

EDITORIALS

MEET ST. PATRICK

(Editor's Note: St. Patrick's day too often is observed without much thought being given to the man whose work made March 17 significant. To refresh readers' memories, Marjery Van Pelt, a journalism major from Lincoln, has written "Meet St. Patrick.")

Everybody knows that St. Patrick's Day is March 17. And everybody knows it's the day for the wearin' of the green by all true Irishmen. Most everybody knows, too, that St. Patrick is credited with chasing the snakes out of Ireland.

But how many know when St. Patrick lived or what he accomplished during his lifetime?

This apostle and patron saint of Ireland was born sometime between 373 and 389. His death has variously been placed from 461 to 493.

St. Patrick's real name wasn't Patrick at all. His name was Suic, and the Christian name, Patricius, was added later. But for the purpose of this article, he will be known as Patrick.

When he was 16, Patrick was taken prisoner by some Irish pirates who made him a slave. After six years, he escaped to France.

There he claimed to have had a vision of himself returning to Ireland as an apostle of Christianity. Accordingly, he prepared for this for 14 years and then returned to become bishop of Ireland.

As bishop, he ministered to Ireland's Christian communities and held them together against warring factions.

In 441, he visited Pope Leo in Rome. The Pope gave his approval to the work Patrick was doing in Ireland.

He left two important documents. His "Confessions" is an autobiography, written late in his life. The other, "Letters to Coroticus," the British king of Strathclyde, urged Christian subjects to have nothing to do with the king until he repented certain offenses against the Christians in Ireland.

It is said that there "were no Christians in Ireland when Patrick began his work, and no pagans when he died." While this is not strictly true, he did found 360 churches, baptize 120,000 people with his own hand, and ordain a great many priests.

Whatever is doubtful about his life, there can be no doubt that he was a great organizer and had considerable executive ability.

The connection between the shamrock and St. Patrick's Day stems from an account entirely believable. That account is that when some converts questioned the doctrine of the Trinity, St. Patrick ended the argument by holding up a shamrock as an example of "Three in One."

Miracles comparable to the one affecting snakes did not end when St. Patrick died. At his death, some chroniclers say, there was no night for 12 days.

So when March 17 comes and people are wearing green shamrocks, don't forget—St. Patrick really did live. And he died on March 17.

NOBODY RESPECTS THE EXPERTS

We learned, through the public prints, that 400 economists have warned Congress that wage-price controls will "build a huge inflationary pressure" unless accompanied by stiff tax increases and more drastic credit curbs.

This item is interesting mainly because there is slight prospect that Congress, or anybody else, will pay any attention to the 400 economists. For some reason, the American people and their politicians have no respect for expert opinion in the field of economics, preferring to believe that every voter is intelligent enough to pass judgment upon the intricate problems that accompany modern industrialized states.

There was a time, not many years ago, when nearly 2,000 economists warned the government that, as a creditor nation, we should make plans to accept the goods and services of other nations. In no

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Eternity bids thee to forget.

— Byron

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

It is difficult to teach children more politeness than their parents practice.

Generosity costs most people a lot less than their extravagance.

The man who never expects to be bossed by an innocent, weak woman, stays single.

One ardent reformer says he would like to put a million dollar tax on every pint of whiskey. Our town soak tells us it only takes about that much to make him feel like he could meet such a trifling obligation.

Most girls are trained with the view of catching a man instead of holding him, which is sometimes a more difficult performance.

Read where a thief smashed a window in a jewelry store the other day and stole a tray of diamonds. What we can't understand is why he didn't take the ace while he was about it.

You can't make congress believe silence is golden.

College is a place where youth is taught that the earth is not made of green cheese and that the world is waiting for him. It is—with an axe.

On days like the fore part of the week the thought that the hereafter may be steam heated is less terrifying.

The original self-starter was a rumor.

A son doesn't need to amount to much to make his mother proud of him.

other way, the experts advised, could this country expect to receive payments for the enormous debts that other governments owed the United States.

Notwithstanding the weight of expert opinion, the nation, by and large, paid no attention to the experts but developed something of an isolationist policy in economics as well as in world politics.

We are thoroughly convinced of the virtues of the democratic processes in connection with the control of political institutions. Nevertheless, we are conscious of a dangerous tendency on the part of the American people to disregard the advice of experts, in the economic field and in others as well.

Regardless of one's admiration for the "will of the people," it is perfectly obvious to any intelligent individual that the people, as a whole, are not qualified to pass judgment upon certain phases of our economic life and that somehow the American people must learn to accept the judgment of honest and intelligent experts in some fields of human intelligence.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

20 YEARS AGO Mayor John P. Sattler, City Atty. J. A. Capwell, E. A. Wurl, and C. C. Westcott were in Nebraska City where they met with other community heads of Southeast Nebraska in a discussion of occupation tax ordinances. The Herald Apartments were undergoing a complete renovation including papering and painting done by Ralph and Russell Weaver. A heavy snow storm blocked roads over a wide area of the midwest, catching many residents away from home and preventing their return for several days until roads were opened. Harry Gobleman purchased a farm near Union from Harry M. Franz. Plattsmouth post-office building was ordered redecorated and Postmaster J. W. Holmes was proceeding with the job. A large force of Burlington linemen were working near the city constructing a telephone line along the right of way to serve a gas company in Oklahoma.

10 YEARS AGO Wescott's were advertising suits at \$18.50 and up. Carl D. Ganz, Alvo, president of the Nebraska State Bankers Assn., W. B. Hughes of Omaha, and H. A. Schneider, of Plattsmouth State, motored to Excelsior Springs to a banker's convention. Great Britain was in the midst of its greatest aerial attack of the war. Hitler was predicting victory for a greater Germany. Several Plattsmouth Rotarians were guests of the Omaha club, including President and Mrs. George Jaeger, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Richey, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr, and Mr. and Mrs. L. S. De Voe. A banquet was held at Weeping Water observing the birth of the farm program eight years before and listened to a radio broadcast by President Roosevelt, Vice-president Wallace and the Secretary of Agriculture. Rules governing the registration of men for the armed forces were released from Washington. All between ages of 21 and 36 were required to register.

BEWARE THE TRAP



The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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By Drew Pearson Staff DREW PEARSON STAFF SAYS: DIXIECRAT WELCOMED AT WHITE HOUSE; SEN WHERRY DIGS AT TRUMAN LETTER WRITING; G. I. INJUSTICES AIRD IN LETTERS.

Washington—It's news when a Dixiecrat gets invited to the White House, particularly a dyed-in-the-cotton Dixiecrat like Rep. Mendel Rivers of South Carolina, who figured prominently in the revolt against President Truman in the 1948 election.

However, Truman rolled out the welcome mat for the silver-haired South Carolinian the other day as though he were a long-separated fraternity brother. The story behind the unusual meeting is that the president wanted Rivers' support for the 18-year-old draft bill.

However, after a brief reference to the legislation, the two antagonists spent the rest of their meeting assuring each other that there were no "hard feelings" between them.

"If you are a big enough man to invite me down here, I'm big enough to accept the invitation," Mr. President," grinned Rivers. "In fact, it's a pleasure to accept."

"Some people have been saying that I don't like you and would never invite you down here, Mendel," responded Truman. "Well, it isn't so. I've never closed the door to you. I want you to know that it will be open any time you want to see me."

The President cleverly dropped only the merest hint that he was concerned about the fate of the draft bill in the Armed Services Committee of which Rivers is a member. However, there were no commitments on either side and the two men parted after a friendly handshake.

Dig At Truman A sly dig at President Truman's letter writing was taken by Nebraska's rambunctious Ken Wherry during a heated argument with Senator Tom Connally.

At the Atlantic Pact Aid hearings, Senator Wherry demanded exact figures on allied troop commitments to defend western Europe. "Do you think we ought to call Mr. Stalin up every morning and tell him what we're doing?" Connally asked scornfully.

"If you're going to communicate with Stalin," Wherry whipped back, "I suggest you send a letter. That's the Truman way."

G. I. Grips Here is another batch of letters from servicemen, complaining about injustices in the Armed Forces. Periodically this column tries to answer the most serious G. I. gripes. Names are withheld upon request.

A private, Camp Carson, Colo.—"We have received mass punishment, because some 'unknown person' fired several shots behind the barracks. For this, our company is restricted for an indefinite time. Men with their wives in the guest houses not more than ten minutes away, cannot even call

them. We think this is unfair, as we expect to be shipped overseas soon."

Answer—A Camp Carson spokesman told this column over the phone that the incident "is purely a military matter and no concern to civilians." This is a dangerous attitude. As long as civilians rule this country, they have a right to know how their servicemen are treated and to correct any abuses. Meanwhile, under army regulations, a camp commander has the power to restrict a full unit for the offense of one member. In this case, the troublemakers were caught, the restriction was lifted temporarily, then clamped down again for another offense.

Mrs. C. H. Orum, Salem, Ore.—"My husband has been in Korea over six months. Do you have any idea when he will be allowed to come home?"

Answer—The Marines are now sending combat veterans home on rotation. The Air Force has been sending some combat crews home and will adopt a formal rotation policy in May. Some Navy men also have returned to Japan and the West Coast with their ships, but no formal program has been adopted. The Army claims it is still too short of replacements to start a rotation program. Meanwhile, scarcely a week goes by that General MacArthur doesn't cable for more men.

A corporal somewhere in Korea—"My wife says she writes me every day, but I have been getting only about one letter a week. Where's the bottleneck?" Answer—Under battle conditions, the mail can't always get through to the front lines. However, you'll probably find a big backlog of letters waiting for you when the army postal service catches up with your outfit.

Washington Pipeline Unsubscribed bureaucrats: Acting Federal Conciliation boss James Greenwood and his crack aides, Clyde Mills and Peter Seitz, have been settling 14 out of every 15 labor disputes in defense plants, without a strike and

Veterans' Column

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Re-Opening Compensation Claim

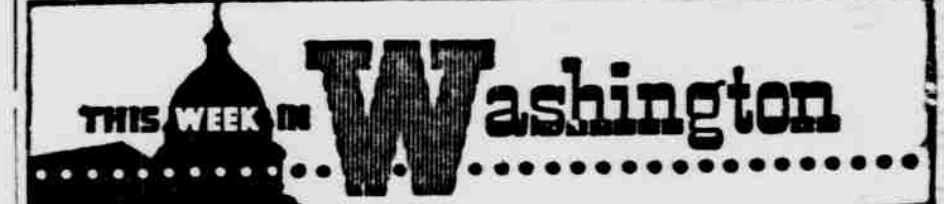
Any war veteran with a service-connected disability who believes his condition is worse than at the time an award was made can apply for an increase in rating.

This privilege is particularly beneficial to those veterans who were found to have disabilities less than 10 per cent in service or aggravated by service but not to a degree of 10 per cent or more.

Many disability cases of veterans have been adjudged "zero" per cent, indicating that while an ailment exists attributable to

Richard Peck service, it is not sufficiently serious to warrant compensation payment.

Other veterans who are rated more than 10 per cent disabled whose disabilities have grown worse are also entitled to re-examination for rating purposes. However, the Veterans' Admin-



THE 82ND CONGRESS has used up three months of the people's time and money and accomplished little, except to start several more probes and inquiries which likely will amount to little, or about as little as most congressional inquiries.

This far, there have been many committee hearings, but no important legislation of any nature. Most time has been spent in "the great debate" over foreign policy in the Senate, and the House has maneuvered itself into a position wherein it cannot move on any legislation without the consent of about eight men on the powerful rules committee.

As Senator Tom Connally of Texas remarked, "the Kefauver committee is still 'out hunting crabscooters'; the Monroney committee has a juicy scandal in the making over the Butler election in Maryland, which brought about the defeat of the veteran Millard Tydings; another committee promises more glamour in a renewal of the Hollywood investigation; the house un-American activities committee ostentatiously has brought a truck load of records of the old Pacific Institute, which have been stored for years on a New England farm and which have been gone over more than once by the FBI, has them under lock and key and promises more 'revelations' a la Senator McCarthy."

The senate sub-committee, headed by Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas, is poking into everything from air force recruitment to training at military bases, tin and synthetic rubber shortages, powder for the army transportation system and Alaska and its fortifications.

Then Senator John Bricker of Ohio has called for an investigation of the walk-out of the labor members of the wage stabilization board; Senator Fulbright of Arkansas had things pretty much his own way in a probe of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, in charging that some employees of executive department had used undue political influence in getting loans for folks back home. That is, until the executive department came up with the fact that RFC

of the menace of communism, also, "You and Democracy" by Dorothy Gordon, a good primer for children on what Democracy means.

GOOD REASON Accompanied by a blonde, a hillbilly recently registered at a Plattsmouth hotel and signed his name with an "X." Then, as an afterthought, he carefully drew a circle around his mark. "Ain't nothin' so 'dad-burn' odd

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about it," he told the puzzled desk clerk. "When I'm ruzzled around with wild wimmin, I don't use my right name."

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