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Writing Your Lawmaker
JUDGING from the numerous inquiries received at this newspaper office about congressmen's addresses, etc., a lot of people must be writing their congressmen these days. For the same reason, we surmise that many a letter goes to the legislators at Salem.
Complaints, appeals, demands, reminders of support, and outright threats of political reprisal presumably make up the mail of congressmen and legislators. Those who want something of the lawmakers would do well to consider the possible effect of their letters when read.
From the Washington Review, we clip this constructive list of "dos and don'ts" supplied by the national chamber of commerce for the benefit of those writing to the lawmakers:
Spell your Congressman's name correctly.
Make sure whether he is a Senator or Representative.
State concisely what you think, and why—the briefer the better.
Substantiate your self-interest.
Be sure of facts.
Cite specific illustrations, whenever possible, as to effects proposed legislation would have on business and workers in your community.
Write on your business stationery.
Sign your name plainly. Type it under the signature.
Send a letter rather than a telegram when time permits.
But DON'T
Threaten political reprisals.
Write in a capricious or belligerent mood.
Remind your Congressman of broken promises.
Attempt to speak for anybody but yourself.
Insert newspaper clippings or mimeographed material.
Send a chain letter or postcard.
Quote from form letters.
Write only when you want a favor. Letters of commendation are always welcome.
Try to make an errand boy out of your Congressman.
Become a chronic letter writer.
These are all very good. And, we might add, if you don't get exactly what you want, remember that there are two sides to every question and that people who disagree with you are likewise "putting the pressure" on your senator or representative. Remember, also, that he should have a mind of his own and is in a position to obtain information you may not have.

Those Negligence Deaths
EXPERIENCE with manslaughter cases has definitely revealed the reluctance of jurors to send to the penitentiary persons who have driven cars which caused highway deaths, even when flagrant violation of the law has been well demonstrated by the state's prosecutors.
We are in agreement with the Oregonian's comment on this subject, and the legislation that has been proposed to meet the problem, which follows:
House bill 275 deserves approval by the legislature. It is an amendment to the state statute on manslaughter, and is designed to meet the problem created by the fact that most juries are loath to send drivers of death-cars to the penitentiary.
Under this amendment there would be an offense known as "negligent homicide." Automobile drivers accused of causing death through negligence would be charged with this particular kind of homicide. In case of conviction, they could be sentenced to the county jail for not more than one year, or to the penitentiary for not more than three years, or fined not more than \$2500, or both imprisoned and fined. The manslaughter statute under which negligent drivers are now prosecuted does not permit of a jail sentence. One year in the penitentiary is the minimum, with 15 years the maximum. And it is notorious that juries are unwilling to convict, due to the severity of the punishment.
Many other states now have "negligent homicide" on their books. The district attorneys of Oregon are in favor of its introduction here. We trust the logic of it will appeal to the legislature.

SHERIFF, SUSPECT HUNT FOR GRAVES
SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 7 (UP)—Sheriff Don Cox Thursday night prepared to take Robert E. Miller, 30, out along the Grass Valley-Colfax road in search of the graves of two men Miller has "confessed" slaying.
Miller was returned from San Diego, Calif., where he was quoted as confessing he killed "Ed Walsh and Mack McGuire" last October 27, because they "hounded" him for money and threatened to reveal to his employer that he was a parole violator from an Illinois penitentiary.

FIRE BURNS HOTEL AT COAST TOWN
DELAKE, Ore., Feb. 7 (UP)—Officials set at \$5000 Thursday the estimated damage from a fire of undetermined origin which swept through the Point of View hotel here.
Occupants of the hotel, awakened by smoke, escaped in their nightclothes.
Firemen of the Ocean Lake and Delake fire department saved much of the lower floor by pumping water from the mouth of the "D" river, recently publicized as the shortest river in the world.

NOW PLAYING
PETER B. KYNE'S FAMOUS STORY
Ride KELLY Ride
with EUGENE PALLETTE
Marvin Stephens - Rita Gailley
COMPANION FEATURE
That Higgins family's on a rampage again!
"MEET THE MISSUS"
with Roscoe Karns - Ruth Donnelly
PINE TREE
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News Behind THE NEWS
By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Harry Hopkins may organize or head a new overall policy-making committee at the top of the national defense setup. The idea is Messrs. Knudsen, Hillman, Stettinius, et al, are busy stoking up production, and a separate committee is needed to judge how much and what should go to Britain and generally to coordinate production to the dual requirements of domestic defense and British aid. A suggestion for such a new regime is contained in the lend-lease bill. The president may wait for that to be enacted.
So far the notion is merely being talked over thoroughly around the defense commission as something the president has in mind. But this talk is limited to persons who have in the past discussed and sifted ideas for the White House in preparation for action.
Question of Hopkins' health is undetermined. He is picking up the knowledge and background for such a job in Britain now. Whether he feels strong enough to take the front desk or will act as offstage prompter will probably be determined on his return.

GOP HEAD
Powerful backing will shortly emerge behind Werner Schroeder, Illinois republican national committeeman, for the national chairmanship. Certain congressional powers in the party are convinced he will be "it."
Casual canvassing among the state leaders has developed wide support of the mid-west demand for chairmanship representation. Schroeder may have the sanction of the Dewey, Taft and Hoover factions, and perhaps others.
The Illinois candidate is, nationally unknown, but not exactly a newcomer to politics. As a Chicago lawyer, under 50, he has exhibited ability in organizing businesses and has played on the fringe of republican state politics without becoming involved in factions. He was, for instance, close to, but not affiliated with, Gov. Len Small. His effectiveness as a business organizer is what has attracted the national political leaders.

RESIGNS
The resignation of Lewis Compton, assistant navy secretary, was slid silently upon Mr. Roosevelt's desk a few days back. Mr. Compton is mired in circumstances similar to those which caused the reluctant departure of Assistant Secretary of War Louis Johnson. He was an Edison man who ran the department a good deal of the time when the former navy secretary was away. New Secretary Knox wants his own man.
Presidential action on the resignation may be held up a few days while Compton is recovering from flu, but acceptance is almost certain.

SHIP DEAL
Both German and Danish shipping officials are negotiating with American shippers on sales of interned liners. A surprise announcement that a deal has

SIDE GLANCES



"Doctor, couldn't you tell my patient he has something ordinary? He's become unbearable since you said his ailment was extremely rare!"

been made, is possible within a couple of weeks. You would not think the Germans would want to sell for fear their ships might fall into the hands of the British. But if Germany reasons that the United States is going into the war anyway, she may rather prefer dollar balances now to complete loss of the ships later.

SMALL BUSINESS
A small-business aid division of the national defense commission is about ready to swing into action, although announcement has been withheld for some reason. Thirty-six offices are being established in twelve federal reserve board districts. Each will have an industrialist, and a committee of five engineers (recommended by engineering societies) to function as a clearing house for small business defense problems, particularly the subcontracting phase.
They want to make of it a vast system for the production of small parts by small firms. Sperry Gyroscope has small shops producing various parts all over Long Island, for instance. A Milwaukee machine tool manufacturer has a sub-contractor working on parts as far east as Marblehead, Massachusetts.
Don Nelson worked up the new system with federal reserve.

MERIT SYSTEM
A report urging Mr. Roosevelt to upset political patronage in legal and professional branches of the government in favor of an honest merit system, will be presented to him in a few days. It may not cause much commotion out in the country but it will rock the soft seats of the inefficient spoliars who have looted in political security to these many years.
The Reed committee, directed by the president to make the inquiry, is in the final stages of writing its report.

Telling The Editor
Letters printed here must not be more than 250 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—In a news item recently published in the News and Herald, for which I furnished the substance, there appeared an error, wholly my own, which I would like to see publicly corrected.
Mr. Jesse Johnson of Henley, was elected treasurer of the Klamath County Bonneville power committee, not Mr. L. Alva Lewis as reported to you. I will be obliged if you will publish this correction.
Very truly yours,
A. M. THOMAS,
Secretary, Klamath County Bonneville Power Committee.

A new Italian stamp will bear pictures of Hitler and Mussolini—but that isn't the way we want them both licked at the same time.
Only one man in 20 reaches a height of six feet or more.

BUILDERS OF BRAIN POWER

(Fifth of a series of articles on scientists who study minds and the improvement of mental action).
By DONALD A. LAIRD
PH. D., SCI. D.
Author of "How to Improve Your Brain Power"
Florists can "force" flowers to bloom earlier than usual by applying heat, sunlight, water, and special foods in the right ways. This is known as hot-house forcing, and flowers that are so forced may not keep their beauty long.
Many parents, and some educators, have tried to get children to bloom prematurely by making special efforts to get them to talk, walk, read, or do something else at an earlier age than is customary. This has been called hothouse forcing of children.
This sort of forcing of humans is largely wasted effort, says Dr. Arnold Gesell. In addition, he finds indications that it may be injurious in the long run.
Dr. Gesell has made numerous carefully controlled experiments which show that special training is not of much use until the child has reached the stage in its development when it is "in readiness" to walk or talk or read or write.
There is a natural unfolding of readiness to learn various things in every child as he grows. The child's leg muscles are strong enough for walking, for example, long before he starts to walk. He will not be able to walk until special nerve centers in the spinal cord have naturally developed to the point that they can control the muscles which have been strong enough for some time.
Apparently there are no exercises, no encouragement, coaxing or worry that parents may use to speed up the natural growth of these nerve centers which govern the readiness for walking. It is much the same with most things the child has to learn as it is growing up.
Some children are ready for various phases of their development earlier than others, Dr. Gesell has found. Reading can be wisely started by some when they are only 5, and by others not until they are 7 or 8.
Dr. Gesell has devoted his life to studying growing young children to provide specialists with basic information about the growth and readiness of children up to the time they start school. Dr. Gesell's important work now centers in the Clinic of Child Development at Yale university, New Haven, Connecticut. There he has a score of rooms for his observations and experiments.
The rooms are extremely homelike, decorated and furnished especially to please the children. The place is literally honeycombed with scientific apparatus, much of which Dr. Gesell himself has developed, but this is carefully hidden behind

false walls so the children may be as natural and "at home" as possible.
A number of the rooms have "one-way" screens which enable scientists—and parents, too—to observe the children, and at the same time remain unseen. Motion pictures can also be taken of the children when they are unaware of anything except that they are enjoying themselves.
Intelligence testings show only one part of the child's development, Dr. Gesell finds, and he believes that intelligence has been emphasized too much recently, at the expense of other aspects of readiness.
NEXT: Harmony Between Husband and Wife.
Gas Experiment Brings Death To Chiropractor
LONG BEACH, Calif., Feb. 7 (UP)—A human being cannot live longer than 20 minutes breathing carbon-dioxide gas. Dr. W. C. Blair proved yesterday with his death from inhaling the gaseous fumes.
To obtain the fumes, he carried a 25-pound block of "dry ice," frozen carbon-dioxide, into the closet and as it became warm it gave off pure fumes of the gas.
The last notation in his notebook at 1:35 a. m. gave a respiration of "plus 1," and was followed by a note which said: "Feeling increased bodily warmth with perspiration of hands attending symptoms possibly contrary to—"
"They and their mother are in excellent condition," he said. "Each cried spontaneously at birth, required no artificial respiration, and barring infection by cold or some other disease they have a normal chance to live."

Quadruplets Born In North Dakota
FARGO, N. D., Feb. 7 (UP)—Quadruplets—three healthy boys and a girl, the first in North Dakota—were born in St. John's hospital yesterday to Mrs. Nick Brown, 37, a Leonard, N. D., farmer's wife.
Dr. J. F. Hanna said the babies, weighing 17 pounds and nine ounces, were one month premature and were placed in incubators.
"Each cried spontaneously at birth, required no artificial respiration, and barring infection by cold or some other disease they have a normal chance to live."

Furlough Keeps Sergeant From Nevada Crash
DENVER, Feb. 7 (UP)—A furlough, granted him to attend his father's funeral in St. Louis, kept Master Sgt. Robert Miller from being aboard the flying fortress which crashed yesterday near Lovelock, Nev.
"If I hadn't been on furlough, I probably would have been in the plane that crashed," he said tonight.
Sgt. Miller is a member of the Alaska detachment of the 36th bombardment squadron and was scheduled to meet Captain Richard S. Freeman, pilot of the plane, in Sacramento next Monday and return with him to Ladd field, Fairbanks, Alaska.
He was granted a furlough last December because of the death of his father in St. Louis and was in Denver en route to Sacramento.

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Hugh Herbert
Slightly Tempted
WOO! WOO!
YOUNG BILL HICKOK
ROY ROGERS
George and Roy
All Seats 28c
Children 10c
VOX DIAL 5414

TODAY!
Alice FAYE
George MURPHY
Ken MURRAY
"You're A Sweetheart"
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Coming Sunday
Man Wanted...
OBJECT MATRIMONY!
Easy hours... Comfortable Surroundings... Arrangement is oh SO pleasant!
The story of two who were perfectly mated...
On the Battlefield of Love!
Carole Lombard Robert Montgomery
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Gene Raymond Jack Carson Lucile Watson
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"Come Live With Me"
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PINE TREE

Sears PELICAN THEATRE
POPEYE CLUB
SATURDAY MORNING 10 O'CLOCK
ON THE STAGE HARRY VAN and His Popeye Club All Stars
Peggy McCoy—South of the Border
Gloria & Corliss Mayfield—Tumble Team Sister act with comedy
Lester Tucker—Violin Solo
Ciella Snyder—Accordion—Swing Time
Violet Morande—Comic Dance
Edith Pieruccini—Accordion—Crazy Tunes
ON THE SCREEN
ROY ROGERS GABBY HAYES "YOUNG BILL HICKOCK"

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WHEN THEY'RE NOT IN EACH OTHER'S ARMS!
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