

Letter From Washington...

By Hon. Harris Ellsworth,
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As this is written war news from Korea is still gloomy. We are down to the 5-yard line exerting all our power to force the invaders back. Meanwhile a great silence blasts our ears from the U. S. State Department. Until June 25th all but a few determined individuals down there appeared to have forgotten all about Asia and the Pacific and were entranced with interesting activities in Europe. Then suddenly the fragment of Far-Eastern policy developed by those few was reversed and we began to oppose the march of communism in Asia. Now what? If we win the bloody war in Korea do we attempt to rebuild Korea from the 38th parallel south? Or do we march on thru North Korea and attempt to actually unify that unfortunate country? What about Formosa? Our present policy is to quarantine that island until the communists have concentrated enough invasion barges and soldiers on the Chinese mainland to stage a landing on Formosa and capture it. What do we do then — have some more Americans killed in attempting to repel an invasion we are now encouraging?

To say that I have lost confidence in the Secretary of State and all his works is an understatement. I think we need a house-cleaning there from the top down.

Aside from necessary time spent on the floor of the House during the consideration of legislation, which always takes first priority in this work, I have been devoting a great deal of my time these last several weeks attempting to help promote some improvement in the car shortage. The outlook has been, and still is, discouraging. It has become a national problem now not just a problem local to the Pacific States.

Recently I introduced a resolution in the House to direct the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to investigate the car shortage, and after investigation and study bring to Congress its suggestions for relieving the shortage. Whether or not the House takes formal action on this resolution, the committee has been studying the matter. I presented the resolution more for the purpose of attracting the attention of all the membership to the problem. As a matter of fact, I appeared before our subcommittee on Transportation back in January and requested a full-scale study of the car supply problem by the committee. There seemed no need for action then but 2 days of hearings were held on the subject this spring. Nothing much developed from the hearings except the statement of Colonel J. Monroe Johnson, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, that the car supply on American railroads was decreasing and that there would be a shortage. His suggestion of a solution was that the government build some freight cars for emergency use in times of peak loading. I am now having a bill drafted which will carry out that general idea. It will be introduced in a few days.

The House of Representatives will shortly go on a recess basis. It is now pretty well determined that no new legislation other than what may be necessary to deal with strictly emergency and thus far unforeseen problems will be considered. Members who live reasonably near Washington will be able to go to their homes for a couple of weeks but I expect I shall have to stay here until some conference reports are completed. Practically everything requested by the President as the result of the war situation will have been acted upon by September 2. As of now, it has been determined that Congress will not formally adjourn until very late in the year. It will merely jog along on a recess basis, which means that all members can be called into session on 24 hours notice.

PAUL MARTIN TO PLAY FOR ELKS DANCE ON SATURDAY

The Paul Martin orchestra and its famous "Melodies in the Martin Manner" will be featured from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday night at the Elks club at a special dance to be held for lodge members and their invited guests, according to Sid Reed, secretary.

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YMCA Activities Interest Members During Summer

The Ashland YMCA has been a busy place during the three months of summer vacation. A recent report to the board of directors shows a large participation in all summer program activities this year.

Weekly movies held in the social room of the "Y" building each Wednesday afternoon proved the most popular activity with a total summer attendance of over 1,000.

Over 80 boys took part in the YMCA swim periods held twice each week at Helman Baths. Total attendance for the six week period was 470. The "Y" craft program, which included adults as well as boys and girls, continued through the summer months with a total attendance of 168.

The square dance group held 12 sessions during the summer with a total attendance of 478. Facilities of the game room were taxed to capacity with an average daily attendance of over 45 boys and girls.

The report also shows a substantial increase in memberships over a year ago. Total attendance at summer program activities this year was 2,184 boys, girls and adults. Total attendance in the game room, which was open daily except Sundays, was 3,220 boys and girls during the three month period.

Model of Proposed Capital Buildings To be Seen Here

Ashland residents will have an opportunity to see a model of the capitol group of buildings as proposed for the state of Oregon in Salem beginning August 26 when the miniature goes on display at the Southern Oregon News Review.

The 1949 legislative assembly created the Capitol Planning commission to make and adopt a long range plan of development of the capitol area in the city of Salem. The purpose of the plan is to enhance and preserve the beauty and dignity of the capitol area and permanently to secure such area from commercial and industrial encroachment.

Preliminary plans as developed by the Capitol Planning commission are shown on the model to be displayed here and includes an area lying to the north of, and facing, the state capitol.

To give citizens of Oregon an opportunity to see the scale model of the buildings and surrounding area, the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association, of which this newspaper is a member, is sponsoring a state-wide tour of the model which will be on display here until August 31.

Traffic Deaths in August Claim 18

Salem, Aug. 23. — Oregon's mid-August traffic death toll has surpassed the number recorded at the same time last month, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry reported Friday. July deaths reached 53 at the latest count, the heaviest loss for that month in the state's history.

August accidents thus far have claimed 18 lives as against ten in mid-July. Fourteen were killed in smash-ups taking place on rural roadways, most of them the result of collisions or loss of control at high speed.

Newberry said the 1950 toll to date is 212 dead. He warned that the Labor Day weekend, extending four days for many persons, will bring still another period of acute highway danger and appealed for redoubled alertness on the part of drivers and pedestrians alike.

Visitors Arrive for Church Jubilee Week-end Meeting

The entire city of Ashland and many surrounding communities will participate in the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the First Presbyterian church of this coming week end. Other local congregations are planning to attend the meetings and services which are scheduled for the three day home-coming. Many out-of-town visitors are expected to arrive before the opening day and to remain until after the Monday evening rededication banquet.

While the general committee is busy putting the final touches on the church building and the hostesses are polishing up the silver and planning the sight-seeing trips, attics are being scoured for old relics and costumes of the 70s. The Saturday evening opening meeting will be of particular interest to those who have lived in Ashland since early days, as pictures of the original church, the charter members and the founding pastor, Father Moses Williams, will be on display. Rev. Lawrence Mitchelmore of North Bend has prepared a pictorial history of the church which will be shown by slides. Following the program the Martha Gillette Guild will be hostesses at a reception to which all are invited.

Sunday has been designated as a "Day of Worship" beginning with the church school at 9:45 in the morning and followed by the Communion service at which Dr. Mark L. Koehler will

preach the sermon on the subject, "The Church Marches On." Rev. Hugh Mitchelmore, and other returned ministers, will assist in the administration of the Communion and special music will be presented by the choir with Robert C. Wright as soloist. Ashland ministers will join in the Sunday evening service, with Rev. Herbert J. Doran pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Vancouver, Wash., preaching the sermon on the subject "Redeeming Our Heritage."

Monday will be a day of renewing old friendships and a day devoted to socializing in the community. Members of the Women's Association are in charge of courtesy cars so that the visitors may see Ashland and the surrounding territory. At 6:30 the Anniversary dinner will be served by the Mariners club with a special table reserved for the descendants of the charter members of the church.

A musical program has been planned to follow the dinner after which an informal time of greetings and singing will be enjoyed. The evening will close with a service of rededication and reconsecration as the church enters its last quarter century.

Saturday, August 26, Historical day. Registration begins at 1 p.m.

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What Becomes of The Actors?

For ten summer weeks Ashland has seen and enjoyed the temporary company of an interesting group of young and aspiring students. Some have held university faculty positions while others are at the beginning of their collegiate work. It was impossible to personally interview all of them but the following information discloses the fact that without exception they are planning their lives about the stage in some form.

The romantic climax of the present season is of course the wedding of Suzanne La Marre and Phillip Hanson Friday morning at 9:30 at the Trinity Episcopal church, when all of their friends are invited to attend the ceremony. Both of the young people have been identified with the Festival for the past three years and will continue their dramatic work at the University of Illinois.

Mary Jane Pitts of Portland, one of the youngest in years, but not in experience, will enter Stanford university this fall where she will major in drama.

Addy Lane of Salem will also attend Stanford where she will work for her master's degree, in preparation for the legitimate stage.

Terry Syllaasen, who graduated in June from the University of Washington, expects to go east where she will be active in professional stage work during the winter. Clara Daniels of Medford, who is a Mills college graduate, will continue with her radio programs and college and civic theatre work in the valley.

Bob Pender of Chicago plans to continue his studies with further stage experience in the Little Theatre movement in southern California, taking a fling at Hollywood and the Pasadena Playhouse.

Paul Wexler, who is a university senior this year, has plans for a professional stage career following his graduation.

Rudi Vest of Ashland who is a sophomore at S. O. C. will doubtless be seen in many collegiate roles during the coming year.

Without exception those interviewed were enthusiastic over their Festival experience.

LITHIA PARK VESPER SERVICE AUGUST 27, 5:30

The service this week will be conducted by the Presbyterian church as a part of its 75th Anniversary observance.

SP to Purchase New Freight Cars

Plans for buying or building an additional 5000 freight train cars and 46 diesel electric locomotives were announced by Southern Pacific, President A. T. Mercier, announced in Portland this week.

The new equipment will raise to 28,630 the total number of new freight train cars and 350 the total number of diesel electric locomotives for Southern Pacific since end of World War II, Mercier reported. The company expects builders to begin delivering the new equipment in the first half of next year.

The freight equipment purchase program includes 3500 box cars, 1100 gondolas, 250 covered hopper cars, 100 open hopper cars and 50 cabooses, Mercier said.

Picnicking Dems Hear Candidates

Jackson county Democrats gathered at TouVelle state park last Sunday in the largest picnic ever held by the Democrats in the area according to old-timers. In addition to a bountiful meal, the picnickers were regaled with campaign speeches reminiscent of by-gone days of fiery oratory.

Austin Flegel scored what he termed the "do nothing policy" of Governor McKay and pledged himself, if elected, to carry out the 1948 mandate of the Oregon voters for an intermediate juvenile penal institution. "When I am governor," he declared, "there will be no more imprisonment of 17 year old youths with hardened criminals in the pen."

Howard Morgan, Democratic candidate for State Labor Commissioner continued Flegel's attack upon the state GOP administration, declaring that it was time for a change. Dave Shaw, Gold Beach attorney who is contending with Ellsworth for Congress, assailed the incumbent for both his domestic and his foreign policies.

Other candidates who spoke were Howard Latourette for U. S. Senate, L. Peers Wilmett, who is running for state senator from Jackson county and Bob Rucker, campaigning for state representative.

Democratic National Committeeman Monroe Sweetland, spoke, as did state chairman W. L. Josslin, Mrs. Gladys Last, Walter Pearson and Walter Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beattie and daughters Margaret and Virginia of Oregon City spent the week end in Ashland attending two of the Shakespearean plays and visiting with friends. Saturday they were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Borden.

Success Story

Tenth Festival Season Receives Press Boquets

An indication of the popularity and success of this year's Shakespearean Festival is given by these notes taken from newspapers and magazines that have covered the performances.

Richard E. Hay in the Seattle Times: "Theatricality, one of the outstanding events of the summer in the northwest is the annual Shakespearean Festival."

John Hobart in the San Francisco Chronicle: "... a unique project that is rapidly becoming a theater event of national interest."

Quick Magazine: "Ashland's festival, a non-profit civic venture, offers a rarity: Shakespearean plays produced in Shakespeare's own style."

Arnold Marks in the Oregon Journal: "... Ashland has become America's shrine to the great British playwright."

Herb Larson in the Oregonian: "One of Oregon's outstanding cultural events, the 10th annual Shakespearean Festival of Ashland."

Chris Kowitz Jr. in the Salem Capital Journal: "Ashland's

Superb Performances Increase 'Antony and Cleopatra' Popularity

BY FAITH McCULLOUGH

Antony and Cleopatra in its superb casting and costuming has steadily risen in popularity with the 1950 festival audiences. The famous historical love tragedy is familiar to almost everyone and it has certainly lost nothing in its direction by James Sandoe, who has become a vital part of the festivals in the past seasons, as an actor and a director. However, the four star cast has in large measure been responsible for the growing popularity of a play which many predicted would draw the smallest attendance. After the first dress rehearsal the word was noised about that a new "find" was cast in the role of the ill-fated Mark Antony, that the young Minnesota newcomer, Don Gunderson, was a natural for the part and that his diction and appearance would merit the critics approval. All the predictions have been fulfilled during a four play schedule in which Gunderson carried the leading role in three.

Competition has been keen in Antony and Cleopatra because of the stars in the other parts who have presented faultless performances. Richard Graham, who is in his third festival season, is a popular choice for first honors and is deserving of special mention as the faithful and finally broken-hearted Enobarbus. His interpretation of the loyal soldier is a moving one and shows more depth of emotion, in voice and action than in any other of his festival roles, even the outstanding title role of Henry IV. His make-up is impressive and the lift of his eyebrows and the shrug of his shoulders speak volumes.

Clara Margaret Daniels of Medford, who is also in her third year with the theatre group of Ashland, brings to the local stage, a regal, shrewish Queen of Egypt, whose mercurial passions dominate and destroy all the men whom she chooses to conquer. Breaker of hearts and empires, she portrays with professional perfection the cringing, railing, albeit glamorous role of the beautiful dissolute queen, finally triumphant in her death. Miss Daniels is deserving of the critics' highest praise for her finished performance as the perfidious Cleopatra.

Equal in his starring capacity is another actor of several years experience with the Shakespearean festival, Phillip Hanson of the University of Illinois, who gives to the mannerisms of Caesar a touch of the believable and to his arrogance the contemptuous demeanor of a conqueror. The swish of his purple toga bespeaks his egotistical smugness and makes more eloquent his biting utterances.

Waterbury Named To Juvenile Group

Col. P. B. Waterbury, Ashland, was elected to a two-year term on the executive committee of the county court juvenile advisory committee at the annual meeting in Medford Monday.

The committee acts in an advisory capacity to Judge H. K. Hanna and represents civic and religious organizations throughout the county.

Plans were made at the meeting to welcome Frank Sawacki, new county juvenile probation officer, who takes over his duties September 18.

Flegel Proposes Rail Competition

Austin Flegel, democratic candidate for governor, carried his "grass roots" campaign to Ashland Monday, continuing his attack against the republican administration of Gov. Douglas McKay and the Southern Pacific railroad for what he termed an unnecessary shortage of freight cars in southern Oregon.

Flegel said the railroad company had either been unable or unwilling to provide sufficient cars for the lumber industry on its line south of Eugene. He criticized Gov. McKay for what he termed a "do-nothing" policy on the situation.

He said that although there is a car shortage throughout the country at this time, the shortage in southern Oregon is the most serious anywhere. He said that shippers in other parts of the country are getting about 80 per cent of the cars they need while some lumber mills here are getting only about 10 per cent of their requirements.

Flegel repeated his proposal made at the Democratic picnic in Medford Sunday that the matter immediately be brought before the interstate commerce commission to open the territory to joint use by the northern lines. This would be the same arrangement now in effect between Portland and Seattle, he said. "Only where there is rail competition has the lumber industry had a chance to prosper," he declared. He predicted that if his proposal were put into effect, competition would automatically bring more freight cars into the state.

The entire cast of Antony and Cleopatra was well chosen and has given every performance a polish and a perfection seldom seen in any amateur production. As the devoted maids Charmian and Iras, both Dolores Bagley and Terry Syllaasen, prove excellent foils for the temperamental queen, even to their suicidal deaths at her feet. The so-called minor characters are so well suited to their roles that the entire play moves without untoward incident and seems an integral part of the actual life of each. Even the brief appearance of Angus Bowmer as the messenger from Caesar who is beaten into insensibility, is a masterpiece of dramatic portrayal. Both George Eckstein and Rudy Vest give their usual droll vocal and facial interpretations of their small parts.

Jane McArthur, as Caesar's virtuous sister, is convincingly innocent in her pretty simplicity quite different from her well remembered role of Desdemona in Othello last year.

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