

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

After many months of discussion, the House Ways and Means Committee produced a tax bill. It reduces a number of the more irritating "war excise" taxes. To make up for revenue thus eliminated, the committee provided for some additional taxation, the heavy burden of which will fall on large corporate incomes. There is little doubt that the bill will pass both House and Senate and be signed by the President. It should be noted that this tax bill does not actually reduce or eliminate taxes—it will raise substantially the same amount of money as is being levied now. The new bill shifts the places from which tax collections are made and it will seem like a mild relief. But the people, the consumers, will continue to pay the taxes—indirectly.

When the appropriations bill is finally completed by the Senate and cleared through conference and final passage by both Houses, I believe it will contain some really good news for the people at Charleston on Coos Bay. Meanwhile, I am able to report that the Engineers anticipate the availability of funds for beginning work on that project soon after the middle of July, and are even now completing plans and designs for the bulkheads and some other construction there. When I visit Charleston and Coos Bay this fall, I shall enjoy telling the whole rather involved story of our struggle to secure this appropriation.

There is a saying to the effect that an elephant never forgets. Apparently the Democratic donkey has a long memory too. Two years ago President Truman decided he wanted a balcony on the south portico of the White House. The Truman plan to change the architecture of the White House was presented to the Federal Fine Arts Commission, composed of nationally-known and qualified experts in the art, architectural and engineering fields. The Commission unanimously disapproved of a balcony being located in the middle of the south portico of the White House.

White House officials made no secret that the President was plenty "burned" over the Commission's decision and, disregarding the advice of the experts, went ahead and had the balcony made a part of the White House, already crumbling from old age and decay. Since then a major repair job has been started on the executive mansion.

This week the terms of four members of the Fine Arts Commission who opposed the President's balcony expired. The President refused to reappoint any of the four, replacing them with new members.

Robert L. McCormick, Research Director of the Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report, says his organization is very much opposed to two of President Truman's latest proposals for reorganization of the executive departments. McCormick was assistant to Herbert Hoover during the operation of the Reorganization Committee.

McCormick declared that the President's two recent proposals regarding the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the creation of a Department of Health, Education and Security are "in conflict with the recommendations of the Hoover Commission."

The President wants the RFC transferred to the Commerce Department. The Hoover Commission said the RFC should be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Treasury Department.

The reorganization plan creating a Department of Health, Education and Security also is "at variance" with Hoover Commission recommendations. McCormick said that the President's plan would put the health service under the jurisdiction of the Social Security Administrator, while the Hoover Commission urged that the health service be set up as an independent United Medical Administration, taking in the medical activities of the Armed Services and the Veterans' Administration.

Born Monday, June 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kilburn was a boy, weighing 6½ pounds at Osteopathic clinic. Clifford Douglas has a brother, Stevens at home in Gold Hill. Proud grandparents are the Henry Kilburns of Central Point and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Phelps of Blackwell Hill.

FIRE CHIEF JACK THARP RESIGNS LOCAL DEPT.

Fire Chief Jack Tharp this week handed in his resignation as a member of the Central Point volunteer fire department to Mayor Setness. Mr. Tharp has been chief of the department since the election of Mr. Pearl Bonney as mayor in 1940 and was one of the original group of local young men who organized the volunteer department in January, 1939, under the leadership of Mayor A. E. Powell.

Since taking over the department Chief Tharp has given untold hours of volunteer labor in building up the efficiency of the local fire fighting equipment and in training of the men who handle it. Much of the present efficiency of the department is due to the untiring efforts of Chief Tharp.

This week the local department received the following letter from the Grange Mutual Fire Insurance company which shows the standing of the local group in the minds of men who know something of fire fighting methods:

"Dear Chief:

"In behalf of the Grange Mutual Fire Insurance company I wish to compliment your volunteer fire department for the fine service in extinguishing the fire at the home of Mrs. Tracy on April 20.

"I investigated this loss soon after the fire and it was quite evident that the fire had gained considerable headway before the arrival of the fire department. The evidence shows that your department did an excellent job with a minimum of loss for water and spread of the fire.

"Enclosed is a check for \$25.00 to apply to your clothing fund for your department.

"Sincerely,

"Elmer McClure, Secretary
"Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Co."

Marvin Stark To Open Fireside Inn

The Fireside Inn, under the management of Marvin Stark, plans to open to the public July 1st or as soon thereafter as possible. Located in the building formerly known as Kyle's Restaurant, The Fireside Inn has been completely renovated and all new equipment installed.

Air conditioner filters made of redwood enable the diners to enjoy the fragrant perfume of the forests while dining. The beautiful keg tables in the Keg Room were built by Mr. Stark who, with the aid of his family, has done all the remodeling.

A novel feature of the dining room, and new to this vicinity, are the Silex Candlelight coffee warmers. These miniature heaters serve to keep hot coffee available at the table without the bother of summoning a waitress for each refill. Another specialty will be french-fried onion rings.

A three piece orchestra will furnish dinner music each evening, adding to the atmosphere of the establishment, which will have a seating capacity of 76.

Catering especially to family groups for their dinners out, the Fireside will serve half-orders for children. The menu is carefully planned with an elastic range of dinner prices running from \$1.50 to \$2.75.

Marvin Starke, who is the sole owner and proprietor of The Fireside Inn, is a graduate of the Central Point High School and the father of two children. He is quoted as saying that he intends to maintain a high-class dining room and will refuse future service to anyone who causes rough disturbances.

The 4-H club met at the home of Mrs. O. T. Wilson, Tuesday afternoon, at which time they made plans for their pre-training fair to be held at Mrs. A. T. Lathrop's. Vicki Noel acted as president with Sandra Straus as secretary. They started work on their scrap books and set the date as July 15th for their swimming party to be held at Hawthorn Park, in Medford. The program consisted of a quiz contest, conducted by Sandra Straus.

New Budget Cuts Made by Council

Services by the City of Central Point will be greatly reduced during the coming year, according to the wishes of the few citizens interested enough in city affairs, who voted down, for the second time, the 1951 city budget.

Monday evening the city council and budget committee met and adjusted the proposed 1950-1951 Central Point city budget levy to a figure within the six per cent limitation.

This action was necessary as the voters at two elections, June 5 and June 22, turned down by narrow votes, 77-79 and 109-112, the proposal to exceed the six per cent limitation and give a budget adequate to serve the people of a fast-growing city. City officials feel that this vote was because people opposed the levy through misunderstandings and rumors of higher taxes which were erroneous. City Recorder Arden Pinkham stated yesterday that the millage for Central Point has 19 mills last year and will now be 8 mills for this year. A public hearing on the revised budget was held Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

The action of reducing the budget from the proposed \$28,135.00 to \$23,621.77 will leave \$7,996.77 to be raised by general fund tax levy this fall, \$2000 of which is on the sewer debt.

Cuts made by the councilmen and budget committee include removing the \$250 allowed for audit; taking \$250 from maintenance of City Hall, Jail and Fire Hall; \$50 removed from telephone service; allowance for police ammunition removed entirely (ammunition will be furnished by Gleason's Gun Shop); \$1000 cut from park service; \$1654 cut from emergency fund, and \$1000 of street commissioner salary changed to state street fund.

These cuts leave only \$846 in the emergency fund, which is mighty low for a city of this size, considering the problems of water, sewage disposal, fire, etc. Many persons have been enjoying the fine city park as it has become during the past year, but allowances for it are so small that its fine appearance and improvement will, in the future, be largely only through the efforts of individuals interested in it.

4-H Sewing-Baking Awards Received

At the 4-H Home Economics Fair, held at the Fair grounds this week, the local club members who exhibited were as follows: Breads, Lois and Barbara Parsons, and Gail Skyrman, blue awards; Esther and Pat Snooks, red award; and Erma Jean Childress, white. Cakes: Gail Childress, blue and Janet Anderson, red; Esther and Pat Snooks and Erma Jean Childress, white.

Gail Skyrman and Barbara Parsons presented a mixing demonstration, Marilyn Bohnert presented a dairy food demonstration and placed first in that field.

In the cake baking contest Doreen Bohnert placed first, which entitles her to a trip to the Oregon State Fair where she will represent the county in the state fair contest. Barbara Parsons placed fourth. In the bread baking contest Marilyn Bohnert had the blue award which means she also is entitled to the trip to the Oregon State Fair.

In the sewing awards Lois Parsons received a blue award and champion of her class, her sister Barbara, received a red, Gail Skyrman and Gail Childress each a white. Doreen Bohnert had a blue award and champion in her class. Marilyn Bohnert also won a blue award and champion in her class.

In the evening the style review was held, where the girls modeled dresses they had made themselves. Marilyn Bohnert was judged Grand Champion entitling her to enter the style review at the state fair. Doreen Bohnert received the blue award. All the girls received some award and Central Point can well be proud of this group.

Editor Still Ill, Now at Home

Mr. A. E. Powell, editor of The American, returned from the Sacred Heart hospital last Monday and is feeling quite a bit stronger. But his respite from the hospital will be of short duration as he is to return on the fifth of next month for an operation. In the meantime The American is getting along shorthanded without the editorial help of the "Old Man" so kindly bear with our efforts.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES HELD FOR NEW QUEEN, LAURAL JEWETT, THURS.

Miss Laura Janet Jewett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Jewett of Central Point, was installed Honored Queen of Bethel No. 38, International Order of ob's Daughters, at impressive ceremonies at the Masonic Temple Central Point, Thursday evening, June 22.

Miss Jan Dean Freeman, retiring Honored Queen, was the Installing Honored Queen, and was assisted by Miss Jean Hamilton, Installing Glide; Mrs. Archie Quackenbush, Installing Marshal; Mrs. Robert McClaren, Installing Recorder; Miss Donna Nealon, Installing Chaplain; Miss Patsy Faber, Installing Musician; Miss Aylene Hopkins, Installing Senior Custodian and Mrs. Robert Jantzer, Installing Junior Custodian. Mrs. Harley Dressler, organist for Nevita Chapter, also assisted with the music.

Other officers installed were: Caroline Freeland, Senior Princess; Esther Snook, Junior Princess; Nancy Mallon, Guide; Marion Smith, Marshal; Jeanne Wilcox, musician; Donna Lavin, Recorder; Belva Chew, Senior Custodian; Melva Chew, Junior Custodian; Doreene Jones, First Messenger; Theda Peyton, Third Messenger; Mary Lou Van Galder, Fourth Messenger; Linda Obenchain, Fifth Messenger; Katherine Finley, Treasurer; Muriel Swing, Inner Guard; Shirley Lyman, Outer Guard; Mary Lou Rupp, Librarian and Marlene Smock, Lady of the Lights. Carlene von Buskirk, Chaplain; Helen Robertson, Second Messenger; and Janet Grieve, Assistant Recorder, will be installed at a later date.

Those who will be in the Bethel Choir for this term include: Marla Jean Abbott, Anita Conger, Virginia Dew, Myrna Eaves, Alice Hastains, Evelyn Jones, Connie Lambert, Deanna Lowry, Nadra Moore, Myrna (Continued on Page 2)

Mr. Arturo Lucero To Re-Open Smitty's

We understand Central Point is to have a new restaurant, or rather the reopening of a former one, "Smitty's Ranch House". The new Chef-manager, Mr. Arturo Lucero, stated that he plans to open the restaurant the latter part of June. Mr. Lucero comes here with 18 years cooking experience and has trained under European chefs. He recently arrived here from Santa Barbara where he had been chef for the past three years at the "Talk of the Town" restaurant. He formerly was associated with the Santa Barbara Biltmore, Westward hotel, Phoenix, Arizona and Everglades club, in Florida.

Lunches, dinners and late suppers will be served with accommodations for special parties. Italian and American dishes and other specialties will be featured.

Prizes Given in Big Trout Contest

Are you a good trout fisherman? Do you bring in the big ones? If you are and do, then you had better remember the Big Trout Contest which is now going on, sponsored by the Wisely Confectionery and Sporting Goods store.

Each week a prize of \$1.00 in merchandise is given for the largest trout caught during that week and placed on display at the store. The contest rules are that the trout must be taken in Oregon waters and displayed for at least two hours. No salmon will be counted.

Each weeks contest is complete, ending Sunday evening with a new contest starting each Monday. So far this week Art Linbeck is in the lead with a finny trophy measuring fourteen inches in length. There is still time to beat him so get busy.

NOTICE

The Women's Christian Service Circle of the Central Point Presbyterian church will hold a cooked food sale, July 8 at Faber's Market, beginning at 11 o'clock. Among the many items, they plan to have half-cakes as requested by many persons.

The ladies wish to thank those sponsoring the last sale.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Ferris of Central Point, June 27, 1950, a girl, 7 pounds, a Sacred Heart hospital.

Wilson Opening Marks Progress

Another milestone has been reached in the progress of Central Point with the opening tonight of the Wilson Hardware Company's new store. Owned and operated by Elmer E. Wilson and N. A. Mead, the new establishment at 232 Pine Street is one of the most up-to-date business houses in the city.

The greatest of care has been shown in the color scheme and arrangement of the store. The visitor is impressed immediately on entering by the tastefully arranged tables and shelves which greet him. The six tables, covered with blending merchandise of the latest trend, are each painted a different color: plum, copper, chartreuse, ocean green, raw sienna and jonquill yellow. The west wall is a delicate green, while the east wall where the tool cabinets are located is finished in knotty pine with a blond tone.

The large electrical appliances such as ranges, washers and ironers, refrigerators, etc., are grouped across the rear of the store, leaving the main isles open for the convenience of customers in search of smaller items.

Since Elmer Wilson opened his first store here on September 15, 1939, the Wilson Hardware has played a vital part in the growth of Central Point. Now that the new store is completed, services will be even more in line with the needs of modern home-owners and both Mr. Wilson and Mr. Mead are to be congratulated on the new establishment, which will add one more step towards making Central Point a city in which it is nice to live.

Churches

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
Rolf H. Hansen, Pastor
9:45 a.m. Sunday School.
11:00 A.M.—Worship.
6:45 p.m. Young People's & children's meetings
7:45 p.m. Evangelistic Service.

Menday:
7:45 p.m. Men's Prayer Meeting.
Wednesday:
7:45 p.m. Mid-week prayer meeting.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
L. H. Camp, Minister
9:45 Bible School for all ages.
11:00 Morning Worship. Communion and Sermon.
7:00 Youth Groups.
8:00 Evening Service.
8:00 Wednesday, Mid-week Service.
2:30 P.M.—Sunday KWLN.

CENTRAL POINT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
J. K. Swank, Pastor
Sunday, July 2nd:
Sunday school and Morning worship, with Nursery for kiddies, 10 a.m.
July 13th:
Sunday school picnic; keep this in mind.

SUNSHINE GOSPEL MISSION
Located on Mace Road opposite Elk Lumber Company
Rev. & Mrs. J. O. Morgan—Pastors
Sunday School—9:45 A.M. Surprise contest for children.
Morning Worship—11 A.M.
Young Peoples' Service—7:00 P.M.
Evangelistic Service—8:00 P.M.
Wednesday night Service—(Young Peoples)—8:00 P.M.
Holy Ghost Rally Saturday—8:00 P.M.
You are cordially invited to attend all these services.

HI-WAY GOSPEL TABERNACLE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
between Medford and Central Point, opposite Elk Lumber Co. on 99.

Albert M. Skelley, Pastor
Sunday Services:
9:45 A.M.—Classes for all ages.
11:00 a.m. Worship.
7:45 P.M.—Evangelistic
Midweek Service:
7:45 P.M. Wed.—Bible study.
Load your car and come worship with us. Everyone welcome.

PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH
Harry Heck, Pastor
Sunday School, convenes at 9:45, and there is a class to suit every boy and girl and every age.
Morning Worship, 11:00
Young Peoples' Hour, 6:45 p.m.
Evangelistic Service, 7:30 p.m.
Mid-week Prayer meet, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday.
Morning Prayer meet, 10:30, Friday.

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD
5th & Pine Streets
H. H. Trautman, Pastor
Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship—11 a.m.
Evangelical Services—7:45 p.m.
Midweek service Wednesday night at 7:45 p.m.

MISS MICKEY CAMP MARRIED SATURDAY TO PORTLAND MAN

One of the prettiest weddings of the season was solemnized in Central Christian church, Portland at 8:30 in the evening, June 24th when Miss Mickey Camp, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Camp of Central Point and Mr. Leo Berg, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Berg of Portland, were united in marriage. J. Earl Ladd, pastor of the church performed the double ring ceremony. Organ music was furnished by the church pianist, "O Promise Me" was sung as a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Sams, close friends of the groom, Miss Betty Hahn, of Eugene sang "Through the Years," and following the ceremony Mr. Sams sang a prayer solo. The Misses Gabby and Anna Lang lighted the candles. Miss Lois Camp acted as Maid of Honor for her sister. She was dressed in yellow organdy. Mrs. Noel Tomlin also sister of the bride, was one of four bridesmaids. All were dressed alike in pastel green formal gowns carrying orandy fans on which pink and white rose buds were attached.

Little Mark Sams dressed in white linen suit carried the rings on a satin pillow while his sister, Karen dressed in yellow organdy formal, scattered rose petals down the aisle. The bride dressed in a white slipper satin gown trimmed in wide lace with finger tip veil and carrying a white Bible topped with white orchids and white ribbon streamers, was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Ralph H. Holcomb acted as best man and close friends of both the bride and groom were ushers.

The floral background for the ceremony was in form of a flower garden with a white picket fence, with a rose arbor over the white gate.

A reception was held in the church parlors for about one hundred guests. The happy couple left the same evening for points along the coast and arrived in Central Point Thursday, for a few days visit and sight seeing in Southern Oregon.

The bride is a graduate of the local high school and has spent the past three years in Bible College and nurses training.

The groom is a graduate of the Lebanon high school and attended Business college in Portland. He spent 18 months in the Army following the war and was stationed in Japan for a period of time. For the past two years he has been secretary to the manager of the Richfield Oil company of Portland. They will return to Portland and remain there until Sept. 15th when they will enter the Northwest Bible college in Eugene.

Friends of the bride attending the wedding were Miss Marjorie Jewett of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendershott of Turner, Oregon and Mr. and Mrs. V. Stoneypher and two children of Rose Park.

Business District Assumes New Look

The business district of Central Point is certainly on the upward trend. If a person has not been down Pine Street the past week or so, he will be amazed to see the progress—the addition to the Thrift Market taking shape, Damon's Cafe with the front newly redecorated and the opening of Lloyd's Tackle Shop.

Tonight (Thursday) Wilson Hardware opened in its new location next to the Central Point Pharmacy with new lines of merchandise. L. South will soon move his Economy Market to the new building next to the Grange Hall.

A new business, Hutton's Upholstery, has opened in the building at the corner of 3rd and Pine. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hutton and children, Gerald, Carolyn and Frank have moved here recently from Warrenton, Oregon where they were in similar business, and are now living in the apartment in the rear. They are equipped to do all lines of furniture upholstery, restyling and modernizing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tonn and children Helen and Harvey, motored to Lake Creek Sunday for an outing returning late in the evening.