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Letter From
Washington...By Hon. Harris Ellsworth,
Congressman, 4th District

Once again we face the possibility that our normal supply of natural rubber will be shut off. This blow will not fall immediately, if at all, but we cannot ignore the fact that when and if the communists control Southeastern Asia — including Malaya — we will be back to the synthetic rubber days.

We learned before that the loss of our rubber supply was not intensely serious. We quickly learned to produce enough very good synthetic rubber. There was only one big defect in our synthetic rubber program during World War II — alcohol, the essential ingredient of synthetic, was made from food products including grain, sugar cane and potatoes. Food products also tend to become scarce when we are at war.

The real answer, and the one finally arrived at by the War Production Board, is to produce the needed alcohol from wood waste — sawdust from our western mills. But with the same care-free abandon that characterized many of their other acts during that period, the boyish optimists heading our Federal government dumped the Springfield plant into "surplus" as soon as the war was over. Some of us here in Washington did some hard battling to prevent the outright junking of the \$3,000,000 plant. Fortunately, it was not junked but was leased to people who are apportioning at least a part of it.

The blow to our rubber supply will not fall for a while. It might not fall at all. We have time to get ready for it. The government should proceed at once to get the wood-sugar alcohol process perfected and operating in the one plant. Then plans for quick construction of other plants, based upon the experience at Springfield, should be made ready for quick action.

I have already started to haunt the offices of the defense procurement people and the resources board urging such a program.

Not long ago Senator Chavez, chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Works, told a press association reporter that as soon as the Senate had acted upon the appropriations bill he would schedule hearings in the West on CVA. Upon making formal inquiry a few days later, I learned that the committee had not taken any action on the subject and I was subsequently told that there would be no CVA hearings in Oregon and Washington this year.

When the term of the special New York District Court Grand Jury expired June 15, it issued a lengthy and exceedingly interesting statement. Distorted by left-wing and pro-administration columnists and commentators, this document never did re-

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Activity Schedule
Filled at College

The week of July 10 will continue with a full schedule of activities at Southern Oregon college. Folk dancing will be enjoyed in the gymnasium Tuesday evening. The Wednesday assembly will be planned by the faculty members on summer staff at SOC. The regular Thursday tea hour will be observed at Susanne Homes hall at four o'clock.

Thursday, July 14 the dormitory social, under the direction of Mrs. Harry Skerry, will be enjoyed and the pack trip into the Seven Lakes basin will be conducted by Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of the college, on the weekend of July 15-16. Family night will be the regular Sunday night event.

Regular class instruction continues with this week being the mid-term examination period. Summer session which began June 19 will be concluded on August 11.

Summer Program
Attractive to All
Recreation Groups

Local law enforcement agencies, some of the realtors and not a few parents realize the value of the summer recreation program which is being conducted on a five day a week basis for the young people of the area. The publicity for the project has been carried by word of mouth praise far beyond the confines of Ashland and has already resulted in the addition of permanent residents to the city. Tourists are impressed with the constructive recreational program which is channeling the energies of hundreds of children and adolescents into healthy and worthwhile activities. From the first of July until the end of August this well rounded recreational set-up makes it possible for every young person, (and those not so young) to participate in some form of daily physical exercise or games.

Beginning each morning at 10 there are swimming classes at both the Helman pool and the Twin Plunges, with qualified and expert instructors in charge. From 10 to 10:30 is the beginners class followed at 10:30 by the intermediates, with the 11 o'clock period reserved for experienced swimmers. Every care and precaution is taken not only to train but to safe-guard the swimmers at the two pools. According to Col. Ben Waterbury who is in charge of the summer's entire recreational program, approximately 500 boys and girls are now taking advantage of the daily swimming classes.

The afternoon schedule varies somewhat from day to day with Hollis Hill and Mary Waterbury directing the games and other sports offered from Monday to Friday. Beginning with a junior archery class at the high school on Monday at 2 o'clock and followed by baseball and a senior class in archery at 6:30, the day ends with "pee-wee" baseball, two teams now playing similar clubs in a fast and furious series.

On Tuesday the pool schedule is the same while the afternoon is varied by creative dancing for little girls under Mary Waterbury and an evening class at 7:30 at the junior high, which is attracting not only many participants but crowds of interested spectators. At that hour Hollis Hill, who has gained renown throughout the state for his trampolin act with the Kilty band, conducts a class in wrestling, tumbling, pyramiding and other acrobatic drills.

The Wednesday program follows the same morning swim schedule followed in the afternoon with park playground games directed by Hollis Hill from 2 to 4, and by "pee-wee" baseball at 6:30. In the afternoon Mary Waterbury instructs the high school archery class from 2 to 4 and in the evening supervises the teenage square dance at the Briscoe school.

The usual morning program on Thursday is followed by baseball at the high school in the afternoon and at 8:30 the weekly adult square dance at the high school tennis courts which are being especially lighted for the dance. Friday classes are the same with the exception of junior archery from 2 to 4 and senior archery from 6:30 to 8.

Services Held for
Arthur E. Powell

Funeral services for Arthur E. Powell, editor and publisher of the Central Point American for the past nineteen years were conducted Monday at the Perl Funeral home in Medford with the Rev. L. H. Camp, pastor of the First Christian church, of Central Point, officiating. Interment took place in the Jacksonville cemetery. Central Point and Medford Legion posts participated in the services.

Mr. Powell was well known in the county, having served two terms as county commissioner. He was mayor of Central Point from 1939 to 1941.



A MOMENT OF RELAXATION between long hours of rehearsals is welcomed by Ruedi Vest, Ashland, Mary Jane Pitts, Portland, Bob Pender, Chicago, and Herb Greer, Fresno, members of the 10th annual Shakespearean Festival cast. All have parts in each of the four productions which will be presented this year August 2 through August 24.

June Employment
Shows Increase
In Jackson County

Employment continued to rise in Jackson county during the month of June and employment prospects for the summer appear to be good, the county office of the Oregon employment service reported.

An estimated 750 eligible workers were unemployed at the end of the month, according to the office's figures. This figure was 23 percent below May and 35 percent below last June.

The labor supply is expected to be adequate for the rest of the summer with the possible exception of the peak harvest season in September. The next sizeable increase in employment in the county will be at the start of the pear harvest in August, according to the report.

Swimming, Square
Dance Schedules
Announced by 'Y'

Starting July 18, the Y.M.C.A. swim periods at Helman Baths are scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Ray Fletcher, "Y" secretary announced Wednesday.

The swim periods are free to Y.M.C.A. members and are all supervised, he said.

The Y.M.C.A. square dance group will meet in the social room of the "Y" building Friday evening from 7:30 to 11:45 according to Ed Nelson and Sam Connor, instructors for the group.

Attendance during the past month has far exceeded expectations they reported. Instruction for new members is held at 7:30 and the regular dance session starts at 9 o'clock. Plans have been made to continue the weekly sessions throughout the summer. All dances are free and open to the public.

SOC AGAIN NAMED
ON ACCREDITED LIST

Southern Oregon college received word last week that it is again on the accredited list of the American association of Colleges for Teacher Education. Requirements that must be met include standards of curriculum, facilities and faculty.

The only deficiency noted was the number of books available for reference and circulation in the library. With the present allotment of over \$3000 for needed books, the facilities of the college will be entirely satisfactory, the national examining board reported.

Tourist Promotion
Plans Told Kiwanis

Oregon's tourist business is its third industry in dollar volume and is growing each year, Ray Clark of Medford told Kiwanis club members at their meeting at the Elks dining room Monday noon. Clark is chairman of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce tourist committee.

Many agencies are at work throughout the state interesting tourists in coming to Oregon and it is up to the people to take care of these visitors when they arrive, they said.

Records of the state highway department show that most of Oregon's tourists come from California. Washington sends the second largest number and Illinois third. Ashland is well situated from the tourist standpoint, he pointed out, because of the many nearby tourist attractions and the possibility that many visitors will pass through here to or from California.

Chamber of Commerce representatives from this area decided at a meeting in Grants Pass recently to work together on tourist promotion and pool their efforts to attract more people to this section of the state.

It was decided that one of the finest tourist attractions of the area that has been overlooked in the past is Jacksonville and that most of the promotion will be directed towards publicizing the town as a historic landmark. Primary point of interest for tourists will be the Jacksonville museum, which will formally open August 5.

Clark stated that the Jacksonville promotion will mean thousands of dollars to the business people of Oregon if tourists can be encouraged to spend just one additional half-day in the state.

GOP Picnic Set
For Wednesday

The Republican Get-together Wednesday July 19 at Lithia Park will draw families from all of Jackson county as well as the party leaders and candidates for office at the fall election. The Medford and Ashland units of the Republican Women will be the official hostesses for the picnic and will provide the coffee, rolls and ice-cream. Everyone is expected to bring one or more main dishes, together with individual table service and be on hand for a 6 o'clock dinner in upper Lithia park.

Rodney Keating of Ashland, who is the new vice-chairman of the county central committee, will preside over the informal gathering. He has issued a general invitation to all Republicans in the area to join in the festivities.

First Lecture by
Dr. Bailey to be
Presented Friday

First in the series of three Shakespearean lectures by Dr. Margery Bailey of Stanford University will be held at the Esquire theatre in Medford Friday evening according to Mrs. I. E. Schuler, who is in charge of arrangements.

Dr. Bailey will appear at the theatre again Monday evening and on Sunday will be presented at the "Bard's Heyday" program at the Alfred S. V. Carpenter home, where a reception will be held in her honor. Mrs. J. P. Tobin of Medford is general chairman of the Sunday program.

Proceeds from the lecture series and party will be used to create a scholarship fund for participants in the Oregon Shakespearean festival. The fund will be administered by a board representing the Medford sponsoring group working with the festival association board of directors.

Tickets for the series are available in Ashland at the chamber of commerce.

Dr. Bailey is well known here, having participated in the 1949 festival as an academic consultant. She also appeared in last year's production of "Romeo and Juliet."

Bigger Enrollment
Expected at SOC

Indications point to the largest freshman class in the history of Southern Oregon college next fall, according to estimates made by college officials.

The June graduating class was the largest so far and officials had expected enrollment to start to drop next year. However, with July 1951 set as the expiration date for enrollment of veterans under the education benefits bill, many have indicated their intentions of enrolling this fall. Applications for veterans' housing still far outnumber facilities available.

A college spokesman stated that the expected decline will probably hold true in larger universities, but regional and teacher education colleges now expect an overall increase. The relatively lower cost of education in a state college and the need for teachers at the elementary level were given as primary reasons for the expected growth.

Mrs. Vernice Eberlein and son Neal and Mrs. Vera Petrick of Klamath Falls motored to Ashland Sunday returning home on Monday. They visited at the home of Mrs. Eberlein's parents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zetman of Iowa street.

Festival Activities
Outlined by Cotton

A report on preparations for the 10th annual Shakespearean Festival was given by John Cotton, festival association president, at the regular meeting of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce at the Elks club Tuesday noon.

Cotton reported that publicity on the festival is now under way and transcribed radio announcements to be heard starting next week, have been mailed to all stations in the northwest. Billboards advertising the Rogue river valley and the festival are now up in Washington, Oregon and California.

The festival association is hoping for national coverage in Quick magazine and 61 pictures were submitted to the publishers earlier this week. Two drama critics, Nat Lund of the Seattle Times and John Hobart of the San Francisco Chronicle, have indicated they will cover the festival plays for their papers.

Herb Larson of Portland Oregonian and Arnold Marks of the Oregon Journal also will cover the festival.

Angus Bowmer, producing director and originator of the festival, reported that rehearsals are being held each afternoon and evening and said that anyone who wishes to watch is welcome at the theater. Bowmer was enthusiastic about this year's productions and said that many more experienced actors are taking part this season.

"Each year we are maturing as a producing group," he said. Cotton reported that letters were mailed Tuesday to all former subscribers to the festival. Season membership tickets are available again this year and will be on sale at the Ashland Chamber of Commerce until July 29, he said. The tickets, which are transferrable, entitle the members to eight admissions for \$10.

Banners have been purchased to decorate the rim of the theatre and downtown window decorations are expected to arrive next week. A mop fair will be included as a part of the program this year to add color and interest.

A civic banquet will be held the opening night to honor notable out-of-town visitors. Reservations for the banquet may be secured from the Chamber of Commerce, Cotton said.

The Shakespearean booster group presented the skit they have been giving for service clubs throughout southern Oregon and northern California to publicize the festival.

Guests at the meeting were Dr. Paul C. Packer, chancellor and Dr. Charles D. Byrne, secretary of the state system of higher education.

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FUND PROPOSED TO
BUY DECORATIONS
FOR CITY STREETS

Refund checks will soon be mailed to all subscribers to the July 4th fund, according to the committee composed of Henry Mayor Phil Stansbury. The July 4th fund, according to the checks will amount to 26 per cent.

Committee members announced that contributors could endorse their checks back to the committee to build a fund for the purchase of new street banners for the city. Banners used during the Fourth celebration are now 20 years old, they pointed out.

Stansbury said that if all checks are returned, approximately 15 strings of banners could be purchased.

Refund checks may be mailed to July Fourth Committee, Box 125, Ashland.

Balance Plan On
November Ballot

Marshall Swearingen, Oregon Farm Bureau, was elected to head the second half of the "Balanced Plan" apportionment battle, at a meeting after filing the petition July 5. Swearingen received the chairmanship in recognition of his director of the petition campaign, and efforts to maintain the bi-partisan stand of the committee. He was empowered to appoint members of the bi-partisan committee.

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