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Washington
Weekly Letter

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—Another session this week, this time with members of the Production Executive Committee of the War Production Board along with Mr. A. H. Bunker, head of the light metals division of WPB. Wilson (acting WPB chairman) presided and did most of the talking, with Mr. Bunker to furnish statistics and technical knowledge as called for. The members of the PEC—including a couple of army generals and some admirals—said nothing.

Once more we were told that the three alumina-from-clay plants previously approved for construction—one in Wyoming, one in South Carolina, and one in the Northwest—would not be approved now.

There is a little bauxite left in Arkansas—enough to last about two years. We have a small stockpile—about one year's supply. After that—unless we can keep the sea lanes open, we will have NO alumina at all!

In the face of these facts (which were fully admitted at both meetings) WPB to date refuses to consider developing a means of producing alumina in our own country. The thing smells to high heaven.

After the subject had been pretty well threshed over in the meeting, and we were about ready to leave (in disgust), Representative Coffee (D., Wash.) asked Mr. Bunker, (who, by the way, in private life is a top executive for Alcoa), who owns the bauxite deposits in South America. The reply was that the bauxite is principally owned by the Aluminum Company of America, but the British Aluminum company has some holdings there also.

Coffee then said: "Thanks, gentlemen, I think that gives us the answer to our question." And the meeting broke up.

Why did Wilson and WPB previously approve the alumina-from-clay plants and then some 60 days later reverse their decision? That question has been a hard one to get answered. It has not yet been officially answered—probably never will be. Two rumors appeared this week which, if they are true, give an unofficial but rather nasty answer:

Rumor No. 1—Aluminum interests have only VERY recently completed negotiations for the purchase of some West Coast shipping facilities—assumption is such a deal insures post-war importation of bauxite from the very rich Dutch East Indies deposits.

Rumor No. 2—Aluminum interests DID NOT complete negotiations for control of one of the three proposed alumina-from-clay plants, thus giving them little or no interest in the proposed further development of alumina from clay in the United States.

These reports are passed along for whatever they may be worth. We are entitled to a much better and more reasonable answer than has thus far been given officially—for the fact stands reaffirmed

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COMING EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 31—Hallowe'en.
Thursday, Nov. 11—Armistice.
Thursday, Nov. 25—Thanksgiving.
December 8—Health Clinic at the Auxiliary room.
Illinois Valley Garden club meets the first Wednesday of each month.
Aircraft Demonstration school Mondays and Thursday, Redwood Ranger Station Crew House, 8 p. m.
H. E. U. meets every second Tuesday of the month.
O'Brien Women's club meet on first Friday of each month.
Ladies' Auxiliary meet the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Double Attraction
At Cave City Theater
This Week-End

A double feature bill is offered the theater fans this week end by the Cave City theater.

The first feature brings to the screen a great favorite of local fans, Roy Rogers, in "Romance on the Range." The plot deals with Roy's search for a gang of fur robbers who have killed his cowpuncher pal while getting away with stolen pelts. Roy is foreman of Arrowhead Ranch, managed by Jerome Banning and owned by absentee landlord Joan Stuart, a young New York socialite, played by Linda Hayes. Miss Hayes, disturbed by the series of fur robberies, and suspicious of Banning goes West incognito to detect the culprits. The wide open spaces and the western moonlight contrive quite easily to develop the romantic sequences between Roy and Linda.

The second feature is a thrill-packed drama of the Far North, "Northwest Rangers" and is an exciting story set to a fast tempo of guns, conflict and love in the land of the midnight sun, and the talented young trio, James Craig, Bill Lundigan and Patricia Dane are backed by a supporting cast which includes such noted character personalities as John Carradine and Jack Holt.

Craig, tall and stalwart, is one of two boys orphaned in an Indian raid—the other is Lundigan—who matures in a country where gambling is a favorite pursuit and who succumbs to the lure of the clicking chips and whirring roulette wheels, but is withal a charming carefree knight of the casinos of chance. Lundigan plays the role of the boy who followed the other path, to law and order and the Northwest Mounted Police, and to whom comes the heart-breaking duty of arresting his best friend.

STATE SCHOOL
SUPPORT FUND
HAS ARRIVED

Dale Ginn, county school superintendent was in the valley yesterday and informed The News that the October portion of the state school support fund had arrived in Josephine county and the clerks of the school districts may pick up their portion at the county treasurer's office. The second half of the fund will be received April 15th, 1944.

This fund was voted by the people to offset property taxes. Some school districts did not make a levy this year, and they will not be benefitted by this fund, as it was made to offset property taxes and where none are levied, no money will be received.

Following are the schools and amounts to be received. The October portion is one-half this amount:

Kerby High	\$2,035.95
Selma Grade	1,413.57
Holland Grade	725.35
Kerby Grade	1,554.70
Takilma Grade	86.42
Dryden Grade	553.78
Payne Grade	234.03
White Grade	302.00
Rockydale Grade	none
O'Brien Grade	273.79
Central Grade	none
Spence Grade	454.58

GIVE DEER HIDES
TO GOVERNMENT

Aviators need coats made from deer hides to keep them warm when flying high in the air. The Isaac Walton League in Grants Pass will see that the government gets the hides if left with them.

The league has taken in 40 hides so far. Leave them at the Rogue River Hardware warehouse and Ed Heydenburk will take care of them.

Lt. Gordon Morris, U. S. air corps, arrived in the valley last Saturday for a few days visit with his mother, Mrs. C. G. Morris on Caves highway, and other relatives. Lt. Morris is stationed in Los Angeles and is instructor in meteorology.

Buy your Defense Stamps today.

Smoke
Jumpers
Leave Valley

Residents of the valley were saddened to learn Tuesday that the crew of smoke jumpers, stationed at the Redwoods Ranger station at Cave Junction, had left the valley for Gold Beach, where they expect to be for the winter. They will do brush disposal work at Gold Beach and neighboring territory for the next few months.

It is also anticipated that the crew will be used in other forest work this winter, but this announcement will be made later.

The smoke jumpers did a remarkably fine job this summer and are believed to be the means of keeping down some bad fires that might have gotten away if the jumpers had not been there before the fires had a chance to spread.

Jack Heintzelman, superintendent of the jumpers, will also leave in a few days for another station where he will be in special work for the winter. He expects to be back next year.

PUGET TIMBER CO.
OFFICIALS VISIT
NEW SAWMILL SITE

This week the Puget Timber company had as guests in the valley, Bob and Frank Schaffer of Eugene. Bob Schaffer is the manager of all the company's sawmills and Frank Schaffer is secretary-treasurer of the company.

Accompanying them were Mr. and Mrs. Horace Baxter of San Francisco, and C. A. Chadburn of Seattle, who were here to look over the new mill being constructed at Kerby.

O. L. Watterman, district superintendent of the company, with offices in Kerby, entertained them with a dinner at Mrs. Magill's Bungalow cafe, and took them over the valley showing the company's resources and other items that would interest them.

THINGS YOU SHOULD
KNOW ABOUT TIRES

Effective October 1, eligibility for new Grade 1 passenger car tires will be restricted to persons having a total allowed mileage of 601 or one mile per month. This action is taken as a temporary measure and is intended to reduce the demand for Grade 1 tires until such time as the production of synthetic tires is of a sufficient volume to warrant a return to the present eligibility provisions.

Automobile dealers, heretofore prohibited from taking tires or tubes from their unmounted stock for the purpose of mounting them on used cars held for resale, are now permitted to do so upon local board authorization.

Used tractor and implement tires have been taken from rationing. This permits any person to buy such a tire without a certificate.

If your tires are recappable, you should have this done at once, before the carcass is beyond repair. This is mandatory on the part of owners, for if it is not done when it is needed, you might have a hard time explaining why you didn't and are requesting new tires. Recapping now does not require a certificate. Just let your dealer have your tire and he will do the rest. But don't neglect this important matter, if you want to keep your auto running.

Raspberries!

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Ramsey came into the office Thursday of last week with a box of raspberries that were twice the size of the average berry during the berry season. Five berries filled the top of an average box one way and four the other way. The raspberries were the finest box of berries we have ever seen, any old place any old time. The berries were raised at the Ramsey home in Kerby.

Figure It
Out For
Yourself

An Editorial From the Washington Post

The Treasury Department's War Savings Staff has inaugurated a new and hopeful campaign to step up the sale of war bonds through payroll savings. Until recently the Treasury sought to have every wage earner set aside 10 per cent every payday. Now it has raised its sights. To each of us, it says simply—"Figure It Out Yourself."

The appeal is a democratic one, of a sort to which Americans are certain to respond.

More than 26 million individual Americans are now buying bonds regularly through a payroll savings plan. Perhaps not all of them can manage to meet the 10 per cent quota. A great many of them, however, can manage to set aside much more. Some families have two, three or even four members bringing in pay checks each week. And with overtime work, the size of the pay checks has increased. Depending on individual circumstances, it may be possible for such families to save as much as a third or a fourth of their aggregate incomes. The Treasury is asking them to forget the old 10 per cent minimum and to think in terms of a maximum—to invest every cent they possibly can in war bonds.

It is in the enlarged incomes of wage earners that the real danger of inflation lies, as former Food Administrator Chester C. Davis recently reminded us. The Treasury's job is not merely to raise money—it can do that readily enough from banks—but to siphon off the steadily expanding excess buying power of the average American family, and to see that it is set aside for future, instead of current use. The best way of doing this is through the regular allotment of some portion of the individual's earnings as they come due each week. The allotment must be made in one way or another if value is to be kept in the American dollar. It now depends upon the good sense of the American people in "figuring it out" whether we can avoid compulsory savings. Let us get behind the new campaign!

Teachers to Attend
Regional Conference

On November 4th and 5th there will be a meeting of the Southern Oregon Regional conference for all school teachers of Josephine and Jackson counties and the Southern Oregon College of Education, to be held at Ashland.

An interesting program has been arranged with speakers of national repute headed by Dr. F. W. Hart of the University of California, who is acting in an advisory capacity for the government in the field of aviation.

All schools will be closed on November 4th and 5th, and the teachers will be required to attend the conference. Transportation will be furnished from Grants Pass to Ashland by Grants Pass school buses, special permission having been obtained from the office of Defense Transportation.

POSTOFFICE TO MOVE
TO NEW LOCATION

Postmaster C. Y. Arnold received instructions this week from the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General to move the Cave Junction postoffice to his building.

Arnold's grocery store will take half of the building and the postoffice the other half. Alterations of the building will be made at once and the postoffice will move November 1st. Patrons of the office will get their mail Monday, November 1st from the new location.

Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps

Kerby News Notes
of General Interest

BY ADAH JONES

Les Henry, Jr., left Sunday by plane to rejoin his ship at Vallejo, Calif., after spending a two weeks leave with his father at Kerby and sisters at Bremerton, Wash.

Heide Sachse and Louise Hammer arrived at their homes last Friday from San Francisco for a two weeks vacation. Both girls are employed in government offices in San Francisco.

Mrs. Clara Magill is enjoying a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Lozena Lewis, who is here from Anaheim, Calif., for a month's stay.

Mrs. Herbert Marchant returned this week from Drummond, Okla., where she went to attend the funeral services of her grandmother, Mrs. Nancy Wright, who died near Grants Pass a few weeks ago. Mrs. Ruby Phillips, daughter of Mrs. Marchant, returned to her home in Redmond last week after spending a few weeks with the Marchant family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Morrison and son Fritz Lee came over from Agness last Friday where they have spent the past summer. Fritz was protective assistant there but will be assistant superintendent at the forest service road camp at China Flats during the winter. Mrs. Morrison and son will stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jones.

J. H. Hill received word of the death of Mrs. Hill's mother at Mill City, Oregon last Friday. Mrs. Hill went to be with her mother a few weeks ago when she received word of her serious illness.

Kerby library is a very popular place with school children during the hours it is open on Tuesdays and Fridays. Mrs. Kate Sachse and Mrs. Ford Jones are in charge. Diane Moresy donated four girls' books, which are very popular with the girls. The two libraries from Grants Pass are being called in and Mr. Ginn brought out new ones when he called on the schools Wednesday.

Mrs. Bruce Hanna received word of the death of her mother, Mrs. L. P. Martin at Raymond, Illinois, last Wednesday. Mrs. Hanna was unable to go back because of traveling conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hanna have had letters from both their sons in the service. Robert Hanna who entered the navy from here is somewhere in the Pacific. Robert Stickle, Mrs. Hanna's son is in England in the air corps.

Niel R. Allen Appointed
On State Mining Board

Niel R. Allen, Grants Pass attorney, was appointed a member of the State Governing Board of the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries by Gov. Earl Snell Tuesday, succeeding the late Albert Burch of Medford. Burch, a mining engineer of international reputation, had served on the governing board since the department's inception.

Gof. Snell in making the appointment stated Allen is well qualified to serve in such a capacity as he believes Allen has the confidence of not only the small miners but of the bigger operators as well. Through his long background of mining practice, Allen is familiar with all kinds of mining and with the mining statutes of the state, the governor said.

Local mining leaders expressed satisfaction Wednesday morning that Southern Oregon would continue to be represented on the state board, and stated they believe Grants Pass, as a mining center, is entitled to such recognition.

Other members of the board are Sam H. Williston, Portland, and W. H. Stayer, Baker.—Grants Pass Courier.

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How To Get
Ration Book
Number 4

Citizens of the valley will be issued the new ration book No. 4 next week beginning Tuesday, October 26th and continuing for Wednesday and Thursday, October 27th and 28th.

The books will be issued from the following places. Those who live nearest to the registering places are requested to go there, but this is not mandatory:

Selma Grade School
Kerby High School
Holland Hotel
O'Brien Grade School.

The schools and hotel will be open for registration between the hours of 4 and 8 p. m. Please do not go there before 4 p. m., and don't come after 8 p. m. The school teachers will handle the books and you can help the teachers and yourself by being patient and get the new blanks at the school houses and then fill in the names. The News office has a few blanks that will be given out anytime anyone calls for them.

For each person to be registered, the person doing the registering MUST bring along War Ration Book Three. All the facts needed to fill out the application will be the full names, ages, and sex of members of the family, OPA says. Consumers will not have to declare stocks on hand—either commercial or homecanned. Any member of the family can register for all.

War Ration Book Four will be used beginning November 1 for processed foods, canned goods, and sugar. Green stamps A, B, and C (for processed foods and canned goods) will become valid November 1, and will remain valid through December 20, 1943. Blue stamps X, Y, and Z (for processed foods and canned goods) from Book Two are still valid and will remain so through November 20. Green stamps in Book four will be used in exactly the same way as the blue stamps in Book Two—the letters indicate the validity period, the numbers indicate the point values. On November 1, sugar stamp number 29 also becomes valid and is good through January 15, 1944.

Other stamps in War Ration Book Four will not be used until a later date. The stamps in Book Four labeled "coffee" were printed before coffee rationing was discontinued.

Eastern Star Chapter
Initiates New Members

Western Star Chapter met last Tuesday evening for their October meeting with Worthy Matron Francis Smith, presiding.

Following the regular business meeting Louise Hammer and Elva Messenger were initiated into the Order.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the evening at two tables centered with huge bowls of pink Michaelmas daisies and white cosmos.

WHAT THE LEGION
AUXILIARY IS DOING

The Unit is now over the top in membership. Yearly donations for Department Child Welfare and Hospital Funds have been made and poppies ordered for next year. Donations were also made to the service men's cigarette fund and to the War Chest.

It seemed like old times with Pearl Martindale, Zenna Jennings and Marie White at the meeting. Pearl is here on a short visit from Utah and Zenna from Portland. Marie's work has prevented her attending for several months.

After the meeting light refreshments were served to Auxiliary members and Legionnaires.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Hicks left last Friday for Oakland, Calif., where they will visit relatives indefinitely.