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Washington Weekly Letter

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — Back in session again, the Congress is proceeding with its work just as if nothing had happened. But quite definitely, considerable happened on the seventh. It is no secret that Republican members felt rather confident that the majority of the House next term would be Republican. At election time the score stood 214 Democrats to 212 Republicans. The clerk of the House says that, as of this morning (Saturday) the score for the new Congress stands: Democrats 242, Republicans 190, Progressive 1, American-Labor 1, and one still in doubt. I doubt that the score is high enough on the New Deal side to warrant calling the new Congress a rubber-stamp Congress but there is not the slightest doubt that the Administration will have majority enough in the House and Senate to carry most controversial legislation.

It is too soon to get any accurate idea as to the course of legislation for the coming two-year term. My guess is, however, that there will be no serious controversy on legislation involving major foreign policy matters. The battles in the new Congress will occur mostly over proposals that would tend to take us toward a centralized socialistic type of government.

If I make any personal comment at this point, I wish to express my thanks to the voters of the district for the fine majority given me in the election. I hope that the service rendered during these next two years will justify the faith placed in me. These are serious times in the history of our Republic, and I am well aware of the responsibilities borne by every member of Congress.

Early this week the crop insurance bill passed the House by an overwhelming majority (only 16 negative votes). Last spring the House rejected a crop insurance bill. There were several valid objections to the previous proposal. All of them were removed in the new bill. Principal difficulty with the former proposal was that too much of the risk was actually borne by the government — to the extent that the plan cost many millions of dollars from the public treasury. The bill recently passed limits the government liability and practically places the plan on a sound insurance basis.

The Senate now has the flood control bill (H. R. 4485) under consideration. The Senate Commerce Committee, before it reported the bill to the Senate floor, inserted an amendment (known as the Bailey amendment) which would restrict the authority of the secretary of the interior to build

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COMING EVENTS

- Thursday, Dec. 7 — Remember Pearl Harbor.
 - Friday, Dec. 15—Garden Club Charity Tea and Christmas party, Mrs. Harry Floyd, Holland.
 - Friday, Dec. 15—O'Brien Women's club Christmas party and gift exchange at the home of Mrs. Earl Boyd.
 - Community Church Missionary group, third Thursday of the month.
 - Eastern Star Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month.
 - Ladies' Auxiliary meet the first and third Wednesday of each month.
 - O'Brien Women's club meet on first Friday of each month.
 - Kerby P-T. A meets the last Thursday of each month, in Kerby grade school.
- COMING EVENTS
- Marguerite Rebekah Lodge No. 111 meets the second Wednesday of each month at I. O. O. F. hall, Kerby.
 - I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 55 meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, I. O. O. F. hall, Kerby.

ANDY HARDY IN "BLONDE TROUBLE" SATURDAY, SUNDAY

If you're a Hardy Family fan, and who isn't? you'll enjoy the new film at the Cave City theater Saturday and Sunday. It's "Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble" and the whole Hardy Family is up to its usual funmaking.

Mickey Rooney, as the irrepressible Andy, sets off to follow his father's footsteps at Wainwright college and learns to his delight that it is now co-ed. His troubles begin on the train where he meets Bonita Granville bound for Wainwright, the pretty Wilde twins, only since the twins, in order not to be separated, are pretending to be one person, and keep Andy in perpetual state of confusion.

Andy is attracted to Bonita immediately, but it is soon obvious that although Bonita likes Andy she is much more interested in Herbert Marshall. When they arrive at school Andy tries to help the twins out of their predicament and only succeeds in getting himself into trouble.

"MAN FROM FRISCO" WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

The mid-week program brings the "Man From Frisco," a powerful drama of ship building, how the yards started to build ships after Pearl Harbor.

Michael O'Shea and Anne Shirley are the stars of the picture but they have an excellent cast that cooperate all through the show.

The story is dynamic, powerful and depicts a man of steel that speeds the work of a thousand men and the heart-beat of a girl. The new superintendent of a ship yard is sent to build ships and his new methods don't jibe with the old workers and the townspeople and trouble begins and lasts until the first ship is launched.

"Man From Frisco" is a powerful story. You'll want to see how they build our Liberty ships and how they launch them.

Postal Service Asks Early Mailing

Public response to the post office department's "Shop Now! Mail in November" campaign is good but needs to be better, according to Postmaster General Frank C. Walker.

"It is not pleasing to us to have to ask the American people to mail packages so far in advance of the delivery date. We do so only because it has to be done.

"Unprecedented shortages of man power and transportation facilities growing out of the war compel early mailing. The postal service has given 50,000 experienced employes to the armed forces and 300,000 railroad workers have gone to war.

"We urge everyone to buy now, mail at once, and mark gifts 'Do Not Open Until Christmas'."

Movies To Be Shown At Grange Meeting

Grange members are invited to attend the regular meeting of the Illinois Valley Grange on Thursday, December 7th, when Harold Bowerman of the Redwood Ranger Station will show moving pictures. Remember the date and plan to attend this meeting.

LEGION DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT

The American Legion will give a dance Saturday night, December 2nd in their hall at Cave Junction. The Ladies Auxiliary will have a booth at the dance where one may buy War Bonds if they desire.

Midnight luncheon will be served by the ladies and you will enjoy the evening.

NOTICE

Belt Lodge No. 18, A. F. & A. M. will hold a special communication Saturday evening, December 9, at the Masonic hall in Kerby. The M. M. Degree will be conferred. Visiting brethren welcome.

LEW HAMMER, W. M.

Harry Messenger has been confined to his home with a severe case of lumbago.

IOOF'S Met Jointly Tuesday

Tuesday evening Kerby and Grants Pass Odd Fellows met in joint session in the Masonic hall at Kerby, with the Grants Pass lodge giving the degree work for a class of eight candidates.

After the lodge had adjourned all retired to the dining room where the Kerby Rebekah members served a delicious dinner. Tables were attractively decorated for the occasion, a farm scene being carried out very effectively.

Mrs. Mabel Ramsey, district president of Marguerite lodge, raffled off a pair of myrtlewood book ends which netted the sum of \$19.50. The sum will be sent to the I. O. O. F. in Portland as a contribution towards purchasing a station wagon for the home. Luke Lilly of Grants Pass drew the lucky number and carried home the beautiful book ends made and donated by Mrs. Ramsey.

The joint meeting was one of the biggest gatherings in the valley for a long time and all present declared it was a grand success.

Charity Tea Christmas Party Plans

At the Garden club meeting held last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Holland, c/o Bridgeview, members exhibited several interesting miniature garden arrangements which later will be sent with holiday decorations to the hospital wards at Camp White in Medford. Mrs. M. C. Athey brought several varieties of chrysanthemums still found blooming in her garden.

Mrs. Sam Bunch was pro tem secretary, in the absence of Mrs. Chris Wendt, who is still visiting relatives in California.

On the "Garden Calendar" Mrs. Frank Mellow gave timely suggestions to be done now in cleaning up the garden debris and lawn conditioning. This eases up spring work and discourages destructive pests.

Mrs. C. G. Hockett, now residing in Grants Pass, was unable to be present so an interesting paper was prepared and read by Mrs. Miller on "Native Flora" of the New England States.

The Christmas meeting and Charity Tea will be held Friday, December 15th at the home of Mrs. Harry R. Floyd of Holland, with Mrs. J. M. Smock, Mrs. Robert Walton and Mrs. Raymond Baldwin assisting hostesses. Members are requested to bring as many holiday decorations as they can make, which will be used for the party and later to be taken to Camp White. The feature and highlight on the afternoon's program will be the usual Christmas tree and gift exchange among members and guests. The musical program will be in charge of Mrs. C. G. Morris. Proceeds from the Charity Tea will be sent as usual to "Boys' Town" and visitors will be cordially welcomed.

It was also decided by the club to hold a bazaar and white elephant sale in the near future and a committee was appointed to work out plans and find a suitable place to hold it. Further announcements will be published in the News on completion of these details.

After adjournment of the meeting Mrs. Holland and her co-hostesses, Mrs. Joe Hudron and Mrs. J. E. Lewis served refreshments of moulded salads, sandwiches, dainty cakes and coffee. Mrs. Clyde Hays assisted in the absence of Mrs. Joe Houck who now lives in Grants Pass and was unable to make the trip.

—BUY WAR BONDS—

Bulb Raising In Valley To Be Explained

A meeting has been scheduled for all persons interested in growing Easter lilies in the Illinois valley district, Tuesday, December 5th at the Bridgeview grange hall starting at 8:00 p. m., as announced by Jens F. Svith, county agricultural agent.

Frank P. McWhorter, plant pathologist, Oregon State college, who has followed the bulb industry in Oregon, will be present to discuss this subject. He will also show pictures of bulb raising in various parts of the state, in order to bring out the problems connected with bulb raising.

A great deal of interest has been developed in the Illinois Valley in this industry, states Svith, and for that reason felt a meeting of all interested parties should be held in order to get first hand information.

This meeting will be held in connection with the AAA Community election meeting scheduled for the same time.

AAA MEETING

AAA committeemen to administer next year's AAA farm program in Josephine county will be selected at community election meetings to be held December 4 to 7, Raymond Lathrop, chairman of the Josephine County Committee, announced Monday.

The meetings have been scheduled in each community and for the Illinois Valley district this meeting will be held in the Bridgeview Grange hall, December 5th at 8:00 p. m.

Lathrop reminded that all farmers who participated in any phase of the 1944 program are eligible to attend and vote. He pointed out a large attendance at the meetings will assure that the committeemen selected represent the choice of all farmers in the community and urged all eligible farmers to exercise their democratic responsibility of helping to choose their own farm leaders.

In addition to naming committee men to run their farm program for this coming year, farmers attending will consider methods of using AAA practice payments to get the best results in meeting agricultural problems of each community. Booked for discussion are prospective 1945 provisions for practices, such as weed control, drainage and pasture improvement.

Other program features for the meeting include presentation of the latest information on 1945 production goals and discussion of support prices and other prospects and problems for the year ahead.

POULTRY INDUSTRY TO BE CURTAILED

The poultry industry needs to move at once toward voluntarily curtailing production to avoid government control if possible, in the opinion of leaders of the industry heard at the recent meeting of the Oregon Baby Chick association, held in Salem.

After hearing Homer I. Huntington, manager of the national poultry and egg board and Clyde C. Edmonds of Salt Lake City, president of the Associated Poultry Industries the association urged by resolution that the government price support on eggs be lowered from 90 to 80 per cent of parity to avoid continued expansion. If government price support is continued, eggs ought to be purchased on U. S. grades rather than case count, the association held.

HEALTH CLINIC

At the clinic held Nov. 22 three adult medical patients were seen, two school child examinations were made, one tuberculin test and four immunizations for whooping cough given. The next clinic will be held on Dec. 13th.

GEN. SOMERVILLE SAYS

"The difficult things we do at once; the impossible takes a little longer."

NEWS FROM OUR BOYS AND GIRLS IN THE SERVICE

Lee Hassler is home on short leave visiting relatives in the valley.

Gay Kenneth Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gay K. Smith, recently inspector at the Borg-Warner corporation of Bellwood, Illinois, was awarded the silver wings of a pilot and appointed a second lieutenant in the army of the United States, Air Corps, at graduation exercises Nov. 20th, at the AAF Pilot school (advanced single engine), Spence Field, Moultrie, Georgia.

Cadet Nurse Helen Schneider reported back for duty last Sunday after a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Schneider on Caves highway. She was one of the 50 girls chosen out of about 300 that applied for Cadet Nurse training at the Highland hospital in Oakland, California.

Standard Oil Truck Causes Excitement

Last Wednesday morning when H. P. Bearss got into his Standard Oil truck to start it, the engine caught on fire and it looked for a few moments like the whole Standard plant might go up in smoke.

Quick thinking and fire extinguishers saved the situation and nothing more than burned wiring cords and some blackened spots on the front of the truck was caused by the fire.

The truck was parked inside the Standard Oil warehouse, and if the truck fire had gotten out of control, the entire warehouse would have been burned and this might have exploded the tanks and the town would have had a real scare.

Ken Hamilton of the Standard Service station had a good scare also. He had just finished getting shaved when he saw the fire truck go by, and rushed out to help, when he looked down the street and saw quite a few cars in front of his station, his first thoughts were that his place was on fire. Ken didn't lose any time getting home.

HOLLAND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT CLUB MET LAST FRIDAY

Members of the Holland School Improvement club met last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lena Owen on the Holland road. After business matters were disposed of the ladies spent a very enjoyable social afternoon. Two visitors, Mrs. Thelma Maurer of Holland, and Mrs. Ray Deskeill of Renton, Wash., were present.

At the close of the afternoon luncheon was served by the hostess and Mrs. Agnes McIrvine.

The Christmas meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Alvine Kaufman with co-hostess, Mrs. Martell Lewis.

Mrs. Ronald Tyer of Kerby underwent an operation last Tuesday at the Josephine General hospital. She is reported as improving.

To the People of this Community

GI Joe in his Pacific foxhole—maybe he is your brother, husband, sweetheart or friend—is listening in on you today.

He knows you have a date with a Victory Volunteer, a neighbor with a War Bond order in his or her hand. The two of you may talk it over at your work bench, in your office or in your home. Will GI Joe pick up "I can't afford it," "Why do they have to have more money?" "We'll lick Japan with one hand tied behind our back?"

GI Joe counts on you to have enough sense and knowledge of the facts about the Pacific war to back him up in his foxhole. The extra \$100 War Bond you buy today is a War Bond with the most power. It gives GI Joe the support he must have at the time when he needs it most. It tells Tokyo you're in the fight to the finish.

THE EDITOR.

Bond Show Proves Big Success

It was very discouraging for the committee who was in charge of the War Bond Show at the American Legion hall last Tuesday evening, to learn at a late hour that the date was conflicting with one of the largest Odd Fellow meetings of the year, and a large number of valley people who would have attended the Bond Show had already made arrangements to attend the I. O. O. F. meeting.

Nevertheless, a fair sized crowd was in the hall and they were treated to an exceptionally good show and had a lot of fun bidding for the number of free prizes offered for sale. The show netted almost \$4,000 worth of bonds to go to the credit of the valley on their quota.

Walter Freeman, president of the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce called the meeting to order and turned it over to Don McGregor who told those present the necessity of buying bonds. He then introduced Eddie Nunn, who was the master of ceremonies for the evening, and Eddie did a splendid job of it.

He first introduced Cloy Rife who brought out a former resident of the valley and who is now one of Grants Pass juvenile song birds, and she was given a rousing hand for her two songs which were greatly appreciated by the audience and especially so because all knew her as the little girl who used to go to school at Kerby. Sharon Currier sang herself right into the hearts of all who heard her. She is the daughter of Mrs. Al Currier who now resides in Grants Pass. Al Currier was a former member of the state highway department of Cave Junction. Mr. Rife accompanied her on the piano.

Eddie Nunn then introduced A. C. Edwards who sang a cowboy song that the audience was delighted with and then gave several imitations of animals. Mrs. Brunner accompanied him on the piano.

Then the star of the evening was presented, "Mystic" Jack Hughes and his charming wife, who entertained the folks with slight of hand performances and the audience was highly pleased with his show.

This is the third time Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have packed up their equipment and brought it to the valley to entertain our people.

They are professional performers who used to be on the vaudeville circuit all over the nation, who have retired and now have a lovely home near Grants Pass, and they never get tired helping with a worthy cause. The crowd gave Mr. and Mrs. Hughes a great reception.

Then Mr. Nunn started the auction. Many valuable items were on the table to go to the highest bidder for War Bonds, and through this means nearly \$4,000 worth of bonds were sold at the show. The following business houses generously donated articles for the auction:

Mrs. Art Kellert, Kerby; Wm. McLean, Kerby; Youngblood's Market, Kerby; Cave City Theater; Jack Hout, Camp Hoquiam;

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LADIES AUXILIARY TO HOLD WAR BOND DRIVE DECEMBER 2

Saturday, December 2nd, has been named the day the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion all over the nation, will do their stuff in selling War Bonds for the 6th loan.

Many members of the local Auxiliary have held their bond purchasing until Saturday to help swell the total of their organization, and they will call on others as well.

If you have not purchased your bonds, help the ladies, they will appreciate it and you will be getting your bonds just the same.

At the dance Saturday night, the ladies will have a booth where bonds may be purchased during the dance, so go prepared to buy a bond as well as enjoy the dance.