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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Washington Weekly Letter

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This is written just prior to my departure for Oregon. It will probably be printed after I am home. The special session is ending, but the next regular session will begin immediately after the first of the year. Any unfinished business will be delayed only a couple of weeks by the adjournment.

The President called this special session to consider and act on interim emergency aid for Europe. The aid bill was passed and the appropriation made. He also asked that something be done to curb rising prices and inflation. Most of us think that portion of the special session call was pure politics. He lifted the weight from the shoulders of the administration and tossed it to the Republican controlled Congress, knowing full well, I am sure, that Congress could not complete action on two such important problems in the few short weeks of the special session. In the house, we (the Republicans) did make an effort to adopt the first four points of his 10-point program with a promise that consideration would be given the remainder later. The effort was defeated. Not one single member of the Democratic side of the house voted for the bill.

I have lately picked up some seemingly reliable information regarding Russian development of high velocity rocket missiles. Strangely enough, this development might be the solution of the now almost forgotten mystery of the "flying saucers."

The Russians are reported to have developed a rocket having amazing speed and almost limitless distance. It is propelled by a series of explosions occurring several seconds apart. Each successive explosion shoots the missile forward at increased speed. Apparently the charges are packed separately and are held apart by metal discs. As each charge is fired, the metal disc is discharged like an empty cartridge shell is ejected from an automatic rifle. The discs are made of thin metal and possibly disintegrate in the air not long after they are ejected.

Could it be possible that the mysterious flying saucers were in fact metal discs from the tail of one of these super-speed rockets? If so, were the rockets experimental ones fired by our own scientists—or if you want to really stretch your imagination, were the discs from non-explosive rockets from Russian proving grounds?

This weekly letter from Washington will be resumed in January. Meanwhile, my best wishes to all for a very happy Christmas and holiday season—and a cheerful New Year.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The O'Brien school under the leadership of Mrs. Norma Burrows, gave their Christmas program Friday, December 19. Mothers and children enjoyed the beautiful tree furnished by Mr. Aguilar. Mrs. Aguir and Mrs. McConnell gave Christmas readings. Mrs. Wilson, the school nurse entertained with a puppet show. A small Santa in red coat, a Humpty Dumpty and the mock turtle performed amusingly. The school children gave a lovely little pageant. Santa himself came and distributed gifts from the tree. The Elks of Grants Pass gave each child a bag of sweets and oranges. The children said "Thank You," to all helpers.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Rev. D. H. Burger invites everyone in the valley to attend "Watch Night Service" New Year's Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 31. The service will start promptly at 8 p. m., and continue until midnight.

O'BRIEN SAYS:

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stewart spent Christmas with the Hubert Peningers at Moore's mill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lester Shaw have gone to Mena, Arkansas, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson met their daughter Marcia at Grants Pass. She is home from college to spend Christmas with her parents.

Leo Slanaker is at home recuperating from his operation in Good Samaritan hospital at Portland.

The George Alcorn family has gone to Arizona for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Hoyt are leaving for California to spend the holidays with the latter's mother.

Miss Gertrude Hearing of Medford, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Hearing at Lone Mt. Valley. They all were guests at a Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. Ruby Thompson.

Party for Lugt Family

The members of the O'Brien community gave a farewell social for Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lugt and son George, Saturday, December 13th at the O'Brien store. The Lugts have gone to Los Angeles to spend Christmas with their daughter. Early in the year they expect to set sail for Holland to visit friends and relatives not seen since they came to this country some 26 years ago. When they have completed business settlements there they expect to return to this west coast. Their many friends wish them a pleasant trip and will welcome a speedy return. Friends gave them a handsome piece of luggage for use on their trip.

New Motor Transportation Code in Effect January 1

The new Motor Transportation Code which goes into effect on January 1, 1948, is a radical change from the present system of truck license fees.

The Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association is sponsoring a meeting to be held in the circuit court room, second floor, of Josephine County court house, Grants Pass, at 2 p. m. on Saturday, December 20th.

C. B. Walker, field auditor for the Public Utilities Commissioner of Oregon will be at the meeting to explain the mechanics of the new motor transportation code and to answer questions on it.

JAYCEES ENTERTAIN 300 CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Last Tuesday afternoon, the Illinois Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce gave a Christmas party for more than 300 children of the valley at the Ivy theater.

The children saw a good Red Ryder picture and a couple of shorts and each child was presented with a bag of candy.

DECORATED TREES WIN CASH PRIZES

The \$10 and \$5 cash prize money given by Samuel J. Miller for the best decorated Christmas trees in the valley went to Sam Bunch of Bridgeview, first prize, and Dr. A. N. Collman, second.

Many beautiful decorated trees were in stores, homes, churches, but trees were only judged from the highway, as it would have been impossible to cover the area from Hays hill, Takilma, Holland, O'Brien and return.

Annual Meeting of the Tree Farm Association

The annual meeting of the Southern Oregon Conservation & Tree Farm association will be held January 6, at 7 p. m. at Chalkers.

At this meeting three new directors for the association will be elected and other business will be transacted. Also the aims and purposes of the International Order of Hoo-Hoo will be explained.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cawker left for their home in Burns, after spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Zapf and other relatives in Grants Pass.

COMING ATTRACTIONS AT IVY THEATER

Starring Spencer Tracy and telling one of the most thrilling stories in the history of American journalism, "Stanley and Livingstone" will be seen Friday and Saturday nights at the Ivy theater, to thrill audiences anew with its astounding drama of adventure. It tells the story of a newspaper reporter's celebrated search for missionary-explorer Dr. David Livingstone thru darkest Africa.

"Sinbad the Sailor," a fable in technicolor, comes Sunday and Monday, with Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., in the stellar role, who performs with spirit and agility comparable to his father's fame and in the same type of film, a fable from the "Arabian Nights."

A special attraction for Wednesday and Thursday, the Louisville-Walcott championship fight pictures will be shown and all sport fans will get a bang out of this picture.

Also on the same program is Eddie Dean in "Driftin' River." Eddie will easily fulfill his obligations to the movie fans in this Western. Roscoe Ates and Bill Fawcett round out the comic ends, with attractive Shirley Patterson providing the feminine angle. You will enjoy the western songs, "Driftin' River," and "Way Back in Oklahoma."

HEALTH CLINIC

Dr. S. B. Osgood gave the following tests and examinations at the clinic held in the Legion hall: Five DPT immunizations; 2 adult examinations; 2 pre-school children examined; one school child inspected; one smallpox vaccination; one diphtheria immunization; one whooping cough immunization and two babies examined. The next clinic will be held the second Wednesday in January, which is the 14th.

Mrs. A. M. Zapf, of Al's Radio shop, transacted business in Medford and Grants Pass the first of the week.

St. John's Day Dinner Held Last Saturday

The annual St. John's Day dinner was observed last Saturday noon in the Masonic temple at Kerby for Belt Lodge No. 18, A. F. & A. M., and Western Star Chapter No. 64, Order of the Eastern Star for over 80 members and guests.

In the morning Belt Lodge installed their new officers for the coming year, and in the afternoon, after dinner, the Eastern Stars installed their officers.

At the dinner, members of the recently formed Job's Daughters made the dinner more pleasant with their smiling faces and attentive way they waited on the guests and members of the two orders. The young ladies deserved all the praise they received.

Those installed by Belt Lodge:

Scott Turner, W. M.
Claude Masters, S. W.
George Morey, J. W.
Freeling Sawyer, Treasurer.
Harold Bowerman, Secretary.
Kenneth Robinson, S. D.
Phil Sawyer, J. D.
Dave White, S. S.
George Logan, J. S.
Arthur Kellert, Chaplain.
George Martin, Marshal and Bill George, Tyler, were not present to be installed.

Those installed by the Eastern Star were:

Naomi Seat, W. M.
Jack Rogers, W. P.
Emily Kellert, A. M.
Arthur Kellert, A. P.
Barbara Robinson, Assoc. Cond.
Ruth Masters, Treasurer.
May Loyd, Secretary.
Edith Hall, Ada.
Alberta Budd, Ruth.
Dorothy Doran, Esther.
Lucille Keller, Martha.
Dorothea Reynolds, Electa.
Ruth Terrel, Marshal.
Helen Fale, Warder.

Joy Badden, Conductress, Leta James, Organist and Geo Wells, Sentinel, were not present to be installed.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE AT GRANGE

The Illinois Valley Grange will hold a New Year's Eve dance at the Bridgeview Grange hall, Wednesday evening, December 31st.

This dance will eclipse all others given this year, and everyone who attends is assured of a real good time, and the Grange ladies will have a special midnight lunch. Dance the Old Year out and the New Year in, Wednesday night.

ROUGH & READY RAMBLERS ENJOY ANOTHER OUTING

On Friday, December 12, the Trail Riders met at the home of Mrs. Walt Goldsby. A brief outdoor meeting was held with President Ethel Banta officiating, for the purpose of selecting a new name for the organization.

The flag for the drill team is to be ordered shortly and the P. R. for Trail Riders would be the same as those of other riding groups in this area, so it was decided that the name be changed to "Rough and Ready Ramblers" in order to get the 3R's for a banner. With seven members present, horses and riders were lined up and pictures taken. Then the ride started up Reeves creek with lunch enjoyed at the old Sauer homestead. The riders then continued up McMullen creek and past the old Baird ranch.

The Ramblers and their mounts participating were Ethel Banta, on Clipper; Marie Smith, on Red Wing; Opal Hill on Tuffy; Leah Fowler, on Gayze; Barbara Trefethen, on Pony; Donnis Goldsby, on Tears; and Georgia Goldsby, on Domino.



Oh, glad New Year, take not these things from me—
The olden faiths; the shining loyalty
Of friends the long and searching years have proved;
The glowing hearthfire, and the books I loved;
All wonted kindnesses and welcoming—
All sure, hardtrodden paths to which I cling.
Oh, blithe New Year, gay with the thrill of Spring—
Leave me the ways that were my comforting!

—Laura Simmons.