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Washington Weekly Letter

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH

As this is written, Mr. Ickes' resignation as Secretary of the Interior has just been courteously accepted by the President. Ickes resigned effective March 31. The President ordered him to vacate his office February 15th—just two days notice.

Meanwhile, rumors of other high-level changes are rampant. Gossip has it that if Paul Porter, FCC Chairman and an important political advisor to the administration, is moved to OPA he is really being kicked upstairs on his way out. Since last summer, there has been ill feeling between Porter and Bob Hannegan. Hannegan rates higher in administration party circles so it is considered he is going to do some maneuvering to get rid of Porter.

The bill known as the Case bill which was passed by the House last week by an overwhelming vote will never become a law in its present form. Every member of the House knew that at the time the roll on the bill was called. The bill supposedly is contrary to the best interests of organized labor. It certainly is contrary to the wishes of the labor leaders. Their idea of legislation is to have no legislation at all. Having been sent to the Senate, it is generally conceded that one of two things will happen to the Case bill. Either it will be pig-nosed by the Senate Committee on Labor, and nothing more will be heard of it during the remainder of this Congress—or it will be completely revamped, changed beyond recognition.

The House Banking and Currency Committee is conducting hearings on the bill to extend Price Control which law expires at the end of June. This is the OPA law. Recently, the OPA people have been playing with smart propaganda designed to sell the housewives on the fine job being done. The "off-again on-again" operation of citrus fruit price ceiling orders around the holiday season was a propaganda gesture. It was supposed to show what would happen if ceiling prices were removed. The plan back-fired. As we have shown by studies made by the Republican Food Study Committee, the citrus fruit price debacle did nothing more than disrupt the citrus industry and bring about slightly higher prices. Our study revealed, and it was so reported, that in order to cover what actually happened, the OPA deliberately resorted to releasing false and inaccurate figures.

As the time for action on the OPA law nears, many very level headed Members of Congress are fearful that dissatisfaction of the people—which will be reflected in the attitude of their Representatives in Congress—that this disapproval could possibly result in the failure of Congress to renew the OPA Act. These Members realize that there is still a need for price control over a great many articles and classes of goods. But the hopelessly bad administration of the law has made people so disgusted that regardless of the dangers of removing price controls, things couldn't be much worse.

Most of the dissatisfaction with OPA stems from the fact that the present crop of OPA regulations are slowing up, even strangling.

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COMING EVENTS

Friday, February 22—Illinois Valley Garden Club at Mrs. Clay Ramsey's home in Kerby.
Friday, February 22—Washington's birthday.
Wednesday, March 6—Ash Wed.
Sunday, March 17—St. Patrick's Day.
Thursday, March 21—Spring begins.
Sunday, April 14—Palm Sunday.
Friday, April 19—Good Friday.
Sunday, April 21—Easter Sunday.

"A BELL FOR ADANO" COMING HERE NEXT SATURDAY, SUNDAY

"A Bell For Adano," the 20th Century-Fox filmization of John Hershey's Pulitzer prize-winning novel, starring Gene Tierney, John Hodiak and William Bendix, comes Saturday and Sunday at the Cave City Theater.

Acclaimed as one of the finest stories to come out of this war, named by the Pulitzer Prize Committee as the best American novel of the year, "A Bell For Adano" is the story of an American who came in a jeep to a bomb-blasted town and saw a people without laughter and a woman without hope, and of how he conquered their fears with his courage, and her heart with his arms.

Gene Tierney appears as Tina, the fisherman's daughter; lovely, glamorous and lonely. John Hodiak is seen as Major Joppolo, who had the might of right in his fists, and the fire of the sun, moon and stars in his arms. William Bendix plays the role of Hodiak's burly but soft-hearted aide.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
With Peggy Ann Garner in her first starring role, "Junior Miss," 20th Century-Fox's filmization of the sensational Broadway stage comedy success, comes to the Cave City Theater Wednesday and Thursday.

The brilliantly talented youngster who scored an outstanding triumph as Francie in "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," is seen in an entirely new type of role for her. Changing from her usual portrayal of a somber, serious-minded little girl, Peggy Ann plays the lead role of "Junior Miss," Judy Graves the highly imaginative and romantic teen-ager whose plans and antics intended to be purely constructive throw her family into dangerous confusion which leads them to the brink of poverty, innocently involves others in a topsy-turvy series of situations, and by a fluke as unintentional as the rest of her antics, brings everything back to a state of comparative peace again.

Washington's Birthday Dance Saturday Night

While Washington's birthday comes on Friday, February 22nd, the American Legion will observe the day Saturday with an extra fine dance to be held in the Legion hall, Cave Junction.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will have you are assured a very fine evening with their usual midnight luncheon, and ing's amusement if you attend.
Make up a party and bring your friends.

Rod & Gun Club To Meet Feb. 28

The Kerby Rod & Gun club will meet Thursday, February 28th in the Kerby high school building.

There will be about an hour and a half of interesting wild life pictures that all will enjoy. They are both entertaining and very instructive. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

All members are urged to attend, and the general public is invited.

Belt Lodge A. F. & A. M. To Meet

Belt Lodge, A. F. & A. M., will meet next Saturday evening, February 22nd, and degree work and state communication will be in order of business transacted. Visiting brethren are invited.

RETURNS FROM CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Clara Magill returned last week from several months vacation with her daughter and relatives at Long Beach, California, and is now visiting in Grants Pass before returning to her home and cafe in Kerby. She is much improved in health and stated she was more than glad though to get back to Oregon. Mrs. Magill kept posted on local happenings by reading the Illinois Valley News and said they eagerly awaited each weekly issue for news from home.

Wm. J. McLean To Receive Air Medal For Son 'Bud'

An Air Medal with two Oak-Leaf Clusters will be presented posthumously to "Bud" William J. McLean, Jr., to his father, William J. McLean, Sr., of Kerby, Monday evening at 8 o'clock, February 25th in the Kerby high school.

The Medal will be presented by an officer from the Medford Army Air Field.

Bud was well known in the valley and was a graduate of the Kerby high school. He entered the service in December, 1942 and at the Army school he was graduated and received his wings with high honors.

He flew in many battles and for his distinguished service, the Air Medal with two Oak-Leaf clusters is being presented. He was killed July 26, 1944 in Mindoro, Philippine Islands.

The following letter from Major General William E. Shedd was received by Mr. McLean this week: Mr. William McLean, Sr. Kerby, Oregon.
My Dear Mr. McLean:
Word has just been received

from the War Department that by direction of the President, the Air Medal decoration with two Oak-Leaf Clusters has been posthumously awarded your son, Captain (then Second Lieutenant) William J. McLean Jr., Air Corps, who made the supreme sacrifice in defense of his country.

It has been a source of inspiration to me to learn of your son's exceptionally meritorious achievements in action against the enemy which have merited these awards. His courage, determination and devotion to duty must be a source of comfort and pride to you at this time.

I have requested the Commanding Officer, Medford Army Air Field, Medford, Oregon, to make the necessary arrangements to present these decorations to you. We will communicate with you shortly to make plans for the presentation.

Sincerely Yours

Wm. E. Shedd,
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

CAVE CITY COFFEE SHOP CHANGES HANDS

While the transaction was made several weeks ago, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Jennings took possession of the Cave City Coffee Shop Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Budd sold the cafe January 21, but the announcement of the sale was held up until Mr. and Mrs. Jennings could take possession of the cafe.

The Jennings' are old restaurant people and know what they are doing, having owned and operated a first class eating establishment in Minnesota. They have already started to make several improvements to the place; new stools, new top for the counter, and many other little improvements that will make the cafe more inviting to the customers.

Mr. and Mrs. Budd will take a vacation for a while, about six weeks, making a trip to Los Angeles, San Antonio, Texas, Jacksonville, Florida, Washington, D. C., then back home by way of Brazil, Indiana. They have relatives in all the places and will have a good visit with folks they have not seen for years. They will still make their home in Cave Junction. Jo and Mary, their daughters, will remain here where they are in school.

Forest Chief To Quit At Roseburg

Vernon V. Harpham has announced he will retire April 1 as supervisor of the Umpqua national forest.

He has supervised the Umpqua forest for 15 years and before that, the Ochoco and Deschutes forests. His successor will be M. M. Nelson, who has served on the Mount Baker, Snoqualmie and Siskiyou forests.

Mr. Nelson was the former ranger at the Redwood Ranger station in Cave Junction, and is well known here.

GUERNSEY COW SETS STATE CHAMPION RECORD

Peterborough, N. H.—W. A. Johnson and Sons, Grants Pass, Oregon, have just made a state champion record on their registered Guernsey cow, Barrie's Pansy. Her production of 10,541.4 pounds of milk and 561.1 pounds of butterfat is the highest record in the state made in class CHI, which means this cow was four years of age and that she was milked twice daily for one year.

The sire of this cow, Chicoma Barrie, has twenty-two daughters in the Performance Register of the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

Fred Shadle made a business trip to Grants Pass last Saturday.

LILY GROWERS MEET IN CRESCENT CITY

Over two hundred lily growers met in Crescent City Tuesday night at the Crescent-Elk grammar school, for the first annual meeting of the West Coast Bulb Growers, the cooperative association of the lily industry.

Following an interesting discussion of the problems of competitive marketing and the progress made by the Co-op, Mr. W. A. Hemenway of Cottage Grove, Oregon, Mr. Warren J. Billick, Elkton, Oregon, and Mr. William F. Norris of Springfield, Oregon, representing local lily growers' organizations of Washington and northern Oregon, urged that the entire industry in Washington, Oregon and California unite under one major association and requested the Co-op to consider a program to embrace the activities of all the growers' organizations in the three states. Mr. Howard Jones, of Harbor, Oregon, also spoke in behalf of this plan.

Native of Kerbyville Passes Away in Bay City

Funeral services were held in San Francisco last week for Mrs. Eudora G. Howard, widow of the late John W. Howard, one of the Grants Pass pioneers.

Mrs. Howard passed away rather suddenly on Tuesday, February 12, after a few weeks illness, as she was being taken to the San Mateo hospital, where her daughter, Mrs. Eula Howard Nunan, resides. Mrs. Howard was a native of Kerbyville and at the age of 16 years, began teaching at various times previous to her marriage with Mr. Howard. She had charge of schools in Thompson Creek, Jacksonville, Williams and Althouse. Her mother, Mrs. Mary J. John, was one of the very early pioneers, coming from her Ohio home via the Isthmus in 1858 and resided in Josephine county until her death 15 years ago.

TROUT SEASON OPENS APRIL 20

Few changes were made by the Oregon State Game Commission in the tentative angling regulations set at its meeting recently.

The general trout season will be from April 20 to October 31, inclusive, except in Lake county the open season will be from May 20 to October 31 and in Harney county, May 4 to October 31. The same bag limit as last year will prevail, 15 fish or 15 pounds and 1 fish a day, with the possession limit 30 pounds and 2 fish.

Bert Badden arrived home in Kerby last Saturday on a 30-day furlough.

Last Basketball Game of Season Friday Night

Friday night, February 22nd, will be the last scheduled basketball game by the Kerby high school on the home floor. Friday night they play Talent. First game at 7 o'clock with the league game starting about 8 o'clock.

The Kerby boys have played some wonderful games this season, and Friday night they are going to make it extra good. Come on out and give the boys a glad hand with your support.

Veterans Must File State Income Blanks

Veterans who are "in the fog" regarding the payment of Oregon state income taxes for 1945 were reminded this week that they, like civilians, must file returns before the April 15 deadline.

This reminder came from Hugh E. Rosson, state veterans' affairs director, who was advised by state income tax commission officials as to the obligations and exemptions Oregon's returning servicemen have regarding their income taxes. The veteran should keep these points in mind, the tax experts said:

- 1—He must file a report on his 1945 earnings.
- 2—He is allowed a \$3000 annual exemption while in active service, making it unlikely that he will have any taxes to pay unless his service pay exceeded that, or unless he had an income aside from his service pay. This exemption goes back to include the year 1942, and applies to any kind of income he had.
- 3—The \$3000 exemption is for each year, from 1942 on, that the man was in active service for one day.
- 4—The \$3000 deduction is in addition to the regular exemption allowed all persons. For single men, an income of \$800 or less for the year is tax-exempt; for married men, \$1400 or less is tax-exempt; and for each additional dependent, an additional \$300 is tax-exempt.
- 5—Where a veteran was granted a deferment of income tax payments at the time of entering the service, the delinquent tax must be paid within six months of discharge in order to avoid penalties.
- 6—Veterans should note particularly that the optional (short form) tax table appearing on the Oregon income tax return does not include any adjustment for the \$3000 special deduction. Therefore, in order to gain the advantage of this deduction, it is necessary to follow the long-form of computation.
- 7—He might save money by filing a joint income tax return with his wife. By so doing, if his \$3000 deduction was not used up, the remainder of this deduction can be applied to his wife's deductible income. What this does, in effect, is to give his wife a greater deduction than she would otherwise have had.
- 8—Only his service pay, overseas pay and flight pay are taxable. The government's share of his dependency allotments is not taxable. Neither is disability pay nor pensions.

Application for tax forms can be made by contacting or writing the State Tax Commission, State Office building, Salem. They can be obtained at the Portland office at 709 Oregon building. Individual aid will be given veterans who call at either of these offices, and information also will be mailed to veterans writing in.

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O. C. LARSEN SELLS HIS 336 ACRE RANCH

O. C. Larsen just sold his 336 acre ranch in the Althouse district to Charles A. Nickerson of Modesto, California. Mr. Nickerson has property interests in Modesto and will be unable to take possession until next summer, so

Harbor At Crescent City Looms

(From Crescent City Triplicate)

In reply to a wire sent by The Triplicate to Representative Clarence F. Lea in Washington, Tuesday night, asking for a statement on the Crescent City harbor development program up to the last minute this week, the following telegram was received late yesterday:

Del Norte Triplicate, Crescent City, Calif.

Funds are available for inner harbor at Crescent City and another call for bids will be made this spring. A small item was carried in appropriation bill as it passed the House last week for maintenance but no appropriation for new construction on main project at Crescent City. The main harbor is a post-war project. Funds will be provided in order of allotment by War Department as further appropriations are made for post-war construction.

CLARENCE F. LEA, M. C.

According to reports received by The Triplicate, from informed quarters close to the situation in Washington, and who are watching developments carefully from day to day, the appropriation for construction of the main jetty here, to Round Rock, may be close at hand.

The House Appropriations Committee is now considering action on the Crescent City Harbor project, calling for the expenditure of \$1,610,000 for development of the main harbor here. Should word be received at any time early in the week, The Triplicate will publish a special edition within a matter of a few hours after receiving the news here.

OFFERS HELP

The Simpson Logging Company of Seattle, has, through The Triplicate, this week offered substantial financial assistance to the county, in an effort to get immediate action on the construction of a harbor here.

The offer was made through Mr. F. C. Riley, timber agent for the company, which has perhaps the largest timber holdings of any logging firm in this area.

The offer by Riley stipulated, however, that the Simpson Logging Company would "match" funds provided by other large timber interests here, for any constructive program which would further the development of the harbor project.

The harbor committee of the Chamber of Commerce was informed of the Simpson offer, and immediate steps are being taken to coordinate all efforts within the county toward formulating an active program aimed towards getting legislation through Congress in Washington for appropriation of funds for the harbor. (The bill for construction of a deep sea port here has already been approved.)

Lumber interests here, it was disclosed, are now also actively working for the construction of a rail-line from Grants Pass to Crescent City, and it is hoped that this project may take shape, along with the development of the harbor.

What line the current program toward obtaining the harbor appropriation will take has not as yet been fully developed, but a definite line of action will be announced very shortly by the groups most actively concerned with this work.

Other lumber interests in this area are being notified at once of the Simpson offer, and the feeling has been expressed that they will be very willing to cooperate to the fullest extent.

Mr. Larsen will look after the ranch until then. Mr. Nickerson is a brother of the purchaser of the Sawyer farm.

The Larsens have not yet decided as to their future plans, but will have several months yet to look around for a permanent home.