

Letter From Washington

By Hon. Harris Ellsworth,
Congressman, 4th District

In spite of the economy efforts made by our side of the aisle the huge omnibus appropriations bill was passed by the House with comparatively little reduction. Amendments increasing appropriation amounts totalled some \$449 millions. Most of the increase was for additional air defense.

Had it not been for the Republican amendment offered by Congressman Tabor, which cut the total by \$600 millions, the bill would actually have ended up with an increase of nearly half a billion. In view of the national need of financial retrenchment, the general spending attitude of the present House majority is incredible.

House passage of the bill is the first major legislative step. The Senate will review the House version and make numerous amendments. A conference of House and Senate Appropriations Committee members will then make a final draft which will be submitted to both Houses for approval. I have made up my mind that unless the final version includes the two major reduction amendments we passed, or represents a decided reduction in total amount arrived at in some other way, I cannot vote for final approval of the conference report. We can better afford to take the time necessary to write another bill if this one is rejected, than to pass a bill which increases our Federal spending.

The Secretary of Commerce in a recent report on imports from Communist Russia disclosed the following: In 1938 the United States imported 32 carats of diamonds, cut but not set, valued at \$5,000. In 1946 - 47 - 48 and 49 the United States imported 34,576 carats of cut but unset diamonds valued at \$3,234,000. The report didn't say where Russia got them.

It is reliably reported that Argentina is negotiating for a loan of \$125,000,000 of taxpayers' money. The Export-Import Bank is said to be involved in the negotiation. The story behind the loan goes as follows: It appears that Argentina business houses owe American businessmen approximately \$108,000,000 for goods purchased in the United States. Peron's Argentine government is reluctant to let go of that amount of dollars to permit its businessmen to square things with the United States so — the request for a loan. The reports say that the Export-Import Bank will provide the funds to pay off the Argentine debts.

The natural question is what will happen when the Argentine business houses create more debts in the United States? Probably there would be negotiations for more loans to pay the debts.

Primary Planning Panels at Schools

The second meeting with the parents of beginners who will be starting to school next September was held Tuesday at the Briscoe school at 8 p.m. Wednesday evening a similar session was held at Bellview with the panel meeting at the Walker school Thursday night. Problems dealing with the first grade work were informally discussed by a panel. The question of physical examination before the youngsters start to school was one of the items up for discussion.

On the Briscoe panel were Principal Chester Squire; Mrs. Dora Conley and Mrs. Nell Lewis, P.T.A. representatives; Miss Marie Prescott and Mrs. Alice Willits, primary teachers. Miss Frances Clink, R. N., public health nurse, who spoke at all the panels and Superintendent Leland P. Linn acting as moderator for the various sessions.

On the Bellview panel Wednesday night were Principal Paul Retter; Mrs. Worthylake, primary teacher; Mrs. Clarence Gassaway, Mrs. Karl Peterson and Mrs. Collins Hassell, P.T.A. representatives.

On the Walker panel Thursday evening will be Principal John Miller; Mrs. Clara Fader and Mrs. Alair Lewis, primary teachers; Mrs. Loren Macklin and Mrs. Allen Byrd, P.T.A. representatives.

Mrs. J. A. Bish has returned to her home at 100 Lincoln street after spending several months in Portland, where she was called by the illness and death of her daughter-in-law.

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BE A GOOD
TOURIST HOST!



JOE SCALLON, Roseburg, was named president of the student body at Southern Oregon college yesterday as the result of a run-off vote. He defeated Ardie Warren, Ashland. The special election was called when four candidates running for the office last week failed to poll a majority. Scallon, an education major, will take office fall term. Jack Bolton, Lakeview, was elected vice-president in another run-off vote.

In Memory

How many people in Ashland stop to read the inscription on the bronze memorial plaque at the base of the city flag pole? It should be graven in the minds and hearts of all.

"This memorial erected by the people of Ashland in honor of the men and women of this community who have served in the wars of our nation and in loving memory of those who gave their lives in defending America's eternal freedom."

Growth of Cities and High Costs Said Reasons for Fiscal Problems

Cities throughout the country, and particularly in the west, are having financial problems due to high costs and physical growth, Harry Skerry, city attorney, said Tuesday when he addressed the weekly noon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

Skerry's talk was the second in a series of three programs dealing with taxes and tax problems.

Taxes tend to lag behind municipal expenses; wages and material costs are higher than ever before; and population in the western states is increasing rapidly. These were the reasons given by the speaker for the present financial difficulties of many cities.

Oregon's statutory 6 per cent limitation tends to intensify the problem at the present time, since a municipality cannot increase the budget more than 6 per cent over the previous year unless the people vote to exceed it, he said. The general effect has been a stifling of some necessary activities.

In commenting on the local picture, Skerry outlined two sources of income to the city. First, that from fines, licenses, utility sales and receipts and second, that from taxes. The authority to tax is in the city.

Big Clock Starts For A.H.S. Awards

At exactly eleven o'clock last Saturday morning Bill Wines, president of the Ashland high school senior class and Jackie Pritchard representing the girls, started the annual watch awarding contest by winding the big clock on display in the Sheldon Jewelry store window. When the clock runs down the hands will point to the two winning numbers of two gold Bulova watches which will be awarded at the June 2nd high school assembly.

This is the fourth year that the watch award has been featured by the local jewelry firm as their contribution to the commencement memories of the graduating class.

Ashland Will Pay Tribute May 30 In Memory of America's War Dead

Next Tuesday, with muffled beat of drums and flags at half mast, Ashland will again pay homage to the memory of its war dead. In reverence, floral tributes will be placed upon the graves, and young and old alike will pause and give thanks for America's freedom. Across three thousand miles the same time-honored custom will be observed in a familiar, well loved pattern common to all Americans.

The Ashland Memorial Day services will be sponsored by all veteran organizations made up of the Ashland Post No. 14 of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Spanish American War veterans together with their respective auxiliaries, the Daughters of Union Veterans and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

At 9 o'clock Tuesday morning all veteran groups are scheduled to meet at the Pioneer building across from the park from whence they will march in a body to Memorial Rock to place a floral tribute wreath. At 9:30 a similar tribute of flowers will be placed at the foot of the Memorial flag pole in front of the city hall.

Emil Kroeger, general chairman of the day's program, announced that the parade in charge of Post Commander Von Kuhlman is to form at the Plaza at 10 o'clock and will march to the old city cemetery on Main street where the customary services and grave decorating will take place. The line of march will be the usual one out Main street, the municipal band leading, followed by Spanish American War Veterans, World Wars I and II veterans, their auxiliaries, other veteran and patriotic groups, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, the Camp-fire Girls and other marching units.

Irving Nelson of the Legion is in charge of the services at the cemetery. Arthur Kreisman will deliver the Memorial Day address and Richard Wilcox of the high school will give the Gettysburg address.

The annual cover-dish luncheon will be held at noon at the American Legion hall with all veteran and patriotic organizations participating.

Official Vote Count Shows Williams and Sheldon Out

Spring Luncheon Closes Club Season

The Ashland Study club held its last meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. G. M. Frost, Monday, May 22. A one o'clock luncheon was served by Mrs. Frost, assisted by Mrs. F. S. Engle, Miss Gertrude Engle, Mrs. L. G. Sharyon, Mrs. J. T. Jeter, and Mrs. H. A. Merrill. Colorful bouquets of iris, columbine and azaleas decorated the rooms. Much amusement was afforded the group by the clever place cards.

At the business meeting following the luncheon, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Miss Gertrude Engle, president; Mrs. I. T. Andres, vice president; Mrs. Stansbury, secretary and treasurer.

For her selected subject, Mrs. W. M. Poley told of a colony of white Russians, who settled in Mexico in 1906. They separated from the Russian Orthodox church, fled from Russia and came to America, that they might set up a colony of their own as they were of the Molokan Christian religion. They are a plain peace-loving people, hard working and prosperous. Of the 355 who first settled in the Guadalupe valley, only 15 remain, many of the younger generation having gone to the states.

Mrs. E. A. Woods played several piano numbers, giving for each, some story or event which led to the writing of the piece.

The book review was given by Mrs. Hallie C. Endicott. She reviewed "Interrupted Melody," by Marjory Lawrence. It is a fascinating life story of the famous singer who was stricken by polio in 1941 and with courage and faith has made a heroic come back. Miss Laurence was born in Australia. She studied in Australia and Paris and was the leading soprano at the Paris opera before coming to the Metropolitan opera in New York City.

Since her affliction she made an exhausting camp tour of the armed forces.

PLANS MADE FOR POPPY DAY SATURDAY

"Wear a poppy in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice."

This was the message of Commander John Von Kuhlman, American Legion Ashland Post 14, to all citizens and legionnaires as plans were being completed for the annual Poppy Day Saturday.

Volunteers from the auxiliary under the leadership of Mrs. Fred Cushing, will decorate a memorial window which has been donated by the Memory Lane studio. Other members will sell flowers on the streets of Ashland all day May 27. Headquarters will be at the Miller Real Estate company where Mrs. Evelyn Kreisman and Mrs. Celia Berninghausen will be in charge.

JUNE 14 DATE SET FOR CATFISH DERBY

The National Catfish Derby will be held at TouVelle state park near Bybee bridge on the Rogue River, Sunday, June 14, under sponsorship of the Medford 20-30 club, it was announced today by Clem Niehaus, club president.

The derby annually attracts large crowds from the valley and, although originated in 1937 as a fishing contest, it has since become more of an old-fashioned, community style picnic with games, contests and entertainment for the spectators. In addition to the catfish judging, which will climax the day's events, 20 contests for all members of the family will be held.

Bill Davies, general chairman, said that catfish caught in any stream in the United States during derby week will be eligible and no entry fees will be charged.

Col. Jordan Is Named Temporary Municipal Judge by City Council

After 16 months of municipal recriminations and recalls Ashland finds itself minus an official mayor, as of Wednesday night. Following the delayed canvass of votes cast at the recall election last week, Mayor Tom Williams and Councilman Elmer Sheldon accepted the report of the tellers as read by City Recorder John Austin and withdrew from the council chamber, leaving four councilmen seated and in attendance. Fred Holmes, as acting chairman, took the mayor's chair and

Nine Members OF S.O.C. Faculty Slated to Speak

Nine members of the Southern Oregon college staff are scheduled to give graduation addresses during the next three weeks, according to an announcement made by the college.

Dr. Elmo Stevenson heads the list with seven engagements. His schedule is as follows:

Thursday, May 18 at Camas alley; Friday, May 19 at Sherwood; Thursday, May 25 at Stayton; Friday, May 26 at Cresswell; Wednesday, May 31 at Cottage Grove; Friday, June 2, at Brookings and Thursday, June 8 at Yreka.

Dr. John McAulay will speak at Bonanza high school on May 24, and at the Drain eighth grade graduation ceremonies on May 25. Loren Messenger also has two speaking engagements, one at Gold Hill on Wednesday, June 7 and the other at Prospect Friday, May 26.

Other faculty members speaking are Arthur Kreisman at Butte Falls, Tuesday, May 23; Dr. John Schulz at Glendale, Friday, May 26; Dr. Arthur Taylor at Talent, Wednesday, May 31; Donald MacDougall at Rogue River Friday, June 2; Mabel Winston at Eagle Point Wednesday, May 24; and Marshall Woodell at Tillamook, May 22.

Suzanne LaMarre To Return For Festival

Among the recent property sales in Ashland was the home of Mrs. Una LaMarre at 788 Iowa street. Mrs. LaMarre does not expect to leave town however but will remain during the Shakespearean Festival as her daughter Suzanne will again play several roles. Miss LaMarre, who has won much favorable comment for her dramatic ability in the past, will complete her year's work at the Columbia School of Dramatic Art in Chicago next month.



MRS. ELIZABETH GOOD, dean of girls at Ashland high school has been granted a leave of absence next year, according to Leland P. Linn, city school superintendent. Mrs. Good, who will be the only teacher leaving the faculty this year, plans to spend the time in Seattle. For several years she has been advisor of the Girls' league, Dean of Girls, and has served as advisor of the senior class and several student club groups.

read the dismissal of L. Peers Wilmett and the appointment of Col. H. R. Jordan to temporarily fill the vacancy as municipal judge. The action was unanimously confirmed by the other council members, Phil Stansbury, Dick Neill and Emil Kroeger.

The total votes tallied for the three controversial city issues were reported as follows:

For the timber sale, 1357; against the timber sale, 917.

For Williams Recall, 1300; against Williams Recall, 1225.

For Sheldon Recall, 1544; against Sheldon Recall 946.

Something unique, even in the annals of Ashland council meetings developed on Tuesday evening, when in the routine canvass of the city election ballots, it was discovered that the tally sheets of precincts 9 and 13 were missing.

The announcement was met with mingled comment and some caustic remarks from the audience. Two attorneys in the council chamber, Briggs and Wilmett, volunteered differing opinions on the legal procedure necessary for opening the sealed tally sheets when they should be obtained from the judges of the respective counting boards in question.

After contacting the judges of precincts 9 and 13 by telephone, a police escort was dispatched to bring in the missing papers, while the council chamber and the Plaza became a temporary informal forum during the recess.

Mrs. George Mack of precinct 9 returned, with her papers but Mrs. R. B. Stough of 13 reported that she had sent the city election sheets in the county box to the recorder. As a result, City Attorney Skerry suggested that the council adjourn until Wednesday at 7:30, so that a check might be made at the court house in Medford and a ruling received from County Clerk George Carter on the question of opening the two ballot boxes containing the tally sheets.

On Wednesday morning the county clerk ordered the boxes opened and the records of precincts 9 and 13 were returned to the Ashland city hall to be added to the total of the ballots which had been tabulated Tuesday evening.

City Attorney Skerry went into the technicalities of the election laws and said that unless contested the recall election is valid. According to the state law officers must be filled immediately.

Pistol Shoot Set Here For June 11

Over 100 participants are expected to take part in the all-day pistol shoot to be held at the Ashland pistol range June 11. Colonel Ben Waterbury told Chamber of Commerce members at their meeting Monday noon.

The shoot, which is to be the first of three held here this summer, is being sponsored by the police department with Colonel Waterbury in charge of arrangements.

Invitations have been sent to police groups throughout Oregon and northern California and inquiries have already been received from several cities, he said.

Waterbury said the shoot is open to all entrants and not limited to police teams.