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Washington Weekly Letter

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The State of Oregon has suddenly assumed a position of considerable importance in the national political scene. It is generally conceded that, if Harold Stassen wins a decided victory in the Oregon Primaries May 21st, this victory coupled with his recent successes in Wisconsin and Nebraska will indicate a strong current of public opinion running in his favor. On the other hand, should Governor Dewey defeat Stassen in Oregon, it would be taken as an indication of national strength for Dewey.

Frankly admitting the importance of the Oregon Primary, Dewey has announced he will personally spend three weeks in a sort of door-to-door campaign in our state. He will speak at breakfast, luncheon and dinner meetings, will endeavor to visit most of the cities in the state, and will meet and greet as many voters as possible. Stassen has made several appearances in Oregon during the past two years. I have not heard that he will be there again before May 21st, but it is pretty certain that a great many of his supporters and workers will be active there.

Judging from conversations I have heard at the luncheon table and in the cloakroom, I believe Republicans here are going to be paying very close attention to the election returns from Oregon the night of May 21st.

Not long ago, the House Un-American Activities Committee implied that Dr. Edward U. Condon, director of the National Bureau of Standards, was a bad security risk. The committee also intimated that Dr. Condon should be removed from his important responsibility, which involves, among other things, close contact with the work being done by the Atomic Energy Commission. Statements in the press were neither clear nor conclusive, with the result that it seems as if Dr. Condon were being maliciously and deliberately smeared.

The House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, of which I am a member, lately had occasion to hear testimony on this subject. The matter was recently debated on the floor of the House. It was stated, and the statements were proven by documents and photostatic copies of documents, that Dr. Condon is a member of the American-Soviet Science Society, and is a member of the executive committee of that organization. The American-Soviet

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EXCELLENT PICTURES AT IVY THEATER

A glamorous Disney musical in technicolor Friday, Fun and Fancy Free with Edgar Bergen and his Charlie McCarthy seen in competition with Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse and others, neatly blending performances of living stars and animated characters. You will marvel at the cast of dancing and singing bears and other sylvan creatures. Many novelties in the coordination of music and humor are achieved in this film in which the inimitable Disney cartoon sequences occupy most of the film.

Sunday, Magic Town with Jimmy Stewart and Jane Wyman. What happens when people of a small community become self-conscious, and how they are brought back to reality and peace by the pollster and a newspaper woman.

The Arnelo Affair with lovely Frances Gifford and John Hodiak comes Wednesday. It's the story of a lonely and bored housewife, strangely attracted to a mysterious underworld leader. The dramatic climax when friend husband steps into the scene and takes the law into his own hands.

On the same bill Jane Withers in Danger Street, portraying a pictorial staff reporter, who uncovers some very exciting news items even to a couple of murders. It is a pulse pounding and hair-raiser film, so if you are one of those edge-of-the-seat fans, see Danger Street next Wednesday night.

Volunteer Fire Dept. Organized

Last Friday evening, a number of interested business men of Cave Junction met in the Legion hall to organize a Volunteer Fire Department, and 14 men were present. Many more would have come if they had known of the meeting, but it was called in a hurry and only a few could be contacted.

At the next meeting, Friday, May 7th, all who are interested in joining the Cave Junction Volunteer Fire Department, please attend the meeting at 8:30 in the Legion hall.

C. Y. Arnold was elected president of the department and Geo. Morey was chosen secretary. Fire commissioners chosen were M. C. Athey, W. C. Kennedy, Bill Bunch, K. C. Hamilton and Don Rosenberg.

A committee of three was appointed to draft the constitution and by-laws. C. Y. Arnold, Fred Culp and Al Zapf were named. This committee will report at the next meeting.

Earl Sherier was named chief of the department and he named Bill Kennedy, Jr., assistant. The firemen will meet the first and third Fridays of each month, and as often as possible practice meetings will be held with the fire truck.

A firemen's dance is to be held in June and a Firemen's Queen is to be selected. The girls should help out in this event.

New Baseball League Formed

A new baseball league has been formed, the Rogue River Valley Baseball League is the name with the following towns represented:

Cave Junction, Merlin, Crescent City, Rogue River, Eagle Point, Prospect and Gold Hill, 7 teams. The local team is managed by Mert Ingham with Ed Nowak coach, and is sponsored by Tyce & Nealy Lumber company and is composed of the following players: Vic Smith, Jim Noble, Buck Smith, Glen Young and Bill Moyer, pitchers; Don Christensen, 1st base; Ed Nowak, 2nd base; Sandy Pagniss; Joe Cozad, 3rd base; Curley Robinson, CF; Bill Kennedy, RF; Larry Looper, LF; Wesley Baird, Jimmy Owens and Louis Maurer make up the rest of the team.

The boys need help in getting the fence built around the diamond. If you can spare a few hours any evening after work and can give the boys a hand it will be appreciated. Bring a hammer.

The diamond is going to be in good shape this year and a grandstand is built and a fence all way around the diamond. The full schedule will be published next week. The first game, Cave Junction goes to Prospect, and on May 23 plays their first game at home against Eagle Point.

George W. Martin of Martin's Clothing store, donated the caps the boys are wearing this year, and they sell for \$3.50 each.

MAY DAY DANCE AT LEGION HALL

Saturday is May 1st. Why not attend the Legion dance in the evening and enjoy this recreation as well as the music to be furnished by Ham and His Gang orchestra which is becoming so popular for Valley terpsichoreans. Don Rosenberg, chairman, makes every effort to have these events a huge success, so don't disappoint Don or yourself and make it one of the outstanding attendances of the season. The auxiliary ladies take care of the hungry too, at midnight.

BLESSED EVENTS

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. William A. Gillespie of Selma, an heir, James David, Wednesday, April 28 at Josephine General hospital in Grants Pass, weighting 7 pounds 15 ounces. This is their second child, the first a girl now 19 months old. Bill was out bright and early Thursday generously passing out "It's a Boy" cigars.

VALLEY BPW TO HAVE BOOTH AT 4-H MARDI GRAS

At the Business and Professional Women meeting Tuesday evening at Todelope, 15 members answered roll call. Beulah Hamilton and Mabel Holmes, who were in charge carried out the Mothers' Day theme in decorations and program.

Lucille Arnold, president, opened the meeting with a reading, Mother's Day Thoughts, and members spoke in turn of their mother.

A unanimous vote of the Club was given three new members, Hazel Ingham, Marie Wilson and Mary Raines. Members voted on a change of meeting dates, the new time, the last Thursday of each month.

Marie Wilson spoke on the need for a hospital in the Valley and it was agreed to give thought to the vote coming up on the county hospital that we might not hurt our chances of getting our own.

Isabel Small reported on her visit with Amy Hussey, to the Grants Pass Club meeting, also announced that after many months of searching for a lot of donation for the purpose of starting a Teen Ager's Club, had been offered a site by Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hall.

It was voted to have a BPW state convention at Eugene, June 4-5-6. Those attending are Eleanor Whitehead, Violet Drews, and Isabel Small.

Beulah Hamilton read the Club Emble, and at the close of the meeting the Club Prayer was read by Mabel Holmes.

VALLEY BETHEL HAS 3 NEW MEMBERS

The Illinois Valley Bethel of Job's Daughters at a regular meeting held last Monday evening in the Masonic hall in Kerby initiated three new members, Clara and Darlene Cooper and Genelle Bengé.

Reports on their trip to Grand Council in Portland recently were given by Alfreda Vahrenwald, Margaret Smith and Ruth Smith. The girls extend a vote of thanks to all Masons, Eastern Stars and parents for their interest and attendance at meeting and as a special invitation invite all parents to visit them.

After the meeting refreshments were served by Lucille Floyd and assistants, Jean McKinnon and Thelma Plumlee.

Senior Class Play Friday Nite April 30

Friday night, April 30, is the big night for the Senior Class play, at the Kerby high school gym, starting at 8 o'clock. The title of the play is "Ghostly Fingers," and if you like spooks, you'll love this play.

You will be handed a program with names of the cast of characters and assistants as you enter, and the publicity agent for the class requested the following:

Are you going crazy?
Are you very sad?
Are those "ghostly fingers"
Driving you quite mad?

Well please don't cry,
And please don't pout,
Cause—I'm going to tell you
What it's all about.

It's next Friday night
You'd better be there
At eight o'clock
We'll raise your hair.

You'd better be there
And don't be late
For April 30th
You have a date.

You'd better get out
And leave your vest.
For our actors are—
The very best!

Now come on people
And don't be a shark
For it is directed
By Kathleen Clarke.

Commercial job printing at the News.

GRANGE MEMBERS TO ENJOY PICTURES AT MAY 6th MEETING

All Grange members are urged to attend the May 6th meeting at which time the County Agent's office will show two interesting sound pictures, "First in the Hearts of the Farmer" and "More Milk on Small Farms." The pictures are very instructive and everyone will surely enjoy them.

Plans are underway for remodeling the Grange hall at Bridgeview and it is hoped that all Grange members will attend the meetings and express their views on the subject.

The Grange chorus is rehearsing for a very splendid program on July 1, more of which will be announced later. Mrs. Lucius Robinson is also preparing some excellent program for future meetings, and no member wants to miss these entertainments.

Attend your Grange and give your officers some moral support!

New Officers Installed For Salon 8-40

Last Saturday evening at the Todelope Cave, Josephine County Salon of the 8-40 was instituted and new officers installed after a delicious banquet served by Clark and Dora Combest in their new banquet room.

Officers installed were, Emily Kellert, La Petite Chapeau; Mildred McQueen, La Demi Chapeau Premiere; Eulalie Thompson, La Demi Chapeau Deuxieme; Joy Badden, La Secretaire; Amy Hussey, L'Archiviste; Belle Wyatt, L'Aumonier; Gladys Lawton, La Concierge was unable to be present.

The new Salon received many useful gifts from Salon's all over Oregon. Floral bouquets were red carnations from Voiture 165 of the 40 and 8, red and white arrangements from House of Todelope and a beautiful red roses and lilies to Chapeau Kellert from her husband, Arthur Kellert.

After installation the group adjourned to the Auxiliary room where they were further initiated. Installing officers and prominent dignitaries were Lila Edwards, Kathleen Amann, Fern Bjornevik, Florence Dickey, Florence Bryant, Naomi McKinney, Vada Whetstone, all of Portland; Lillian Otterbein, Myrtle Finley, Leola Heilbronner, Mildred Cooper, all of Klamath Falls; Etta White, Astoria; Ebba Jordan, Seaside and a number of others whose addresses were unavailable.

A traveling Examiner of Operators and Chauffeurs will be in Cave Junction, Monday, May 10, at the Legion hall, between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are requested to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

Lions Charter Night Proves Big Success

Last Monday evening, the Illinois Valley Lions club held their Charter night banquet at which time they were presented with the charter making them a full fledged Lions club.

It was, perhaps, the largest banquet ever held in the valley, with 182 dinners being served to members and guests. Members and their ladies from Crescent City, Ashland, Medford, Gold Hill, Central Point, Phoenix, Talent, Jacksonville and other visitors from other points attended.

Chet Tompkins was the toastmaster, and he kept the program rolling in high gear all evening, not sparing a single individual his "eagleeye" lit upon. Chet did a marvelous job, and the evening was declared one of the best charter nights held.

Grants Pass was the sponsoring club, and they must have had 50 attending the banquet. The program was all good and the large crowd applauded them heartily.

To go into all the details of the marvelous evening would take the entire front page of The News, but the above are the high lights. Mel Price, editor of the Rogue River Record, and his gang arrived just in time to get under the wire, but too late to get seats at the long tables, and additional tables had to be prepared for them. And, Oh, yes—Fred Culp the local Tail Twister, lost his "Twister," and at closing time he hadn't yet found the precious little instrument.

O'BRIEN WOMEN'S CLUB BUILDING FUND GROWS

Last Thursday afternoon a very large number attended the luncheon at the home of Mrs. Earl Boyd followed by a social afternoon of bridge, pinochle and Chinese checkers.

Highlight of the afternoon was the delicious Chinese food luncheon served by hostesses Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Peggy Milburn, and Mrs. Roberta Boyd. Table favors, score cards, and beautiful flower arrangements about the spacious living room and dining room, made it a memorable occasion for the 40 guests present. Proceeds from the luncheon will be added to the rapidly growing building fund.

Out of town guests were Mrs. Sherman Dahl, Mrs. Ruth Morrison, Mrs. Lola M. West of Grants Pass; Mrs. Campion, Galice; Mrs. Newman, Los Angeles; and Mrs. Richard Troutfeather, Selma.

Mrs. West was high score bridge prize winner, a Ming tree, also a delicious chiffon cake as door prize; pinochle, Mrs. Edna Hoskins, and Chinese checkers, Mrs. Bertha Boucher.

The Club is holding a cooked food sale Saturday, May 8, at the Rexall store and will feature cakes for Mother's day. For special decorations see Mrs. Cecil Brink.

Did You Know?

Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce Activities

That the Chamber of Commerce held a social meeting last Tuesday night at the Woodland Inn?

About 30 guests enjoyed an evening of entertainment and dancing followed by supper at midnight.

The meeting night of the Chamber has been changed to the second Wednesday of each month, so keep the evening of May 12 open and come out and enjoy a good dinner and get acquainted.

Remember, money spent in the Valley will help to make it grow.

Mass Meeting For Irrigation Called May 11

At a meeting of the Illinois Valley Irrigation committee held Sunday evening, April 25, it was decided to call a mass meeting on the evening of Tuesday, May 11, 8 o'clock, at the Legion hall in Cave Junction. The purpose is to outline the Bureau of Reclamation plan for power development, increased agricultural development and flood control in the Rogue basin, and some well informed speakers will be present to give any information needed.

The Illinois Valley is part of the Rogue basin and incidentally is the area which would obtain the greatest percentage of benefit from the irrigation project. It would mean a greatly increased farming acreage, many new families, and a stable and permanent industry: agriculture.

This should interest farmers, land owners, and businessmen alike, so let's have a big turnout the night of May 11, and learn all we can about this project and lend our active support to it.

There are a number of the Bureau of reclamation reports on this project available. Those interested may obtain a copy by contacting Elwood Hussey, chairman of the Illinois Valley Irrigation committee, or Phil Sawyer, secretary.

REXALL STORE SOLD TO NEW OWNERS

Last Tuesday another sale was consummated when Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Boucher sold the Rexall store including their building to Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Frucht who formerly resided in Indio, California.

Wednesday the store was closed all day while inventory was being taken and Mr. and Mrs. Frucht took possession of their new holdings today (Thursday).

Mr. and Mrs. Boucher who have made many friends in the Valley have no plans for the future except to remain here where they will make their home.



Guests and officials of the Illinois Valley Lions Club at their Charter Night Banquet held in the American Legion Hall Monday night. Standing, left to right: Carl Brown, first vice president in charge of committee of sponsoring Grants Pass Club; Don Rosenberg, Lion Tamer; Jewell Bunch, Vice President; Fred Culp, Tail Twister; Harry Holmes, President; Larry Neely, District Governor of Medford; Clement Arnold, Secretary-Treasurer; Kenneth M. Bremner, President Grants Pass Club; Chester E. Tompkins, Zone Chairman and Toastmaster, of Grants Pass. Seated, left to right: Elwood Hussey, Ivan Burr, Ira Hall and Albert Zapf, directors. (Cut Courtesy of Grants Pass Courier)