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Weekly Letter

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TENSION ON THE FLOOR.

Even favorable war news and unusually fine spring weather have not had a soothing effect on the general temper of the House. There seems to be a tension, the like of which I have not seen before in my time here. During the past two weeks, heated clashes have occurred on the floor nearly every day. Such verbal conflicts are as often between two members on the Democratic side of the aisle as between members on opposite sides of the aisle. This condition has had no serious bearing on the work of the House as yet, but in my opinion, a brief recess should be taken. It would be unfortunate to have such extremely important matters as the Bretton Woods Agreement considered by a tired and irritable Congress. The general talk "on the Hill" is that legislative business will be suspended for a couple of weeks near Easter.

FOOD STUDY. The Republican Congressional Food Study Committee, of which I am secretary, has just about completed its organization for this term of Congress, and is planning to dig deeply into several immediately critical food problems. During the 78th Congress, this committee contributed some valuable suggestions regarding the handling of the nation's food problem. One outstanding value of our work was that we called attention in advance to certain dangers with the result that remedial steps were taken before crises developed. One such case was the poultry distribution problem in the New England states. Data gathered by our committee was also useful in averting a more serious potato famine than occurred. We also called attention to the fact that, while the live animal inventory of the country was unusually large, meat was short in the markets. Slaughtering quotas were subsequently removed.

The studies of our food committee clearly pointed to one fundamental weakness in the national handling of the food problem. This weakness is the multiplicity of agencies, departments and executives having direct or indirect control over food production, distribution and transportation. For a year

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Workers Turn in
Red Cross Donations

The volunteer workers in the valley did a remarkable job with the Red Cross drive, and the valley residents did themselves proud with their donations.

While the entire total has not yet been determined, we are over the one thousand mark, and this is a mighty good showing for us.

Following are the names of solicitors and amounts as far as we have them:

Laque Youngblood,	
Kerby	\$ 170.00
Mrs. Mellow and Mrs.	
Dow, Caves highway	175.00
Harry Floyd, Holland	174.98
Mrs. Villair and helpers,	
Cave Junction	578.00
Cave City Theater	83.00
Clarence Sawyer,	
Caves highway	14.00
Grayce Hudron, Bridge-	
view	70.00
Mrs. Anna Stiwalt,	
O'Brien	59.00
Total	\$1291.98
Selma and Takilma are yet to	
hear from.	

COMING EVENTS

- Friday, March 30—Garden Club and Daffodil Tea, at home of Mrs. H. O. Smith, Caves highway.
- Friday, March 30—Kerby Rod & Gun club, I. O. O. F. hall, 8:30 p. m.
- Saturday, March 31—Stockman's meeting, Bridgeview Grange hall.
- Sunday, April 1—Easter.

High School
Faculty Has
Been Chosen

Although it is early to think of school for next year, the high school staff has been selected.

There will be two additional teachers for next year, above the regular staff. One will be a full time music teacher, who will handle all music for both the high school and the grade school. The other is an Industrial Arts instructor who will teach mechanical drawing, manual training and agriculture. Both of these departments are new to Kerby high school, and capable teachers have been secured.

The new teachers elected and the teachers returning are:

Jerry Medcalf, principal, Athletics and boys P. E.

Sara Wertz, Home Economics, History and girls P. E.

Esther Pickett, English and Public Speaking.

Mrs. T. Darrell Foster, Commercial.

Mr. T. Darrell Foster, Math. and Science.

L. J. Jameson, Music.

Hiram C. Smith, Industrial Arts.

Mr. Medcalf has been elected as superintendent for both the grade and high school. Both schools will be under his supervision. All the teachers for the Kerby grade school have not yet been secured.

Del Norte Bulb
Growers Discuss
Marketing Plans

(From Crescent City Triplet)

Marketing of bulbs produced by growers in this area appeared to be the chief concern of members of the Del Norte Bulb Growers association as demonstrated by discussions at their meeting held at the Fort Dick Grange hall last Monday night. The importance of marketing local bulbs under uniform packing was stressed by several speakers with the result that a motion was passed instructing the association's executive committee to arrange for suitable facilities in Crescent City, including a packing house and experienced crew to insure standard packing and shipping.

The meeting was well attended by growers from all parts of the county with E. J. Williams, president of the association presiding. Reports of the joint meeting with the southern Curry county club were given by Mrs. Ted Short and Secretary Ed Farmer.

Members of the association appeared satisfied with bulb prices as announced for this coming Fall by H. T. James, prominent grower of Harbor, as follows: Sixes 50c each; sevens 65c each; eights 70c each; nines 75c each; and 80c each for tens. The standard price for bulbs is to be \$10.00 per pound for proven stock.

The next meeting of the group will take place on Monday evening, April 16th at the Fort Dick Grange hall at which time it is expected the executive committee will bring in a report on the marketing problem.

O'Brien Ladies Ready for
Parade of Easter Aprons

Plans are all completed by ladies of the O'Brien club for their apron and food sale to be held at Temple's, Saturday, March 31st, according to Mrs. Earl Boyd, chairman of the working committee.

The ladies have been diligently working for weeks making attractive aprons of prints and plain materials, ruffled, appliqued, with and without pockets, kitchen coveralls and dainty tea ones.

Also for that Easter breakfast and dinner, they will have on sale fresh eggs, cream butter, delicious cakes, pies, cookies and cottage cheese. The sale starts at 11 a. m., so get there promptly and efficient sales ladies will be on hand to give service with a smile.

Committee
Appointed
To Get Data

A rousing good meeting of the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce was held last Tuesday evening in Bill's Cafe, Cave Junction and a record attendance responded to the call of the chamber.

The big issue of the evening was the formation of either a fire district or a water district. A fire district is limited to fire protection. A water district can provide water and fire equipment also. The water district seemed the most desirable, but there was some suggestion that the fire district be organized first, as it was thought it would take a long time to get the water district functioning.

M. C. Athey spoke before the members stating what was in the minds of the executive committee, providing a water district for Kerby and Cave Junction.

Wm. McLean, secretary of the chamber, also spoke for the formation of one or the other districts, but he suggested that the fire district could be put through first, which would give us fire protection this summer. He pointed out that the Forest Service would not be able to help with fires this summer as in the past, because the fire fighting equipment which has always been in the form of a remount truck with hose and pump, would not be available any more, the service having moved the equipment to another place.

This leaves the communities without much fire fighting equipment, the only piece being the truck of the Cave Junction Volunteer Fire department. This truck has done a wonderful job, and the Cave Junction department will keep it going as best it can, but it will be inadequate to meet all demands this summer.

It was moved that a committee be appointed to work on the prob-

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Youngblood's Market
Cranges Ownership

Another large transaction took place last week, when Laque and Juanita Youngblood sold their market in Kerby to Roy C. Evans and John Parker, recently from Los Angeles.

The new owners took possession this week and cordially invite the residents of the valley to call at this popular grocery and get acquainted with the new owners. Their intention is to carry on this business in the same high class manner that the former owners did, and when conditions permit additional improvements will be added to the store.

Mr. and Mrs. Youngblood have made many friends in the valley who will be sorry to see them leave. They have no immediate plans for the future, however, and may be in Kerby for some time.

Whiteheads Sell Cafe to
Selma Residents

Last Monday Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Whitehead sold the Owl Cafe to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson of Selma, the new owners taking possession that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead have owned the Owl for the past six years, and have made hundreds of friends in the valley. They will move to Holland as soon as possible to their new home which they have purchased from Mrs. Vivian Grimmett, of Somerton, Arizona.

Jim Whitehead will devote his time to a new saw mill which he is interested in near Holland with Gordon Leonard. They expect to have the mill in operation in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will continue to run the Owl Cafe along the same high standard which it has been operated in the past, and they invite the residents of the valley to call and get acquainted.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead want to sincerely thank their many friends for their loyal patronage in the past and hope they will continue this patronage to the new owners.

National
Clothing
Collection

"LOST—Woman's left shoe, size 5½, black, oxford, round patch on left side. AMPLE REWARD for its return to No. 112 Alexander street, Belgrade."

The above advertisement appeared in the leading newspaper of Yugoslavia's capital.

In and between its lines lies a grim and poignant story—a story which applies not only to the Belgrade woman who offers "ample reward" for the return of an old and patched shoe, but to millions upon millions of men, women and children in the war-ravaged lands of the world.

The United National Clothing Collection takes place during the month of April, and we are asked to give our outcast clothing to help clothe the people of the war-torn countries.

The national committee are asking Americans to give clothing that is serviceable for wear for all members of the family. If it is a little torn it can be mended. If you have any clothing you wish to give away, see that it gets to one of the following collection depots in the valley and it will be taken care of. The Pierce Auto Freight will pick it up at the receiving places and take the bundles to Grants Pass, where the committee will take care of it.

Leave your bundles of clothing at the following places:

In Selma—Hundley's store.

In Kerby—Evan's & Parker's Market, (formerly Youngblood's), Hal Moore's Grocery, formerly Johnson's Miners' Grocery).

In Holland—Harry Floyd's store.

In Takilma—Baird's store.

In O'Brien—Inman's grocery and the Waldo Motel.

In Cave Junction—Model Grocery and Scott's Market.

POMONA GRANGE
MEETS SATURDAY

On Saturday evening at 8 o'clock March 31st at the Redwood Grange hall, Josephine County Pomona Grange will hold its second regular meeting for this year. Reports and discussion on subjects of interest to all are expected, including reports from all the Granges in the county on the current Red Cross drive, progress of the Rogue Valley Dairy Co-operative, and the Japanese problem.

Included in the program, prepared by Marion Brooks, Pomona Lecturer, will be a dialogue by the Rogue River Valley Grange Juveniles, and a film presented by County Agricultural Agent Jens Svinth. Refreshments will be ice cream, cake and coffee. Ladies of the Grange will bring the cake.

WHAT THE LEGION
AUXILIARY IS DOING

At last social night the birthday of the American Legion was celebrated. The County Veteran's Council met with the Legionnaires and among the guests were Hugh Gould, county service officer; Al Drolette, president of the Veteran's council; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Coutant, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson; Mr. and Mrs. Hanson; Mr. and Mrs. Wood; Messrs. Feris, Garrett, Moss and Fredrickson. An appropriately decorated birthday cake was displayed before cutting, it being too large for the table. Greetings were read from Aunt Mary and Uncle Homer White who also enclosed a five dollar bill for the Legion treasury. Mrs. Taylor, Auxiliary president, told of a planned gift which would materialize later.

We were pleased to see so many of our friends at the card party. Another will be held in two weeks.

DANCE SATURDAY

The American Legion will give a dance Saturday, March 31st, in the Legion hall. Ladies Auxiliary will serve midnight lunch. Come early and enjoy yourself.

Girls League
To Hold
Mothers Tea

The Girls League of the Kerby Union high school are giving the annual tea for Mothers on April 6th at the high school auditorium. Millie Thomas, Dora Hamer, appointed today by the President Dora Hamer and the Secretary Mary Lou Hill.

Each class will have a table from which refreshments will be served. Class committees in charge of table decorations, serving and arrangements are:

Seniors—Rosemary Sachse, Dotti Jury, Millie Thomas, Dora Hamer. Juniors—Lou Ann Maurer, chairman, Dolores Lockhart, Carmalita Krauss, Mary Lou Hill. Sophomores—Sylvia Wilson, Louise Mansfield, Sharley Kiever, Lois Brewold. Freshmen—Mary Lou Hammer, Shirley Clark, Flora James, Priscilla Davis.

A program of music is being planned by Dotti Jury and Louise Mansfield. Invitations to the tea will be out soon and are being designed and written by Sylvia Wilson, Priscilla Davis, Pearl Marchant, Grace Iverson, Barbara McIrvin.

Decorations will be in the rainbow motif and corsages will be presented to the Mothers. On the corsage committee is Allene Brewer, Rosemary Sachse, Alfreda Vaherwald and Evelyn Hayes.

Cave City Theater Has
Double Attraction for
Saturday and Sunday

That hilariously funny screen comedy "Johnny Doesn't Live Here Any More" comes to the theater Saturday and Sunday with Simone Simon and co-stars, William Terry and James Ellison. Jerry Maren, a midget, not more than three feet tall, appears as a tiny, elfin gremlin, invisible to the characters but always happily and busily engaged in promoting laugh-provoking situations and mixups, all because the artless Miss Simon spills salt in a railway car. The fun is nothing less than riotous, and in the end the story comes to the finish in a startling climax. For an evening of fun and laughter, see this picture by all means.

Man From Music Mountain
The second feature is "Man from Music Mountain" Roy Rogers, with assistance from Bob Nolan and "The Sons of the Pioneers" lifts this picture well above the category of average Western fare.

Roy is cast in the role of a cowboy gone radio entertainer, who returns to the home town with his program cronies, to entertain in the City Hall. But before they can get half way through their program which is being broadcast, an awakened feud between cattlemen and sheepmen sweeps away his audience.

The plot carries Roy and a ranch owner through the troubled waters of misunderstanding as Ruth Terry has cause to suspect Roy of spying for the cattlemen. Needless to say, it is all a plot against Roy rigged up by the villains. All is ironed out and Rogers captures the villain, Marsh, who ends up in the hoosegow, and Roy ends up back on the platform crooning to the town's audience and radio's millions.

Wednesday and Thursday
Coming Wednesday and Thursday is the romantic feature, "Night of Adventure," with Tom Conway and Jean Brooks.

"Night of Adventure" is just what the name implies. Adventure, spelled with capital letters is what this picture puts out. You'll be thrilled and pleased with the rapid fire action that comes next Wednesday and Thursday.

Health Clinic

At the Health Clinic last Wednesday 9 diphtheria immunizations were given; two vaccinations for smallpox; five medical treatments and one school child examined. The next clinic will be on Wednesday, April 11th.

—BUY WAR BONDS—

News from Our
Boys and Girls
In the ServiceThe Philippines
Feb. 28, 1945

Dear Folks: It has been so long since I have written that you probably wonder what has become of me. As you can see, I have really been getting around. Boy, this place sure is an improvement over New Guinea. I don't suppose there is an awful lot I can tell you about only I am right at the place that I wanted to come to and I have seen some of the war first hand. We are on the outskirts of a city and will probably move into town as soon as a suitable building for our shop and quarters can be found.

Here, you can really see the damage of war and it is pretty bad. Even so this is easily the most colorful and interesting place I have been in so far. It is a place of contrasts between old and new. The streets are crowded with army vehicles, some nice shiny civilian cars, little horse drawn carts (some of the carts are very fancy and the horses are all small ponies) big two wheel carts drawn by water buffalo, and people carrying bundles on their head. Of course, there is quite an American look to the signs and billboards, and the products advertised on them.

It looks as though we are going to have an awful big job of refrigeration work but it's sure going to be interesting, and for once I am getting into a base right at the start of things instead of after everything is finished. Laundry is no problem here. The Filipino women do it for us and they really do a fine job. In fact, I don't see how they get the stuff so clean. You give it to them one day and they have it back the next day, all dry and folded. I turned some in yesterday. One shirt and a pair of pants had tears in them. When she brought them back today the torn places were patched and looked nice too.

Well it is time to turn mail in so I had better quit. Love to Grandma.

Love, PHIL.

The Philippines
March 10, 1945

Dear Folks: I guess it is about time for me to be writing. That is I'll write if the candle holds out. There is just enough breeze through here that candle light is not very dependable. We are living in a big modern building in town but we have no electricity. It is a big school building we are living in. I am having a hard time writing this. There is a big argument going on about how the different races started from Adam and Eve. One of the boys got a Bible out and they are trying to settle it. I doubt if they will though. I don't think that has ever been completely explained.

They say I can tell you the places that I have been to or been stationed in just so I don't give any dates or organizations. You will probably need a map to look these up. In New Guinea I have been at Milne Bay, Oro Bay, Finschafen, Hollandia, and I have landed at Port Moresby, but I was only there for about two hours. Then I have been at Biak and Leyte. That is all in the past. I can't say where I am now.

We worked today tearing down some blowers in a wrecked cold storage plant. It was in an area where there is still an occasional sniper. There were plenty of dark rooms in the building, so you can bet we were pretty cautious and we had our rifles right handy. Everything was O. K. though. There had been fish stored there and it was all spoiled. I tell you

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Kerby Rod & Gun
Club to Meet Friday

A very important meeting of the Kerby Rod & Gun club will be held Friday evening at 8 p. m. in the I. O. O. F. hall in Kerby.

Two reels of interesting and instructive pictures will be shown from the Oregon State Game Commission and an additional reel in technicolor, made by Clark Gable which everyone should see.