

Weekly Letter From Washington, D. C.

BY CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH

Ellsworth Letter Washington, D. C., October 23, 1943 - Apparently the fuss that has been so effectively stirred up by the members of Congress from the states of Oregon and Washington regarding the development of a domestic source of alumina-from-clay plants may be approved in the near future.

It is unfortunate but true that decisions both for and against the production of alumina-from-clay have been kicked around Washington for more than six months.

Back in Washington after the recess, members of Congress were informed that the manpower trouble was not the real reason for stopping the alumina-from-clay development.

The House voted Thursday to repeal the Chinese Exclusion Act and permit entrance of Chinese on a quota basis.

The Chinese Exclusion Act issue had considerable political dynamite in it. Apparently the leaders of both sides of the House did not want a record vote on the question.

Consequently, by the simple parliamentary expedient of having a quorum call (roll call of the House to see if a quorum is present, which is done when a member makes the point that no quorum is present) an automatic roll call on passage of the bill was avoided.

Three times this week I attended meetings that were billed as "strictly off the record." Being fairly large meetings, I doubt very much, however, that the proceedings of any of them were actually kept secret.

The first of the off-record sessions was a meeting of Republican members of the House. I believe some 200 members were present to hear Senator Brewster of Maine tell about his trip around the world and to the various battle fronts this summer with the party of Senators.

The second "off the record" meeting was our 78-Club session Tuesday night. The new Republican members - new members of the 78th Congress - get together for dinner every Tuesday evening at the Continental Hotel, one of the hotels in the vicinity of Union Station, and quite close to the Capitol.

The news that Wendell Willkie was scheduled to speak to the new Republican members of Congress created quite a little stir. We decided to include guests - permitting each 78-Club member to bring only one guest, said guest being a member of Congress. The meeting was jammed.

Wednesday morning, at the invitation of the War Department conveyed to the members of the House by Speaker Sam Rayburn, the entire membership of the House of Representatives assembled in the Auditorium of the Library of Congress and heard an "off the record" report on the war. The meeting began at 8:45 and continued through until 12:30.

Fairview News

Visiting in the valley last Friday and Saturday were Grandpa and Grandma Fliteroff. They were at the L. E. Teeters home Friday night and Saturday visited Mrs. Sonneland, who lives in their former home. They went to Millington and Eastside Saturday to visit. From there they went to Lakeside and then home to Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Deadmond returned home Monday afternoon from Portland, where they had gone to have Clarence enter the clinic but found it so busy it would be two or three weeks before he could go through it.

G. B. Dow passed away Thursday morning at 3:45 at Keizer Hospital, after being ill several months. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from Schroeder's funeral home in Coquille. Several friends from the valley attended the funeral.

Harold Norris writes that on Saturday, October 16, he made his first solo flight. He is in training to be a pilot at Thunder Bird Field at Phoenix, Arizona, and will be in school several months yet.

Word has been received from the Beck family. They are now living at Kelso, Wash., and Mr. Beck is again in evangelistic work.

Mrs. Clara Kibler was in Coquille Saturday to trade and visit the physician for treatment after an operation on her face a few weeks ago.

Charlie Holverstott slipped and fell last week injuring his limb that had been broken previously. He is about feeling his old self again.

Dennis Buoy is sick again this week. He was ill last week but attended school Monday. Tuesday he was sick again. Mrs. Buoy took him

Out-of-Doors Stuff

LANE LENEVE

The season opened on men, as well as deer, in the Oregon woods this season and at the date of this writing five hunters have gone to their deaths by guns in the hands of careless hunters; the last death to date being that of a hunter who fell from a bullet fired at moving brush by a sixteen year old boy. He was the third victim of 15 and 16 year old youths this season.

It is nice for young Americans to be able to hunt and to get out and enjoy the clean out-of-doors, but it has been demonstrated clearly this season that they most assuredly should be accompanied on deer hunting trips by an older and an experienced companion and that it should be drilled into their heads that a man in the brush in no way resembles a deer, that a man's life is worth more than all the deer in existence.

But it isn't always the kids that do the shooting, more often it is excitable men - men who are looking for a deer, men who have "deer on the brain" and who place the pleasure of bagging a deer ahead of the life of a fellow being. Such men should be barred from the woods for all time.

In order to be permitted to drive an automobile, any person must take an examination and demonstrate if he is qualified to do so, to the satisfaction of the authorities.

Each season sees more hunters taking to the brush and each season sees more game violations out of season.

It is, indeed, a crying shame when a man's life is placed on a par with that of the life of a deer by a lot of hunters - hunters who blaze away at moving brush and kill men each season.

The time has come when real drastic action should be taken to put a stop to needless slaying of hunters. It appears that the gas chamber or a life term are the only logical solutions to the problem and in our opinion they are none too drastic - for after all, when everything is taken into consideration there is no difference between shooting a man down in cold blood upon the streets of a city than there is of slaying him in the woods.

Just how long are the slayings going to continue before drastic action is taken? If a man knew for a settled fact that he would be executed or given a life prison sentence for shooting a fellow man by mistaking him for a deer, it would make him think twice before firing the fatal shot and it would serve to keep a lot of rattle-brained, nervous, irresponsible hunters out of the woods.

Are these annual killings going to be permitted or is something going to be done about it? in to the physician Tuesday.

Raymond Norris of the Navy in the South Pacific is now coxswain, making the grade after being in the navy but one year.

Mrs. Lloyd Teagarden has returned home after visit of several weeks in Cheyenne, Wyoming. She states she left in sunshine and ran into rain as soon as she arrived home. Mr. Teagarden has been relieved as chief air observer, a place he has filled faithfully for several months.

See Schroeder's Jewelry Store in Coquille for Diamonds and Watch Straps.

Public Welcome To Attend Conference

The public is cordially invited to attend a part or all teachers' programs on November 1. This is a meeting of the Regional Teachers' Conference for Coos and Curry counties and will be held in the Coquille High School Gymnasium beginning at 9 a. m. The doors of the assembly will close immediately at 9 a. m. in order to avoid interruptions of the skit by the Coquille teachers entitled, "The Dizzy Life of a School Marm."

Assembly speakers are as follows: State Superintendent Rex Putnam; Dr. Frank W. Parr, secretary of Oregon State Teachers' Association; R. F. Hawk, principal of Vanport Schools; Dr. Frank W. Hart, Civil Aeronautics administrator. In addition there will be, heading the departments: Miss Gertrude Rosski, assistant state supervisor, Home Economics; Miss Joy Hills, supervisor, Curriculum and Publications; Dr. Siemens, Civil Aeronautics Administration; Miss Tillie Schlumberger, demonstrator for Scott-Foresman Co.; Miss Florence Beardsley, elementary supervisor State Department of Education; Mrs. Lillian Downey, education demonstrator, D. C. Heath Co.; Harry Seymour, State 4-H Club Leader.

Dr. J. F. Cramer, who was at one time principal of Coquille High School and superintendent of Bandon schools, and is now superintendent of Eugene schools, will be a guest at the meeting. Mr. Cramer is also president of the Board of Trustees of Oregon State Teachers Association.

4-H Club Leaders At Conference Nov. 1

H. C. Seymour, state 4-H Club Leader, Corvallis, will visit Coos county to attend the Coos-Curry County Teachers' Regional Conference to be held next Monday at the Coquille High School to conduct the departmental 4-H Club work.

4-H Club work has been closely connected with the schools for several years. It may be organized as a part of the school curriculum or entirely separate. Teachers who are not familiar with the 4-H Club program will have an opportunity to confer with Mr. Seymour at the conference.

Miss Maryolive Snarr, also of the State Club department, will visit Coos county, November 8 and 9, to assist Mrs. Bishop in the organization of Home Economics 4-H Club projects. Any community desirous of having assistance in the organization of these clubs should contact Mrs. Bishop immediately so an itinerary can be arranged.

See "Spike" Leslie for the best in Liability, or other Insurance. Office, next door to Coquille Hospital, phone 5; residence phone 95L.

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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Just dropped by to tell you, Frank, I had a fine letter from your son, Joe, this morning. Mighty nice of him to take the time to write me... I know how busy they keep the boys. That's a fine camp he's been transferred to up in New England."

Joe is one fine fellow and the Army he's in is the best disciplined, best behaved in our history. Just last night I was reading an article that quoted a report signed by five chaplains in the very camp where Joe is now training. I remember their exact words which were "there is no liquor problem at this Post." And I understand that's true in camp after camp all over the country. And if Catherine would like to see that report, I'll drop it off at the house tomorrow."