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Weekly Letter

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH

The operation of the House of Representatives is largely dependent upon the efficient and intelligent action of the legislative committees. Apparently, the entire legislative process was considerably improved by the rules set forth in the reorganization bill and adopted by the 80th Congress.

The principal improvement was the reduction of the number of committees by more than half and by providing each committee with a very high grade staff.



Harris Ellsworth

Representative Charles A. Wollerton of New Jersey, who is chairman of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, on which I am serving, has adopted two procedural policies which are not only brand new in the history of Congress, but which, in my opinion, should be adopted by all of our committees.

The first and the most important of the two innovations is the closed meeting sessions of the committee with the heads of agencies and departments whose legislation is under our jurisdiction. A full day is allotted to each such meeting. The department and agency heads thus have an opportunity to become acquainted with the members of the committee, and the members of the committee have an opportunity to hear a full statement of the work of the agency, and in several cases, the agencies have suggested legislation. Thus far, we have met with the Federal Communications Commission, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Federal Trade Commission and the Civil Aeronautics Administration. Next week we will interview the Federal Security Agency, the Securities Exchange Commission, the Railroad Retirement Board, and some bureau heads from both the Interior Department and the Department of Commerce. The second innovation is one that is of particular interest to the Members of Congress, but which is important in the legislative process. Each Monday, all members of the House who have introduced bills which have been referred to our committee are invited to appear before the committee and explain their bills. These appearances (Please turn to last page—)

TEACHERS' GROUP
ELECTS OFFICERS IN
WEDNESDAY BANQUET

The newly-formed Kerby Teachers' Association held its first meeting with a banquet held at the Woodland Inn Wednesday night, March 13, with 21 members present.

Officers elected for the coming year were J. R. Bailey, president; Mrs. Irene Cribb, vice president; Mrs. Lorna Byrne, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Mabel Ballard, program and entertainment chairman.

Attending the initial meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dove, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cribb, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. John Pickett, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Appy, Mrs. Mabel Ballard, Mrs. Lorna Byrne, Miss Edith Hileman, Mrs. Ruth S. Hoyt, William Howe, Mrs. M. L. Ingham and Mrs. Julia Williams.

The organizations will hold meetings each month during the school term, and speakers and entertainment to be arranged under the direction of committees headed by Mrs. Ballard.

At the close of the banquet, members present enjoyed an evening of dancing.

DON'T FORGET

Old Maid's Dance. Sponsored by Home Extension Unit, Saturday, March 22, Bridgeview Grange Hall.

You Pays
Your Money . . .

Shure, Michael O'Malley, and did ye hear that the Illinois Valley Grange would be rememberin' our St. Patrick by sponsorin' a big shindig next Saturday?

And would ye be tellin' all the sons of the auld sod to drop their shillelaghs and grab their colleens and come out to the Illinois Valley Grange hall to trip a bit o' the light fantastic.

And fer the love o' Mike, don't forget to be wearin' of the green. Green ties, green dresses, green shirts or britches—the more green the better.

Date, Saturday, March 15. Place, Illinois Valley Grange Hall. And the usual good music and good eats.

WEAR GREEN!

D. S. RIGEL CELEBRATES
OCTOGENARIAN
ANNIVERSARY

D. S. Rigel of Cave Junction was honored on his 80th birthday Sunday with a birthday dinner given by Mrs. Rigel, who passed his anniversary March 6 shared the guest of honor seat with his daughter, Mrs. Neva Moore of Rogue River, whose birthday fell on March 7.

The dinner was climaxed with the serving of a lovely birthday cake, all white with red and green decorations.

Children present for the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Moore of Rogue River, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rigel of Cave Junction, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Rigel and Irven of Williams, Orville Rigel of Cave Junction, Sam Rigel of Klamath Falls. Grandchildren present were Charles, Glen, Maxine and Teddy Rigel of Cave Junction; Dan, Raymond, Audrey, Olga, Howard and Kenneth Rigel of Grants Pass; Jimmie of Williams; Neil and Stanley Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hargitt of Rogue River; and great-granddaughter Goldie Hargitt.

Other friends present were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hargitt and son Roscoe of Rogue River; Buddy Byers of Klamath Falls; Mrs. Mary Moore of Rogue River.

BUD GREGG DIES
OF INJURIES AFTER
CYCLE ACCIDENT

Injuries suffered March 5 in a motorcycle accident caused the death of John C. (Bud) Gregg, 24, of Selma, at the Josephine General hospital last Monday night, March 10.

A son, John Clark Jr., was born at the hospital the day following his injuries. Bud's condition was so serious he didn't realize the son had been born.

Gregg, a resident of Selma for the past ten years was employed as a truck driver for the Frost Lumber Co. He was born in Oklahoma November 17, 1923.

Funeral services, under the direction of Hull & Hull, will be held Saturday, March 15, 2 p. m., at the Selma Community Church, with the Rev. Spencer Johnson officiating.

CALIFORNIAN
BUYS McCracken's
VARIETY STORE

Mrs. Adelaide Lusk, recently of Santa Rosa, California, today purchased the McCracken's Variety Store in Cave Junction from Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McCracken.

Mr. and Mrs. McCracken have operated the store for more than two years, having started the business in November, 1944. They have resided in the Valley for more than 13 years. They operated a restaurant in the Althouse district for about five years, after residing in the Deer Creek Valley for another five years. They arrived there from Los Angeles in March, 1934.

Mrs. Lusk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, recently purchased a home in Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. McCracken, their home in Cave Junction, will remain in the Valley.

'In Old Louisiana,' Kerbyhi
Operetta, Here Tuesday

The entire music department of the Kerby High School will present a musical comedy in three acts, "In Old Louisiana," Tuesday, March 18 at the high school auditorium.

Under the direction of J. L. Jameson, the operetta, written by the famous team of May Hewes Dodge and John Wilson Dodge, will feature Lennis Johnson and Beverly Hyden in starring roles, supported by Keith Haggard and Peggy Monroe in top singing parts.

The scene of the story is Sans Souci, a sugar plantation in Louisiana a few years before the Civil War, and deals with the trials and tribulations of a Mississippi River pilot and his adopted daughter.

Jameson aided in the production by Louise Mansfield, director of speaking parts; Joan Halley, musical director; Mrs. Appy, dramatic director; Helen Sullivan, program and publicity chairman; and Connie Green, stage manager.

Cast of Characters

OLD NED	DALE DICKERSON
(A colored servant)	
ROSE	BEVERLY HYDEN
(Pilot Farley's adopted daughter)	
RICHARD ST. JOHN	KEITH HAGGARD
(A young planter)	
SIMON SCUDDER	EDWARD BREAZEAL
(Pilot Farley's Overseer)	
HOLLY TIMMS	LEGEANE BROWN
(A shady lawyer from New Orleans)	
JACK MARTIN	LARRY TABOR
(A friend of Scudder's from New Orleans)	
MARTHA ST. JOHN	PEGGY MONROE
(Richard's sister)	
MONTY GRAY	JOHN DAVID
(A friend of Richard's from the North)	
PILOT ROBERT FARLEY	LENNIS JOHNSON
(Pilot on the good Steamer 'Eclipse'—Owner of the Sans Souci sugar plantation)	
JUDY	DOROTHY BROCKMILLER
(Old Ned's wife, the best cook in Louisiana)	
MARQUIS DE LA TOUR	RONALD DREWS
(From Bordeaux, France)	
BRUCE MacDOUGAL	BILL KRAUSS
(The county sheriff)	

The Chorus

Roberta Ayris
Georgia Boling
Lois Brewold
Dorothy Brockmiller
Arlene Builes
Marcheta Campbell
Betty Ann Clark
Darlene Cooper
Beverly Dick
Mary Elizabeth Dysart
Mary England
Joan Erickson
Barbetta Farlien
Joan Galland
Georgia Goldsby
Naomi Gran
Connie Green
Mary Lou Hammer
Dolores Hayes
Wanda Howard
Mary Ellen Kenyon
Louise Mansfield
Jean McKennon
Louise Merrill
Diana Morey
Shirley O'Dell
Shirley O'Brien
Billie Plumlee
Thelma Plumlee
Arlene Prairie
Joan Rauber
Theta Robinson
Margaret Smith
Helen Sullivan
Dorothy Wurn

Marguerite York
Joan Holly
Viola Robinson
Sharley Keiver
Betty Woodcock
Mary Budd
Gerry Shulz
Glenda Manda
Donna Mack
John Black
Bob Chase
Douglas Holly
Harry Kellert
Myron Marchant
Don Munro
Paul Sherier
Lloyd Webb
Richard Willis
Bill Pope
Bill Rauber
Buddy Morre
Glen Overstreet
Edd Radcliff

The Orchestra

John David
Glen Overstreet
Maxine Larson
Joan Galland
Larry Tabor
Al Erickson
Ernie Hamilton
Louise Mansfield
Mary England
Freddie McConnell
Arlene Prairie
Elizabeth Mellow

TAKILMA NEWSIES

By Mrs. L. G. Aller

BACK HOME

Lewis Monroe of the Happy Camp road is home and all settled down with his wife and baby. He is working at the Brewold Pine mill. Welcome home, Lewis!

IN HOSPITAL

Dan Doney is in the Josephine General hospital with pneumonia. Lives over near Esterly's with his mama and papa. Hope you get home soon, Don.

NO, NOT VERY

The Eggers family has moved from Takilma to O'Brien—but but that's not far!

CALIF. VISITORS

Ruth and Bert were surprised Friday with a visit from Ruth's brother, Fred Rutherford and Ernie Bieglieund from North Hollywood. Fred was very much interested in this county in spite of the storm we had all the time he was here, and started pricing acreage before he returned south. Fred is interested in sheep.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Leslie Aller was feted with a birthday party Monday, March 10. Many friends and neighbors arrived bearing lovely gifts in time to eat fried chicken and birthday cake. Happy birthday, Lena Belle, may you have many more.

SOUNDS GOOD

Gille not only raises rabbits, but eats them too! A bunch of Upper Illinois Riverites got together Sunday and helped him sample two of his choicest ones. Thanks, Gille, they surely were good!

SON VISITS

Victor McGuire of Pasadena, California, was a visitor in Takilma last week. We was here visiting his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Al McGuire of the "Old Owen Place."

HERE FROM ALASKA

Don Johnson is here from Fairbanks, Alaska. We understand Don is going to settle down now and go to work for Webb.

NEWEST NEWCOMER

John Dingman, formerly of Chehalis, Washington, is our newest newcomer. John is an old friend and buddy of Al Hobart's and is "batching" with Al again on the Upper Illinois River. Being an expert edgerman, the Lone Pine mill at O'Brien was very glad to put him to work at once.

FORMER RESIDENTS HERE

Al and Ruth Williams, old Takilmans, were in the Valley last week end visiting relatives and friends. Al and Ruth are living in Myrtle Creek now.

... And You
Takes Your Choice

Well, podner, if yer lookin' fer a real rootin' tootin' old fashioned good time, come out to the openin' Barn Dance out on the Rockydale road Saturday night, March 15.

Those fellers who just started this here Rockydale Ridin' Club are givin' a real live and genu-wine dance with all the swing-yer-pardners you could ask fer. They're gonna have reels, square dances, and by gum, the real Paul Jones. Besides, you can look fer door prizes and prize dances to top off a swell evenin'.

This here place is at the first ranch out on the Rockydale road; you can't miss it. You'd better not if yer lookin' fer a good time.

And besides, the Rockydale Riding Club is sponsoring a hepteen-age dance at the same place next Wednesday, March 19. This one is for you right guys to bring your date bait.

LEGION DRILL TEAM
INITIATES DISTAFF
POST AT CENTRAL PT.

The drill team of the Glenn Morrison Post, American Legion, drove to Central Point Monday night, March 11, to initiate the first all-woman Legion post in Oregon. The post is known as All-Women Post No. 13.

Led by Less Henry, captain of the local installation body, members of the drill team in initiating the 13 ladies of the post were Clem Arnold, Art Kellert, Blake Miller, Bert Badden, Maurice Sauer, Nat Wooley and John David.

Other members of the Illinois Valley group witnessing the ceremonies were Mrs. Bert Badden, Mrs. A. Kellert, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hartwell, Ralph Huber, Millie Tetethen, Del Clark, Harold Mauk, Mrs. B. L. Miller, Irene McCasland, Harry Brillhart and R. A. Burgoon.

Officers were installed by District Commander Harry Pilcher, assisted by the Department Vice Commander.

Red Cross Class
Is Graduated

The American Red Cross First Aid class at Selma was graduated Friday, March 7, with Mrs. Clara Hammer receiving an Advanced First Aid rating; Mrs. Mary Pierce, Mrs. Flossie Hamilton, Mildred Harvey, Doyl Hamilton and William Holsinger will receive Standard First Aid cards. Lewis Krauss, Robert Pierce and Robert Hammer will receive Junior First Aid cards.

Mrs. Beulah Hamilton, George Morey and Harold Bowerman were instructors for the class.

The Selma Emergency Highway First Aid station has been reactivated under the supervision of William Holsinger, with Mildred Harvey as his assistant. The station is located at Holsinger's Log Cabin tourist camp just north of the Deer Creek bridge on the Redwood highway.

Plans were also announced this week for first aid stations at Wolf Creek and the Oregon Caves, to be opened this summer.

The equipment and supplies for the emergency stations are financed by your contributions to the American Red Cross. The station attendant's time is donated.

Support your local chapter by a liberal donation during the current drive.

4-H Beef Club
To Hold Dinner

An Achievement dinner will be held at the Illinois Valley Grange hall by the 4-H Beef Club Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30 p. m., with all present and last year's members invited to attend.

A short business meeting will be held, with reports and entertainment. The assistant County Agent will be out to get acquainted with club members and folks here.

LOCALS

By EDITH FARLIEN

BACK FROM MINNESOTA

Ray and Alice Sues and baby Steven have returned from their trip to Minnesota. Did you have a nice trip, kids?

TO PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Kellar and son "Butch" were called to Portland because of the death of a friend. Our sympathy to you folks.

WHY BRING THAT UP

Eunice Sudbury in Grants Pass on business last week. Did you see any cops, pal?

BETTER BE

Al Hembree, looking very lonesome. Don't worry Al—Polly will be back soon.

LUCKY GALS

Polly Hembree and Y. T. flew down to L. A. last Monday. A little rough in spots, but the trip was fine!

SUCH A JOB!

Charlie Fisher, killing time and dreading to help his partner unload a truck of lumber.

POSSIBLY

Wonder why Larry and Jay Carter left their car parked downtown? Could it be that a 'minion of the law' was close around, girls?

SURE; GOOD TOO

"Editor" and Jean gathering in the supply of groceries. Did you remember everything, Jean?

GOTTA MOVE FAST

Mrs. E. H. York in Grants Pass on business. "Pappy" says he has a time trying to keep up with her.

WE WILL

Just ask some of the Odd Fellows how long their "meeting" lasted Tuesday night.

BACK FROM WASH.

Earl Yocom, originally from Aberdeen, Washington and now from Eugene, is back at the Oregon Caves mill as construction millwright. Glad to have you back, fellow.

Selma News

By AUNT HATTIE

BUD GREGG DIES

Bud Gregg, who was injured in a motorcycle accident March 5, died Monday evening, March 10, without regaining consciousness. He is survived by his wife, Jean; a son, born March 6; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gregg; a sister, Mrs. Pete Cross; and a host of friends.

The accident occurred on the Thompson Creek road.

WEEK END IN CALIF.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Weiss spent the week end in Montague, California.

VISITING HERE

A. D. Pope arrived last week from Chicago and points east for a visit with friends and relatives.

INFANT PASSES

The month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McNeal passed away Sunday morning. The sympathy of the community goes out to the young couple. Their loss is Heaven's gain.

Social Security Expert
In Grants Pass Wed.

Oscar L. Donaldson, Jr., a representative of the Eugene office of the Social Security Administration, will be in Grants Pass Wednesday, March 19, 1947. Donaldson may be reached at the Oregon State Employment Service in Grants Pass from 8:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.

In This Corner . . .

GIVE
1947 FUND

... Alter Ego.