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Weekly Letter

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The unbridled enthusiasm, like unto a frenzy and shading on hysteria, of the all-out Marshall Plan boosters is making difficult a serious and realistic consideration by congress of the request for aid made by the 16 cooperating European nations. The intolerant "all or nothing" complex of the boosters tends to create an atmosphere which hampers the serious and responsible committee members who are endeavoring to prepare the legislation for action by congress.

Few people are willing to deny that we have assumed a position of leadership in world affairs and that we therefore have a responsibility. Bulking as a large part of this responsibility is the necessity to help our free neighbors on the other side of the Atlantic get on a self-supporting basis. But it will not be fair to them and certainly it would be most unfair to our people and our own economy if we ignore our limitations and our own slightly precarious financial situation. We cannot just let go on a sort of "rah rah" basis and ship Europe food, dollars and everything else they happen to ask for.

The above outburst was touched off by a letter I just received from the "Committee for the Marshall Plan" signed by former Secretary of War, Robert Patterson. The letter urges support of the plan and is too long to quote here. However, the following sentence stands on its own without need for reference to the rest of the letter—and it really "stopped" me: "Enough of our aid should be in the form of grants so that Europe will not be saddled with a hopeless load of debt"!!

The United States right now is "saddled" with the heaviest debt load of any government on earth. Our per capita debt is almost \$2000—every family of four is obligated for \$8,000! This debt demands staggering annual interest payments, and we have other continuing obligations from the war such as veterans payments. These requirements are causing us to eat our economic heart out with taxation. High prices, high incomes (call it inflation) are now required to bring in a large total tax income or this government would become bankrupt. Then we couldn't help anybody.

Yes, we can survive but only by reducing unnecessary government expenses, by taking some of the tax load off the necks of our people, and by a systematic reduction of the debt. While doing all this we can help our neighbors, too—as a part of our own system of defense. But both we and they must be made to realize that there is a limit to our ability and that our help must be parcelled out carefully and in a manner that will be the most effective in a permanent future way as well as immediately helpful.

The question, not only as to how much we shall aid Europe, but the manner in which it shall be done, is the most vital problem before us this year. It requires searching inquiry and most serious handling. The present "Hurry" technique of administration leaders and self-appointed Marshall Plan "boosters," is both disturbing and destructive.

Dinner Party Given
For New Residents

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Reynolds and son Fred, Mrs. Opal Hill and Mrs. Henry Webb were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Akins and Donald Zimmerman last Friday evening. A delicious oyster dinner was served. The evening was spent playing cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Akins are newcomers to the valley, coming here from California and now live at the old barn dance place, and have made many friends. Mr. Akins is employed by Cecil Fessler of Kerby. Mrs. Akins is a niece of Donald Zimmerman.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS
AT IVY THEATER

A comedy drama comes to the Ivy theater Friday and Saturday with Ann Sothern starring in "Undercover Maisie." Ann has made the popular Maisie role all her own, and her new policewoman characterization in this picture sees her at her funniest and wittiest. Barry Nelson and Mark Daniels are the two men in her love life. There are some highly amusing emotional entanglements. Moreover, when you see Maisie innocently reports for her jiu-jitsu class in a ballet rehearsal costume and then proceeds to hurl several huskies, then you've seen everything.

"The Hucksters"

Sunday and Monday Clark Gable and Deborah Kerr in "The Hucksters," head the all-star cast. In the highly explosive story, which headed the best-seller lists for nearly a year, Clark portrays the role of a fast-talking advertising salesman de luxe. Miss Kerr as Kay Dorrance, young society woman and the object of Clark's affection, has become familiar to film audiences and this marks her American film debut.

A double header for Wednesday and Thursday with George O'Brien in "Border G-Man," a trigger action drama with O'Brien specializing in a stalwart, red-blooded characterization, an ideal part for him as the resourceful and deadly government agent. Laraine Johnson makes her debut as his leading lady.

Another thriller is "Dick Tracy's Dilemma" with Ralph Byrd as the detective who runs to earth a gang of thieves, exposes the higherups, avenges a murder and a police spy. It is suspense-packed, don't miss it.

Badgers Play
Gold Hill
Friday Night

Friday night, January 30th the local Kerby high school basketball team will play Gold Hill in the Kerby gym.

The boys came through with a double win last week when they played Prospect. Both teams of the local school winning their games. The grade boys 15 to 12, and the varsity team 34 to 30.

On January 23 the Badgers traveled to Talent, and were defeated there 32 to 47.

Come out Friday night and give the boys your moral support, for it is going to be a red hot game.

NEW PIANO SCHOOL
FOR VALLEY PUPILS

The Edgwood Music company, Sydney H. Bouck, proprietor, is offering valley residents a chance to have expert piano instruction. A piano school will start Saturday at the home of Mrs. Harold Bowerman at the Ranger Station. Mrs. Bowerman graciously offering her parlor and piano to the pupils to begin on.

Mr. Bouck says an experienced certified teacher will come to the valley and will instruct beginners and also advanced pupils. The instructor will teach both class and private lessons. For further information see Mrs. Bowerman.

Ramblers To Participate
At Grants Pass Rodeo

Last Friday the Rough and Ready Ramblers met up Holton creek for the purpose of commencing their horseback drill.

A dinner of steak, potatoes and coffee was prepared over a camp fire. After eats, the Ramblers started drilling under the leadership of Pansy Keene Webb, our drillmaster.

It was decided that the group will drill on Tuesdays and Fridays, until April. The Ramblers are still looking for new members, and anyone wishing to join please contact Marie Smith of Cave Junction, or Ethel Banta, at Kerby.

Those attending last Friday were Pansy Webb, Zenna Garrison, Marie Smith, Opal Hill, Nettie Gilliam, Ethel Banta, Donnis Goldsby and Georgia Glodsky.

Telephone Co.
Completes New
Switchboard

Redwood Telephone company, late last week cut over all the lines to their new switchboard in Cave Junction, and the business office is now located at the Cave Junction Motor court, the company announces in a display ad in this week's issue of the News.

John Dillard, manager, is loud in his praise towards Harry and Lucille Floyd for all their cooperation in helping get the telephone company settled in its new quarters by staying on the job while the cutting over process was going on.

There have been improvements to the new system which Mr. and Mrs. Floyd could not give without the services of a thoroughly experienced switchboard expert, which Mr. Dillard is, he having constructed and installed the big switchboard at Camp White.

Telephone numbers have been assigned to all subscribers. If you don't know your number, call central and she will tell you. In the future try to call numbers instead of names, it will speed up the service considerably. To call central only give one short ring.

In case of trouble on the lines, there will always be someone to make immediate repairs.

The pleasant voice you hear at central is Mrs. Dillard, who has had years of experience on telephone switchboards.

The service will continue as in the past to the magneto type of phones, with the same rate and same hours, and over a period of time this type will be converted to the battery type with a slightly increased rate and 24 hour service without the night charge as at present.

As soon as all the new phones that have been ordered are installed, a new directory will be published.

Intermediate
Girl Scout
Troup Formed

Troop Leader Mrs. A. M. Carson has announced the starting of another Girl Scout troop in the valley. She will be assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Nicholson with meetings to be held at the Kerby grade school on Fridays between 4 and 5 p. m.

The troop will be limited to 20 members and a waiting list will be maintained to fill any vacancies that occur. Girls of the fifth and sixth grades are eligible.

Applications to be filled out and signed by a parent or guardian were distributed to the following girls: Patty Sue Keller, Frances Young, Dorothy Cook, Kathleen Watson, Patricia Farmer, Jo Ann Smith, Sharon Bird, Joy Lou Carson, Betty Joyce Robinson, Louise Watson, Barbara Gotcholk, Carol Wise, Martha Jane Carty, Roberta England, Delores Booth, Beverly Taber, Shirley Strelon, Noreen Deaton, Ila Slack and Barbara Jo Ann.

Mrs. Carson and Mrs. Nicholson wish to extend their appreciation to the V. F. W. and the Church Missionary society for their liberal donations that helped so much in the organization of the troop. Also, Mrs. Arthur Kellert, who is arranging a committee and sponsor for this worthy movement.

The citizens of the valley are requested to extend all the encouragement possible to these girls and assist them in learning scout work.

SCHOOL LUNCH NEXT WEEK

Monday — Orange juice, cole-slaw salad, beef hash, jello dessert.

Tuesday — Split pea soup, lettuce salad, beef stew, corn bread.

Wednesday — Rice tomato soup, shredded carrots with raisins, rabbit on casserole, hot biscuits.

Thursday — Vegetable soup, macaroni salad, bologna with rice, bread pudding dessert.

Friday — Fish chowder, cottage cheese with peaches salad, vegetable plate, blackberry pie.

Founders Day
Program To Be
Thursday

The special Founders Day program has been well planned for next Thursday, February 5th, under the chairmanship of Mrs. E. H. York.

Every year along with other noted birthdays, remembered is February 17, 1897, when a definite move for children's welfare started in form of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

A free-will silver offering will be taken during the evening for the State President's Traveling fund. In honor of National Founders of P.T. A. service, the high school girls are presenting a candle-lighting ceremony.

Mrs. Geo. W. Martin will present the group with a reading, the Boy's Glee club will sing, and a pageant, "P.T. A. Corner Stone," will be given by members of the P.T. A. and Troop 1, Girl Scouts.

The following are the objects of the organization:

The National Congress of Parents and Teachers is an educational organization that seeks to unite the forces of home, school, and youth.

To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, church, and community.

To raise the standards of home life.

To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.

To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the child.

To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

MARCH OF DIMES
DANCE SATURDAY

The Illinois Valley Grange will hold their annual March of Dimes dance, Saturday, January 31st in the Bridgeview Grange hall.

This is always one of the best dances of the year, and always draws a large crowd, for the proceeds go to one of the greatest movements in the nation, to help those afflicted with polio.

The good ladies of the Grange will have an unusual good midnight lunch. Come out and have a good time and contribute to the March of Dimes fund.

Sunday Hike Enjoyed
By Boy Scout Troop

Eleven members of Troop 20, Boy Scouts of America, enjoyed a hike Sunday afternoon, Jan. 25. Various stops were made during which time the boys received instruction in tree identification, compass, pacing and tracking. It is planned to have an over night outing in the near future at the famous Grayback recreational area and all parents or others interested citizens are invited to spend an evening with us and see how Boy Scouts perform while camping out.

Members Entertained
At Noon Luncheon

Mrs. Edward Knipple entertained members of her Bridge club at a luncheon last Thursday, followed by an enjoyable afternoon of cards. Those present were, Mrs. Jack Spitz, Mrs. John Milburn, Mrs. Cecil Brink, Mrs. Paul Palmer, Mrs. Herb Drews, Mrs. Earl Boyd and Mrs. Frank Rauber.

Internal Revenue Agent
To Be In Valley Feb. 6

A Federal Internal Revenue agent will be in Cave Junction Friday, February 6th to help anyone who wishes his services, in making out their income statements. He will be at The News office from 9:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.

FRED DIXON, 85
PASSES IN KERBY

Fred Dixon, aged 85 years, died at his home in Kerby last Friday, January 23rd, after a very short illness. He had been a resident of that community for the past 46 years, working during much of that time as a packer for the Forest Service in the Illinois Valley. He was born in Yreka, California, March 1, 1862.

Graveside services in the Laurel cemetery were held last Tuesday, January 27th at 2 p. m., Rev. D. H. Burger officiating, with Hull & Hull Funeral Home directors in charge of arrangements.

Survivors are his widow, Lulu Dixon, four sons, Dewey, Annis and Lawrence F. Dixon, all of Kerby, another son, Walter of Yreka; a daughter, Mrs. Lillie Felix of Redding, California, and a sister, Mrs. Emily Card, also of Redding.

EDWARD WOODCOCK
DIED IN MEDFORD

Edward Woodcock, 84, an old pioneer of the valley, passed away in a Medford hospital last Tuesday morning. An ambulance from there came out and took him to the hospital last Sunday.

The funeral was held today, at the Hull & Hull chapel in Grants Pass at 2 p. m., with Rev. Gordon L. Hypes officiating. Interment was made in Hillcrest Memorial cemetery.

Survivors are the widow, Nora E. Woodcock, Cave Junction; 3 sons, George of Medford, Joe W. of Murphy and Ernest W. of Selma; 3 daughters, Mrs. Mary Wimer, Springfield; Mrs. Emma Stevenson, Klamath Falls; Mrs. Dolly Frisbee, Weiser, Idaho.

Five Scout
Organizations
In Valley

The Illinois Valley is blessed with five Scout organizations at this date while a little over a year ago there were none.

These troops are progressing and receiving the excellent backing necessary for success in a manner which this valley has put over many other worth while programs.

Much credit is due to the organizations, committees and leaders, who devote many hours a week to maintain each troop. However, the greatest responsibility for success lies directly with the parents through encouragement to the Scouts. Interest in their scouting and attending an occasional meeting.

This seems a small thing to ask when it will require so little effort. If there is any doubt regarding the value of Scouting, you are invited to attend a meeting and learn what the Scouting program means to these boys and girls, who will be the leaders of the future.

Mothers Study Club
Meets Next Tuesday

Meeting of the Mothers club, sponsored by the P.T. A. will be held Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 8 p. m., in the home economics room of the Kerby high. The meeting was previously scheduled for Feb. 10. Anyone interested in pre-school children is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

LEAVES FOR BIBLE SCHOOL

Walter Burger of the Illinois Valley Gospel Tabernacle will be leaving Monday to attend "The Pentecostal Bible Institute" located at Gilroy, Calif. Walter has had his first year of Bible school in Florida and has for the past six months assisted his mother and father, Rev. and Mrs. Delbert Burger in the opening of the Gospel Tabernacle.

Walter will be missed by the young people, as their leader in church activities, having worked with them and built up a good group of Christian youngsters. He will return in June after completion of four months school.

Try the Classified Ads in The News. They pay dividends.

Stricken By
Polio 6,000
Miles Away

Stricken by infantile paralysis while 6,000 miles away from home George Courtright, 33-year-old Oregonian can testify that the March of Dimes knows no boundaries when it comes to aiding Americans.

Himself a March of Dimes worker while teaching in Chilquin high school, near Klamath Falls, Courtright went to Paris, France, last May to register for the November term at the Sorbonne.

On October 14, while waiting for acceptance of his registration, he complained of feeling "tired out" and thought he might be getting influenza. Three days later he felt worse. His right thigh now pained him considerably, as if he had sciatica. He called a doctor.

The next day on the records of the American Hospital in Paris, the dread word "Poliomyelitis" was written alongside Courtright's name. His right leg was completely paralyzed from hip down.

"There I was, flat on my back," he said when interviewed. "My plans for the future seemed bleak. I thought of that school back in Chilquin where yearly I had urged the students to join the March of Dimes and participate in the work of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis."

"It seemed ironic to be beyond the reach of aid, apparently; aid I had helped make possible for other polio victims through the March of Dimes."

After a few weeks Courtright decided to write his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Courtright of Klamath Agency, and tell them of his illness. He wrote also to a friend. And as a result, without his knowledge, the March of Dimes started marching back to him.

Parties contacted the National Foundation's Klamath County Chapter at Klamath Falls. Mrs. Paul Buck, the chapter's chairman immediately went into action. The National Foundation's Oregon state representative, Felix Montes followed through. They found out when Courtright was returning to the United States and the chapter guaranteed that it would assume all costs of care and treatment upon his arrival.

A little past 10, Saturday morning, December 6th, a huge four-motored Constellation of the Air roared over LaGuardia Field and circled down for a perfect landing.

Monday, December 8, at National Foundation headquarters in New York, the western regional director received a wire from Mr. Montes telling where Courtright could be reached.

That very day the young Oregonian was admitted to the polio unit at New York's Knickerbocker hospital. Now, as a result of modern treatment a fine degree of muscle function has returned to the once completely paralyzed leg.

Good looking, hazel-eyed, Geo. Courtright now looks forward to a trip home to Klamath Agency, where his father is superintendent of the Klamath Indian reservation.

After that? Probably resumption of his plans to study at the Sorbonne. "Plus," said Courtright smilingly, "the intention of being one of the greatest March of Dimes boosters in the nation."

Mrs. Howard Bearss
Entertains Bridge Club

Mrs. Howard P. Bearss was hostess to members of the Bridge club at a one o'clock dessert luncheon at her home on Caves highway last week. Three tables were attractively laid for members and invited guests.

Prize awards were given for scores made during the afternoon, carrying away honors were Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mrs. Sam Bunch and the traveling prize, Mrs. George Webb.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Whitehead announce the engagement of their daughter Eileen, to A. O. "Bud" Stewart. The wedding is scheduled for February 14th.