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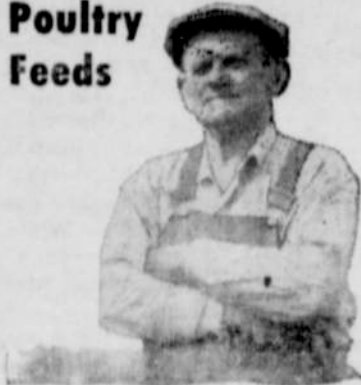
Harris Ellsworth, M. C.
4th District, Oregon

If present plans for the adjournment of this session of Congress are actually carried out we have only a little over two months to go. The Republican National Convention begins July 7. The Democrat Convention follows a couple of weeks later. It is anticipated Congress will either recess or adjourn about July 1. If the session ends with what is called a "sine die" adjournment, that will mean the complete wind-up of the 82nd Congress. After that if Congress convenes again in the year 1952 it will be in a special session, called by the President. It may be remembered that is exactly what happened in 1948. The 80th Congress adjourned sine die late in June but was called back to a special session by the President on July 26.

The Congress can by resolution, however, declare a recess to any date prior to January 3, 1953, and at that time formally adjourn after it reconvenes.

I am happy to report that a minor catastrophe, which very few peo-

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ple knew anything about, has been averted. Early this year I learned that the U. S. Coast Guard, which in November 1951 closed the Coast Guard station at Bandon, had plans to pick up the building and move it up to Willapa Bay. I protested against that plan on the basis that I considered the present inactive status of the station only temporary. This station will, I am sure, ultimately be reactivated. To move the present building away and then build another one would be a waste of money. I pointed out that population and traffic is growing so rapidly on the Pacific Coast as to make the reactivation of the Bandon station almost a certainty.

I have just received a letter from Vice Admiral Merlin O'Neill, Commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard, in which he states: "I wish to advise you that the Coast Guard does not intend to move the Coquille River structures o Willapa Bay at this time, but intends to retain the installation in a boarded up status without significant cost to the government. This determination has been made in order to fulfill potential mobilization requirements of the Coast Guard. Such a course will also permit reactivation of the unit for life-saving purposes should a compelling requirement for reactivation of the station be determined within the next few years."

A few years ago when President Truman was angry at the Railroad Brotherhoods he demanded that the railway employees be drafted into the army and forced to work. But there was a difference in his action then as compared to his recent order taking over the steel plants. At that time he made his demand to CONGRESS for authority to do what he proposed. Meanwhile we seem to have drifted a long way down the road toward one-man government. This time Truman did not ask Congress for legal authority—he just assumed it. The heads of organized labor who applaud the President's steel seizure order should be thankful that he was angry at the companies and not the unions this time—but watch out, who knows when he might change his mind? That is the way things work under our present "Liberal" government.

Classification Of State's Land Resources Asked

An immediate classification of Oregon's land resources has been requested by a statewide land economics committee headed by Charles A. Tom, Rufus.

It was one of the committee's recommendations which was acted on favorably at the recent statewide agricultural conference at Oregon State college. Through extensive field work, the committee said, boundaries of areas primarily suited

to forestry, grazing, cultivated crops, recreation, watershed protection, wild life or combinations of these uses could be determined.

Maps and other material prepared should then become the guide for county, state, and federal programs on these areas, Tom explained.

The committee also recommended that federal mining laws be amended to accomplish the following: Make mineral prospecting and location of mining claims subject to appropriate restrictions and regulations in order that abuses be prevented; and allow owners of mining claims to have mineral rights only, reserving to the government all other resources except those required for mining.

Other recommendations included one to have all federally owned, revenue-producing property pay to local taxing units an amount equal to the tax assessment if the property were in private ownership. The committee cited the fact that about 58 percent of Oregon's land area is owned by various municipal, county, state and federal agencies. Much of the land is revenue producing, yet the revenue returned varies from nothing for certain lands to as much as 75 percent of the receipts from others.

Tom said the principle of assessed value and payments on the basis of local tax levies has been recognized by congress in the case of the Coos Bay reversioned road grants. These lands are appraised every ten years and pay the equivalent of annual tax levies from receipts.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harper of Jacksonville, Florida, are visiting their daughter and family, the Don Grants, in Central Point.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION TO EXAMINE ASSESSMENT ROLLS

Notice is hereby given, in compliance with Sec. 110-401-2, O.C.L.A. as amended by Chapter 46 (sec. 1), Oregon laws 1945, that a meeting will be held by the Board of Equalization on the second Monday in May, 1952, at the Court House in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon.

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at ten o'clock A.M. at which meeting the Board of Equalization will publicly examine the assessment rolls and correct all errors in valuation description, or qualities of lands, lots or other property assessed by the assessor.

It shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. Each petition or application for the reduction of a particular assessment shall be made in writing, verified by the oath of the applicant or his attorney, and be filed with the Board within the first week it is by law required to be in session.

Dated this 21st day of April, 1952.
C. A. Myers,
Assessor of Jackson County, Oregon
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Last publication 8th day of May, 1952.

NOTICE OF BOND SALE

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the undersigned until the hour of 8 o'clock p.m., on the 5th day of May, 1952 and immediately thereafter publicly opened by the School District Board of School District No. 6 of Jackson County, Oregon, at the office of the Superintendent of Schools of said district in the high school building in the city of Central Point, Oregon for an issue of bonds of said School District in the amount of One Hundred Ninety Five Thousand (\$195,000.00) Dollars, said bonds to be dated May 1, 1952 and to mature serially in numerical order as follows:

\$9,000.00 on the 1st day of May, 1954 and the sum of \$9,000.00 on the 1st day of May of each year thereafter to and including the year 1958, and \$10,000.00 on the 1st day of May, 1959 and on the 1st day of May each year thereafter, to and including the year 1973.

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