

Sentinel

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WASHINGTON WEEK

BY CHARLES L. EGENROAD

Washington, D. C. — Obviously aware of the fact that President Truman is impotent in his dealings with the Democrat 81st Congress, the C. I. O. News has just urged union members to take into their own hands the job of getting action on the legislative program Mr. Truman promised to bring them during the campaign.

The News listed the bills in which it is interested and then pointed out what has happened to them, or—more important—what has not happened to them.

This is what the record shows: Senate Democrat Leaders Scott Lucas (D, Ill.) did not get the labor bill to debate until three months after the Senate's Labor Committee had requested early action.

Representative John Lesinski, (D., Mich.) Democrat Chairman of the House Labor Committee, hasn't even gotten a labor bill out of his committee, as yet.

The Wage-Hour Bill: House Democrat leaders haven't even set it for floor action yet and Senator Elbert D. Thomas' (D., Utah) Committee still has the Senate bill tucked away in a Committee pigeonhole.

Social Security improvement bills H. R. 2893 and H. R. 2645 are still in the House Ways and Means Committee headed by Democrat Chairman Representative Robert L. Doughton, (D., N. C.).

A Housing Bill passed the Senate weeks ago, but House Democrat leaders were marking time

under a new rule to get it to the floor because the House Banking Committee, under Democrat Representative Brent Spence (D., Ky.), failed to vote it out.

Fair Employment Practices bill hasn't even been approved by Representative Lesinski's committee.

Anti-Poll Tax Bill is all hung up in the House Administration Committee headed by Democrat Chairman Representative Mary T. Norton, (D., N. J.).

Socialized Medicine bills haven't even had hearings yet by the Committees headed by Senator Thomas and Representative Robert Crosser, (D., Ohio), Democrat Chairman of the House Interstate Committee.

Federal Aid to Education did make the grade in the Senate but isn't getting anywhere whatever in Mr. Lesinski's House Committee.

Veterans Unemployment Aid Bill hasn't had hearings yet by the House Veterans Committee headed by Democrat Chairman John E. Rankin, (D., Miss.).

Displaced Persons Bill passed the House long ago but Democrat Chairman Senator Pat McCarran, (D., Nev.), hasn't yet seen fit to call hearings by his Judiciary Committee.

Committee Chairmen are all Democrats. All Committee majorities are Democrat and all majority leaders of both Houses of Congress—those who frame the progress of any legislative program—are Democrats.



OUT OF THE WOODS

By Jim Stevens



TALE OF TEN ACRES

In 1920 John Barnes (real farmer, but not his real name), added ten acres to the pasture land for his dairy herd by clearing off the second-growth Douglas fir. The oldest tree had 40 annual growth rings. The yield was a giant pile of sawlogs and cordwood.

Burning followed the harvest, and then the ground between the stumps was seeded to grass. For five years the cows and calves grazed over the ten acres.

Little Douglas firs kept popping up under the hooves of the cattle, who found the grass to be lean pickings. At last Mr. Barnes gave up the grass and allowed the land to go back to trees. It was a number of years, however, before the struggling forest of Douglas fir third-growth was fenced for its protection.

By 1949, less than 30 years after the harvest of second-growth, the ten acres were bearing a dense stand of trees, averaging about 40 feet in height, with the strongest growing about two feet taller per year. Good farm forestry dictated that thinnings begin in cuttings for posts and poles. Mr. Barnes believes that with right spacing between the stand that is left an average of an inch in girth can be added to its trees each year. He has done this with the trees on another part of his woodland.

Horse Thief Valley
John Barnes learned farm woodland management by hard experience. Today the young farmer can profit by that experi-

ground cover is so dense, in root systems underground as in vegetation above, that growth from tree seeds has no chance. Even burning following by hand-planting of seedlings would be a great gamble. There are south and west slopes on which heat and drought kill tree starts. On other sites dry, freezing winds and the swelling and cracking of frozen ground are the little tree killers. Horse Thief Valley has a population of tree seed and seedling eaters in its wild life—in its mountain beavers, white-footed mice and other rodents.

On good or fair sites quality of farm forest soil that has not been abused by repeated burnings and where seed sources stand, it is hard to keep down the growth of new crops of Douglas fir, Western hemlock and other tree species of the region. John Barnes' example is one that is to be met at every turn of farm roads in Western Washington. The Horse Thief Valleys are comparatively rare spots. But they do exist, and where they do they are bad indeed—black sores on the soil.

Fishing Good On Crane Prairie

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Estes returned on Sunday from La Grande where they attended the graduation of their son, Joe, at the Eastern Oregon College of Education. Following the graduation they went fishing at the Deschutes river, open for the first time in eighteen years. Fly fishing on the

river and fishing from boats at the reservoir were equally good, everyone catching the limit of beautiful big trout. According to reports there were between three and four thousand people fishing there. On the return trip, Mr. and Mrs. Estes stopped at Crater Lake, where there is still plenty of snow. Only two roads into the lake are open at present but it is expected that all roads will be open by July 4.

Undergoes Surgery

Mrs. W. H. Wimer, a former resident of Coquille, and now of Albany, is in the Albany General operation. She is doing well, and expects to be out soon.

From Springfield—Mr. and Mrs. Al Henderson and two children, Darel and Bonnie, of Springfield are visiting in Coquille with Mr. Henderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henderson, and with Mr. and Mrs. E. Batty.

Visiting in Everett—Mrs. Mina Jackson is visiting for six weeks in Everett, Washington, with her daughter, Mrs. Bert Olinger.

At City Cleaners—Mrs. Betty Klein started work this week at the City Cleaners.

Return From Vacation Trip—Mr. and Mrs. James L. Watson returned on Saturday from a two-week trip. They visited in Salt Lake city, Tucson, Arizona, San Diego and Old Mexico.

Here From Wasco—Mrs. Mary Wilson of Wasco, Oregon, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Helen Endicott, at Coquille, and another daughter, Mrs. Marion Miller at Bandon.

Attend Rodeo—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Detlefsen attended the rodeo in Roseburg on Sunday.

Leave For Vacation Trip—Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Thrift left

this week on a vacation trip to Portland and other points.

On Vacation—Mrs. Jack Hultin is on vacation this week from her work at Steve's Grocery.



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