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Save Paper Says Salvage Committee

Plans for continued salvage of tin cans, kitchen fats and rags, old clothes and paper were discussed at a meeting of the county salvage committee held Thursday night at the courthouse.

The paper salvage program will get in full swing this week, Chairman Henry E. Tetz, announce with the city and county schools acting as collection stations. Money for hot school lunches, milk funds or other organization projects may be obtained from the sale of waste paper, Tetz explained. Full details on price quotations are available at the high school office.

Magazines should be tied together in 40 pound bundles. Old newspapers should also be tied together and the third large source of waste paper, cartons, should be torn apart and bound together into flat packages. Individuals with waste paper to contribute should notify a nearby school or student and the bundle will be collected. Each school is asked to keep its collection until notified to bring the paper to the railroad car at shipping time.

Business houses are asked to save unwanted letters and envelopes by placing them flat in a box. Crumpled paper is not wanted.

The chairman also urged that only clean papers be donated as an added safety measure for the children who will be handling the salvage.

Although the active campaign in collection of old clothes and rags is closed, Tetz asked that further contributions be left either in the courthouse basement or at the salvage depot in the former Mac's market on H street. The clothes will be sorted for cleaning next week.

A carload of tin cans is almost ready for shipment, it was disclosed, and an effort is being made to complete filling the car immediately. The grocers have given full cooperation in the gathering of tin cans. Housewives are asked to take used tin cans immediately to their grocers in order to get the car shipped as soon as possible.

The national advertising program in the collection of kitchen fats has aided Josephine county's collection, it was reported at Tuesday's meeting.

The giving of ration points for the fats has accelerated the fat collection here also. Need for continued donations of fats was emphasized.

GARDEN CLUB HAS SMALL ATTENDANCE

Due to much sickness in the valley and bad weather conditions, Mrs. Gladys King, secretary of the Illinois Valley Garden club, reported a very small attendance at the meeting last week which was held at the home of Mrs. J. J. Villair. Assisting hostess was Mrs. G. W. Martin.

O. K. Beals, county agent, scheduled as guest speaker of the afternoon, was unable to come but may at some later date. Very little business was transacted and it is hoped all members will be able to attend the February meeting which will be at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Holland in Bridgeview.

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COMING EVENTS

Illinois Valley Garden club meets the first Wednesday of each month.

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.

KERBY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

By DONNIS SAUER

Last week two educational films were shown at school. One of these, "American Patriot", portrayed the life of an old gentleman who realized how much America has progressed in the last one hundred years, and the other "Beauty for Keeps" told the story of how wax, one of nature's products helps preserve household furnishings.

A Student Body meetings was held in the English room Wednesday. After the business had been taken care of, the Junior class furnished some entertainment. The program consisted of a dance, a short skit, a song and a few novelty numbers, which went over big with the audience.

Mrs. Phipps of Grants Pass gave a talk on the possibility of beginning a course of Home Nursing at the high school. She stated that the class could consist of no more than 20 girls and preferably Juniors and Seniors. There is nothing definite so far about establishing this course, however it would offer excellent opportunity for those girls who might be interested.

DOUBLE FEATURE PROGRAM COMING SATURDAY, SUNDAY

"Pilot No. 5"

Amid the wreckage of planes and aircraft guns on a blasted jungle airfield, the exhausted remnants of a flying squadron await the certain return of the enemy bombers. Save for one plane hastily improvised from the wreckage of others, they are defenseless against the enemy. But they are unshaken.

Major Eichel calls for a volunteer to fly the lone fighter to intercept the approaching bombers. The mission is a forlorn hope, almost certain death to the pilot. But the five remaining flyers, Vito Alessandro, Everett Arnold, Winston Davis, Henry Claven and George Collins instantly volunteer. The major selects Collins for the task. He takes off.

It then develops that the other flyers are uncertain about Collins' character and much discussion is directed against and one for him, and the major asks all the remaining flyers to tell the story of Collins' life. Nevertheless the final episode of the picture shows Collins realizing his great dream which is to help annihilate the sinister force in the world.

It's a great picture and finds Franchot Tone playing the lead with Marsha Hunt opposite him and a great cast of other players.

"Tish"

The second feature is an extra fine comedy, made for laughing purposes only and in this it hits a happy chord with every audience.

"Tish" with Marjorie Main and Lee Bowman start all the fun, and those who have seen Marjorie Main in other pictures know what comedy she can produce.

Both pictures are good, and there will be another record crowd at the theater, so come early and get a good seat.

Housewarming Given Kellerts in Kerby

Last Saturday evening on arriving home from the show Mr. and Mrs. Art Kellert were pleasantly surprised to find the house full of guests including Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hudron, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hogue, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey C. Hamrick, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Slack, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Green, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Taylor, Amy Hussey, Marie White, Millie Trefethen, Helen Farmer, Les Henry, Maurice Sauer and (Bill Strigles) better known as Nat Woolley.

Games and cards were enjoyed until midnight when a delightful lunch was served by the guests.

A beautiful mantel set was presented to Art and Emily from "The Bunch."

Precipitation For 1943 Is Very Low

According to the records of the Redwood Ranger station, 1943 was the driest year of the last three years where records were available.

The 40.44 inches of precipitation reached during the year was 25.07 inches shorter than in 1942 and 16.89 inches less than that of 1941. The biggest difference was felt during November and December, when the shortage amounted to 29.11 inches or two and one-half feet less than last winter.

The recent snows promise some relief from drought next summer. Continued snow and rain are necessary to fill the natural reservoirs in the mountains. Following is a table showing the precipitation by months in the years 1941, 1942 and 1943:

	1941	1942	1943
Jan.	13.05	7.76	13.26
Feb.	6.27	8.20	2.46
March	3.46	1.59	4.77
April	4.08	3.77	2.53
May	4.20	6.31	1.26
June	1.74	.20	.61
July ....	.10	.00	.34
August ....	.02	.02	.19
Sept. ....	.99	.05	.04
Oct. ....	.42	1.09	7.57
Nov.	6.92	18.79	4.75
Dec.	16.08	17.73	2.66
Totals	57.33	65.51	40.44

Army Needs More Surgical Dressings

Thirteen women met Tuesday afternoon at Crew House, Redwood Ranger Station, to fold surgical dressings. O'Brien, Bridgview and Holland were well represented with workers and now that the holidays are past and we are settling down for the winter, we hope very much to have a better attendance from Cave Junction. The Red Cross is asking for more and more surgical dressings and we hope the ladies from this section will respond.

FRED L. MOCK

Fred L. Mock of Cave Junction, passed away last Friday, January 7th, at the Josephine General hospital, where he had been taken for medical treatment a few days before. Mr. Mock had only lived in the valley for seven months.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Mabel Wetzel, Junction City, Kansas; Mrs. June Zimmerman, Grants Pass; Mrs. Pauline Henbree, Cave Junction; two sons, Harold in the Navy and Ted in the Air Force; and one brother, Walter Mock of California.

Funeral services were in charge of Hull & Hull Funeral home.

To the People of this Community

KILL OR BE KILLED

United States Marines paid the stiffest price in human life per square yard for the capture of Tarawa, vital Pacific outpost. It was kill or be killed. Your boys did not flinch when they ran into the deadliest fire power along the beaches of this important Gilbert Island stronghold.

This assault, bloody and costly, is one of the many which must be made before Tokyo and Berlin are pounded into dust and ashes.

What are you doing to back up the boys? Remember these are boys from this very community, perhaps from your very home. Any home in your neighborhood which today does not display the Treasury's red, white and blue 4th War Loan Shield proclaiming "We bought Extra War Bonds" is not backing the attack. Every Extra War Bond you buy becomes a direct fighter against Japan and Germany. If you could but see one man die on the battlefield, you would not count the cost of your slight sacrifices to buy Extra War Bonds to make each succeeding assault less costly in the lives of our boys.

You can't afford NOT to buy Extra Bonds in the 4th War Loan if you would help these boys.

THE EDITOR.

Grocery Stores Sell To G. P. Man

Two transactions this week that will be of general interest to Kerby citizens and nearby points, was the purchase of Arnold's grocery store in Cave Junction and the Wittrock grocery store in Kerby, to Laque Youngblood of Grants Pass.

Mr. Youngblood is well known in the county seat town, having been the general manager of Grover's refrigeration plant across the railroad tracks from the S. P. depot, and leaves that position to take over Wittrock's store, with the added stock of the Arnold store.

The stock from Arnold's grocery was moved Tuesday and put in the Wittrock store.

We have not had an opportunity to see Mr. Youngblood as yet, but we have been told that he plans to open for business in about five days, that should be about next Monday, Jan. 17.

NEWS FROM OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Word has been received from Richard Messenger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hesserger, that he has been commissioned an Ensign in the U. S. N. R. and has been ordered to Cornell university at Ithaca, N. Y., for training.

Corp. Donald Doney of Cave Junction, now stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., did not have a very nice Christmas holiday. He spent the time in the hospital having an abscess in his throat removed. He is now O. K. and back in the ranks on duty.

For the information of the boys away from home in the service, Keith Wells and Oliver Boyd went to Portland this week for their final physical. Keith passed and will be in the service, but Oliver was turned down.

A letter from Robert Norman White to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. White, states that he has finished his training and made his rating as storekeeper 3/c in the U. S. Navy, and also reports that he likes the country very well, wherever that is.

He wrote in his letter that after the war he hopes to return there to make that his home, and wants his parents with him and wants them to be as enthused with the country as he is. Bob said that he was a very busy person.

Herbert White, son of Mrs. M. Stewart of Grants Pass, and a cousin of Bob, writes that he also has completed his training in the Navy and is a gunner's mate 3/c. Both boys are in the Navy stationed somewhere in the South Pacific.

FOREST SERVICE CRUISING TIMBER

The Redwood Smoke Jumper Crew has been employed since the first of December on the cruising of the timber stand on the Happy Camp Road and Page mountain. Six sections have been cruised to date in some of the heaviest stands of Douglas fir in the Illinois valley.

The cruising is being done by the Forest Service preparatory to timber sale work.

American Legion Dance Saturday

The American Legion will give a dance Saturday night, January 15 in the Legion hall at Cave Junction.

Freeman's orchestra will furnish the music and the Ladies' Auxiliary will serve a midnight lunch.

Buy your Defense Stamps today.

Kerby News Notes of General Interest

BY ADAH JONES

Mrs. Lorene Beebe and sons returned Sunday from Eugene and Springfield where they visited relatives.

Mrs. Phil Dessinger sent a few days in Grants Pass on business and also visited her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brady.

Among the service men here on leave this week are Lonnie Dixon, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dixon, and Irven Miller, son of Mrs. Krieger. Lonnie is recuperating from an operation. He is in the army and stationed in Louisiana. Irven has been in the navy for over two years and has seen action in the South Seas.

Mrs. J. H. Wittrock has sold the J. H. Wittrock store to Laque Youngblood of Grants Pass. Mr. Youngblood also bought the stock of groceries of the C. Y. Arnold store in Cave Junction. Kerby people are happy to have the Wittrock store continue in operation as it has been one of the many grocery and merchandise stores of the valley since 1916. Mr. Youngblood is moving the stock of groceries and equipment from the Arnold store and plans to have the store open in the very near future.

"NO FARM BLOC" SAYS ELLSWORTH

WASHINGTON — A newspaper publisher who came to Washington a year ago, Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.) today questioned the existence of a farm bloc in Congress, saying it can be found only "in the imagination of some writers and commentators."

"When I came to Congress," Ellsworth said, "I thought there was a 'farm bloc'."

"So I came here forewarned, and therefore, forearmed. I sought immediately to locate and identify this monster that was blocking good legislation and forcing the passage of its own selfish demands."

"I wanted to help strike it down—behead it and rend it asunder—do away with it as an evil and un-American growth upon our governmental system. But I can not find it."

"I conclude, after a year of search, that the farm bloc does not exist as a living thing but is only found in the imagination of some writers and commentators."

"It is kept alive in the public mind solely because the word 'bloc' is much easier to write than the more accurate phrase 'representatives from agricultural states.'"

Mrs. C. E. Lawson of O'Brien, made a trip to Grants Pass on business. L. E. Athey substituted in the postoffice during her absence.

MISSING



Major Gregory Boyington, Marine Corps fighter pilot from Okanogan, Wash., who was reported missing after shooting down his 26th Japanese plane in a raid over Rabaul Jan. 3 to tie the record set by Major Joe Foss, another Marine, in this war, and Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, of the Army, in World War 1.

Teen-Age Club Planned For Valley

Plans are being formulated by a group of interested women in the valley to open a Teen-Age club for the youngsters. The movement is being sponsored by the American Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, and a large number of ladies who do not belong to the Auxiliary are going to give their support to help get the club started.

There is a location available for the club rooms. The room in the Drews hotel building formerly occupied by Arnold's grocery store. This room could be fixed up to make a very desirable location for such activities as the Teen-Age club would require.

In order to get the movement under way and give the youngsters a place to congregate and amuse themselves during the evenings, a great deal of work is necessary. Considerable expense will entail the installation of such a club room, but after it is in operation, it is expected to pay its own way. But getting it started is going to be a job, and anyone interested in helping such a move, either with finances, furnishings, donating a little help, or other ways of putting their shoulder to the wheel, should contact Mrs. E. Y. Taylor, and she will be glad to give all the details, and where such help can be put to the best advantage.

RED CROSS FUND LARGER THIS YEAR

Josephine county's quota for the 1944 Red Cross War Fund drive is \$14,300, about 66 per cent higher than last year and by far the largest quota ever given to this county, F. G. V. Gordon, drive chairman, announced today.

Sixty-eight per cent of the fund, or \$9,800 will go to the National Red Cross and 32 per cent, \$4,500 will be retained in this county. This is almost an exact opposite of the division of funds last year when 62 per cent remained in the county and 38 per cent went to national. Last year's quota was \$8,600 and was oversubscribed.

The increased wartime responsibilities of the American Red Cross has necessitated an all-time high budget of \$200,000,000. Field directors, hospital, club and recreation workers are with American armed forces in virtually every command overseas. On the home front, too, the Red Cross has broadened its service. It finances the gathering of blood plasma, the training of volunteer nurse's aides and numerous other operations such as prisoner of war packaging centers.

Salaries of permanent Red Cross workers are financed by endowment funds set up years ago, Gordon stated. Funds raised in this campaign go directly to the aid and relief of service men here and abroad.

The Illinois Valley chairman will be announced a little later, and this chairman will announce her co-workers.

Registration Books Now Open

The county registration books are now open and those who need to register in order to vote at the May primaries, can now do so.

For the convenience of the valley residents, County Clerk Coutant has appointed several registrars in different parts of the valley to register voters, saving them a trip to Grants Pass.

We do not have the complete list, but Mrs. Lucile Floyd at Holland, Lew Hammer at Selma, and M. C. Athey at Cave Junction are registrars. If possible register in your precinct where you vote, but if this is inconvenient, register at any of the places, as well as at the court house in Grants Pass.

Better register early before you postpone it too long and then find you cannot vote because you failed to register before the books close.