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## Washington Weekly Letter

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH

In presenting to our readers Mr. Harris' weekly letter from Congress, we take much pride in the fact that we were selected as one of the papers in the fourth congressional district to receive this important contribution to our columns.

Congressman Ellsworth has made a wonderful record in congress and bids to go far in his career as a congressman. He is well liked by the other members and they are loud in their praise as to his ability. The Fourth District has a wonderful representative and if you want something let Harris Ellsworth know and he will turn Washington upsidedown to get what you want.—Ed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 10—The top news from the House side of the congress for the week just ended was the vote on the tax plan bills. That was the most interesting legislative day thus far in this session. The Carlson bill (Ruml plan) lost by four votes. Move to recommit which was so worded that its passage carried with it the approval of the Robertson-Forand bill, carried by 50 votes. The Carlson bill was 100 per cent Ruml plan. The Forand bill 90 per cent. Doughton or committee bill never was voted upon. One interesting thing about the whole procedure is that the Forand bill, which was thus passed by the House, was not written by the Ways and Means committee; it had no hearings in committee and had not previously been considered by the House.

The Senate Committee, acting with amazing speed, wrote the Ruml plan back into the bill with a vote of 13 to 6. It is freely predicted that if the Senate passes the Ruml plan, the House will approve the Senate bill when it comes over. In other words the net result of four months of battling on the subject will probably be the final adoption of the tax collecting plan first devised by Beardley Ruml of New York—not a member of Congress!

There was a rumor flying around here yesterday that some Negro trouble was to develop last night. The colored people in Washington are angry at the street car and bus company because no Negroes are employed on the cars and buses. There may be some trouble yet but none has actually developed as this is written. Washington has a very large colored population.

As you might well imagine to be the case in as large and complex organization as the government of the United States, there is no such thing as simplicity. I have lately been endeavoring to get two relatively minor items included in the Interior Department appropriation bill—two items under the Bureau of Mines section. Some money is needed along with funds all ready made available by the state of Oregon and by Coos county, to make a complete exploration of the Coos Bay coal beds. The new Bureau of Mines laboratory at Albany will need an appropriation for operating expenses.

There is no objection to including either of these items—but

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## COMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 16—I Am an American Day.  
Sunday, May 30—Decoration Day. The Missionary Society meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Community church, Cave Junction.  
Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce meets every Tuesday noon the Cave City Coffee Shop.  
O'Brien Women's club meet on first Friday of each month.  
Ladies' Auxiliary meet the first and third Wednesday of each month.

## KERBY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Danny Farlien will be president of the Kerby high school Student Body for 1943-44 as a result of Wednesday's student body officers' election. Yvonne Payne will be vice president and Cleo Doney was elected secretary-treasurer. The United States History and Government class conducted the election. Each class constituted a precinct and was presided over by the usual precinct officials.

Ed Santos, class of '42, a member of Uncle Sam's navy since June of last year, visited school last Tuesday. Edward has a furlough and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buckles. He arrived from Chicago where he has been attending a special navy school for the past five months. He will return to duty May 17th.

## Darger Service Station Installs New Hoist

One of the many improvements among service stations in the valley, is the new hydraulic hoist installed recently by W. F. Darger of the Associated Service Station in Cave Junction.  
Mr. Darger brought the hoist a few weeks ago from Crescent City, and had it installed last week. This gives added speed to oiling and greasing cars at the popular Associated station.

## IMPROVES STORE FRONT

George P. Scott of Scott's Market, has added much to the attractiveness of his store front by putting in two large plate glass windows. The work was done by Bert Watkins and the new windows add much to the appearance of the store, both inside and out.

## Sherier Home Burned Friday Night

Last Friday about 8 o'clock in the evening, the residents of Cave Junction were startled to hear the siren fire signal, and it didn't take long to have a crowd, especially as it was Oregon State Guard drill night and many guardsmen were near by.

Annalee Sherier and her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Sherier were in their home, when Miss Annalee noticed a flame coming from the fireplace wall, and she screamed. Her father not knowing what the trouble was, asked her what was wrong and she pointed to the wall. Mr. Sherier immediately went for some water, but he quickly saw that he would not be able to put the fire out so gave an alarm and the siren was blown.

The guardsmen nearby came and helped get out the furniture, nearly all of it was saved, and Mr. Sherier gathered up three armfuls of clothing, but that was all. Mrs. Sherier had over a hundred dollars of heavy plate aluminum wear and all their dishes and kitchen utensils were destroyed.

The residence was one that Elwood Hussey built and was situated in the rear and north of the old Spanish Castle. It was completely destroyed. The fire truck responded immediately, but the house was beyond saving when it arrived. Nearby property was kept clear of sparks and no damage was done, regardless of the fact that a high east wind played havoc for a time with the sparks and kept them flying high in the air.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherier are indeed grateful to the community for the wonderful help given, and especially to the guard boys who saved part of the furniture which would otherwise have been destroyed. They want to warmly thank all who helped with the fire.

The Sheriers lost all their canned fruits and vegetables with nearly a year's supply on hand, and the woodshed was almost full of good dry wood that Mr. Sherier had been cutting which burned,

## 25 Lbs. Set As Canning Sugar Limit

WASHINGTON—The Office of Price Administration has fixed a top limit of 25 pounds of sugar per person for home canning and freezing of this year's fruit crop.

Except for the specific maximum, sugar for home canning will be allocated on substantially the same basis as last year—one pound of sugar for each four quarts (or eight pounds) of the finished product.

With the 25 pound limit, any family may apply for sugar to put up jams, jellies and preserves at the rate of five pounds per person, but this five pounds will have to come out of your 25 pound allowance.

Last year the limit for preserves was one pound.

There was no nation-wide limit last year on the amount of sugar allowed each person, but some boards set individual limits of 10 or 15 pounds, while others allowed as much as 45 pounds.

Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown urged those who can their own fruits and vegetables to use their processed food rations sparingly. "Every can of commercially packed foods saved by those folks through home canning is a direct and important contribution to our war effort," he said. "We can run the total into hundreds of millions of cans. Let's do it."

Brown reported that families living in the south and southwest have been obtaining sugar for home canning under last year's regulation.

Beginning May 15, rationing boards throughout the country will begin receiving applications under the new regulation. No special form is required, unless it is planned to sell the home product and applications may be made in person or by mail.

Each applicant must furnish a copy of War Ration Book I for each person for whom home-canning is sought, the total number of quarts or pounds to be put up, and the amount of sugar to be used for making jams and jellies.

Home canners may make gifts of both fruits and vegetables, but no person may give away more than 50 quarts. Any gifts in excess of that amount and all sales can be made only by the collection of blue stamps at the rate of 8 points per quart.

## Evacuee Tells of Womens Work

An evacuee from Singapore joined the weekly meeting of the surgical dressing group Tuesday afternoon at the Redwood Ranger Station crew house. Mrs. Maurice T. Ceode, niece of Mrs. J. J. Villair, told the women as they worked, how many hours every day the British women put into voluntary war work. In England the women not only knit for the forces, and knit for the Yanks in England, but mend battle dress, patching the heavy kakhki men wear in action. In addition they man canteens for all the civilian workers who are on constant alerts. She told of one woman anti-aircraft gun crews which brought down a recent Nazi raider on the outskirts of London.

The six women present at Tuesday's meeting agreed that one afternoon a week is a very small sacrifice of time for them to make, and hope that the many other women in the district will join them in this vital work. The next meeting of the group will be Tuesday afternoon, at 1 o'clock at the Crew House, and it is hoped that every woman in the Cave Junction district will think of what the British women are doing daily, and therefore give one afternoon weekly to the Red Cross.

## CAPITAL PARADE

By MURRAY WADE

The state's new financial responsibility law which becomes effective June 9, along with a large number of acts of the 1943 legislature, will create another branch in the extensive department of the secretary of state. Jergonized the law means: buy insurance on your car, or else.

This windfall to insurance companies and agents is getting spread thin however. A hatch of new insurance agents has swarmed out for the new business. Everybody's doin' it. Don't laugh in his face if your milkman asks you to buy car insurance from him. He may be carrying insurance as a side line. One of the big department stores here, the one nearest the capitol, is putting in an insurance counter—just across the aisle from the auto parts department.

## PRISONERS TO ARMY

State prison inmates will be drafted into the army upon termination of their sentence or on patrol. A special draft board has been set up to handle them and earlier releases will be made for induction. The exceptions are those who have been convicted of such crimes as arson and sex offenses.

## OREGON LEADS

Ten per cent of Oregon's population was enrolled in national war production training schools, a per capita percentage that leads the nation, O. I. Paulson, state director of vocational education states. Washington was second, with 8 per cent of its residents enrolled in classes. Those who are not skilled

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## Wartime Washington Vivid Setting for New M-G-M Drama

Washington in wartime is the setting for a vivid story of a woman's soul, in "The War Against Mrs. Hadley," which brings Fay Bainter to the screen as the embodiment of many women who, when the war started, refused to be drawn into it until awakened to the truth about national defense. The picture, literally a cross-section of a woman's soul, is playing this Saturday and Sunday at the Cave City theater.

Miss Bainter in the title role plays a wealthy widow, who despite changes brought about by war, tries to live her life as usual. Her friends go into war work, leaving her lonely. Her daughter goes into a canteen, marries a soldier. Her son is drafted. When he is sent overseas she blames her lover, a government official. The part of the government official is played by Edward Arnold. Then, in a dramatic climax, she awakens to the truth, and throws her life into the conflict, in common with millions of other American women.

## EIGHTH GRADE COMMENCEMENT

The schools of the Illinois Valley will hold joint eighth grade graduation exercises at the Union High school gymnasium next Monday evening, May 17th.

The following program has been arranged:

Processional—Alice Smith.  
Invocation—Rev. George Gray.  
Class History—Elizabeth Melow.  
Song—Girls of Spence school.  
Class Prophecy—Dena Jones.  
Cradle Song—High School Glee Club.  
Address—Judge W. A. Johnson.  
Harmonica Solo—Lennis Johnson.  
Legion Awards—Arthur Kellert.  
Poppy Easter Awards—Mrs. F. W. Jones.  
Presentation Diplomas—Supt. Dale F. Ginn.  
Benediction—Rev. Gray.  
Recessional—Alice Smith.  
Buy your Defense Stamps today.

## Kerby News Notes of General Interest

BY ADAH JONES

Material for making hospital dressings did not come from headquarters this week so no meeting of workers was held. They are expected by next Wednesday.

Frankie McLean and Ila Slack have been quite ill from the effects of colds and are out of school. Another victim of the more serious colds is Clem Sauer who has been almost down but is able to be out again.

Lack of manpower is causing considerable worry among Victory gardeners and farmers who depend on the Kerby ditch for water, some of the share holders have been able to work cleaning ditch and building flume but they feel that several more hours work is necessary before the full head of water can be turned it. Because of the drying winds gardens are beginning to need the water.

Corporal Annis Dixon left Monday for Tucson, Arizona after spending a few days furlough with his parents. Annis is a technician in the air corps.

William McLean and son Rob Roy returned to Portland Monday after a few days visit with home folks, both are working in a defense plant.

Mrs. James Hill and son Norman left last Wednesday for Mill City, Oregon, where she will visit her mother who has been quite ill.

## Rogue River Courier Of 1918 Shown

Through the courtesy of C. G. Sherier we have been loaned a copy of the Rogue River Courier, now the Grants Pass Courier, published by A. E. Voorhies, dated March 25, 1918, during the World War No. 1 days. Mr. Sherier's daughter, Mrs. Clara Dick, saved the paper and has other copies of the same year.

One story of interest on the first page is entitled "German Propaganda Is Made for Sweden," showing the same technique the Germans used then as now. The article said:

"The pro-German newspapers in Sweden are printing fantastic stories regarding conditions in America. This propaganda is designed obviously to awaken hostility toward the entente powers and the United States and to offset the effects unfavorable to Germany caused by the sinking of Swedish ships and by the Luxburg affair.

"The Nya Dagligt Allehanda prints an alleged interview with a Swede lately returned from America. According to this unidentified voyager American soldiers are committing suicide by the hundreds through fear of submarines; American provision shops are being plundered and the proprietors lynched by the masses; Swedes are faring hard in America, due to the Luxburg disclosures; the homes of 59,000 Germans in New York are being watched by the police and the inhabitants searched in the streets every time they leave their houses, and American newspapers 'not owned by British capital' have disclosed that 'the American Embassy in Budapest had been hoarding bombs.'"

Another interesting story is that of the O. & C. Railroad Lands on the Market April 29. This concerns the land grants given the railroad in the early days when being constructed, whereby the government gave every other section to the company for putting through the line. Because the land was not sold to farmers, the government took it back and thousands of acres are still in the hands of the government O. & C. Land Grants.

## Ration Board Is Assured For Valley

At the meeting of the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday noon in the Cave City Coffee Shop, Hobart M. Price, OPA representative, told the members that they could have a War Price and Rationing board if they wanted it—then went on to tell them what they would have to do to secure a board. First they would have to secure a location with rent, heat, light and water free of all charges to OPA. One paid clerk would be provided, otherwise the local citizens would have to furnish all other assistance and the board free of all financial responsibility from the regional office.

Mr. Price made it plain that the community was taking on a responsibility that they would have to take care of, and suggested a board of directors of eight to 12 members, both men and women and suggested that this board include all lines of endeavor if possible.

For a half an hour Mr. Price related matters of interest concerning the work of the board and stressed the point that the chairman should be selected with great care. The chairman is boss of the board.

The entire board will be selected in this manner: Suggestions of the personnel should be made to George Hicks, assistant county commander of the Civilian Defense Council. He will send the selections to the county council, and the chairman of the council, Judge Johnson will send this list to Edward Ostendorf, director of OPA for this district, and Mr. Ostendorf will then name the board and chairman. It is not at all mandatory that the names sent in will be chosen, but usually they are. Mr. Ostendorf can choose his own board if he so desires.

The location was under discussion, and Mr. Price wanted to know how many locations were available. The only one offered was a part of the News office, and after looking it over, Mr. Price was not at all too pleased with the place. He suggested a place that would provide a front office with an additional room where the board could meet in private. However, no other location has been offered, and if none is offered, it could still have The News corner, where free rent, light, heat and hot and cold water is available to the clerk and directors.

Mr. Ostendorf and Mr. Price will probably be back in Cave Junction next Tuesday noon to meet with the chamber, and at this meeting definite announcement is expected. In the meantime the board must be selected and all agree to give their time and energy to make the rationing board a success. Those interested should see Mr. Hicks, Mr. Sam Miller, or M. C. Athey and leave their suggested list for members of the board, or they can be left with Mrs. Hussey, club secretary, or at the Cave City Coffee Shop with Mr. Kolb. Hicks is the Civilian Defense Council representative with M. C. Athey, who is a member of the council board, but Mr. Hicks will make the recommendations, but he is anxious to have a list that will assist him to

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## WHAT THE LEGION AUXILIARY IS DOING

Initiation ceremonies will be given at next social night, May 19. Omitted from last week's list of nominations was those for executive board for which two are to be elected. Emily Kellert and Lucille Arnold were nominated. Lida Miller, Mildred Taylor and Amy Hussey visited the Spence, Payne, White and Holland schools Thursday of last week to give the American Legion scholarship tests. Miss Lois Taylor acted as chauffeur.