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Williams, Sheldon Named In Recall Move

Letter From Washington

By Hon. Harris Ellsworth, Congressman, 4th District

Two weeks after this session of Congress opened, in my weekly letter for January 19th, I reported the rumor regarding the new and streamlined way of handling the annual appropriations bills. The rumor of the independent sub-committees would be watered down by the final review by an Administration-controlled super "screening" committee.

The big "one-package" bill which came out was prepared with great speed. All hearings were held behind closed doors. The deliberations of the sub-committees were kept secret from the other members of Congress and the public. The huge bill containing 131 printed pages received only a few minutes over three hours of final consideration by the complete Appropriations Committee.

This bill provides for the expenditures of a total of 27 and one-quarter BILLIONS of dollars, but only a handful of experts and the executive agencies concerned know very much about what is in it. In my opinion, this is no way to legislate on spending money when our government is in such desperately bad financial condition. Next year it will be necessary to appropriate an additional $150,000,000 (about $400,000 per day) just to pay the INTEREST on the deficit created this year.

The Administration members have done some bragging (knowing public desire for economy) about cutting more than a billion off the Budget request — but there is a big catch in that economy claim. Economy should be made in government operation. The bill makes insignificant cuts in administrative and operating departments but extremely heavy cuts on items involving permanent investment on improvement projects now under construction. Here is the record: Cuts in eight of the regular departments average around 5 percent. The cut of the budget for river and harbor and flood control work was 25 percent. The economy budget-slashing claim is a complete phony and the last two sentences prove it.

The charges made by Senator McCarthy that communist sympathizers are employed in the U. S. State Department, some of them in high places, causes great excitement here.

So far as I am concerned I would like to believe that the State Department is practically pure and that the charges constitute merely a partisan outburst without much basis in fact. Unfortunately, the attitude of the President and State Department officials has convinced me that there must be a great deal of very damaging truth in what Senator McCarthy has said. If there is nothing to hide, if there is nothing to be ashamed of, or if there is nothing dangerous to our security in the records of anybody employed by our government, let the President and the Department come clean on the whole thing and allow the Senate committee to have access to ALL information on this subject. As this is written they are looking as guilty as the boy with his face covered with jam.

Which reminds me to relate the little yarn that people are laughing over around here now. It goes something like this: A motorist in downtown Washington stopped a pedestrian and asked this question: "How do you get to the State Department?"

The pedestrian replied: "You go to Harvard Law School, then turn left."

Demo Candidate Slates Medford Talk April 1

David C. Shaw of Gold Beach, who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination in the 4th Congressional district, will be the speaker at a party rally and Central Committee meeting in the Medford YMCA building at 3 o'clock April 1, 1950. Local Democrats and precinct committeemen and women are urged to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Vacation In San Francisco

Dr. and Mrs. William E. Bracker are vacationing in San Francisco for a week stopping at the Fairmont and "doing all the famous spots" in the city by the Golden Gate.

Ashland Voters Notified Of Division Giving Thirteen Voting Precincts

City Recorder J. B. Austin has this week announced reassignment of Ashland voting precincts, giving the city thirteen divisions to replace the former ten precincts.

The first occasion when the new divisions will be used will be at the May 19 primaries. Voting places will be designated shortly, it is expected.

New precinct boundaries are as follows:

PRECINCT NO. 1—Bounded on the north by Siskiyou boulevard; east by Liberty street; south by Holly street; and west by Gresham street.

PRECINCT NO. 2—Bounded on the north by East Main, east by Gresham, Guthrie and a line due south from the intersection of Euclid and Ashland streets to the south city limits; south by the city and west by Ashland creek.

PRECINCT NO. 3—Bounded on the north by North Main; east by Ashland creek, south by the city limits; and west by the city limits and thence northeast by a line bisecting Church street to North Main.

PRECINCT NO. 4—Bounded on the north by the Southern Pacific tracks; east by Third street; south by East Main; and west by Ashland creek.

PRECINCT NO. 5—Bounded on the north by the city limits; east by Ashland creek; and northwest by North Main.

PRECINCT NO. 6—Bounded on the north by the city limits; east by the city limits; south by East Main; and west by Fifth street and a line drawn north to the city limits from the Southern Pacific round house.

PRECINCT NO. 7—Bounded on the north by East Main; east by Garfield street; south by Siskiyou boulevard to the intersection of the boulevard and East Main.

PRECINCT NO. 8—Bounded on the north by North Main; on the south by Manzanita street and line extended in its direction to the city limits; and west by the city limits.

PRECINCT NO. 9—Bounded on the north by Siskiyou boulevard; east by a line drawn south from the intersection of Euclid and Ashland streets; Guthrie street, Holly street, and Liberty street.

PRECINCT NO. 10—Bounded on the northeast by North Main; southeast by Church street and its extension southwest to the city limits; west by the city limits; and north by a line drawn through Manzanita street west to the city limits.

PRECINCT NO. 11 — Bounded on the north by the city limits; east by Fifth street and a line drawn north from the Southern Pacific round house; south by East Main; and west by Third street, the Southern Pacific tracks, and Ashland creek.

PRECINCT NO. 12 — Bounded on the north by the city limits; east by the city limits, southwest by Siskiyou boulevard; and west by Garfield street.

PRECINCT NO. 13 — Bounded on the northeast by Siskiyou boulevard; east by the city limits; south by the city limits; and west by Mountain avenue.

Jackson County Shows Substantial Business Increase

Retail, wholesale, and service establishments located in Jackson County, Oregon, showed a substantial expansion in dollar volume of trade from 1939 to 1948 according to preliminary figures from the 1948 Census of Business released today by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Retail sales in the county during 1948 aggregated $61.0 million, an increase of 355 percent over the $13.4 million in 1939, when the preceding Census of Business was taken. Whoesale sales in the county reached a total of $46.4 million in 1948 as compared with $7.7 million in 1939. The service trades included in the Census of Business recorded receipts totaling $3.1 million in 1948 compared with $0.7 million in 1939.

Employment in the county also rose over the 9-year period between 1939 and 1948 for the above trades. Establishments in these trades reported a combined total of 4,589 paid employees for the workweek ended nearest November 15, 1948. This compared with a total of 1,928 employees reported for the week of November 15, 1939.

Republicans Study Election Issues

Mrs. Kenneth Perrine, secretary of the Ashland Republican Women, re-presented the local group at two meetings in Medford on Monday. In the afternoon she attended the Medford Republican Womens club meeting where Mrs. Marshall Cornett of Klamath Falls, the National Committee woman from Oregon, was the speaker. In the evening she took part in the conference of precinct workers and heard the candidates who are running for various offices at the May primaries speak.

The local unit of the Republican Women have scheduled their next regular meeting for Saturday, April 15th when they will have a pre-election open house for all contenders for office and will make a survey of the issues upon the ballot. This meeting will be held in the ballroom of the Lithia Hotel at 2:30 and will be open to the public.

RETURN HOME

Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Klingsheim arrived home from a three weeks trip to the east. They visited friends and relatives in Illinois and Minnesota and attended a Sunday School convention in Springfield, Missouri while they were gone.

Turn Back Clock In Maine Reunion

The trite remark that "its a small world" was never truer than it was last week when an unfamiliar voice over the telephone took Mrs. James Edgar's memory back over the years to her girlhood home in Cherryfield, Maine. Forty years ago Alta Torrey and Edgar and Ruth Small were classmates in school. The Small family moved west, and eventually after college and marriage to a young minister, the new Mrs. James Edgar moved to the Pacific coast, where, many years later Ruth Small Manney and Alta Torrey Edgar discovered each other as neighbors in Ashland, Oregon.

A few days ago Edgar Small and his wife, returning to their Montana ranch after visiting their daughter in California, stopped in Ashland for a day of nostalgic reminiscing with Mrs. Edgar and her mother, Mrs. Lillian Torrey whom they had not seen since 1907. Following a drive about the town and surrounding country Mr. Small entertained the group for dinner at Omars. Those present were Mr. Small's sister, Mrs. Manney, Mrs. Mae Russell, who was a onetime Montana neighbor, Mrs. Edgar, Mrs. Torrey and the host and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Small.

Gideons Of Rogue Valley Hold Supper Meeting

The Gideons of the Rogue River Valley Camp met on Monday night for a pot-luck supper at the First Christian Church. Following the informal social hour a program of music was presented by vocalists and instrumentalists from several churches in the valley. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Bartran, pastor of the Medford Nazarene church who talked on "Fellowship."

PREPARE FOR IVORY AUCTION—Workers handle elephant tusks as they sort them for the forthcoming auction to be held on the "Ivory Floor" at St. Catherine Docks in London. Piled up on the floor are some 13 tons of ivory—the product of a thousand elephants. Much of the ivory, of which America is a big buyer, goes into the making of piano keys.

Fire Department Budget Cut $9,105; Police, Library Requests Lowered

The Ashland city council's finance committee and the citizen's budget committee shaved 89,105 from the requested budget of the fire department when it met in session Tuesday night. The two groups had previously mulled over budget figures until 1 a.m. Saturday morning.

Second biggest cut in a requested budget came for the police department when $5,600 was chopped off. The cuts leave the fire department with a tentative agreement of $32,764 as compared with $24,202 last year and the police department with $32, 695 as against $30,347 last year.

Further reductions on the budget came for the city library when $2,000 was cut from the request leaving $16,442 as compared with $13,530 last year.

Budget figures for the city hall expenses, including salaries and office expense in the amount of $15,000 was accepted by the committees, as was a proposal to allow $5,000 for an emergency fund. Last year's emergency fund called for $1,600.

An estimated $12,000 from parking meters has been taken from the general fund and will be placed in a special fund to be used to pay for additional meters now on order and traffic control.

City Recorder Austin said the group will meet soon to consider the budgets presented for the water, street, electrical and sewer departments.

Serving on the council's finance committee are Councilmen Fred Homes, Emil Kroeger and Dick Niell. On he citizen's committee are chairman Dr. Elmo Stevenson, William Yates Sr., Bill Snider, John Reed and Owen Gragg.

Senator Austin Dunn, candidate for the Oregon Supreme Court bench. Dunn is serving his second term as Senator from the eastern Oregon district and has a good record for fine representation of his area. Dunn, 41 years od, served in the Oregon National and was honorably discharged following an attack of Infantile Paralysis at the age of 19. He is a Past President of the Baker Lions Club and is currently vice chairman of the Oregon State Elks association.

Rabbit Growers Elect Officers

The stockholders of the Rogue River Rabbit Marketing Association met for the annual election of officers on Monday night at the Medford Courthouse. The incumbent members were re-elected in addition to one new director, Mrs. C. E. Johnson, to fill a vacancy. William B. McCullough will continue to serve as president, Cecil Kee as vice-president, C. K. Oliver as treasurer, Paul Haviland secretary, C. W. Wert, L. L. McCoy and Mrs. C. E. Johnson, directors and Lloyd Wells as manager of the plant.

The increasing demand for dressed rabbit meat makes it imperative that more animals be brought in each week for butchering and shipping. Tuesday is the regular receiving day and the Manager, Mr. Wells, explains that the regular market price is paid, whether the rabbits are from Association members or other growers. However shares are still available at the original cost for a limited time.

Ashland Art Teachers Attend Phoenix Meeting

Mrs. Marie Bjorlie, Miss Arlene Miller, and Miss Flora Stokoe of the Ashland Schools attended the special art meeting at Phoenix Saturday which was sponsored by the Southern Oregon Art Teachers Association. Featured at the meeting was Professor Emmy Zweybruck of Vienna.

Results of Drive Satisfactory Says McCoy

As the national Red Cross drive nears its close the local chairman, J. W. McCoy announces that the Ashland contributions will approximate $3200. He said that there had never been a more generous response nor more faithful workers in any of the recent campaigns. As the reports are still being compiled the final amount cannot be announced for another week. Following so closely on the heels of other drives, made this a difficult one, but its success is assured by the contributions already received.

The philosophy of Red Cross is "service" and in its many fields it has rendered aid and comfort to thousands in all types of misfortune. As a friend and counselor to those in need, to men and women with problems and to those who have suffered loss through disaster, the Red Cross has been a savior and a salvation.

'Y' Square Dance Classes Doubled

The Y.M.C.A. Square Dance group will meet twice each week starting on Saturday night, March 245 as a result of action taken by the Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors at the last meeting. Friday and Saturday nights have been set aside in the "Y" building for Square Dancing for the next two months. This has been done to take care of the exceptionally large number of people attending the Friday nights sessions of the Square Dance group. According to Ed Nelson, Chairman of the "Y" Square Dance group members of the group may attend both nights if they so desire. The "Y" Square Dance group organized some ten weeks ago has been set up on the basis of a couple affair and is open to husbands and wives interested in the activity. A loud speaker has been installed in connection with the record player and was used for the first time on Friday night, March 24th.

HARRIS' RETURN

After spending several months in Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harris have eturned to Ashland.

Style Show Draws Capacity Crowd; Ashland Women View New Trends

Two counter attractions within a block of each other on Tuesday night caused an unprecedented traffic jam around Lithia Park when the annual Style Show presented by the Congregational Women at the Civic clubhouse and the Council meeting at the City Hall drew many Ashlanders away from their firesides.

The pre-show publicity for many weeks had the local winter-weary women eager with anticipation. Long before the appointed hour the crowd arrived, but found seating at a pemium with the results that many were turned away while those who did secure seats found it difficult to see much more than the upper half of the adult models and none of the small children.

The evening's performance was well organized and presented most graphically by Mrs. Martel Peters. The stage settings from local stores with floral arrangements and lamps, together with the human element created by the spectators in easy chairs, did much to offset the drawbacks of a low and poorly lighted platform.

The array of fashions modeled was complete fom the shorts and clamdiggers for sports wear through all the daytime costumes to bouffant evening frocks. The general impression was of a slightly slimmer silhouette, shorter skirts, "goggle" glasses and a prevailing flame in both costumes and accessories.

The msuical numbers during the intermission did much to make the program enjoyable. Mrs. Lois Miller Windsor accompanied by Miss Margaret Ramsey sang two negro songs and Mrs. Oscar Bjorlie played two selections on the violincello. She was also accompanied at the piano by Miss Ramsey.

At the close of the fashion parade the ladies of the Congregational church served refreshments from a long lace covered table in the adjoining room.

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Petitions Out Asking Ouster

Petitions requesting the recall of Mayor Tom S. Williams and Councilman Elmer E. Sheldon are being circulated this week following a meeting of nearly thirty interested Ashland citizens last Monday night.

Heading the recall movement are Harry R. Morris, chairman, Ralph E. Koozier, vice chairman, and Henry C. Enders, secretary-treasurer. The petitions seeking the recall were filed with City Recorder J. B. Austin Tuesday morning.

In a telephone conversation yesterday Mayor Williams said that he did not believe there was any justification for the recall movement. He had no intention of resigning, Williams said, and that he had no further statement to make at the present time.

Councilman Elmer Sheldon said that he had no intenetions of resigning his office but that any further comment was not forthcoming at this time.

Reasons listed by the citizens committee for asking the recall on the part of Mayor Williams are:

1. We believe Mayor Williams to be incompetent for the office.
2. He has allowed personalities to take precedence over city business.
3. He has offered no solution to existing city problems, either in organization or finance.
4. His actions have been ill-considered, vacillating, and without decision.
5. He has failed to bring harmony into city government.
6. He has assumed no leadership in municipal planning.
7. His methods have been undemocratic and dictatorial.

In the case of Councilman Sheldon the petitions state:

1. He has helped create dissension and lack of cooperation among the council.
2. He has allowed personalities to enter into administration of city business.
3. His actions have been hasty, ill-considered, and dictatorial.
4. He has not proved competent for the office of councilman.

Any person signing the petitions are reminded that they must sign exactly as their name appears on the official voters registration books and no signature is to be inserted if the person is not a regularly registered voter in Ashland.

The committee heads said that they had no part in naming successor to Williams, should the recall be successful. A new mayor, in the event of a recall would be appointed by Council members and would serve until the next general election this fall. The same would hold true in the case of Councilman Sheldon's position.

Committee chairman Morris said that 493 signatures will be needed to place the recall on the May 19 ballot. Deadine for filing petitions is April 22.

Press representatives from The Southern Oregon News Review, who were present at the opening of the meeting were informed that it was an "off-the-record" session and that no report on the meeting was to be made public. The press representatives left the meeting immediately and the meeting was reported by committee chairman Morris and vice chairman Ralph Koozier.

License Examiner To Give Tests

A drivers license examiner will be in Ashland on Monday, April 3 at the City Hall between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., according to the announcement received from the Secretary of States office.

Persons wishing drivers licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their application with a minimum of delay.