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Washington  
Weekly Letter

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Congress will resume activity Wednesday (the 12th). Most of the near-by members are home during this recess. Most of the Oregon and Washington members stayed here, but a number of Californians went out there to campaign in the primaries. I had planned on taking a few days out of town some place, but a number of problems came up about the time Congress recessed which made it necessary for me to stay pretty close to the office. The "hill" has been mighty quiet this week.

Nothing big is scheduled for consideration by the House during the first few days after recess. Wednesday and Thursday a number of minor matters will be taken up and disposed of. The following week, however, the final round of the second session of this 78th Congress will begin in earnest.

Fortcoming important measures include several appropriation bills, the renewal of the Price Control Act, consideration of proposals to make a special draft of those classified as 4-F's, tax simplification, the veterans' "GI Bill of Rights". This is not a complete list by any means, but gives a general idea of some of the work before Congress in the near future.

The Senate Military Affairs Subcommittee on Contract Termination opened hearings this week on S. 1730, a bill to create an office of demobilization, to terminate war contracts and dispose of surplus government property, and S. 1823, having to do with war mobilization and post-war adjustment.

The introduction of a new Tax Simplification Bill has been held up of necessity until after the Congressional Easter recess. The House Ways and Means Committee, however, has completed its work on the proposal and has turned it over to the legislative Counsel for drafting. During the week in working out details of the simplification plan, the committee reached the following agreements: 1. To change the filing date of estimated income returns from Dec. 15, as in the present law, to the following Jan. 5. 2. To require persons making more than \$500 a year to file tax returns, no matter what age. Persons with incomes of less than \$500 are permitted to be classified as dependents. 3. To remove present law restrictions as to age. The committee voted to include as a dependent any person relying on the taxpayer for his chief support. 4. To also remove present restrictions as to the capability of self-support. Present law includes only persons incapable, for mental or physical reasons, of self-support.

The sudden withdrawal of Wendell Willkie as an active candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination took everyone by complete surprise here. I have been unable to trace any particular reaction to this sudden turn of events. Even those who have been openly and avowedly opposing Willkie indicated no elation. The general run of the comment on the development is to wonder what he will do now. Undoubtedly Mr. Willkie has a large following in the nation so the politicians are anxious to learn whether he will turn his support to another candidate or will simply retire from active participation.

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## COMING EVENTS

Illinois Valley Garden club meets the first Wednesday of each month.  
HOLLAND School Improvement club meets every third Friday.  
Community Church Missionary group, third Thursday of the month.  
H. E. U. meets every second Tuesday of the month.

KERBY HIGH  
SCHOOL NEWS

By DONNIS SAUER

The Senior class play production, "Here Comes Hattie," is scheduled for April 21st. The story involves around the Greene family, who are trying by fair means or foul to win over Aunt Hattie and get her to leave them her fortune. One of the highlights of the play is when William Billings has to appear as Hattie's nephew, Thomas Greene, because the real Thomas is scheduled to sing at a night club. As the family knows that Aunt Hattie would disapprove of this plan they try their best to keep it a secret.

The cast includes:  
Clara Greene—Alice Smith.  
Homer Greene—Eugene Brown.  
Ann Greene—Yvonne Payne.  
William Billings—Danny Farlien.

Florence Regan—Charlene Miller.

Hattie King—Donnis Sauer.  
Velda Wayne—Peggy Haberman.

Etta Armstrong—Ann Sherier.

Luther Sherier visited school Wednesday morning. Luther is home on furlough from Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

Marilyn Thayer, former member of the Junior class, has been visiting school. She is returning to Oakland, Calif., where she will resume her studies at the Oakland high school.

James Baldwin, graduate of the class of 1943, also visited school last week before being inducted into the army.

## Flight Engineer



Kenneth Morrison recently made AMM 2/c in the Naval Air Force at Alameda, Calif., is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Morrison of Takilma. He has been assigned to a flight crew as flight engineer. A graduate of Kerby high school, he attended Oregon State college for two years and enlisted in the Navy a little over a year ago.—(Cut courtesy of the Grants Pass Courier).

Halm Qualifies As  
Fortress Commander

Lt. Frank Niles Halm of Cave Junction, Oregon, has completed the Army Air Forces Training Command's four-engine pilot transition course at Hobbs army air field, Hobbs, New Mexico, according to the announcement of Col. Joseph P. Bailey, commanding officer at Hobbs field.

Completion of his transition training at Hobbs army field qualifies Lt. Halm as a Flying Fortress commander, the announcement said.

Lt. Halm was commissioned as second lieutenant and received his pilot's wings at Yuma, Ariz on December 5, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halm.

Word was received by Mrs. Frank Mellow today that Joe V. Rose, an old time stage driver through the valley, passed away this Thursday morning in Crescent City. Funeral services will be held in Crescent City Friday at 2 p. m. Mr. Rose was a cousin of Mrs. Mellow.

Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps

Clara's Cafe  
Taxed To Its  
Capacity

At the meeting of the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce held last Tuesday evening at Clara's Bungalow Cafe in Kerby, every chair in the cafe was in use and others had to be taken from Mrs. Magill's living quarters to accommodate the largest attendance the chamber has had for a long time.

Twenty members were in attendance and one of the most important steps the chamber has been called on to do was done. Petitions were ordered and will be circulated for signatures to ask the county court to call an election the same day as the May Primary election, May 19th, to vote on the question of incorporating the city.

The chamber is only taking the attitude of letting the citizens decide whether they want to incorporate or not. They are merely the agent to make the election possible, and are not recommending which way you vote.

Most of the members feel that incorporating the city is the thing that is needed to get an efficient water system and efficient fire protection. When and if this is accomplished, it has been told members that fire insurance rates will be greatly reduced, and with an efficient water system, it is calculated that the system will almost pay the entire expense of running the city government.

However the chamber feels that the citizens should decide for themselves whether they want to incorporate under a limited charter, or let matters rest where they are. You, the residents of the proposed city limits must decide what you want.

At the last meeting, each member was asked to bring in a new member. Only three showed up. Wm. McLean, Blake Miller and M. C. Athey each brought in a new member. They were: Howard Cramer of Cave Junction, garage owner; Laque Youngblood, Kerby, of Youngblood's Market, and L. E. Athey, real estate and insurance broker of Cave Junction.

M. C. Athey asked for volunteers from the ladies of the chamber to help sell tickets to the Firemen's Ball, and they all said they would do what they could. Ladies can sell tickets where men couldn't get access to the doorstep. The chamber will back the ball to the limit. Membership cards were prom-

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LAST CHANCE  
TO REGISTER

Tuesday, April 18th is the last day in which you can register to vote at the May 19th primaries. Those who must register to vote are:

Those who will become of age by the 19th of May, 1944. Those who have moved from one precinct to another. Those who did not vote at the last general election. Voters who cast their ballot at the last general election do not have to register, unless they have moved.

You will want to get into the scramble by election time, so register so you can vote. County Clerk Coutant has made it easy for residents of the valley to register. There is a registrar in Selma, Kerby, Cave Junction, O'Brien and Holland. We have published the names several times.

There is an ad on another page which gives the complete list of registrars in the county. Go to your nearest registrar and register.

DREWS HOTEL BUILDING  
HAS FIRE SCARE

Last Tuesday evening while a large number of Cave Junction citizens were attending the chamber of commerce meeting in Kerby, the chimney connected with the apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Eggers burned out and sent sparks through the air in large numbers. Fortunately the roof was wet and no other damage was caused.

Political  
Situation  
Uneasy

While the country is in a turmoil of war, our own political situation is not calculated to help speed victory. From the nation's capitol, politics is a mess.

While the national issue is serious, our own state and county take most of it away. We have our own little program which is not exactly a pink tea. There are several positions that are going to be hotly contested, and this should make the May primaries more interesting.

Last week we gave you the list of county officers with the exceptions of the Democratic candidate for representative and the state senators. The representative's name is Neal C. Mesman of Grants Pass.

For state senator we have L. W. Wiperman, Republican, incumbent and Dr. W. A. Moser, Democrat.

In the state picture, as far as we are concerned, we only have the congressional offices and state treasurer to vote for. Leslie Scott, present state treasurer is a candidate to succeed himself. He is a Republican. We have not heard of a Democrat who has come out for the office.

In Congress, the 4th district has Harris Ellsworth, present congressman out to be reelected, Republican. The Democrat is Floyd Dover of Grants Pass. These two will fight it out in the fall campaign as they have no opposition in the primaries.

The race for the regular United States senator's position and the senate post left vacant by the death of Senator McNary, are the hot spots in the state campaign.

Rufus Holman, present incumbent, Republican, is a candidate to succeed himself. He has as his opponent Wayne Morse, former dean of law at the University of Oregon, and former head of the War Labor Board, also a Republican. The Democratic candidate is Edgar W. Smith of Portland. All three men are strong candidates. The battle between Holman and Morse will be an interesting one.

For the senate post to finish out the term of the late Senator McNary, we also have a fine battle looming. Governor Snell appointed Guy Cordon to serve until the November election. Senator Cordon has announced that he will be a candidate to finish out the term. Former Governor Sprague came out for the unfinished term several weeks ago. Both men are strong candidates and either one will make Oregon a good senator. This race is going to be hot and interesting.

Did you vote at the last election? If you did and have not moved you do not have to re-register. If you did not, or have moved from one precinct to another, you must register. Do it now. The books close April 19th.

Red Skelton in "I Dood It"  
and "Adventures of Tartu"  
at Theater This Week

Double features are coming fast and furious to the Cave City theater. This week end we get another double bill that has something for everybody. The star bill is "I Dood It" with Red Skelton and Eleanor Powell. These two stars should make a good picture in any country. With the added attraction of Jimmy Dorsey and his band, hot pianist and Hazel Scott, sepiia songstress Lena Horne, Patricia Dane, Sam Levene and a throng of capable new comers add zest to the laugh packed filmical.

The second feature is "Adventures of Tartu," with Robert Donat and Valerie Hobson. A deep intriguing plot that will keep you interested from start to finish.

Two good shows for the price of one. If you don't get there early you may have to wait for the second show. Two full shows Saturday night.

Kerby News Notes  
of General Interest

BY ADAH JONES

Mrs. Roy Phillips and daughter Sharon left Monday for Portland to visit relatives. Mr. Phillips and son Dean left for Klamath county where the Phillips have a ranch.

Surgical dressings are needed very much by hospitals where the wounded are hospitalized. Every woman who wishes to help in the supplying of properly folded gauze dressings may do so by meeting at the rooms where these dressings are folded. At Kerby the Odd Fellows hall kitchen is open on Tuesday afternoon and evening for women or girls who wish to work. The supply of small size dressings were all completed last Tuesday evening and the larger sized squares will be folded next week. More help is welcome. Two or three hours a week is so little to give.

Carol Anderton left Friday afternoon to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Anderton near Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Slack and family, also Laverne Sauer completed their move to Yreka, Calif., last week end. Cecil left several weeks ago to take charge of a mill.

Teachers of the Illinois valley met Tuesday evening at the high school for a social evening and to plan for valley eighth grade graduation. The business session was presided over by Principal Ferd W. Jones. The date set for the exercises is May 22, with Mrs. Blanche Freeman in charge; Mrs. Effie Smith, decorations and Mrs. Myrtle Larsen, corsages, etc. About 36 students will receive diplomas with about 12 in the Kerby grade school. Refreshments were served at a flower centered table in the Home Economics room with Kerby teachers as hosts. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Fox of Selma, Mrs. Fox is teacher at the Central school and Mr. Fox, principal of Selma; Mrs. Gladys Beasley, Dryden; Mrs. Blanche Freeman, White; Mrs. Effie Smith, Spence; Mrs. Julia Williams, O'Brien; Mrs. Lelia Runyan, Holland; Kerby Grade school: Mrs. Bessie Watts, Mrs. Francis Smith and Mrs. Myrtle Larsen; high school, Ferd Jones, Mrs. Minnie Marcy and Mrs. Pearl Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Marchant and daughter, Pearl, were hosts on Easter Sunday at a family dinner to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Martin and family, Mrs. Marchant's mother, Mrs. Kate Phillips of Grants Pass and Chas. Swanson and daughter, Florence of Aitkin, Minn. Mr. Swanson is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Marchant. He hopes to remain in southern Oregon and make it his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Bigelow recently sold their confectionery and grocery store to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLean and the McLeans are now living in the Bigelow apartment. The Bigelows who purchased Maple Court last fall have moved into the court and expect to do considerable improving on the buildings and grounds. Mrs. Bigelow will be greatly missed at the store and postoffice by her many friends. The new owners have the best wishes of their many friends for their success in the new business.

Easter day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jones were Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Morrison and son of China Flats and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Nealy and family of Kerby. Woodrow Nealy, was one of the young men of the valley who went to Portland Tuesday for physical examination. He will enter the navy when called.

Lee Wardrip of the navy, son of Mrs. Roy Hervey, left Wednesday for Farragut, Idaho, to complete his boot camp training. He was home for 12 days.

—BUY WAR BONDS—

New Features  
Scheduled  
For Firemen

At the meeting of the Cave Junction Volunteer Firemen's meeting held last Monday evening at Freeman and Wilson's Texaco Service Station, a number of the department responded to the call.

Fire Chief George W. Martin handed in his recognition which was promptly accepted and he was immediately elected as chief of the department. George tried to squirm out of the responsibility of the job, but the members said "nothing doing" and he was drafted for the city's fire chief.

A considerable amount of conversation was indulged in by members trying to arrive at the most efficient and effective way to keep the fire truck up to the highest standard possible. The result of all the discussions developed into tangible form and the department decided to give a Fireman's Ball as soon as the Legion could give them the hall. This is hoped to produce enough money to make necessary improvements to the truck, get new tires and put the truck in first class condition.

The question of housing the truck some place where it will be accessible for fire, and still be kept where it cannot be tampered with or the gasoline in the tank stolen. The truck has been in good condition when left by Chief Martin, only to find that it had been tampered with when needed for a fire. The truck will be put some place where it can be kept under lock and key, but enough keys will be available to business men so the truck can be had for immediate use when necessary.

The suggestion was made to hold regular fire drills, so the members can become more familiar with the truck and what it can and will do. This will be put into effect as soon as the truck is moved into its new quarters. The location is being arranged for. The present building will be moved, painted, repaired and made to look presentable.

Ralph Baumberger said his truck

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Mrs. Wilhelm Talks On  
Herbs To Club Members

Mrs. W. E. Wilhelm of Portland and horticultural chairman covering the Pacific Coast area, was an interesting speaker at the Garden club meeting last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Earl Boyd on West side highway. She spoke delightfully on her subject of "herbs" and brought specimens taken from her extensive garden in Portland. She explained their uses, culture and gave recipes for making delicious puddings and tea.

A more detailed report of the meeting will be given in next week's issue by Mrs. Gladys King, secretary, who was unable to get it to us this week.

LEGION AUXILIARY  
PRIZE ANNOUNCED

The essay contest conducted by the Legion Auxiliary for the 7th and 8th grades of the valley brought in some very fine papers. Three schools participated: O'Brien, Takilma and White. So good were all the papers that it was difficult for the judges to decide and an additional prize was awarded to simplify matters.

First prize of \$1.50 in Defense Stamps goes to Peggy Monroe of Takilma whose paper will appear in next week's issue. Second prize of 75 cents in Defense Stamps go to Margaret Smith of White School and to Shirley O'Brien of O'Brien and honorable mention is made of a paper by Rebecca Freeman of White school.

The Auxiliary appreciates the interest shown and hereby apologizes for delay in awarding prizes occasioned by illness of members.

The winning paper of Peggy Monroe will be published in next week's issue of the News.