

Letter From Washington...

By Hon. Harris Ellsworth,
Congressman, 4th District

The propaganda line regarding the request for economic controls sent to Congress by the President was that he had asked for only "limited controls." I note that idea has been generally accepted by nearly everyone as a fact. I have not altered my own opinion one whit regarding the President's Control Bill, H. R. 9176. It places more power in the hands of the President than he ever should have under any circumstances. It was very strange, however, the way the "limited controls" propaganda angle back-fired. Apparently the Administration idea was to soothe the people and not excite them. But the people of America are too keen to fall for such pap. The immediate reaction to the request for the alleged limited controls plan ran something like this: "Freeze everything and control everything or don't control anything. We want no favorites played this time."

Seemingly stunned by this unexpected roar, the President and his Congressional leaders forthwith presented the House with a bill calling for price control, wage control and rationing.

If the situation is viewed calmly there really is no reason for enacting a law placing economic control in the hands of the President if our military action is confined to Korea. Existing war powers, which are still in force, plus requisitioning powers carried in the Selective Service Act are ample to meet any problem arising from the Korean trouble. Unfortunately, there is general world tension. It seems we must hope for the best and be prepared for the worst.

The shortage of freight cars is causing industries to close down and causing considerable unemployment in Oregon now. The situation may become worse before improvement begins. One substantial glimmer of hope comes from the fact that the car builders have recently received orders for 100,000 new freight cars. These cars will be paid for and owned by some large insurance companies as investments. They will be leased to the railroads. I have not heard that the Southern Pacific Railroad will receive any of these cars now being produced. I hope, however, that if the S. P. does not take any of the financed cars it will order some for its own account.

Incidentally, the car shortage is not local to western Oregon now. A letter to me from the head of the Bureau of Service of the Interstate Commerce Commission recently carried this sentence in the concluding paragraph: "We are facing one of the worst country-wide car shortages in my experience and it is not improving, and will not for some time, if at all." That is pretty discouraging but one thing is certain, we cannot let the transportation system of this country bog down for lack of freight cars. The government can and will build some freight cars if that becomes necessary.

Local 4-H Clubs Hold Fair Today

Bellview and Valley View 4-H clubs are holding their annual local fair today (Thursday) at the Fred Engel farm, two miles south of Ashland on highway 99.

The public is invited to attend the show, which is being held in preparation for the county 4-H fair August 21.

Livestock judging is scheduled this morning, with classes in livestock showmanship and home economics demonstrations in the afternoon. A luncheon will be served at noon.

Following an annual custom, the Ashland Rotary club will hold its regular noon meeting at the fair.

Ashland Rebekahs Plan To Celebrate Founding

Rebekahs of the Ashland lodge are planning for the 70th anniversary celebration of the order which will take place on the evening of August 29. Many past officers of the Grand Lodge as well as members from all of southern Oregon are expected to attend the meeting which will be held in the I.O.O.F. hall with the local members as hostesses for the occasion.

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Civilian Defense Now Under Study By City Council

A civilian defense program for Ashland has been under study by the city council for the past two weeks and complete plans will be announced by the council in the near future, Mayor Phil Stansbury said today.

Stansbury said the Civil Defense act is being studied in order to determine the city's responsibility and to plan the type of organization that will be necessary in case of an emergency.

Col. Ben T. Waterbury has been selected to head the defense program and will be assisted by a deputy director and various committee chairmen.

It is planned that city departments and volunteer groups will be moulded into an organization which will be able to cover every phase of an emergency here, the mayor said.

Ashland doctors and nurses have already volunteered their services.

Bellview School Addition Planned; Bids Due Aug. 28

Plans to enlarge the Bellview school were announced Wednesday by Leland P. Linn, superintendent of schools. Bids for construction of a new classroom have been called for August 28 with work to start immediately afterward, Linn reported.

He said the school board has been conducting a survey of school population in the area and found added facilities are necessary. Some time ago Stokes and Allyn, architects, were asked to work out plans and specifications for the addition.

The new room will be equipped as a primary unit and will be similar to other rooms recently completed. It will be located across the hall from the present sixth grade room and will harmonize with the existing building.

Linn said the board felt contractors will have ample time to submit bids by August 28. Construction will have to be completed during the school year and temporary arrangements will be made to house the new class until the addition is completed.

Approximately 120 students will attend Bellview school this year according to the board's survey of the district. Paul Retter will continue as principal of the school.

Thousands Visit Gold Rush Jubilee

Jacksonville, Aug. 9 — History of Jackson county was relived and retold last week end when an estimated 12,000 to 20,000 visitors jammed the tiny town of Jacksonville for the third annual Gold Rush Jubilee.

The importance of Jacksonville as the historical center of the county was indicated by the visitors' register in the Jacksonville museum, which recorded a total of 1,418 visitors Saturday and 2,828 Sunday.

Dr. Arthur S. Taylor, Southern Oregon college history professor and a student of the early day background of Jackson county was principal speaker on the Sunday morning program. Dr. Taylor also collaborated on the historic pageant presented Saturday night.

Lighter entertainment was given by the Ashland Kilty band, which made an appearance as part of the Sunday afternoon program, with Hollis Hill's dancers and tumblers.

The Ashland barbershop harmony quartet and Medford 4-K quartet tied for first place in that contest. Miss Jesse Mackie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McNair, Ashland, placed third in the contest for queen of the jubilee. Ashland's Pee Wee baseball teams played Jacksonville in a double-header Saturday afternoon.

Members of the Ashland Lions club operated a concessions stand during the two days.



PRODUCING DIRECTOR of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival, Angus L. Bowmer of Southern Oregon college, is perhaps the busiest man in Ashland during August. In addition to general supervision of the entire festival production, he personally directs "As You Like It" and plays the part of Falstaff in "King Henry IV, Part One."

Horse Races Set For Local Track Sunday Afternoon

A six-event horse race program will be presented at the Ashland rodeo grounds Sunday, August 13 by the Ashland racing committee, according to Walt Hamby, committee chairman.

The show, which will feature thoroughbred and quarter horses, will be the first of its kind to be held here, Hamby said. Other members of the committee are Buzz Hamby, Lowell Fowler, and Joe Jessel.

Scheduled events include quarter mile, stock saddle, curb bit, three-eighths mile, open race, one-half mile, quarter mile, three eighths mile; and three-quarter mile.

The total purse is to be \$500 plus all entries and is expected to attract horsemen from all parts of the state. Matched races to be run between events may be arranged if owners will contact the committee in advance, Hamby said.

Nine matched races, including a re-run of the contested Fourth of July race, have already been scheduled.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Albert are making an extended trip through the east and will be gone for another two or three weeks according to word received from Chicago.

Horace Heidt to Appear August 15

Horace Heidt and his "Youth Opportunity Show" will appear at the Medford high school stadium next Tuesday at 8 p.m. under sponsorship of the Medford Active club.

The show will bring such stars as Ralph Sigwald, Pierce Knox, the Pepperettes, Jesse Owens and Bea Jay.

Three local contestants, Keith R. Mirick, 16, cornetist and Raoul Breazeale, 18, baritone, both of Medford and Anita Heckert, 17, pianist, Jacksonville, were selected in auditions last week to appear on the show. They will be competing for cash prizes and an opportunity to appear on the coast-to-coast broadcast from Oakland August 20.

Proceeds of the program will be used by the Active club for their youth program.



HORACE HEIDT

Draft Board to Fill New Quota From First Call

Medford, Aug. 9—Chairman Guy Applegate of the Jackson county selective service board said today that the increased draft quota for the county, 6 to 16, will be filled from the original 43 men being called this week for pre-induction physical examinations in Eugene.

A second call for 86 men to report for their first physicals beginning September 11 has been received at board headquarters here but the number of men scheduled to be drafted from that number is not yet known.

Applewhite also pointed out today that men desiring to enlist in their chosen branch of the service rather than wait to be drafted cannot be accepted by the recruiting officers after orders to report for pre-induction physicals have been received from the draft board. Enlistment must have been completed before that time.

Experiences With Soviets Described By Col. Broedlow

The American people should not be misled into thinking their soldiers are entirely immune to psychological warfare, Col. Rudolph W. Broedlow of Medford told Kiwanis members at their meeting at the Elks club Monday noon.

Conduct of the people at home has a great deal to do with the soldiers' morale and an enemy is always on the alert to distort any facts for use in their barrage of propaganda, he said.

Col. Broedlow, who recently retired from the army, served as commanding officer of the 361st Infantry during World War II. Following VE day he became commander of troops in Trieste, Italy, and later, liaison officer for occupation forces in Vienna, Austria.

Col. Broedlow commented on the Korean situation, pointing out possible lines of action which might be taken by the Soviets, based on his observations of them in post-war Europe.

Sherman Hadley was named captain of the softball team that will meet the Medford Kiwanis club at the Medford high school field 7:30 Friday evening. The Medford club has reportedly promised to furnish the watermelon, win or lose.

Guests at the meeting included Dick House and Vic Milnes, Kiwanians from Medford, Bob Blair, Kiwanian from North Bend, Dr. J. W. Bradshaw and George Felger.

District Court Opened Today Does Not Replace Ashland Justice of Peace

Medford, Aug. 9 — Today's county court order establishing a district court to replace the Medford justice court will not affect Mrs. Nelle Burns' Ashland justice court area except to enlarge it, it was learned here today.

The county court order simultaneously abolished the old boundaries of the three justice court districts — Medford, Ashland and Gold Hill — and established new boundaries for the two remaining districts.

The county has been divided approximately in half with the northern portion designated as the Gold Hill district, and the southern half as the Ashland district, excepting that part that lies within the corporate limits of the city of Medford.

The dividing line is the township line between townships 36 and 37 south.

The new district court in Medford will, however, have concurrent jurisdiction over the entire county for cases within its province. Civil cases involving damages up to \$1,000 can be submitted to the district court compared to a claim limit of \$250.00 in the justice courts.

County Clerk George R. Carter said today petitions have been filed in his office for the nomination of Rawles Moore, Medford attorney, as district judge. Carter says a total of 608 signatures must be obtained by the August 15 deadline to place Moore's name on the November ballot.

State law requires that district judges be members of the bar association. W. P. Tucker, who has been justice of the peace, will serve, however, until an attorney is elected.

All civil proceedings to come before the district court will now be filed with the county clerk in the same manner as now observed in the circuit court. Carter's salary will be increased \$50 per month.

The court order establishing the county's first district court and revising the justice court boundaries is effective at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, August 10. It was issued to conform to state law requiring district courts in county seats of counties with more than 50,000 population and less than 200,000. Preliminary census figures for Jackson county are 57,831.

Fairyland Forest Lives Again in 'As You Like It'

When Shakespeare wrote As You Like It, he created a fairyland Forest of Arden. Under the skilled direction of Angus Bowmer, that fairyland lives again in the Oregon Shakespearean Festival Association's 1950 production of the famous comedy. To recreate this little world of unreality where "romance and common sense might meet," Director Bowmer used actors, costumes, lights, music, and stage effects in such tasteful blending that this reviewer is inclined to say the total picture was one of elegant simplicity.

Otto Wilda, art director; Jack Beardsley, technical assistant; Douglas Russell, costumes; Carol Eller, dance director; William Patton, lights; John E. Taylor and Herb Greer, music; and Robert A. Scothorn assisted by Kenneth Green as stage manager cooperated in the best staging this writer has ever witnessed on the Chautauqua stage. Like all good technical work, it never detracted from the actors but rather afforded them a complimentary background. The only jarring note was the heavy tread of some of the wood nymphs.

During the opening scenes, Miss Addy Lane as Rosalind had trouble projecting but as the play progressed her voice came more clearly and by the time she arrived in the Forest of Arden she was truly the intelligent, fun-loving Rosalind of Shakespeare's poetry. Don Gunderson's characterization of Orlando made full use of Mr. Gunderson's fine stage voice and at times he seemed to be a trifle unsure; possibly the bard's Orlando felt unsure at the same places. Certainly, Mr. Gunderson's lovestruck Orlando was fine prey for Miss Lane's dilating.

Richard Graham Pleases Richard Graham gave one of his best Ashland performances as Jacques, the melancholy noble. Too many actors portray Jacques as truly melancholy whereas Graham's character had the poised melancholy of fashion. One could have preferred Herb Greer's Touchstone to have been more sharply defined with better understanding of Shakespeare's shattering humor. His scenes with the low comedy characters, particularly the country wench, were very humorous.

Miss Norma Jean Snell, a Medford high school student, presented a lovely Celia who kept pace with the more experienced portrayals and surpassed many in clarity of voice and projection.

Two spots of special enjoyment were the singing of John E. Taylor and the small but vigorous conductor of the instrumental group. Other members of the well rounded cast are The Banished Duke, Hal Burdick Jr.; First Lord, George Eckstein; Second Lord, Kenneth Green; Duke Frederick, Paul G. Wexler; LeBeau, Alfred Wheeler; Charles the wrestler, Richard Haag; Oliver, Allen Fletcher; Adam, Nicholas Gilroy; Dennis, Rudolph Vest Jr.; Silvius, William Patton; Corin, Alfred Wheeler; Phebe, Mary Jane Pitts; William, John Manlove; Audrey, Trubee Joy Bell; Sir Oliver Martext, Jay Pender; Hy-men, Richard G. Smith; Lords, Carl Ritchie and George Bell.

Curtain Pages were Robene Starcher and Carol Ellison whose authentic vocal duet was well received. The dance group consisted of Carol Eller, Delores Bagley, Caryl Brown, Ann Guilbert, Anne Lawder, Barbara Lewis, Jeanne Love, Jane McArthur, Pat Norman and Terry Sylliaasen.

In summing up As You Like It, this reviewer says, "If you can, see all four plays, but by all means don't miss As You Like It. It is this year's outstanding production."

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gerbich and son, who have been spending a three week's vacation with Mrs. Gerbich's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harrison of Vista street, left this morning for their home in Corte Madera, Marin county, Calif.

Improvements To School Buildings Near Completion

School ground improvements received major emphasis at the regular meeting of the district No. 5 school board Monday evening.

E. C. Dodson of Ashland was awarded the contract to build a retaining wall back of the Princeton school. The wall is to be 20 feet from the gymnasium and will run to where the play shed formerly stood. Two sets of stairs in the wall are planned to connect the building level with the play area.

The sprinkling system at Briscoe school has been completed and the grass will be planted soon, according to Leland P. Linn, superintendent of schools.

Work planned for Lincoln school includes black-top for the driveways and certain play areas. All first floor classrooms in the older part of the Lincoln school have been sanded. Sanding has also been completed at the senior and junior high school buildings.

Work on the school warehouse near the high school athletic field is nearing completion with Elmer South and crew doing the work. The building is just above the Southern Pacific track and will be used to store equipment and supplies.

Linn announced today that all city schools will open September 11, the Monday after Labor day. Teachers will report September 5 and principals will go on duty August 23.

Bids Asked For Post Office Site

Preliminary steps for the selection of a site for Ashland's proposed \$215,000 post office were taken this week with the call for sealed bids for sale or donation of property, according to Postmaster E. E. Vail.

Although funds are not yet available for construction of the building, selection of the site and preparation of architects drawings will proceed now, Vail said. The authorization of \$215,000 approved last month is to represent the total cost, including acquisition of land.

Bids will be opened here September 6, Vail said, and federal inspectors are expected to select a location some time after that.

Corner lots 180 feet deep with 120 foot frontage or interior lots 180 feet deep with 140 foot frontage are preferred and lots with different frontages must have approximately the same area, according to instructions from the public building service.

Circulars giving full particulars and instructions for preparation of bids are available at the post office.

Siskiyou Highway Most Expensive

Maintenance of Oregon highways cost \$11,440 in 1949, according to a report made by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer.

Most costly maintenance was for the section of the Pacific highway from Ashland to the California line. This section cost the state \$7,302 a mile, Baldock said.

Least expensive maintenance was on several sections of eastern Oregon highways which cost less than \$500 a mile.

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