

WASHINGTON WEEK

By Harris Ellsworth, M. C.

In our heavily wooded country there is a method of fighting forest fires which is sometimes used in desperation. It is called "back-firing." Fires are not only fanned by the wind but generate their own wind which speeds them along. The back-firing technique is to go into the green timber a quarter mile or so ahead of the running fire and set a series of small fires across the path. When the big blaze reaches the line of small fires its momentum may be broken and the fire brought under control. If the back-fire plan fails to work, and the fire sweeps on, no harm is done since it would have gone ahead anyway.

So the Administration has set up a "back-fire" against the big sweep of public opinion against its foreign and domestic policies—against the public resentment over the firing of General Mac-

Arthur. The back-fire consists of something they call the "China Lobby." There might be such an organization. If so, it is supposed, according to administration spokesmen, to have used sinister or other influence in behalf of Nationalist China. If there is such an outfit I have never heard of it except from administration sources, and it surely has been a complete flop in its activities judging from the present pitiful condition of the Nationalist government.

Referring to the so-called China Lobby the following was stated by one of the back-fire builders: "It is alleged that from 1946 to 1949 the Central News Agency, a wholly owned instrument of the Nationalist Government, spent in the neighborhood of \$654,000,000 to influence American public opinion."

Now just think of how absurd that statement is. The sum of six hundred and fifty million dollars equals many times the total amount expended by all the different news agencies in America which operate on a complete nation-wide basis. I mean several times more than the combined cost of operating the Associated Press, United Press, International News, Trans-Radio Press, etc.

Well, enough on the subject of back-fires but it is my guess that you may hear or read about something called the China Lobby, that's what it is, a back-fire—set for the purpose of slowing down the big blaze or public opinion which is about to consume the administration people.

The house is about to begin consideration of the new tax bill. It will come to the floor under what we call a closed rule. That means no amendments can be made on the floor. It will merely be debated and then the vote will be for it or against it—as is, just as the committee brings it to the floor. I do not like that procedure but must admit that when the end product is considered the people will get a better tax bill if we take the one worked out by the committee of experts instead of trying to write it on the floor with amendments.

The appropriations bill carry-

ing funds for work on rivers and harbors was passed by the house. Although the total requested by the bureau of the budget was cut more than 20 per cent, the funds allowed for work on the two big dams in the Willamette Valley flood control project—Detroit and Lookout Point—totalled \$15,000,000 each, which will allow work on both those important dams to proceed toward completion for the earliest flood protection and production of much needed power in the Willamette valley.

LOCAL NEWS

Claude Goldizen left last Friday evening for Ventura, Calif., where he was called by the illness of his daughter, Betti, a graduate of Ventura Junior College. Mr. Goldizen expects to bring Mrs. Goldizen and Betti home with him this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Joy came home last week from Ashland where they had attended a family re-union. Present were their four children and 12 grandchildren, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Joy. People came by plane, train, trailer and car. The Joys also spent a few days at Lake of the Woods, trying the fishing.

A. C. Thompson attended the Masonic Grand Lodge at Portland last week, also visiting his friends at Seattle and vicinity before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Anderson are visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lively at Canon City, Colo., the new home for the Lively's. They took the Lively's son, Harold,

National Timber For Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Post Office Building, Grants Pass, Oregon, up to and not later than 2:00 p. m. Pacific Daylight Saving time, July 16, 1951, for all merchantable dead timber standing or down located on an area embracing approximately 120 acres within Section 7, T. 39 S., R. 12 W., W. M., and lying on Northern Prairie Creek within the Chetco River watershed, Siskiyou National Forest, Oregon, estimated to be 1,000,000 board feet, more or less, of Douglas-fir and other species of saw-timber. All standing dead timber within the sale boundaries will be considered as marked for cutting and the sale contract will require that all such dead timber be felled. No bid of less than \$1,000.00 for the total volume of timber as estimated above will be considered. In addition to the price bid for stumpage a deposit of \$500 to be used by the Forest Service for paying the cost of slash disposal and an additional co-operative deposit of \$750 to cover the cost of tree planting, seed sowing and timber stand improvement work on the area cut over will be required. \$2,250 must accompany each bid to be applied on the purchase price, refunded, or retained in part as liquidated damages according to the conditions of sale. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Forest Service bid form for use in submitting sealed bids and full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and the submission of bids should be obtained from the District Ranger, Gold Beach, Oregon, or the Forest Supervisor, Grants Pass, Oregon, before bids are submitted. On June 28, at 9:00 a. m., a Forest Officer will meet interested parties at the State Forest Patrol headquarters, Brookings, Oregon, to explain the conditions of the sale and to conduct a tour to show the timber offered for sale.

to his parents, as he remained here when they moved, to finish the school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Klass DeWit and daughters, Grace Marie and Marjorie of Missoula, Mont., spent the week-end at the C. W. Dam home on Easy Street. Mrs. De-

Wit is a niece of Mrs. Dam. The drivers license examiner will be at the Grange hall, on Thursday, June 28, from 1 to 5. Anyone wishing to obtain a license, are urged to be at the hall well in advance of closing time.

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