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Washington
Weekly Letter

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The principal newsworthy happening of this new 81st Congress thus far was the speech on the State of the Union by President Truman. There have been some behind-the-scenes skirmishes on the Democratic party side of the House of Representatives, but Speaker Sam Rayburn and his lieutenants are capable people, and succeeded in handling such situations so that what reached the public gaze was mostly sweetness and light. The Republicans in the House, being very definitely in the minority, held a brief and routine caucus, elected former Speaker Joe Martin to the position of Minority Leader, and will now await the onslaught of Administration legislation.

Before Congress convened, it was rumored that drastic changes might be made both in the House Committee on Rules and in the Un-American Activities Committee authorization. Neither of these rumors materialized as advertised. Nothing at all has been said as yet about the Un-American Activities Committee. House rules governing the functioning of the Rules Committee were considerably modified by an overwhelming vote of the House, but that action was clearly unimportant, because the Rules Committee will be heavily weighted with Administration members.

There are three noticeable divisions of the majority side of the House, namely, the Left-Wingers, the Southern Democrats, and the 100 percent Trumanites. Since the latter group is by far the largest, it obviously dominates the majority side of the House. The result of this will be a complete control, not only of the House itself, but of all committees by the Truman forces. This fact is what makes the Truman speech to Congress on January 5th so extremely important. He can secure the passage of any legislation that he really wants, and his message to Congress clearly indicates that he wants a great deal.

I have endeavored to make a rough tabulation of the total additional annual federal expenditure involved in the requests made by the President. Apparently, if Congress passes all of the legislation requested, the federal government will be obligated to spend a minimum of 15 billion dollars per year more than at present, or, in other words, a 30 percent increase in federal expenses over a federal budget that is already outrageously high. If this program is carried out, the President's original demand of an increase of 4 billion dollars in taxes is only a starter. One sentence in President Truman's speech was particularly alarming to me. I refer to the paragraph wherein he requested legislation "to authorize an immediate study of the adequacy of production facilities for materials in critically short supply, such as steel; and, if found necessary, to authorize government loans for the expansion of production facilities to relieve such shortages, and furthermore to authorize the construction of such facilities directly if action by private industry fails to meet our needs." Quite unintentionally, I am sure, the President has used a phrase that is extremely popular with American Communists and Left-Wingers—"if private industry fails, the government must do it." This phrase is particularly deadly to our way of life and our system of government when taken together with a government policy of discouraging

THE EMPEROR WALTZ
WITH BING CROSBY
AT IVY SUNDAY

Paulette Goddard and Macdonald Carey are a complementary comedy twosome who know how to extract laughter in the hilarious film "Hazard" booked for Saturday's matinee and evening showing at the Ivy Theater. Paulette with a burning gambling fever stakes herself on the cut of a card and loses, it would seem to be no laughing matter, for the climax you will have to see for yourself, so don't miss it.

In a lavish color film Sunday Bing Crosby and Lovely Joan Fontaine co-star in "The Emperor Waltz" Bing a phonograph salesman, his love affair with a countess, are brought together by their dogs, a common fox terrier and a French poodle. There is plenty of comedy in the doings of the dogs and their owner's respective romances. You will love the music and there are several good numbers. It is a "Must" picture that you don't want to miss.

Tuesday Cowboy Jimmy Wakely rids a town of outlaws and saves a county seat in his latest western drama "Oklahoma Blues" Virginia Belmont is the feminine lead.

Feature No. 2 "Blackmail" a thrilling mystery starring Williams Marshall, Adele Mara, Ricardo Cortez and others. Marshall as the wise cracking, rock fisted detective hired by a wealthy playboy to extricate him from a complicated situation gives a good performance Cortez as a classic heel, not only at gambling but with the ladies is excellent. Adele Mara is of course, Cortez's new love interest.

Bette Davis will be seen in a stirring romance "Winter Meeting" Thursday, sharing the spotlight with Janis Paige and James Davis.

Kerby High School

Friday, January 7th, the Kerby high school quintet traveled to Ashland to meet the Southern Oregon College Junior Varsity.

The boys looked very well despite their more experienced opponents.

Coach Ted Schof of the college said that the Kerby squad was one of the best that the Junior Varsity had played this year.

The Kerbyites were defeated by the score 62-32.

On Saturday, January 8th, the fans saw a thrill-packed ball game between Kerby and Talent.

The lead changed hands several times, the difference never being more than three points difference. Half time found Kerby trailing 21 to 19.

In the fourth quarter, Talent pulled ahead to win 39 to 30.

High scorers for Talent was Fenton with 16 and Holly of Kerby was next with 9.

Buy Season Tickets

The Arts and Sciences club of Kerby high school has started dancing lessons at noon in the gymnasium. There has been good attendance so far and more people are learning how to dance. The student body feels that there will be better attendance at dances if more people are able to dance.

The Juniors are flashing around something new. What is it? On close observation we see that it is the new class rings and pins.

The seniors have received their class memory books on the cover of which is a picture of the 49er's with their covered wagons.

Now is the time to buy your season tickets for the Kerby Hi basketball games.

BLESSED EVENTS

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beelart of Cave Junction, at Josephine General Hospital in Grants Pass, January 12 at 10 a.m., a baby boy, weight 7 lbs. 9 ounces. Maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Campbell of Illinois Motel, and very proud of their first grandchild. Paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Beelart of Elgin, Nebraska.

private industry and private capital by every known means, including high taxes, regulation, and a "swat business" attitude.

Prominent
Resident of
Valley Dies

Last Saturday morning, January 8, Dr. William A. Brown, passed away at his home, La Casa Willadora on the Redwood highway, south of Cave Junction. He had been failing in health for the past year and Saturday morning he peacefully passed away.

Dr. Brown was a national figure in religious circles, had been pastor of some of the best Methodist churches in the country, and served very prominently in Buenos Aires, Argentina, also in the Philippines, where he was in the Missionary field. He was a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 4682, A. F. & A. M., District of South America, Southern Division.

Dr. and Mrs. Brown came to the Valley in 1937, and founded the Friendly Mission, residing in the residence nearby where they made their home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Community church in Cave Junction, Rev. George H. Gray officiating, assisted by Rev. D. H. Burger, Belt Lodge No. 18, A. F. & A. M., held the last Masonic rites, followed by cremation in Grants Pass. His ashes are to be sent to Dr. Brown's beloved Philippines, where he so often said was his heart home. Mrs. Guy Dick, sang "The Homeland" and "It Is Well With My Soul", accompanied by Mrs. A. N. Collman.

Surviving are his widow, Dora Taggart Brown, and a son, Robert William, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and two grandsons, William and David.

Valley residents who had known Dr. Brown for many years, send their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Brown for her great loss.

I. V. Teachers
Association Met
Last Tuesday

The Illinois Valley Teachers association held its regular meeting in the science room of the high school, Tuesday evening, January 4th. In the absence of the president Mrs. Mabel Ballard, due to illness, Mrs. Irene Cribb presided.

A short business session was held, during which a letter from the O. E. A., urging some action regarding the relief fund for overseas teachers, was read. A motion was made and carried that gifts should be voluntary on the part of the teachers, the total to be handed over to Mrs. Hazel Ingham, recording secretary, to be forwarded to the County Teachers association. Mrs. Cribb then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Kathleen Clarke, acting program chairman, who introduced the guest speakers, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Robstad, who have recently returned from a delayed "honeymoon" trip to Norway.

The speakers related the conditions, habits, and idiosyncrasies of the Norwegians, both of today and of yesteryear. The talk was both interesting and informative. To add to the interest, Mrs. Robstad displayed many objects from Norway, both antique and modern.

After the talk, tentative plans were laid for the next meeting, which will be in the nature of a party, each member being entitled to invite two outside guests.

Refreshments were then served by the committee, composed of Mesdames Eastman, Byrnes and Oliver. Besides the guest speakers, the guest list included Harry O. Smith.

BILL FARLIEN OPENS
AUTO REPAIR SHOP

Bill Farlien has just opened a new automobile repair shop directly behind the American Legion hall.

Bill needs no introduction to residents of the valley, for he has been in the garage business in the Valley for years and has a wide acquaintance.

KNOW YOUR TEACHERS

(By Sara Wertz)

It was in the summer of 1945 that the Merton Inghams came to Cave Junction from California, erected an attractive business center and opened the House of Todelo, an Indian name meaning meeting place for friendly people. A fine contribution was made to Kerby High school for it brought Merton Jr., better known as Butch to the Junior class of 21 students.

Until his graduation in 1946 Butch was outstanding in high school athletics, especially football and basketball, and always on the scholastic honor roll. Dad and Mom, tho' busy dispensing extra good food to satisfied customers found time to be in the rooting section and to take an active interest in Kerby schools. Butch in now at SOCE and Mr. and Mrs. Ingham are devoting full time to school work at Kerby.

If you drop into the new building early or late you'll find Mert Sr., polishing the floors, tending furnace or doing any one of several of the thousands of things that he sees to do for the comfort of the 16 faculty members and 575 young folks that make up the Kerby Elementary school. Microscopic vision or youthful sense of humor it must be that caused the young folks to bud Mert Ingham Curly, but Curly he is and he obligingly responds to that name when called to open class room doors, tie up sore fingers or rescue play equipment that goes astray.

A few days ago Curly came to school dressed in his best, hurriedly disposed of his duties and drove away, leaving a puzzled and anxious group of young people until it was explained to them that there was a bowling tournament somewhere. Knowing Mert Ingham, they knew he could not miss his most favorite of sports. When he returned they lost no time in finding out the score. Mert is from the Wolverine state of blue lakes and skies. His home town is Flint, Michigan. He was four years in the Navy and for several years in the aeroplane industrial plant in Long Beach. At the Todelo everyone enjoyed his culinary skill, especially his steaks and Italian dinners.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Williams, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brown of O'Brien, transacted business in Grants Pass

If someone is seeking a definition for that oft heard term "home-Room" used now in our several room schools, he would find a pattern well exemplified in Hazel Ingham's sixth grade room as well as in the many other rooms of the Kerby elementary school. In Mrs. Ingham's sixth grade room, 35 young folks live their learning thru daily practice in sharing responsibility for room arrangement, hospitality to guests and to a marked degree in home decoration. A guest on entering finds two winter scene crayon sketches that even an art critic would give high praise. "We did these ourselves," said the students with just pride in their achievements.

Better hurry or you will miss said one sixth grader to his pals as the whistle blew to end the noon hour. So I followed to find what the hidden treasure might be that would cause a group to speedily leave the play grounds. It was the daily reading period in Mrs. Ingham's room and the book that holds such great interest is Honore Morrow's "Road to Oregon."

Hazel Ingham comes to us from San Joaquin County, California. She is a graduate of Western Normal of Stockton and began her teaching career in California schools. In contrast to Mrs. Byrne's \$115 a month she first received \$70 a month. She went from the rural one room schools to vocational teaching.

An ex-navy veteran turned Mrs. Ingham from school occupation to home interests tho she kept in touch, doing substitute work in Long Beach schools. During the war she worked in the Douglas Aeroplane plant.

Mrs. Ingham is teaching for the third year in Kerby. The fifth and sixth grade are her favorite ones. She keeps up with educational progress, has attended summer school at SOCE and completed several extension courses leading to a BA degree.

The Inghams live on their four acre tract at Cave Junction. They have adopted Oregon as their home state and expect to build their home in the near future.

last Saturday. Mrs. Sara Wertz made the trip with the Williamses for the day.

Shelley Creek Mill Starts Operations



Two different views of Shelley Creek Mill & Timber, Inc.

One of the new industries for the Illinois Valley is the Shelley Creek Mill & Timber, Inc., located about 14 miles from O'Brien on the old Oregon Mountain stage road. The mill operated about a month before the holidays and then shut down to install larger saws and a new feed carriage. A new 50x50 foot slab burner was also erected. The mill will cut approximately 35,000 feet daily when it gets into full operation.

Located near a large belt of virgin timber, is the reason for its construction in its present location. It is much easier to truck lumber down the hill than it would be to bring logs down to a mill in

the Valley. Much of the timber is some of the finest Douglas fir in southern Oregon.

As soon as it can be wired, the mill will be run by electricity, now it is using a Deisel engine. David N. Plant is the manager and Henry Webb is superintendent of the woods crew.

Shelley Creek Mill & Timber, Inc., is owned and operated by Lew and Helen Krauss, George and Henry Webb, J. H. Pomeroy and David N. Plant. As soon as the cold spell lets up, the mill will be in operation again, filling special orders that are already on the books for delivery as soon as possible.

Enthusiastic
Chamber
Meeting

Last Tuesday evening, the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce held its first meeting of the new year with all the new officers.

President Carl Fisher opened the meeting and the secretary's report of the last meeting disposed of and the treasurer showing a balance of \$111.30 in the coffers of the chamber.

The president appointed the following committee chairmen: Herb Drews, membership; Mrs. Frank Rauber, liaison officer of the membership committee; M. C. Athey, publicity; Ed Knipple, national counselor; Mrs. Marian Greene, national affairs.

Carl Speith spoke about the folders the chamber published last year, and said some of the merchants were missed when the books were distributed. This was promised to be corrected and folders will be issued to all in the near future.

Linkhart and McLean have given the chamber permission to erect a sign on their building in Cave Junction and make it chamber headquarters.

Herb Drews made a motion that the chamber raise \$250 to put the swimming hole in order for the children by summer. This was in cooperation with the Junior Chamber who will no doubt, finish the bath houses this spring.

Mrs. Rauber spoke of the new organization for all clubs and suggested that the chamber appoint a delegate to the next meeting. Mrs. Rauber was appointed.

The next meeting of the chamber will be held the second Tuesday in February at Todelo cafe.

Jr. Women's Club
Meet With New Officers

The Club held its January meeting last Friday with Maude Lacky, president, presiding.

New committees appointed were Arlene Hadley, social chairman, with assistants Carmelia Hussey, Joan Beane, Sally Robinson and Emily Hoey. Playground chairman, Elaine Tradewell. Other members are Doris Beauvais, Daisy Nason, Jerry Rosenberg, Mary Moore, Anna Nelson and Maude Lacky.

It was moved and seconded that the Club adopt the Junior Women's club pledge.

An expression of thanks to Manchel's Furniture store for the donation of an electric heating pad for one of the Christmas boxes. Also to Illinois Valley Cleaners for space provided during their baked food sale.

Donna Lesnowitch attended as guest of Evelyn Budd.

Refreshments were served by Carmelia Hussey and Arlene Hadley. The next meeting Friday, January 21 in the Home Ec room of Kerby High.

ASSOCIATED STATION
HAS NEW OWNERS

Last Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Best of Lynwood, California, purchased the Associated Gas station from Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kennedy, and the new owners took possession of their new business shortly after. They invite new as well as old customers to call and get acquainted, and will strive to serve the public as efficiently as the former owners.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have no plans for the future and will continue to make their home in the Valley.

AUTO EXAMINER TO
BE HERE MONDAY

A traveling examiner for operators and chauffeurs licenses will be in Cave Junction, Monday, January 17th in the American Legion hall between the hours of 10:30 a. m. to 3:00 p. m., according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office.

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

WEATHER REPORT
FOR ILLINOIS VALLEY

Weather records from the Redwood Ranger Station for the seven days ending January 9th, 1949 are as follows:

Date	Rainfall	Hi T.	Low T.
3	.....	35	24
4	.....	38	20
5	.....	42	18
6	.....	48	23
7	.....	38	28
8	.....03	37	27
9	.....	33	18
Total	.....03		