

JUST SOME CHATTER

By Ray Sandegren

ACCORDING to one of the "time-keepers" in the shop, we are now enjoying about one and one-half hours more daylight than we did on December 21. The sun sets about 45 minutes later than it did shortly before Christmas, and we are told that it rises about 45 minutes earlier. I can't vouch for the truth of that last statement as I haven't been up late enough to see the sun rise since New Year's eve.

And, if the days are getting longer, it stands to reason they should become warmer. No complaints can be lodged against the weather we have encountered so far in January, the temperature being moderate, the sun shining much of the time, and little rain. I hope these foregoing lines don't prompt an epidemic of spring fever, because we still have February, March and April coming along with their snow and rain and wind and gloom. May is at times rather inclement, too. In fact, I've even seen June sort of ugly. July is generally too hot. August is pretty fair, but it is followed by September, and we all know that September is the start of another winter.

A GOOD sales promotional scheme was that of the Jap tuna fish exporter who labeled the NRA blue eagle emblem on 4,000 cases of the sea food for a destination somewhere in the United States. It might prove costly, however, for the would-be patriotic Nipponese as government officials may confiscate the cargo. Perhaps the little exporter said to himself when he first saw the blue

eagle, "Mighty fine lookie parrot—puttee velly nice birdie on tuna fish. Amelicans will likee my fish velly much."

The big guns along the political front of the city are opening up with heavy fire. To all outward appearances, the campaign will be one of the most spirited in years in view of the large number of candidates who have already filed and those who have signified their intentions of tossing their bonnets in the loop. The primary election, determining the popular candidates who will race down the home stretch in the final campaign, is to be held on February 27.

THE morning after, February 28 to be exact, when the tabulations will have been made, some of the candidates will wonder what hit them, some will wonder what happened to all those promised votes, some will be tickled pink to know that so far as they are concerned they will have to spend no more money for electioneering, some, encouraged by the support they received, will again start out full blast in the big wind-up, and all of them will admit that they will probably sleep a little better from now on.

Election time is always a busy session around a newspaper office, and the Posten and Viking sanctuary is no exception. The truth is that these two Scandinavian publications usually receive more advertising patronage from political candidates than do most of the English language publications in the city. This fact is partially attributed to the large number of Scandinavians in Tacoma, their unity of action and the Scandinavian's keen participation in community affairs.

MANY Scandinavians have played prominent roles in the administration of city politics in the past, and at present several are leaders of the local government. Of recent growth is the Scandinavian Mutual society, an organization formed for the betterment of civic life, and to inform its members as to the political conditions locally. This society boasts a large and most active mem-

bership, and includes in its roster members from all other Scandinavian lodges and societies in the city.

There are many other local Scandinavian lodges, and although they are more or less of social or benefit character, they nevertheless participate wholeheartedly in political affairs, and it is to be expected that they generally present a strong, unified front.

A NEWS story recently told that Professor Albert Einstein, the world's greatest scientist, finally encountered a problem that stumped him. The man who astounded the world with his theory of relativity met his "Waterloo" in trying to operate a Linotype, a machine used by printers for setting type. That should even things up pretty well; he doesn't know how to operate our Linotype, and we don't know how to operate his relativity.

The most intricate machine in the world is the way the Linotype has been described by some. Its functioning is almost human, with thousands of delicate pieces of machinery doing their prescribed work at exact times. The construction of the machine is most mystifying to the average person, and the story is told that the inventor, Ottmar Mergenthaler, working under such severe mental strain, broke down completely after seeing his "brain-child" first operate successfully.

TIME changes everything . . . the inventor broke down when he first saw his machine operate, and now they almost have to put us in straight-jackets when the machine balks and "does not choose to run."

One hundred thousand dollars worth of gold and gold certificates were picked out of their musty retreats by the citizens of Tacoma last Wednesday and returned to the local banks, due to the final deadline date on President Roosevelt's gold hoarding policy. The only way President Roosevelt can get all the gold I have is to send a dentist up to dig the fillings out of my teeth.

OUR papers are now using a smaller type-face, if you haven't already noticed it. This necessitates additional wording and text; so if I have taken more of your time than usual, please forgive me. It's as hard on me as those who have to read this stuff.

Delightful Recipes by Experts

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SCALLOPED HAM WITH MACARONI

Place in casserole a layer of macaroni, dotted with butter and grated cheese, then 1 layer of left-over ham, cut in small pieces; continue until dish is full; pour over this a custard made from 1 pint of rich milk and 3 eggs. Bake until slowly done.

—Mrs. C. I. Linn.

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