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Washington Weekly Letter

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ATOM BOMB TEST

Elaborate preparations to make a test of the effect of atomic bombs on naval craft have been under way for some time. All of the plans and specifications had previously been worked out. I believe even the lists of scientists and War and Navy Department personnel who will be permitted to see the tests are also nearly complete. But it was only this week that the bill to authorize the use of Navy ships for targets in the test was passed by the House. It was argued on the floor by a few members who were opposed to the conduct of the tests that it was wrong to destroy a number of our ships, some of which have been completed less than two years. The answer to this objection was that we cannot tell what sort of ships to have in our future naval defense unless we know definitely what happens to ships when they are attacked with atomic bombs. The completion of some ships now under construction has been delayed until these tests are made. It was pointed out that, unless some modern ships are used as targets, we have no way of knowing how modern construction will react.

I have been invited to witness the tests and may do so if too much time is not required, and if there is a lull in Congressional business.

LEND-LEASE STILL GOING

Believe it or not, we are still shipping vast quantities of goods on lend-lease commitments. Lend-lease officially was declared at an end on VJ Day, but it was later agreed that goods being manufactured and in transit would be delivered. Such goods, incidentally, include 18,000,000 feet of hardwood lumber, considerable of which could be used as flooring lumber for homes. The countries receiving lend-lease goods since the actual end of the war have agreed to pay for them over a period of thirty years at an interest rate of two and three-eighths percent on the unpaid balance.

This week, an attempt was made to reduce the amount of these commitments by \$200,000,000, but on a straight party vote, Republicans voting to save money and Democrats voting to spend it, the House insisted on going ahead and spending the \$200,000,000. The vote was close—171 to 148.

MAGICIANS IN CONGRESS

I was reminded by the announcement by Congressman Fritz Lanham of Texas that he would

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Tea At Masonic Hall Next Thursday, March 28

At the regular meeting Tuesday night of Western Star Chapter No. 64, O.E.S., it was decided to hold a Tea between the hours of 3 p. m. and 5 p. m. Thursday March 28th for the mothers and daughters of prospective Job's Daughters.

Any girl who thinks she has the proper affiliations and of the age of 13 to 20 years, is invited to attend. Anyone not being positive of the relationship should contact any member of the Eastern Star who will gladly give her the information.

Mrs. Gene Tardy, Guardian of Job's Daughters Bethel in Grants Pass will be a speaker at the tea. Mothers and daughters should make a special effort to attend and learn of this society for girls.

COMING EVENTS

- Friday, March 22—Illinois Valley Garden club meets at the home of Mrs. J. J. Villair.
- 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.

Mass Meeting Held Last Monday Eve.

About 25 interested people in the city attended the general meeting called by the Cave City Chamber of Commerce last Monday evening at the Legion hall to hear the pros and cons about the idea of incorporating the city.

Art Drews, president of the Cave City chamber called the meeting to order and explained what it had been called for and then asked several of those attending to speak.

Judge W. A. Johnson was called on, and he said he was concerned about the development of the valley, for he is the county judge and had to deal with many of the residents in different matters, but when it came to voting for incorporating, "that is your business, and you know what you want to do," the judge said.

Mr. Quinn read a letter from the State Board of Health, concerning the sewage of the community. The letter has considerable valuable information for the residents and we print it for your perusal:

On March 5, 1946 a sanitary survey of the community of Cave City (Cave Junction), Oregon, was made by representatives of the Josephine County Health Department and the Oregon State Board of Health. The conditions as noted at the time of the survey together with conclusions and recommendations are presented in the following report:

WATER SUPPLY: Water for the unincorporated community of Cave City is supplied by a privately owned utility. The source of supply consists of a drilled well located approximately two blocks east of the main street (Highway U.S. 199). The well is 202 feet deep and has an 8-inch casing to bedrock. The water rises in the well to an elevation only 8 feet below the ground surface.

A jet-action pump lifts the water from the well into the distribution system. The pressure is equalized by a small pressure tank connected to the transmission line at the pump house. The main transmission line is of 3-inch steel pipe. There are forty connections to the system. No data of daily consumption are available. Samples collected in the past by the Josephine County Health Department indicate that the bacteriological quality of the supply is satisfactory.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL: In the absence of a community sewerage system, the disposal of domestic sewage from private residences and business establishments which have interior plumbing is by means of septic tank systems. In the other cases outdoor pit privies are used. The high ground water table during the rainy season of the year and also the lack of adequate area for the installation of tile fields make the subsurface disposal of sewage by individual systems impractical.

GARBAGE DISPOSAL: There is no regular system in effect for the collection and disposal of garbage. As a result, each householder disposes of his own garbage and trash in the most convenient manner which generally consists sim-

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Courier Engraving Dept. Helps News

Last week we published a half-tone cut of Harry O. Smith, Jr., and his wife from Puerto Rico, and we neglected to give the Grants Pass Courier engraving department credit for the loan of the cut.

This was an oversight, but we want the readers of The News to know that the Courier is one of the most cooperative newspapers we have ever had the pleasure of doing business with, and we surely appreciate these friendly relations. Thanks a million, Mr. Voorhies, and we will try not to slip again.

'State Fair' Comes To Local Theater

"State Fair," 20th Century-Fox's great big heart-warming musical at the Cave City Theater Saturday and Sunday packed with wonderful new songs by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II and a superb cast, is headed by Dana Andrews, Jeanne Crain, Dick Haymes and Vivian Blaine, all of the rich adventure and joyous romance of Philip Stong's beloved novel—and ablaze with glorious Technicolor to boot.

In brief, "State Fair" is as good a musical as ever sang its way to the screen.

The story it tells is that of one mid-West farm family for whom the long-awaited State Fair holds the promise of the glory and romance they've dreamed about the year 'round. Pa Frake, played by Charles Winninger, has prepared his best hog, Blue Boy, for the grand championship prize, while Ma (Fay Bainter) is out for the mince-meat honors. With nothing to do but see the sights and have a good time, the young Frakes, Jeanne Crain and Dick Haymes, have an eye out for romantic excitement. And this they find in generous portions—and varying results—when Jeanne meets Dana Andrews, a reporter sent to cover the fair, and Dick discovers Vivian Blaine who sings with a band on the fairgrounds.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

"Murder, He Says" may go in to the books as the funniest farce to come out of Hollywood. It comes Wednesday and Thursday to the Cave City Theater, with Fred MacMurray as the star. Other members of the cast, Marjorie Main, Porter Hall, Jean Heather and Peter Whitney also have a lot to do with the continuous state of unabated hilarity.

Movie-goers will meet a new film family that defies description. The Fleagles rate as the screwiest, looniest, altogether daffiest clan of homicidal hillbillies ever bent on murder. Their unique ingenuity concocts a poison which makes the victim glow like 10,000 watts before expiring. Fred is continuously occupied with avoiding this and other death-dealing devices. When he finds time to size up his surroundings, he discovers that a certain Helen Walker is a mighty attractive number, despite six-shooter and cigar.

Walker does a fine bit of acting in a role that is anything but milk and honey. As a rough and tumble Texas gun moll, she packs a wallop with the best of them. Whitney can almost be called a discoverer in this farce film. As twin sons of Miss Main in a dual role, Peter excels as the slow moving hillbilly who carries out his ma's orders.

"Murder, He Says" is a fast-moving, action-packed laugh riot which gives audiences entertainment of a superlative nature.

Miners Back Free Gold Market

The Western Mining Council announced recently that it would seek the backing of all mining groups of the west for establishment of a free market for gold.

A resolution adopted by the council advocates the repeal of the Gold Act of 1933 restricting the movement of gold on the market. The resolution said the average gold price in all foreign countries is now \$80 an ounce in American money.

NOTICE

The Illinois Valley P.-T. A. will meet on Thursday, March 29, at 7:30 p. m., in the Kerby high school to elect officers for the coming year. Dr. S. G. Osgood will be the speaker and it is urged that all persons interested to attend this meeting.

KERBY ROD & GUN CLUB TO MEET

The regular business meeting of the Kerby Rod & Gun club will be held Thursday, March 28, in the Kerby high school at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend and visitors are always welcome.

Election To Decide Issue Next Monday

The citizens of Cave Junction will be called on Monday, March 25 to go to the polls in the American Legion hall, and vote on the question of whether they want to incorporate Cave City or not.

The polls will be open from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m. There are 180 citizens qualified to vote, according to County Clerk Countant, who was in the city Tuesday and canvassed the place thoroughly. If we take a conservative three to a family, that makes a population of 540 for the city.

The issue is well known to all the voters and we believe they have all made up their minds how they are going to vote. The result will be known about 10 o'clock Monday night, or just as soon as the board gets through counting the ballots, which will not take long, for there is only one issue at stake; yes or no.

LETTERS

Fellow Citizens Vote "NO" Monday

A meeting was held Monday, March 18, and several speakers were heard on behalf of those in favor of incorporating our little town into a city, to be known as Cave City.

We of the opposition feel that certain pertinent facts regarding the expense of such a venture were not fully explained at the meeting.

In the first place, it takes money and lots of it to put over a program such as was outlined. To be brief; a water system, sewage and garbage disposal plants were first on the list. No limit as to the actual cost of such items were given.

Let us ask a question and then answer it to clear up everything before we begin.

Where is the money coming from to finance this program?

From every property owner inside the incorporated area. In other words anyone owning property here will have to carry his share of the expense whether he benefits or not.

Now let us analyze some of the costs of running a city:

A water system for the WHOLE area would cost \$150,000
Salaries and upkeep of a competent staff would total, per year, \$10,000

A sewage system would cost as much as or more than \$150,000
Salaries and upkeep would run about the same \$10,000

A garbage disposal plant would cost \$50,000
Salaries and pick up equipment and operation, per year, \$5,000

A city treasurer, monthly salary of \$15.00 \$180
A town marshal at \$75.00 per month (ridiculous) \$300

These estimates are for the complete area of the proposed city. This is a conservative estimate of the total cost of the program outlined.

What should have been brought out was that eventually a plumbing inspector, electrical inspector, a purchasing agent and other paid employees would have to be paid from time to time out of the tax money.

We understand also that under the state law a corporation of this kind must insure itself against lawsuits involving damages against a city by private persons or other corporations. The premium for this type of protection starts at \$1200 per year.

Another matter—we know that the city cannot tax property over a certain limit. But there is nothing to stop a city council from assessing property affected to build a sewage or water system.

Daughters of Job Plan Organization In Valley

In the interests of the Daughters of Job organization, Mrs. Gene Tardy, Mrs. H. S. Bullock, Mrs. Hershberger of Grants Pass, accompanied by Mrs. Cora Young of Roseburg, organizer for this district, spent last Tuesday in the valley meeting with Masonic and Eastern Star members.

A great deal of interest was shown at the meeting and if enough girls can show proper credentials a Bethel will be instituted in the near future. Many members of both Eastern Star and the Masonic order expressed their willingness to work in this worthwhile organization for girls.

O'Brien Club Members Install New Officers

An impressive installation for new officers for 1946 was held at the March meeting of the O'Brien Women's club at the home of Mrs. Rena Webb. The newly installed president called the meeting to order and appointed committee chairmen and plans were made for a very interesting and instructive program for the new year.

Mrs. Hollis George, hostess for the afternoon had unique green decorations and furnished potatoes and paring knives for a carving contest. Mrs. Audrey Lemmon carved a rabbit which won her a 10 pound sack of potatoes.

Dainty refreshments were served to members and guests by the hostess and her assistants.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Eugene Brown on Friday, April 12th.

4-H CLUB MEETING

The Bridgeview Rustlers, Illinois Valley 4-H club, held their regular meeting last Tuesday, March 12th at the Grange hall. The meeting was a very interesting one, with 13 members and their leader present.

The club now has a membership of 18 and nearly all members have their calves and are at work on their projects. It was planned to hold future meetings at the homes of club members.

D. C. D. Meeting Held At Selma Last Week

About 20 homemakers were present at the D.C.D. meeting held last week at the home of Mrs. Lucille Hoppe.

Lloyd Baron, assistant county agent and 4-H leader, answered questions on gardening problems and gave a constructive and interesting talk on gardening. A noon lunch was served, followed by the business meeting and white elephant sale.

Mrs. Hoppe gave a book review on "Friendly Persuasion" and Mrs. Grace Gudminson gave short sketches of other books.

The next meeting will be held at the Grange hall in April with Mrs. Jenny Kelley and her assistants giving "Simple Home Repairs."

Cave City Coffee Shop Redecorates

Last week end Mr. and Mrs. Jennings of the Cave City Coffee Shop closed their cafe while the interior was being decorated and doped up.

The cafe opened Monday afternoon and now presents a very attractive interior for their patrons.

Aubrey (Buck) Renfro spent three days visiting in the valley. Dave accompanied him to Redding last Saturday, returning home the first of the week.

Nothing has been said about interest on the bonds we would have to float in order to start things going. Our taxes would also pay this interest plus the principal.

We of the opposition believe that the taxpayers and renters of this district will vote "NO" on Monday, March 25.

—Warren J. Dean

Legion Post Celebrates Birthday

Wednesday night Glenn Morrison Post No. 70 celebrated its 18th birthday with the assistance of the Auxiliary.

There was a good attendance at the regular meeting where a good report was read by the finance officer, Art Kellert, and a letter regarding medical assistance read by Adjutant A. C. Hamrick.

Bob Bryant, District Commander of Grants Pass was introduced and he spoke of the splendid work of the posts in the 4th district and of his attendance at a post composed entirely of Chinese in Portland. He said there were 300 members in that post.

Les Henry of the Dance Committee said there would be a dance Saturday night, March 30th. Guy Wilcox of Grants Pass was introduced and Mrs. Dave Webb, one the lady members of this post, who said she was very pleased to be at the Legion birthday party for she had just celebrated her 78th birthday.

Ralph Huber joined the Post and Mrs. Ellen Hartwell joined the Auxiliary. After the meeting everyone gathered in the Auxiliary hall where bingo was played until 11 o'clock, and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Art Kellert, president of the Auxiliary introduced Mrs. Marie Wilcox of Grants Pass, president of the Auxiliary, who told the Legion members what a splendid Auxiliary unit we have. Mrs. Ellen Hartwell, newest member of the Auxiliary was also introduced. Blake Miller then introduced Bob Bryant, who gave a humorous description of trying to chaperone nine ladies of the Auxiliary from Cave Junction, but admitted that it could be done.

WHAT THE LEGION AUXILIARY IS DOING

This week beginning March 18th has been a busy as well as a pleasant one for Glenn Morrison Unit.

Monday evening, by special invitation, the drill team initiated eighteen members for the new Chetco No. 138 Unit at Brookings, Oregon, and assisted with the installation of officers.

The new unit may have things to learn concerning Auxiliary work but in the art of hospitality they are supreme. The evening started with a delicious banquet during which clever corsages of carnations were presented.

The meeting hall drew the admiration of everyone. It was beautifully decorated with huckleberry foliage and literally hundreds of daffodils.

Marie Wilcox, president of district 4, was installing officer, and presided at the installation of their new officers. Department of Oregon president Dorothy Temporal presented the Charter, and expressed her pleasure in being one of such a fine group.

The ceremonies were followed by dancing and singing, and of course the usual chatter. Midnight refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served by candlelight, which was a perfect accompaniment for the table decorations of acacia and daffodils.

Writing 'finis' to a perfect evening, the Oceanview rooms were reserved for the team at the Temporal hotel.

Members of Glenn Morrison Drill Team are Emily Kellert, president; Amy Hussey, historian; Sharlet Slack, chaplain; Alberta Budd, second vice president; Marie White, first vice president; Lida Miller, junior past president; Enid Burch, pianist; and Joy Badden, sergeant-at-arms. Mary Jane Budd, junior member, was highly complimented on a perfect job of substituting for her mother.

While enroute home Tuesday the team visited the annual Daffodil tea of the Smith River Garden Club.

Wednesday evening at their reg-

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