

Weekly Letter From Washington, D. C.

BY CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH

Meat Situation. The special committee of the House appointed to investigate the meat shortage and report back by May 1st did a workmanlike job. The report, concise and complete, gives the essential facts and figures, and contains definite recommendations for solution of the problem. I shall be glad to send a copy of this report to anyone who wants it.

The Republican Congressional Food Study Committee, of which I have been secretary for more than two years, has previously pointed out the same weaknesses in the management of the meat problem. Our unofficial committee has made essentially the same recommendations which are now made officially by the committee of the House. What the entire food situation needs most is co-ordination under one head so that problems of production, processing and distributing can be handled as part of the over-all problem, along with pricing. In the past, these things have been handled by separate departments, oftentimes working in opposite directions.

Meat is going to be short for several months in spite of anything that can be done now, but proper management from now on can restore production and allow the normal distribution system to be rebuilt.

Sugar. Just around the corner is another food problem. We are going to be short of sugar. The story on sugar is quite similar to the meat story. The several agencies involved have done such a splendid job of holding down the price that production has dwindled. Unless something is done immediately, we are going to be drastically short of sugar.

Two-Thirds Rule of Treaties. The House has been debating the resolution regarding treaty ratification. The proposal is to have treaties ratified by a majority vote of both houses instead of by a two-thirds vote of the Senate. The only action Congress can take is to submit a proposed constitutional amendment to the states. Such an amendment will not become operative, of course, until ratified by the states. It seems to me the House should pass this resolution, but it does not seem likely the Senate will concur, thereby voting to cut down its own powers.

Economy. President Truman is apparently going out on an economy crusade. This is a hopeful sign.

Useless agencies will be liquidated; others will be pared down sharply.

New Employment Offices. I have just been notified by Mr. Paul McNutt, Chairman of the War Manpower Commission, that new U. S. Employment Offices are being established in my district—one at Coquille and one at Sweet Home. The expansion of the Employment Service is under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, and is for the purpose of aiding the reemployment of returning veterans, in addition to the usual duties of the Employment Office.

Hitler Dead? Hitler is officially gone from Germany. Whether or not he is dead is temporarily of little importance. If Germany can surrender better with him a battle-front hero, that will suit our purpose. If he is alive, the gangster can later be apprehended and dealt with.

Publications Available. In view of all that is being said about the food situation, and in view of the fact that some items are likely to be very short during the next several months, it seems in order to suggest more home canning. I therefore call attention to the fact that there is a new government publication available on the subject of "Home Canning of Meat." I shall be glad to send a copy of that publication to anyone who wants it. Also, in July, 1944, the Department of Agriculture issued a little folder entitled "Popular Publications for the Farmer and Homemaker." This folder lists government publications that are available. I have a very limited supply of these folders, but will be glad to send them out as long as they last.

Arago News Items

The Arago Community was again saddened last week by the death of Ralph Cameron, who was a former resident of Arago and very highly respected by all who knew him. Quite a few friends from Arago attended the funeral services held at Coquille last Tuesday afternoon at the Schroeder Bros. Mortuary. The Arago community wishes to extend their heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved widow, Mrs. Florence Cameron and also to his daughter, Mrs. Glan Griffith, both of Coquille.

Rev. Jake Moomaw, of Coquille, conducted the regular Sunday morning church service, at which time the Communion service was also observed. Sunday school followed with an attendance of 45. After the services there was a potluck dinner in the church basement which was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Moomaw and family. The Adult class presented Mr. and Mrs. Moomaw and family a lovely myrtlewood tray in appreciation of their help in the Arago church work and also in the community.

The regular church service will be held next Sunday at 10 a. m., following which the usual Mother's Day program will be given at 11 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Robison and Wylie Embree came over from Reedsport Friday evening and were dinner guests of Mrs. Alurr Bailey. They returned to Reedsport again that same evening and Mr. and Mrs. Robison took some more of their household belongings over with them.

Ladies Aid met at the church last Thursday afternoon, at which time the ladies were busy getting the things ready for the bazaar, which was held at the Arago store on Friday. Those attending were Mesdames O. H. Aasen, Albert Lillie, Albert Gulstrom, Ward Evans, Clarence Butler and W. W. Robison. Mr. Evans, Maureen, Miss Chloe Willson and Darwin Gulstrom joined the ladies for dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hampton purchased the Herman Sumerlin ranch last week.

Allison Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mayse visited at the home of the latter's daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Neal, at Coos Bay last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bennett, of Norway, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barklow.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fish were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orvus Miller on the North Fork.

Misses Lena and Evelyn and Dick Herker visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nile Miller Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carl drove to Bandon Sunday and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Schroeder of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Frye, of Powers, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Widmark last Sunday.

Miss Ginger Schmidt was a Tuesday over-night guest of Miss Marianne Mullins.

Mrs. Jessie Sumerlin and Sylvia visited Thursday evening at the

Clifford Sumerlin home. Later Kenneth Sumerlin went home with them and spent the night.

Howard and Harold Neideigh were Friday over-night guests at the home of their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Robison.

Monday visitors at the Ward Evans home were Mrs. Emil Peterson of Norway and Mrs. Bob Trigg of Myrtle Point.

Mrs. John Widmark visited Mrs. Frank Fish last Friday afternoon.

Miss Maureen Evans spent Sunday night at the home of Miss Dona Moomaw in Coquille.

Miss Chloe Willson was a Saturday over-night guest at the J. L. Burtis home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Burtis have received a card from Bruce Bishop, who is now stationed in Lincoln, Nebraska. He says he is getting along fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Nile Miller received word from their son, Wallace that he had been sent to Texas on a business trip.

Mrs. Chester Willson left last Wednesday for Portland, where she underwent an operation on her head last Friday at St. Vincent hospital. Mr. Willson, who is in business at Rogue River was with her at the time of her operation. She will have a second operation this week. Her sister, Mrs. Ward Evans, reports that she is getting along all right at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mast and Jerene and Jim Moore, of Allegany, were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Evans, Pamela and Maureen, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mast, Jerene, and Jim Moore attended the Royal Neighbors May Day Festival and dance at the Oaks Pavilion in Myrtle Point last Saturday evening. Mrs. Evans gave a reading and Jerene did an acrobatic dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Lundy, of Myrtle Point, were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Burtis.

The young folks' choir practice was held at the home of Mrs. Ward Evans last Wednesday evening, with Mrs. Evans in charge. Those attending were: Glenda Lillie, Thelma and Nola Crawford, Dona Moomaw, Pamela and Maureen Evans, Junior and Darwin Gulstrom. They will meet again this week. Refreshments of pie and pop were served by the hostesses.

Fairview News

Rev. Liston Parrish, of the Christian Church, held services last Sunday with communion. Coming with him from Coquille were Dr. Stem and Jim Kimsey. A schedule has been worked out for the ministers, each having a specific day; first Sunday, Rev. L. Parrish; 2nd, Rev. M. D. Rempel; 3rd, Rev. Chas. G. Brown; 4th, Rev. W. R. Munger. The fifth Sunday will be filled as they come, there being only three for the remainder of the year.

The Fairview school is sponsoring a tea for mothers of grade school pupils Friday afternoon, May 11. Invitations were sent to mothers Monday and were in the shape of tea-cups, with invitations printed inside. Graduation exercises, achievement day and a picnic will finish school Friday, May 13. Those graduating from the eighth grade are Dorene Frye, Walter Shutt and Thos. McCauley.

The congregation which attends church services wishes to take this means of expressing their appreciation of the lovely flower decorations which are enjoyed, from the hands of Mrs. Tosten. The flowers have been gorgeous and gracefully placed, adding so much to the reception of the sermons.

Mrs. Tom Benham and Karen returned home Sunday evening after spending the week-end in Eugene, visiting with Mrs. Harold Norris and new daughter, Shirley Paulette. They were accompanied by Tom, also, and stayed at the Ralph Zenor home.

Those attending the funeral of their uncle, Elmer Brownson, in Myrtle Point last Friday were Tom Benham and family and the C. A. Holverstotts.

A letter received Monday from Raymond Norris of the Navy makes his parents believe he must be in the states again as the letter was written and postmarked Saturday, May 5. Last word from his brother, Harold, of the air force, he was stationed in the Marianas and had finished his fourth mission over Japan, which was last week. He and Ben Holverstott had met and had had a long visit.

Harvey Benham, cousin of Mrs. C. A. Holverstott and Tom Benham, arrived in Coquille Tuesday, after nearly three years in services of the Seabees. It is his first furlough since entering the service. He has been stationed on several islands in the Pacific, two of them being New Caledonia and Guam.

Visiting lately at the home of his father, John Ryder, has been John Everett Ryder, eldest son, and his wife. He has four years in the Navy

with two more to serve before completing his enlistment period.

V-E day was received with thanksgiving by several mothers in the valley. A few of the boys in the European theatre are Harold and Russell Young, the Berry boys, Warren Dow, "Bud" Ryan, John Saylor and Clifford Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Saylor are here from their home near Nehalem. Mr. Saylor's father is critically ill at the Timmons home in Coquille. They are looking for their daughter, Loree, and her husband to arrive here before returning to their home.

Norway News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Williams, of Portland, were last week-end visitors at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Lett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Schroeder and daughter, Mrs. A. W. Hubbard, nee Joyce Schroeder, and son, Jerry, spent the week-end at Roseburg visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Hughes. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schroeder. The Walter Schroeders are well pleased with their new home and are enjoying better health at present than for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Hughes came in from Roseburg Sunday evening, spending Sunday night with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yarbrough, and going on to Coquille Monday, where they visited with another sister, Mrs. W. A. Warner. As Mr. Hughes has a few days vacation, they will also visit friends in Marshfield before returning to Roseburg.

Larry and Ilene Thompson were in Coquille Sunday to see the play, "Thunderhead," at the Roxy theatre, which they enjoyed very much.

Mrs. Otto Ziebarth came in Monday from Portland to spend a few days visiting her mother, Mrs. Martha Mullins, and her brother, Jim Mullins.

Mr. Cooper, of Oakland, Ore., and Mike Daniels will conduct a sale at the home of L. L. Gilbert on Big Creek Sunday, May 13. This sale will consist principally of livestock and household goods. The Gilberts plan to go to Arizona.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lett, Leslie Lett and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Williams enjoyed a picnic dinner Sunday at Rock Creek, where Mr. Williams went on business regarding logging trucks in that vicinity.

A. R. Bennett had a crew Monday and Tuesday, pouring concrete for the foundation of the new dairy barn he is building for Emil Petersen.

Mrs. A. H. Bender, of Myrtle Point, spent Tuesday and Wednesday of this week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Claver.

County Agent Makes Silo Suggestions

Tight silos, close packing, and the right moisture content are major factors in successful making of grass silage, points out George Jenkins, county agent, in recommending wider use of this type of feed in Coos county. Wherever early hay crops are endangered by unsettled weather, the use of grass silage provides a certain method of obtaining high quality feed for cattle or sheep.

For temporary use a pit, stack, or temporary upright silo may serve satisfactorily if sufficient care is taken during the ensiling period, but for permanent use, an upright round silo is the easiest and best, as it provides fewer places for air pockets to form. Exclusion of air helps avoid protein spoilage and mould, Jenkins states.

Finely cut, well packed silage with the proper moisture content will come out later as a high quality palatable feed. The silage cutter is best for short lengths as grass cut that way packs and keeps better, farmers have found. Constant leveling and tramping, or, in the case of pit silos, packing with a tractor or other method is a good practice.

A dry content of 30 to 35 per cent at the time of ensiling is considered best. If the grass or clover is excessively moist due to rain or immaturity, it may be left in the field a few hours to wilt or dry slightly before being chopped. If it has been allowed to dry too much, however, enough water can be added so that there is just a small amount of leakage as the silo is filled, which indicates the proper moisture content.

Molasses added at the rate of 40 pounds with grass and 80 pounds with legumes is good insurance, as it aids in the formation of preservative acids, improves palatability, and gives added feed value.

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Greater Portion Of Dog License Fees Goes To General Fund

Inquiries received by the Coos County Court indicate a general misunderstanding as to the disposition of funds acquired through dog licenses, the belief being that all this money is used to pay owners of sheep killed by dogs.

Sec. 32-2414 (1940 Code) provides in part "that on the 1st day of January of each year any amount of money in said fund in excess of \$1,000.00 shall be placed in the General fund of the County."

County Clerk Oddy's records show that beginning with February of this year, up to and including May 7, a total of \$5276.00 has been collected in the dog license fund. It is impossible to anticipate the amount that will be required throughout the present year to pay claims for sheep killed by dogs, but if the amount is consistent with that of recent years, only a minor portion of the whole fund will be used for that purpose. Sheep owners are paid \$3.00 per head upon proof by affidavit of at least one qualified person, in addition to that of the applicant.

The County Clerk's books show that during the entire year of 1944, a total of \$432.00 was paid to sheep owners. During 1945, up to May 1, only \$9.00 has been paid.

It can readily be seen that the major portion of the dog license money goes into the General fund to the benefit of taxpayers as a whole. This revenue offsets money that would otherwise have to be raised by property tax for general county purposes.

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