BABSON'S POINT OF VIEW

SHORTCOMINGS OF CONGRESS

Our founding fathers intended that Congress should be a bulwark against centralism in government. They expected its acts to be an authoritative reflection of the collective will of the people.

MUCH CRITICISM NOT CONSTRUCTIVE

If Congress is to reflect the true will of the people, that will must be expressed continually, frankly, and constructively. As almost any Congressman will confirm, the will of the people is being expressed only partially and imperfectly today. To be sure, incoming mail to Capitol Hill is impressively large, while communications from Senators and Representatives to the folks back home are flowing in record volume. But real dialog between members of Congress and the people still leaves much to be desired.

Few indeed are the suggestions sent to Congress which deal convincingly and objectively with today's problems. But in this era of swift communications, expanding industrialization, and multiplying government functions and programs, Congress is showered with criticism . . . much of it not constructive.

PROCEDURES NEED UPDATING

Certain it is that Congress is slowed, and sometimes bogged down, because of the rigidity of its dedication to tradition. If you really want to plead your views personally on a bill before a congressional committee, you'll find it relatively easy to get the nod to present yourself. But be prepared for delays, and possibly postponements, in your appearance date and time; for committees meet mostly about mid-morning and adjourn by noon when the Senate and the House convene. Sessions are short, hurried, often superficial.

For lack of time, informed and well-meaning citizens are rushed through. Some get the impression they are being brushed off; feelings bruised, these people become discouraged. Often they never again return to Capitol Hill, leaving the committee hearings to the professional lobbyists who survive and thrive because they are Johnny-on-the-spot and persistent in their pleadings.

DYNAMISM AND THE SENIORITY SYSTEM

Gone — perhaps forever — are the really strong Speakers of the House who almost single-handedly made a good deal of the congressional history of yesteryear. But Congress is still blessed with numerous men of stature — capable, articulate, and often highly individualistic. The colorful flavor of bygone years may or may not be recaptured, but the dynamism should be retrievable.

Some claim the ills of Congress stem mostly from the so-called seniority system which provides that committee assignments, chairmanships, and influence generally depend on length of service. This assumes that the incompetents in Congress manage to be re-elected "ad infinitum." Criticism of the seniority system also suggests that Congress is "old and tired." Not so. The median age of all members of Congress is 55 (Senators 59, Representatives 52.)

WHERE CONGRESS FAILS

Sen. Russell B. Long of Louisiana has proposed that the Senate establish a dial-a-vote system that would permit absent members to record themselves by telephone when important roll calls are being taken. Hidebound as Senators are to tradition, there is no early hope that they will adopt such a precedent-shattering idea. But Sen. Long's proposal does focus attention on the fact that Congress clings to voting procedures and members' courtesies that are archaic and time-consuming. Unlike so many state legislatures, congress so far has failed to use electronic voting devices which could speed its work.

Congress' most dismal failure lies in its seemingly superficial handling of its chief responsibility — the enactment of laws. Under present rigid procedures and limitations of funds and staff, neither existing nor proposed programs are being studied as carefully or as fully as they should be relative to national goals.

Todd E. Richards Is Honored At Albright

Todd E. Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Richards, Trucksville, was one of 175 Albright College students to receive dean's list honors for the second semester, 1967-1968, according to Dr. Robert E. McBride, academic dean. Included in the current list are 61 graduates, 47 juniors, 45 sophomores, and 25 freshmen.

To be named to the dean's honor list, a student must achieve an academic average of 3.25 or higher for the period.

Todd, an English major, is a member of the sophomore class at Albright.

Dallas Borough Class To Hold Reunion July 20

Class of 1943 of the Dallas Borough High School will hold its 25th reunion on Saturday, July 20 at the Castle Inn. The class would like to extend an invitation to all Dallas Borough High School graduates who are interested in renewing old acquaintances to drop in at the Castle any time after 8:30 p.m. The planning committee consists of Mrs. Robert Price, Mrs. Ernest Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown.

Sponsors Social Lake-Lehman Band

The Lake-Lehman Band Sponsors will hold an ice-cream social Saturday, July 20 at the Ross Elementary School, starting at 5 o'clock.

Featured will be home-made ice cream in five flavors-vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, banana and pineapple; also wimpies, hot dogs, coffee and soda.

This is the first of the fund-raising projects scheduled for the 1968-69 year and a good attendance is hoped for.

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Deater Family Holds Twenty Seventh Reunion At Stull

The 27th Annual Deater Reunion was held in the grove, at Stull, on June 29th. Those who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Perrin of Johnson City, N.Y.; Mrs. Vincent Miraballa, Berkshire, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Deater, Christine and Larry, Lansdale; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Deater, Susan Eileen and Steve, Binghamton, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Deater and Tanya, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, Gary and Cork, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Adams, Carol Louise and Nancy, Nescopeck; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rudolph, Betty Lou, Jerry, Pine City, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sorber, Claude, Alice and Julie, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Butler, Balle, Lee and Windy, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Montross and Cindy, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Womer, Rick and Alvin, from Noxen; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Chisarick, Beaumont; Mr. Robert Hering, Bobby, Tim, Lisa, Candor, N.Y.

Friends of the family who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jones, Ruby Scouten, Mr. and Mrs. Jap Kocher, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Freeman, Eddie and Ray, Gary Bernstein, Don Mensinger, Joe Taylor, Ellen Brown, Debbie Hartzel, Phil McKenna, Harry Sisco, and Myrtle Lowe.

First Session At Camp Onawandah

Eighty-nine Girl Scouts from Penn's Woods Council are participating in the first session of camping at Onowandah, located along the Susquehanna River, 26 miles from Wilkes-Barre below Tunkhannock on Route 309.

Daily agendas include such activities as swimming, canoeing and hiking; crafts and nature study; endless variety of games; badge work; living in tents and participating in cookouts. The different units of Girl Scouting have program features suitable to interests of the four age levels -- Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes and Seniors.

Camp director is Marjorie Mayer of Pittsburgh, who announced campers are under the leadership of a fully-trained and qualified staff. Counselors have been selected not only for their experience and background, but also for their interest in young people. Waterfront activities are under the direction of American Red Cross trained personnel.

Established Camping as done at Onawandah is a community of young people guided, not dominated, by adults. It is a real life situation for practicing democracy in action. It also is an ideal place to learn how to get along with people who are not only new, but who may have entirely different backgrounds, since the campers represent a cross-section of the Girl Scouts within the six-county jurisdiction of Penn's Woods Council (Luzerne, Columbia and parts of Carbon, Schuylkill, Northumberland and Wyoming). Established camping also gives training in learning how to live away from home and family and from the troop.

Present session at Camp Omawandah will conclude on July 20. Two additional sessions planned for the Established Camp are as follows: July 21 through August 3; and August 4 through August 17. Registrations for each of the sessions must be made two weeks prior to the starting date. Information and camp brochures are available from the Council Offices located at 383 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston.

Local people attending the camp for the first session are Debra Sue Bulford, Foster Street; Megan Delaney, Norton Avenue; Fern May Egliskis, RD 1, Box 354; Ellen Parker, Westminster Drive, RD 1; and Cathy Stella, RD 2, Box 81.

Veterans Civil Service Applications Open

Applications are now open for State government positions as veterinarians, veterinary pathologists, and poultry pathologists, the State Civil Service Commission announced.

Harry P. Griffiths, SCSC executive director, said no written test is required. These are specialized positions in the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's regional offices at Harrisburg, Erie, Evans City, Hollidaysburg, Lansdale, Lebanon, Linden, Tunkhannock, Wilkes-Barre, and Summerdale. Salaries range from $9,923 to $12,675.

Applicants must possess a doctor's degree from an approved school of veterinary medicine and be licensed to practice in Pennsylvania. Graduate students who expect to receive their degree within 6 months of the date of the application are eligible. Applicants who claim college training must submit a college transcript or facsimile with their application.

To be eligible for veterinary and poultry pathologist, candidates also need one year of experience in the research and diagnosis of diseases affecting livestock and poultry. U.S. citizenship and Pennsylvania residents have been waived for these classes.

David Caffrey Serves Off Coast Of Vietnam

Seaman David N. Caffrey, USN, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael F. Caffrey, Division Street, Shavertown, is serving aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Boston off the coast of Vietnam.

While serving off the coast of Vietnam, his ship provides gunfire support to U.S. and Allied ground forces against the enemy.

Sandy Beach

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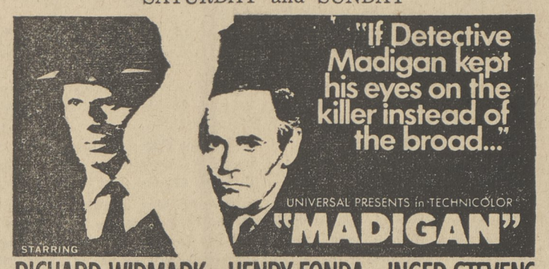

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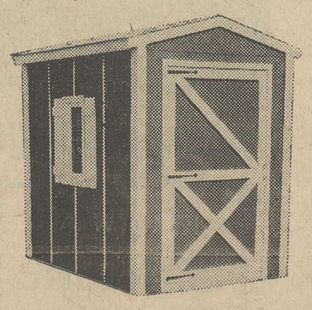

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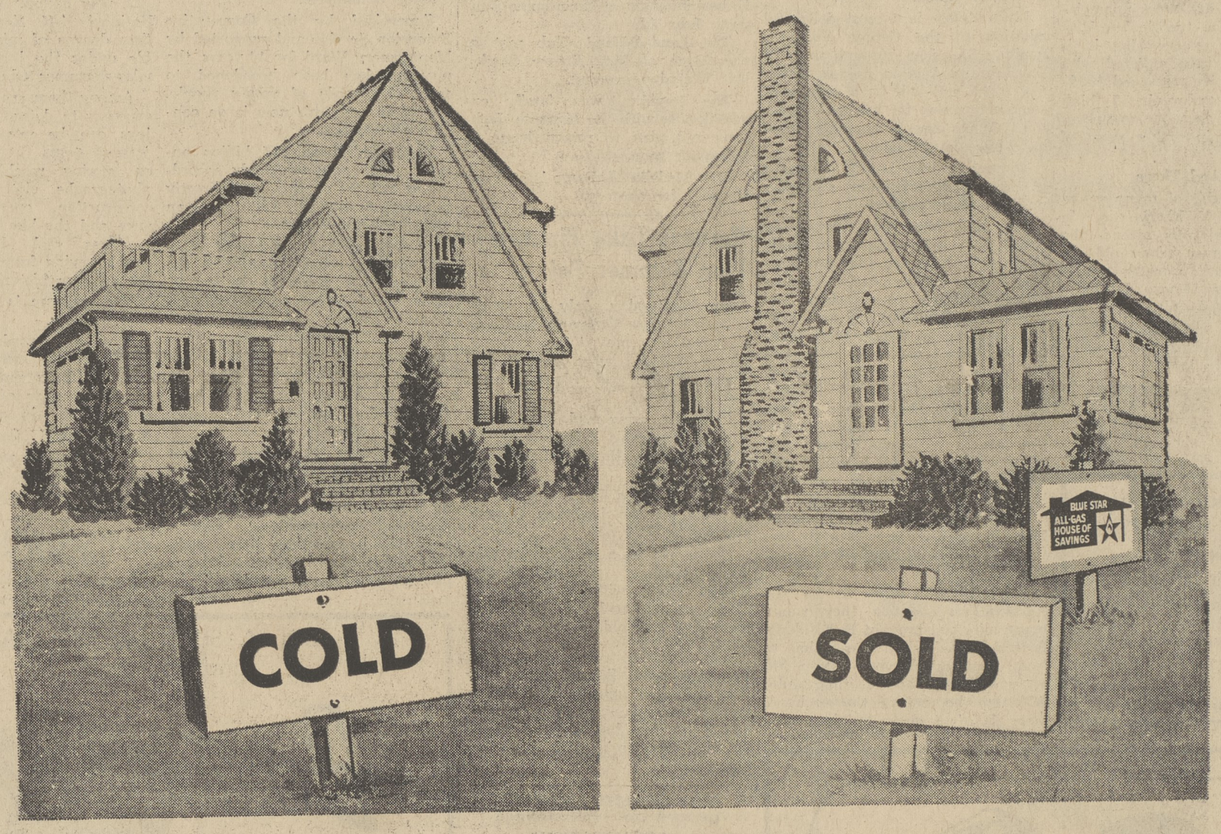

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