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Washington Weekly Letter

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WASHINGTON, D. C., January 15, 1944—When Congress reconvened for the second session of the 78th Congress last week, many of the same legislative problems—subsidies, taxes, soldiers' vote legislation, commanded the immediate attention of Congress.

The President's message on the State of the Union, which was read by the reading clerk of the house, did not alter the picture materially. His recommendation of a national service law was the only new element which Congress did not have actually under consideration.

During the adjournment period, the War Food Administration, in response to a request for a recommendation on a bill proposed by Senator Aiken of Vermont, recommended a food stamp program in place of subsidies. According to the War Food Administration, the stamp plan would reach the groups of workers in the country in the lowest income brackets, and safeguard them from food price increases. The WFA estimated that this program would cost the government approximately three billion dollars a year. By the end of the first week in the session, the Senate Agriculture Committee was holding hearings on the food stamp plan. In contrast to the estimates made by WFA, Senator Aiken presented figures to show that the food stamp plan would be available to approximately sixteen million people in the country, and that the over-all cost would be about four hundred million dollars.

There was a general feeling that the WFA's estimates were extremely high, and everyone wondered on what they based their calculations. The legislation involving subsidies, in the meantime, is awaiting further action by the Senate Banking and Currency committee.

The House Elections committee, having charge of the soldier vote bill, took immediate action and completed hearings and reported a modified version of the bill passed by the senate. This bill will come up in the house at about the time this is printed. I believe there has been a marked change in attitude among the members in the last few weeks toward this legislation. Under the so-called federal ballot bills initially proposed, there was no certainty that, after the soldiers had marked their federal ballots, these ballots would be counted in the respective states, and it is admitted that there rests in Congress no authority to compel the states to count ballots which do not conform to the state constitutions and election laws. Consequently, it becomes a state problem in those states which have not already made provisions for soldier voting to adjust their laws to provide for methods of qualifying and accepting absent voters' ballots. The job Congress has is to assist in every way possible to distribute and collect ballots throughout the armed forces so that the maximum number of ballots may be cast and returned in time to be counted.

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COMING EVENTS

Saturday, Jan. 29—President's birthday.
Saturday, Feb. 12—Lincoln's birthday.
Monday, Feb. 14—Valentine's day.
Tuesday, Feb. 22—Washington's birthday.
Sunday, April 16—Easter Sunday.
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.

"Slightly Dangerous" Brings Two Stars In Exciting Comedy

Teaming Lana Turner and Robert Young together for the first time, the Cave City theater presents Saturday and Sunday, the fast-stepping comedy, "Slightly Dangerous," mixing love, comedy, excitement, adventure and suspense into a hilarious screen play which spells excitement.

An ice cream soda almost plays havoc with cupid's plans, but Miss Turner expertly flips it into a "happy ever after" finale.

Rated as one of the screen's top glamor girls, Miss Turner plays her opening scenes as an "ugly duckling", later emerging into full radiance in her first Irene designed gown, and later comes out in a wardrobe that any woman would give her eye teeth to possess. Miss Turner has the distinction of displaying styles which are forerunners for the coming year and feminine fans will be interested in the new Irene Castle silhouette modified shoulders, inch longer skirts, jackets that dip in the back, hats that shoot straight up, tiny neat veils and two new up-brushed coiffures in keeping with the headline news of tomorrow.

It's a "wow" of a comedy and Robert Young takes the delightful Lana at her own game and makes her like it, too. The ladies will be clamoring for the theater Saturday and Sunday, if for nothing else to see the new styles, but while they are getting an eye full of clothes, they are going to witness as fine a comedy as they ever saw.

WATER COMPANY BUYS NEW, MODERN PUMP FOR PLANT

The Cave City Water Company has purchased a new, modern pump for the city water system, and it is expected to arrive here this week. As soon as it is installed, the water company will have a much better system and the water will not be shut off as it has been lately.

The new pump will give additional power and pressure and has no parts that will need repairing and is fool proof. It will only take a short time to install it, and the old pump can be used as a standby when the elements or conditions beyond one's control, stop the flow of water.

GINN RESIGNS; MRS. STANTON TO TAKE POST

Dale F. Ginn, superintendent of Josephine county schools since January, 1940, resigned his position Wednesday morning, effective Feb. 10, stating he will move to Astoria to manage the Ginn Funeral home, formerly operated by his brother, Forrest W. Ginn, who died Jan. 2 of an accidental gun shot wound.

Mrs. Noble D. Stanton, chief deputy, was appointed by the County Court Wednesday to fill Ginn's term which expires at the end of this year.

"It is with regret that I am forced to take this action," Ginn stated in presenting his resignation before the County court. "I have especially enjoyed working with the young people, teachers and citizenry of the county. I appreciate the confidence placed in me by the people of this county when they elected me to this office. It is with a great deal of reluctance that I tender my resignation."

Mrs. Stanton has been deputy in Ginn's office for the past 17 months. Previously she taught for six years in Grants Pass grade schools and has had three years teaching experience at Bremen and Mooresville, Ind. In appointing Mrs. Stanton, Judge W. A. Johnson said the court feels that Mrs. Stanton is competent and qualified to fill the job.

Mrs. Clara Magill of the Log Cabin cafe in Kerby, returned home last Friday from a month's visit with relatives and friends in Anaheim, Calif.

Club For Teen-Agers To Open

Saturday, January 22 should be a big day for the teen-age youngsters of the valley. They are going to have their own club room fixed up pretty nice, so they can have a place to amuse themselves.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has completed plans whereby the room formerly occupied by Arnold's grocery in the Drews hotel building has been secured for the club room and furniture and fixtures for such a place is rapidly being gathered to make the place inviting.

Mrs. E. Y. Taylor has worked hard to get the club started, and many other ladies have assisted her. What they need right now is a few chairs and small tables for the club room. Also late magazines and games that teen-agers like to play.

Any furniture you have that you can spare would be appreciated. And if you have a dollar or so that can be spared, this also will be greatly appreciated, because there will have to be a small fund to get the club started on a paying basis. After the club is going, it is expected to pay its own way.

Saturday, the opening date, there is going to be held a silver tea, and if we have been informed right, the general public is invited to take a look at the club room and help make it a success. The club will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings for the children, and then on special days the club will be open for activities that will not interfere with school work.

Waste Paper Needed To Ship War Supplies

Brown paper bags from the corner grocery store, cartons and discarded newspapers, salvage from American wastepaper baskets, are in the Army now. Transformed into cartons, special moisture-proof paper, and paperboard they protect all types of army equipment shipped to the fighting fronts.

Radio tubes used by the Signal Corps have three parts—an easily shattered glass envelope, fine wires or brittle metal, and a breakable base. They must be carefully packed. To shockproof the smaller tubes, cardboard collars are used to keep them upright and suspended.

Glass and porcelain insulators are safeguarded against shock by large amounts of cushioning paper in the form of scrap and confetti.

The constantly increasing use of brown wrapping or Kraft papers and paperboard for shipping medical supplies is a guarantee to the soldier in combat that first-aid dressings and anti-infection sulfa-

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To the People of this Community THINK IT OVER

How about doing a little cold turkey thinking after you lay aside this newspaper tonight? You've got a good job. The chances are there is someone else in your family, perhaps two or three, working. Your son or your brother—may be away at war.

This war must end sometime. Your whole family, your neighbors, are praying it ends soon and those fighting boys of yours will come home safely. But will you be ready for whatever happens when peace comes? Will you have something laid away? We're all hoping there'll be jobs aplenty, jobs which mean making something for somebody's happiness and not for somebody's sorrow. That's where your War Bonds come into the picture. Sure, Americans own billions of dollars of War Bonds now; and before this 4th War Loan ends they will have put away billions more. But how about you? You're the one that counts. The bigger the pile of War Bonds you have when peace comes, the bigger chance you'll have to slip right into the post-war world you're dreaming about tonight. So "Let's All Back the Attack."

THE EDITOR.

Chamber Of Commerce On Record

At last Tuesday evening's meeting of the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce, the body unanimously went on record endorsing the new Teen-Age club which the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Legion are sponsoring. A copy of the resolution will be sent to the club.

While the attendance was not as large as usual, the interest in the meeting seemed to be inspiring, and through the talk of incorporating the city, it seemed like something would be accomplished if the people of the community would understand the benefits to be derived from such a move. Considerable discussion on incorporating was held and more will be made at the next regular meeting Tuesday, January 25th.

The printed map was well received and letter heads with the map on the back of them are now in the process of manufacture.

The chamber is anxious to have those interested in developing the valley and city to attend the next Tuesday evening's meeting and hear what is said about incorporating the city and also to tell your views on the subject. Many are of the opinion that the additional cost of the city government to taxpayers, would be more than offset by the reduction in insurance if and when the city could take over the water system and develop it to the standards of the fire underwriters.

Many points have been brought out that are to the advantage of incorporating. Someone should take the other side and we should have a full and complete discussion concerning such a move.

War Bond Drive Starts With A Bang

The Fourth War Bond Drive has started, and if the tempo of the first few days of the drive is kept up in this county, Josephine will go over the top, and it will be the first county to subscribe its quota.

This is too good to be true, but the start of this war bond drive was so encouraging that Chairman Ed Heydenburk was so elated he couldn't sleep the first night. In the valley, Mrs. J. J. Villair had the same good news to tell him. The response was most gratifying. Something near \$25,000 in "E" bonds was sold the first day, and the valley is only expected to produce around \$75,000.00.

But the good start must be kept up if we are to keep our record good. The start was easy. The lagging finish is what wears down the canvassers, who are giving their time and energy to put the war bond drive over.

If you want to help these neighbors of yours, take out that extra war bond when they call on you and help make their labor bright and sunny. In most cases, ordinarily, these volunteer workers would get a merry ha-ha, as they solicit the sale of bonds. But now it is different. The bonds are necessary to help finance the war, and they are an investment—only a loan whereby you earn an interest on your investment. You are only loaning your money in the best security in the world and it pays almost 3 per cent interest.

Lee Sowell Takes Keith Wells' Place

Keith Wells resigned from the county road department when he was accepted by the Army, and the road department has named Lee Sowell in his place.

Buy your Defense Stamps today.

Kerby News Notes of General Interest

BY ADAH JONES

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hanna, who have operated the store across from the high school for the past year are expecting to leave for Portland soon where Mr. Hanna will find employment. The Hanna family made many friends in the community and schools, who wish them much success in their new home. Wayne and Kenneth Stickless attend grade school and David Hanna is a senior in high school.

George Thrasher of Grants Pass is assisting Laque Youngblood to get his store, the former J. H. Wittrock store, ready for full operation.

Twenty-six women and girls answered the urgent call for more hospital dressings and came to the Odd Fellows hall on Tuesday evening to fold a total of 1012 dressings. Several high school girls assisted for the first time. Several women and a few of the older grade school girls came at the regular hours on Wednesday afternoon. During the coming weeks while the need is so urgent the Odd Fellows hall kitchen will be open uesday afternoons and evening and anyone having an hour or so to spend on a very worthy cause is invited to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Marchant and daughter Pearl entertained at a family dinner uesday evening honoring their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones of Klamath Falls. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin and daughters Nancy and Evelyn; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips and children Dean and Sharon. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Phillips are also daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Marchant. Mrs. Ray Jones was formerly Beatrice Marchant, student and graduate of Kerby high school.

Mrs. J. H. Wittrock left for Portland this week where she will visit her daughter, Miss Mabel Wittrock for an indefinite time.

Over 100 library books were brought to the Kerby library from the Grants Pass library last Saturday. This circulating library is changed about every two or three months, these are mostly fiction for adults and more than half are grade school age books, the grade school children being the heaviest borrowers. Of interest to grownup readers are some of the new books which have been donated by a member of the Legion Auxiliary. "The Robe" by Lloyd Douglas was top book for 1943. Others are "Mrs. Parkington" by Louis Bromfield; "Valley of Decision" by Maude Davenport and "Roughly Speaking," by Louise Pierson.

One hundred books were recently donated by the Legion Auxiliary, collected from various sources, a number of classics, fiction and other good reading has been placed on the shelves from this source.

O'BRIEN WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

A small number of ladies attended the meeting last Friday at the home of Mrs. Berniece Fessler in Kerby on account of sickness throughout the valley.

The meeting was called to order, roll call and minutes read, followed by all singing God Bless America. A report was made of the completely furnished room at Camp White hospital and the club was proud of the achievement.

After a short business meeting an interesting program was given with several poems and a paper on the Advancement of Russia. All enjoyed the gracious hospitality of Mrs. Fessler who served freshly popped corn to guests present.

Miss Peggy Haberman made a shopping trip to Grants Pass last Friday.

A. E. Krieger Buys Haynes Dress Shop

An interesting transaction was consummated this week, when Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Krieger of Boise, Idaho, purchased the Haynes Clothing Store from Mae Haynes and Wednesday also purchased the building that houses the store from Elwood Hussey. They took possession of the store Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Krieger (Andy and Frances to you all) are well versed in the merchandising business, having been connected with other stores and also operated a cleaning and pressing establishment, where they have to know materials.

The Kriegers are delightful homey folks and came here to make their future home. They have no fancy ideas of getting rich—they just want to live neighborly among nice folks and make a home for themselves and have enough business so they can live like Americans should live.

They expect to enlarge the store as soon as convenient and the stock, giving the patrons a larger selection of goods.

Mrs. Haynes has not decided what she will do in the future, but will still stay in Cave Junction for the present where she has her home on the Caves highway.

MARCH OF DIMES NOW UNDER WAY

"The March of Dimes", for the benefit of infantile paralysis patients, the movement sponsored by President Roosevelt, which is now taking form, January 18 to 29 inclusive, and everyone interested in helping this movement can deposit their dimes in convenient boxes placed in business houses in the valley.

Commissioner Pete Fredrickson was in the valley today placing the March of Dimes where deposits can be made.

The Illinois Valley Grange will hold their annual March of Dimes ball Saturday evening, January 29 for the benefit of the President's birthday which in turn is for the benefit of infantile paralysis patients.

Dr. Sam Osgood is chairman of the movement in the county, but placed Commissioner Fredrickson in charge of banks because he is not well enough to take care of the matter now.

Pete asks all interested to attend the ball and put their extra dimes in the boxes.

HOSPITAL PLAN HELPS FARMERS

When it is necessary for any member of the family to go to the hospital, it is a hardship on the farm pocket book, for hospital bills are expensive.

Josephine County Rural Health Protection Association is the answer for this expense at such a little yearly payment that all farmers should be enrolled in its membership.

A report just received from the association shows that the association has 220 paid memberships. During this time 23 persons, members of farm families in the county, have been taken care of at the hospital at an expense of \$1,373.75. Three of these patients were in the hospital 23 days, and three of them were in 19 days.

This plan is an insurance policy against sickness or accidents as far as hospitals are concerned and the cost is indeed very small, and remember, it includes every member of your family. If a farmer takes out a membership, he takes it out for the entire family all for the one price, \$12.60 per year.

If you are interested, write to Sara H. Wertz, field supervisor, Lundburg building, Grants Pass, and she will send you the necessary application to fill out. Don't wait until you have to go to the hospital, get your membership now before something happens.