



By Harrie Elsworth

The house version of the interior department appropriation bill seems to be fairly satisfactory so far as the west is concerned. Among the particular interests I have in that bill are the appropriations for the Bonneville administration and for the bureau of mines laboratory.

The method the committee used in making the appropriation for Bonneville was quite normal. Instead of printing in its report on the bill a detailed explanation of how the Bonneville appropriation is to be expended, the committee this time merely recommended a lump sum appropriation of \$20,820,760 cash and a contract authorization of \$10,269,290. This represents a reduction of a little more than 5 1/2 million dollars from the budget estimate of the combined cash and contract authorization amounts needed. The committee specified that \$700,000 of the reduction is to come out of operation and maintenance, and that no reduction is applied to funds necessary for supplying electricity to the atomic energy plant at Hanford, Wash. Funds for the construction of substations at Lebanon and Coos Bay were also denied for the reason that the power companies had agreed to build these substations.

With these exceptions, then, it must be taken for granted that the funds appropriated will be applied to construction in accordance with the estimate of the bureau of the budget and that the over-all reduction of these items will be less than ten per cent. In round numbers then, the amount included in the bill for transmission line construction in southwestern Oregon would be \$2,900,000 which will go a long way toward the completion

of a main line from Salem to Lebanon, and a line from Eugene to Reedsport and thence to Coos Bay. Also of interest to Oregon, and southwestern Oregon in particular, is some six million dollars for the construction of a Goldendale, Wash., to Detroit, Ore., line and the continuation of the main line to Eugene from Detroit or Lebanon.

It might be argued that the house gives what amounts to a blank check to the Bonneville appropriation bill nor the report administration since neither the makes any reference to how the appropriation is to be specifically used. On the other hand, the appropriation is based upon the detailed figures contained in the bureau of the budget's request. Therefore, I believe it is safe to assume that the Bonneville administration will make expenditures on that basis and pro-rate the rather small reduction.

Substantial increases in railroad retirement annuities and survivor benefits to meet today's high cost of living are provided for in a bill introduced by Rep. Charles A. Wolverton (R., N. J.), chairman of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

In presenting his bill, H. R. 6704, Mr. Wolverton explained that "it provides for increases that on the average will amount to some 30% to 60% in the annuities of those who have retired or will retire in the next few years. These persons are now only entitled to annuities based on living costs and wages prevailing in the early 1930's."

The Dewey victory in Oregon has apparently evened up the situation with respect to the Republican presidential nomination. As this is written, I am sure that not even the sagest of our political experts can predict the outcome of the balloting in Philadelphia later this month. The Stassen campaign received a set back, but I am told the Stassen supporters and Mr. Stassen himself are not discouraged. Washington columnists indicate that both Governor Dewey and Sena-

tor Taft are still confident. Beneath the much-publicized candidacies, a strong current seems to be running for Senator Vandenberg, but there is no known or active campaign in his behalf. With the convention so close at hand, the present situation clearly indicates a most exciting session in Philadelphia.

Local News Items

While Mr. and Mrs. E. Don Bell of Portland were guests last week-end of Charles Seymour's, an informal musicale was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Christensen, with Mrs. Stanley Patterson and Mrs. Seymour as co-hostesses. Mrs. Bell, who is Mrs. Seymour's sister, and an accomplished pianist flutist, and singer, contributed much to the evening's enjoyment with her performances.

Mrs. H. F. Snodgrass left for her home at Falls Creek, Ore., the latter part of the week, after visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Bertha Moore for the past three weeks.

Mrs. Caroline Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wagner and three children and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hurley and two children, all of Eureka, visited at the Hattie Mackey and Andrew Jackson homes over the week-end. Mrs. Wagner is Lawrence Wright's grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Olsen left the first of the week for Spokane where they will visit relatives for several days. While there they will attend the graduation of their grandson, Bob McCrow, who has spent several summers here with the Olsens.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zumpfe and daughters returned Monday after spending Memorial holidays at Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Payne are parents of a 7 lb., 2 oz. girl, born May 24 at Seaside hospital. They have named the little miss Constance Lorraine.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hanscam and daughter moved from Brookings into their recently-built residence on the bluff above Harbor. This site commands a magnificent view of the lower Chet-

co river and its mouth, and of the ocean.

Earl Brown, friend of LeRoy Wiedeman, was a guest of LeRoy at Rotary, Tuesday. Mr. Brown, friend of many years standing, is in the glass business at Oakland, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bennard of Portland, spent several days over the week-end visiting his brothers, Neilan and Bob Abbott. It had been some years since this opportunity had been their good fortune.

Mrs. Lucy Pierce left by bus Monday for Monrovia, Mo., to visit a son and family before returning to her home at Independence, Mo. She had spent three weeks here visiting her son, Arthur and family.

Gene Gould, journalism student at University of Oregon, was a Memorial week-end visitor of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Gould. He and another student hitch-hiked to North Bend, from where Gene came to Brookings with his cousin. He left on Monday.

day noons bus. College concluded Thursday of next week.

Pilot readers will note, on page three of this issue an advertisement placed by Frank O. Johnson of Harbor, and may wonder its meaning. Mr. Johnson is seeking a copyright for a set of cards which he will print and sell to taverns, etc., and his plans, etc., must be published before copyright is granted.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Jones, family of Wisconsin, arrived this area, Tuesday, to make their home. Mr. Jones, an attorney, said he would not practice law. They recently purchased the Clyde Hill property, near Astoria State Park.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lilly of Klamath Falls visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kerns over Memorial day week-end.

Mrs. Fred LaForge and Clifford, returned Monday from Springfield where they had visited Fred LaForge over the week-end.

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