

Ellsworth Discusses Lumber Price Slump

The premise that people must first accept in considering the present slump in lumber profits, according to Harris Ellsworth, Republican seeking reelection for congressman from the fourth district, is that the people must never let the government regulate lumber prices by law.

Congressman Ellsworth spoke last night at a joint meeting of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Trees Farm Association and the Roxy radio group at Rogue Valley Country club.

Ellsworth added that there is action congress can take to stimulate profits in the lumber industry. He cited as an example the action taken by government home financing agencies yesterday to strengthen the home building industry and make it easier to buy low cost homes.

Reduce Down Payments

This government action, he pointed out, will reduce down payment requirements for FHA insured homes, ease mortgage sale requirements to make mortgage money more easily available, and relax the borrowing limits of members of the Home Loan Bank System to meet heavier demands for mortgages. Ellsworth stated the action will have a favorable effect on lumber profits in Oregon.

In defending the administration's "tight money" policy, Ellsworth explained the administration "has made a determination

ed effort to maintain the value of the dollar." He said tightening up of credit was brought on by the steel strike. In keeping the dollar stable, he added, the repercussions sometimes "hit where it hurts."

As it turned out, according to the congressman, the "tight money" policy has "blasted" the lumber industry in this area. However, he cautioned, this was not the intention of the Eisenhower administration. He added that "nothing serious has happened" to the industry of a permanent nature.

Another Repercussion
The Republican incumbent pointed out that another repercussion of the "tight money" policy has affected federal housing projects, which have been reduced two per cent. This does not seem like a great reduction, he said, however it has hurt this area more than others. He told the audience that he has recently been corresponding with the White House and government agencies explaining the lumber problem in the northwest.

During the last session of congress a housing bill was passed, Ellsworth said, ordering the construction of 35,000 public houses and 75,000 military housing projects. He stated he has written Secretary of Defense Charles Wilson "urging him to understand the lumber problem of the northwest."

Ellsworth said he asked in his letter that Wilson consider awarding orders to northwest bidders for some of the housing projects. He has received no reply from the secretary, he said.

The congressman stated that he took up the northwest lumber problem with Vice President Nixon in Eugene Wednesday and that he indicated to Ellsworth he would "take word back to Washington."

In explaining the role of government as a competitor with private enterprise, Ellsworth declared that "government should lay-off when markets are high and step in when the situation is reverse, when they are needed."

E. A. Littrel, Republican seeking reelection for state representative from this district, also was present. Littrel said he wanted to urge citizens to write-in William McAllister's name as justice to the state supreme court Nov. 6.

Nixon Denies Charge By California Demo

Bolsa, Ida.—(U.P.)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon Thursday denied a charge by former Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas (D-Calif.) that his 1950 California senatorial campaign was designed "to create the impression she was a Communist."

Nixon said his campaign had questioned only Mrs. Douglas'

Prison Escapee's Body Discovered

Salem—(U.P.)—The body of a man identified as Dan C. Ott, 46, one of four men who escaped from the Linn county jail at Albany two weeks ago, was discovered in the Willamette river north of here yesterday.

George K. Miller, Linn county sheriff, said he was "convinced" it was Ott's body. He said a tattoo and missing thumb made "identification pretty positive."

Coroner Jim Doerksen of Marion county said Ott died from drowning "apparently" within hours after his escape.

Doerksen said he could find no evidence of foul play.

Ott was one of four prisoners who escaped after overpowering a jailer. The others, still at large, are James Patton, 38; Earl Junior Bonney, 31; and Ernest Gibson, 29. Latest clue to their whereabouts came last week when a abandoned stolen car containing the gun and black-jack taken from Linn County Jail at Lou Andrus were found at Idaho Falls, Ida.

Ott's body was found in an eddy along the east bank of the Willamette river about eight miles north of Salem.

All four of the escapees faced life prison terms.

Nickerson Confers With SOC Personnel

Ashland—Francis Nickerson, executive secretary of the high school college relations committee of the Oregon State system of higher education, conferred with Southern Oregon college personnel Tuesday afternoon on methods to be employed during the coming year while conducting high school visitations in the area.

Nickerson said the current plan calls for Southern Oregon personnel to represent all the state system schools during the visitations to "B" class secondary schools this year. This will result in considerable savings to the taxpayers in money and to the state employees in time and effort, Nickerson said. Approximately 25 "B" schools will be visited by SOC staff members throughout the year in Southern Oregon.

Those present at the meeting were Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, college president, Dr. Alvin Fellers, Don Lewis, Hal Cloer, Mrs. Mabel Winston, dean of women, Fran Barta, and Hugh Simpson.

Miss Mary Vandenberg Named Chairman of Inter-Agency Council

Miss Mary Vandenberg was named chairman of the inter-agency council of Jackson county at a recent meeting in the courthouse.

Other officers named were Harold Cook, vice chairman, and Miss Dorothy Collard, secretary.

The inter-agency council, which was organized in 1955, was formed to work toward better utilization of services offered by various health and social agencies in the county and to study those kinds of help which are not available here.

Membership
Membership is made up of executives or representatives from the staffs of social and health agencies.

Council committees at the recent meeting were organized into three major work committees. They are community relations and information to do publicity and organize a speaker's bureau; program and arrangements to make plans for programs and invite new members, and services coordination to integrate giving efforts in the community with those who need such gifts.

Serving on the community relations and information committee will be Herbert Daniels, chairman; Dorothy Collard, Bruce Hitt, Glenn Klein, W. V. Nusbaum, John Patton and Walter Seifert.

Mrs. Helen Wilson is chairman of the program and arrange-

ments committee, with members Harold Cook, Mrs. Kay Crowell, Shirley Brannock, Charles Holbrook, Richard Lamb, Dr. A. E. Merkel, James Pullman, W. E. Tucker and Jo Walch.

The services coordination committee is headed by Bob Jones with Miss Mary Aldrich, Elliott Becken, Gleason Crowell, Mrs. Ruth Gerity, Allen Hatch, the Rev. Raymond Hurn, Lt. George Johnstone, Miss Mary Vandenberg and Miss Celia Walker serving as members.

During the past year, the council has compiled a directory of local social services which is being distributed among professional groups, schools, service clubs, law enforcement agencies, churches and other firms.

The next meeting of the inter-agency council will be held Tuesday, Oct. 16, in the courthouse.

Potato Import Grading Regulations Considered

Washington—(U.P.)—The Agriculture Department said yesterday it is considering a proposal to set minimum size and grade standards for imports of potatoes.

Under the proposed regulation, which becomes effective Oct. 22, if it is approved, imports of round white or red-skinned Irish potatoes would be limited to U.S. No. 1 or better grade of 2 1/4 inches minimum diameter and four inches maximum diameter.

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Three Accidents Are Reported to Police

Three minor automobile accidents in Medford Wednesday involving nine vehicles were reported to city police.

Vehicles driven by William F. Lanning, 1239 East Indianola ave., Phoenix, and Richard John Morris, route 2, box 242, Central Point, collided at the intersection of North Riverside ave. and McAndrews rd. at 7:30 a.m. No citations were issued.

At 11:14 a.m. at Eighth and Grape sts. four cars, one of which was parked, were involved in another accident. Drivers of the vehicles were Howard Ernest Werts, 217 South Riverside ave., driving a cab; William Oscar Herring, 529 Edwards st., driver of a Navy vehicle; and Walter Reuben Frame, 311 C st., Phoenix. Owner of the parked car was S. M. Croucher, route 1, box 175, Central Point. Frame was cited by city police for failing to stop at stop sign, police said.

Three cars were involved in a collision at Bar st. on Barnett rd. between Crestbrook rd. and Ellendale dr. at 12:45 a.m. Drivers of the vehicles were Donald Leroy Pelham, 2130 College Way; William Raymond Gregory, route 2, box 512, Gold Hill; and James Lamarr Peart, 913 South Peach st. No citations were issued.

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