

Letter From Washington...

By Hon. Harris Ellsworth,
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Every legislative body in our country seems to have one serious weakness. Bills (which become laws) are rammed through in too much haste at the end of a term. Congress is no exception. Congressman Norblad wrote at some length on this subject in an article in a recent issue of "American Magazine." The 81st Congress is not far from adjournment so bills are zipping through the House at a rapid rate. Apparently this last minute rush does not often produce much legislation which can be classified as bad, but I can assure you that it is pretty nerve wracking for a member when the House is legislating at such high speed.

As this is written, some heavy arguments are going on at the leadership level. The present majority party is trying to figure out whether to stay in session until mid-September or longer, finish important pending legislation and formally adjourn the session, or go on a temporary recess basis and return later for adjournment. The decision is purely a political one. Incumbent Democrats are under heavy fire this year. There is a very real chance, as things look now, that they will lose control of the House. The leaders and the campaign chiefs on the Democrat side want to let their House members go home and mend political fences. However, with the war in Korea in a critical stage they fear the voters might not want Congress to adjourn. But the other alternative might be worse. If members are at home when Congress is still technically in session will the voters understand that it is perfectly all right for them not to be in Washington?

The Democrat candidates for Congress have a lot to answer for this year. Their administration has brought the country into war, their non-military expenditures for government are 4 1/2 billions higher than during the 80th Congress, and there is strong suspicion that communist sympathizers or worse have been and still may be in fairly high places in our government.

I have introduced my freight car bill. It is H.R. 9480. It may not receive committee attention this session but I shall naturally make every effort to have it considered. This bill attacks the problem of car shortages on a fundamental basis. If it is enacted into law and the program provided for is carried out, there never need be another car shortage.

The press reports which went out on the news tickers when the bill was introduced were in error in one important respect. The press service news story that I saw stated that "cars would be leased to private railroad companies at their request," which makes it sound as if the government were to be put into the business of building freight cars for the railroads. That clearly is not my intention nor does the bill say that. The purpose of the bill is to provide a reserve fleet of freight cars under the ownership of the government and in control of the Interstate Commerce Commission to be used only when an emergency arises which a reasonable and normal railroad ownership of freight cars cannot meet. The government cars would, of course, be recalled into the reserve at the end of the emergency.

Bellview School Addition to Start

The contract to build an additional classroom at the Bellview school was awarded to Ausland and Dodson, Ashland contractors, at a special meeting of the District 5 school board Monday night. The contract was awarded on a low bid of \$18,000. Construction will start immediately, Leland P. Linn, school superintendent, said today.

F. Marion Stokes of Stokes and Alllyn, Portland architects who drew up the plans, was present at the meeting to advise the board about details of the new addition.

The new addition, which will be a primary unit, was made necessary by the anticipated increased enrollment at the school. It is estimated 120 pupils will be attending the school this year.

The room is to be across the hall from the present fifth and sixth grade room and will be built along the same plan as new rooms completed last year.

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Councilmen File for November Election; Mayor Contest Likely

Political activity flurried on the local front this week following the announcement made Monday by Mayor Phil Stansbury that September 1 is the deadline for filing of petitions for city offices.

He announced that provisions of the city charter allowing candidates to file any time within 28 days of an election were in conflict with state laws. The city council met in special session Tuesday morning to straighten out the differences and a new ordinance was passed adopting the provisions of the state law which provide that names of candidates be filed with the county clerk not more than 70 days and not less than 65 days before an election in order to have the names listed on the ballot.

Offices to be filled at the November election are mayor, five council positions, recorder, treasurer and three park commissioners. Of the present council members, Fred Homes is the only one not up for reelection.

Candidates for the council must either file for one of the three seats open for four-year terms or one of the two unexpired terms ending December 31, 1952.

All incumbents had filed petitions with City Recorder John Austin by Wednesday evening. Candidates have until Friday noon to file in order to allow time for the recorder's office to certify signatures to the county clerk. Twenty-five signatures of resident legal voters are required on a petition.

Petitions were filed for Stansbury, Austin and City Treasurer Gertrude Easterling Tuesday afternoon. Councilmen Mark Hamacker, Emil Kroeger and Dick Neill filed petitions for four-year terms Wednesday afternoon while Councilmen Fred Taylor and Dr. Walter W. Well-er filed for the unexpired terms now open.

Petitions for park commissioner were reportedly being circulated Wednesday afternoon for A. B. Freeman, Jake V. Weitzel and Eldon Scripser.

Prospects of a full-fledged mayoralty campaign were made likely earlier this week with Ex-Mayor Thomas S. Williams' report that he plans to run for the office again. By Wednesday night no petition had yet been filed by Williams.

Austin said that filing of petitions only assured candidates a place on the ballot and wrote in candidates could still be elected to office if they polled a majority.

Teachers Group Plans Luncheon and Picnic

The first function of the year for the Ashland Teachers Association will be a noon luncheon Tuesday, September 5, at which time new teachers will be introduced.

Friday evening, September 8, the ATA will sponsor a faculty family potluck picnic as another get-acquainted social function.

Officers of the association for 1950-51 are: Eldon Corthell, president; Arthur Phillips, vice-president; Marjorie Walkenshaw, secretary, and Gladys Owen, treasurer.

HEALTH SERVICE DIRECTED BY MISS FRANCES CLINK

Health service for Ashland schools is provided by an arrangement between the Jackson County Health association and school district No. 5.

Miss Frances Clink, R.N. is in charge of the Ashland area and works in both the homes and the schools. Miss Clink has a regular schedule for each building and makes other calls as needed. Her desk is in the central school office thus enabling her to coordinate health work for the school system.

The Bonneville Power Administration has added an Ashland engineer to its staff in the recent hiring of Donald L. Dillon of Siskiyou boulevard. Mr. Dillon was one of the honor students at Oregon State this year, graduating from the school of engineering in June.

Harry Boat Faces Hearing Thursday

Harry Joseph Boat, 26, is scheduled to appear for preliminary hearing in justice court Thursday morning on charges of negligent homicide and failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in injury to a person.

Boat was arrested by city police last Friday night after the car he was driving struck Mrs. Faye Harris, 62, and Mrs. A. F. Riebel, 71. Mrs. Riebel died at Ashland General hospital Monday afternoon without regaining consciousness.

Arraignment was held in justice court here Tuesday and Boat was committed to the Jackson county jail under \$3,000 bail for Thursday's hearing.

Physical Ed, Art, Music to Receive Greater Emphasis

Plans have been made to place increased emphasis on music, art and physical education in the Ashland schools this year according to Leland P. Linn, city school superintendent.

The art program in all District 5 schools will be supervised by Joseph Rooney, who will teach art at the senior high and coordinate the art work in all schools, Linn said.

Rooney has spent the last year and a half at the Institute of Design in Chicago taking advanced work in art supervision. Prior to his work in Chicago he attended the University of Oregon for five years where he majored in art and was a three-year tennis letterman. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. During the war he served as a recognition officer with the navy.

A program of string music from the sixth grade through high school will be started this fall under the direction of W. Bernard Windt. Windt holds a masters degree from Ithaca college, New York and has studied at the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y.

He will also teach in the elementary schools. Last year he held a similar position at Phoenix.

Physical education will be organized on the same coordinated basis with Frank O'Neill supervising the program in all Ashland schools. O'Neill spent the summer at the University of Oregon taking advanced work in physical education supervision.

Dr. Sampson to Be New Principal of Lincoln School

The only change in principals in school district 5 this year is at Lincoln school where Dr. Bill A. Sampson replaces Dr. Ray Hawk, who becomes dean of men at the University of Oregon.

Dr. Sampson took his undergraduate work at Eastern Oregon College of Education in La-Grande and advanced work at the University of Oregon. He has been teaching at the university and has done considerable work for the Oregon state board of higher education. He has had public school experience at Vail. Dr. Sampson is a member of Theta Delta Phi, scholastic honorary and Phi Delta Kappa, educational honorary.

Demand High for Reserved Seats

Reserved seat season tickets for Ashland high school home football games went on sale Monday morning to a waiting line of local fans. A heavy sale is expected this year due to the local appearance of both Medford and Klamath Falls in the five game home schedule.

Roland Parks, high school principal, announced Wednesday that 300 tickets in the center section between the forty yard lines are available. Tickets which are priced at \$5 for five home games, are on sale at Ebberharts sporting goods store.

A new policy in the sale of grandstand tickets has gone into effect this year due to the complete renumbering of all seats, Parks said. All seats will be sold this year on a first come first served basis.

Fans will find the grandstand newly painted and seats sanded and varnished when they turn out for the season opener against Coquille September 15.

TALENT SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 11

Talent schools will open September 11 with a full day session, according to Roy Parr, school superintendent. Buses will operate their full schedule that day, Parr said.

School buildings have been renovated and improvements made in preparation for what school authorities expect to be the Talent schools' largest enrollment.

Children who will not be six years old until after November 6 will not be able to enter school because of the expected increased enrollment.

YATES OPENS NEW STORE WEDNESDAY

Yates Electric company opening for business Wednesday in its new location at 285 E. Main street.

The store, which is located between Bob Mallon's and B. J. Jewellers, has been completely remodeled in modern style. Bill Yates Sr., owner of the business, said the new location and added facilities will enable the firm to increase electrical appliance sales and electrical service work.

He announced that O. D. McGee has been added to the staff as an electrical serviceman. Other members of the firm remain unchanged and include Yates, Mrs. Yates, Frank Byrd and Bill Yates Jr.

Freedom Crusade Plans Announced for Ashland

Local plans for participation in the nation-wide Crusade for Freedom campaign were announced Tuesday by General Chairman Arthur Kreisman.

The crusade, which will be launched nationally on September 4 with a radio address by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, will be an all-out effort to combat Communist propaganda and promote the American way of life. The campaign is to run throughout the month of September and will be climaxed on "bell ringing day" in early October. On this day all available bells in the city will be rung as a tribute to the American way of life.

The campaign will open locally on September 5 with a meeting of the general committee at which time Mayor Phil Stansbury will issue a city proclamation which will officially start the crusade here.

During the week of September 5 speakers will appear before all civic organizations explaining the purpose of the crusade. September 17 has been designated as Freedom Sunday and the week of September 18 will be the period for enrolling local citizens. Enrollment stations will be manned by different groups each day. Monday will be public officials; Tuesday, veterans; Wednesday, Jay-



SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
... Leland P. Linn reported this week that school enrollments are expected to be the highest in history this year.

Teaching Staffs Filled at Phoenix

All teaching positions have been filled at the Phoenix schools with the addition of two new teachers to the high school faculty and four to the grade school staff, according to Ernest James, superintendent.

The new high school teachers are Gerald E. Einarrson, instrumental and vocal music and Miss Pauline Schaplowsky, instructor of home economics.

New grade school teachers will be George Niblock, seventh grade and assistant high school coach; Miss Beulah Jensen, fourth grade; Mrs. Maxine Corliss, third grade and Miss Patricia Halone, first grade.

Returning teachers in the high school are Glenn Aplin, Evelyn Bell, Donald M. Davidson, Frederick D. Shepard, Mrs. Mabel Sims, Miss Abby Sturtevant and Jack Woodward.

Grade school teachers back from last year will be Mrs. Ethel Morrison, Mrs. Orva Taylor, Mrs. Evalina M. Gossett, Mrs. Edith Thompson, Mrs. Betty Akerrill, Miss Mabel Moore, Mrs. Leah Kerr, Mrs. Gladys Slan, Mrs. Esther Joss, Frank Hale, Mrs. Gertrude Wooten and Mrs. Vera Aplin.

Phoenix schools will open September 11.

New high school students and those desiring changes in classes will be able to register the week of September 5. Grade school pupils will register September 11.

tees; Thursday, women's organizations; and Friday, service clubs.

The last week in September will be "School Week" when students and teachers will be enrolled.

Primary goal of the month-long campaign is to give every resident of the community an opportunity to sign one of the Freedom Scrolls, which are a restatement of the American principles of democracy.

Committee heads appointed by Kreisman are John Von Kuhlmann, executive chairman; Philip Stansbury, liaison chairman; Gerald Wenner, treasurer; Howard Wiley, headquarters chairman; Ken Jones, enrollment stations chairman; William McGee, enrollment and collections chairman; Donald Lewis, workers chairman; Ed Barnett, Scott, publicity chairman; Winston Marks, speakers chairman; Mabel Winston, women's chairman; Abe Neslin, program chairman; the Rev. Earl Downing, churches chairman; Leland Linn, schools chairman; Vern Smith, bell ringing chairman.

Mrs. Winston has called a meeting of representatives of all women's organizations to meet in her office at Southern Oregon college at 2 p.m. this afternoon. Plans for women's participation in the crusade will be made.

School Starts September 11

Student Registration To Start Next Week

Ashland youngsters are looking forward to September 11 and the opening of school with mixed emotions. With summer vacation nearly at an end, Superintendent of Schools Leland P. Linn says all is in readiness for the largest enrollment in the history of school district No. 5.

Teachers at all schools will report September 5 to assist with registration and make preparations for the school year.

First graders will register Thursday afternoon, September 7, and Friday morning, September 8 at the school they will attend. Only the first graders will register early in the grammar schools. Other grades will not report until opening day, September 11.

Children who will be six or before November 15 will be accepted for school this year and parents were reminded by Linn to bring health examination forms to registration.

Registration of high school students is planned for three days next week on the following schedule:

Wednesday, September 6, seniors; Thursday, September 7, juniors; Friday, September 8, sophomores.

Registration hours will be from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. all three days, according to Roland Parks, high school principal.

In addition to arranging their schedules, students will pay fees, secure books and receive counseling on their courses of study from faculty advisors.

Junior high registration will also be on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Only new students and transfers will register, but all students are asked to report on one of the days to pick up books and pay necessary fees, Principal Glen Fader said.

Hours will be from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. No evening registration will be held at the junior high.

Boundary lines designating grammar school territories will be the same as last year with Gresham and Third streets the line between Briscoe and Lincoln. Walker and Lincoln districts are divided by Indiana, Avery, California and Fordyce streets. The line between Walker and Bellview is Park street and the city limits.

First and second grade children from Valley View will continue to attend Walker school while the upper grade children from that area will attend Briscoe, according to the superintendent's office.

Ashland Schools Get Face Lifting

An unusually ambitious maintenance program was carried out this summer in the Ashland schools with improvements made to all buildings.

Lighting facilities were brought up to standard in more of the rooms and a considerable amount of painting was done to brighten up rooms.

Floors were sanded and refinished in the high school, junior high and Lincoln school and playground areas were blacktopped at both Lincoln and Briscoe schools.

The furnace at Lincoln was converted to an oil-burning unit to correct the difficulty experienced last year in heating the combined old and new sections.

Additional storage space has been provided with the construction of a new warehouse at the high school athletic field. The building will be a central warehouse for supplies, lumber and other bulky items.

Automatic sprinkler systems were installed and lawns seeded at the Walker and Briscoe schools. A retaining wall is being constructed in back of the Briscoe school which will make increased play area possible. Steps will lead from the building level to the playground area.

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