

Letter From Washington...

By Hon. Harris Ellsworth, Congressman, 4th District

The sudden passing of two members of the House of Representatives was quite a shock to the membership. Both William Lemke of North Dakota and John Lesinski of Michigan were well known and well liked. I was not well acquainted with Congressman Lesinski but Bill Lemke was a good friend. The last time I saw him was at my daughter's wedding just a few days before he died. Everybody called Mr. Lemke "Bill" and everybody liked him. On the other hand, Bill had many ideas about government that very few of us, at least on our side of the aisle, could agree with. In this work, however, friendships are not based upon attitudes regarding legislation. Here it is quite common for close personal friends to be professional and political enemies.

With the death of John Lesinski, who was chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, Graham Barden of North Carolina becomes chairman. It is an automatic succession based upon the seniority rule. It is doubtful if any two persons ever more completely disagreed on legislation than did Lesinski and Barden. Since the chairman of a Committee has considerable power in the operations of the group, it is certain that the nature of the legislative production of the Education and Labor Committee will be materially changed. For one thing, Lesinski favored the repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, Barden is equally dead set against its repeal.

It seems to me the over-all political scene in our country today is more mixed up than it has ever been in all our history. For example, Raymond Moley, now an editor and an author, was just about number one "Brain Trust" of the New Deal. Now he declares that socialists have taken over the Democratic party. Not long ago Moley said: "Shrouded under names like liberal and progressives, the socialists crept into the Democratic party and have taken it over. Truman has become the spokesman for their purposes."

Speaking of quotations, here is one by Charles F. Kettering, famous inventor and scientist which I think is something of a cutie. Kettering says: "One of those things we have to be thankful for is that we don't get as much government as we pay for."

In the spring of 1948 when our country was still suffering from shortages of several basic commodities, steel among them, the Inter-state and Foreign Commerce Committee, of which I am a member, held weeks of hearings on the fuel oil shortage problem. We learned that one of the difficulties in oil production was the shortage of steel. We also learned from Department of Commerce officials that the Department's Office of Internal Trade was still issuing export licenses for the export of steel products and only ceased issuing such licenses when our committee began putting the heat on them.

We were told that Russia, who had not been a big steel customer before the war, was shipped 600 times as much steel in 1946 and 360 times as much steel in 1947 as she had ordinarily received from us before the war. Those two years were the years of our most desperate shortage of steel. We also learned that one of the men who was recently discharged by Secretary Sawyer was in an important executive position in the Department office which handled the export licenses for shipments to Russia. I had forgotten this testimony until the discharges were announced. Then I took a few hours and read it. There was something peculiar, if not wrong, in the O.T.I. about that time. That might have been due to incompetence, or to bad judgment, or it could have been due to unusual friendliness toward Russia. I haven't information enough to state definitely what was wrong. I feel pretty certain however that firing a few Department officials will do the country no harm.

SAN FRANCISCO FAMILY MOVES TO ASHLAND

Mrs. Edgar Graham and two children of San Francisco arrived in Ashland today to join Mr. Graham who recently purchased the Skateway. They are living at 137 Church street.

County's Newly Completed Farm Home in Operation

Jackson county's newly completed farm home was put into operation yesterday afternoon when patients were moved into the new building from the old frame structure that had served for so many years.

The new fire-proof building, which was turned over to the county by the contractor only last week, was ready with most of the new equipment and with a complete supply of clean linens and foodstuffs when the first patients were moved.

From the completely new kitchen to the attractive patients' reading room, the building offers the very finest in arrangement for comfort and convenience. Modern equipment, designed for most efficient operation is still being installed and the completed unit will be one of the finest of its kind to be found.

A visit through the kitchen with its vegetable preparation tables, meat block, milk pasteurization equipment and cold storage room impresses the visitor with the self sufficiency of the farm.

The building is constructed in a T shape with the administrative section in the center. Just off the reception or waiting room, which is to the right of the entrance is the office of the superintendent and next to that the doctors' library. The doctors examining room and dark room for fluoroscope are pleasant tone of color to the al-

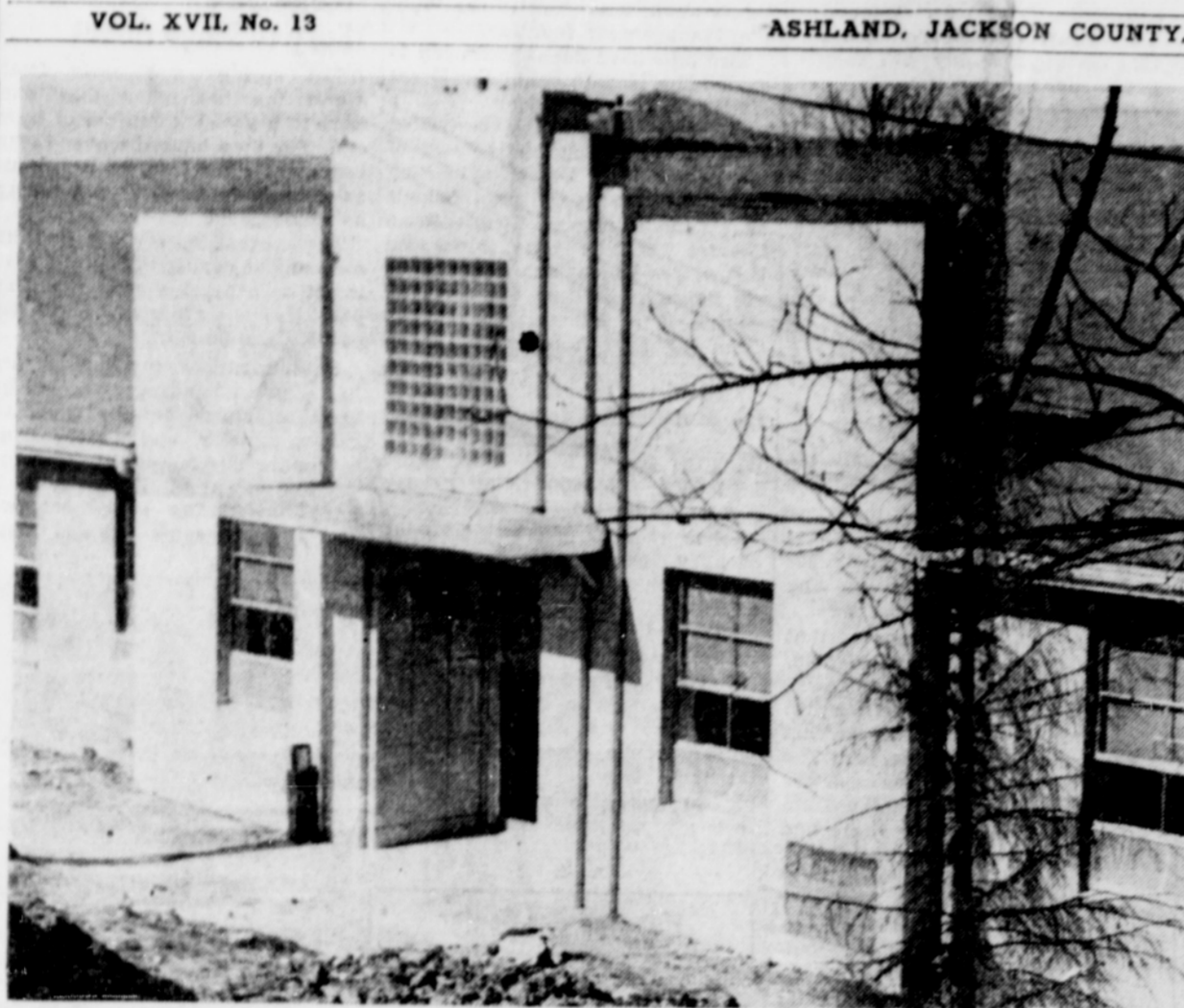
Patients rooms are two and four bed wards with lavatory facilities and individual closets. Draw drapes, which are sun proof and washable, are used throughout all rooms adding a pleasant tone of color to the already cheery, spotless appearance.

Efficiency, cleanliness, and order are apparent throughout, both in the construction of the building and in the operation of the home by Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Maust.

DR. BORDENS ENJOY FAMILY REUNION

Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Borden have been enjoying a visit from their son and his family from Provo, Utah, and have extended the family reunion by traveling to Oregon City for a three day visit with another son, John and his family.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Borden and son, Dennis, and daughter, Lynne, drove to Ashland from their home in Provo, where Mr. Borden is the field engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation. After several days here they went north, where this week their parents joined them for a Borden family house party.



Pictured above is the front entrance to the new Jackson county farm home, located on Highway 99 north of Ashland. At the right is a view of the back of the building.



Talent Jamboree Set for June 24

The second annual June jamboree sponsored by the Community club of Talent will be held Saturday, June 24. This year's celebration promises to be bigger and better than that of last year, according to Perry Winkle publicity chairman.

All civic groups are promoting their particular candidates for Queens and Cinderellas. Local car dealers and merchants as well as civic and fraternal organizations will erect booths along a "midway."

Prizes are being offered for the best floats, marching groups and costuming of entrants in the parade, with a children's division being given special publicity by the chairman, Ira Culver. He is asking for entries as well as prizes for the youngsters who will take part.

During the day there will be a typical county fair with special races for children and an "amateur hour." Those wishing to enter must register by writing Box 182, Talent.

The day's events will be climaxed by a big outdoors dance on the new tennis court.

Colorful Outdoor Ceremonies For Largest S.O.C. Graduating Class

The twenty-fourth commencement of Southern Oregon college was unique in that for the first time baccalaureate and graduation were combined in one service. It was also the first time that the ceremonies had been conducted in the open air, and it marked the largest graduating class from the college.

At the mid-afternoon commencement, a crowd of 1500 gathered around the Butler Memorial shell to witness the services that marked the completion of collegiate work for 172 graduates in the various courses. It was a most colorful procession which approached the bowl from among the green trees. Led by the candidates for degrees in their dark caps and gowns, the brilliantly hooded faculty made a vivid splash of contrast. The college band, under the direction of Glenn Matthews played Gounod's Processional for the entrance march, and followed it with the Star Spangled Banner.

Dr. Walter MacArthur, pastor of the 1st Methodist church of Roseburg, who had been chosen to deliver the baccalaureate sermon spoke on the subject "Born To Be King," using the

Perrine Electric Buys Property

The Kenneth Perrine Industrial Electric company yesterday announced purchase of the Third street building which has for so long been the center of controversy as a proposed fire station.

The deal, which has been hanging fire for sometime, was finally approved at the Tuesday night council meeting. Immediate remodeling and necessary changes will be made at once, Perrine said, so that operations may be transferred to the new location as soon as possible. The Third street building will be advantageous for the company which handles large motors and machinery and therefore needs ample loading and floor space.

Kenneth Perrine has been doing electrical work in Ashland for more than 15 years, specializing in the servicing of large motors of the type used in the mills. In addition to three full time employees in the plant, a salesman is employed full time in northern California.

June 19 Date Set For Shakespearean Festival Auditions

Auditions for the tenth annual Shakespearean festival will be held here June 19, it has been announced by Angus L. Bowmer, producing director of the festival plays.

John Cotton, Festival association president has urged everyone in Ashland to cooperate and lend a hand for what he terms will be the greatest festival season in history. Last year over 20,000 people from 46 different states witnessed the festival plays and the association reports that inquiries are now pouring in from all over the United States from persons interested in this year's festival.

The festival, together with summer courses offered by the Southern Oregon college, is attracting students from as far as New York, according to the committee.

Plays to be presented this year are Henry IV, part one; As You Like It; Antony and Cleopatra; and Comedy of Errors.

Assisting Bowmer this year as associate directors will be: Allen Fletcher, Purdue university; James Sandoe, University of Colorado; Dr. Curt Zimansky, Iowa state university; and Richard Graham, New York. Other members of the staff will be Carol Eller, Stanford university, dance instructor; Douglas Russell, Stanford university, costume director; and Otto Wilda, Southern Oregon college, art director.

Bowmer, Dr. Zimansky, Sandoe, Russell, Wilda, and Eller will all be on the SOC summer teaching staff in addition to their work on the festival.

Hutchinson On Ballot To Serve as School Director

A petition has been filed with the clerk of school district 5 to place the name of Robert Hutchinson on the ballot as a candidate to serve as a director for the next five years.

Chairman Paul R. Finnell has asked that his name be left off the ballot due to the fact that he finds it difficult to get away from his business the amount of time needed for membership on the board. Finnell was appointed during the school year of 1944-45 to serve out the unexpired term of R. I. Flaharty and that spring he was elected by the voters to serve a five year term. He has been chairman of the Board during the building program and has contributed much time to the local schools.

Robert J. Hutchinson lives at 397 Terrace street where he owns his home. He holds a degree in mechanical engineering from Oregon State college and is licensed by the state of Oregon to practice professional engineering. He is a local business man and is a member of Trinity church, Ashland Lodge No. 23 A. F. and A. M., and the Ashland Lions club. In 1935 he was married to Mildred Emmett who does a great deal of work for the youth of the community.

Friends and acquaintances of Hutchinson feel that he has much in the way of education and experience to contribute as a school board member.

Summer Tourist Program Planned For Two Counties

A two-county plan of cooperation to tell tourists about points of interest in southern Oregon is being planned by the Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass Chambers of Commerce, according to Doyle Seely, tourist host education chairman of the local chamber.

Plans to act as a unit were drawn up at a meeting in Medford last week.

The objective of the chambers is to educate residents of the two counties to recommend outstanding points of interest in the area.

Stansbury Elected Mayor by Action Of City Council

Phil Stansbury was unanimously elected mayor of Ashland by his fellow council members Tuesday night and will complete the unexpired term of Thomas Williams, who was recalled in the special election May 19.

Mark S. Hamaker and Fred A. Taylor were elected to fill vacancies on the council. Hamaker, a retired

Elected Mayor



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lumberman, succeeds Elmer E. Sheldon, who was also recalled May 19, and Taylor, a retired restaurant operator and former council member, will fill the vacancy created by the appointment of Stansbury as mayor.

Members of the council were apparently in agreement as to their selections and the appointment procedure ran smoothly. Each of the three were given their oath of office by city recorder John Austin and took their seats immediately after their election. Council Chairman Fred Holmes presided until the selection of Stansbury as mayor.

All three appointments will expire at the end of this year and all but one seat on the city council will be open in the November election. The appointments were the latest result of municipal political strife that has flared in Ashland for almost two years.

Councilmen Dick Niel and Emil Kroeger were appointed this spring to fill vacancies created by the recall of three members who were removed in an election held March 17. Sam Bailey was appointed to replace Harold Merrill who resigned. Fred Holmes is the only member of the present council who was elected to the position.

In other action the council accepted the resignation of Bert Day as street superintendent.

Ashland Lions to Aid in Convention

Ashland Lions club members will be taking an active part in the club's three day annual convention to be held in Medford beginning Sunday, according to Bob Snider, president. An estimated 1,000 or more Lions club members and their wives are expected to attend the convention this year.

Sight-seeing tours to Ashland and other points of interest in the valley will be conducted for guests by the Ashland Lions. Wayne Mirick, Leo Sohler and Owen Gragg head the committee in charge of arrangements.

The convention will get under way at 1 p.m. June 11, with registration at the Medford hotel, to be followed by the sight-seeing trips.

A western barbecue will be given at the Medford senior high school football field at 7:30 p.m. to be followed by band entertainment and marching.

Ashland Lions will entertain at the 7:30 breakfast Monday morning, featuring a skit from the Shakespearean festival and numbers by the Elks quartet.

Business sessions, election and installation of officers, the governor's banquet and ball, golf tournament and sight-seeing will complete the three-day schedule of events.

Hope Still Held For Highway Plan

Oregon representatives of Chambers of Commerce met last week with the state Highway commission in Portland to study a four-point improvement program, including Ashland and Jackson county road needs.

Although present road construction work in southern Oregon is confined to the Canyonville project, Lyndel Newby, president of the Ashland chamber, expressed the hope that a much needed local improvement may be undertaken this summer. The bottle-neck north entrance to the city on Billings hill has long been a traffic headache, especially during the winter months, he said.

CONGRATULATIONS and Best Wishes to the GRADUATES of 1950 From the eighth grade to the college—to each of you ... GOOD LUCK!