

er From Washington

By Hon. Harris Ellsworth, Congressman, 4th District

After three months of steady toil the House of Representatives is taking a ten-day Easter recess. The daily calendar of the House issued on the day of adjournment for the recess lists, under the heading, "Status of Major Bills," only one piece of major legislation as having been completed into law thus far this year. That one bill was the urgent Deficiency Appropriation Bill.

This session has not been productive of major legislation but it has not lacked production along other lines. For example, the House has had 132 roll calls (it takes 30 minutes to call the roll.) Most of them were quorum calls. Last year it was not until the 21st of July that we had roll call number 132.

Talk on the floor of both Houses of Congress has been quite ample thus far this session, also. The 96 Senators by long odds out talked the 435 House Members. In fact, less than one-fourth as many Senators talked 30 percent more pages into the Congressional Record than did the 435 members of the House. The Senators talked 2,607 pages (about 4,040,850 words) the House members 2,027 pages or some 3,141,850 words.

But in volume of bills there has been plenty to talk about. Thus far this session 2,354 measures have been introduced in Congress.

Here is a quote that should be put up on big billboards all over the United States: General Dwight Eisenhower says: "Those individuals seeking to centralize power in the Federal Government are more dangerous to our form of government than any foreign threat that can possibly be arrayed against us."

The giant appropriations bill (431 pages), which I have mentioned previously in these letters, will not be acted upon after the Easter recess of the House. Earlier there was an attempt on the part of the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee to get the bill acted upon before the recess. Republican members sought to delay action for two reasons. First, it was felt that majority members of the House would be more inclined to vote for reducing amendments after visiting at home a while. Secondly, since the bill is so large and the committee report so voluminous, some delay was sought to give the members on both sides of the aisle a chance to get better informed on what is in the bill. It is fairly certain, however, that the appropriations bill will be passed and sent to the Senate before the end of this month. Meanwhile the Senate Appropriations Committee has been holding hearings on the various chapters of the bill and will be in position to report its version of the bill in a fairly short time.

I cannot make the long trip to Oregon for the Easter recess but I am going with members of my committee, the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to look over the equipment and operation of the Inland Waterways Corporation, a government-owned transportation line operating on the Mississippi. There is a bill before our committee calling for the authorization of an additional \$10,000,000 for this operation and we want to see why the Government should invest that much money in a strictly business enterprise.

Y Crafts Classes Resume Thursday

The Y.M.C.A. Adult group in Crafts will meet for its regular weekly sessions starting on Thursday afternoon, April 13th at 2:00 p.m. The evening session of the group will be held Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. These meetings Thursday mark the start of a series of eight weeks meetings for the group with the Spring series closing on Thursday, June 1st. The "Y" Craft group is open without charge to all men and women in the community interested in crafts.

SCRIPTERS TO PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Scripser and three children, Mrs. Alma Beach and Mrs. Hugh McKeever drove to Portland for Easter with relatives. The first of the week Mr. Scripser attended a school of instruction for furnace installation put on by the Marshall-Wells Company for their dealers.

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Republican Women To Hear Candidate At Open Meeting

The Ashland unit of the Jackson county Republican Women will meet on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 at the Lithia Hotel, at which time several of the candidates for election will speak. There will be a discussion period following the talks and several items of business will be taken up, including the election of a board of directors.

The meeting is to be open to the public and all those interested in the political scene, both local and national, are invited to attend. The new precinct boundaries will be mapped out and several of the issues which are on the May ballot will be brought up for study.

Officers who were elected at the March meeting were Mrs. Wm. B. McCullough, president, Mrs. Edwin Dunne, vice-president, Mrs. Kenneth Perrine, secretary-treasurer, these together with four directors will serve for the ensuing year.

Dr. Polish To Conduct Evangelistic Meetings

Dr. Charles Poling, who preached the sermon at the Grand Canyon Easter sunrise service, will arrive in Ashland the first of next week to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings at the Presbyterian church beginning Tuesday, April 18th. Dr. Poling is not only the brother of Dr. Dan Poling but is famous in his own right as both a powerful preacher and a poet. He will close the week of services on Sunday morning, April 23.

College Workshops At Summer Session

The Southern Oregon College Summer Session, under the direction of Dr. Ray Hawk, will feature six workshops in elementary education. The Summer Session opens June 19 and closes August 11.

These workshops will last two weeks and each will carry three quarter hours of credit. From June 19 to June 30, Ed 465, a workshop in Diagnostic and Remedial Instruction in Reading and Literature, will be offered. From July 3 to July 16, two workshops: Ed 408L, Methods and Materials of the Language Arts, and Ed 462, Special Education in the Creative Arts (P. E. and Music), will be offered. From July 19 to July 30, workshops in Ed 408D, Drama for Elementary Teachers; and PE 337, Camp and Club Leadership, will be offered.

A fee for enrolling in each workshop will be \$21.00. Students enrolling for the regular Summer Session may take one or more of these workshops as part of their regular class load at no extra charge. For further information concerning these workshops, contact Mrs. Mabel Winston, Registrar, at Southern Oregon College.

Comedy To Be Featured For S.O.C. Mothers In May

Appropriate to the occasion will be the spring quarter production of the S.O.C. drama department for the Mothers' Day week-end May 10, 11 and 12, when the play "I Remember Mama" will be presented. The two act comedy went into rehearsal the first of the week.

JACKSONVILLE MAN ADDED TO DAIRY HERD WORKERS

Joseph Chabat, of Jacksonville, has been added to the staff of the Jackson county dairy herd improvement association. Chabat and Hollis Hopper, who has been working for more than a year, will provide production records on milk and butterfat or cost records on feed for co-operating in this county.

The additional personnel makes possible the testing of double the number of herds tested previously. One dairyman, milking thirty cows, who recently put his herd on test, reports saving \$85.00 a month on feed cost at an outlay of \$9.00 for the service.



The Assembly of God church announces a series of evangelistic meetings beginning last Monday. The speaker is the well known evangelist, Rev. John F. Hauck who has been conducting similar services throughout the state. Inspiring music and sermons together with healing and prayer have brought out large crowds during the first few nights.

3 Day Conclave For Jobs Daughters

Today an excited group of 42 girls accompanied by 15 adults are leaving for a three day conference at Coquille. The local Jobs Daughters will take an important part in the various sessions, as will Mrs. Martha Elhart, the retiring Grand Guardian, and Miss Shirley Damon, Queen of Bethel 22.

The opening event takes place Thursday evening with the banquet at the Coquille Community House, which will be presided over by Grand Guardian, Martha Elhart of Ashland and Associate Grand Guardian, LeRoy Farmer of Portland. At the banquet the drawing will be held for the state Honor Queen and her officers, with the ball following to be in their honor.

During Friday and Saturday there will be business sessions well interspersed with various sorts of entertainment, luncheons, buffet suppers, a beach party and sight-seeing trips. Friday evening will be given over to a special Bethel meeting presided over by Shirley Damon, with all the offices filled by the Queens of the state. While Saturday afternoon the competitive drills will be held. A team of 24 girls from the Ashland Bethel will present an addenda honoring Mrs. Elhart, whose term of office closes when she installs the new officers.

Can You Vote In May? Register By April 18

It has been branded a disgrace by the leaders of both Democrats and Republicans that in the one nation in the world supposed to exemplify the privilege of democratic franchise, more than 20 per cent of the eligible voters are as yet unregistered. With less than a week left before the lists are closed on April 18 an effort is being made to register every possible voter. Ignorance of the requirements keep some from registration while pure laziness robs others of their constitutional right to participate in government.

You are eligible to register if you will be 21 by election day, and if you have lived one year in the state and ninety days in the county. You must re-register if you have moved since your last registration or will have moved by election day, if you have changed your name or if you have failed to vote in both the primary and general elections of 1948.

In Ashland the registrar of voters is located in the Burns office next to the Post-office.

LICENSE EXAMINER COMING HERE MONDAY

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Ashland Monday, April 17, at the City Hall between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office. Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing time in order to assure completion of their application with a minimum of delay.

Ashland Golf Course To Get Play

Senior High School Students Guests of S. O. C. This Week-end

Bellview Extension To Hold All Day Meeting

Bellview Home Extension unit will meet on Wednesday, April 19 at 10:30 at the Grange hall. Miss Eula Wintermote, County Home Extension agent will demonstrate and discuss the subject of "Improved Home Lighting." There will be a plant exchange and a cover-dish luncheon at noon.

Chamber Plans Future Programs

Dr. Elmo Stevenson, chairman of the program committee for the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, said Tuesday noon that plans are being completed for making the first Chamber meeting of each month an open meeting with the second meeting of each month to be open for panel discussions of pertinent questions facing the Chamber.

Stevenson said that it is planned to make a survey of the area in an effort to provide more year around employment.

John Cotton, president of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association, discussed plans of the group for the Festival this summer and said that plans are underway for an opening day parade and said it is hoped that some stores will provide false fronts publicizing Shakespearean times during the Festival period in August.

Dick Herndobler urged that the Chamber sponsor a "Clean Up Week" program and said that he believed businessmen and residents could do much toward encouraging additional tourist trade by making Ashland a more beautiful town through such a program.

Other members discussed ways in which the Chamber could be of better service to businessmen and in so doing would encourage better turn-outs at Chamber meetings.

Sharp Contribution Rate Cuts Set By State Industrial Accident Commission

SALEM, (Special) — Reductions in employer contribution rates have been announced by the State Industrial Accident Commission, effective July 1, 1950. These reductions will apply in 277 industrial and trade classifications of Oregon business. Only 78 classifications did not qualify for base rate reductions, but rates in some of these classifications are already so low further reductions are virtually impossible.

Reductions result from the excellent co-operation of labor and management in reducing accidents by establishing and maintaining effective safety programs, both preventive and educational.

These reductions in employer contributions to the Industrial Accident Fund will result in estimated savings of approximately one million dollars per year to employers insured by the State Industrial Accident Commission.

The law provides that the State Industrial Commission shall adjust employer contributions in keeping with good insurance practice when their experience justifies such reductions.

The new employer contribution rate schedules mark the 4th reduction in State Industrial Accident Insurance premium rates since 1943. During the same period the various legislatures have increased workmen's benefit payments under the Act four times. While the increase in compensation for workmen is in keeping with the increase in the cost of living, the downward trend in employer contribution rates is more startling by comparison. In all of the enumerated classifications where hazards have generally been high, the reductions have been accomplished because of earned experience ratings within the respective industries which prove that accidents can be prevented through accident prevention programs.

Shakespeares Birthday To Be Observed With Screening Of Hamlet

On April 23rd Ashland will observe William Shakespeare's birthday with ceremonies appropriate to the day. John Cotton, president of the Festival Association, has announced that a reception will be given followed by a first showing of "Hamlet" at the Varsity Theatre. Radio station KWIN will present a special program from the theatre with interviews during the afternoon, and the theatre manager, Roy Sullivan, has arranged for a student matinee performance of "Hamlet" on Monday, April 24th.

Bert Miller Given Kiwanis Award

A Certificate of appreciation was presented to V. D. Bert Miller by Kiwanis Lt. Governor, Russell Kurtz at the noon meeting of the Ashland Kiwanis Club Monday. On behalf of Kiwanis International, the district Lieutenant - Governor presented the award to Miller for his outstanding work as president of the Ashland Kiwanis Club during 1949.

Mr. Kurtz paid an official visit to the club and addressed the group briefly. Noting the Kiwanis International report, he stated that the actual cash reserves per member were higher in the Northwest districts than in the rest of the nation. Members were urged to attend the annual spring conference at Bend and the District Convention in Spokane in August. Kiwanis clubs throughout the nation are confronted by the challenge of 1950, Mr. Kurtz pointed out. He urged better inter-club relations and emphasized the Kiwanis theme for 1950: "Aggressive Citizenship - Safeguard of Freedom."

The speaker sounded a note of alarm by stating that there are approximately 750 various groups in the United States who are seeking to overthrow our government. He noted that we must continue to support and preserve the church, home and school, and combat subversive activities. Although the district Lt. Governor expressed the hope that he would be able to visit the club again in the near future, he noted that his visit would be the only official visit to be made this year.

President Ed Barnett announced that Bert Terry and Fritz Koester had been appointed to the board of directors, succeeding Morris Bradley and Col. Ben Waterbury. Club members welcomed vice-president Ed Stevens back. Mr. Stevens has been ill for several months and has undergone operations in Los Angeles. Walt Bosshard reported that the boy's boxing club is operating once again and stated that another exhibition will be held in the near future. Guests present at the meeting were Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, Pastor Paul Harms of the Grace Lutheran Church, John Myers, Mr. Leideigh, and Ray Frizbee.

Sixty Killed In Oregon Traffic

Sixty persons died in Oregon traffic accidents during the first three months of this year, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry has reported.

March accidents claimed 26 lives, worst single month of the year to date. The first-quarter death toll marks a 17 percent increase over the number of lives lost during the same period last year, Newbry said, and constitutes a sharp set back to the state's traffic fatality record.

The secretary said last month's accidents reflect the return of warmer weather and consequent increases in speed and volume of highway travel. All but six fatalities occurred on rural roads and highways. Worst accident of the month was a head-on automobile-truck collision west of Pendleton in Umatilla county, which killed five persons.

Two Square Dance Groups At YMCA

The Y.M.C.A. Square Dance group will resume activities following the Easter recess on Friday and Saturday evenings, April 14 and 15. Both sessions of the group will be held in the Social Hall of the "Y" building starting at 8:00 p.m. and closing at 11:45 o'clock. Mr. Sam Connor will direct the activities for the Friday night group while Mr. Ed Nelson will be in charge of the group meeting on Saturday nights.

California Pair Accept Council Lease Offer

Merle M. Russell and Elbert C. Williams, greens keeper and golf pro of a Los Angeles country club have accepted terms of a lease recently submitted by the Ashland City Council whereby the California men will take over operation of the Ashland golf course, it was announced yesterday by Ben Lombard, attorney for the California pair. Lombard said the two men had already deposited the original \$3500 required by the lease in the Ashland Branch of the First National Bank and had indicated that they would come here in the next few days to begin work of conditioning the course in an effort to make play possible this summer.

Under the terms of the lease the city of Ashland agrees to furnish pipe sufficient to carry water for irrigation of the course and other tools, now stored and previously used in caring for the greens and fairways. Cost of the pipe is estimated at between \$3500 and \$4000. The lessees will install the lines.

The lessees also agree to invest \$5000 within the next two years to put the course in shape and an additional \$5000 in the next five years.

The lease calls for the lessees to pay regular rates for drinking water and for TID water used in irrigating the course. The city has been requested to supply granite for a driveway into the course.

The lease calls for the lessees to pay to the city of Ashland the sum of \$100 per year in rental for the first ten years with a ten-year renewal clause calling for \$600 per year for the next ten years, along with 10 percent of the net in excess of \$8000 and 20 percent of the net in excess of \$10,000.

School Board Takes No Vacation

Routine business was the main item in last night's meeting of the Ashland School Board. All members were present to take care of the business of the month. It was decided to call for bids on the installation of the sprinkling system at the Briscoe School. The work on the system at the Walker school has been practically completed. The new walk on the Laurel Street side of the Briscoe School was finished last week and much of the leveling has been done. Plans have been completed for the budget election on Tuesday April 25 at the City Hall.

Preliminary inspection of applications for the football coaching position at the High School was made. It was pointed out that the new coach will have to be a math major as he will have a regular load to teach in this field.

Maintenance men used last week to give the buildings a good "spring house cleaning."

RECORD CROWD ENJOYS I.O.O.F. TURKEY DINNER

The turkey dinner at the Odd Fellows' Hall last Saturday night set an all time record for attendance when more than two hundred guests enjoyed one of the famous home-cooked meals. Following the dinner many stayed for the evening of dancing and cards.