

Folk wisdom: 'Don't eat too high off hog'

IN THE mail the other morning came a letter from an old friend down in the Pennsylvania Dutch country in which he was provoked that the U.S. Congress had adjourned for its vacation and had not done much, if anything, to reduce the record-breaking deficit.

"We've been eating too high on the hog," he wrote, and went on to tell about federal spending the country couldn't afford.

As he read the letter, with the Pennsylvania Dutch flavor, The Stroller couldn't help thinking about his mother and how she raised five children with meager funds. Shortly after Father passed away, Mother gathered us in a room and told us just what we faced and how we could meet it.

"Don't look over the fence," she began, "to see what the other folks have. Just make the best of what you have. There'll be plenty of happiness if you don't spoil your years by attempting too much."

AT THE time, to keep her family in healthy condition, she hired out as a washwoman to help some of the richer folks in town. It so happened the family had two girls, and they were happy as larks when Mother could bring home some of their old dresses and make them over.

We lived on what you might call a "hand-me-down" system.

Unfortunately, the rich family had no sons. So there was no handing down clothes for The Stroller. But Mother had an idea. She learned that the manager of the men's clothing store — also rather wealthy — needed help at work. So she hired out.

And to show what she had on her mind, the head of that home ran the biggest and best men's clothing store in town. So when it was time for styles to change, she came home with the old-style sport coats and trousers for her

boy. One year she even came home with a stylish Panama hat.

So, you see, her son was a bit late in style, but we weren't spending high. As the Dutch say, we weren't "eating high on the hog."

IT WAS much the same in the little lunch counter Father left us. When she saw that such things as steaks were too highly priced, she gambled on an idea.

She took the steaks and ground them. Then she fried the small balls of meat and placed them in buns. So far as is known, that was the start of the hamburger craze. Why they were called hamburgers, when it was steak meat, we never knew.



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But steakburger or hamburger, it made little difference. America has been feasting on those small sandwiches for decades and doing well.

Mother's Pennsylvania Dutch creed enabled her to raise five children without spending

more than she could afford. Another children have lived with the same creed.

SOMETIMES IT seems a bit rugged. When we wanted things we couldn't afford, she always came to us and talked about the happiness we could have if we didn't eat too high on the hog.

And The Stroller has followed that advice all these years. And while he hasn't wanted for much, he never has been loaded down with debts that would be difficult to pay.

He always has been satisfied to eat hamburger instead of steak, for that wasn't eating high on the hog.

"Don't look over the fence to see what the other folks have. Just make the best of what you have."
— Mother's advice

Oakland lawyers in state bar posts

Several local attorneys have been elected to positions with the State Bar of Michigan, announced Dennis W. Archer, president.

Incumbent Robert B. Webster of Birmingham and Thomas G. Plunkett of Troy were elected to three-year terms on the board of commissioners. Incumbent Burton R. Shifman of Southfield was elected to a two-year term.

Among others elected were 48 attorneys to the 150-seat State Bar Representative Assembly, the bar's policy-making body.

Local residents include incumbent Judge John H. Shepherd of Southfield and newcomers Franklin D. Gettleson and Mark L. Telcher of Birmingham, Steven M. Kaplan, Deborah G. Tyler and Stanley M. Weingarden of Southfield, Kurt E. Schaefer of Pontiac, James W. Metz of Troy and Betty L. Lohenthal of Franklin.

An immediate seat for the balance of two years was filled by James P. Colbert of Rochester.

Airport open house

An open house with tours and airplane displays is planned Sunday, Aug. 25, at the Oakland Pontiac Airport.

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