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Washington
Weekly Letter
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WASHINGTON, D. C. — A peculiar situation developed in the debate over the passage of the War Agencies Appropriation bill in the House yesterday. The bill was in reality a routine measure. The appropriations for the various war agencies, meaning the several federal offices that have been set up exclusively for war work, such as the War Production Board, the Office of War Information, etc., had been thoroughly considered and analyzed by the Committee on Appropriations, and under ordinary circumstances, very little time would have been consumed in considering the bill on the Floor of the House.

Storm clouds gathered, however when the section providing an appropriation for \$500,000 for the Fair Employment Practices Committee was under consideration. During this term of Congress it has been a rule that no other legislation shall be carried in bills that are strictly appropriation bills. In other words, appropriation bills provide money for agencies and departments of government previously established by legislative action and it is not permitted to set up a new agency of any kind and appropriate for it in the same bill. Upon reading the war agencies appropriations bill, it was discovered that language in the section appropriating money for the FEPC also legalized the executive orders creating it. The FEPC at present existing only by executive order thereby would be specifically authorized by Congress in the same paragraph of an appropriation bill which appropriated money for its operation.

An amendment was offered striking out the entire FEPC section. This amendment was bitterly contested. The Southern Democrats objected to the idea of creating a committee at all whereas objections by others were based solely on the grounds that the passage of a law creating the FEPC would be a separate piece of legislation and should not be included in an appropriation bill. The amendment was lost by a close margin and the bill was passed by the House in its original form. There is a rumor on the Hill to the effect that the Senate may strike out the FEPC section when it considers this bill.

The Senate this week in a rush of action cleaned up its calendar and on Thursday passed a total of 80 bills half of them being small private claims. The others were of relatively minor nature. The Senate is now awaiting for the House to finish up some other appropriation bills and it begins to look as if both houses will complete all

The post-war highway bill which important legislation by the end of June.

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COMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, June 14—Garden club meeting, annual picnic and election of officers.
- Tuesday, July 4—Independence day.
- 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.
- Ladies' Auxiliary meet the first and third Wednesday of each month.
- O'Brien Women's club meet on first Friday of each month.
- Illinois Valley Garden club meets the first Wednesday of each month.
- Belt Lodge, A. F. & A. M. meets fourth Saturday each month.

Kerby High School Held Exercises

Graduation exercises for the Kerby high seniors was held last Thursday evening in the high school gymnasium with friends and relatives as the audience. Fourteen seniors in their bright blue caps and gowns marched to the stage with Grace Iverson playing the processional. Seated on the stage were also Rev. George Gray who gave the invocation and later the benediction; Lucius Robinson, chairman of the high school board presented the diplomas; Ferd W. Jones, high school principal and Victor P. Morris, dean of business administration of University of Oregon gave the address.

Sylvia Wilson, accompanied herself on the piano and sang "Wake, Love, tis Spring," after which Principal Jones introduced Dean Morris, who spoke informally of the possibilities of a better world in the future, being mostly dependent on the youth of today. The youth of 25 years ago made this present not so good world, now it is up to this youth to make a better world. The progress in science and invention as well as other lines was briefly sketched. Dr. Morris closed his talk with the admonition to follow the teachings of the greatest of teachers, Jesus of Nazareth.

The address was followed by a song, "Day Is Done," by the Senior class, Peggy Haberman accompanying.

Principal Ferd Jones gave a few words of praise to the class, then announced Charlene Miller as winner of scholarship awards entitling her to valedictorian honors. Lou Ann Maurer received the award for having the highest scholastic standing for the past school year.

Lucius Robinson presented Red Cross Home Nursing certificates to 16 girls who finished the Home Nursing class under the direction of Mrs. F. W. Jones and Mrs. Edith Phipps.

Later he presented diplomas to the following seniors: Glenn Halm, Ernie Krauss, Danny Farlien, Eugene Brown, Charlene Miller, Mae Webb, Cleo Doney, Donnis Sauer, Yvonne Payne, Alice Smith, Peggy Haberman, Delila Hill, Ann Sherier and Betty Strong.

DOUBLE FEATURE
AT CAVE CITY
THEATER THIS WEEK

Big double feature this week end at the Cave City theater with one of the big top features of the year, "The Man From Down Under," with Charles Laughton, the nation's top character actor.

With two romances, a prize fight and the bombing of Northern Australia woven into the plot, the picture has plenty of story interest as well as a fresh locale, which will be appreciated by movie fans. With Charles Laughton, Binnie Barnes, Richard Carlson and Donna Reed, the cast has plenty of experienced performers and they all give a good account of themselves.

Laughton has another meaty role as the sporting man from Australia, with a great heart, a quick pride, and a childish innocence in the field of emotion. He returns from World War I with two Belgian waifs. The boy is brought up in his own former profession, boxing, and the girl is sent to fashionable schools. The confusion, and interesting tales when they all get together bring out one of the finest pictures.

The second feature is "Young Ideas", is almost what the name implies. Young ideas prevail with both young and old in the picture to the amusement of everyone. Mary Astor and Herbert Marshall are the stars, and they have a good supporting cast. You can't miss in seeing this double feature program. Two complete shows Saturday night.

BUY WAR BONDS

Co. A, O. S. G. Celebrates Anniversary

Co. A celebrated its second anniversary with a demonstration in modern methods of aid to the wounded, given by a group of soldiers of the medical detachment from the hospital unit at Camp White, under the command of Col. F. T. Chamberlain, who has charge of the Camp White hospital. The Colonel was assisted by two members of his staff, Capt. H. Coughlin and First Lieut. Stevens. This demonstration was most realistic and very educational.

Roll call of Co. A by First Sgt. E. Taylor found a hundred and two men present, only two being absent of the entire company.

Following this, Mystic Hughes and Betty, with some 25 years of professional vaudeville behind them many of them in foreign lands, put on a show that thrilled their audience of some 450 people for over an hour and a half. Many of the folks about town are still trying to figure out how many of their tricks were done. The performance given by Mr. and Mrs. Hughes was as good as one could see in any theater in the United States and the large audience certainly appreciated and enjoyed every bit of it.

Following the Mystic show, the officers and men of Camp White, the entertainers, the entire company of guardsmen, and their families and friends, enjoyed an immense feed furnished by the men of Co. A and also a large birthday cake presented by the officers of the company for the occasion.

The entire evening's performance was a huge success and to Col. Chamberlain, his staff, Jack Hughes and wife, we can only say "thanks a million."

Kerby Volunteer Firemen To Meet

The Kerby Volunteer Fire Department members will hold a meeting Monday, June 5th, at 8 o'clock in the I. O. O. F. hall.

This will be the final meeting before the petitions will be presented to the county court for the formation of the Kerby Rural Fire District.

AWS FOLDS

The Aircraft Warning Service terminated active service at midnight, May 31. The necessity of home defense has been overshadowed by the need for an all-out offensive.

The people of the Illinois valley are to be congratulated on the fine record made for this area. Close cooperation and much personal sacrifice were necessary to keep all of the schedules filled on the three observation posts.

No enemy planes were reported in this area, but a constant check of our own planes was furnished by the Army. Records show that in several instances lives of our boys in training have been saved by the AWS reports.

So, thanks to the loyal people of the AWS for a job well done.

SLAUGHTER GOAL UPPED

The cattle slaughter goal for the nation has been sharply raised to balance stock inventories with feed supplies. Slaughter must be raised 7.7 million more in 1944 than in 1943.

Feed supplies per animal unit have dropped 20 per cent during the past year. A drought would seriously upset the forage for the cattle on hand. Over-stocking of ranges must be avoided to prevent depletion of the grass.

The recent lifting of rationing on beef should materially aid in the increased slaughter. Watch your feed supplies and do not exclusively depend on imported supplemental feeds. Both transportation and production failures may limit the feed and ruin your program.

Blister Rust Crew Starts June 5th

The Blister Rust Control Crew starts to work June 5 under the direction of Camp Superintendent Fritz M. Morrison. The camp will be located at the Grayback CCC campsite again this year. Mr. Ferd Jones and Mr. L. E. Brown are employed as foremen to direct the work of 50 high school boys in the eradication of wild gooseberry and currant vines in the vicinity of the French Peak and Bolan Lake trail.

The Blister Rust Control is necessary to prevent the sugar pine in the area from becoming infested with the blister rust. The spores or seeds of the rust travel from the currants and gooseberries to the pines and back again to the vines. By eliminating the intermediate host, the valuable sugar pine is saved.

The blister rust personnel also furnishes a very valuable fire control crew. They were used on several lightning fires last season, and will undergo intensive training again this summer.

MILITARY FUNERAL
GIVEN E. N. COOKE

Private First-Class Edwin Nathan Cooke, a most faithful soldier serving his country and his state, as a member of two years standing of Co. A, 18th Battalion, Oregon State Guard, passed away suddenly from heart attack while attending the second anniversary assembly, last Friday evening, May 26th.

Private Cooke thoroughly enjoyed his associations with the men of the company and rarely missed a drill during his two year enlistment.

In his honor and at the request of his family Co. A gave him a full military funeral. Major Reese, U. S. Army Chaplain of Camp White officiated.

Remarks from the people who witnessed the ceremony indicated that they were very much impressed. Rites included services in the American Legion hall, followed by a procession of the colors and guard, Chaplain, pall bearers, firing squad, Private Cooke's family, members of Company, followed by a multitude of his friends.

Graveside services included the benediction and firing of the customary three volleys, taps and echo taps, and the presentation of the American flag to his wife by Chaplain Reese. The graveside was covered with a bank of beautiful flowers and the floral piece given by Co. A of the American flag made by Denman's Floral shop caused many complimentary comments from all who saw it.

Red Cross to Meet Tuesday

Red Cross surgical dressing meeting at Crew House will be held on Tuesday afternoon, the room will be open at 1 o'clock. Whoever can come for folding bandages will lend a helping hand in this most necessary work for the war effort.

FIRE FUND

The Cave Junction Volunteer Fire department fund was helped \$10 this week by McCracken's cafe. We have not had time to contact all the merchants in the city yet, but we will. Jack Hout told us to come up and get it, but we have not been there yet. We will Jack, this week end.

If you feel the urge coming on, just stop in at Martin's hardware or The News and leave your contribution. It will be gratefully accepted.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freitas were in Grants Pass on business this week. Mrs. Freitas left Thursday morning (today) for San Francisco where she is employed with her son in defense work.

Kerby News Notes
of General Interest

BY ADAH JONES

Mrs. Bert Adams and Mrs. Lotie Woodcock were pleasantly surprised this week by a visit from their brother, Fuller Bennet and his daughter, Mrs. Bob Drago and granddaughter Donna Marie, all of McCloud, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Adams took up their duties last Tuesday on Tennessee peak as forest service "look outs" for the summer.

Dena Jones spent the first of the week in Grants Pass visiting her sister, Mrs. Woodrow Neely and children.

Mrs. Pearl Kenedy of the history department of the high school left for Lewiston, Idaho, to visit her mother and later returned to Eugene to attend University summer session.

Mrs. Minnie Marcy of the English department left Sunday for Grants Pass to remain a few days before she goes to Sand Point, Idaho, on a business trip.

F. W. Jones, principal of Kerby high school the past seven years will spend the summer working for the forest service.

OBITUARY

Edwin Nathan Cooke

years, passed away very suddenly Friday evening, May 26th, from a heart attack. He was born August 3, 1884, at Ellensburg, Wash., and had lived in the Illinois Valley since 1931, where he devoted some of his time to mining and later buying a ranch where the family made their home.

He is survived by his widow, Lela M. Cooke of O'Brien, and the following children and grandchildren: Edwin Nathan Cooke and Ellsworth Vivian Cooke of Butte, Montana; Gordon Stewart Cooke of Wenatchee Valley, Wash.; Mrs. Gladys Clara Crowe of Hood River, Ore.; Guilford Cooke of O'Brien; Corporal James D. Cooke now in England with the armed forces; two brothers, C. P. Cooke and J. Stewart Cooke of Alaska, and his mother, Mrs. Lois M. Cooke of Bellingham, Washington.

Full military services with Oregon State Guard members in command, were held Wednesday afternoon at the American Legion hall with Chaplain Reese from Camp White of Medford officiating. Interment was in the IOOF cemetery at Kerby with Hull & Hull funeral home in charge of arrangements.

Abraham A. Whitlach

Graveside funeral services were held today (Thursday) in the Pleasant Valley cemetery near Grants Pass for Abram A. Whitlach who passed away at the home of his son, James, near O'Brien, last Friday evening. Rev. Harold A. Shaw officiating, with Hull & Hull in charge of arrangements.

Joseph E. Johnson

Joseph Edwin Johnson aged 66 years, of Takilma, passed away at the Josephine General hospital last Friday, after a five months illness. He was born at Althouse on June 18, 1877. He is survived by his brother, Charles P. Johnson of Takilma, and his sister, Mrs. Ada J. Veatch, of Portland.

Services were held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m., at the L. B. Hall funeral home in Grants Pass with Rev. H. S. Reichard officiating. Interment was in the IOOF cemetery.

Mrs. J. M. Smock of Holland left this morning (Thursday) for San Francisco for several weeks visit. Mrs. Nellie Streit, sister of Gus Hart, who has been a guest at the home of Mrs. Ida Wing for several weeks, accompanied Mrs. Smock as far as San Francisco and later will proceed to Los Angeles where she will remain indefinitely.

Villair Mill Has Narrow Fire Escape

Villair Lumber company feel that their crew at the mill, the Forest Service fire truck men, the Cave Junction Volunteer Fire department, the State Fire truck men and the local community volunteers deserve a world of praise and credit for the efficient work accomplished in quelling a fire that started in a lumber pile in the yard of the mill on Monday afternoon around 4 o'clock.

Nine piles of upper grade sugar pine estimated at 100,000 feet were destroyed by fire and these piles were located in the center of the lumber yard, while the remainder of the piles were saved, which is truly marvelous with a high wind blowing at the time.

Burning lumber piles make the hottest kind of fire and the men worked under great hardships in combatting the flames.

The fire trucks all arrived within 10 minutes of being notified of the fire and that is what saved the remaining piles of lumber in the yard. Some very heroic measures were taken by employees of the mill in holding the hose on piles of lumber in an alleyway the men being covered with a blanket they kept soaked in water and taking turns under great heat with flames blowing over them and on down the lumber pile row but this very action kept the fire from spreading in the direction the wind was blowing and taking the whole lumber yard.

The scorched sides of remaining lumber piles attest to the great heat the men worked under and it still seems a miracle the yard was saved. The company cannot express sufficiently its great appreciation for the volunteer effort made on the part of everyone who came to help.

AMERICAN LEGION
GRAD. AWARDS

Last week we did not have the names of the winners in the American Legion awards for 1944, but now here they are. They were awarded at the Eighth Grade Graduation exercises and given to the winners by Commander Henry:

Girls

- First—Carol George, Kerby.
- Second—Beverly Dick, Kerby.
- Third—Rebecca Freeman, White.

Boys

- First—Max Morrison, Kerby.
- Second—Richard Dumas, Kerby.
- Third—John Smith, Spence.

Ye Rustic Inn Sold To Californians

A property transaction was consummated last week whereby Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lunbeck sold their camp "Ye Rustic Inn" to Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Wakefield of Gardena, Calif. The new owners will take possession of the camp next Monday, June 5th and expect to immediately make new additions and improvements as material can be obtained.

Mr. and Mrs. Lunbeck will go to Gold Hill where they purchased acreage and plain to remain their permanently.

HEALTH CLINIC

Clinic will be held on regular days next month, June 14 and 28. Has your youngster been examined for possible defects before he starts to school for the first time next fall? If not he may have such an examination on either of the above dates.

Eleven people were seen at the clinic on May 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Taylor, accompanied by Miss Lois Taylor arrived in Cave Junction Wednesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Taylor. They plan to remain here indefinitely.