

A Letter From Washington

Rep. Harris Ellsworth

The story of my series of efforts to obtain appropriations for the construction of Bonneville power lines from Lebanon to Eugene and from Eugene to Coos Bay via Mapleton and Reedsport might read a little bit like a gruesome fairy tale. The final outcome was what racing people call a "photo finish"—and we won!

The interior department appropriation bill, which contains the money for Bonneville, started out in fairly good shape with modest funds provided for starting construction of the lines in Oregon. The house passed the bill in that form. Then the senate increased the cash appropriation somewhat and added nearly a million in contract authorizations looking to future construction on the lines. Unfortunately, so far as the house appropriations committee was concerned, the senate not only added a little money for Oregon lines but increased the remainder of the Bonneville appropriation to considerably more than double the amount allowed by the house.

When the bill went to conference, a terrific battle is reported to have ensued. After nearly two weeks, the conferees made their report. In the heat of the battle, the Oregon lines had completely disappeared from the bill. The argument made by the conferees was that the main-grid system had to be completed first and since the house members would allow no more than a very slight total increase, the Oregon lines were out. (The so-called grid system is entirely in Washington)

I staged a futile but exciting battle on the floor in an attempt to salvage at least contract authorization for future construction of our lines when the conference report was on the house floor for passage. My effort was boxed out by the clever use of house rules by the committee. So the regular interior appropriations bill was enacted without providing for construction of power lines to the Oregon coast.

A supplementary appropriations bill had just been passed by the house. Senator Cordon prevailed upon the senate to put money and contract authorization in that bill and the senate sent the bill back to the house thus amended. As expected, the house conferees on that bill de-

Area Will Be Featured in Broadcast



To be featured in Commander Scott's "Romance of the Highways," next Sunday, will be the Southern Curry County wonderland, it was announced Sunday on his broadcast. With this advertising, together with the "spot" promised the Brookings district at the Oakland flower show next year, the "home of winter flowers" will gain national recognition of the right kind. The picture above shows a field of lilies grown by Otto Turley, 6 miles up the Chetco River. This picture was taken from a small kodak snapshot, slightly enlarged to show more detail.

clined to approve the Bonneville items so they were reported back to the house in disagreement in the conference report. I then made a motion on the floor of the house that the house concur in the senate amendment. Upon demand of appropriations committee chairman Taber, the roll was called on my motion and it carried by a vote of 180 to 174. It was indeed a "photo finish." As a result, the lines mentioned above will have a starting appropriation of \$1,184,700 plus a contract authorization of \$790,000.00.

Appropriations for the Willamette flood control project were increased substantially by the senate and on final passage of the bill, the house agreed to all of the increases but one and allowed most of that one. The one cut in the senate figures was Dorena dam which the senate included for \$5,000,000 but which the house reduced to \$3,750,000 in conference. The house originally allowed on \$1,750,000 for that dam.

Approved appropriations for the Willamette flood control project for the ensuing year total \$9,520,000 distributed as follows:
Detroit reservoir\$1,250,000
Dorena reservoir 3,750,000

Lookout Point (meridian) 4,000,000
Rern Ridge Reservoir.... 20,000
Bank protection 500,000
Total\$9,520,000
Additional flood control projects in my congressional district were appropriated as follows:
Umpqua river and tributaries\$194,000
Coquille River 131,000
Amazon Creek (Eugene) 305,000
Total\$630,000

In the rivers and harbors section of the civil functions (army engineers) bill, \$500,000 was appropriated to begin deepening of the Coos Bay harbor. This project was authorized last year after exhaustive investigations and hearings. Also, \$127,000 was included in the bill for work on the Umpqua river.

The wind-up of this session of congress has been fast and furious business. No one is willing to hazard a guess as to whether or not we will be back in session this fall, but at least there will be a breathing spell. The next regular session will begin Jan. 2, 1948. This is my last "report from Washington" until Congress re-convenes. We are driving home and expect to arrive in Oregon about Aug. 15.

P. I. Show Dates Are Moved Ahead This Fall

PORTLAND — The dates of the 1947 Pacific International livestock exposition have been moved ahead of the traditional opening, to Oct. 3, it was announced late last week by Walter Holt, manager. The show will carry through Oct. 11.

By advancing the opening to 5 p. m., Friday, Oct. 3, one additional evening horse show will be scheduled. This will also release one matinee date (Thursday, Oct. 10). This will be utilized for additional time for the judging of F. F. A. livestock.

Exhibitors who are accustomed to the traditional Saturday opening have been urged to adjust their calendars and change the date to October 3 to 11. This years exposition will be the 37th annual showing.

Telephone Manager Is Promoted By Company

COOS BAY—Harry Chapman, general West Coast Telephone Co. district manager, and active in many local functions and projects, was promoted to general agent in charge of public relations of the West Coast Telephone Co. with offices at Everett, Wash., it was announced in

this area last week.

Chapman has been district manager since 1943. He will be succeeded by George McBride, of Everett.

Well known in Brookings, Mr. Chapman's departure has been received with regret. He was one of the Coos Bay Rotarians who helped establish Rotary in the Brookings area.

Weather Report

For the past week, ending on Sunday:			
	Max.	Min.	Rain
July 28	68	56	.01
July 29	64	54
July 30	66	59
July 31	66	58
August 1	64	58
August 2	65	60
August 3	70	60	.08
Rain for week	.09		
Rain for month of July	6.40		
Rain to Aug. 1, 1947	38.42		
Short of 20-year average	3.86		

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stonehouse and their house guest, Mrs. Nell Richardson, were Klamath Falls visitors from Tuesday until last

Thursday, on business. For your every insurance See Pete Lesmeister Agent

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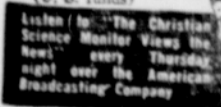
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