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EDITORIALS

DOING THE WORK

Those who have been bemused by the wild claims made on behalf of government power development should consider a recent release from the Edison Electric Institute. According to it, the job of taking electricity to rural America will be practically complete in 1951. Work now in progress or definitely planned will connect an additional 1,320,000 rural dwellings, most of them on farms, to power lines by the end of that year.

What that means to rural America needs little amplification—electricity is the cheapest and the most efficient servant ever devised. It can revolutionize the life of the farm family, doing away with much manual drudgery and increasing production and income. And one of the most interesting aspects of this revolutionary process is the agency that is responsible for it.

At the end of last year, 12,900,000 rural dwellings were taking electric service. REA co-ops served 2,030,000 or 16 per cent. Municipal and other government agencies brought power to 300,000, or about 2 per cent. All the rest—10,600,000 dwellings, representing 82 per cent of the whole—were served by the business-managed electric companies!

In other words, free enterprise, as represented by the regulated, heavily-taxed utilities, is the driving influence behind the stepped-up rural electrification program. The tax-subsidized government power ventures get most of the propaganda, while the private companies are doing the work.

Letter from Washington

Harris Ellsworth, M.C.
 4th District, Oregon

As soon as word was received that the President had signed the Camp White Hospital bill, I communicated with General Carl C. Gray, head of the Veterans Administration, urging prompt action toward putting the hospital into operation. He replied immediately, stating: "I assure you that a high priority has been given to activating this establishment."

Members of the delegations from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and

Montana have been working together for Congressional action on help for flood victims. Two items appear fairly certain as this is written. An appropriation of \$10,000,000 will be provided out of housing funds which will be used toward furnishing shelter for those who have lost their homes. Another \$6,000,000 will be appropriated for the repair and replacement of federal installations damaged or destroyed.

We are working on other segments of the problem. Special legislation may be needed to help the states and counties restore washed-out roads which are not on the federal highway system. It is likely also that some method of aiding communities which had their water supply and sanitary systems destroyed by the floods will be worked out. We have been kept well informed on the situation by federal authorities, local officials, and by the Red Cross. I think I am speaking for the entire membership of both houses when I say that Congress has great sympathy for, and a genuine desire to help, the sufferers in the devastated Columbia River flood area.

No matter how diligently the members in any session of Congress may work, the closing days are always hectic. However, most of the bills which appear to be jammed through with startling rapidity are in the classification of minor legislation. I am indebted to Representative Carl Curtis of Nebraska for compiling the following figures in the way of a summary of this Second Session of the Eightieth Congress.

From January 6, 1948, when the Second Session began, until May 31, the House spent 84 days in session, the Senate 85, for a total of 798 hours. The House of that date has enacted 98 public bills into law, the Senate 69. One hundred eighty-seven private bills went through during the

same period. The House passed 762 measures, the Senate 632.

Among executive nominations received during the five-month period, 2,654 Army nominations were confirmed, as well as 1,230 for the Air Force, 1,117 for the Navy, 707 for the Marine Corps and 2,085 civilian nominations other than postmasters.

The final figures on bills passed at this session will be somewhat larger. I recall one day last week the House passed 136 bills in three hours. Most of the bills dealt with small private claims and certain matters of purely local interest. It should be noted, however, that during that period of time, 50 other bills were refused passage.

The remarks made by the President on his Western trip have not aroused as much anger or comment on the part of the Members of Congress, as one might expect. Western Members know, from the mail we receive, that people in the Western states are pretty generally aware of what Congress has done and is doing this session. Western Members and the people of the West know that appropriations for Western development projects made during this session of Congress are the largest in many years.

REGULAR MEETING HELD—

The Past Noble Grands Club met for their regular meeting at the home of Lillian Weidman Thursday afternoon June 10th. 19 members and one visitor answered to roll call with Dora Jones, president, presiding. After a short business session a social time was had. Refreshments were served by the hostess. Next meeting to be at the home of Emma Gleason.

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This meeting is calling for the purpose of electing one director to serve a period of three years and such other business that may come before the meeting and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

In districts of the second and third classes the ballots shall not be counted until one hour after the time set for the meeting to begin. Until the count begins, any legal voters of the district shall be entitled to vote upon any business before the meeting.

Dated this 10th day of June, 1948.

ATTEST:

Mrs. Merle Obenchain,
 District Clerk
 M. A. Adams,
 Chairman Board of Directors

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the City of Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon, that a special election will be held on the 21st day of June, 1948, from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the City Library in said City to vote upon the following proposition:

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