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Washington  
Weekly Letter

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH

WASHINGTON, D. C. — There is a period of quiet here now. The Congress is in recess until April 12th. Since the 12th is mid-week it is doubtful that anything of importance will be taken up until the beginning of the following week—the 17th. To fill in the opening inactive period several minor non-controversial bills will be brought up and acted upon immediately after the recess. Two forestry bills, long ago reported out unanimously by the committee and recently reported to the Floor by the Rules Committee, will undoubtedly be passed at that time. One of the bills is an authorization for additional federal appropriation for forest fire control, being an amendment to the old Clarke-McNary act. The other bill authorizes appropriation for continuation of the forest survey. Neither bill involves anything new but both bills are important, especially to western forest areas.

Of greatest concern at the moment seems to be the consideration of the veterans' aid bill—variously called the "GI Bill of Rights" and the "Veteran Omnibus Bill." The World War Veterans Committee has been holding hearings on this legislation which, in addition to specifying certain administrative changes in the handling of veteran affairs, would authorize over three billions for education and unemployment benefits. The Senate passed the bill with an overwhelming majority. It is favored generally by veterans and by the larger veterans organizations. It will undoubtedly pass the House. The House Committee will, however, comb it out carefully and the bill will be subject to amendment on the Floor. The feeling on this side of the Capitol is that the Senate said in effect, "this is a good idea" and left the House to refine and perfect the legislation.

The Veterans Committee this week approved a bill to provide seeing-eye dogs for blind veterans.

Committee activity scheduled during the recess included: Senate Military Affairs Subcommittee headed by Senator Murray, will meet on Tuesday and continue for the remainder of the week on S. 1730, to create an office of demobilization, to provide for contract termination and the disposal of surplus property; and S. 1823, Office of War Mobilization and Adjustment. House Military Affairs Subcommittee, headed by Representative Costello, expects to continue its hearings on draft deferment and manpower. House Ways and Means committee is subject to meet further on tax simplification, but that is not definite.

A number of state primary elections are coming up and there has been quite a buzz of political talk this week. General view is that the Wisconsin election will be an important indication of a trend. So far as Republican Presidential possibilities are concerned, I think the best summary of that is to say

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## COMING EVENTS

- Friday, April 7—O'Brien Women's Club at the home of Mrs. Maud Watkins, Cave Junction.
- Friday, April 7—Good Friday.
- Friday, April 7—Illinois Valley Garden club plant sale, at the News office.
- Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday.
- Monday, April 10—Fire department meeting, 8 p. m., at Freeman & Wilson Texaco garage.
- 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.
- HOLLAND School Improvement club meets every third Friday.

KERBY HIGH  
SCHOOL NEWS

By DONNIS SAUER

Tuesday the Biology class enjoyed an instructional moving picture, "Flowers at Work." The picture was shown second period and showed the various methods and devices used in pollen distribution.

Wednesday, the boys of the Lettermen's club, headed by Glenn Halm, initiated into their ranks four new members. Dale Brown, Lennis Johnson, Bill Hill and Bill Mansfield, were the victims of the ordeal and spent the day toeing the mark. They wore huge letter K's suspended from their belts, lipstick smear on their faces and knelt down each time a Letterman passed by in the hall.

The Girls' Athletic Association chose the first and second softball teams this week. The first team is as follows: Carmelita Krauss, Dora Hammer, Betty Strong, Donnis Sauer, Lou Ann Maurer, Deiores Lockhart, Jane Breazeale, Phyllis Staples, Peggy Haberman, Sylvia Wilson, Charlene Miller, Mae Webb.

SALUTE TO THE  
MARINES COMING

It's here at last. The picture hundreds of fans have been waiting to see, Wallace Beery in "Salute to the Marines," one of the greatest "he-man" pictures ever made, with a record that has broken precedents in many theaters all over the country.

The story concerns the Marines, and was made with their help. It depicts scenes where the Marines are in action, the fightingest body of soldiers in the world, and the picture is in technicolor, which adds to its popularity, and Wally Beery with that famous smile, whose popularity never fades, is the star, but he has a cast with him that would do justice to any picture.

This picture should be on your "must see" list. Two evenings only, Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9, at the Cave City theater. First show Saturday, starts a few minutes after 7.

ONLY A FEW DAYS  
LEFT TO REGISTER

We must impress upon all citizens who wish to vote at the coming May primary election, that they only have up to April 19th in which to register.

Those who voted at the last general election and have not moved from their precinct, do not need to register. All others who have moved from one precinct to another, have become of age or will become of age on or before May 19th, must register.

We again publish the places in the valley where you can register:

Lucille Floyd, Holland.  
M. C. Athey, Cave Junction.  
Juanita Youngblood, Kerby.  
Clara Hammer, Selma.  
Laura Lawson, O'Brien.

## Opens Repair Shop

Beginning next Monday, J. L. Johnson will open a watch repairing shop in the Krieger's building and will do business from Monday through Friday of each week until further notice. Mr. Johnson formerly lived in Grants Pass and conducted his business in his home where he had a very good trade. He wanted to make a change and decided on coming to Cave Junction where he hopes business will justify his move.

## Notice to Firemen

There will be a meeting of the Cave Junction Volunteer Fire Department Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Freeman and Wilson garage.

All members of the fire department are urged to attend this meeting as matters of great importance to the city will be discussed.

GEORGE MARTIN, Chief.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McCracken of Holland, were in Grants Pass several days this week transacting business.

Campaign  
Now Starts  
In Earnest

Now that the time for filing has elapsed, and all the candidates have made their appearance, the voters can give the list the once over and begin to select the men and women they want to vote for.

Last minute filings made quite a showing with several candidates coming out for different offices. As far as the county is concerned here is the complete list of candidates for the different offices:

## For County Judge

W. A. Johnson, incumbent, Republican; C. H. Brooks, Republican; Harry A. Couch, Republican; Al J. Drolette, Republican; Pete Fredricksen, Democrat.

## For County Commissioner

L. M. Mitchell, Republican; R. E. McElligott, Democrat, and Park W. Nomer, Democrat.

## For Sheriff

Loyd Lewis, incumbent, Republican; Arthur Kellert, Democrat and Gille R. Griffin, Sr., Democrat.

## For County Clerk

Ben W. Coutant, incumbent, Republican and Mrs. Sophia F. Weaver, Democrat.

## For County Assessor

Merle Griffin, incumbent, Republican.

## For County Treasurer

Lincoln Savage, incumbent, Republican.

## County School Superintendent

Mrs. Margaret S. Stanton, incumbent, and H. H. Wardrip, will both be on the non-partisan ballot.

## Representative

W. W. Balderee, Republican; M. C. Athey, Republican; and we have failed to get the Democrat who filed, but will give you his name later.

## District Attorney

Orval J. Millard, Republican.

## County Coroner

Virgil Hull, incumbent, Democrat and Mrs. Mae Hall, Republican.

We will give you a complete word picture of candidates for state and national offices in our next week's issue.

RED CROSS UNIT  
TO WORK AGAIN

Announcement has been made this week that sufficient material has been secured to have the Red Cross Surgical Unit go to work again in the Crew House of the Redwood Ranger station.

The good ladies will meet Tuesday, April 11th. Up to date, no sewing or knitting yarns have been received, but surgical dressings are needed. All ladies who can spare a few hours are cordially invited. Work starts at 1:30 and the ladies can get home in time to get the evening dinner.

Leo Smith to Manage  
Campaign for Candidate

Edgar W. Smith, democratic candidate for U. S. Senator from Oregon for the long term, announced Saturday that his campaign will be managed by Leo Smith. No relation to Edgar, Leo Smith is a Portland attorney. He is now serving his third term in the state legislature, but is not a candidate for reelection to that office.

In announcing the appointment, Edgar Smith pointed out that Leo Smith has been active in democratic affairs for several years. He is president of the Willamette Democratic Society, past member of the executive committee of the Multnomah Democratic Central Committee, and chairman of the state legislature interim committee to study the merit service for state employees.

Leo Smith said that the Edgar W. Smith for Senator campaign offices will be opened in Portland soon. He added that he felt "privileged to donate my services to support a life long democrat and native son who has been an outstanding success all his life."

RONALD TYCER  
HOME ON FIRE  
LAST TUESDAY

Tuesday afternoon some of the high and grade school boys noticed smoke coming from the roof of the Ronald Tycer home in Kerby, just a stone's throw from the high school. They ran over to the house and as they arrived flames began shooting from the roof.

They notified Mrs. Tycer and put the garden hose to work on the roof fire, and through their efforts perhaps saved the building, for they kept the fire from spreading too fast until the Forest Service truck arrived.

Alice Smith rushed over to Clara's Bungalow Cafe and told Mrs. Magill of the fire and she immediately called the Forest Service through Holland and notified Ranger Harold Bowerman of the fire. The truck had water on the house exactly six minutes after the message was received. This Forest truck is doing major work for the valley residents.

The only damage to the house was the roof, which will perhaps have to be re-shingled, and the interior of the upstairs of the house which we were told had just been decorated, will have to be done over with some repairs. How the fire started seems a mystery. Some thought it was from defective wiring, but those who know something about electricity said this could not be. Others thought a spark from the chimney caught under a shingle and the breeze fanned it to a flame.

Friends quickly gathered and the entire household furnishings were removed with very little damage. Water dripping from the upper story did some damage to the lower floor.

FIRE DESTROYS  
HUNGERFORD HOME

Wednesday evening about 9:15 o'clock, fire was discovered in the back room of the O. A. Hungerford residence in the rear of Krieger's Clothing store, and before anyone could do anything about it, the house was a mass of flames, and the family lost everything in the house.

Mr. Hungerford had started up town to get some things from the store, when Mrs. Hungerford called to him. He turned around and saw the rear of the home in flames.

The American Legion was in session in their hall, and one of the members saw the blaze and gave the alarm. The siren at the hall was turned on and the Forest Service was notified and they put their siren on and responded with their fire truck. This truck took six minutes from the time they were notified until they had water on the house, but it was then too late, and all they could do was to save adjoining property.

The Cave Junction Volunteer Fire department truck also was at the fire but there seemed to be something radically wrong with the truck and it did not function as it should.

A large crowd gathered and the first ones there tried to enter the house to save what they could, but when the door was opened, the flames drove them away. No one seems to know how the fire started.

It was reported to The News that Mr. Hungerford carried some insurance, but not enough to cover the loss he entailed.

Saw Mill Destroyed  
Monday Morning

The Ben Spalding saw mill near Wilderville, burned to the ground last Monday morning, and the plant is a complete loss together with several thousand feet of sawed lumber, which also went up in smoke.

The mill had been closed down for the past two weeks for repairs, and just when they had finished the work and got nicely finished on a long run, the fire came along and burned it to the ground.

Mrs. Joe Hudron of Bridgeview, was shopping in Grants Pass on Tuesday.

Kerby News Notes  
of General Interest

BY ADAH JONES

The Cabax Co. mill, operated by the Puget company, is closed this week and is undergoing some remodeling.

Mrs. Ernest Elroy left Monday to rejoin her husband at Tonopah, Utah, where he is stationed. Ernest Elroy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elroy and has been in Alaska for the past two years and is now receiving further training.

Mr. and Mrs. Strelow did a bit of land clearing the modern way on Sunday afternoon. They used the bulldozer of the Puget Timber company and with Bob Milner at the wheel pushed over a number of trees, clearing space for a new home on newly purchased land which they bought from Mrs. Anna Wittrock.

Mrs. Millie Trefethen states that in a recent letter from her son Clinton, he writes that he may soon be sent to other parts. He is now stationed at Huena, Calif., near Oxnard and is with the Seabees.

Clem Sauer and Ken Robinson are working on the Kerby ditch getting it ready for turning in the water. A few gardens are being plowed in preparation for a big season of Victory gardening. It is somewhat difficult to find any one with equipment who has time to plow gardens.

Mrs. Harold Trefethen left recently for Vancouver, Canada, where she is visiting her father for a few weeks. She has been making her home with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Millie Trefethen, Harold is in the Pacific battle area.

Maurice Sauer and daughter Dennis and son Laverne moved Wednesday from the house near Ronald Tycer's to their newly purchased property east of Kerby. This property formerly belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stalleup.

Local Theater Collects  
\$50 for Red Cross

Manager E. Y. Taylor of the Cave City theater reports that the theater collected \$50 for the Red Cross last week when theaters all over the nation made collections for the Red Cross.

This amount will be turned over to the local committee of the Red Cross. Patrons of the theater came through handsomely for this worthy purpose, and if a percentage of individual attendance was tabulated, we are sure the patrons of this theater would be among the leaders of the nation.

JUDGE JOHNSON  
FILES FOR JUDGE

Since I announced a couple of weeks ago that it would not be convenient for me to be a candidate for re-election as County Judge, people have been coming to my farm and also into my office and insisting that I reconsider and file for the office, and today four petitions were presented to me, circulated in three districts in the county, bearing the names of over one hundred and fifty people, which petition reads as follows: "To the Honorable W. A. Johnson, County Judge, Grants Pass, Ore."

"We, the undersigned residents of Josephine county hereby urge you to reconsider your recent decision not to run as a candidate for County Judge for the coming term. We feel that you have done a good job as County Judge and we would like to see you remain in that position, for the good of the general public."

After giving consideration to these petitions, as well as the numerous requests throughout the county, and after talking the matter over with my family, I finally decided to submit my name for nomination in the Republican primaries.

## —BUY WAR BONDS—

A Forest  
Program For  
The Nation

Worcester: The Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture bears a great public responsibility these days . . . the responsibility of seeing to it that our forest resources contribute to a better livelihood for all of us . . . On today's Country Journal I've asked Lyle F. Watts, chief of the Forest Service, to join me in a discussion of the forest situation . . . what it is . . . what can be done about it . . . Mr. Watts . . . first of all . . . what is the situation?

Watts: You're certainly a direct fellow, Chuck, but that's fine. We shouldn't mince words about this. So I'll be direct too. The situation is NOT satisfactory. Our forests are not growing as fast as they are being cut . . . much of the timber we do grow is of inferior quality. A lot of good forest land lies virtually idle. A little more than half of the forest land in the south—our greatest forest region—is still without organized forest protection. That, briefly, is the overall forest situation.

Worcester: What of the National and State forests? Won't they provide our future needs?

Watts: They're being drawn upon to a larger extent than ever before—to meet wartime demands. But they're actually only a small part of the picture. Three-quarters of our commercial forest land is privately owned. These private lands today furnish 90 to 95 per cent of the cut of all forest products. They represent nearly two-thirds of our critical watershed area and provide other important services.

Worcester: And that's why—I take it—the public has such a vital interest in how the private lands are managed?

Watts: Exactly.

Worcester: Destructive cutting is still pretty widespread then?

Watts: Well—unfortunately, yes—but first let me give credit to the growing number of progressive forest owners in every region who use good practices—and are doing an excellent job in keeping their lands productive. They're demonstrating that such methods are practicable. However, they are still in the minority. Before the war, we estimated that four-fifths of the cutting on private land was without conscious regard to future crops.

Worcester: Do you think that's generally known?

Watts: Chuck . . . too many folks haven't cared . . . haven't realized, or I'm sorry to say—have been misinformed. It IS important that the public understand the situation.

Worcester: Well, Mr. Watts, I know that the Forest Service has been working for some time on a program to improve the situation. What is that program?

Watts: Our forest program has three major points. The simplest way to explain it would be to compare the program to a three-legged stool. Because, just like a three-legged stool, our forest program requires all three of its major points to get firm support, to work effectively, to keep from falling down.

Worcester: Okay, what's the first leg of the stool?

Watts: Public aid to private owners. Expansion of public assistance in fire protection, in control of insects and disease, in woods management, in research. With the ultimate goal, better and more forest products, nation-wide.

Worcester: I presume the trend toward more forest cooperatives fits in there, does it?

Watts: That's part of the leg, too. Assistance to farmers and other small owners in building up cooperatives, and in securing necessary credit facilities. We contemplate doing everything reasonable to help and encourage private owners, large and small, to make their forests more productive.

Worcester: That brings us to the second leg of our stool.

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