

# WASHINGTON WEEK

By Harris Ellsworth, M. C.

Not long ago I told of appearing before a committee to urge that the import tariff on plywood not be reduced. I have just learned that the administration is attacking the people who earn their livings in our plywood industry on still another front.

The ECA (European aid organization) has just announced that it is purchasing millions of feet of Douglas fir plywood logs for shipment to Korea. Our northwest plywood industry already has difficulty enough in obtaining sufficient high grade plywood logs for its own use. What this latest administration move means is loss of jobs for many people who make plywood. I and other

northwest congressmen have voiced vigorous protests against the combination policy of aiding foreign plywood production—even by furnishing logs which we do need—and at the same time proposing a reduction in tariff rates to allow plywood made from all those logs to undersell our producers on the American market. We have so many "do-gooders" running our government policies now that I have little hope of our protests being heeded.

For sixteen years, except for three years just before the war, congress has annually passed legislation postponing the deadline for the completion of required assessment work on all mining claims. The practice started in the depression days of the '30s.

During the postwar readjustment period I have supported such "moratorium" legislation. Last year the house and senate committees extended the moratorium with the explicit understanding that there would be no further extensions. It seems to me present conditions may warrant a return to the normal application of the mining laws.

But the past winter was unusually bad. The snows are deep in the mountains where hundreds of claims are located, preventing the work from being done this spring. Also many claim owners have become so accustomed to letting the work go that hundreds of claims might go by default if it was required that assessment work be brought up-to-date by the end of June this year. Accordingly, I supported a compromise proposal put thru the senate by Sen. Cordon—to extend the time for completing the work just 90 days—to Oct. 1.

Following a public lands committee hearing at which I spoke at some length in support of the Cordon bill, it was favorably reported. The bill carries an amendment providing that assessment work for the present and coming year may be done at the same time. I assume the house will pass it but that remains to be seen.

Apparently the administration has abandoned the idea of attempting to pass the whole package of socialized medicine legislation this year. It is still endeavoring, however, to get some portions of it passed piece-meal. In this connection it might be interesting to note that the British Minister of Health recently reported that in its first full year of operation, the cost to the British treasury (U. S. Money?) of Britain's medical plan was \$17.65 for each man, woman and child—over and above the regular payroll contributions. Just multiply that by 150 millions and you can figure for yourself what it would cost here if we were on the lower British income basis.

Speaking of population figures—40 out of every 100 persons are on the public payroll (Census bureau report). In 50 years, government employment has increased more than 525%. No wonder we are paying enormous tax bills.

Zumwat and Mrs. Edna Zumwat. Many beautiful gifts were received by Miss McKenzit, who plans to be married here in August and she and her husband will move to Myrtle Creek where both will teach this fall.

Attending Eastern Star grand lodge at Portland last week was Mrs. W. D. Spencer, representing Curry Chapter No. 135. In Portland she visited her daughter Dena. Other Eastern Star members attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wheeling and Mrs. Homer Kerber. Mr. Kerber was in Portland to attend Masonic grand lodge. The Wheelings stopped over at Seaside to see Mrs. Wheeling's niece and family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Livermore, son Wayand and his fiance, Miss Mary Jean Sabin, traveled to Bellingham, Wash., last week to see the graduation of another son, Lionel Livermore, from the Western Washington College of Education. He received three degrees—being one of six out of 260 to be given this honor. He will teach at Longview, Wash., next fall. The Livermores then continued on to Vancouver, B. C., to visit an Indian Festival at the reservation en route.

Vacationing at the home of her mother at Junction City are Mrs. Bernadette Laurence and son, Stephen.

Portland again comes in for its share of visitors from this area. Mr. and Mrs. Aden Chapman have returned from a business, flying there and back from North Bend.

The Marion Wilsons spent several days in the northern city last week. Accompanying them were Mrs. Cecil Jamieson and daughter, Delores, who then continued on to Longview to visit Mrs. Jamieson's mother for an indefinite stay.

When Mr. and Mrs. Grover Tichenor were in Portland they attended commencement exercises at Cascade College to see their daughter, Lucille, graduate with a B. A. degree in education.

Mrs. Adaline Niemann is substituting at the postoffice for Postmaster Edna Jamieson who is enjoying a two weeks vacation.

Midshipman Richard Pugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Pugh of this place, reported to Treasure Island, San Francisco, last Saturday to participate in the annual six-weeks naval reserve officer training corps midshipment, the senior-sophomore Pacific fleet cruise. He is a student at Oregon State.

Spending only four days of her summer vacation at home was Miss Sunny Leonard, daughter of Mrs. John Leonard. She then returned to Portland to attend the summer school at Vanport College, where she has been a regular student since last fall.

The young nephew and niece, of Mrs. Tracy Corbin, Irvin and Kay Smith of Portland, are now spending their vacation at the Corbin home and with other relatives here.

The beginning of last week saw Mr. and Mrs. George Collins of Trinidad, Calif., taking over the operation of their restaurant, Collin's Grill, here.

Leaving early last week for a vacation at Chicago were Mrs. John Masterson and son, Pat. They plan to visit relatives at Portland and Oregon City before entraining for the eastern city where Mrs. Masterson's daughter, Mrs. Ted Reynolds, lives.

Harry Strahan and George Collins made a short trip to Eureka on business over the week-end and to pick up some of Collins' equipment.

Mrs. Frances Kirtland left last week to attend summer school at Portland.

## Baptist Community

Jeanette Pierce, Sunday school Supt.

Mrs. Stanley Patterson, music director.  
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.  
11:00 Morning service, with a service by Rev. Floyd Butler.  
Evening service at 7:30 p. m.

## Seventh-Day Adventist

Sabbath School—Saturday at

Church Services—Saturday at 11:00 a. m.  
Young People — Saturday at 3:45 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting — Wednesday evening at 8:00.  
All Saturday services are being held at the Grange hall in Harbor.  
Pastor VanDolson will speak at the 11 o'clock service this Sabbath. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all the kind people for their help and thoughtfulness given at time of Bobby's accident to his eye. Bobby wishes to thank all, for the cards, toys, and letters sent him in the hospital. He is home and feeling fine. THE WIDNEY FAMILY

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By Dorothy Asdel

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