

Letter From Washington

By Hon. Harris Ellsworth,
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The Ombus Rivers and Harbors and Flood Control Authorization Bill, which has just been cleared by Congress, carries important additional authorizations for the Willamette Valley Flood Control Project. Increased costs since the original project was authorized, plus some additions caused by revised plans, made a larger authorization figure necessary.

The authorization bill referred to has been widely criticized as a "pork" bill—meaning an opportunity for Members of Congress to grab juicy slices for their districts. I cannot see much justification for this criticism. The bill does two things. It adjusts previously made cost estimates of projects now under construction. It represents final approval for new projects which may not be constructed in the long future. That bill DOES NOT appropriate or spend money. Similar authorization bills in the past have piled up a backlog of approved plans totalling more than 700 projects, but only some 70 projects are now under construction and appropriations for starting new projects are not being allowed this year.

I think some of the screaming about the Rivers and Harbors and Flood Control Bill has been in the nature of a smoke screen for the purpose of distracting attention from the deficit-spending appropriations bill now under consideration.

New Jersey Republicans have formulated a party platform with only 28 words in it which, to my way of thinking, is the best statement of Republican philosophy, aims, and objectives I have ever seen. Here it is:

"America can be saved from Communism and Bankruptcy."

"America's problems can be met by her great people without loss of their liberties."

"We dedicate ourselves to this undertaking."

For the fourth consecutive time there is serious war talk while Congress has an appropriations bill under consideration. The intensity of the war scare usually seems to be in proportion to the size of the appropriation being considered for the armed services. This time the bill calls for the largest amount ever appropriated for the armed forces in peacetime. Due to the present very serious tension the amount will be increased.

At first I was inclined to believe these crises were home-made. It seemed the war talk might be drummed up by the Administration and the Defense Department for the purpose of scaring Congress into appropriating more money. A check of the facts disproves this idea. The war threats have actually been generated by the Russians. They caused us to start the famous air-lift while an appropriation bill was under consideration. Even though the President did not announce the fact until the House-Senate conference was endeavoring to decide on the amount of arms aid to Europe, Russia did explode an atomic bomb while the bill was under consideration. Later the Russians shot down an airplane. The repercussions of that act continue to cause tension. Very serious developments may yet result from the murderous Russian action.

The conclusion I am compelled to reach is that the Russian government is very anxious to have us continue our ruinous administration policy of deficit spending.

Killing Two Birds With One Stone

R. N. Fletcher, secretary of the Ashland YMCA, is broadcasting an appeal for floor lamps and folding card tables which are needed by the Craft classes for the shellcraft and plastics work taught on Thursday afternoons and evenings. During "Clean-up Week" many attics and basements are being overhauled in Ashland, so that the request from the Y should find much local response. Anyone having such needed articles may bring them to the YMCA building or telephone 8616 to have them picked up.

Mrs. H. B. Cornell of 632 Ro-ca street, was sufficiently recovered from a recent serious illness to leave for a visit with her daughter in Yakima, Wash.

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Community Center Realization of Two Year Plan

Formal dedication of the Phoenix Community club and Youth center building Sunday afternoon will be the culmination of a two-year campaign that has been an exceptional example of cooperative community enterprise.

The town of Phoenix, like most small towns, has felt a lack of recreational facilities. The grange hall, long used for civic gatherings, has not been adequate to meet all the needs of the growing community. Parents have found that their children need a place for fun near home. The new building was designed with these needs in mind and will serve as an all-purpose building, to be used both by adult organizations and youth groups, such as the Boy and Girl Scouts.

Civic clubs, church groups, lodges, and social clubs as well as business men and individuals, representing a complete cross-section of the town, worked together for the past two years to make their civic project a reality. Uncountable hours have been donated and large amounts of materials and labor have been made available. The building, which will be completed for a total cash outlay of around \$7,000, will be valued at about \$18,000, according to A. C. Lewis, building committee chairman and president of the organization formed to conduct the campaign.

Appropriately, the center is to be dedicated to Phoenix boys who lost their lives in World War II.

The center is to have a large main room that can be adapted to most community activities such as dances, civic functions and organization meetings and will include rest rooms, kitchen facilities and several smaller rooms.

Credit for originating the plan for a community center belongs to the Phoenix Thursday club, a women's organization. The need for a meeting place and the desire to have a place where their children could find wholesome recreation, led the members to solicit the aid of other groups. In a short time enough interest was created and in June 1948 the Phoenix Community Club and Youth Center was incorporated as a non-profit corporation to conduct the fund raising and building program. A. C. Lewis was elected president, Mrs. Geo. Bourne vice-president, Mrs. Bert Stancil secretary and Mrs. Maggie Germer treasurer. After the building is completed and furnished the corporation will continue to supervise maintenance and necessary repairs.

Play Opens At S.O.C. Tonight

"I Remember Mama," the John van Druten comedy, will be presented by a cast of college and community players May 11, 12 and 13 at Southern Oregon college, according to Angus Bowmer, director.

The story concerns a Norwegian immigrant family living in San Francisco about 1910. Mama guides the family destinies and very merry episodes occur as the daughter, Catrin, attempts to break into the publishing world as a budding young author.

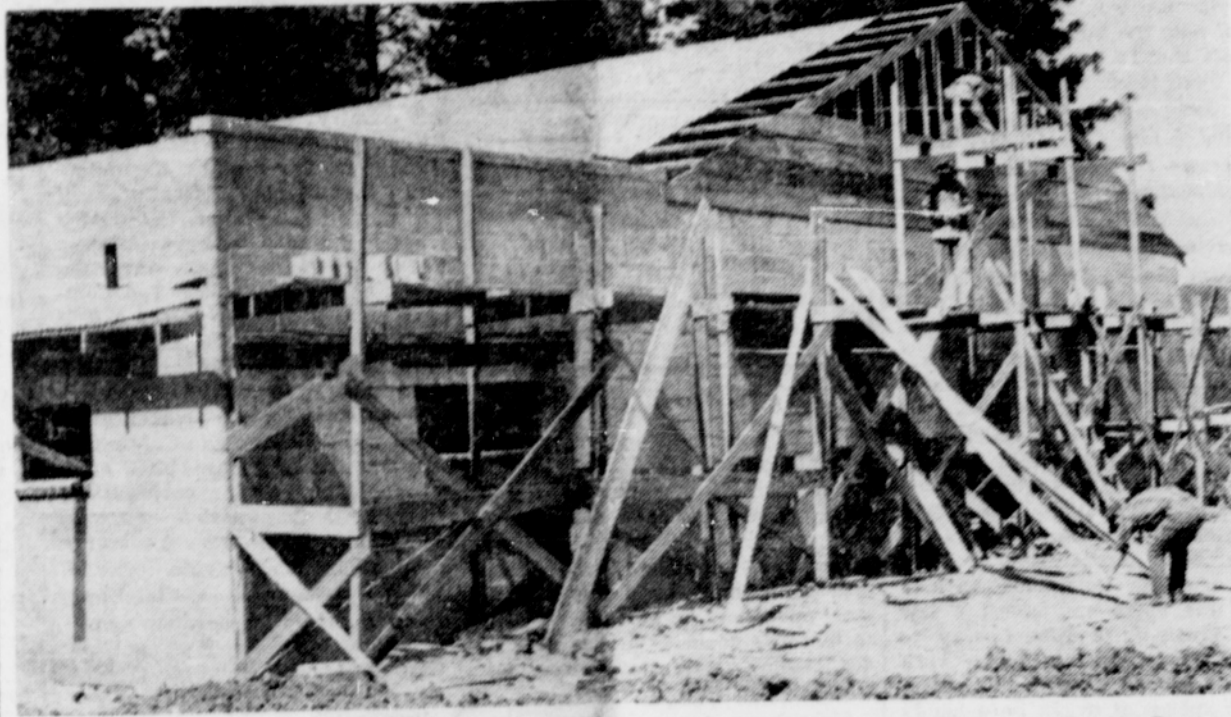
The production is considered an ambitious undertaking for an amateur cast, Bowmer said, because of the rapid changes from mainstage to turntable scenes. However, the play promises to be one of the best ever presented locally. Curtain time will be 8 p. m. for all performances.

Drivers License Examiner To be on Duty Monday

A drivers' license examiner will be on duty at the Ashland city hall Monday, May 15 from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. according to announcement received from the Secretary of States office.

Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to contact the examiner well ahead of the closing hour

Dedication of Community Center to be Feature of Phoenix Festival



Workmen are shown finishing the outside of the Phoenix Community Club and Youth Center building, which will be dedicated Sunday afternoon as the highlight of the Festival program. The building, which measures 50 by 80 feet will be a memorial to Phoenix veterans of World War II. Completion of the building is the result of two years of cooperative planning by community groups.

Board Of Ed Checks Bids For Teaching Staff

Problems of filling the special positions in the staff of School District 5 occupied much of the time of the school board as they met in regular session Monday evening.

The huge stack of credentials of football coaches was narrowed down and negotiations started with a select few. It is expected that an announcement can be made about this position in the near future.

Candidates were considered from the major schools in the northwest and the interest in the position was evident from the number of applications considered.

The improvement of the school yards around the new buildings was also discussed and plans are being made to blacktop certain play areas so that the new floors will not be ruined with tracked-in gravel.

The construction of a warehouse in which to store oils, varnishes and other supplies away from the main buildings was given consideration and actual building is scheduled for the summer months.

September 11 was suggested by Superintendent Linn as an advisable date for the opening of school next fall.

Diamond Lake Trek Planned

May showers generally receive the credit for June flowers but to Bill Fox and Bill McCullough they have brought little but headaches. Every time the clouds over Ashland opened up with a gentle downpour they visualized the added inches of snow piling up across the roads to Diamond Lake which they hope to traverse next week. As yet they are undetermined as to the best means of locomotion, but they are inclined to think that a sno-cat is still the surest way of eventually arriving at their mountainous destination.

Fox's experience in March is a never-to-be-forgotten one which he is not anxious to repeat. But the trip cannot be longer delayed, for much must be done to put the popular resort in condition for the official opening on June 1.

During the winter months a care-taker and his family have hibernated in one of the cabins, snug and happily content with their solitary existence, their only outside contact being through the daily radio communications with the Forestry Service.

The two men planning the trip next week are the advance guard for a sizeable army of workers who will prepare the resort for the coming season. Bill Fox, one of the owners, has been busy for several months purchasing supplies and mapping out the summer's plans.

He reports that the June 1 opening date is already a complete "sell-out" with the 4th of July weekend in close competition.

Popular Restaurant Opens Today; Modern Design Given Plaza Cafe

Parents To Confer On First Graders

Plans were made Monday for conferences with the parents of children who will be starting to school for the first time in the fall term.

The tentative schedule arranged by the principals and superintendent is as follows:

Monday, May 22, 8 p. m., Lincoln school.

Tuesday, May 23, 8 p. m., Briscoe school.

Wednesday, May 24, 8 p. m., Bellview school.

Thursday, May 25, 8 p. m., at Walker school.

The problems relating to the work of the beginners will be discussed by the first grade teachers, the public health nurse and P.T.A. speakers as well as the principals.

Superintendent Linn will act as chairman at the various sessions. Last year was the first year that these meetings were held and it was felt that the response was such as to warrant their continuation.

Children should be six by September if they are to start to school but they will be taken if their sixth birthday occurs before Nov. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Scripser and children and Mrs. Scripser's mother, Mrs. Laura Beach, spent the weekend at Brookings on the coast where they reported excellent fishing.

City-Wide Clean-up Program To be Observed Next Week

Plans for Ashland's Clean-up week program are nearly complete, according to Dick Herndobler, chairman of the campaign, which is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, May 15 to 20.

Herndobler stated that the program is planned to be intensive and city-wide and that support is being received from the public schools, Southern Oregon college, city departments, service organizations, the Ashland Sanitary Service, newspapers and radio.

The week will start with a parade, which will include the school bands, police and fire departments, and Boy and Girl Scouts. Parade arrangements are being made by the Jaycees and Ken Jones is chairman.

Tuesday at 6 p. m. the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs will meet in a lawn-clipping duel on the Siskiyou boulevard parking strip. The groups will start at opposite ends of the strip and meet in the triangular park on Liberty street for a joint box social when the job is completed. Bert Day is Kiwanis chair-

man and Ken Schilling will captain the Rotarians.

Campus Day has been scheduled for Wednesday at the high school, junior high school and college, Herndobler said. Students will don old clothes to clean the campuses and buildings and will follow up the day's activity with social events in the evening.

Thursday will be designated as safety and fire prevention day by the committee and Friday will be the final pick-up day for trash.

Special reduced prices for refuse pick-up service will be in effect during the week and residents have been requested by the committee to call the Sanitary Service when trash has been put in boxes or sacks and is ready for pick-up.

The Ashland Lions are collecting, painting and distributing white sanitary trash cans which will be placed throughout the city during the week. Roland Parks is chairman of the project.

The poster contest, which has been conducted in the art classes of the junior high through the

Precinct Polling Places Announced For May 19 Primary Election

As election day approaches many voters who are confused over the new precinct boundary lines are studying the maps now posted in the newspaper office. With the publication of the polling places which have been designated for the May 19 election and the printing of the official ballots, interest is waxing warmer, particularly in the city of Ashland, where, in addition to the national and state can-

sial issues appear—that of the recall and the Ashland Canyon timber sale.

Contrary to custom, sample ballots will not be mailed to voters but may be obtained by calling at the courthouse in Medford.

Sample ballots for the city election only will be available at the Ashland City hall, according to City Recorder J. B. Austin.

Absentee ballots must be mailed five days before the election. The list of polling places is as follows:

1. Public library.
2. City Hall.
3. 129 Granite Street.
4. Armory.
5. Walt's Shoe Shop, 76 No. Main street.
6. Free Methodist church basement, 7th & Main.
7. Junior High School.
8. 521 N. Main street.
9. 390 Liberty street.
10. Briscoe School.
11. 936 Oak street.
12. 363 Bridge street.
13. SOC gymnasium.
14. Valley View school.
15. (Barron) Neil Creek school.
16. (Bellview) Bellview grange hall.

Juvenile Care Needs Told At Kiwanis Meeting

Jackson county residents, as well as those of other communities, must recognize the need for proper detention facilities for children or face the alternative of having juvenile cases handled by a central state agency, according to John Richard, county juvenile officer, who addressed the Ashland Kiwanis club at their noon luncheon Monday. The only facilities available at the present time, Richard said, are the county jail, and these are not considered suitable for the handling of youths 16 and younger.

Although only seven jails in Oregon have been approved for the detention of adults, all 36 detain children who violate the law. In the past year, Jackson county has detained 41 children in jail for law violation, he said.

Richard, in commenting on the report of the governor's committee on children and youth, said that only Multnomah and Klamath counties have facilities for handling juveniles outside of the county jails. Even in these cases, however, no differentiation is made between security and non-security cases. Many children who have not committed criminal offenses but are under the custody of the juvenile court, must be quartered in the county jail since no other quarters are available, he said.

The committee, according to Richard, recommended a re-coding of the juvenile court laws in order to bring about a more uniform treatment of cases throughout the state. It was also recommended that each county have a probation officer. At the present time only half of the counties have a probation department and only three counties have set down standards in writing for the qualifications of a probation officer.

It was noted by the committee that no county makes provision for health examinations or psychiatric treatment of juveniles. It was further recommended that intermediate courts be established to handle cases which fall between the juvenile court and the adult court and that an intermediate institution be created between Woodburn and the state penitentiary.

Richard noted that although Jackson county's jail has been rated the second best in Oregon, detention facilities for juveniles are desperately needed for proper treatment and correction.

About 45 members of the Southern Oregon Medical society met in Ashland at the Elks temple on Tuesday, with Dr. E. G. Everett of Ashland, who is the president of the group, presiding at the all day session.