

OPHIR NEWS

By Marian Miller

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. U. Brewer were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bangs and son of Mountainview, Ark. Mr. Bangs, as a boy attended Ophir school.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Atherion of Klamath Falls were week-end visitors at Ophir.

Mr. and Mr. Tom Moore entertained Sunday afternoon in honor of eleventh birthday of their daughter, Deloris. Deloris received many gifts. Refreshments followed an afternoon of games.

T. J. Hawkins made a week-end business trip to Eugene.

Bertha Ann Moore and Lee Pollock visited Sunday at Mr. Pollock's parents home at Bandon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Whittaker and daughter, Betty spent the week-end at Siletz(Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Gundy and sons of Fieldbroom, Calif., were visiting the Walter Woods home last week-end. Mrs. Van Gundy is Mr. Wood's daughter.

Among guests at Blue Water lodge last week-end were C. P. Trivett of Gold Beach and two guests, Dr. and Mrs. Nels Keeler of Piedmont, Calif, Talent Greenough, city attorney of Coquille, and his guests, R. C. Abbott and W. A. Warner of Coquille, F. S. Emry of Elgin, Ore., Alton Hubbard of Panama City, Florida. All were fishermen on the Rogue.

Mrs. Ed Wooley had an accident on Euchre Creek road Sunday afternoon. She drove her '41 Chevrolet into a telephone pole near Buffington's dairy barn. Mrs. Iris Snyder, who was in the car, suffered slight head cuts when her head plunged through the windshield.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wade have returned after spending about a month visiting friends and relatives in Mountainview, Ark.



By Harris Ellsworth, M. C.

The Omnibus Rivers and Harbors and Flood Control Authorization Bill, which has just cleared congress, carries important additional authorizations for the Willamette Valley Flood control

project. Increased costs since the original project was authorized, plus some additions caused by revised plans, made a larger authorization figure necessary.

Authorization bill referred to has been widely criticized as a "pork" bill—meaning an opportunity for members of congress to grab juicy slices for their districts. I cannot see much justification for this criticism. The bill does two things. It adjusts previously made cost estimates of projects now under construction. It represents final approval for new projects which may or may not be constructed in the long future. That bill DOESN'T appropriate or spend any money. Similar authorization bills in the past have piled up a back-log of approved plans totalling more than 700 projects, but only some 70 projects are now under construction and appropriations for starting new projects are not being allowed this year.

I think some of the screaming about the Rivers and Harbors and Flood Control bill has been in the nature of a smoke screen for the purpose of distracting attention from the deficit-spending appropriation bill now under the congress' consideration.

New Jersey Republicans have formulated a party platform with only 28 words in it which, to my way of thinking, is the best statement of Republican philosophy, aims and objectives I have ever seen. Here it is:

"America can be saved from Communism and Bankruptcy.

"America's problems can be met by her great people without loss of their liberties.

"We dedicate ourselves to this undertaking."

For the fourth consecutive time there is serious war talk while Congress has an appropriations bill under consideration. The intensity of the war scare usually seems to be in proportion to the size of the appropriation being considered for the armed services. This time the bill calls for the largest amount ever appropriated for the armed forces in peacetime. Due to the present very serious tension the amount will be increased.

At first I was inclined to believe these crises were home-made. It seemed the war talk might be drummed up by the Administration and the Defense Department for the purpose of scaring congress into appropriating more money. A check of the fact disproves this idea. The war threats have actually been generated by the Russians. They caused us to start the famous air-lift while an appropriations bill was under consideration.

Even though the president did not announce the fact until the House-Senate conference was endeavoring to decide on amount of arms aid to Europe, Russia did explode an atomic bomb as that bill was under consideration. Lately the Russians shot down an airplane. The repercussions of that act continue to cause tension. Very serious developments may yet result from the murderous Russian action.

The conclusion I am compelled to reach is that the Russian govian government is very anxious to have us continue our ruinous administration policy of deficit spending.

Co. Service Office Reports To You:

BY C. E. SEGER
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Applicants for the Washington world war 2 veterans' bonus are advise to be patient—facilities of the Washington bonus staff are limited to checking of only 1500 claims a day and payment of about 1000 a day, from more than 175,000 applicatios.

This information was received by the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs in answer to a recent inquiry to A. C. Ashenfelter, Washington Division of Veterans Compensation administrator, regarding the schedule of payments of that state's recently enacted bonus.

Ashenfelter said the applicant will receive a claim if his application is in order. If it is not in order, he is "given a suspense number and the veteran is advised of the incorrectness and requested to furnish the information necessary to put his claim in order. From that point on, according to their numbers, are processed and paid."

To show the magnitude of the bonus staff's job, Ashenfelter disclosed that about 10,000 applications were received per day during the first ten days after forms were distributed on Jan. 10. These could be filed in order of days received, he said, because facilities were too limited to permit alphabetical or other filing.

By March 17, 40,000 of these claims had been checked and given either claim or suspense numbers. But because bonus funds were not available until Feb. 21, only 14,000 claims had been paid by March 17.

Your county service officer has bonus forms from the following states as well as the state of Washington: Delaware, Indiana, New York, Minnesota, North Dakota, Illinois and Pennsylvania. Any veteran interested call or write for details.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jackson and son, Cary, had as house visitors over the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wagner and three children, Mrs. Wagner's sister, and two children, Mrs. Juanita Davis and Larry Wright, all of Eureka. Mrs. Davis is the daughter of Claude Wright, who now makes his home with the Jacksons.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin (Sonny) Chapman of Farmington, New Mexico, are the parents of a four-pound daughter, born on April 22 and which they have named Harriett Roberta, after the two grandmothers. Mrs. Chapman's mother, Mrs. Herbert Payne, left last week via Southwest Airways for a couple of weeks visit at Farmington, and to become acquainted with the little newcomer, who is home after being in an incubator for several days.

While Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Walker and sons have rented the Johnson house near the Winchuck bridge, to make their

home, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barker and their daughters have moved from the Winchuck to a home in Brookings.

Mrs. Bill West's mother, of Silverton, spent the week-end with her.

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