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Washington Weekly Letter

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — This week the House finished its more than seven days of discussion of the Price Control Bill (OPA). A few amendments were put in on the Floor of the House, but most of those offered on the Floor were rejected. The bill is now in conference. The Conference Committee made up of both Senators and Representatives will doubtless make a report early next week, and the bill will probably be passed and go to the President. There has been some rumor to the effect that the President might veto the bill, because of some of the provisions. However, in view of the fact that no great sweeping changes were made, it seems to me he should find it acceptable.

The debate on the bill represented an outpouring of the grievances of our 140,000,000 people against what has apparently been poor administration of a fairly good law. The recitation of the troubles followed a general pattern. Regulations forced manufacturers out of business with low price ceilings, but permitted new manufacturing in the same line to begin business and sell their products at much higher prices. This resulted in scarcity of goods and ultimately in much higher prices to the consumer for many items.

One typical example was the pancake flour situation which developed about a year ago. Many producers of non-branded pancake flour in packages were forced to quit business when denied a 1c increase in price from 67 to 7c per package. Whereupon some new firms went into the business of producing pancake flour of the same kind and in the same size packages, but they were permitted to sell at ceiling prices as high as 18c per package.

Numerous small retail stores were forced out of business because the prices they were compelled to pay for merchandise were higher than retail ceiling price line, but new stores appeared next door or across the street, selling similar merchandise at higher prices. The new stores, of course, were permitted ceiling prices in line with their current merchandise cost prices.

In my own district, I have known several instances of tons of farm produce being left unharvested for the reason that OPA delayed too long in telling the processors what the ceiling price on the canned, bottled, or preserved product would be. Since the processors did not know what they could sell their pack for, they were afraid to buy the produce from the growers.

These are but a few examples. There were hundreds recited on the Floor. Out of sheer desperation, many Members of Congress sought to remedy administrative abuses by attempting to write administrative detail into the law. The Members proposed the hundred or more amendments because there seemed to be no other way of getting relief for the people. The original Price Control Law gave the people no appeal from OPA to the courts. It was recognized, however, by a majority of the members of the House that it is impossible

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COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, July 4 — Independence day.
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.

ROBERT (BOB) HILL ON SALVAGE POST

At the meeting of the County Civilian Defense Corps last Tuesday evening in Grants Pass, W. C. (Pete) Allen was named the new salvage chairman of the county, and "Bob" Hill of Holland was named chairman of the same committee for the valley.

Paper is now the urgent need for the salvage committee, and all are asked to gather up all the newspapers and magazines and wrapping paper available and then let the chairman or let The News office know where it is and it will be picked up.

In the past this same thing has been told the valley residents and then they have gathered up a lot of paper and no one would pick it up, but if you cannot bring it in to the American Legion hall, it will be picked up soon, so start to gathering the paper—for the government needs a lot of it.

I. V. CHAMBER TO MEET MONDAY

The regular meeting of the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce will be held Monday, June 26th, instead of Tuesday. Members will please make a note of this and be on hand Monday evening instead of Tuesday at Clara's Bungalow Coffee Shop in Kerby.

At the last meeting the chamber decided to meet Monday nights instead of Tuesday. In the future the organization will meet every 2nd and 4th Monday evenings for 7:30 dinner.

MASONIC LODGE TO MEET

Belt Lodge No. 18, A. F. & A. M. will meet Saturday, June 24th in the Kerby Masonic temple at 8:30 p. m. Members are urged to attend and all visiting brethren are cordially invited.

LEW HAMMER, W. M.

OFF IN A CORNER WITH PHIL SNORT

Dear Ed: Thanks for your kind words. Coming from you, I believe they were sincere. We will just skip the matter of errors for we all make plenty of them. They are very human.

A few days ago I called at the Elwood Hussey home. I wanted to see Elwood, Jr. who was home on a vacation from the army. His mother told me that he wanted to get into the woods because it had been about two years since he saw them, so he had gone back into the low-lying hills east of his home. I was very sorry that I missed seeing him, yet I was mighty glad that opportunity gave him the chance to re-enter the woods he had known and loved since early childhood. I have thought much about Elwood's visit to those woods, his home visit, the good time he is having among the young people, with many of them former schoolmates. And, too, I have poured out much thought of our other Illinois Valley boys who are "over there" and what they would give to have a few days home as Elwood is having.

Not many of our boys will get home on "leave of absence" and some, as we to well know, will never see home and friends again, but there is not one in the service, anywhere, but can see their home, see their parents, friends, schoolmates, even the trees and shrubs of their homeland. Of course they cannot see with their eyes, but they see just as plainly with their minds, as all this I have spoken of, is photographed there and no living time can erase it. I'll bet that Elwood saw all this when he was in the islands of the Pacific. Ask him. I know that I can look back on my boyhood days and can see things, as they were then, just as plainly as I did in the old days among them. I can see the faces of old friends, even the smiles that lit up those same faces. All the foregoing is true, but how much better it is to get the old body back among those friends, where one can shake their hands, enjoy a close contact with them, see the woods and hills, and be fully happy in home environment. PHIL.

"Lassie Come Home"

Of all the shows that have come to the Cave City theater for a long time, "Lassie Come Home," is by far the best picture that has been in the picture house, at least that is what we think.

"Lassie Come Home" is taken from one of the best lesser books, and the picture follows the book all through. Those of you who have read the book will be delighted with the picture.

Roddy McDowall and "Lassie" are the stars of the picture and if you ever saw a dog that you could love "Lassie" is that dog. There comes a time when the boy's parents are offered a huge sum for the dog, and times are hard and they are forced to sell "Lassie". But the famous dog won't stay put and comes home.

Finally the rich man who bought her, takes her to Scotland, a thousand miles away, and how the dog gets back home to the lad she loves is one of the most thrilling stories ever told.

Of course everything turns out "hunky-dory" in the end, but it takes a lot of thrills and spills to get there. You can't help loving "Lassie" and this great picture. If you want a seat for this one, better get there early. Two shows Saturday night. If you can't make the first one, be sure and see the second show.

Freezing Demonstration Dated For Next Week

Miss Ruth E. Crawford, Home Demonstration Agent, announces from her office in Grants Pass that a freezing demonstration for the benefit of the valley ladies and vicinity will be held at the F. L. Sawyer ice plant next Friday, June 30, at 1:30 p. m.

The new methods of preparing foods for the freezer locker are important. The proper preparation of vegetables such as greens, peas, etc., by blanching either in boiling water or steam, the dry sugar pack for fruits, as well as the syrup pack; proper containers to prevent dehydration, and management of the cold storage locker all will be demonstrated. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

Farewell Party At Baird Home Sunday

Miss Grace Baird entertained 20 guests at the Baird residence on the Redwood highway Sunday evening when they gathered for a farewell party honoring her brother Clarence who left this week for Ft. Lewis where he was inducted into the army. Games were played and concluding the evening's enjoyment dainty refreshments were served.

To the People of this Community

There will be a feeling of shame in this community if we find ourselves short of the mark when the Fifth War Loan comes to an end July 8.

We will not permit that to happen here, especially if we look around in our homes and our places of employment and see the shadows of relatives and friends who today are in the midst of bloody battle for us.

We cannot emphasize too strongly that regardless of the size of the oversubscription of our community quota, the Fifth War Loan will be a flat failure for you if you do not exceed anything you have done in the past in War Bond buying.

In this invasion hour our fighting men have a right to demand that you make your record contribution to the success of a war loan. The slogan **Back the Attack—Buy More Than Before**, is not merely a catch phrase, it expresses the cold facts about invasion. Unless we make the supreme effort to do everything humanly possible either at our work benches or in our homes with our sweat, our blood and our dollars we hand over our share of the burden to our fighting men. THE EDITOR.

Jamboree Friday In Grants Pass

The big show of the year under the auspices of the Izaak Walton league, will be held Friday evening in the high school auditorium, Grants Pass, when the "Mystery Spectacle and Magical Jamboree" featuring "Mystic" Hughes and Betty, assisted by Roberta Moore, will be presented.

There will be a special matinee for those who do not care to go in for the evening's performance. The matinee will start at 2:00 p. m. and the evening show at 8:00 p. m., Friday, June 23.

Hon. Joe Wharton, mayor of Grants Pass, will give an address of welcome to start the show, and then—hold on—the mystic features will come fast and furious. Keep your eye on the man—you might see how it is done.

"Mystic" Hughes and Betty are now retired, but they were featured on many of the best vaudeville circuits in the country and have appeared in many big shows throughout the United States, and they have both appeared in moving pictures. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes liked Josephine county so well that they purchased a lovely home just outside of Grants Pass, and are now making their home among us.

Hundreds of valley folks saw them while they appeared at the American Legion hall recently for Co. A of the Oregon State Guard but what they saw was just a starter to the program that will be given Friday night.

NEW 4-H CLUB TO MEET MONDAY

The valley's new 4-H club under the leadership of John C. Williams, will hold their first meeting Monday evening, June 26 at the Illinois Valley Grange hall at Bridgeview at 8 p. m.

All those interested in joining are invited to come in and the parents of youngsters are also invited. Officers will be elected and a charter drawn for the new club at this meeting.

Plan to attend and be a charter member of this new club. You have a mighty fine leader and should go places.

Mrs. Blanche Cory who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lewis of Bridgeview and other relatives for the past week, left Tuesday for her home in Redding, Calif. Mrs. Joe Hudron took her as far as Grants Pass and was accompanied home by Mrs. Martin Maurer and Mrs. Lee Lewis who were in Grants Pass shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allen of Bridgeview arrived home after spending the past year in Southern California where both were employed. A family reunion was held at their home last week with their children and families Mr. and Mrs. Bud Allen and family of Klamath Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Tompkins and family of Millbrae, Calif.

Kerby News Notes of General Interest

BY ADAH JONES

Few voters appeared at the annual meeting of Kerby grade school district Monday afternoon. Mrs. Harry Messinger was elected clerk to replace Mrs. Anna Wittrock who has held the position for several years and did not wish to serve again. Laque Youngblood was elected junior member of the board, other board members are Bud Hoskins and Art Kellert.

Mrs. Herbert Marchant accompanied by her daughter Pearl and niece Florence Swanson left Tuesday for Portland. They expect to visit relatives and the girls to remain in Portland and find employment.

NEWS FROM OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

England, May 23

Dear Sunny and Buck:

I received your letter and was sure glad to hear from you. I am just fine and glad you are the same. I have been having quite a time learning to count English money, but I'm getting used to it now.

I went up town today and went in a hair dressing salon, that's a barber shop and got a hair cut for a shilling, a shilling is 12 cents. I was planning on going to London tomorrow night but I guess I can't make it. Some of the guys have been there and they say it's quite a place.

We are not allowed to write the names of towns we go to except London.

I got a letter from Howard just before we left Washington but I haven't heard from George for a long time. Well I will have to close now so write again soon.

Your Friend,
DON DONEY.

Dear Sunny and Buck:

I that maybe I had better let you know I am still kicking around and feel pretty good now. I've been here about three weeks now. It is really nice and they take excellent care of us. It has been nearly five weeks since I received my last mail so I haven't had much news from any of the folks.

I sure lost weight the first three weeks after I was hurt, nearly 40 pounds I guess. I'm up and around now. It sure feels good after three weeks on my back. Well Sunny I will write again soon. Bye for now.

GEORGE YARBROUGH.

WANTED

Women to fold Surgical Dressings for the Red Cross at the Crew House, Redwood Ranger station, Every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 p. m.

"It's a frame-up," said the picture hanger in the art gallery. "I'm changing over to Fluhrer's Enriched Bread today."

Bond Drive Not Going Too Hot

Josephine county's bond drive is not doing as well as Chairman W. Stewart Orr would like to see. The county will eventually make its quota all right, but it will take the entire month the way bonds are selling now.

The valley has not yet been contacted from the solicitors, but they will soon get to you, and all of us should make an effort to buy as many bonds as we can, especially "E" bonds, those are the ones everyone can buy.

We are not going to paint a picture that would make you buy all the bonds in the market—but there is one thing we would like to impress on all of our readers—That is, the war IS NOT over and those who believe it is practically over are just kidding themselves. We have a long, hard row to go before we can fold up and call it quits.

AND this won't be the last bond drive. The war will last a long time yet and there will have to be other bond drives to get the money to carry on. If you don't buy them your own boys will suffer for the necessities that will make them successful.

BUY BONDS — BUY MORE THAN BEFORE. AND KEEP 'EM until after the war and then do the many things that you have wanted to do—fix up the home or barn, or buy a new car, or buy a place of your own. **BUY BONDS** so you will have the money to spend after the war is over. Then is when you will need it. When the solicitors come by, make their job easy. Buy what you can and give them a cheery word to help them on their job, for it is not an easy job, and they are doing it gratis, just to help out.

FIRE FUND HELPED WITH CONTRIBUTIONS

The newest additions to the fire truck fund was a check for \$5.00 from the Ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary. This contribution, like all others is greatly appreciated, but it was hardly expected from the good ladies, as they have very little money in their treasury, but it comes greatly appreciated. Also a check from the Fleishman Lumber Co. for \$10 was received today.

We have failed to hear from out of town residents who own property in Cave Junction, and they should remember that they want their property protected in case of fire, and the best method to do this is to see that the fire truck is in the pink of condition.

We also want to thank Associated agency, Grants Pass, through W. F. Darger, for the donation of a new pump for the engine. If this pump will work on our engine, and those who know see no reason why it should not, it will give the fire truck much added force to the streams of water. The pump is practically new and it will be a great asset to the truck's efficiency.

Chief George Martin and the entire volunteer department warmly thank all those who have made it possible to put our truck in good fighting condition. We still need help, but we are out of the woods and with a little more work, the truck will be in the pink.

WHAT THE LEGION AUXILIARY IS DOING

Next meeting night, July 5, election of officers will be held. All members take notice as no written notices will be sent.

Flags were placed on graves of 30 veterans before Decoration day, 4 flags having already been placed by others. If there are veteran graves in the local cemetery which are not so decorated the Unit would appreciate having this brought to their attention, giving the name of the veteran and location of grave.

The Unit contributed \$5 to the Fire Department.

* * BONDS OVER AMERICA * *

The U. S. Treasury

The Fifth American War Loan Drive, open to all for voluntary Bond buying, begins June 12th, with full confidence of the Treasury in our Democracy, and of our people in its Treasury.



**Back the Attack!
Buy More Than Before**

In Holland, Nazis are starting a fifth forced loan while "looking after" Dutch finances. Banks failing to subscribe will be forced to accept a double quota at a lower interest rate.