



"MY KID BROTHER" is way Edgar Eisenhower (left), Tacoma, Wash., describes his brother, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, as they meet at Seattle where President addressed 45th annual governors' conference. President flew to Seattle. (International)

Ellsworth's Last Letter Of Year; Plans To Spend Week in Jackson County

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Washington, D. C. — This is written on Saturday! Before long a weary and more or less gloomy Congress will close up shop and the members will head for home. It is always a little discouraging to hear a Congressional recess referred to as a "vacation." The fact is that a member of Congress generally has less time to himself when he is home in his state or district than when he is in Washington attending the session. We do not complain about this because it is a part of the job, and a pleasant part, but a recess certainly is not a vacation.

I referred to this Congress as being gloomy. There are two very different sets of reasons for that condition. First and foremost, the sudden passing of Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio cast a deep sadness over the closing hours of this session. Senator Taft was genuinely liked, admired, and respected by every member of Congress. He was a tower of strength to the Eisenhower Administration and was truly "Mr. Republican" in the Senate and in the country. The death of Senator Taft followed within a few days the passing of Senator Tobey of New Hampshire, also a respected and popular Senator.

During the less than seven months since this session began four other Senators and Representatives have died, including Senator Willis Smith of North Carolina; Representatives Joseph Bryson of South Carolina, Garrett L. Withers of Kentucky, and Merlin Hull of Wisconsin. The Congress with a total membership in House and Senate of 531 is a relatively small body numerically. These men all were our friends and we miss them.

The other basis for a lack of

enthusiasm lies in the nature of the work which had to be done during this session. It is far more pleasant to spend money lavishly than it is to pinch pennies and save. This session of Congress is the first one in many years to crack down sharply and heavily on budget requests. It knocked almost 20 per cent (one-fifth) off the post-election Truman budget.

But even so, and to further dampen any feeling of cheerfulness, it has not yet been possible to provide any tax relief. This will come at the end of this year. Then to top off the financial story, one of the last acts of this session was to face the necessity of raising the legal debt limit of the Federal treasury. Although that actually amounts to little more than a legal technicality, it did serve to point out forcefully that the Eisenhower Administration inherited a flock of bills which must be paid before government finances can be put on a sound basis and taxes reduced. The situation we took over was something like that of a person who buys a quitclaim deed to a business and then has to mortgage the property in order to get rid of the liens and old debts which are presented to him for payment.

This, I believe, is the last "Letter from Washington" for this year. I do not expect a special session to be called, so unless that does happen I will not be writing from Washington again until Congress convenes its second session in January. Meanwhile, after about the 20th of August, we will be at home in Roseburg — at home, that is, unless I am visiting the seven counties in the Fourth District. I hope to spend at least a week in each county.

Pythian Organization Sets Picnic at Grants Pass Park

A regional picnic for the Knights of Pythias, Pythian sisters, D.O.K.K. and Nomads, and their guests will be held at the Grants Pass Cavenham park, next Sunday, August 9. Members from Medford, Yreka, Klamath Falls, Roseburg, and Grants Pass are invited.

A potluck dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. with coffee, cream and ice cream provided. Each family is asked to bring their own "potluck" and their own service.

George Bryant and Edward Bostwick of Medford are in

charge of entertainment and games. There will be swimming in the Rogue river.

Boy scouts who are sponsored by the Knights of Pythias lodges, and their families, have been invited and a special report will be given on the recent Scout Jamboree held in California.

City Manager John Porter, Grants Pass, will give an address of welcome to the group.

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