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Washington
Weekly Letter

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH

The so-called interim aid bill was passed by the House of Representatives without a record vote. The action indicates there was no very great opposition to the bill, or a rollcall vote would have been demanded by those who opposed.

The original bill as reported by the committee was amended on the floor to some extent, but such amendments did not alter either the basic purpose and principles of the bill, or the money authorized. I presented one amendment on the floor which was adopted. I had observed that Section 10 of the bill gave the President such broad powers that he could use that section as authority for instituting price control and rationing. My amendment put a proviso in the section which declares that nothing in the Act shall be deemed to authorize the President to make any regulations relative to production, prices or allocating of commodities within the United States.

In previous letters, I have discussed long-range economic aid to Europe, which is generally referred to as the "Marshall Plan." I pointed out that Secretary Marshall made a short and concise statement to the effect that the countries of Europe would have to put themselves in shape to restore their own economic system before expecting aid from us. The Secretary's statement is the only expression by this government regarding European economic rehabilitation. The countries of Europe proceeded quickly to make their own interpretation and submitted a report containing pledges of what they intended to do. Thus far, they have done very little toward keeping that series of seven pledges.

Realizing that we are about to accept the European interpretation of Secretary Marshall's statement, I introduced a resolution which, if adopted, would constitute a statement by Congress saying, with reference to the Marshall statement, that "appraisals of need and statements of intent shall not be considered sufficient basis for action by the United States, but that such statements must be supported by formal actions by participating governments before the United States can undertake any program of economic aid."

Such a resolution should be adopted now. If we wait until next spring before we inform the nations of Europe that we expect them to do certain things, their compliance and the recovery program will be that much delayed. It is certain that whatever long-range Marshall Plan legislation is enacted, it will carry a list of requirements which the participating countries must meet. I have asked the Foreign Affairs committee to give me a hearing on my resolution, and I believe I will have an opportunity to present my arguments to that committee in the near future.

The Republican inflation control legislation is expected on the floor of the House soon. It will not give authorization for the creation of another OPA, but will approve three or four of the President's ten-point program, which included price control and rationing. Rumors on Capitol Hill, as this letter is written, are to the effect that the President has stated he will insist upon all ten points of his program.

BIRTHDAYS OBSERVED
ON CHRISTMAS DAY

It was a very auspicious occasion at the home of Mrs. C. G. Morris, Caves highway, on Christmas Day. She was observing her own birthday, but most important the birthday of her great granddaughter, little Miss Sherien Ashurst, a Christmas baby also, born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ashurst at Prescott, Arizona.

CITY COUNCIL TO MEET
NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

The Common Council of the City of Cave Junction will hold their regular monthly meeting, Monday evening, January 12th at 8 p. m. Those interested are invited to attend.

COMING ATTRACTIONS
AT IVY THEATER

One of those rare motion pictures that strike an understanding chord on the part of moviegoers, comes Friday and Saturday with Van Johnson and June Allyson in "High Barbaree."

The story opens with a starkly tense sequence in which Van's plane, riddled by a Jap submarine, is forced down on the desolate South Pacific. After a series of flashbacks the narrative unfolds his childhood romance with Nancy Fraser, his ambition to become a doctor. The means by which in the end he is reunited with his childhood sweetheart and his resolve to return to the medical career, makes for a drama of compelling intensity and emotional impact.

Sunday and Monday, Loretta Young in "The Farmers Daughter," with Joseph Cotten. The story revolves around the political adventures of Katie, a farm girl, after she enters the employ of young Congressman Morley and his mother as a maid. Katie is involved in a scandal but it takes the strong arms of Glenn and her three brothers to expose the mongers and clean the way for Katie's victory at the polls and her happiness with Glenn.

Wednesday and Thursday, "The Jewels of Brandenburg," a picture thrill packed with intrigue and mystery action. It is good entertainment from start to finish.

"That's My Gal," is the second feature with Donald Barry and Lynne Roberts. This also is a picture of a picture and you will enjoy it.

Prominent Orchestra To
Furnish Dance Music

A treat is in store for those tripping the light fantastic next Saturday, January 10, at the Legion dance, for one of the big orchestras will furnish the music.

In order to get this Legion orchestra it is necessary that the public show they want it, and next Saturday night will tell the tale. Dancing will start at 9:30 and the Auxiliary ladies will have a midnight lunch.

Boy Scouts
Court of Honor

Troup 20, Boy Scouts of America is one year old January 6th and has had a very successful year. Starting with 22 members, all of Tenderfoot rank, the membership soon raised to 48 and at the close of the first year has 35 active members. The Troup consists of 18 First Class, 6 Second Class, 10 Tenderfoot and 1 Star Scout. Several merit badges have been earned by the first class Scouts.

On Thursday, January 15, a Court of Honor will be conducted at the American Legion hall when awards will be made to 7 First Class, 4 Second Class, and 1 Star Scout. Other awards will be merit badges to 5 boys and 12 one year perfect attendance badges.

Everyone is welcome to attend this Court of Honor and the parents are particularly urged to be present.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
TO MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

The Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce will meet next Tuesday evening at the Woodland Inn at 8 o'clock p. m. Tickets can be secured from Herb Drews, Tony Boucher and Mrs. Frank Rauber.

BELT LODGE TO MEET
SATURDAY NIGHT

A special meeting has been called by Worshipful Master Scott Turner for Saturday night, January 10th. There will be degree work, and refreshments after the lodge closes. All visiting brethren are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowerman returned home last Monday from Campbell, California, where they spent a few days over the New Year holidays. They took Mrs. Bowerman's mother, Mrs. Myrtle O'Neil to the bay city to visit relatives for the winter.

Mrs. Sharlet Slack was taken to the Grants Pass hospital last week seriously ill.

Flood Produces
One Fatality
In Valley

The recent high water resulted from 4.79 inches of rain in 23 hours. Snow in the low foothills also increased the sudden run-off. Clearing skies have removed the threat of additional damage.

Seven families, marooned by the high water, were evacuated by boats and trucks manned by crews from the valley. The household equipment of an absentee family was also moved to high ground. Their property included 13 chickens until one hen objected to the handling and took off on her own. This was her undoing and she went down for the third and last time.

The majority of the damage was restricted to roads, bridges and washed out ditches. The south approach to the Sucker creek bridge near the Salvage mill was reportedly washing out.

For the calendar year 1947, the Illinois Valley was short 16.23 inches of rainfall, according to the weather records at the Redwood Ranger Station. The average precipitation for the Valley is 52.05 inches, while 1947 produced only 35.82 inches. To break all previous records July and August, ordinarily the driest months, had over 5 inches and November and December, usually the wettest period, had less than 3 inches. The controls were mixed up some place.

Editorial

By M. C. ATHEY

It is the duty of every registered voter within the City of Cave Junction to go to the polls Friday, January 9th and vote on the proposed city charter. The polling place is in the American Legion hall.

This article is going to be short and to the point. We have been criticised in regard to our stand on public matters. We're damned if we do and we're damned if we don't. Regardless, we are going to be damned.

The city council voted to have the proposed charter published in full in The News, then this was changed and it was mimeographed. It was also explained that every voter should have a copy of the charter so they might study it and know what they were voting for or against. This was not done— but copies of the charter were posted, and the places named where citizens could go and read the charter.

Now, if the citizens expect us to digest the charter and then tell them how to vote, they are mistaken. It is NOT our intention to advise voters on local issues, unless we KNOW them to be against the public interest. If the citizens of the city do not have the city's interest at heart enough to find out what they are voting for, we certainly are not going to tell them what to do, and then later on be damned for telling them wrong for we are NOT infallible and can be just as wrong as anyone.

Find out for yourself what the charter is—if you don't like it, vote against it—if you do like it, vote for it. You should know what to do. BUT, it is your clear duty to vote.

Job's Daughters Change
Meeting Nights

The meeting of the Bethel was called to order by Guardian Clara Hammer and Associate Guardian Harold Bowerman.

The girls voted to start their meetings promptly at 7:30 p. m. and the meeting nights were changed from the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays to the 1st and 3rd Mondays.

There were 22 members present and the girls are to be commended on the way they have taken hold.

A vote of thanks to Dorothy Thrasher for her help and instruction. Mrs. Effie Smith has taken over as secretary for Mrs. Virginia Steimer, who has moved to Portland.

Martins Buy
Dry Goods Store
from Whiteheads

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Martin purchased Cave Junction's dry goods store from Mr. and Mrs. James Whitehead last week and took over the ownership Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin came to Cave Junction in 1933 and opened up Martin's Hardware store. They were in the disastrous fire of '34 when the city was practically destroyed, but rebuilt the present hardware store building which they sold two years ago to K. C. Hamilton. They have had a long vacation and are now back in the harness serving the citizens of the valley in the dry goods business.

Mr. and Mrs. James Whitehead purchased the store two years ago from A. E. Krieger. Now they plan a good vacation before they decide on what they are going to do. The Whiteheads recently purchased the Bill Schleifer residence and plan to move as soon as they can.

Robert C. Wendt Weds
Stockton, California Girl

The Congregational church of Stockton, Calif., was the setting for the marriage on December 27 of Ruth Walker, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Walker of that city and Robert C. Wendt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wendt of Cave Junction. The father of the bride performed the ceremony in the presence of the members of the families of the bridal couple and a few close friends.

The new Mrs. Wendt wore white satin with finger-tip veil and she carried a shower bouquet of white carnations with gardenias. Her attendants were her sister, Mrs. Allen Evans, as matron of honor and her two nieces, Margaret and Yola Walker as bridesmaids. Priscilla and Tommy Walker were flower girl and ring bearer for their aunt.

Phillip Goerl of Forestville, California, an AAF friend of the groom served as best man and ushers were A. Judson Wray of Sunset Beach, and Joe Walker.

Prenuptial music was given by four brothers of the bride and Mrs. A. Judson Wray a cousin of the groom.

A weeks honeymoon was spent in Southern California and Mr. and Mrs. Wendt are now at home at 216 East B street, Grants Pass, where Mr. Wendt is a member of the teaching staff of the Riverside school.

Boy and Girl
Scout Fund
Drive Started

A drive to raise funds to support the Boy and Girl Scout organizations in the Crater Lake area, has started in the Illinois Valley.

Although the funds will be sent to headquarters at Medford for allotting, they will be used directly for the support of our local groups by the maintenance of the summer camp at Lake-O-the-Woods, and for administrative costs, such as salaries of the regular personnel of the council and material needed to carry on the work.

The small fee paid by each local boy attending the summer camp is sufficient to cover only a small portion of the expense of one weeks maintenance and the local organizations are able to progress only through the aid of trained personnel located at the area headquarters.

Anyone interested in contributing to the cause may do so by contacting Mrs. Arthur Kellart at Kerby or Harold Bowerman at the Redwood Ranger Station.

Mrs. C. N. Ballard returned home from San Francisco this week, where she spent the Christmas holidays.

O'BRIEN WOMEN'S CLUB
HELD MERRY PARTY

The O'Brien Women's club meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Rena Webb, Friday, January 9th at 2 o'clock, and all members are asked to make a special effort to be present. The meeting was to have been held at the home of Edna Hoskins, but had to be changed at the last minute to Mrs. Webb's.

There will be a kitchen shower for Mrs. Grace Brown, whose home was completely destroyed by fire last week.

The annual New Year party held at the Woodland Inn, Wednesday, December 31st, was a gala event, and one long to be remembered.

Dancing was enjoyed during the evening and at midnight hostesses served delicious food. Members turned out in full force and a large number of invited guests attended. It was a funfest from start to finish, noisemakers, balloons and confetti, for everyone.

Virgil Brown Home
Destroyed By Fire

The home of Virgil Brown, near the roller skating rink, was completely destroyed by fire last Friday evening.

The fire started when Brown's brother, V. C. Brown, attempted to start a fire in the stove, thinking he was using coal oil, but the can contained gasoline. The gas exploded, burning him severely and setting fire to the house. He was given emergency aid in Cave Junction and then taken to Grants Pass for further treatment. Although not hospitalized, he will be unable to work for some time.

At the time of the fire, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brown were in Grants Pass and Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Brown had come to visit them from their home in Klamath Falls. Mrs. V. C. Brown was uninjured.

The house and contents were a complete loss. The buildings were partially covered by insurance.

What the American Legion
Auxiliary Is Doing

Congratulations to Rena Webb, membership chairman, and her committee. Glenn Morrison Unit now has 116 members which earns a National Citation.

The Christmas party was a good success. Tables full of canned food, toys and apples were brot to fill Christmas baskets.

Pinoche, etc., was the entertainment of the evening followed by pie and coffee. Some were noticed coming back for seconds and even thirds.

The baskets were filled in cooperation with the O'Brien Women's club, Rena Webb and Emily Kellert, chairmen. Toys, clothing and cigarettes were sent to the Roseburg hospital and child welfare center. \$5 was voted for Father Flanagan, T. B. Seals paid for, \$10 for the Scout drive, \$5 for the Board of Christian Education.

Tuesday, January 13th is the next sewing day. We are working on quilts. Come early, bring pot luck lunch and stay all day. Edith Hayes is in charge. District Conference at Cottage Grove next Thursday, Jan. 15th. Let's have a good turn out. Meeting at 2 p. m., banquet at 6:30 followed by dancing. All Legion and Auxiliary members are invited. JOY BADDEN.

Miss Hyden Essay Winner
Interviewed Over KMED

Beverly Hyden of Selma, senior of Kerby high, made a trip to Medford last Sunday where she was to receive her prize which she recently won on an essay "What America Means to Me." Miss Hyden was interviewed over radio station KMED.

Making the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Carlson of Selma, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hyden, Beverly's parents, and Mrs. Kathleen M. Clarke her English teacher at Kerby high.

Mrs. Eddie Martin and daughters, Nancy Lynn and Patricia Ann, are spending a few days visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boyd. The Martins now make their home in Southern California.

L. C. Moffitt
Speaker At
Teachers Meet

Despite the inclement weather, members of the Illinois Valley Teachers association gathered at Mildred's Cafe in Kerby, Tuesday evening, January 6th, for their regular monthly meeting.

The dinner was a special treat, rainbow trout, contributed by Angler Arthur Cribb, and the members did full justice to it. The table was especially attractive, dainty place cards, emblematic of the season, made by Mrs. Helen Love, designating the seating arrangement. Added pleasure was given by the receipt of two boxes of excellent chocolates, sent by County Clerk Marguerite Stanton.

After dinner, President Irene Cribb called the meeting to order. In the absence of Mrs. Mabel Ballard, program chairman, Mrs. Cribb asked Mrs. Kathleen M. Clarke to introduce the guest speaker, County Superintendent L. C. Moffitt.

Mr. Moffitt discussed the condition and the needs of the Josephine County schools, stressing particularly the lack of sufficient class-room space, the inadequate class-room equipment, and the insufficiency of bus transportation. One bus at Kerby, designed for some 60 passengers, now carries a daily load of 90 or more pupils.

Mr. Moffitt also outlined the history and the duties of the Josephine County School Unit, which was voted into existence in 1945. He also sketched the responsibilities of the Josephine County School board, composed of five members, one from each of the five zones in the county. Lew Krauss is the representative from the Kerby district. He also outlined the duties of the local committee, composed of three members, who serve for three years. The present committee consists of Mrs. Harry O. Smith, Mr. Sowell and Mr. Kaufman. They care for the school property, decide what classes of entertainment may be held in the school buildings, and recommend or endorse local teachers.

The speaker also called attention to the tremendous growth of the school population during the past three years. While the increase was very slight from 1930 to 1945, from 1945 through 1947, it exceeded 78 per cent for the county, and approximately 100 per cent for the Kerby district.

Mr. Moffitt outlined the plans of the School Unit and its subcommittees for the future. Among other things, they hope to secure a larger staff of teachers; to pay adequate salaries; provide for more class-room space; sufficient class-room and playground equipment; erect needed new buildings; remodel and renovate suitable old buildings, and provide adequate means of transportation, thus insuring better educational opportunity for every boy and girl in Josephine county.

Mr. Moffitt also delved into the future of the enrollment of the Kerby High school, basing his prophecies on the present class attendance of the different grades. With no increase, the registration in 1956 would approximate 300 high school students; with increase continuing as in the past three years, this number would be materially augmented. With limited space in the high school now, it is evident that proper provision must be made for the immediate future.

Home Extension Unit to
Meet Tues., January 13

The Illinois Valley HEU will meet Tuesday, January 13th at the home of Mrs. Sam Bunch, Bridgeview road. The meeting begins at 11 a. m. and all present at that time have a chance for the door prize. The subject of the meeting is to be "Herb cookery," and is to be given by Mrs. Aubrey Hill and Mrs. Clarence Aubrey.

Pot luck lunch at noon. All homemakers of the valley are cordially invited.