

Washington News

Washington, D. C.—President Eisenhower has been the subject of much newspaper nonsense in recent weeks. The President has alienated some members of the working press just as he has alienated some Republican members of Congress by remaining aloof in matters of personal concern to the newsmen and Congressmen.

His critics claim that the President isn't keeping up with the domestic scene in the United States, and is interested mainly in dreams about saving peace in the world. His supporters say the President is responsible for the fact that we are not now at war, and praise his domestic policies as having given the U. S. economy stability and balance.

But whoever is correct, the

President's charmed relations with the press—at least the working press—appear to have ended. Most of the nation's editors probably still support the Chief Executive but when stories about resignations, helicopters for golfing use, speed limit excesses, etc., begin hitting the front pages, it means that Washington's correspondents are getting browned off about something.

The reasons are hard to define in simple terms. The working press has long contained many members critical of the Eisenhower Administration. This inveterate independent gaggle of aggressive newsmen must be pampered to a certain degree, by a President. Mr. Eisenhower still acts more like a general talking to troops, as far as many

see him, than as a man talking to another man or woman.

Then, too, the President has held himself personally aloof to a greater degree than did, for example, Harry Truman—who made a point of entertaining newsmen at the White House. Ike's conference have not been too numerous in recent times, either, what with all the travel, sickness, etc. reporters have encountered.

Mr. Eisenhower is greatly inclined to turn over most of the thinking on various phases of government activity to the experts. He hates to make decisions of an unpleasant nature. This is perhaps only normal but reporters are getting more critical, and more of them are giving vent to their reactions in their papers, as time passed.

It doesn't necessarily mean there has been any big change in Ike. But the President knows he will not run again and he can afford to let the newsmen bark a little, without fretting.

Sooner or later the country will have to face the number one question concerned with the national budget, cutting taxes and reducing the debt—how much is too much in the way of military spending.

The Communist threat has been so real that hardly any lawmakers on Capitol Hill has dared demand that the Defense Department speed up true unification of the armed forces and cut out the vast waste that obviously goes hand in hand with duplication, overlapping and a lack of unity of planning.

The defense of the country is now consuming 40 billion dollars of the total budget of approximately 72 billions. That's far more than fifty percent and if cuts could be made in this vast expenditure, without impairing the nation's defense, all sorts of avenues are opened up.

Taxes could be cut, for one thing. The debt might be reduced. Services could be expanded. And it seems likely that defense monies could be reduced if genuine unification were effected and duplication and inefficiency eliminated. Of course, this is a herculean task that is much easier ordered than accomplished.

In the past efforts to get the military on a really efficient footing have almost invariably failed. But the first sign of a recession, or a lessening in international tension, the forty billions going for defense are going to come under close security in Congress. The threat of Communism has made it comparatively easy for the services to obtain big funds of late but the situation will not necessary hold forever.

Sing a Spring Song with Citrus



In the spring a young woman's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of slimming down, doesn't it—in order, of course, to meet the conditions of the original rhyme! Nothing fits this good thought better than salads which furnish plenty of nutrients and few calories.

The grapefruit in season now are so sweet no one will ever miss sugar, and the Valencia oranges which Florida harvests this time of year are easy to section and seedless, so they're ideal for salads. Add cottage cheese, cool cucumber slices, scallions and French dressing. Save your grapefruit shells to make pretty little flower holders.

Low-Calorie French Dressing

Blend 1/2 cup water and 2 teaspoons cornstarch; cook, stirring constantly until thickened. Remove from heat; add 1/4 cup Florida grapefruit juice, 2 tablespoons salad oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 1/2 teaspoons sugar, 1/2 teaspoon each paprika and dry mustard, 1/4 teaspoon Tabasco and 1/4 cup catsup; beat until smooth. Add peeled clove of garlic. Shake before using. YIELD: 1 1/4 cups.

Important Meeting On New Watauga Plant


An important mass meeting in connection with securing a new manufacturing plant for Watauga County will be held in the county courthouse in Boone Wednesday evening, April 17, at 8:00 o'clock. Every citizen interested in the growth and progress of Watauga County is urged to attend this meeting.

BURGLARS CHANGE LOCKS

Olympia, Wash.—The burglar or burglars, who visited the garage of Leo Gruenfelder recently, not only stole his home-canned fruit and vegetables but switched padlocks on his garage door. Gruenfelder doesn't have a key to fit the new lock.

Domestic consumption of cotton is expected to continue to lag behind the 1955-56 season during the remainder of the marketing season.

A grant of \$25,000,000, said to be the largest ever made to help train American college teachers, has been announced by the Ford Foundation.



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Cove-Creek High School

The Cove Creek P. T. A. met in the high school gym on Monday, April 8. A very interesting program was presented. The Elementary Rhythm Band played several numbers. Louise Ward, the winner of the trip to the United Nations, gave the winning declamation. Mrs. Howard Edmisten, our county supervisor, gave a very helpful talk on the child's health in school, and told how the parents could help their children.

The following officers were elected for 1957-58:

President, Mrs. Ann Wilson; vice president, Mrs. Ford Henson; secretary, Mrs. Muriel Glenn; treasurer, Mrs. E. B. Fox.

4-H Club

The Junior 4-H Club met Monday, April 8 in the old gymnasium. The boys and girls met together. The following games were played: Virginia Reel, Shoe Fly String, Hokey Pokey, and a square dance. Miss Street and Mr. Richardson attended the meeting.

Library Club

The library club did not meet as scheduled, Monday, because many members were busy rehearsing for a spring festival to be given in May.

CHANGE UNNOTICED

For the first time in the nation's history, in 1956 the number of people employed in the production of goods was fewer than the number employed in everything else—government, trade, services, finance, utilities, or transportation. While the output of the nation's goods producers has risen about 45 per cent since 1947, their number has risen by only 1,600,000 to a present total of about 17,000,000. This total represents only about one-fourth of all the Americans who are gainfully employed.

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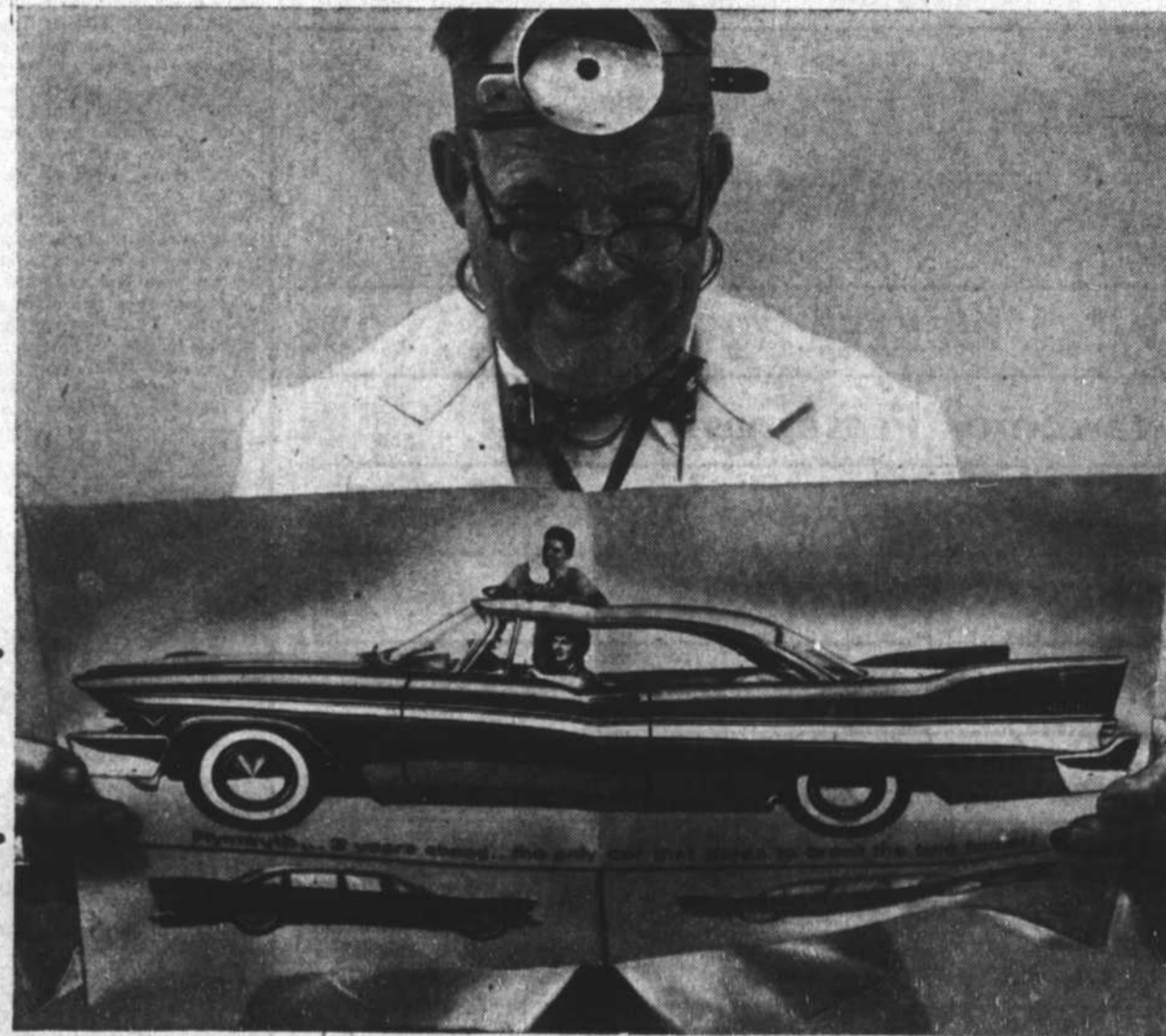


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