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Washington  
Weekly Letter

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — The activities of Congress ceased today for a period of several weeks so that Members who wish to do so may attend both the Republican and Democratic National conventions. Both conventions are being held in Chicago this year. The Republican meeting began Monday. I am leaving for home today, but will stop off in Chicago and watch the operations of the Republican National Convention.

Although I shall be away from Washington several weeks, my office here will be open, and any matters requiring attention here can be handled by my very competent office staff. Just address me in the usual way—House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

When I am in Oregon during the summer, I expect to be traveling around the district the greater part of the time, but office space has very kindly been provided for me in the post office building in Roseburg, which will be my personal headquarters, and through which I can be reached at nearly any time.

This is the last weekly news letter I shall write for some little time. I wish it were possible, as a substitute for this weekly communication, to see and talk with everyone in my Congressional District during the summer. I realize that is not possible, but I do want to see everyone who has some problem with which I might help, or who has anything at all to talk over with me.

FIRE TRUCK FUND  
NOW ADEQUATE

The Fire Fund for the Cave Junction Volunteer Fire Department's truck was helped last week with a donation from the Cave City Water department of \$20.00, a check from Eugene Brown of the High Plateau Mines for \$5.00 and Bert Watkins also contributed the sum of \$5.00. Another donation of \$5.00 was received from the Cave City Coffee Shop.

It was mighty nice of Gene to send this check, for there isn't a chance on earth of ever having the truck help him out in case of an accident. He just wanted to help the fire department along. Also it was mighty nice for the Cave City Water department to make their liberal contribution, for they have very little property that the truck could help with. These are the contributions that makes one feel that there is a bit of good left in the hearts of men. Bert Watkins has also given several hours work in fixing up the new housing place for the truck. The new quarters have been given to the department through the courtesy of W. F. Darger, of the Associated Service station, and the truck will be kept at the service station when put in condition.

Chief Martin sends his warmest thanks to all who have so generously helped with the fire truck and all the members of the department are indeed grateful for the help given. When the truck is repaired and put in condition by Freeman & Wilson, it is expected to do all the work any truck of like capacity could do.

## 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 fourth Friday of each month.

Special Shows  
For 4th Of July

Double for your money this week at the Cave City Theater with a double feature billed for Saturday and Sunday.

In the first feature Red Skelton has never been funnier than he is in "Whistling in Brooklyn," the M-G-M comedy. In another of the rib-tickling comedy series, Red becomes involved with a gang of murderers as well as the police as the result of a phoney publicity stunt cooked up by his self-appointed press agent, muddle-headed "Rags" Ragland.

Just as Wally Benton, radio's "The Fox" is about to leave on a long delayed honeymoon with his assistant, Ann Rutherford, detectives arrive to arrest him for being the "Constant Reader", a notorious criminal wanted for murder. Wally believes them to be pranksters and eludes them. On his way he learns they were legitimate and is about to give himself up and straighten matters out when the real gangsters arrive on the scene. They want to murder Red so the police will believe him to be the criminal and close the case, leaving them free to pursue their crimes without interference.

Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette in "Oh Susanna" is the big second feature for this Saturday and Sunday.

When Gene Autry comes to town with Smiley Burnette, there isn't much use telling you anything about the picture. When Gene comes the people come to see him. We have never seen Autry in what we would call a bad picture.

JULY 4th and 5th SPECIAL!  
"IN OLD OKLAHOMA"

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, July 4th and 5th the Cave City theater will show "In Old Oklahoma", based on Thomas Burdick's story, "War of the Wildcats".

With John Wayne and Martha Scott in the leading roles, and Albert Dekker playing the 'heavy' lead, the picture starts off with an intriguing situation in the very first feet of film. On the train Cathy Allen (Miss Scott) meets and is impressed by Jim Gardner, husky, self-assured oil operator traveling in his private car back to Sapulpa, which he has transformed into a boom oil town, pouring wealth and power into his pockets. Cathy also meet Dan Somers, itinerant cowboy and ex-Rough Rider, as attractive as Jim but not as flashily impressive.

The three leave the train at Sapulpa. Jim has the town in his pocket. He's the big boss. His latest well is just coming in and now all that stands between him and complete success is a lease on the oil rich Indian territory.

Dan, friendly with the Indians, protests against his scheme to victimize, and the antagonism already existing between the two rivals for Cathy Island is fanned into a violet flame.

SWIMMING LESSONS  
WILL BE OFFERED

Many of the youngsters of the valley would be delighted to have some one teach them how to swim. Many of the parents would be delighted to have their children learn to swim if they knew they were in the hands of competent instructors who would look out for their welfare.

The boys from the "Smoke Jumpers," some of them expert swimmers, have signified their willingness to teach these youngsters how to swim in the "Smoke Jumpers" swimming pool Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights of each week, 5:00 p. m. to 5:30 p. m. A half hour three days a week.

If you have a youngster who wants to learn to swim, the boys will gladly teach them during the above days and hours. You must find a way to get the children there and home again after the lessons. Get in touch with Bob Painter, senior Red Cross life saver, and he will give you full details.

Mrs. E. S. Lough of Hawthorne, Calif., arrived in Cave Junction to spend a month's vacation with her brother, Ken C. Hamilton and Mrs. Hamilton.

Monday  
Chamber  
Meeting

Maybe it was because the chamber of commerce changed dates of their regular meetings from Tuesday to Monday evening — but whether it was or not, the attendance was very small.

There was not much done in the way of constructive ideas or work discussions, but it was suggested that we get from behind the "8-ball" and get some new members who will take an interest in helping develop this wonderful valley. The suggestion was good and timely and it might be followed up—if the present members have what it takes to get the new members out.

There was some discussion concerning the newly organized Siskiyou Minerals association. The association wants to hold a meeting in the valley and they want the valley miners to elect their own member on the board of directors. This meeting will be called some time in the future and then the miners should all meet and elect their own man.

There is going to be quite a big meeting of the mining fraternity in the near future and it was suggested that at this time the valley elect its member of the board. Anyway there will be more about this matter when it is finally settled on a date. Until then, it was suggested that the local miners talk around and find out who they want to represent them on the board.

Wm. MacLean of Kerby brought a good suggestion to the chamber. Get an executive committee that will go over the important matters to be brought before the chamber and then have these matters put in shape for discussion. This will save considerable time and will bring before the members only the things that need action. This matter may have final action at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the chamber will be held Monday evening, July 10th at Clara's Bungalow coffee shop in Kerby. Members are urged to attend and bring a friend or new member.

LUMBER YARD WILL  
BE ESTABLISHED  
IN CAVE JUNCTION

Transactions pending for some time came to a head today (Thursday) and the announcement was made that the Cook Lumber company of Grants Pass, will immediately establish a lumber yard in Cave Junction.

E. H. York, who recently purchased Camp U-Rest, will be the resident manager of the yard and it will be located at Camp U-Rest where there is plenty of room to house a lumber yard.

The yard will handle all the common needs of the community including building materials of all kinds, doors, windows, cement, plumbing fixtures, paints, and building hardware.

Mr. York is a building contractor and knows the building game, and he is very enthusiastic over the future of a lumber yard for the valley residents. He can't say exactly when materials will arrive, but he hopes to have the yard open for business in three weeks.

## PICNIC POSTPONED

The O'Brien Women's Club picnic has been postponed. The date for the next meeting and picnic will appear in next week's issue of the News. Watch for date, time and place.

Glenn Halm returned home last Wednesday from his physical examination taken in Portland and will await call sometime in September when he will enlist as an aviation cadet.

Smoke  
Jumpers  
Make Jumps

Larry Moore's airplane was in the valley last week and the smoke jumpers donned their heavy jumping suits and parachutes in preparation for the coming fire season. After a winter of timber cruising and other forest work, 10 jumpers from last year and three new jumpers, recently trained in Montana, were anxious to feel the silk over their heads again.

Two practice jumps were made in Mr. Shepp's field just north of town. The first jump was for practice in steering and though the day was windy the fellows accredited themselves rather well. Some hung in trees and came down by means of let-down ropes they carry in their leg pockets. The second jump was a slip-jump in which the jumper partially collapses his chute in order to drop faster and consequently has less time to drift off his target.

Then on Sunday morning a camp jump was held under Little Sanger peak. In a four hour period 12 jumpers took to the silk and worked their way to the ground in a realistic jumping show. Enough cargo was dropped to the jumpers to set up a fifty man fire camp. Men were assigned tasks as camp boss, cooks, radio men, etc., and in short order a regular meal was on the stove and ready to eat. Following the meal the day's work was discussed, the camp was broken down, chutes were retrieved, and the boys returned to the Ranger Station by truck.

Frank Derry, parachute instructor rigger from Region One of the forest service proved very helpful in making the refresher jumping session a success. Fred Frank, Larry Moore's new pilot, flew the plane on several jumper trips and will probably bring the plane back here shortly for the balance of the summer.

Be Careful Of  
Fire On Fourth

"Don't be a treasonist this 4th of July."

That is the word sent out by Edmund Hayes, chairman, executive committee of Keep Oregon Green, as a warning to campers and others who will spend this Fourth of July holiday in the woods of this state.

"Forest fire danger will be great from now on during the balance of the summer," he pointed out. "We are short of moisture now in the woods. With a combination of dry east winds and low humidity, the entire western Oregon section could become a firey holocaust. Eastern Oregon range and forest areas are just as bad off."

Mr. Hayes pointed out that every invasion beachhead in the Pacific and the European theaters of war require billions of feet of lumber for every purpose and cautioned that fire started here in Oregon from man's carelessness will be just like shooting our soldiers in the back.

It takes 300 feet of lumber to land a soldier or marine on a beachhead and 50 feet each month to keep him there. This lumber goes to repair docks, to build troop shelter, and to box and crate everything from food and medicine to planes and guns which lands with the troops. Oregon supplies nearly one fourth of all the nation's lumber — that is why we must help keep fire from our forests, Mr. Hayes emphasized.

Two musts for every citizen, the state Keep Oregon Green chairman insisted are: Don't start fires yourself, and if you see a fire you can't put out call the nearest fire warden at once. Let's all help Keep Oregon Green this Fourth of July, the KOG leader urged.

Kerby News Notes  
of General Interest

BY ADAH JONES

Heide Sachse and Louise Hammer arrived Saturday from San Francisco, where they have been employed in government offices and will spend a two week's vacation at their homes. Heide is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sachse of Kerby and Louise the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Hammer of Selma.

Ken and Lloyd Morrison, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Don Morrison formerly of Kerby, now living at Takilma, are spending a few days leave at the home of their parents and visiting their many friends. Ken is in the naval air corps and has both the American and Pacific theater of war ribbons as he has made two trips to the Marshal islands as aviation mechanic. He states he saw only dead Japs on his trip. One of his thrills was experienced at Honolulu when he met a friend and former schoolmate, Clinton Trefethen, who is in the Seabees and stationed on the Hawaiian Islands. Lloyd Morrison has been taking special training at a college in Ohio and is home before being sent to New Jersey for further training. Coming through Corvallis Lloyd stopped and met Miss Ruth Clark, fiancée of Ken Morrison who came home with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lackey have received word of the marriage of their niece, Miss Paula Fox to Randall Parris of Dallas, Texas. Miss Fox is a former student of Kerby high when her parents lived on the Caves highway a few years ago. Mr. Parris is in the navy as pharmacist mate 1/c. The wedding occurred at the Baptist church in an Diego after which the young couple flew to Dallas.

Mrs. Clyde Johnson had the misfortune to fall from a bench while papering one of her cabins and breaking a leg. This happened Monday morning. She was taken to Grants Pass where she will remain several weeks. Mr. Johnson who has been on a welding job near Marshfield was called home and is caring for the store.

T. K. Landros, former miner on Canyon and Josephine Creek arrived Wednesday from Eugene where he has been working the past year. He expects to remain in Kerby a few days and later go to Tucson, Ariz., to visit relatives.

1220 Dressings Made  
By Red Cross Workers

The Red Cross Surgical Dressing Unit met Tuesday afternoon at the Crew House, Redwood Ranger Station, at 1 o'clock and 17 ladies made 1,220 dressings in 4x4 size.

The following ladies were in attendance and most of them have been very faithful workers: Mesdames Nellie Dow, Jessie Leonard, Frances Smith, Agnes McIrvine, Lena Owen, Nita Wilson, Ruth Hill, Aubrey Hill, Alma Doney, Daisy Wasmond, Grayce Hudron, Corinne Byersdorf, Doris Baird, and Mabel Villair; Misses Delila Hill, Grace Iversen and Cleo Doney.

More workers will be welcomed, as there is plenty of material on hand for folding. Fourth of July coming on Tuesday the meeting for next week will be Thursday, the 6th of July.

GARDEN CLUB  
DATE CHANGED

The Illinois Valley Garden club meeting which was to have been held next Wednesday, July 5th, has been changed to Friday, July 28th, at the home of Mrs. Harry O. Smith on Caves highway. Several important matters are up for discussion so it is hoped a good attendance will be present at this meeting.

## DANCE SATURDAY

The American Legion will give a dance Saturday evening, July 1st in their hall at Cave Junction. The Ladies' Auxiliary will serve a fine lunch at midnight.

Boards Hold  
School  
Elections

All the school districts in the valley have held their annual school elections and the Kerby high school held their last week.

Each district must elect one director and a clerk each year, and pass on the annual budget.

There was quite a spirited election last Monday at the Kerby high school election for a board member, and the result was very close. The director elected had to be chosen from the Selma district. The result of this election was: Lew Hammer, 24 votes; Doyl Hamilton, 21 votes. The electors chose Lew Hammer for another term. The board reelected Mrs. Effie M. Smith, clerk.

There seemed to be a little complaint at the Kerby school election because the polls closed at 7 o'clock. This is a matter the board has no choice about. The law fixes the hours and the judges must abide by the law. The judges of this election were: Jessie Leonard, Isabel Mellow and Roberta Krauss.

Spence school elected Lita James as director and Sophia Bunch, clerk.

White school elected Harry O. Smith, director and Ruth Wendt, clerk.

Holland school elected Keith Owen, director and Agnes McIrvine, clerk.

Kerby school elected Laque Youngblood, director and Freda Messenger, clerk.

Payne school elected Loren George, director and Hazel Loren, clerk.

Takilma school elected Ed Woodcock, director and Mrs. Woodcock, clerk.

COMPLIMENTED AT  
STORK SHOWER

Mrs. Judson Heald and Mrs. Chris Wendt acted as co-hostesses last Friday afternoon when they entertained at the country home of Mrs. Heald on the Holland road.

The affair was a surprise stork shower in honor of Mrs. Montee Heald, nee Joyce Payne. Lovely bouquets of flowers were arranged about the rooms in which 30 guests enjoyed the afternoon with games played and a naming contest with prize won by Mrs. John Ulrich.

The refreshment table was attractive with decorations in keeping with the spirit of the occasion, a large stork as a centerpiece laden with daintily wrapped gifts. After the honoree finished opening the many packages delicious refreshments were served the guests.

Local Girl Goes On  
Long Journey East

Jeanne Villair left on the 12th of June with a sorority sister from University of Oregon, Miss Mary Stanley of Tillamook, on a motor trip to Maine. Miss Stanley is delivering her brother's car to him as he has a permanent assignment in the service at Boston. They drove via San Francisco where they spent a couple of days, attending a wedding and shopping, then on east on Highway 30 thru Reno, Salt Lake City, Omaha and to Chicago where they visited and on to Brunswick, Maine, where they arrived Saturday the 24th. They will return by train and visit in New York City, Washington and spend a week in Chicago with relatives.

## HEALTH CLINIC

The regular clinic was held at Cave Junction June 28. Six morbidity cases were seen, one immunization and two school children. The next clinic will be held July 12. Again we invite parents to bring their pre-school children in for a check-up of possible defects. These should be corrected before they enter school.

—BUY WAR BONDS—