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LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

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

The bill which is generally referred to as the Universal Military Training and Selective Service bill has been finally approved. The last action in the long legislative procedure of making a law is the approval of the report of House and Senate conferees.

A bill is often drastically amended by one House after it has been passed by the other. A conferee committee composed of ranking members from the proper legislative committees of both House and Senate meets and adjusts the differences between the two bodies. The final draft of nearly every important piece of legislation is written in that way. Inasmuch as the conference is limited to the principles contained in either the House bill or the Senate bill or both, it is usual practice for both Houses to accept a conference report.

The final or conference draft of the UMT-Draft bill is basically the House bill rather than the Senate bill. The House version of the most important features of the bill was accepted by the Senate. Perhaps the two most controversial and most discussed details of the two bills was the draft age limit and the method of starting UMT. The House 18½ age limit for selectees was approved as was the House procedure for establishing a commission to work out the details of a UMT plan.

It should be noted that this legislation does not actually set up a system of UMT. It merely provides for the establishment of such a program. The Congress must act once more—on the report of the UMT commission—before any training program is started.

The people of Gold Beach and the lower Rogue River country recently sent a group of very able representatives back here to Washington to appear before the Board of Army Engineers in behalf of the proposed harbor development at Gold Beach. The delegation was headed by Earl Foster of Gold Beach and included the able and distinguished attorney John C. Kendall of Portland (former circuit judge for Coos County), and engineering consultant Don Gurnee. I attended the hearing and was greatly impressed by the excellence of the presentation—both oral and written. It seemed to me the Board could not fail to approve the project after hearing and reading such overwhelming evidence of need and benefits. For example, it was shown that the government itself will lose more than the entire cost of the project every ten years by not harvesting the allowable cuts on its timber acreage. That timber, if not used, will simply rot back into the soil. Little or no harvesting of Forest Service timber is being done now because of the lack of transport. The Board will give a decision on the project at its July meeting.

It takes a long time to get such a project to the construction stage. In 1948 the first hearing was held on this project. The District Engineer made a favorable report in 1949 which was approved by the Division Engineer and sent to Washington for Board approval. The Board made a study and came up with the statement that it was "unconvinced." Hence the hearing was called. Next step will be authorization of the project by Congress. After that it

will be eligible for appropriations. All of these steps take a lot of time, but if the Board of Army Engineers gives its approval I think we will eventually have a small but exceedingly valuable harbor at Gold Beach.

Red Cross Swim Class Under Way

The Red Cross swimming program at Medford municipal pool will be a completely volunteer project this summer, according to Otto Ewaldsen, chairman of the county water safety program.

The park board, which will operate the pool in the afternoon and evenings only, has set aside the morning hours for Red Cross classes at a reduced rate of \$1.40 per ticket for 10 lesson periods, if volunteer instruction can be found. Instruction will be given by certified Red Cross water safety instructors who will volunteer to teach from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday during each week of instruction. The program will be divided into two periods to accommodate as many as possible. Period I will be from June 25 to July 18; Period II from July 23 to August 13.

Class registration and testing for skills will take place on Saturday, June 23. Ewaldsen stated that the swimming program dates have been selected so as not to conflict with the daily vacation Bible schools sponsored by the Medford churches.

The minimum age is 8 years. Children from 8 years up are eligible.

INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

Anyone with a senior lift saving certificate and who will volunteer to assist with the program is asked to register at once at the Red Cross office in the Jackson county court house. Mothers of children registering and who are good swimmers are urged to register to assist in the pool, in the beginner classes especially. Mothers are also needed to help in registration and locker supervision.

All college students with leisure time and water safety instructor training are needed to insure the success of this program. Unless enough volunteer teachers of swimming and other helpers can be found, it will not be possible to carry out the program at the pool this summer, as neither the park board nor the Red Cross have sufficient funds to employ teachers for "this very important program," Ewaldsen said.

Pink & Blue Shower Held for Two Ladies

There was a pink and blue shower on Tuesday, June 12, for Mrs. Keith Lawton and Mrs. Raymond Hughes at the home of Mrs. Dick Wyatt. The many gifts received were presented to them in a large decorated box representing a block.

The guests present were Mrs. Bert Langston, Mrs. A. B. Mead, Mrs. Higinbotham, Mrs. Floyd Lefler, Mrs. A. W. Ayres, Mrs. Oscar Minnick, Mrs. Jack Kelters, Mrs. Jim Mills, Mrs. John Clark, Mrs. Joe Munshaw, Mrs. Rudolph Hansen, Mrs. Al Motes, Mrs. Ray Guss, Mrs. Dick Wyatt, Mrs. Lawrence Leonard, Mrs. Lewis Collins, Mrs. Rolf Hansen, Mrs. Dick Lawton, Mrs. Rod Richards, Mrs. Charles Hughes, Mrs. W. C. Higinbotham, Miss Mura Mills, Miss Ila Mae Higinbotham, and the honored guests, Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Lawton.

Mrs. W. C. Higinbotham and Mrs. Charles Hughes were in charge of the refreshments. Mrs. Dick Lawton had charge of the games.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Noel and daughter Vicki and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Benston picniced Sunday at Carberry.

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Danger of Forst Fire at High Peak

Many Oregon citizens will find it hard to believe that more forest land was burned over in the State of Oregon up to May 15, 1951, than during the whole season of 1950. Since there were very few lightning storms that set fires almost every fire was man-caused.

The carelessness exhibited by those having land clearing fires and operating power saws during periods of low humidity and east winds last April in some instances amounted to complete disregard for forest resources and for neighbors, according to the Keep Oregon Green Association.

The fact that these fires, like the Tillamook Fire, in April started under the worst conditions for control experienced in many years merely aggravated the tragedy. It was necessary for Governor McKay to advance the closed fire season more than a month. Oregon's closed season is May 15th, this year it was moved to April 10th. State Burning Permits are now required before fires are started. Many ranchers in burning of fern areas before the season is closed found their fires spreading beyond their control, since they evidently thought fires would not spread so early in the year.

"Fern and Brush Fires" can no longer be discounted as being inconsequential, when as a matter of fact they are destroying either natural reproduction or trees that have been planted, and which are the forests of the future.

Oregon will need the cooperation of every citizen for the remainder of the season to help prevent forest fires.

The Keep Oregon Green Association makes this appeal to all.

Swains Surprised By Friends From East

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Swain of the Holiday Inn Motel had a very pleasant surprise last Saturday when two of their very dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. William Green of Washington, D.C. visited them. They spent a couple of days visiting in Medford. Mr. and Mrs. Green and Mr. and Mrs. Swain were in Brazil at the same time, both being employed by the government. Sunday the Swains and their friends motored to Crater Lake. The Greens remarked that although they have traveled over a large part of the world, Crater Lake is one of the most beautiful and unusual places they have seen. The Greens are also acquaintances of Mrs. Scott as she was entertained by them in Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Goheen of Portland were visitors at the C. W. Anhorn home Friday evening. Mrs. Goheen and Mrs. Anhorn are sisters.

Oregon Law Bars Use of Firework

Advertising by out-of-state fireworks dealers who propose to sell direct to Oregon purchasers with deliveries to be made via express prompts a warning on the part of State Fire Marshal Robert B. Taylor, who calls attention to the fact that Oregon law prohibits the selling, keeping, using or exploding of fireworks, including firecrackers, in Oregon except at properly supervised public displays after permit has been secured from the State Fire Marshal and violators are subject to arrest and fine of not to exceed \$500 and six months' jail sentence. It is the duty of all police officers, state, county, and municipal, to enforce the provisions of this act.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Maddar and daughter who live in the Huitt house motored to California in their new Buick last Sunday. They returned the same day.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BUDGET LAW, (Sections 110-1201 to 110-1215, O.C.L.A.)

Notice is hereby given that the Budget Committee of the City of Central Point, Oregon, in compliance with said law, prepared and adopted on May 1, 1951, the budget estimates for the City of Central Point, Oregon for the fiscal year July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952, as set forth in the accompanying schedules I, II, III and IV. All persons are hereby notified that on the 18th day of June, 1951, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. DST, in the City Hall, Central Point, Oregon, said Budget Estimates may be discussed with the City Council, the levying board for the City of Central Point, Oregon, and any person, subject to the proposed tax levy or tax levies will be heard in favor of or against said proposed tax levy or tax levies or any part thereof.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Public hearing held at the City Hall, City of Central Point at the hour of 7:30 P.M. on the 11th day of June 1951 to consider the passage of an Ordinance to designate, regulate and restrict the location and use of buildings, structures and land for residence, trade, industry and other purposes; to regulate and limit the height and bulk of buildings and structures; to regulate and determine the size of yards and other open spaces; and to regulate and limit the density of population; and for said purposes to divide the city into zones or districts of such number, shape and area as may be deemed best suited to carry out these regulations; to prescribe penalties for the violation of its provisions and to provide for its enforcement; repealing all other Ordinances in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict, is continued to the hour of 1:00 P.M. on the 16th day of June 1951, at the City Hall, in the City of Central Point.

All persons interested therein are hereby notified to appear at said time and place and file their objections, if any there be, to the passage of such proposed Ordinance.

ORAN C. CHASTAIN,
City Recorder
Central Point, Oregon

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with Sec. 111-908, O. C. L. A., to the legal voters of School District No. 6C, of Jackson County, State of Oregon, that the ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION of said District will be held at the Central Point High School gymnasium in Central Point, Oregon, and at the Gold Hill School Gymnasium in Gold Hill, Oregon, between the hours of 2 P.M. and 8 P.M., on the third Monday of June, being the

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