

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

By Harris Ellsworth, Member of Congress

preliminaries of the 80th session are now finished. Bills are coming to the floor of the house quite rapidly hence the principal action taken so far was the passage of a law to continue taxes on luxuries. One of the tremendous organizational tasks, caused by the streamlining law, I believe the Republicans have done well to have gotten into active action in less than a week. I recall one previous session when we were six weeks behind the first roll call.

For the third consecutive year, a school senior from my district has been chosen as one of the 40 boys and girls selected for the 16,558 high school seniors to be invited to Washington for the five-day Science Talent Contest, conducted by an organization known as Science Service. That is more remarkable than the fact that three students have been chosen from the same school, the High. This year the winners are Miss Dorothy J. Christensen, Mrs. Ellsworth and I are going forward to meeting Miss Christensen and attending the Science Banquet with her.

was honored recently by being elected president of an organization of Republican congressmen as the 78-79 club. All Republican members of the house came here when I did in the congress, and the new Representatives of the 79th congress,

meet together at dinner once each week, to hear outstanding speakers and to discuss national affairs.

Your Fourth District Congressional office has been thus honored twice recently. Hayden S. Garber, my secretary and assistant has just been elected president of the Congressional Secretaries Club.

Once again, the entire Oregon delegation in Congress, joined by members from other western states, have fought out a farm problem to a successful conclusion, assisted and ably directed by William Guerts of the Oregon Poultry Council, who did the technical work with the department. A reasonable basis for turkey support prices was arrived at which is now subject to final approval by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

The new plant at Springfield, which will make alcohol from sawdust and other wood waste, is now in operation. I am informed everything is going smoothly. A new and important industry is now established in Oregon. I predict there will be several of these plants in the northwest, and I believe also that these plants will ultimately be an important source of high protein content feed, which can also be made from the wood sugar they produce.

Republicans all over the United States annually observe Lincoln's birthday with banquets. Numerous members of congress are called upon to be speakers at these events. I have been invited to make the Lincoln Day address at Red Bank, N. J. Even though I am sure I shall enjoy meeting the New Jersey people, I wish I could attend at least one of the Lincoln Day banquets in my own congressional district.

From Exchanges:

COQUILLE — Closure of the Belle Knife hospital appeared imminent this week when Mrs. Belle Knife and Dr. James Richmond announced their plans to retire Feb. 15, after a long service to the cause of medical aid for residents of southwestern Oregon.

Mrs. Knife began her nursing career in Coquille 38 years ago as a private nurse. Approximately years ago she took over the hospital which carried her name, and has been actively engaged in its supervision since that time.

There are no definite plans about the disposition of the hospital other than Mrs. Knife has offered all the equipment for sale. Equipment consists of everything needs for 25 bed patients.

Upon her retirement she will be at home at South Beach St. Dr. Richmond started his medical career in Coquille on Dec. 10, 1906, with Mrs. Georgia Richmond, his wife, who served as a nurse for Dr. Richmond and is still his surgical nurse. At that time there was only one other doctor in this area.

COQUILLE — First city manager for this city will be John E. Eilertson, Salem, recently retired from the U. S. army engineers with the rank of lieutenant colonel, after seeing service since 1941.

Eilertson was named at a special meeting of the city council Friday afternoon at 5, when the ordinance providing for city managership form of government was officially put into operation. Manager Eilertson will start his official duties March 1, it was announced by Mayor David Biegger.



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Last Friday night he figured the Home Grocery on H street looked pretty good, so that evening about 8:30, during an evening lull in business, entered the store and asked for a pack of cigarettes. Opening the cash drawer to make change, Dewey Pollard, owner of the store, then found himself looking into the muzzle of a gun with a demand to "hand over." However the bluff didn't take with Pollard for he slammed the cash drawer shut at the demand.

Lady Luck was with Pollard, for as he closed the drawer, he leaned over and in so doing was missed by two wild shots fired

by Hobbs.

Seeing he had missed Pollard, Hobbs hit him over the head with the gun, inflicting a bad gash on his head, and a 4-inch cut on his forehead, as well as a 2-inch cut at the base of his skull.

Hobbs, by that time, found he had tackled the wrong man, and fled, leaving his \$10 and pack of cigarettes.

It May Change, Too

Let us lend a hand to one another

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