pacific Coast League, do not have a "steal" sign. They have only a sign indicating "Do Not Steal." Unless manager Bobby Bragan puts on the no-steal signal, the players are on their own.

The professional football exhibition games, which don't count in the standings, are already taking their toll, as usual, in injured players. However, from the owners' viewpoint they are more profitable than regular season games since the players are not drawing salaries. Several clubs show profits for the year only because of this edge in the exhibition games.

time to keep the dance going till and, of course, quite a lot more, daylight. I don't remember who I think that Grant and I are the all were there, but I do know that only ones living that were there. Jay Price, North Bonneville, Wash.



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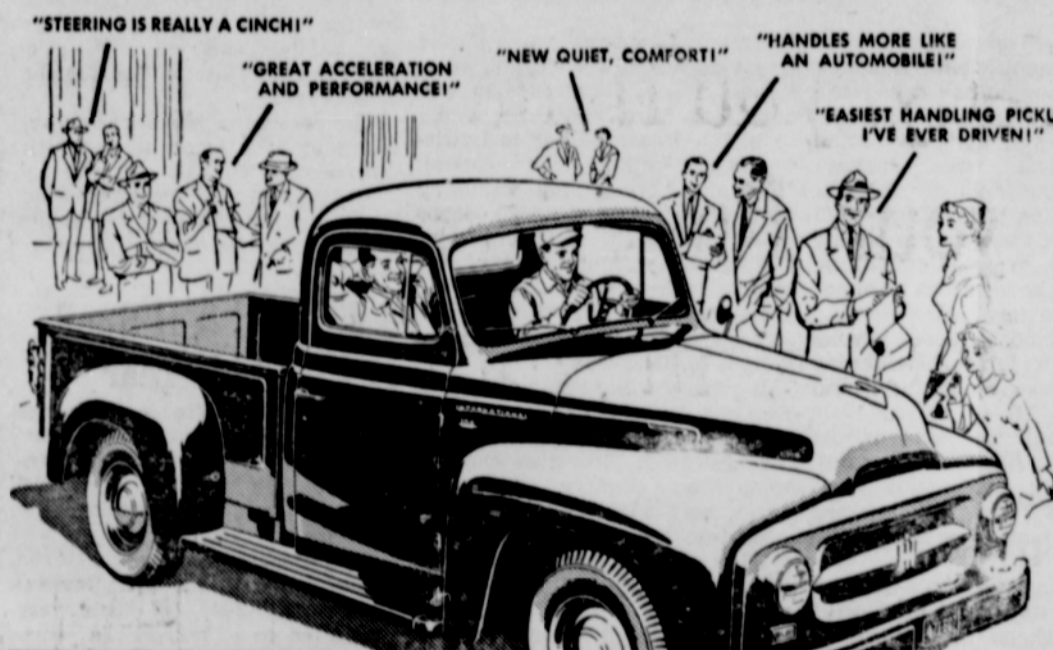
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