

## Weekly Letter From Washington, D. C.

BY CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH

Washington, D. C., June 10, 1944.—As this is written, the House is in the midst of its consideration of the extension of the Price Control Act (OPA). As is the custom on major bills, there was general debate on this bill for two days. Then yesterday afternoon we began to read the bill for amendments. Apparently most of the Members have one or more amendments to offer. These amendments cover just about everything that anyone has complained about during the life of OPA. Yesterday afternoon the House did not seem to be disposed to pass any but simple perfecting amendments, and it is my guess that very few of the numerous proposals will be adopted. I believe one important change will be made in the law. This change will be to provide a review of OPA decisions by the courts. It is anticipated also that some change will be made in the rent control section.

Since the flareup in the Democratic party convention in Texas and similar anti-New Deal manifestations in two or three other southern states, there has been considerable discussion here lately as to the possibility of the election of the President and Vice President being thrown into the Congress following the November election.

The reason for this discussion is this: If the election is fairly close and a number of the electors from southern states refuse to cast their ballots for the nominee of either party when the Electoral College meets, neither nominee will receive a majority of the electoral votes. Whereupon, according to Section 1

of Article II of the Constitution, as amended by the 12th Amendment which became a part of the Constitution December 12, 1803, and by the 20th Amendment which became a part of the Constitution February 6, 1933, it will be necessary for the House of Representatives to elect a President " . . . from the persons having the highest numbers not exceeding three on the list of those voted for as President . . ." The Vice President, under such circumstances, is elected by the Senate. The vote in the House of Representatives is by states, the representation from each state having but one vote.

If this situation should develop, the Congress will have to meet and make its selection on or before January 20, 1945. If, by reason of a deadlock, or for any other reason, the House and Senate fail to choose a President and a Vice President on or before January 20, another very peculiar situation would apparently exist. The 20th Amendment endeavors to meet the situation by providing that " . . . the Congress may by law provide for the case wherein neither a President-Elect nor a Vice President-Elect shall have qualified, declaring who shall then act as President, or the manner in which one who is to act shall be selected, and such person shall act accordingly until a President or Vice President shall have qualified."

The strange thing about that provision is that Section 7 of Article I says in part: "Every bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it become a law, be presented to the President of the United States; . . ."

Apparently, therefore, the Congress cannot, under the Constitution, enact a law to meet the situation after the 20th of January, 1945, for the reason that a bill cannot become a law until it has been submitted to the President, and there would be no President, his term having expired January 20th.

Obviously there is small likelihood of this situation developing, but due to the shortness of time between the convening of Congress on January 3rd and the expiration of the term of the President and Vice President on January 20th, it does seem to be a possibility, however remote.

It seems a very definite possibility that, if Mr. Roosevelt is nominated by the Democratic convention in July, and the southern revolt against the New Deal and the Fourth Term continues, the election will be thrown into the Congress.

### Over-Draft Age Men Are Still Needed By the Navy

The U. S. Navy has need for over-draft-age men with experience in many civilian fields, and persons who can meet the qualifications will be given petty officer ratings immediately upon enlistment, it has been pointed out by Chief Specialist Paul H. Connet of the Marshfield Navy recruiting station.

Petty officer ratings from third to first class, inclusive, are available to qualified men of 38 years or over who are not in an essential job. These men are sent to a naval training center for a short period of indoctrination and then are given duty to fit in with their civilian background.

Men who are interested are invited to consult with the recruiter, and if they are found qualified they will be sent to the Portland Main Station for a physical examination.

There are nearly 40 trades open to over-draft-age men at this time, some of them being: machinist, radioman, baker, carpenter, boatwain, boilermaker, electrician, fireman, gunner, metalmith, musician, pharmacist, photographer, quartermaster, shipfitter, signalman, storekeeper, steward, telegrapher, water tender and yeoman.

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## Tribute To Former Coquille Boy

Following appears the editorial comment in the Indianapolis Star, printed the day Ben Lawrence, brother of K. P. Lawrence of this city, stepped out of active connection with the Star with which he had been connected for 40 years. It is a well-deserved tribute to Ben:

### BENJAMIN F. LAWRENCE, A GREAT PUBLISHER

A man may sell his material interests in a newspaper, put on his hat and close the door behind him, but there is a part of him that does not walk away. You might as well expect the footprints of one departure to obliterate the steps made in forty years of coming and going.

"I will not say good-by to any one of you. My deepest interest will always be in the progress of The Star, and I'll be dropping in to see you again and again. I remain a Hoosier."

These words of Benjamin F. Lawrence to his associates in retiring from active connection with the paper are expressive of the guiding spirit that inspired many hundreds of The Star's employes through the years, from newsboys and truck drivers and staff members of the various departments to their executive heads. None escaped his notice for his sincere interest was extended to every employe and all responded with warm loyalty to their chief.

In 1904 Mr. Lawrence came to The Star from the Portland (Ore.) Oregonian as managing editor. In 1911 he became business manager, and in 1923 he was made general manager of The Star League of Indiana. Upon the death of John C. Shaffer, last October, he was named editor and publisher, a position he held until the sale of The Indianapolis Star and The Muncie Star on April 25th of this year to Eugene C. Pulliam.

For almost a full forty years the hand, the mind and the personality of "BFL" were behind everything The Star did. It was his whole life. He gave himself unspareingly to the building of the paper, frequently being in the office again at night after having spent the day there.

His capacity to handle details and an exceptionally retentive memory have been the marvel of other publishers and all those who have worked under him. He had the whole picture

## Coos "Keep Oregon Green" Committee

Mrs. Stella Cutlip has been asked by Governor Earl Snell to serve for the present year as chairman of the Coos County Keep Oregon Green Committee, and to take an active part in organizing this county against the destructive fires which in the past have done so much damage to our fields and forests.

Governor Snell said in his letter of appointment to the local leader, "The State of Oregon is again calling on its citizens for their fullhearted cooperation in the Keep Oregon Green program. In the past four years, the statewide public support and enthusiastic leadership of many of our local leaders has been the driving force that has reduced our fire losses to the lowest point in the history of the State. To localize our fire prevention activities, we have found it worthwhile to establish a connection between local leaders and the state central committee."

Mrs. Cutlip has appointed a committee of 15 in Coos county to assist in carrying out the aims and purposes of the "Keep Oregon Green" movement. One of its activities is the organization of the state-wide Green Guard—boys and girls who are promoting forestry preservation by keeping fires out of the woods.

Committee members are: James Bishop, assistant county agent; Keith Young, Coos County Fire Patrol; County Judge L. D. Felgheim, of Bandon; William Vaughan, general manager, Coos Bay Logging Co.; John Hawkins, accountant, Irwin & Lyons; William Ruhman, Coos Bay Lumber Co.; Robert P. Conklin, Weyerhaeuser Co.; David Miller, Cape Araz Lumber Co.; Chester Isaacson, Allegany; Lefe Compton, Smith-Wood Products Co., Coquille; Arthur T. Jones, publisher, Myrtle Point Herald; Edgar McDaniels, publisher, Coos Bay Harbor; Ben E. Stone, manager KOOS, Inc.; Sheldon F. Sackett, publisher, The Coos Bay Times; H. A. Young, publisher, Coquille Valley Sentinel.

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of daily newspaper production and all of its ramifications in mind at all times and never hesitated in emergencies. The result was unfailing good judgment on what should be done.

Mr. Lawrence is known throughout the country as an outstanding authority on the publishing industry. His advice has been sought frequently by publishers of larger metropolitan papers. He declined many opportunities to go on other fields.

Among newspapermen who have worked with him, and that includes many who have gone forth to other papers or to business life, Mr. Lawrence probably has impressed them most by his intense enthusiasm for tackling a new problem and doing something better tomorrow than it was done today. While he was long the "boss" to his associates on the paper, he was never slow to express his appreciation and approval. He was ever asking co-operation, never mere obedience. Because of his keen comprehension of the most difficult problems of newspaper production, he could show consideration for the humblest employe. His never-failing courtesy was a byword in the office. The same spirit of tolerance and fairness contributed to his success in business and social relations.

Within The Star office there is just appreciation of the true worth of Benjamin F. Lawrence as a man, a friend, a leader and a great publisher, and a host of friends will join in the estimate of his colleagues. Likewise he has rendered a lasting and invaluable service to this city and to his adopted state through his wise guidance of the policies of The Star, but he remains a Hoosier and will have many more useful years in which to add to his personal distinction as one of the ablest and best-loved citizens of Indiana.

For nearly a quarter of a century Ben Lawrence was "The Chief" at The Star and as long as he lives he will still be "The Chief" around here even to the new boss.

If it is insurance, see me.—F. R. Bull

## Father's Day, June 18

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