

Letter From Washington...

By Hon. Harris Ellsworth,
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There has been a lot of talk around Washington during the last several months about the Republican Party being dead. We members of Congress who spend some of our time at home know differently, but it has looked that way in this city populated by Administration payrollees. Recently, however, the Republicans staged a big Lincoln Day party here. Everyone was surprised, including the Republicans, when 12,000 people crowded into the hall and another estimated 3,000 were turned away for lack of room. There has been considerable optimism in Republican circles here since that event.

Under the heading of "now it can be told," I can reveal the fact that I had considerable to do with drafting the recently published statement of principles and objectives of the Republican Party. Representative Joe Martin, Republican minority leader of the House, asked me to be a member of a three-man drafting committee. After drafting our own version we met with the three members of the Senate drafting group and with representatives of the Republican National Committee and hammered out a final consolidated draft which was approved and released. It was an interesting experience for me and I feel that the job we turned out was a pretty good one. One thing about the recent Republican statement which is different from most platform documents is that it contains 23 short, positive statements under the several headings which recite in plain language what the Republicans propose to do when they are voted into power. When these positive and definite short statements are set out by themselves they represent an effective answer to the question: "Why don't the Republicans tell us what they stand for?"

Obviously there is nothing startling or new in the recent Republican statement. Its chief value lies in the fact that it is a short summary of what we have been saying. It seems to me the only serious failure of the Republican Party is its inability to get its actions and its philosophy properly and accurately publicized. We have been a little bit like the fellow who winks at his girl in the dark. He knows what he is doing but no one else does. I hope the party statement which I helped create will do a little toward curing this situation.

The House during this session of Congress has been plagued with poorly drawn and ill-considered legislation coming to the floor. It has also been frustrated by delaying tactics. The postal rate increase bill passed recently was a jumble of bad guesses on how to raise more revenue and was amended on the floor to such an extent that few members knew what was in it when the final vote came. The bill to aid Korea first came to the floor with the declaration that \$120 millions were required. It was rejected by a close vote. Warmed over it was brought back and passed for half that amount.

Republican Women To Hold Open Forum

When the local unit of the Republican Women meet on Saturday, Feb. 18, there will be not only an interesting business session but an open discussion on the subject, "The Boiling Political Pot." "A live organization of enlightened and concerned women can have more influence on governmental policies than tons of political propaganda," said the president, Mrs. William B. McCullough. The meeting is open to all, regardless of party, and teachers and students are urged to take advantage of the Saturday afternoon session which will convene at 2 o'clock in the north dining room of the Plaza Cafe.

Calling All Kids!

Mrs. Raymond Lininger, president of the Ashland Parent Teacher Council, announced this week that a new project was about to be undertaken among the school children of the city, when flourine treatment will be started. The dental preventative has been the subject of much discussion in national health circles and is being used throughout the country under the supervision of local dentists. In Ashland Dr. Marcus Woods and Dr. E. L. Burdick are each contributing a half day each to the flourine clinic which is being sponsored by the P.T.A.

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Ticket Sales Open On Kiwanis Kapers; Program Scheduled For Feb. 22 To 24

Tickets for the forthcoming "Kiwanis Kapers" were distributed to members at the noon luncheon on Monday. With the group divided into two teams, headed by George Sennett and Milt Pernell, the losing team will eat beans and bread while watching and paying for the winning team's dinner of chicken. Abe Neslin explained the methods to be used in selling tickets for the "Kapers" and noted that extra tickets would be available at Peter's Union Station, Miller Realty Company, and The Rogue Shop.

Program chairman, Fred Moran, outlined the programs to be given at future Kiwanis meetings. Among the speakers and subjects to be featured will be a Standard Oil film, a talk by Ray Clark of Medford on "Bad Checks," and talks by Mr. Patton of the Medford employment office, Major Fingerhut of the ORC, and Mr. Gray of Bear Creek Orchards.

Bert Terry, chairman of the program advertising committee reported that good progress has been made so far. Members of the committee include Milt Pernell and Sherman Hadley.

"Kapers" director, Bill Croarkin spoke briefly to the group and announced the names of Kiwanians who would have parts as end men and interlocutors for the first, second, and third acts. Harry Skerry Jr. is to be Master of Ceremonies for the first act. Ray Baker of Medford, interlocutor for the second act, and end men from Ashland will include Ed Barnett, Abe Neslin, Bert Terry, and Walt Hamby. Croarkin said that there would be three rehearsal nights this week with the first dress rehearsal scheduled for this Friday night. A student show will be presented Sunday afternoon, February 19th. President Ed Barnett urged all members to sell at least ten tickets each and reminded everyone present that rehearsals would be held tonight at the Ashland Lincoln School auditorium beginning at 8:30. All rehearsals will be held at the Lincoln auditorium this week.

Guests present were Ray Frizbee, Vic Milness, and Frank Roe of the Medford Kiwanis club and Bill Croarkin, director of the Kiwanis Kapers.

Rabbit Raisers Receive Shares At Monday Meet

The covered-dish dinner held on Monday evening at the Talent Club house brought out an attendance of more than fifty members of the Rogue River Valley Rabbit Marketing Association. During the business session following the dinner, reports of the processing plant were made and bonds were distributed to the stockholders for shares which they had purchased.

The demand for rabbits still exceeds the supply and all growers were urged to increase their herds and to promote the industry in the area by publicizing the Marketing Association. Motion pictures were shown and a social time was enjoyed during the remainder of the evening.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Medford Court House according to the president of the Board of Directors, William B. McCullough.

Chiropractors Hold Meeting In Ashland

The Southern Oregon Society of Chiropractic Physicians held their monthly meeting in Ashland Monday night, beginning with dinner at O'mars and followed by business session at the office of Dr. E. N. Terrill. Preliminary plans were discussed for entertaining the annual state convention for all districts in the state, which is scheduled to be held in Jackson County this summer. Members and their wives were present from Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland. Dr. Paul Bray was admitted to the Society as a new member. Dr. Terrill is current president of the group.

MRS. PARKER ELECTED CONVENTION DELEGATE

At the regular February meeting of the Women's Benefit Association held at the home of Mrs. William Moore on Ashland St., the new president, Mrs. Sumner Parker, was elected delegate to the coming Quadrennial Convention. The 1950 convention will be held on March 14 and 15 at LaGrande.

Overtime Pay Issues Are Clarified By Amendments to Federal Wage-Hour Law

MEDFORD, Feb. 15 — The recently enacted amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act (Federal wage and hour law) clarified many questions on how to compute overtime pay, it was declared here last night by a representative of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U. S. Department of Labor.

Madison R. Smith, investigation supervisor for the Divisions in the State of Oregon, pointed out during a special broadcast presented by station KJYC, that the amendments did not alter the requirement of at least time and one-half for all hours worked after 40 in any workweek.

"The amendments define for the first time the term 'regular rate of pay,' he said. 'It was this lack of a definition that caused considerable controversy and litigation, climaxed by the so-called 'overtime-over-overtime' cases decided by the U. S. Supreme Court.'

"Now, certain types of premium payments are to be regarded as true overtime pay and may be offset against statutory overtime requirements, if the payments are at least one and one-half times the straight-time rate. Other types of payments are classified as true premium



Howard Morgan, who represented Clackamas and Multnomah counties in the 1949 legislature, yesterday filed his candidacy for the democratic nomination as State Labor Commissioner. Morgan is now a resident of Polk county, where he operates a large livestock ranch. Formerly a member of organized labor (AF of L), his term in the legislature was distinguished by a voting record rated perfect by the Oregon State Grange on farm issues, and by both the AF of L and CIO on labor issues.

Dads Will Reign On SOC Campus February 25

Fathers of Southern Oregon students will be honored at a Dads' Day celebration on the SOC campus February 25. This celebration is sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity on the campus, under the direction of Don McLarrin, president.

Letters have been sent to fathers of SOC students and it is expected there will be about 200 attending. The program of the celebration will consist of registration and election of Dads' Day officers in the afternoon, a smoker consisting of boxing, trampoline exhibitions, and tumbling.

At 6 p.m. the dads will be guests at a banquet in Susanne Homes Hall, where Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, president of SOC, will speak. After the banquet the dads will be guests of Alpha Phi Omega at a basketball game between SOC and Humboldt State.

Alpha Phi Omega plans to make Dads' day an annual affair on the SOC campus.

Stevens Critically Ill In L. A. Hospital

Word has been received that Ed Stevens of the Plaza apartments who was operated on last Saturday in a Los Angeles hospital is in a serious condition and has been given a number of blood transfusions.

Senator Malone Calls For Protection Of American Wage, Living Standards

The annual Lincoln Club banquet of Jackson county which was held on Monday evening, February 13, taxed the capacity of the Pioneer Room of the Jackson Hotel and drew more than forty five local residents from Ashland. Mrs. Rosa Dodge Galey was elected president for the coming year with a board made up of Paul B. Rynning, Lyndel Newberry, Warren Lessing, as vice-presidents, Harry Skerry, secretary and Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini as historian.

Murray Gardiner, the retiring president, acted as chairman of the meeting and State Senator Frank VanDyke presented the speaker of the evening, Senator George W. Malone of Nevada.

State Senator Defends CVA In Talk Here

An audience of some 60 persons listened to State Senator Austin Flegel of Portland explain and defend the proposed controversial Columbia Valley Administration when he spoke last Thursday evening at the high school. The meeting was under the sponsorship of the Jackson County Democratic Central Committee with Judge L. F. Wilmet acting as chairman. The speaker was presented by Professor Arthur Kreisman of Southern Oregon College.

Senator Flegel as one of the most ardent proponents of the measure, presented the case for the C.V.A. as a necessary "club over the heads" of private industry, and pointed to the T.V.A. as proof that such public development of resources would be of inestimable value to industry in the Pacific Northwest.

The entire measure is contained in a bill of but 45 pages which is easily read. He assured his hearers that there was no danger of federal control as the three administrators would be responsible to Congress and would be required to make annual reports. He dwelt upon the population growth of the area which necessitates increased manufacturing and industry to provide jobs for the influx of some 600,000. The Columbia river and its tributaries provides approximately 40% of the country's potential power, and as the lumbering is being curtailed the Columbia looms as the greatest natural resource of the Pacific Northwest.

The C.V.A. with the blessing of the President has become a political "hot potato" and as such has made Oregon the stamping ground for both opponents and proponents of the plan. Flegel contends that the Republicans have built up a strawman to alarm the public and he gave the Administration answers to 6 of the main objections which have been raised. He denied the danger of the area losing control of its resources through the C.V.A., and said that it was "pure tommy rot" to say that it would create a "super state", or that it was for the purpose of providing Democrats with jobs. He likened the project to the development of rural delivery, guaranteed bank deposits and similar government measures which were once labeled "socialistic."

He pointed to the fact that on several occasions both Senator Morse and Congressman Norblad advocated Columbia coordination as did the Governor in his inaugural address. He was most positive in his statement that only through C.V.A. can power rates be kept down by the expansion of publicly owned utilities.

During the question period which followed Mr. Flegel's talk several points at issue caused sparks to fly and indicated that the sentiment of the audience was somewhat politically mixed.

KWIN To Broadcast Weekend Sports Games

Radio station KWIN will air the Ashland-Medford high school basketball game Friday evening starting at 8 o'clock. The Oregon U — Idaho Pacific Coast Conference game will be broadcast Saturday night, starting at approximately 8 o'clock with the Medford-Kerby game to be aired starting at approximately 9:45.

The Senator, who is a veteran of both World Wars and an engineer of wide experience, gave an address unique in political circles, in that it approached the question of governmental policies from the angle of business rationalization, based on the seemingly forgotten principles of the "Great Emancipator," integrity and honesty. In convincing and unvarnished words, the Republican Senator charged that the present administration is not Democratic but is Socialistic and that in Washington, D. C. there is "more education and less common horse sense than in any city in the nation."

He defined the only difference between Communists and Socialists as being "the former shoot you out of existence while the Socialists spend you out of it." The strange theory has been promulgated through the tremendous power of government propaganda that anything in the world can be fixed by passing a bill, and that another appropriation is an economic "cure-all." For 18 years the United States has practiced the "buying off" system with the result that we have failed to improve the countries we supported financially and have lowered our own standard of living. And that by picking up the check for the world we have placed our national economy in grave jeopardy.

In 1934 the Congress abrogated its constitutional control over tariffs and sold the country on the fallacy of "reciprocal trade agreements" which has proved a one way street for getting goods from low cost nations into the U. S. market, with the result of closing many of our own industries.

Senator Malone outlined a proposal which has the support of both Democrats and Republicans and which would restore to Congress the authority which it lost in 1934 to an inexperienced State Department. He advocates the creation of a flexible import fee to be fixed on a fair competitive basis which would give our own workers the same rights and advantages as those of foreign countries. This proposal has already been incorporated into the Republican party platform and has gained the approval of farmers, labor and industry in the country. It would mean putting a floor under wages and industry, it would stop the competition of cheap foreign labor and would promote world trade on a fair and reasonable basis which will not imperil the living standards of the American workers.

The audience gave Senator Malone a rising ovation at the close of his address and moved the unanimous approval of the flexible fee proposal as adopted by the Republican National Committee.

Before returning to Washington the Senator will speak before groups in Klamath Falls and Vancouver, Wash.

Hudson Named To Head Walter Toole Campaign

PORTLAND, (Special) — Robert A. Hudson, Portland business man and civic leader, today accepted the post of chairman of the committee sponsoring Judge Walter L. Toole for supreme court justice in the May primary election.

Hudson, whose grocery business serves many communities, gained nationwide publicity for the state by attracting national golf tournaments and many famous players to Oregon.

Vice-chairmanship has been accepted by Leland F. Hess, Portland attorney and native of LaGrande. He will be active in statewide support of Judge Toole.

Leo J. Hanley, prominent attorney and member of the firm of Cookingham & Hanley, will serve as secretary. Leon N. LeFebvre, insurance man, will be treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. David Jardine and children formerly of Denver, Colorado have recently moved to Ashland and are making their home at 279 Liberty Street.

Open Air Rites Suggested For Commencement

A practical lesson on how a School Board operates was given to 12 members of Dr. John Schulz class from S.O.C.E., as the delegation observed the District 5 School Board go through the routine of a typical Board meeting. Paul R. Finnell, and Superintendent Linn talked to the group prior to the official opening of the session explaining the duties and background of school business. Chairman Finnell introduced the Board members to the group and presided during the evening. Of definite interest was the survey on age requirements for beginners as existing in the first class school districts in Oregon. The results of a recent survey of 44 larger districts have just been assembled and were studied. It was found that 37 of the 44 districts had the same requirements as Ashland in that beginners must be 6 years old by November 15 in order to start school in September. Grants Pass and Baker have the additional requirements that those who become 6 during the period of September 1 to November 15 may start if they are able to pass certain physical and mental tests. It was decided by the Board in the light of the survey to continue its policy of accepting in the September classes those students who will be 6 by November 15.

Principal Roland Parks and Superintendent Linn suggested that the 1950 high school commencement be held in the Lithia Park band shell. The Board looked with approval on the idea and will take steps to make the necessary arrangements with the Park Board. Graduating classes of the past two years have been eager to hold their exercises in the beautiful outdoor setting which Lithia Park offers.

Other matters which were considered included the offer of a Medford concern to donate a new electric time clock to the junior high school gymnasium; recommendations on the needs of the local schools in the fields of art and music, and an inspection tour of the school buildings to determine renovation needs.

World Prayer Day In Ashland Church

The Ashland observance of the annual World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, February 24th at the Trinity Episcopal church. This service is one in which the church women of the city take a part through the United Council of Church Women, an organization representing a membership of approximately 10,000,000 Protestant church women throughout not only this country but the entire world.

World Day of Prayer will be observed this year in 90 countries. As customary, the date of its observance will be the first Friday of Lent, which falls this year on February 24.

"The chain of prayer will be made of millions of people worshipping in all corners and centers of the earth and praying in sixty different languages." Following the sun, it will be started in the Fiji Islands at dawn and continue westward from the crowded ports of Singapore and Shanghai into isolated villages of China and Pakistan; from the African jungles to the Arctic wildernesses.

World Day of Prayer is interdenominational, interracial and international in scope. Offerings are divided between missionary work at home and abroad to bring the peoples of our country and the world into greater communion with each other through supplying their spiritual, educational and recreational needs. Last year a quarter million dollars was collected aid used in this work.

All churches, fraternal, youth charitable, civic and social groups are invited to join with the women of the church to make this day a community-wide as well as a world-wide symbol of fellowship.

D.A.R. Chapter To Hear Mrs. Redford Speak Friday

Appropriate to the month of historical birthday observances will be the program of the Mt. Ashland Chapter, D.A.R. The speaker will be Mrs. Walter Redford who will share with the members her visits to many American historical shrines in the east. The meeting is to be a 1:30 dessert luncheon at the home of Mrs. Will Dodge, 600 Siskiyou Blvd.

LICENSE EXAMINER HERE

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Ashland at the city hall on Monday, Feb. 20, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., according to an announcement from the Secretary of State's office.