

More Women in Office The Piltown Man

The Women's Division of the Republican National Committee recently reported that more women are now serving in public office than ever before.

The study showed that there will be 12 Congresswomen in the second session of the 83rd Congress, six Republicans and five Democrats in the House and one Republican in the Senate.

The four states which do not have women lawmakers are Alabama, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Virginia.

The trend toward more women in elective offices will, of course, continue. We have no figures on the number of women in municipal office, although that figure has no doubt increased substantially in recent years.

Buying Radio Stations

The Federal Communications Commission recently restated its rules on multiple ownership of broadcasting and television stations.

The limit on ownership of standard broadcasting stations is seven as it is with FM stations. The limit for television stations is five.

Although at first glance this arbitrary rule may seem to interfere with private enterprise, there is very good reason for it.

Radio stations, like television stations, disseminate news to the public and have a semi-public responsibility.

It seems to us that this is an example of government regulation of a free enterprise which is desirable from the public's standpoint.

Juvenile Delinquents

The National Educational Association said recently that broken homes, unworthy parents, poverty and other cause factors, were costing the country more than is generally realized.

The Association reported that school attendance records for 1953 showed that fifteen per cent of the children in the 14-to-17-year age bracket were not enrolled in any school.

Stressing the fact that schools prevent delinquency, the NEA calls upon parents to invest in their children's education, as the moral thing to do and as the economical thing also.

Those readers who can remember back to 1911 might recall the sensation caused in historical circles when the skull of the Piltown man was discovered forty-five miles south of London.

The first bone of the skull was given to a lawyer in Piltown, Charles Dawson, who happened to be an amateur geologist.

In later years, however, there have been skeptics and the latest issue of the Museum's bulletin contained a bombshell for all those who had assumed the skull to be 500,000 years old.

The bulletin report was signed by three experts, who claimed that the "faking" of the jawbone was an extraordinarily skillful hoax.

The Income Tax Bite

The Department of Commerce issued a statement recently showing that about eight and a half per cent of the total family income of 1950 was paid to the Federal Government in income taxes.

While there are families who pay income taxes in these high brackets, the number is so small that the national average income tax payment is eight and a half per cent of the total family income for the nation.

The latest Commerce Department figures show Federal income taxes, in 1950, took eight per cent of the income in the \$7,500-\$10,000 class family.

An interesting part of the report is that which shows the national family income, before taxes, to have been about \$4,460 in 1950.

Wider Use of Appliances

The electrical industry's publication "Electrical Merchandising" recently compared the number of electrical appliances in use immediately after World War II and those in use at the present time.

The study showed that the number of major appliances had increased in the last seven years at a breathtaking rate. The number of electric refrigerators went from 19,700,000 to 37,750,000 and the number of washing machines rose from 17,217,000 to 22,500,000.

Among the reasons advanced for the huge increase in the number of appliances are rising wages and salaries which must be paid to servants under today's economic standards.



EDWARD H. SIMS

Churchill's Latest Book Details Red Dishonesty

The biggest question concerning the possible Big Four foreign ministers' meeting (which may or may not be held) is whether the Russians are willing to make at least some concessions in an effort to insure peace for a number of years.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill's latest book details the dishonesty of the Kremlin and the beginning of the breakdown between Moscow and London and Washington in the many chapters dealing with the dispute over Poland.

In his sixth war-record volume Churchill shows how painful it was to see the Reds getting away with this at a time when a new President was coming into office in Washington.

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Capital Notes

The price of eggs during 1953 may set a record high but should decline slightly in 1954, according to the Agriculture Department.

TRANSATLANTIC CABLE

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THE SQUIRREL CAGE

BY REID BUNDY

We have just finished up with 1953, hailed as the "Golden Year of Powered Flight."

Some very scientific chaps claim that the inside of the earth isn't as hot as it has been claimed.

An "uptown" paper which circulates through here now and then recently carried a small story about a country editor's death.

Here's one with some kind of a sermon in it. Two "side-walk superintendents" who stood watching a big bulldozer at work lifting great chunks of earth at each scoop.

Sunny Gale has decided that about the only thing in a modern house that doesn't have a button on it is father's shirt.

STANLEY JAMES

Three Filibusters Greet Congressmen

"This is the first session of Congress that ever opened with three filibusters."

So wise-cracked a newspaperman interviewing Senate Minority Leader Lyndon Johnson of Texas about the prospective legislative program for the first few weeks of this new session of Congress.

He referred, of course, to three highly controversial matters on the slate for early votes:

1. The St. Lawrence Seaway. 2. The Bricker amendment restricting the President's treaty-making powers.

3. Statchoff for Hawaii. Johnson grinned at the remark, as if he were not unhappy over the prospect of filibusters embarrassing the Republicans for a change, instead of the Democrats.

He said he is discussing the program with the Majority Leader, Senator William Knowland of California, and "exploring" possibilities for agreement.

However the leaders could arrive at only a general agreement on the timing of legislation. They can control individual members of their own parties who feel the urge to protect local interests on the three explosive issues.

In fact, a member of President Eisenhower's own party, Senator Butler of Maryland, opened fire on the St. Lawrence Seaway immediately.

On the Bricker amendment, Knowland is still hunting a compromise satisfactory to the administration and the extreme right wing of the G. O. P.

In Hawaii, the G. O. P. is fairly well united, with some exceptions, but the Democrats are holding back until Alaska can be added, and some Southerners don't want either one.

WASHINGTON NOTES

WORLD'S POPULATION

In 1953, the world's population grew at a rate of 70,000 a day, to a total of more than 2,500,000,000.

TAX REDUCTIONS

If Federal spending can be reduced by at least \$5,000,000 in the next fiscal year, the automatic tax reductions, as scheduled to go into effect on April 1st, should be allowed to become effective, according to the Committee for Economic Development.

RED TRADE

The Government's foreign aid chief, Harold Stassen, recently disclosed an Administration decision to permit wider trade with Communist countries in nonstrategic items.

COTTON

In an effort to ease the impact of the drastic cutback ordered in cotton acreage for this crop year, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson has asked the Congress to permit an increase of about 3,000,000 acres.

PATRONAGE

The patronage machine of the Republican Party is expected to get into high gear within the next few months. The Party has approximately 5,000 names in its files, with attorneys making up the largest professional bloc.

LOAN TOTALS

Individual Americans give evidence that they plan to borrow less money this year than they did in 1953, when consumer loans went up \$2,000,000,000 to a record total of \$28,000,000,000.

"PROBLEM DRINKERS"

Washington, D. C., has the greatest percentage of "problem drinkers" in the nation, according to M. Henderson, industrial consultant to the Yale Center of Alcohol Studies.

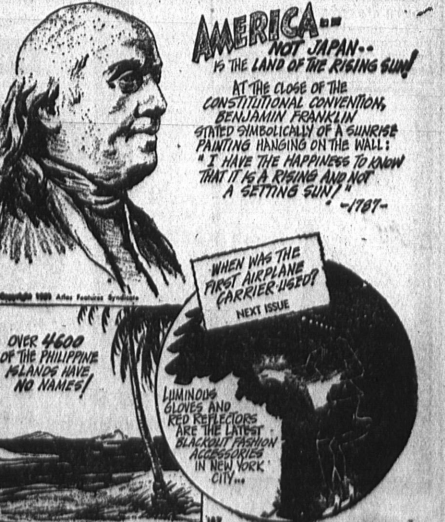
UNEMPLOYMENT

There were 428,000 more unemployed persons in the United States at the end of 1953 than a year ago, according to the Department of Commerce.

CREDIT BUYING

For the fifth month in succession, the public cut down sharply on credit buying in November, according to a Federal Reserve Board report, which said total consumer credit in November increased only \$56,000,000, bringing the total of consumer credit to \$28,252,000,000, for an increase of \$8,641,000,000 from the end of November 1952.

IT'S A FACT by JERRY CAHILL



It'll Take More 'Wham' in '54



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