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Weekly Letter

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## NEW OPA LAW



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Considerable space has been taken in my weekly letter in the discussion of OPA legislation. This will be my last comment on the subject for quite some time. The price control holiday brought about by the President's veto, is ended. OPA goes back into action.

The principal difference between the new law and the one which expired June 30 is that there will be a super-board of three with power over the Administrator. The record of the past several years proves that our difficulties have only been increased and confusion achieved by the administrative practice of setting up a new board, committee or single executive on top of other authorities. There is no reason I can think of to believe that this practice, which has not been successful before, will work this time. The OPA bill vetoed by the President was a reasonable and workable piece of legislation. I do not think the new OPA bill is, but I sincerely hope I am wrong.

## MERELY A FIRECRACKER

Investigation of the alleged improper activities of Representative Andrew Jackson May, Chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, has provided much newspaper copy here and throughout the country. Whether or not Congressman May will succeed in clearing himself, or at least in explaining his activities, remains to be seen. This affair is actually just a dress rehearsal for what is to come.

Even if the political control of the Congress does not change, further scandal will be revealed. However, if the Republicans obtain control of either the House or the Senate, or both, the May affair and even the famous Teapot Dome scandal will have about the same relative rating in comparison to future revelations as a firecracker would to an atomic bomb. It is rumored that the strange wartime transactions in ships and shipping, when exposed to public gaze, will shake this capital to its very foundations, and this is but one of many.

## SESSION ENDING

This session of Congress is about to end. In fact, it may have ended by the time these words appear in print. It has been a long and difficult session. The transition of our country from war to peace has all of the difficulties and more than the development of a peaceful country into a winning fighting machine. The difficulties of the transition to peace are the more complex, because the transition is without the anealing influence of the urgency of war. Quite possibly mistakes have been made by Congress, but it is my observation that sincere effort and hard work have been devoted to the many difficult problems.

## HOME SOON

I shall leave for Oregon shortly after the first of August and hope to spend several months in my Congressional District. This, therefore, is my last weekly letter for this session of Congress.

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## • COMING EVENTS •

Sunday, August 4—Illinois Valley Grange picnic at Grayback Forest Camp.

Saturday, August 10—O'Brien Women's Club meets at the home of Mrs. Oliphant.

Monday, September 2—Labor Day.

FOREST OFFICIALS  
INSPECT PORT

Forest officials from Washington, D. C. and Portland flew in to the Illinois Valley airport last Monday, July 29, for an inspection tour. P. A. Thompson, chief of fire control in the United States and his assistant, Don Hamilton, accompanied by Siskiyou National Forest Supervisor H. C. Obye and Rex Wilson, inspected the field and smoke jumper squad.

The freshly oiled runway met with hearty approval from the officials.

Mr. Hamilton, aviation expert, is enthusiastic over helicopter development. He hopes to see a major portion of forest fire suppression travel accomplished by helicopter. Earl Grey is scouting tentative helicopter landing fields in the Siskiyou. Improvement work is not planned for the present.

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LONG TIME  
VALLEY RESIDENT  
DIES AT 79

Louis Webb, 79, of Elk Creek, one of the best known Illinois Valleyites, died Friday, July 26 at the Josephine General Hospital after a prolonged illness.

Webb was born in Minnesota in 1867, and came to the Illinois Valley about 30 years ago. His philosophies were widely read in The News and the Grants Pass Courier under the nom de plume of 'Phil Snort,' in his frequent letters to the editors.

He is survived by his son, Verne Webb of O'Brien. His wife died last year.

Funeral services were conducted by the Grants Pass Elks lodge Tuesday, July 30 at the I.O.O.F. cemetery in Kerby.

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Four (Count 'em)  
Films At Theater  
This Week

The program at the Cave City Theater, now operating on its new schedule of six nights per week, this week features the following motion pictures:

Friday and Saturday, August 2 and 3, Cecil B. DeMille's great technicolor epic of the famous Mounties, "Northwest Mounted Police," starring Gary Cooper as a Texas Ranger on the trail of his man in Canada, and Madeleine Carroll as a nurse. Filmed in natural color, the beautiful northern scenery makes an awe-inspiring backdrop for the picture's fast action. Paulette Goddard is also featured.

Comes a double feature Saturday and Sunday, August 4 and 5, with Merle Oberon and Claude Rains in "This Love Of Ours" and another Roy Rogers vehicle, "Song Of Arizona."

An interesting feature of "Out Of This World," coming Wednesday and Thursday August 7 and 8 is Eddie Bracken's singing. Cast as a swoon-crooner, Bracken's voice has a strange Crosbyesque timbre. Could be Bing had something to do with the filming. Also starred are Diana Lynn and she with the one eye, Veronica Lake. It's a good comedy.

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COUNTY AGENT  
SVINTH APPEALS  
FOR HOP HELP

An urgent appeal for workers to help in the hop harvest was issued Monday by County Agent Jens S. Svint. Needed are 2,000 men and women for hand picking and an additional 1,000 men to operate the machines.

Harvest will begin about August 12 if the present weather holds. Rate of pay will be 3½ cents per pound and transportation will be furnished from Grants Pass to the various yards, Svint stated. Sufficient cabins and tent houses are available to house the workers.

Those interested are urged to report to their favorite hop yards or at the AAA office or to County Agent Svint's office in the courthouse.

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## UNCLE SAM AND THE FARMER

When the Supreme Being, Maker of Men, hauls off and produces an American, almost invariably He wads up a certain concentrated sense of responsibility and duty and stuffs it inside before relegating him to the mortal life. Wherever there gathers a group of Americans with a job to do—a job, that is, that MUST be done, you can bet your bottom dollar that it will be accomplished no matter what the obstacles.

Just take a look at our history. In the birth-pains of this country, just a few raggle-taggle Americans with a purpose, a job to be done, stood up to the superbly trained, well-equipped Redcoats, and because the job at hand, the carving of a free nation HAD to be done, these Americans, already inculcated with that sense of duty, chased the Redcoats clear up into Canada and made them stay there.

Another job had to be done some eighty or so years later: the Union had to be preserved, so we went to war over it and succeeded in preserving that Union.

And so it goes, through wars, strife, famine, unpleasantness of any kind, the American, with a moral responsibility unequalled in any other people, can always be counted upon to come through when the chips are down.

Thus do we doff our chapeaux to the American Farmer. The world, faced with the inevitable Apocalyptic aftermath of war: famine and starvation, looked to the American farmer to accomplish the almost superhuman task of filling its desperately hungry bellies. The American farmer rallied to the cry with characteristic American sense of duty, and came through. If we were slow in getting started, we can't blame the farmer. There were almost insurmountable obstacles in his path, and it took the country as a whole a little time to remove these tremendous barriers. But the point is, the job is there, and because he is American, the farmer's duty is plain, and he is getting it done.

The Supreme Being must certainly be satisfied with His masterpiece, the American; He, in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to further the cause of the American farmer by making it possible for him to realize a bumper crop with which to accomplish his duty to the world and therefore, because he is American, to himself.

ARMY TO RECALL  
RESERVE AND  
N. G. OFFICERS

The War Department has announced the increase in quotas, for recall to active duty, of 1,000 National Guard and Reserve officers of all grades for service with the Civil Affairs Division, an additional 40 for service with the Intelligence Division, 35 for service with Foreign Liquidation Commission, and 50 additional for service with Finance Department.

This and previous authorizations make a total of 7,589 vacancies available to officers who have gone on inactive duty or terminal leave but who desire further active duty. War Department representatives indicated that this number may be increased in the near future.

Although the War Department is authorized to recall officers to active duty without their consent during the emergency, it is desired to fill these vacancies with volunteers. Accordingly, quotas have been established to meet the needs of each of the branches of service whose personnel problems have been made acute by the rapid demobilization of the Army.

Volunteers under this program may elect to serve for an unlimited length of time or for a 12, 18 or 24 month period. The War Department, recognizing that such volunteer officers should have some degree of assurance that their services will be utilized for the entire period for which they

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## TEMPERATURE

The following temperature chart is compiled from official records at the Redwood Ranger Station, Cave Junction.

| Day       | July   | Hi | Lo |
|-----------|--------|----|----|
| Friday    | 26     | 83 | 62 |
| Saturday  | 27     | 84 | 51 |
| Sunday    | 28     | 80 | 53 |
| Monday    | 29     | 78 | 53 |
| Tuesday   | 30     | 72 | 56 |
| Wednesday | 31     | 88 | 44 |
| Thursday  | Aug. 1 | 97 | 50 |

LOCAL RESIDENT  
PASSES IN  
CRESCENT CITY

Charles G. Kappenstein, 81, resident of Cave Junction, passed away in Knapp Hospital, Crescent City today at 4 a. m. Mr. Kappenstein had been in the hospital for the last two months.

He leaves his widow, Lida Kappenstein; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Bracey; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed, but the remains will be brought to Cave Junction and buried in the I.O.O.F. cemetery in Kerby. It is believed the funeral will be Saturday afternoon; however this is not definite at this time.

Herbert Falkenhayn and Charles Bracey went to Crescent City today to bring Mr. Kappenstein home, not knowing he had passed away early this morning. The Kappenstein home is on the Caves Highway, and Mrs. Kappenstein has been living with Mrs. Bracey during her husband's illness.

Mrs. Kappenstein has been living here since 1933, Mr. Kappenstein joining her in 1939.

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GUEST SPEAKER AT  
WOMAN'S CLUB  
SAT., AUGUST 10

Mrs. C. F. Pruess of Grants Pass will present a book review at the next meeting of the O'Brien Women's Club on August 10, to be held at the home of Mrs. Robert F. Oliphant at Esterly Mine.

This is one of the annual club events to which members and their guests look forward. The meeting will begin promptly at two o'clock.

So you're a sportsman. Then drown out that campfire with water. Keep Oregon Green.

NEXT JAYCEE  
MEETING AT  
RUSTIC INN

The next meeting of the Illinois Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held next Monday evening, August 5, at Ye Rustic Inn on the Redwoods Highway. Meeting will start at 7:30.

Stan Bennett, Safety and Public Health Director, has arranged a program featuring Dr. Osgood of Grants Pass as guest speaker, and a motion picture presented by Harold Bowerman, local Forest Ranger. This promises to be well worth while for the Jaycees, and all members and prospective members are urged to attend.

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COUNTY FAIR OPENS  
SEPT. 19 WITH  
TRAIL CENTENNIAL

The Applegate Trail Centennial celebration will mark the beginning of the 25th annual Josephine County fair, the first to be held in five years. The fair which is planned for September 19 thru 22, is well on its way to becoming the biggest and best ever, according to D. D. Dahl, secretary-manager of the fair board.

Marking the trail with signs bearing the inscription "Applegate Trail" from the vicinity of Merlin straight through to the fairgrounds where the original trail runs, blazed by Jesse and Lindsay Applegate through Oregon in 1846, will be members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Timber Riders, and any other residents of the county wishing to participate in the marking. All will be in the full regalia of pioneer. It is hoped by the fair board that the residents of the county on the whole, will be wholeheartedly behind the "pioneer days" idea. To make this four-day celebration successful it will require the support of all. The Grants Pass Junior Chamber of Commerce, a live wire organization, has pledged full cooperation with the fair, centennial trail march, and "hoped for" rodeo and dance.

Horse-drawn vehicles, horsebackers and those who aspire the pioneer days and action of the historical past will enjoy this, one of the greatest of all planned celebrations in the country.

## Long Parade Planned

The parade, which will probably be one of the longest the city has ever had occasion to witness, will be held Saturday, September 21. Participants will assemble at the courthouse and march to M street. Prizes will be awarded for the organization best depicting the trail, for the most cleverly rigged horse, the most well-costumed persons and numerous other prizes for entries have been arranged for.

A feature of the parade will be the kids' part in it. Costumed pets will be more than welcome and the youngsters wishing to enter on decorated scooters, bicycles, tricycles and any other mode of travel will add to the success and attractiveness of the parade. Instead of disbanding at M street, the youngsters will continue on to the City Park where the Jaycees will serve treats to all. In the kids' division of the parade, special prizes will also be awarded. All awards for parade entries will be donated by Grants Pass merchants.

An attraction of the fair itself will be equipment belonging to the United States Army Air Corps. Nine 10-ton trailer units will arrive in Grants Pass loaded with equipment for demonstrations. The demonstrations to be given will include the operation of booby traps, weather equipment, guns, radio equipment, Japanese paraphernalia, parachutes, military gear of all types. These several occasions and should prove special manifestations have been exhibited on the west coast of interest to all, as they made history during World War II. This exhibition will be a special feature of the U. S. Army Recruiting Service.

Organizations, fraternal, patriotic, or otherwise, have an opportunity to operate concession

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Local Grangers  
Pick Picnic Date:  
Next Sunday

The Illinois Valley Grange will hold its annual picnic next Sunday, August 4 at Grayback Forest Camp.

All members are urged to attend, and families and friends are welcome. Please bring basket lunch, your own table service and sugar if you use it in your coffee. Cream will be furnished by the grange.

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G. P. FLORAL  
GROUP SHOW  
THIS WEEK END

(REA)—Exhibiting the colorful gladiolus in Grants Pass is something on the order of displaying shiny lumps of coal in Newcastle—but that's what the Grants Pass Glad Society will do this weekend of August 2 and 3.

Before the war the society always sponsored an annual "glad show" for its members and other local producers of this gladiolus center and this year it invites all visitors and residents to attend its show at the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce. Producers will show single spikes of a number of new varieties which came into prominence during the war and some of their own new seedlings.

And furthermore—Grants Pass, as its contribution to postwar gaiety and lingual confusion, invites all and sundry to try to say "Grants Pass Glads" ten times rapidly without getting the three words all tangled up into something like "Grants Prass Gads." There's a tongue-twister that's as purty as a Grants Pass Glad!

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Social Security  
Expert in Grants Pass  
Wednesday, August 7

Carl D. Monroe, manager of the Eugene office of the Social Security Administration, will be in Grants Pass Wednesday, August 7. Monroe may be reached at the office of the United States Employment Service from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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## CLINIC NEWS

At the last clinic, July 24, 6 medical patients were examined; 3 tuberculin tests given.

The clinic is held in the American Legion hall every second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

NOTICE—No clinic will be held August 14, as Dr. Osgood will be away on his vacation. Next regular clinic at the Legion hall will be August 28, 10 to 3.

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## In This Corner . . .

We attended the special JayCee meeting Monday night, at which there were just enough attending to make a good poker game. Nearly all members were notified, but most were "too busy" to attend. As a matter of fact, the members who WERE there were also too busy, but they have enough pride in their community to TAKE the time. The JayCees are doing their level best to live up to the reputation set by other chapters, and they can accomplish plenty if some of you guys would take it upon yourselves to expend more effort in getting to the meetings and less in figuring out excuses for not being there. Some officers and directors whose JayCee duties are important, haven't been to a meeting for several weeks. Members and officers who do attend regularly are willing to do their jobs, but we'll be damned if we're going to shoulder the burdens of the lackadaisical guys who just drop around when they haven't anything else to do. At least think up some better excuses—those old ones aren't so hot. So if the shoe fits, slip it on and get on the ball . . .

Alter Ego.