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Weekly Letter

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The atomic bomb has had official Washington in a state of near panic the last few weeks. Numerous conferences, both on and off the record, have been held by government officials and members of Congress with scientists who helped develop the atomic bomb. One senator told me that, after spending two hours in a private session with one of the scientists, if only 10 per cent of what the scientist told him was true, the possibilities of the bomb as a weapon of destruction were almost too horrible to contemplate.

The question of whether or not we should keep secret the information we have developed is pretty much flattened out by the realization that most of the secret is already in the possession of several other important powers, and it seems to be the consensus of opinion of those on the inside that any country could develop the bomb in less than 18 months. We must assume, therefore, that other countries will have atomic bombs as part of their military equipment before so very long, just as they all have ample supplies of poison gas.

Although gas was available as a weapon to all of the armies engaged in World War II, it was not used. They were afraid to use it—partly because of retaliation, and partly because defense against gas is reasonably adequate.

There is a vast difference, however, between the effectiveness of the atomic bomb and poison gas. It is possible to place and explode atomic bombs in any country, so as to instantaneously wipe out not only a high percentage of its population, but its entire effective ability to make war or defend itself. There could be no defense against an attack of that kind.

Whether or not our scientists can develop a means for neutralizing the bomb as a military weapon remains to be seen. Obviously, the best answer to the whole problem would be the development of some device which would detect and explode atom bombs while they are under construction, or at least while they are in storage. If, in this manner, the creation of atomic bombs would become so dangerous that no country would dare attempt to make them, the world might be rid of the menace. Although this is purely wishful thinking at the moment, nevertheless it seems to be the only avenue toward saving civilization from the destructiveness of this new force.

• COMING EVENTS •

Sunday, November 11—Armistice Day.
Thursday, November 22—Thanksgiving Day.
Illinois Valley P.-T. A. meets the last Thursday of each month.
The Women's Missionary Society of the Selma Baptist church meet every third Thursday of the month in the new unit at the church.
American Legion Post No. 70 meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month.
Ladies' Auxiliary meet the first and third Wednesday of each month.
Co. A. O. S. G., meets every Friday night.
Veterans of Foreign Wars meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays.
Ladies Auxiliary V. F. W., meet 2nd and 4th Mondays.
I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 55 meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, I. O. O. F. hall, Marguerite Rebekah Lodge No. 111 meets the second Wednesday of each month at I. O. O. F. hall, Kerby.
Community Church Missionary group, third Thursday of the month.
Armistice Day dance, Saturday evening, November 10, in the American Legion hall, Cave Junction. Midnight lunch by the Auxiliary. Everyone cordially invited.

Bulb Growth
In Valley
Has Promise

The Croft Lily bulb industry has reached the point in the Illinois valley where it is a major crop and is only in its infancy.

H. C. Leming of Cave Junction formerly of Brookings, was the first to start bulbs growing here on a large scale, and has demonstrated that the bulbs can be raised successfully in this valley.

Now there are about 3 growers in the valley planting bulbs in a more or less degree of a major crop. These growers have as large as one acre to a garden patch of bulbs planted this fall. In all about five acres are now planted to the Croft lily bulbs in the valley, and this is just the beginning of a large acreage of this type of agriculture, for it has been demonstrated beyond question, that the bulbs thrive here and are hardy and healthy, and command a top price from bulb buyers.

This last season approximately 15,000 commercial bulbs were sold to the big buyers, and a very large amount of bulbs were sold to planters here and other places.

It is conservatively estimated that 400,000 bulbs were planted this fall, at least half of them are expected to be commercial next year, as much of the plantings were five and six-inch bulbs.

A. A. Johnson, of Harbor, with Mrs. Johnson, were over last week end and Asa says that the co-operative organization organized on the coast for the bulb industry, is interested in forming an auxiliary organization of growers in the valley, and hopes to see the growers here get into the coast coop. News of the development of this, will be published as soon as anything concrete has been developed.

FRED KOLB DIES
IN LOS ANGELES

Word has been received by friends here, that Fred Kolb, formerly of the Cave City Coffee Shop, passed away in Los Angeles last Sunday.

Nothing definite has been received about his illness or when the funeral will be held. Just a telegram saying he had died.

Mr. Kolb, while associated with Miss Victoria Jasperson, in operating the coffee shop, took very seriously ill last year, and was in the Josephine General Hospital in Grants Pass for some time. Later he was brought home and when the coffee shop was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Budd, he was taken to Los Angeles where word was received frequently that he was not doing as well as friends wished.

LEADING SHELLFISH

Shrimp is the most popular shellfish in the United States.

To the People
of this Community

You've celebrated V-E Day and V-J Day but how about V-I Day? While you were buying extra bonds to equip and back our fighting forces, you also were beating down the threat of runaway living costs at home. The record of your part in fighting inflation speaks for itself in this report to you by Ted R. Gamble, National Director of the Treasury's War Finance Division. Says he: "Americans invested in war bonds two-thirds of every excess dollar of war wages above the cost of living."

The extra Victory Bonds you buy today are the most important bonds you have ever owned because they battle to preserve the gains you have scored on the home front. Hold the war bonds you own. Buy extra Victory Bonds. That's self-interest which serves you and your country. Don't fritter away the job you did for yourself in seven previous war loans. V-I (Victory over Inflation) Day is today and every day you buy more and more Victory Bonds.

THE EDITOR

Hospital
Needs Told
By Army Dr.

"The demand for hospitalization has out-grown available room for patients at the hospital," Judge Johnson said today. "About two years ago the same condition prevailed, so the court made provision for renovating the old building at the rear of the hospital." This temporary arrangement gave the hospital 62 beds but has not met the increased demand for admission to the hospital.

Several months ago the court began investigation of the need for more private rooms and ward beds. Through the co-operation of the local FSA office, Major W. F. Morse, M. D., federal regional medical officer, was made available to assist in this work.

Last Saturday, Dr. Morse submitted a preliminary report of his findings. It is probable that he will return to Grants Pass early in December to finish the job. Doctor Morse was loaned to the county for this work.

The present hospital facilities have been crowded to capacity for two years. In fact the hospital has been overcrowded most of this time.

The ordinary demands of the community have made it necessary to use temporary over-flow accommodations in the corridors and the old hospital building.

What services does the hospital have to furnish at the present time?

General hospital care—acute and chronic cases. Obstetrical care; isolation and communicable diseases, and chronic special cases, such as T. B. and mental.

What may we anticipate as the requirements of the hospital in a county such as Josephine?

Obstetrical: Twenty births per 1000 population—320 to 360 per year. This service may well require 10 bassinets; 4 to 10 O. B. beds daily throughout the year. General medical and surgical hospitalization will have to provide about one day per person or about 43 beds daily. Welfare average five beds per day throughout the year.

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VICTORY LOAN TO
UNCLE SAM IS ON

The great Victory Loan Bond drive which started October 27 and ends December 8, is now in full swing, and investors have a last opportunity to make a good investment with the United States government by purchasing government war bonds that pay a good rate of interest.

Besides a patriotic duty we owe our government, and especially the boys who won the war, we should buy as many bonds as our means will permit. If you have some extra cash on hand, put it to work drawing interest for you by buying Victory War Bonds. Buy a hundred dollar bond for \$75 and in 10 years you get back \$100.

If the valley canvassers miss you in their rounds, drop in at The News office, and we will take your bond purchase and give you an official receipt for the amount you turn in. Don't wait to be asked, come in and buy what you can now. We hope to be able to publish the official solicitors next week.

Grange Officers to Be
Elected Next Tuesday

On Tuesday, November 13, at 8 p. m., the Josephine County Pomona grange will meet in the Illinois Valley Grange hall at Bridgeview. At this meeting a new set of officers will be elected to head the Josephine County Pomona Grange for the coming two years. This will be the first Pomona meeting held in the Illinois valley for two years and a large attendance is expected. Ladies are to bring salad or pie for the refreshments.

Submitted by

C. H. BROOKS,
Master, Josephine County
Pomona Grange.Drews Buys
City Water
Company

A deal has been pending for several weeks, whereby Art Drews purchased the Cave City Water Company from Mrs. Freeling Sawyer. The transaction was completed recently and Mr. Drews now has control of the water company.

As soon as labor and materials can be obtained, Mr. Drews will drill another well and build a high tank with a 50,000 gallon capacity, which would give the water users a constant supply, and the height of the tank would give better water pressure.

These improvements are in the offing, and will be pushed to completion as soon as possible. A number of people want to connect with the city water system, but the present system has about all the users it can supply, and another well must be drilled before more users can be supplied.

The city is growing so fast it will be hard for the water company to keep pace with the growth, but Mr. Drews says he is going to go the limit to provide water for all those who want it.

MEETING HELD BY
SCHOOL BOARD

Notes on meeting of Josephine County School Board held November 6, 1945, are as follows:

First payments on Kerby and Jerome Prairie buildings allowed: Kerby, \$9,591.53; Jerome Prairie, \$14,069.11.

Bids opened on school property previously advertised for sale with following results:

Holland, sold to Frederick A. Kaufman, \$8,000.

Mapleton, sold to Roy A. Overbay, \$50 (building only).

Pleasant Valley, sold to S. T. Howerton, \$167.50, (building only).

Jones Creek sold to L. C. Owen, \$1,050.

Payne sold to Willis A. Pullen, \$135 (building only).

Pleasant Grove sold to Roy A. Overbay, \$7300.

Rockydale sold to Elwood J. Hussey, \$200 (building only).

Wonder sold to Wonder Union Sunday school, \$200.

Spence sold to H. A. Tresham, \$300.

All bids on Takilma, Shan Creek, South Fruitdale, Dixie, Three Pines, Leland and Winona rejected. Property will be re-advertised and sold later.

Committee, appointed by teachers of Josephine County School

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Huge Sum Spent by
V. F. W. Auxiliary in
Veteran Welfare

Mrs. Elizabeth Daharsh, Brookfield, Ill., National Auxiliary Rehabilitation chairman, in her official report to the recent thirty-second national convention of the Ladies Auxiliary, announced a total of more than \$277,742.72 expended by her organization during the fiscal year 1944-45 on its relief and service work among disabled veterans, or the families of deceased veterans.

The contributions include donations to the American Red Cross, the Y. W. C. A. Army and Navy Relief, United Service Organizations and various local charities.

Donations for local emergencies, such as floods, fires and other disasters, totaled approximately \$23,160.62. But the greater part of the \$277,742.72 total was for direct relief among the families of hospitalized or deceased veterans, and included contributions of clothing, food, household furnishings, and the payment of medical and dental bills, and rent.

In addition to supporting the nationwide veteran service and rehabilitation program of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the Ladies Auxiliary conducts its own rehabilitation program in the various communities in which its 3000 chapters are organized.

Redwood
Empire
Convention

UKIAH—One of the important annual meetings in the Redwood Empire Association's quarter of a century of active history will be held in Ukiah this Friday, and attended by a large delegation of state and federal officials from California and Oregon, together with county, city and Bridge District officials, civic, business, industrial, and agricultural leaders of the Empire.

"We stand at a moment of decision in the history of the Empire," George G. Hoberg, association president, said today. "With the war behind us we are facing tremendous problems and opportunities. Our cities, highways and resort areas will be jammed with visitors in 1946 as never before in our history and reconstruction and modernization of highways and all facilities will be vital. The plans we make at this meeting will bear fruit for years to come."

Major business sessions Friday will be devoted to planning association operations during this re-conversion period, plus action on projects affecting Empire cities and counties and the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District in succeeding years.

Those who anticipate attending the convention from Josephine county are: C. H. Demaray, junior past-president and member of the executive committee; Walter Newcombe, newly elected vice-president from Josephine county; Judge W. A. Johnson, L. M. Mitchell and Lucius Robinson, of the Josephine County Court, newly elected directors; M. C. Athey, newly elected director and Mrs. Athey, from Cave Junction.

TWO GOOD SHOWS
NEXT ATTRACTIONS

Out of the greatness that was "My Friend Flicka," a grander story, with even greater heart, comes thundering to the screen when "Thunderhead—Son of Flicka," based on Mary O'Hara's best-loved, best-seller, comes Saturday and Sunday at the Cave City theatre. With Roddy McDowall, Preston Foster and Rita Johnson heading the case, and given the benefit of the most spectacular outdoor production of the year, the film is being acclaimed as a truly thrilling adventure, more magnificent and wonderful than anything yet screened.

A sequel to "My Friend Flicka," "Thunderhead—Son of Flicka" carries the story of Ken McLaughlin, the wistful, sensitive boy who loves horses, Bob McLaughlin, his rancher-father, and Nell, the mother of the family, on from where its sensational success story screen predecessor left off, with Roddy McDowall, Preston Foster and Rita Johnson playing the original roles in which they won such tremendous acclaim.

Wednesday and Thursday "Murder, My Sweet," with Dick Powell and Ann Shirley, heading the large cast of characters comes Wednesday and Thursday next week.

We don't know anything about this picture and can't find out. But the cast of characters tells us that it must be a good picture, had long runs in the larger theaters and is classed as "good" by the reviewers. This should be enough for us to know—it's a good picture.

EDUCATOR SPEAKS

Dr. Dan Poling of Albany, official representative of the State Board of Higher Education, spoke to the pupils of the Kerby High School Wednesday afternoon.

NOTICE

All members are requested to attend the V. F. W. meeting next Monday night, November 12, at the American Legion Hall in Cave Junction. There will be a class of 10 candidates to be initiated.

Corn is maturing each month of the year in at least one of the countries of the world.

News from Our
Boys and Girls
In the Service

Cpt. Merlin Bush visited his sister, Mrs. E. E. Potter and family at Selma last week. Cpl. Bush was recently discharged from the army and spent 18 months overseas in Germany. He left for Dunsmuir where he expects to operate a garage and service station.

Cpl. James Cooke recently received his discharge and is again making his home with his mother, Mrs. Lela Cooke at O'Brien. He had been stationed for the past six months at Liberal, Neb., previous to his discharge.

Major and Mrs. Roy Conroy were in Cave Junction last Friday and were on their way to the Oregon Caves to visit Dick Rowley. Major Conroy is well known here and for several years was a guide at the Caves. He was on his way to San Francisco for a new assignment.

Earl Bolinger Y 3/c spent a five-day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bolinger on Caves highway, after serving 18 months in the south Pacific aboard a carrier. He reported back to his ship at San Diego for re-assignment.

Pharmacist Mate 1/c C. J. Peart of the U. S. Navy, is here visiting his sister, Mrs. J. T. Heald near Holland. Pharmacist Mate Peart has seen service in Shanghai, China, before the war, and in the Philippines during the war serving with the old 4th Marines at Corregidor. He was a prisoner for three and a half years in the old Bilbid prison in Manila, and was later transferred to Japan.

Entertain Halloween

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Duncan were hosts at a Halloween party last Wednesday and the evening was spent playing cards. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sowell, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McKinnon, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Trefethen, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tyer and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brown.

At a late hour delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Duncan, assisted by Mrs. Ethel Sowell and Mrs. Grace Brown.

WHAT THE LEGION
AUXILIARY IS DOING

On Wednesday, October 31, Glenn Morrison Unit held a special meeting with Marie Wilcox, president of District No. 3, guest.

The meeting was opened in form and the following reports given: Membership chairman reported the unit exceeded their quota of 45 members; community service chairman \$5 for books for library and contributed by Mildred Taylor, three books; aid was given service man's family of two quilts made by the Unit and one blanket donated by Mrs. George Morey.

President Emily Kellert called on Marie Wilcox, who complimented the Unit on their alacrity in disposing of business. She spoke on cost of poppies to Unit will be more this year as veterans are to receive more for their making. Each Unit is urged to increase orders again this year. She suggested that as individuals and in groups we write our senators and representatives asking more hospital beds for Oregon.

Child Welfare needs slips for girls, ages 2 to 12 and boys' shirts the same ages. She suggested both could be makeovers if material good. The Roseburg hospital needs napkins for special holiday occasions, also candy, cigarettes and rug rags. She reminded the Unit that each meeting they repeat in the Preamble to their Constitution "To participate in and to contribute to the aims and purposes of the American Legion."

All adjourned for refreshments with the Legion and a beautifully decorated cake "good luck" was presented by the Unit to Mildred Taylor who is leaving soon.