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## Washington Weekly Letter

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OPA. The next problem to be faced by the House is the consideration of the extension of the Price Control Act (OPA). The Senate has already acted on this legislation and incorporated in the bill both of the cost of production amendments—The Wherry amendment prohibiting the setting of prices on farm products below the producers' cost of production and a similar amendment authored by Senator Thomas of Oklahoma, applying to meat processing and other manufactured food products.

I have attended some of the hearings held by the House Banking and Currency Committee on this legislation. The stories of the abusive legislation of the OPA act are enough to give the most hardened supporter of Chester Bowles, the OPA Administrator, a severe chill.

As I have said before the Congress faces an impossible situation with reference to the OPA problem. Price control is necessary. The Price Control Act is basically a good law. The difficulties, shortages and persecutions that have resulted stem from executive orders and administrative practices. We can incorporate a few more checks and safeguards against such mal-administration, but we cannot write administrative details into the law. The troubles with OPA are troubles born in the executive department of the government, and must finally be corrected there. President Truman will surely soon be compelled to overhaul the functioning of his price control agency.

**SUMMER HEAT.** Washington has enjoyed an unusually cool and delightful spring. Until this week the weather has been very similar to the very best Oregon spring and summer climate, but the high temperature and high humidity combination is going full blast now. It is extremely unpleasant.

Apparently most of the urgent business of Congress can be finished by the end of this month. It is anticipated that a recess will be declared shortly after July 1st until after Labor Day. I hope, therefore, to be able to spend half of July and all of August in Oregon.

**EISENHOWER VISIT.** Preparations are being rapidly completed here for the triumphant return of General Eisenhower. He and a number of other officers who are returning with him will be taken in a procession from the army headquarters offices in the Pentagon Building to the Capitol, where he will appear and speak at a joint session of Congress.

This will be a great event here, and I suspect the pomp and ceremony of it will be enjoyed by

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## COMING EVENTS

Thursday and Friday, June 21-22—Examiners for drivers and chauffeurs, at Legion hall.

Thursday, June 28—Kerby Rod & Gun Club meets at IOOF hall, Kerby, 8 p. m.

Friday, June 29—Illinois Valley Garden club, at home of Mrs. Harry Messenger, Kerby.

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.

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.

## Kerby Grade Elects Three New Directors

At the Kerby grade school election held last Monday evening from 7 to 9 p. m., three new directors were elected and the budget was passed by a vote of 0 for and 3 against. For a school election, this was a very good turnout.

The three new directors were chosen all received a good majority of votes, but with no names having been filed, the voters did not know who to vote for and consequently many received votes that they knew nothing about. The following list was voted:

For chairman of the board of directors, 1 year term:

Arthur Kellert	28
Walter Freeman	5
Marvin Cross	5
Mildred Norman	2
Dick Sowell	2
Wm. J. McLean	1
R. E. Nealy	1

For directors the highest number of votes was for three years and the next highest for two years:

Marvin Cross	19
Doyle Hamilton	13
Walter Freeman	8
Clarence Dougherty	8
Dick Nealy	6
Dick Sowell	6
Arthur Kellert	4
Dr. A. N. Collman	4
George Martin	3
Ben George	2
John Smith	2
Art Drews	2
Evans H. York	2
W. A. Hoskins	2
Fred Kaufman	2
A. E. Krieger	2
Mildred Norman	1
C. Y. Arnold	1
Olaf Larsen	1

The election gives Arthur Kellert the chairman for the one year term, and Marvin Cross and Doyle Hamilton, directors, for the three and two year terms.

## KEN WELLS BRINGS HOM EHS BRIDE

Sgt. Esther Meade member of the WACS and Kenneth Wells T/5 were married on February 17, in California, and were in the valley the past week to surprise their many relatives and friends, and to get acquainted.

They accompanied Mrs. John Ulrich and son, Johnny, of Holland to Klamath Falls last Thursday, to visit at the home of Ken's father, George Wells, brother, Jim, also to spend a day with his sister, Hazel George. During their visit Keith Wells received a furlough and surprised his wife and two sons, who were also visiting in Klamath Falls. He has been working in the postoffice in San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Ulrich came home Sunday and the Wells' left again for Klamath Falls on Wednesday. Miss Elizabeth Mellow left with them and will return home before July 4th.

## PRE-SCHOOL HEALTH CLINIC ON JUNE 27

On June 27, Dr. S. B. Osgood will be in Cave Junction for the semi-monthly Health Clinic.

Mrs. Phipps of the County Health Department has advised that the pre-school age group from the Kerby district will be given special attention. Immunizations, examinations and recommendations for necessary treatment or correctives will be given free of charge.

During July and August the County Health Department would like to have pre-school age groups from other school districts for examination.

The clinic's main purpose is the prevention of diseases. Dr. Osgood and his staff are in Cave Junction the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. The American Legion Auxiliary room is donated for this purpose and the ladies of the Auxiliary assist Dr. Osgood and his staff.

## 'TALL IN THE SADDLE' AT LOCAL THEATER SATURDAY, SUNDAY

Ever since the days of the nickelodeon, there have been "unwritten laws" attached to the making of western pictures. The name of the man who thought them up is wrapped in mystery. He's probably dead by now but his spirit, like that of John Brown's, goes marching on.

RKO Radio has just made a western picture, "Tall in the Saddle", starring John Wayne and Ella Raines. It's strictly Grade A and comes to the Cave City theater Saturday and Sunday nights.

Hero John Wayne doesn't make gooey speeches to his faithful horse. In fact, he hasn't got a horse at all at the beginning of the picture. He has only a saddle. When the picture gets underway, it's strapped on to a cayuse he's never seen before. It probably becomes faithful in time, one hopes.

Heroine Ella Raines is not a petticoated schoolmarm who tries to force good grammar into the hero's speech. She's a two-gun, rip snortin' hard-riding spit fire who considers herself the equal of any two men in the whole "gold durned" country, until she meets more than her match in Wayne.

Hero Wayne does not tell Bad Man Douglas through tight lips, "I'll lick you with my bare hands." Instead, cleans up on Douglas using everything upon which he can lay his bare hands — chairs, bottles.

Of course, there is plenty of hard riding in "Tall in the Saddle" and with plenty of motive.

## Wednesday and Thursday Brings Double Feature

Ancestral ghosts, vicious gorillas and a kidnaped girl, all conspire to make "Gildersleeve and Ghost," which runs Wednesday and Thursday at the Cave City theater in which Harold Peary is featured.

Peary enacts the triple role of Throckmorton P. Gildersleeve and two of his long dead ancestors who materialize to put over a scheme to ensure his election as Police Chief of Summerfield.

Involved in the scheme are a rascally professor and his assistant who are experimenting to make man or beast invisible, their subjects being a kidnaped girl and a savage gorilla.

How Gildersleeve, in his efforts to unmask the professor, is considered crazy, and how he finally emerges a hero, forms a well-knit comedy, guaranteeing laughs from start to finish.

The other feature hits peaks of hilarity in its account of a pair of trouble-haunted soldiers and their adventures with the Japs. "Rookies in Burma" co-stars Wally Brown and Alan Larney and supplies a wealth of laughter.

The film proves itself one of the season's fun hits as Private Miller and Strager leap from one hot situation into another. Aply supported by Erford Gage as a conscientious but despairing sergeant, Joan Barclay and Claire Carleton as a pair of stranded

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## VALLEY BULB LAND IS SOLD

Recently H. C. Leming, who owns quite a large number of acres of virgin bulb land, sold to Herb Payne of Brookings, approximately 23 acres of his holdings on Alt-house creek.

This is sandy-loam soil, admirably adapted to bulb raising. Mr. Payne is one of the large bulb growers around Brookings. It is freely talked on the streets that soon several Brookings bulb growers will be looking for bulb land in the valley, as the bulbs here are reported as some of the best, and there is a ready market for all that are raised here.

Mr. Leming still has his acreage of bulbs and has plenty left to keep enlarging his plantings. Several acres have already been plowed for the fall planting, and the ground will be in tip-top shape when fall comes.

Mrs. J. H. Dow was transacting business in Grants Pass on Tuesday.

## Special Election Friday

Referred to the people at the last legislature, two measures will be on the ballot for the general voting public to mark. The two measures are the Tax Levy for state buildings and the cigarette tax for school purposes.

Besides these two measures, in Josephine county there will be the County School Law, which is sometimes referred to as the County School Unit system. Also you must vote on whether you would like to have Grants Pass school district go with the rest of the county in the new school law.

The first measure — the tax levy for state buildings — we hope the general public will understand this measure. It should pass with a hundred percent vote, for the tax levy the bill calls for, will never be collected. The state already has the money in the bank to build with but the people MUST vote the tax in order to use the money that has already been collected. There will be no additional tax collected.

The state institutions are in urgent need of reconstruction. Some of the buildings where the insane and penitentiary people are housed, are a disgrace to any state. We have the money on hand to do the job. All that is holding up the parade is to have the people vote the tax so it can be used.

The cigarette measure—let's skip it. You take your choice.

## High School Thurs., June 28

The Kerby Union high school, District U-1, will hold their annual election for one director and to vote the budget, next Thursday, June 28th, at the high school building in Kerby.

Petitions have been circulated and there will be two names on the ballot for the new director to be elected. Charles Baird of Takilma and Ben George, residence on the Dick George road, are the two named.

Besides the election of the director, the budget must be voted. Those interested in school matters should make it a date and vote the budget. The polls will be open from 2 p. m. until 7 p. m. Don't get these hours confused with the grade school voting hours.

## New Cold Storage Lockers for Valley

W. E. Graning and George Bonner, two men recently discharged from the armed forces, will shortly finish constructing a new cold storage locker plant for the Illinois valley. The new venture is located in the old Woodbury building, just north of Walt Freeman's new garage, and the lockers will be completed about August 1st.

Mr. Graning was a former private in the infantry, machine gunner, and served in Alaska. Mr. Bonner is a retired Navy commander, having served in World War I and the present war. Both men are new comers to the valley, but Graning is a former Grants Pass citizen.

The new lockers, Mr. Graning said, will be the very latest that money can provide, with a Harris Clear Frozen Air device, which eliminates any odor from foods and also eliminates any danger of asphyxiation from ammonia or other gases commonly used in refrigeration.

The owners will give many free services to users of the lockers, among them a curing out room, a power saw and cutting room, a wrapping room, a smoke house, brine barrels and assistance in preparation of fruits and vegetables and various foods.

## Garden Club to Elect New Officers

On Friday, June 29, the Illinois Valley Garden club will hold their election of new officers for the year and members are requested to make an effort to attend this meeting which will be held at the home of Mrs. Harry Messenger in Kerby. The election, which ordinarily would have been held this Friday, was postponed on account of the school election coming on the same date, and some of the members had to serve on the election board.

Mrs. Sam Bunch will give a resume of the 1945 Rose Annual, and Garden Calendar by Mrs. M. C. Athey. Folwer arrangements will be displayed by Mrs. Chris Wendt, Mrs. Bert Watkins and Mrs. Robert Walton.

## HEAT WAVE HITS SOUTHERN OREGON

The last few days the thermometer has climbed up to 100 degrees and the warm atmosphere has made things grow like nobody's business.

While the days are hot, the evenings are cool, and no one suffers from the heat in this delightful climate. We have been asking ourselves if summer would ever come. It looks like she has arrived and with a vengeance.

## BANK DEPOSITORS CAN BUY BONDS

Savings depositors of the First National Bank of Portland have been given an added incentive to make additional purchases of War Bonds before the end of the current Seventh War Loan drive according to an announcement by R. K. Hackett, manager of the Grants Pass Branch.

"Depositors of our bank who withdraw funds from their savings accounts between now and the 30th of June for the purchase of War Bonds will be paid full interest on their deposits through the end of June, even though the money is withdrawn before that time, which is the normal interest payment date," stated Manager Hackett.

"It is the sincere desire of the First National Bank to do everything in its power to assist Oregon to maintain its leadership in War Bond buying. We hope our depositors who have idle money in savings accounts will put that money to work for their country by buying War Bonds during the current drive. This allowance of full interest on their deposits thru June 30 should encourage many to invest their funds in War Bonds," declared Mr. Hackett in making this announcement.

War Bond application blanks should be presented to savings window tellers upon withdrawal of funds so that full credit for interest earned may be credited to savings accounts by the First National, according to the announcement.

## Shrine Ceremonial Has Largest Class

Last Saturday afternoon and evening, Hillah Temple of the Mystical Shrine held a ceremonial at the county fair grounds when the largest class ever to be taken in by Hillah was initiated. There were 110 in the class and they were from all parts of southern Oregon.

Every Shriner from the valley was in attendance, and they all reported a very entertaining meeting. Charlie Johnson was a member of the class. During the ceremonies, Shrine clubs presented Sam Baker, member of the board for the Shriner's Crippled Children's hospital in Portland, was presented with checks amounting to over \$17,000.00.

Valley Shriners who attended were: Bob Hill, Harry Floyd, Howard Bearss, K. C. Hamilton, George Martin, Dr. A. N. Collman, Lew Hammer, Art Kellert and M. C. Athey.

## BUY WAR BONDS

## Lester Wilcox Explains the Unit System

Last Tuesday evening, Lester A. Wilcox, legal advisor of the State Board of Education, made the trip from Salem at the request of the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce, to explain to the people of the valley what the proposed county school law was all about.

To the everlasting shame of the valley people who should be interested in their schools and know what this new law would do, only seven people from the valley attended the meeting. Mrs. Margaret Stanton county school superintendent brought Mr. Wilcox out.

Instead of making a speech, Mr. Wilcox just had a round table discussion on the county unit system. He asked if there were any questions anyone wanted to ask, and Mr. Athey, of The News, said there was just one question that was uppermost in his mind he would like to have answered.

"If the proper management was obtained, would the county school unit system function to the best interests of the county school system to the majority of school children?"

To this question, Mr. Wilcox answered, "Definitely yes." Then he went on to say that that has been all the trouble where the county system has been tried and had some difficulty—the management was not up to par. That was not his exact words but the meaning is the same. With proper supervision, the county unit system is a step forward. Where the county unit system is well supervised, it has proven a great asset to the county school system.

Many questions were asked by others, and very satisfactory answers were given. The meeting was very educational. Those there listened to many ideas that will prove very helpful in school matters.

Mr. McLean asked this question: "Why, if the school system is such an improvement, have not more counties tried to put it in force?" He said that this question is one of the most usually asked.

Mr. Wilcox said in answer that the county school unit is a new venture and people are reticent in stepping out into new ideas not knowing what it will lead to. If properly administered, the unit system is an advancement.

## GOLD MINING TO RESUME

The War Production Board recently announced that it would permit the resumption of gold mining on July 1st. The action permits reopening of gold operations which have been shut down since October, 1942, when WPB issued its famed "Order L.208" to conserve supplies and machinery for the more urgently needed war metals, copper, lead and zinc.

A state geologist predicted today that War Production Board permission to resume gold mining July 1 would not have much affect in Oregon.

Fay W. Libbey, director of the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, said lode mines require new materials not available. Some dredging companies however, may resume operations, he said.

He predicted that the new rule would create less than 200 jobs in the mining counties of Baker, Grant, Josephine and Jackson. He estimated less than \$1,000,000 of gold would be produced during this year, with full-scale operations resumed in 1946.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS NEXT TUESDAY

The Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce will meet next Tuesday and cards will be mailed out stating where it will be held. Several important subjects are up for discussion so members and others interested in civic problems are invited to attend.