

Congress: Those Personal Letters

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Washington — The lighter side of Congress is getting where a voter hardly knows what to believe. Everywhere the old standards are crumbling. Take that personal letter you got from your congressman.

Well, it was a personal letter wasn't it. Sure looked like it anyway. Typed, not mass-produced on a duplicator. Your name's at the top, hot off the same typewriter. And if that isn't the congressman's signature, he better see if somebody else is cashing his checks.

Maybe so. But before you start trying to make character around the neighborhood displaying your high-level mail, consider the machine age. Satellites aren't the only things those scientists have been laboring at.

Congress has provided each member not only a battery of plain old-fashioned typewriters and secretaries (neither plain nor old-fashioned) to run 'em; it also allows the members their choice of other handy office devices.

In the House, these may cost up to \$2,500 per member. The money can be blown all on one device, or spread around on half a dozen.

A current favorite—at \$2,165—will do everything for

the letter-writing member but sit on his lap while he thinks of something to say. Once he's over that hurdle, a pretty girl commits his effort to tape.

The tape runs through a glorified or three-stage typewriter, orbiting off hundreds of copies, stopping periodically to let the girl—who doesn't actually have to be pretty—fill in names and addresses as required.

And that isn't the end. The end, naturally, is the congressman's signature. And that he may, or may not, affix himself.

The latest thing on Capitol Hill is the automatic letter signer. The congressman writes his name for the machine once. Thereafter, it takes pen in hand and signs for him.

There is hope here. Eventually they may invent a machine to make speeches and "extend" in the Congressional Record speeches never actually made. Then, can we do away with congressmen altogether.

Like Rep. Clarence Cannon (D-Mo.), who notes regularly that war, while still hell, has changed in other ways. Just this week he told the House it used to be that you didn't have to worry about getting hit, until the bullet came

549 Enrolled in Adult Education Classes in City

A total of 549 people are enrolled in winter term classes of the adult education program sponsored by the Medford school district, according to Lindsay M. Vinsel, director of adult and vocational education at the school.

The largest number, 189, are enrolled in general education courses, which include Mathematics, conversational English, business letter writing, typing, bookkeeping, shorthand, public speaking and Spanish courses.

Trade extension courses have 106 students. Courses include nurses' aide, blueprint reading, mechanical drawing, welding, elements of radio and casualty insurance.

Homemaking Courses

Eighty-six persons are enrolled in homemaking courses, Vinsel noted. The courses include clothing, tailoring, lampshade making, millinery, and cake decoration.

Apprentice courses attracted 43 students, there are 46 in college extension courses, and 79 in hobby classes. Apprentice courses are bricklayer, carpentry, inside wireman, optical technician, plumber, power lineman and sheetmetal, and college extension courses are juvenile delinquency, school law and organization and audio-visual aids.

Hobby classes are radio workshop, art appreciation, photograph, rocks and minerals and driver training.

The beginning typing class has 51 students, the greatest number enrolled in any one class, while Spanish I is second with 31 students. Students in other classes range downward to two in optical technician.

Incidentally, the Blatnik subcommittee has received unofficial reports that the drug industry may bring out soon a new formula to counter the widespread use of tranquilizers.

They plan to call it an irritant, the subcommittee hears.

Chairman John A. Blatnik (D-Minn.) canceled his subcommittee's hearings on tranquilizers this past snowy Monday.

Everything was too hectic, he indicated.

Medford Man Suffers Wounds in Quarrel

Ellis Albert Thorpe, 1112 Sunset ave. Medford, was reported in fair condition at Rogue Valley hospital Saturday morning following a family quarrel at his home Friday during which he was stabbed several times with a paring knife, authorities reported.

Mrs. Helen Geneva Thorpe is being held in Jackson county jail on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, on request of District Attorney Thomas Reeder, according to sheriff's deputies and state police.

Officials said Thorpe suffered cuts on the face and stab wounds in the chest.

EAST EVANS CREEK Sunday School Has Party

By NELLIE BERGMAN
East Evans Creek-Meadows
The young people of the Meadows Sunday school had a class party at the Amos Maplesden home recently. Valentines was the theme.

Saturday evening visitors at the Lloyd Beers home were Mr. and Mrs. William Daws and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yocom of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. Stafford of Walla Walla, Wash.

Bryon Couletis feeling better after a recent illness of two weeks.

Floyd Estes of Shady Cove visited Wednesday in the Meadows with friends. He formally lived here.

Mr. and Ms. Paul Mattison and daughters, Carolyn, visited in the Meadows Sunday. They are from Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Canady and children of Ashland and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Forten of Eagle Point visited Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Patterson of Antioch rd. Sunday.

Milo Hanks of Lakeview, Ore., is the new owner of the Brim property in the Meadows.

Mr. and Mrs. William Haruff of Drew and Mrs. Harry Downey visited at the Carl Bergmans recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Anderson of Gardena, Calif., have purchased the Jim White and Savard properties and have moved in and have their chil-

Traveling Teacher Sets Visit at Phoenix High

Phoenix—Ernest Spafford, one of 10 traveling science teachers, is scheduled to visit Phoenix High school during the week of March 3 to 7, school officials have announced.

Spafford will present five lecture-demonstrations during his five-day stay at Phoenix High. He is to set up his equipment in one room and classes will come to the room to see the demonstration, officials said. They said this would be the only school in Jackson county visited.

About 300 students will view the demonstrations, each taking notes upon which they will be quizzed, officials explained. Math and science classes will be given first chance to take part in the special classes.

Program Sponsored

The program is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the Atomic Energy commission. The gas, oil and station wagon used by each teacher is donated by private industry.

Each one of the 10 traveling teachers spent about one-year in training before "going on the road". Most of the equipment used in the special classes have been built by Spafford while studying at Oak Ridge last summer.

Spafford will give demonstrations on space travel, atomic structure, solar energy, fission, math investigation, force, properties of matter and combustion, officials said.

The Phoenix Parent Teach-

706 Students at SOC from Jackson

Ashland — Figures on the over 1,000 enrollment at Southern Oregon college according to geographical distribution show that a total of 706 students are from Jackson county, of the total, 454 are men and 252 women.

A total of eight students are attending from foreign countries, including one each from Arabia, Chili, Germany, Korea, Philippines, and Yugoslavia and two from Japan. Other states and territories, including Alaska and Hawaii, have contributed 24 students to the 1002 enrollment.

Oregon students number 970, revealing that the bulk of the student body has been attracted from this state, and more specifically from Harney, Josephine, Klamath, Lake and Lane counties.

Vacation visitors in New Hampshire spend an estimated 200 million dollars annually the State Planning and Development Commission reports.

Reserve Enlistments To Close March 1

Effective March 1 all enlistments in the Army Reserve will be closed, according to William H. Naylor, commanding officer.

He said men wishing to enlist must do so before this date. Information is available by calling SPing 2-9295.

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Plans for Centennial Subject for Meeting

Portland — Plans for the British Columbia centennial will be discussed at a luncheon March 15 at the University club here.

Willard Ireland, member of the centennial board, will speak. He is expected to make several suggestions on the Oregon centennial in 1959 at the meeting.

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