

Letter From Washington

By Hon. Harris Ellsworth,
Congressman, 4th District

The recently pending Housing bill, which cleared its final legislative hurdle in the House with the adoption of the conference report, extends housing loan provisions and authorizes some more funds for such loans. When it finally becomes law the bill will also carry a section which we put in when the bill was being acted upon in the House. This section will enable cities or other local units to purchase government temporary and semi-permanent housing. This amendment will, I believe, enable the City of Lebanon to make satisfactory arrangements regarding the two Federal projects which have been a worry to the Lebanon city administration.

Good weather for Easter Sunday here in Washington brought out so many automobiles that traffic down Connecticut Avenue and in the vicinity of the Tidal Basin, where the famous cherry blossoms are in bloom, was almost completely tied up for hours. I managed to get caught in both jams and I can assure you that there are better ways of putting in time on a beautiful Easter Sunday afternoon!

Although the subject is not of immediate concern to Oregon people, I expect you have felt the impact of the barrage of propaganda being let loose against those who voted for the Natural Gas Bill. Apparently this has been grabbed as ideal for a hot campaign issue by the left-wingers and socialist minded writers, commentators and politicians.

The gas bill would seem to be ideal for their purpose. It involves a complicated problem which only a few experts really understand, so the truth about it can be distorted without much fear of refutation. Therefore, the propagandists are having a field day in this darkness by attempting to frighten people with a hobgoblin of their own making labeled: "Money grab by the BIG INTERESTS." This bill was the subject of many weeks of hearings before our committee. I happen to know some of the facts about it. Here are a few, if you are interested:

(1) Long experience under the existing law pretty clearly indicates what may be expected in the future. There is no honest reason to believe the passage of the recent bill will cause an increase of gas prices to the consumer. (2) The bill just passed means that the Gas Act of 1938 will continue to be administered as it has been for nearly 12 years. (3) The recent bill does nothing new but merely clarifies the 1938 statute after its meaning became questionable as the result of a court decision. (4) Natural gas is about the only commodity of general use which has DECREASED in price over the past 20 years. (5) The price of gas at the well represents only a minor fraction of the cost of gas to the consumer.

Those who hope to see most of the recommendations of the Hoover Commission made into law, and I am one who does, must watch out for Administration tricks. For example, the Truman Reorganization Plan Number 12, submitted as one of 21 such plans supposedly carrying out the Hoover Commission suggestions, would abolish the independent general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board. This would make NLRB prosecutor, judge and jury, just as in the bad old days. There is nothing in the Hoover Commission report recommending such a change.

Ashland Church Becomes Parish

Trinity Episcopal church of Ashland was this week raised to the status of a parish, according to announcement made in Portland at the 62nd annual convention of the Oregon Diocese.

Father Aronah MacDonnell, who has served the local church since 1942, will become the Rector instead of the Vicar. Since 1890 the local church has functioned as an organized mission, directed by the Diocese with its property owned by that group.

Rev. MacDonnell, Mr. and Mrs. John Dougherty and Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Burdick all attended the Portland convention.

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NEWS REVIEW

"Ashland—Home of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival"



Oregon Shakespearean Festival Association board of directors. Sitting from left to right are: Mrs. I. E. Schuler of Medford, Marshall Woodell (Treasurer), John Cotton (President), William McGee (Secretary), Miss Victoria Taverner. Standing, left to right are: Rev. A. H. MacDonnell, Angus L. Bowmer (Producing Director), and Harry A. Skerry Jr.

Mrs. I. E. Schuler is the only person on the board from outside Ashland. Those not shown are Rodney Keating (Vice-President), Robert Edwards, Don Darnelle, Dr. Elmo Stevenson, and A. C. Allen, Jr. The first pre-festival activity for this year's program is the Shakespeare Birthday Observance on April 23rd.

This special program is being sponsored by the Association and will feature a reception and ceremonies honoring William Shakespeare. The ceremony will end with the showing of the film "Hamlet" at the Varsity Theatre. The public is invited to participate in this most interesting program.

Old Cabinet Works Destroyed By Fire Last Sunday Night

A spectacular blaze which threatened nearby homes and charred telephone poles last Sunday night completely destroyed the old Ashland Cabinet Works on Van Ness and Hellman. The loss has been estimated at between \$20,000 and \$25,000 by the owner, Phil Stansbury, who said that it was covered by insurance.

Before the fire department reached the scene, flames were shooting into the sky from the dry wooden buildings and the inflammable supplies, and it took for a few minutes as the surrounding houses in the area could not be saved. However, it was a windless night and the firemen were able to confine the flames to the 30 year old structure.

Last year a new and modern fireproof plant was erected adjacent to the old building and as it was undamaged, work will be carried on as usual, Mr. Stansbury announced. Investigation has not yet proved the cause of the fire.

Bowlers Ready For City Tourney Here This Weekend

The Ashland City bowling tournament will get underway this weekend with the five-man team events starting at eight o'clock Saturday night with a possible two shifts of bowlers competing in the events, it has been announced by Jack Eaton, owner and operator of the Ashland Maple lanes.

Doubles and singles events will be on tap for Sunday afternoon starting at 2 o'clock and continuing throughout the afternoon and evening, with either a doubles or singles event scheduled to get underway each hour. Alleys are being reconitioned for the events and Eaton says bowlers will find plenty of competition for the coveted prizes offered leaders in each event.



Dr. Charles Poling, preacher and poet, who is conducting services at the Presbyterian church in Ashland this week.

Ashland Toastmistresses Invited To Medford

A joint meeting of the Medford and Ashland Toastmistresses Clubs has been announced for the evening of April 25th in Medford. All the local members are urged to attend.

Republicans Hold Open Meeting

"Know your facts and use them," was the advice given to the Republicans by Mrs. Bereth Hopkins of Medford. The speaker, who is a member of the State Central Committee, was one of several who appeared before the Ashland unit of Republican Women at their monthly meeting at the Lithia Hotel last Saturday.

Four directors were elected to serve for the coming year with the three officers who had been chosen at the March meeting. Those elected to the executive board are, Mrs. Faith McCullough, chairman, Mrs. Nelle Dunn, vice-chairman, Mrs. Lolita Perrine, secretary - treasurer, and Mrs. Caroline Sharp, Mrs. Rosa Galey, Miss Lydia McCall and Mrs. Jean Fowler, directors.

There was a large attendance of members and guests who heard candidates for various offices at the May primaries state their qualifications and discuss the problems facing the voters. John Niedermeyer, Jackson county chairman and a member of the State Central committee gave additional information and instruction, emphasizing the need for precinct workers.

Mrs. Allison Moulton, president of the Medford unit of Republican Women, spoke on the party needs and program, illustrating her brief talk with a humorous anecdote. Mrs. Nelle Dunn drew attention to the fact that the United States has been following the same path of Socialistic government as Great Britain and that the recent elections pointed a lesson in that the conservatives almost won when 80% of the electorate voted in comparison to the 50% vote when the socialists swept into power. The parallel was obvious when it was pointed out that 46,000,000 indifferent voters in the U. S. failed to exercise their franchise in 1948.

Current events were reviewed by the chairman with particular note being made of the investigation of the State Department at the present time, and the analogy between this and the Hiss and Coplon cases when there were also violent denials by the Administration.

The May meeting of the Republican Women will be held on the afternoon of the 20th with Mrs. Marshall Cornett as the guest speaker. Mrs. Cornett is on the National Republican committee from the state of Oregon and her home is in Klamath Falls.

New Classrooms Declared First On School List

Between 8,000 and 9,000 new classrooms, costing in the vicinity of \$200,000,000, will be required in Oregon within the next 10 years merely to care for enormously increasing pupil enrollments, reported Cecil W. Posey of Portland last Friday (April 14) to the Oregon Governor's Conference on Children and Youth.

The Conference was held in the State Capitol in Salem last Thursday and Friday. Posey presented statistical evidence of Oregon's future school needs to the Conference's Education Committee of which he is a member.

"Our Oregon school population can be expected to double within the next 10 years," Posey declared, "increasing annual school operating costs from approximately \$70,000,000 today to around \$140,000,000 ten years from now. He indicated that this figure does not include the cost of the new classrooms that will be required to house expanding school enrollments caused by greatly increased Oregon birth rates and by migration to the state.

"It is time every Oregon citizen, from the governor on down, becomes aroused to the problems facing the schools," he asserted. Under the present taxing program, approximately 70 per cent of the increase will fall upon local property taxes, he said, unless the legislative interim tax committee finds an alternative solution.

ATTEND SOROPTIMIST MEET
Mrs. Margie Clark, Mrs. Cora Woodward and Mrs. Catherine Nelson returned the first of a week from Salem where they attended the state convention of the Soroptimists clubs as representatives of the Ashland organization.

Dr. Poling Speaks Nightly At Evangelistic Services

Dr. Charles S. Poling of Arcadia, Calif. arrived in Ashland on Tuesday to begin a week's series of evening meetings at the First Presbyterian church. The Preaching Mission will end on Sunday evening with the 7:30 service.

Few men have had a more varied career than Dr. Poling. An active pastor for thirty-four years, he has served in small National Missions Fields as well as three of the largest churches in the Presbyterian Church including First Church of Phoenix, Arizona and First Church of Long Beach, California.

For a number of years Dr. Poling appeared on the air in a program of original poems and friendly philosophy as The Weaver of Rainbows. His poems have been published in book form and also syndicated. He is the author of two books of fiction, and, under a pen name, has

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P. T. & T. Apply For Rate Increase On Phone Service

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company Tuesday filed with the Public Utilities Commissioner of Oregon new rate schedules providing for increases and adjustments in certain telephone rates throughout the state, it was announced by the Company.

The principal telephone rate changes proposed for Ashland, according to J. H. Creager, manager here, are as follows:

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Business Individual	6.75 7.75
Business Two-Party	5.25 5.75
Residence Individual	4.25 4.50
Residence Two-Party	3.50 3.75
Residence 4-Party	2.75 3.05
Suburban Business	4.00 4.75
Suburban Residence	3.00 3.30

The above rates do not include Federal excise tax.

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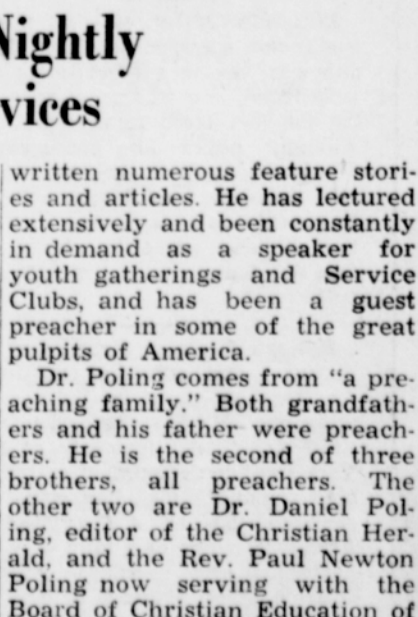
Fellowship Luncheon To Be Held On May 5

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The general public is cordially invited to these meetings.



New Ordinance Would Require Mills To Cooperate In Control Of Flying Dust

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The new ordinance was drafted by City Attorney Harry A. Skerry, Jr., with the assistance of Edward Branchfield, Medford, attorney for Owen Gragg, who has charged that the flying sawdust and cinders have created a nuisance at his Twin Plunges swimming pool.

The problem has been a continual headache for members of the Ashland council during the past several months and committees have made a large scale study to solve the problem. The ordinance does not specify the type of burner to be installed but requires mills to install burners that will adequately control the flying substance.

City Attorney Skerry said that, as he sees it, the main problem of the ordinance will be enforcement, stating that as yet there has been no gauge set with which to base the amount of smoke or soot or cinders that constitute a nuisance.

In part the ordinance reads: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to cause, permit or allow cinders, ash, sawdust or soot to be emitted or discharged from any sawmill burner in such places or manner as to endanger the health, comfort or safety of any person or of the public or in any such manner as to cause damage to property or business.

Penalty for violation of the ordinance calls for a fine not exceeding the sum of \$100 or imprisonment in the city jail not exceeding 30 days or both. Each day that a violation of this ordinance occurs shall be considered a separate offense.

The ordinance gives 30 days time from passage date as the period in which mills may make installation of suitable burners. The Council also adopted a resolution whereby the Siskiyou Investment company has turned over to the city the Mountain View Mausoleum for perpetual care.

New Police Car
Council action was taken on purchase of a new car for the city police department after it was discovered that action taken at the April 4 meeting, authorizing purchase of a car in the amount of \$355 plus the old police car, had been made on a Ford 6 rather than an eight as stated at that time.

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has received many complaints on condition of city streets and Street Superintendent Albert Day was asked why the street fund had been exhausted to such an extent that further monies were not available now for repair. Day asserted that bad weather conditions during the past winter and additional travel on city streets has made an unanticipated amount of repair necessary. The council voted to transfer \$7,474.63 from the State Tax Gasoline fund to the street department to allow for necessary work until the new budget goes into effect on July 1.

It's Water Again

The council spent considerable time in hashing and re-hashing the ordinance ordered drawn up regarding new rates as accepted at a recent meeting. The ordinance was finally passed on its first reading and deferred for second reading and final adoption at the May 2 meeting. Favoring the ordinance were Councilmen Stansbury, Neill, Kroeger and Homes. Dissenting were Councilmen Bailey and Sheldon.

Chindlund To Go East

Gifford Chindlund, city purchasing agent, was granted leave of absence by the Council to attend the National Boy Scout meeting, June 19 to July 5, at Valley Forge, Va. Chindlund has long been an active leader in Boy Scout work.

The Council also granted permission for City Police Officer George Bennett to attend the National Guard camp at Fort Lewis, Wn., June 9 to 25. Bennett is a captain in the Oregon National Guard.

Rivalry Keen In Jr. Hi Paper Drive

Following close upon the heels of Ashland's scheduled "Clean-up" campaign, the Junior High school paper drive May 1 to 5, will need little publicity or promotion, for already eager young solicitors have been signing up prospects. It looks like a double barreled project, for not only will the town have an opportunity to rid itself of unsightly and ever-present fire hazards but the spring sports funds of the Jr. Hi will benefit from the paper sale.

Everything in the way of paper or cardboard will be acceptable, but it is requested that the donations be tied if possible in bundles which may be handled by the young collectors. Each grade is keen to win the coveted prize of a holiday which has been promised to the winners.

D.A.R. Chapter Luncheon Meeting On Friday

Mt. Ashland chapter, D.A.R. will meet on Friday, April 21 for a 1:30 dessert luncheon at the home of Mrs. Elda Anderson, 641 Siskiyou Blvd. The program will follow at 2:30 with Mrs. Rosa Galey and Mrs. Una LaMarre presenting the subject of the American Indians and the work being done by the D.A.R.

Clean-Up Week Set May 14-20

Mayor Tom Williams and the Ashland City Council Tuesday night adopted a resolution setting aside the week of May 14 to 20 as "Clean-up, Paint-up, Fix-up Week" in the City of Ashland.

The move came following a request from Dick Herndobler, owner of the Dodge furniture store here, and vice president of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, asking the Council to assist the Chamber in the annual clean-up drive.

Mayor Williams said he would issue a proclamation designating the special week in the near future.