

Letter From Washington

By Hon. Harris Ellsworth,
Congressman, 4th District

Debate on the "one-package" appropriation bill goes on. Herebefore annual appropriations have been made in separate bills for the several departments. This time all the money requested by the President in his budget is put before the House in one huge bill, 431 pages long.

Votes on the first amendments offered by Republicans, though close in count, indicated pretty clearly that the majority side of the House will pretty generally go along with the President's spending ideas. The economy amendments were voted down.

Meanwhile, Senator George, speaking as chairman of the Joint Committee on Taxation, says the deficit for 1950 will be \$6.7 billions instead of the \$5.5 estimated by the President in his budget message. He also estimates that the deficit for 1951 will mount to \$7.3 billions for that year in the face of the President's prediction of a deficit of \$5.1 billions. In other words, he rates the Truman guess as being just about 50 percent wrong for 1951. Either way the mounting deficit (without any compelling emergency) is more than even our great government can stand for long. I have repeatedly pointed out that on the basis of Truman's estimate we are running in the red at the rate of \$16,000,000 PER DAY. That figure, according to Senator George's statement, should be revised upward to more than \$20,000,000.

On August 18th last year I addressed the House on the subject of the tragic, if not fatal blunders we made in China. Here are some paragraphs from that speech:

"So far as the power of the atomic bomb is concerned, I say with all seriousness that in the eventual balancing of accounts the fall of China may prove to be more decisive than the atomic bomb."

There are many shrouded mysteries as to exactly what happened to China and as to exactly why it has fallen into the hands of organized communism. In the white paper the fact is excused but the mysteries are not explained."

That statement was made 8 months ago. We have lately been so preoccupied with war threats and events in Europe that most people have overlooked the more important activities in the far-eastern ring of the world circus. We have not yet been told why that drama ended as it did with the fall of China to the Communists.

One thing likely will be established by the present Senate committee investigation of communist leanings of people connected with the State Department. The finger of well-founded suspicion of Communist sympathy, if not worse, is going to be pointed at certain individuals who had a great deal to do with shaping our China policy. This, at least, will serve the purpose of partly explaining the mystery as to why our government did what it did in China. That story is too long to tell here but I shall be glad to send a copy of my speech, in which it is related in detail, to anyone who wants it.

Medford Group Presents Program

On Tuesday evening 22 members of the Medford Toastmistresses club met with the Ashland group at the Lithia hotel. The purpose of the joint meeting was to arouse added interest and to reorganize the Ashland club.

Following the invocation, Erma Tiedeman, president of the Ashland Toastmistresses, turned the meeting over to Mrs. Marjorie Hopkins, president of the Medford club. The program on the general subject of Japan was then presented by the chairman, Mrs. Mentzer, with Mrs. Frost speaking on "The Open Door" and telling of the proposed International Christian University. Miss Thatcher then gave an interesting talk on "The Pearl Industry of Japan," while the third speaker, Mrs. Kunzman, presented a discussion on the "Status of Women in Japan."

The Educational talk was given by Mrs. Claypool demonstrating the technique of public speech appeal. In closing, several amusing extemporaneous one minute talks were given by members at the table.

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Valley Rabbit Association Offers 4-H Club Prizes at Jackson County Fair

Mr. R. H. Cate, Jackson County Agricultural Extension Agent, was the speaker Monday night for the Southern Oregon Rabbit Breeders' association at their regular monthly meeting in the courthouse in Medford.

The program was directed primarily toward the development of rabbit raising in the valley by the 4-H clubs. There are already more than 45 members who have herds. During the next four months it is expected that this number may be doubled, due to the offer which is being made by the Association. Prizes will be awarded at the Jackson County Fair for the best doe and litter and for the best single dressed rabbit.

The 4-H clubs will visit the processing plant of the Rogue River Valley Rabbit Marketing Association at Talent, where they will observe all the steps in the butchering and freezing of rabbits for the market. Already there are several young stockholders in the Association and there is keen interest in the fall contest.

The new president of the S.O.R.B.A. Mr. J. A. Marion, of Ashland, conducted the meeting and announced that the next meeting, May 8, would be a pot-luck family dinner at the Talent clubhouse. A speaker from Seattle is scheduled for the evening's program and pictures will be shown following the dinner.

It was also announced that beginning this week the plant at Talent will carry feed for those bringing rabbits for butchering.

The directors of the Marketing Association held a brief business meeting following the general S.O.R.B.A. meeting on Monday evening.

Scout Calendars To Be Available

All the Cubs, Scouts, and Explorer Scouts of Jackson and Josephine Counties will receive the official Boy Scout calendars next year, H. D. Christensen, President of Crater Lake Area Council has announced. These calendars are from the original painting by Norman Rockwell, world famous painter. They portray a Cub, Boy Scout, Explorer, Air and a Sea Scout facing together a bright future for our Country in spite of the storm clouds that hang over the world today.

Through Scouting, these young men will be able to help to build a greater country and a better understanding of the world in the future.

Every registered boy will receive one of these inspirational pictures to hang in his home as a daily reminder of his part of the responsibility of living in our country and the world.

"We are grateful to the McLain Drug Company of Medford and Grants Pass for making these calendars available to all our young men and in helping us do a better job of Scouting in the Crater Lake Area Council," Mr. Christensen stated. "This will be the first year that so large a number of these calendars will be made available to the Scouts in these two counties. The McLain Drug Company will also make these calendars available to other homes outside of those in the Boy Scout program. All public and private schools, city and county officers will receive special Boy Scout calendars."

This Boy Scout calendar has had the largest distribution of any calendar in the United States for over a period of several years. The calendars of the Dionne Quintuplets has been the closest of any calendar in numbers placed in homes.

Takes Part In Conference

Rev. Earl Downing is in Eugene this week where he is participating in the Northwest Preachers' Parliament, the Church of Christ. This conference includes Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. Rev. Downing will conduct a panel discussion on the subject "What is the Brotherhood?"

Barber Shops To Close Mondays, Starting May 1

At least four of Ashland's leading barber shops have announced plans for remaining closed on Monday of each week starting May 1.

The closure is being made to allow employees of the shops a five day work week, a spokesman for the shops said. On days other than Monday the shops will remain open until 6 p.m. each day.

Shops planning the Monday closing include the Plaza Barber shop, Lithia Hotel Barber shop, Modern Barber shop and the Elks Barber shop.

Ashland Delegates Leave For Capitol

Seven delegates from the 3 Senior Hi Y and Tri Hi Y Clubs of the city will leave Thursday morning, April 27th, for the Youth Legislature which will be held in Salem, April 28th and 29th this year. Attending the Legislature from the Ashland groups are: Ellen Brower, Lovette Swift, and Kay Beck from the Beta Tri Hi Y Club; Mary Hillberry and Lois Melcher from the Alpha Tri Hi Y Club; Ted Weitzel and Cash Perrine from the Senior Hi Y Club. Cash Perrine will serve as Reading Clerk of the Senate while Kay Beck goes to the legislature as one of the four Journalists elected in Southern Oregon this year. The two young people will receive special training at a training session to be held in Salem Thursday evening.

The Youth Legislature opens at 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 28th and will adjourn at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 29. All sessions of the Legislature are to be held in the Capitol Building under the direction of some of the State officials and legislatures. The young people in attendance at the Legislature representing over 90 Hi Y and Tri Hi Y Clubs in the State will deal with 48 bills which have been prepared in the local Hi Y and Tri Hi Y Clubs in advance. Twenty two of these bills originate as Senate bills while 26 are House bills. Serving in the Senate this year will be Mary Hillberry, Lovette Swift and Ted Weitzel elected as Senators at the Pre-Legislative Assembly held in Ashland in February. Elected as Representatives and serving in the House will be Lois Melcher and Ellen Brower. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Crisp and Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Fletcher will accompany the Ashland delegation this year.

TO LOS ANGELES

Ken Randles is in Los Angeles and southern California on business this week.

Colorful Anniversary Reception Ushers In Festival Season

The tenth annual season of the Ashland Shakespearean Festival Association was officially inaugurated last Sunday, when more than 100 attended the birthday celebration honoring the bard of Stratford-on-Avon. The reception was held at the Elks club with the 1950 board of directors acting as hosts for the occasion.

The reception proved to be most colorful, as members of the Soroptimists club appeared in Elizabethan costumes. Those pouring at the coffee table were Mrs. John Cotton, Mrs. Rodney Keating, Mrs. I. D. Inskip of Medford and Mrs. A. C. Allen, Jr. of Central Point. During the reception, members of the board spoke in behalf of the coming season's performance and urged that the entire valley join in making the 10th anniversary the most outstanding in the history of the association. President John Cotton told of plans for the four plays scheduled for the outdoor theatre in August. Robert Dodge, who has served as a member of the board and is a past president of the association, predicted a successful season, while Angus Bowmer, the producing director of the plays, described the importance of Shakespeare's works.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the general health and welfare of our citizens depend upon wholesome surroundings arising from good clean living conditions, and

WHEREAS, the lives and property of our people are always endangered by fire caused by the sometimes overly cluttered attics, basements, and garages, in homes, alleys and streets, and,

WHEREAS, unity of effort is required for the future development of our community.

Therefore, I, (Thos S. Williams), MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, do hereby designate May 14 to 20 officially as CLEAN-UP, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Week, and call upon all departments of the city, its commercial organizations, civic clubs, schools, churches, boys' and girls' clubs, and all other associations, and our people in general to take an active part in this constructive program for community improvement to insure its success.

(signed)
Thos. S. Williams
Mayor

School Budget Passes 130 to 15 In District Five

The vote was 130 yes and 15 no, on the Ashland School District 5 budget election Tuesday. School officials expressed themselves as pleased with the vote which will insure the financing of the schools for next year.

Included in the budget was an amount sufficient to take care of principal and interest for the bonds and a sinking fund of \$11,250 in anticipation of immediate needs.

It is estimated that the mileage will be approximately the same as this year.

Mariners Enjoy Address by Parks

About thirty members of the Mariners' club of the Presbyterian church enjoyed a pot-luck dinner on Monday evening. In the program which followed the dinner, music was furnished by the Gassaway children's' accordin trio.

Roland Parks, principal of the high school, speaking on the subject "Education During the Last Fifty Years," gave a thought provoking analysis of developments in methods in the first half of the 20th century. His talk was doubly appreciated by the Mariners as he was a "pinch hitter" for the scheduled speaker, Dr. Erhmann of San Francisco Theological Seminary, who was forced to cancel his engagement at the last minute.

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Medford Men Buy Ashland News Review

Mt. Ashland Chapter Hears Indian Program

The April meeting of Mt. Ashland chapter D.A.R. met last Friday for a dessert luncheon at the home of Mrs. Ed Anderson of Siskiyou Blvd. Following the luncheon a program on American Indians was presented by Mrs. Rosa Galey with Mrs. Una LaMare providing a musical background. No business was transacted but a silent tribute was paid to the memory of a recently deceased member, Mrs. Grace Walker. In May the chapter will meet with Mrs. Galey at which time the nominating committee will report.

College Faculty In H. S. Visitation

Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, President of Southern Oregon College, Dr. John Schulz, Director of Guidance, and Mr. Don Lewis, Business Manager, are assisting this week in the high school contact work of the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

Dr. Stevenson is contacting graduating seniors of high schools in Brookings, Gold Beach, Langlois, Port Orford, Bandon, Roseburg, and Myrtle Creek.

Dr. Schulz is visiting high schools in Grants Pass, Eagle Point, Medford, Ashland, and Klamath Falls.

Mr. Lewis is meeting seniors at North Bend, Coquille, Sutherlin, and Myrtle Point.

Other visitations will be made by Dr. John Schulz in Klamath County and Lake County the first week in May.

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Ashland Mills Urged To Join In Lumber Census

Several sawmills in the Ashland area will not be listed in the 1949 lumber census of the Douglas fir region now being tabulated.

The reason, West Coast Lumbermen's Association advises this newspaper, is that some mill operators have failed to fill in the simple forms required in this very vital enumeration.

"Mills who have not yet cooperated," said H. V. Simpson, executive vice president of the association, "are hurting themselves and the community in which they operate."

The lumber executive pointed out that accurate industry production figures are needed when the western lumber industry appears before Congressional committees.

"More important," Simpson said, "we need authentic figures of the Douglas fir region in our drive to get adequate freight car supply for this region. The needs of every mill must be listed."

Simpson urged all mills, who have not yet complied, to send in the short questionnaires at once. He said all mills that operated any portion of 1949, or that had previously operated but were idle during the year, should send in the questionnaire.

"This week we will send out our fourth questionnaire to those mills who have not yet responded," Simpson said. "It will take only a few minutes for each mill to supply the necessary information. To be of value to the industry, we should have final tabulations of production, shipments, orders and number of mills by counties ready within another month."

Again stressing the urgency of full participation by the industry in this census, Simpson said that partial figures gathered so far are being used in important presentations to railroads to step up car supply. Facts talk.

Governor Calls For Hospital Bids

Disclosure of plans to survey state mental hospitals in Oregon and to call for bids on a 144-bed tuberculosis treatment unit for the mentally ill was made Saturday by Governor Douglas McKay in a statement designating April 23 through 29 as Mental Health Week.

The statement indicated that the board of control would be requested to ask that the inspection board of the American psychiatric association conduct the survey at the state hospitals at Salem and Pendleton. The Governor pointed out that such a study, which could be achieved without cost to the state, would evaluate progress made at the two institutions and provide a sound plan for future development.

Governor McKay said that bids would be called in May, and opened in June, on a 144-bed tuberculosis hospital for psychiatric patients. The building would be equipped with a tuberculosis surgery and other up-to-date facilities for treatment of this type of patient. It will be located just east of the present treatment building in Salem.

The governor said that with completion of the tuberculosis treatment unit and the proposed administration building at Salem, the next most pressing need would be a geriatrics building for elderly mental patients. A 100-bed facility of this type is planned for the next biennium, he added.

Well Known Rodeo Rider Killed

Moon Jackson, 21 year old son of McKinley and Norma Jackson, of Sprague River, was instantly killed last Saturday when his 1950 Chevrolet collided with a logging truck near Kirk. The young Indian was a familiar figure to all who attended rodeos in the Rogue River valley. He was buried on Tuesday in the Indian Graveyard.

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