

Senator Ecton Writes About Border Patrol Difficulty

By Charles D. Rowe
A great amount of discussion has been caused by that order coming out from Washington to discharge most if not all of the customs patrolmen along the U. S.-Canadian border. Newspapers report that thousands of telegrams and letters have been received by congressmen objecting to the reducing of the border patrol and thereby, as it is feared, throwing the border open to smuggling.

This matter is of real interest to Lincoln county people, since a number of customs patrolmen have been stationed at Eureka for many years. Regardless of what is the final outcome of this attempted move for economy by the congress, it is interesting to read what a Montana senator has to say regarding the proposal. In a letter to the writer of this column Senator Zaies N. Ecton, says, in part:

"This reduction (in the appropriation) according to the House Committee was made in part at least for the following reasons: 'The Committee is informed that both the immigration border patrol and the customs border patrol operate along the Canadian and Mexican borders, and yet there is no correlation or cooperation in their activity.'"

"The Committee apparently felt that by coordination instead of duplication between the two federal departments involved, the number of patrolmen employed by each department could be reduced with no impairment of service."

Senator Ecton said further: "Due to the tremendous expense of the war, together with many other federal activities instituted by the Administration during the past years, there is now a determined effort on the part of the Republican members of the Congress as well as some Democratic members of the Congress to make very material reductions wherever possible in order that the credit of this nation may remain solvent. If this is not done, no one will suffer more in the long run than the American public."

"Naturally I do not want reductions in appropriations for activities or functions basic to the welfare of Montana. Nevertheless, I feel that it is necessary to work for reduction in federal expenditures where and whenever it would be sound economy to do so."

Many reports are to the effect that there are increasing signs of a dip in prices. And the long-suffering public will welcome this news—if it proves true.

The United States News, of Washington, D. C., said in its April 4 issue:

"More cautious buying by consumers is widely reported. Spending is not as free and easy as it was. Night clubs are reporting this trend in almost every city, and liquor sales are declining. When pork prices shot up recently, housewives backed away so rapidly that prices came down in the face of scant supplies."

"The expected Easter buying spree failed to develop. Women who last year bought an entire spring outfit were content this year with a single garment or coat. Sales were disappointing for hats, shoes, purses, costume jewelry and expensive cosmetics."

The article goes on to say that men's shirts are remaining on dealers' shelves at marked-up prices. Men's suits are becoming more plentiful. Furniture sales are running into buyer resistance. Retailers are buying more cautiously and in smaller amounts because of a possible price drop.

Someone in Spokane recently took a poll among that city's high school students. They were asked a number of questions. One conclusion was that the young people felt they would be able to do a better job of running the world than their parents had.

That was not a surprising conclusion. High school students generally are of that opinion. In fact, it's extremely difficult for parents to give aforesaid students any advice whatsoever. Because in the eyes of so many, many high school youngsters, parents are just too hopelessly old-fashioned, and know so little. All of which is, in a way, amusing.

Youth is always going to remake the world. I remember there was a lot of claptrap talked following the end of World War I. At that time there were many adulated thinkers who were preaching in press and from platform that "youth was going to save the world." And it's pertinent to ask whether or not the youth of that time haven't made a pretty sorry mess of most everything today.

Never in the history of the nation has there been so much crime. Never has there been such a juvenile delinquency problem, and the juveniles of today are the children of the youths of the World War I period. Never have we had so many divorces as at the present time. Drunkenness among women is on the increase and is the highest in the nation's history. And similar conditions are found all along the line.

All of which doesn't mean that we are necessarily going to perdition, although some may think with reason that we have made a very good start in that direction. As a matter of fact, every generation has its problems to meet. And every generation makes its mistakes. It's utter claptrap to talk about one generation making such terrible mistakes and that the on-coming generation is going to be so wise that no such errors will be made. Well, that just isn't in the cards. We can expect to hear high school students saying they will run the

CHANGES MADE IN WAA PROGRAM

Helena—(U.P.)—A conference of War Assets Administration officials here reported that changed conditions in surplus property supplies and markets were the basis for a realignment in administration of WAA.

Zone administrator Paul G. Rutten, San Francisco, declared, "We are getting close to the bottom of the barrel . . . this calls for simplification of our organization to protect the interests of the taxpayers."

Principal changes in the WAA program are:

1. No War Assets offices will be closed, but as regional inventories are sold out, such functions as warehousing and other management details will be dropped gradually, with resultant decrease in personnel.

2. Equitable distribution of remaining inventories among the several western regions will be improved, making a wider selection of merchandise available to Montana buyers through WAA centers in Helena, Missoula, Butte, Billings, Sidney and Great Falls.

3. Orders for any surplus property available in the nation will be taken at the local centers.

LAWLOR TO DISCONTINUE SERVICES TO LINCOLN CO.

Due to circumstances beyond control, Earl V. Lawlor, Veterans Administration Contact Representative will be required to discontinue itinerant service to Lincoln and Lake counties until further notice. Notice will be sent when itinerant service is resumed.

world better than did their parents. That's natural for them to think that way. But we don't expect to see them do it. The youths of today and tomorrow will still be humans and humanity is prone to err.

URAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Dunwoodie and daughters of Somers were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fritsch drove to Eureka Sunday.

Mrs. Hedge Hammons and Ray were in Eureka Saturday.

The Card Club met with Mrs. O. T. Beagle Thursday. Mrs. C. G. Kilpatrick was awarded both high and traveling prizes, and Mrs. J. R. Kilpatrick won consolation. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess at the close of the afternoon.

Mrs. C. G. Kilpatrick will entertain the club next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Gregor of Eureka visited at the Fritsch home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Isrealson drove to Eureka Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fritsch were Libby shoppers Saturday.

Uraland Grange Day

Uraland Grangers met at the hall at Warland Sunday, for a clean-up and repair session. New windows were installed, some painting done, and one chimney built. The ladies served a hearty meal at noon to twenty hungry workers.

SOIL CONSERVATION WILL SPONSOR NEWSPAPER CONTEST

Bozeman—(U.P.)—M. P. Hansmeier extension soil conservationist at Montana State College, has announced a soil conservation newspaper contest sponsored by the Montana Association of Soil Conservation district supervisors. The contest, open to all weekly newspapers, offers \$525 in U. S. Savings bonds to the winner. The competing newspapers must publish one edition in which soil conservation and its relation to local and national welfare is featured.

MAURER AND FARRIS PLAYED WITH MSU SYMPHONIC BAND

Missoula—James Maurer, Libby, and Martin Farris, Troy, played with the State University Symphonic Band in concert Sunday, closing the annual state solo and small ensemble music festival on the campus over the weekend. Maurer, a 1946 graduate of Libby high school, is a freshman, and Farris, an army veteran and 1943 graduate of Troy high school, is a social science major.

Farris also was elected president of Sigma Phi Epsilon, social fraternity on the campus, during the week.

Heredity means that if your grandfathers didn't have any children, then your father probably wouldn't have had any either and neither would you have had any, probably.

NORTHWEST SHRINE COUNCIL IN HELENA APRIL 26TH

Helena—(U.P.)—Special trains of nearly 100 cars have been ordered for the Northwest Shrine Council here April 26, according to H. H.

Ellsworth, transportation chairman. He said special trains will come from Calgary, Missoula, Portland, Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma. Another will bring the Black Horse Patrol from Billings, he revealed.

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