

Back Stairs: Drinks Make Ike Sleepy

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Washington — (UPI) — Back stairs at the White House: About once a month, Washington-area members of the West Point class of 1915 gather here at the Army-Navy club for lunch.
President Eisenhower, one of the more noted among them, likes to join his retired comrades-in-arms when he can. But the press of business seldom permits him to travel the two blocks from the White House more than once or twice a year.
Drinks Refused
Eisenhower did join his classmates last Monday. One old buddy commiserated with the chief executive about the burdens of his office and suggested that he lighten some of the load by taking a couple of drinks.
The President smiled, shook his head and said doggonit, he just couldn't do it. Two drinks before lunch, he explained, and he'd be too blamed sleepy to tackle a deskload of work in the afternoon.
The old buddy pointed out that surely a man 68 years old, President or not, was

more or less entitled to do as he pleased. But the chief executive kept thinking of the work awaiting him and stood firm.
Week for Clubs
This was the President's week for clubs. Army-Navy on Monday, the National Press club Wednesday. Before Eisenhower made his first visit to the press club in six years as President, some of his news-gathering hosts had been saying in print and on the air that he was drifting out of regular contact with the press, withdrawing from reporters.
To a large degree, these stories were fueled by fact that the President, up until

Wednesday, had held only four press conferences since Oct. 1.
Attendance Curbed
Although some newsmen blamed the pasting of the Republicans took in the November elections, figures at the White House show that Eisenhower, ever since his 1955 heart attack, has reduced his press conference attendance sharply in the fall and early winter.
This is the period when he usually takes a Thanksgiving holiday in the South, returns to Washington for laborious preparation of messages for the new Congress, then hies himself to Gettysburg for the Christmas holidays.

Annual Reports Are Given at SOCTFA Meeting This Week

Annual reports from public and private forest management representatives highlighted the January meeting of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association at the Rogue Valley Country club Tuesday.
R. J. Kline, president of the organization, praised the work of the public agencies for their cooperation during the past year and noted that the close liaison was due in large measure to the untiring work of the late L. L. (Doc) Simpson, of Medford, one of the organizers of the conservation group and manager for many years.
Kline introduced the new forester-manager of the association, Dale Prentice, formerly with the Western Pine association, who assumed his duties last week.

Special guests of the association at the first meeting of the year included Jackson County Judge Earl Miller; County Commissioners Chester Wendt and Ralph James; Curt Nesheim, supervisor of state forest lands in this area; Carrol Brown, representing Rogue River National Forest and John Carnegie, representing the bureau of land management.
Other agencies and organizations present included Bob Church, U. S. weather bur-

eu; Capt. Paul Morgan, Oregon State police, and Austin King and Bruce Blew, past-presidents of the Oregon Log and Lumber Trucker's league.
Entertainment was provided for the nearly 100 persons present by a lovely orchestra comprised of members of the lumber industry and allied organizations. The group who are self-styled as Laumann's Lousy Loggers, have been invited to appear at the Sierra Cascade Logging Congress in Redding, Calif., later this year.

Two Retirements Hit Department Of Agriculture

Salem — Two retirements culminating 82 years of service to agriculture in Oregon have been announced by the state department of agriculture: Dr. Earl R. Derflinger, 70, retires this week as assistant state veterinarian and W. T. McDonald, 65, leaves the division of foods and dairies, weights and measures.
For Dr. Derflinger it marks his 42nd year with a career entwined with the state's entire program of disease control. Now a Salem resident, he initiated his work with the state in Eugene under the livestock sanitary board in 1917, one of the 17 boards and commissions which were later incorporated in the formation of the department in 1931.

4-H Agents Plan Inspection of Available Wagons

Inspection of available wagon sand wagon parts will be made Friday by county 4-H agents and leaders.
County 4-H Agents Mariou Garner and Glenn Klein and leader, J. W. Bigham, Eagle Point, plan to visit all persons Friday having wagons and parts.
The wagons and those assembled from parts will be used in the wagon trek by the Jackson county 4-H clubs, to be made to Corvallis from June 8-20. The trip will commemorate Oregon's Centennial celebration.
Rehabilitate Wagons
High school vocational agriculture departments which will rehabilitate and assemble the wagons are at Phoenix, with Jack Dube as instructor, at Eagle Point, Nat Etzel, instructor; and at Central Point, Ed Griggs, instructor. Applegate 4-H clubs under the leadership of Francis Krause also will recondition wagons, Klein said.
The wagon trek committee this week decided that 50 4-H members could go on the trip. This includes other than 4-H summer school delegates. A maximum of 18 saddle horses will be permitted on the five-wagon trek. Fifteen adults will be needed for chaperones, Klein said.
The group meeting at the courthouse included Ray Ryan, county agriculture chairman for the Centennial, representatives of the county 4-H leaders' association and of the 4-H Empire builders and the county 4-H agents.

He is credited with numerous "firsts" in the Oregon field: one of the first to apply antibiotics and to use sulfanilamides on cattle during an anthrax outbreak; uncovering a high TB infection area in southeastern Oregon; instrumental in diagnosing an outbreak of anthrax, and first to spot anaplasmosis in the state.
W. T. McDonald ends more than 40 years of contribution to various agricultural duties. James Morgan, Salem representative with the division, will take over the Yamhill-Polk county area served by McDonald, in addition to a portion of the North Marion county district which he now serves.
A familiar figure in the coastal counties, McDonald has made his home in McMinnville for the past 10 years. The weights and measures phases of his assignment also covered Washington and Columbia counties.
Though 65 on Dec. 22, McDonald intends to "take a few courses at Linfield college for my own enrichment." But college will have to wait until he and his wife make a "see America first" trip.

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FLOYD C. VOGEL Takes Ashland Post

Utilities Company Names Manager

Floyd C. Vogel, 10 Quince st., Medford, has been appointed Ashland district manager of the California-Pacific Utilities company, M. E. Sands, vice president and division manager announced today.

Vogel, who has been district sales representative with the company since April, 1949, in Medford, will move to Ashland, it was reported. The local man is a member of the Medford Elks lodge.

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Bee Bill Buzzes In South Carolina

Columbia, S. C. — (UPI) — Bell's bee bill buzzed into the hopper of the South Carolina House Wednesday.

The measure was written by Rep. Lloyd Bell, who is seeking the protection of his constituents in Horry county. It would require that bees being hauled through South Carolina be "confined within the vehicle being used."
Bell said many roadside residents in his county had been stung by stray bees being shipped south by northern beekeepers.
The bees are dormant because of the cold when they leave their northern homes, the legislator said, but they wake up when they hit the warmer climate and buzz out of trucks in search of nectar.

President Urges Urban Planning

Washington — (UPI) — President Eisenhower visualizes a coming era when the entire Eastern Seaboard will become one continuous urban community.
He said skillful national planning was needed urgently to avoid chaos in the time of such "megalopolises."
Speaking before a dinner meeting of the Association of State Planning and Development Agencies Wednesday, night, the President said such mushrooming was virtually assured with the American population increasing at the present rate of one million persons every four months.
"We must see that this growth is not like that of Topsy," he said. "It must have method, common sense, direction, and be orderly. This calls for new approaches to problems of expansion that all but erased outmoded boundaries."

The Strategic Air Command's B-52 Stratofortress weighs as much as 120 automobiles.

40 Space Probes Likely This Year

Chicago — (UPI) — The director of the Federal Space Agency has predicted the U.S. will launch about 40 space probes this year, including a dozen artificial moons.
T. Keith Glennan, chairman of the National Aeronautical and Space Administration, told newsmen Wednesday one of four top projects would be the manned satellite "Mercury," on which work is now progressing.
But Glennan refused to say if 1959 would see any American interplanetary shots.
More than 90 per cent of all farms in the U.S. have telephone service.

Russian Sorrow Over China Seen

San Francisco — (UPI) — Russia may some day be sorry she created the "Frankenstein monster" of Red China, according to Ambassador Carlos Romulo of the Philippines.
Romulo, who observed his 58th birthday here Wednesday, told newsmen that "six hundred million Chinese are not to be sneezed at."
"If they could scrape the Burma Road out of the mountains with their fingers and without the whip," he said, "what will they be able to do with machinery and driven by the Communist lash?"

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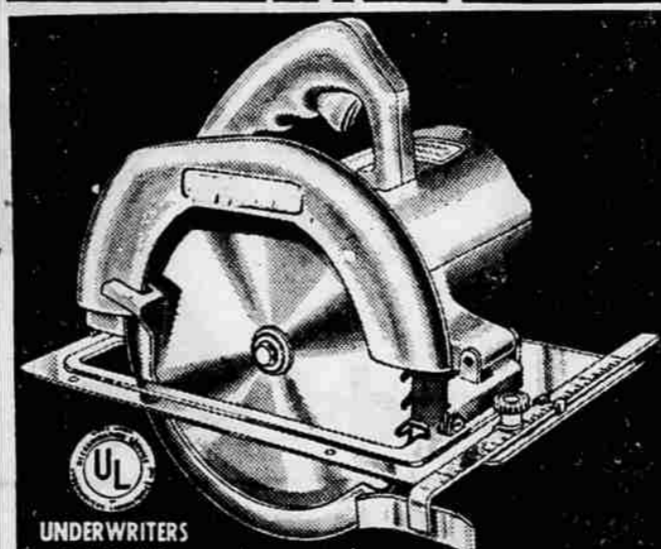
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