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Washington Weekly Letter

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NEW CABINET MEMBERS. The sudden reorganization of the Cabinet by President Truman created, as you might guess, considerable of a stir here. The reaction to the selections made was generally favorable. I am not personally acquainted with Judge Schwel-lenbach, new secretary of labor, or Tom Clark, who will be the new attorney general, but I have known Clinton Anderson since I have been in Congress, and admire and respect him. He is a sincere and competent man, and I am certain will make a fine secretary of agriculture. Anderson, who has headed the House committee which has been investigating the food situation, has a fine background and knowledge of the food problem. He knows the necessity for eliminating some of the overlapping and conflicting agencies and sub-agencies which have served to confuse the handling of the war-time food problem. As a first step, the War Food Administration will be placed directly under him when he becomes secretary of agriculture, and I think it is safe to predict that other consolidations and eliminations of unnecessary agencies will follow.

I have just received a report from the War Food Administration which is labeled "A Summary of the Food Situation". The first paragraph of the letter transmitting this report to the members of congress reads as follows:

"Prospective food supplies will be more than adequate in all parts of the United States to meet all essential food needs."

That sentence, by the way, is quoted from the letter by Marvin Jones, Food Administrator, as being the conclusion reached by the Agriculture Bureau of Economics. I suggest you clip out this paragraph and read that sentence again about three months from now. There is nothing in the current food outlook, as seen by the members of our food study committee, which would justify such a super-optimistic statement.

EVERETT DIRKSEN REPORTS. My good friend, Congressman Everett Dirksen of Illinois, has just returned from a three-months' trip around the world. I heard him give a splendid two-hour report on his journey to the Republican Members of the House in an off-the-record session. I have also heard some of his private discussions of his observations. Dirksen is not only a fair-minded man, but is a very competent observer, and brought home numerous documents and newspapers, and other tangible evidence, to back up statements that he makes.

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COMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 14—Flag day.
Friday, June 15—O'Brien Women's club at the home of Mrs. Rena Webb.
Sunday, June 17—Father's Day.
Chamber of Commerce meets every fourth Tuesday of the month. Meeting place to be designated.
Ladies' Auxiliary meet the first and third Wednesday of each month.
O'Brien Women's club meets on the second Friday of each month.
Kerby P.-T. A meets the last Thursday of each month, in Kerby grade school.
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.
Belt Lodge, A. F. & A. M. meets fourth Saturday each month.
Illinois Valley Garden club meets the fourth Friday of each month.

"GOING MY WAY" AT CAVE CITY THEATER SATURDAY, SUNDAY

Movie-goers who might have been apprehensive about the casting of Bing Crosby as a priest can now settle back with a sigh of relief. His fans need not hide in dark corners because the "groaner" really hits the jackpot in "Going My Way" which comes to the Cave City theater Saturday and Sunday nights.

He's the priest everybody knows or has heard of, but who has never reached the screen before as a full-fledged character. He's a sort of combination of the young Fathers under whom Bing studied at Gonzaga. He's a regular fellow, an athlete, a musician, an unconventional but not unorthodox churchman who reaches the hearts of his parishioners through his music. And he is as well-known to non-Catholics as to Catholics.

Teamed with Crosby is Metropolitan Opera Star Rise Stevens, making her second appearance in films. Her outstanding operatic number in the picture is the "Habenera" aria from "Carmen" in addition to several numbers with Bing and the Robert Mitchell boys' choir, particularly Gounod's "Ave Maria".

Two rich parts are portrayed by Barry Fitzgerald, as Father Fitzgibbon, and Frank McHugh, as Father "Tim" O'Dowd. Barry, late of the Abbey Players, contributes a fine leavening of Irish brogue and lovable irascibility.

Wednesday and Thursday Brings Eddie Cantor in "Show Business"

Telling a human and authentic story of a group of young people in the theater, "Show Business" presents a tuneful pageant of backstage life over a period as a setting for romance, drama and comedy.

The action begins in 1914, with Cantor as a scared youngster making his stage debut in an amateur night performance at a Bowery theater. George Murphy is the star of the show, and takes an interest in the lad's career, soon afterwards they join forces with a sister act, Joan Davis and Constance Moore, and the quartette goes on to fame and fortune.

Murphy's romance with Constance is opposed by Nancy Kelly, a burlesque queen, who makes

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Chamber To Assist In Bond Drive

Harold Prestel, chairman of the 7th War Bond Drive, was in the valley Tuesday and made arrangements with President Hal Moore of the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce to take over the duties of soliciting the valley for War Bonds. Most of the valley has already been covered, but there are spots that need attention, and the chamber will help in this regard.

President Moore asks all members of the executive committee to get in touch with him at the earliest possible moment to get supplies and instructions on what to do and how to go about doing it.

This War Bond drive is essential to the success of the fighting forces, and the country as a whole is letting down, but Oregon is way ahead of the national average. But we still need to do much before we are over the top.

Buy more bonds now and keep 'em, and you will have a nest egg after the war is over, and then you will be very thankful that you saved that money. It is just like putting money in the bank and drawing interest on it. You can get it out any time you need it.

When the solicitors come to your place, meet them with a smile and have your money ready for all the bonds you can buy. Josephine county MUST go over the top and the Illinois Valley MUST do her share in buying.

"Trade Your Folding Money for Fighting Money."

School Elections Important

This month our school districts will hold important elections that greatly concern the school system of the valley.

Kerby school district No. 3 will hold an election on Monday, June 18th, to vote the annual school budget and elect an entire new board. Two members of the board have moved away from the district, and one member's term is up, so the entire board must be elected. The voters will also have to vote on the question of a district tax for the grade school.

On Monday, June 25, the Kerby Union high school district will hold their annual election to consider and adopt the budget and to elect one new director, and the regular district tax.

Then on Friday, June 22, the voters of the county will vote on the proposition of changing the school system of the county to the County School Unit system. This will put the entire school system of the county in one unit with one tax levy equal all over the county, according to the tax levies, and the school would be directed by a superintendent chosen by a board of five directors appointed by the county court for the first time, and then afterwards elected by the people.

The county would be divided into five districts with one director from each district. The Illinois Valley would be a district and would have one director on the board.

There is considerable controversy over this measure, and it looks like there should be some lively interest developed. Citizens interested in the schools of the district should get out and vote their own choice.

The Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce is trying to have a member of the State School Superintendent's office come to the valley and explain all the details of the county unit system, so the people would know what they are voting on. If this man can be secured, notice will be given and it is hoped the people will turn out to hear what it is all about.

BUY WAR BONDS

No More Proud Sight



7 NOW ALL TOGETHER

ALL THE WORLD looks to The American Flag as the symbol of freedom from aggression and a guarantee that peace and righteousness shall prevail. This, official insignia of the Mighty Seventh War Loan, shows the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima by U. S. Marines. It is the picture that has been more widely used than any in this war, proceeds of which the AP donated to service relief.

Special Election June 22

At the special election Friday, June 22, voters will be asked to authorize a post-war building program for new buildings and additions at the state institutions, including institutions of higher education.

"It is important that voters understand they are not being asked to authorize collection of additional taxes in this election," Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell said. "Oregon now has the \$10,000,000 needed to finance the building program in income tax surplus, but under the state's constitution, this money cannot be expended unless the people authorize a ten mill tax levy.

"When this tax is authorized by the people, the tax commission can then apply the income tax surplus to off-set the property tax which then will NOT BE COLLECTED. The levy is a mechanical device necessary under the Oregon law to authorize the expenditure of the existing surplus fund from income taxes."

Farrell emphasized the fact that the building program is one that is needed to enable over-crowded state institutions to meet demands on their facilities. In addition, it will provide sound employment projects during the post-war period.

Besides the special tax levy, there is the question of taxing cigarettes to support the school fund for the state of Oregon. This tax will be two cents per package.

Oregon voters who will be away from home and thus unable to vote on election day may vote by absentee ballot any time up to June 17, five days prior to election, Farrell said.

"It has come to our attention that there are a number of conventions scheduled in Oregon during June and some of them may cause voters to be away from home on election day," Mr. Farrell said. "Voters who will not be home to vote on June 22 should obtain their absentee ballots now and cast them prior to the deadline, five days before June 22."

School Measure on Ballot
At this election, the voters of

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Death Takes Heavy Toll In Valley

Minnie Cornelia Cosson

Mrs. Minnie C. Cosson died last Saturday, June 2nd, at 5:30 p. m., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Freeling L. Sawyer, on Caves highway. She was born January 18, 1854, in Cayuga county, New York, and was a resident of Cave Junction for more than 31 years and at the time of her death was 91 years of age.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Lottie Hayes of Crescent City, and a grandson, Corporal Philip Sawyer, now in the armed forces.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Community church with Rev. George Gray officiating. Interment was at the Kerby cemetery with L. B. Hall funeral home in charge.

Reuben Tucker

Reuben Tucker, about 60, of Selma, died shortly before noon Wednesday at the Josephine General hospital, about two hours after he was injured by lumber that collapsed from the truck he was unloading at the Moore Lumber Products company, East G street, in Grants Pass.

The accident occurred, onlookers reported, when the outside tiers of the load of lumber on his truck fell as he was trying to steady the load before unloading. The lumber was being hauled from one of the Beck mills at Selma to the Moore planer for surfacing, according to James A. Paek, manager.

Tucker was conscious when he was taken to the hospital in the L. B. Hall ambulance.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced at this time, so further details were not available at publication time.

Henry M. Damewood

Henry M. Damewood, aged 84 years, passed away at his home in Selma, last Wednesday, May 30th, at 8 p. m. He was born July 3, 1864, in Jackson county, and has lived in the Selma community for the past 10 years.

He is survived by his wife, Dora A. Damewood; three daughters, Mrs. Gladys Lynch of Cottage Grove, Mrs. Eldora Flick of Verneta, Oregon, and Mrs. Ethel Lynch of Haines, Oregon; two sons, George H. Damewood of Disston, Oregon and Ralph Damewood of Spokane; two brothers, Joe of Culp Creek, Oregon and Frank of Crow, Oregon; one sister, Mrs. Allie Slagle of Newcastle, Wyoming. Also surviving are the following stepchildren, Lew Hammer, Selma; Mrs. Ile Craig, Harbor; Mrs. Susan Herman, Prospect; Mrs. Winnie Williams of Lafayette, Oregon; 12 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Funeral services were held in the chapel of Hull & Hull funeral home in Grants Pass last Friday, June 1st, at 2:30 p. m., with the Rev. Anderson of Selma officiating. The remains were shipped to Cottage Grove last Friday evening.

Marta Webb

Marta Webb, 67, passed away Tuesday, June 6, at 10:30 p. m., at the Josephine General hospital where she had been a patient for three months. Her home was in Elk Valley, near O'Brien, Oregon.

Mrs. Webb was born Marta Johnson in Jemmland, Sweden, Dec. 5, 1877 and came to this country in 1887 with her parents who settled near Beresford, South Dakota. She had been a resident of Elk Valley since 1904.

Survivors include her husband, Louis R. Webb; two sons, Ted R. Webb, Klamath Falls, Verne R. Webb, Selma, Cal.; one step-daughter, Mrs. Angie Eggers, Crescent City; three sisters, Emma Viburn, Moscow, Idaho, Ella Westberg, Moscow, Idaho, and Ethel Dodge.

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News from Our Boys and Girls In the Service

Word comes that R. T. (Richard) McCrady is now in the service and his address is R. T. McCrady, Co. 5-30, U. S. Naval Training Station, San Diego, 33, Calif.

Pfc. Marvin Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Ramsey of Kerby, is home on a short furlough. He will return about June 13th to his base at North Carolina.

Paul Kees, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Beard, was killed in action at Saipan, April 17th. Mrs. Kees was notified and wrote her parents of the notice. They made their home on the Sid Jacques place near Holland.

Word has just been received from Washington stating that Pfc. Ival H. Altis was a member of a night reconnaissance patrol which made its way within 15 yards of an enemy machine gun nest. The machine gun crew fired on the patrol, forcing them to disperse and withdraw. Ival was hit by the first burst of fire from the gun and died almost instantly.

The incidence occurred October 5, 1944.

Ival has a wife and one child who live in Springfield. Other relatives live in Mountain Grove and one sister living in Cave Junction, Oregon, Mrs. J. L. Johnson.

Jumpers Prepare For Fire Season

This year the 14 man squad of smoke jumpers arrived in the valley Tuesday and immediately started preparations for the 1945 fire season. Their camp at the Redwood Ranger Station is rapidly taking shape, parachutes are being aired and packed, and fire equipment is being readied.

Smoke jumping has established itself and this year smoke jumpers are expected to be active in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California. The local squad will function chiefly in southwestern Oregon and northern California.

Interesting changes in equipment this year include ripcord jumper pants which literally leave the jumper upon the pull of the rip cord. This facilitates the shedding of these heavy pants in event of a water landing. A quick snap to the release device allows the jumper to stop this part of his gear just before a water landing. A new 14 foot cargo chute which can be stuffed in one's pocket has been tried and should prove useful in dropping fire packs. Not all of this special equipment will appear locally at this time but eventually will be standard.

The coming fire season may be a bad one. You can do your part by reporting fires to the Redwood Ranger Station or to Dick Sowel at the Kerby Guard Station. With the possibility of forest fire equipment being used to the limit, extra precautions in preventing fires in the valley will be greatly appreciated. Your cooperation in the past is evidence that extra care will be taken again this season.

Veterans Council Appreciates Help

The Veterans' Council of the county, wants to publicly thank Captain Collman and his men, and Co. A for going to the trouble to come into Grants Pass and participate in the Memorial Day parade.

The Company made a great showing and added a great deal to the parade, and we want the boys to know how much we appreciate their cooperation.

J. AL DROLETTE.