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Weekly Letter

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The much discussed (and cussed) public housing bill will become law. I wish more people knew the real truth and the inside facts about this piece of legislation. Unfortunately, so many people and so many splendid and well-meaning organizations have been so completely sold on the social welfare features or the so-called benefits of the plan that the fallacies and outright dangerous features of it are overlooked.

For example, how many people in Oregon realize that the proportion of the total cost of this program that our state will bear is about equivalent to a 40-year bond issue of ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS? In this connection it also should be noted, I think, that under a similar plan adopted in 1937 nearly two hundred thousand public housing units were built — but not one was built in Oregon. (Do not confuse this plan with war housing of which Oregon had considerable.)

Following are some of the other objectionable features of the housing proposal just enacted:

The "slum clearance" provision does not provide for clearance of slums. In Washington, D. C., 240 Federal housing projects have been built since 1935, under a "slum clearance" program. Yet the same slums that were condemned 13 years ago remain inhabited by hundreds of people.

The poorest families can not get in the subsidized projects. The bill specifically provides that tenants of so-called "low-rent" projects must have a certain minimum income and the minimum rent is higher than millions of renters of private housing pay today.

The bill tends to create permanent renters, rather than encourage home ownership.

To obtain farm housing benefits, a farmer would have to submit to absolute Federal control of his farming operation for ten years.

The so-called "local" housing authorities would have no local control.

The bill specifically denies to Congress any review of appropriations or control over specific expenditures.

We need Federal support for redevelopment of slum areas, for guaranteed financing of new homes, for such honest assistance as is really justified. But H. R. 4009 will do more toward aggravating those problems than solving them. It is a cruel political hoax on those who need help.

Under provisions of Public Law 107, signed by President Truman last week, the requirement for performance of \$100 worth of assessment work annually on unpatented mining claims was suspended until July 1, 1949. Assessment work will have to be performed during the year ending June 30, 1950. However, the act provides that claimants taking advantage of this law must file by August 1, 1949, at the office where the location certificate is recorded, a notice of intention to continue holding the claim. Any work already performed this year may be credited toward the labor required for next year. The new law applies only to the United States.

Another section of the new law provides that prospectors working on new claims shall be liable for damage to the value of the land for grazing caused by prospecting, mining or removal of minerals. On old claims, prospectors are liable only for damage to crops or property of the entryman or patentee on such land.

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WEATHER REPORT
FOR ILLINOIS VALLEY

Weather reports from the Redwood Ranger Station for the period June 27 to July 3rd inc., is as follows:

Date	Rainfall	Hi	T.	Low	T.
27	.00	80	42		
28	.00	70	40		
29	.00	74	36		
30	.00	85	38		
1	.00	90	42		
2	.00	93	48		
3	.00	88	47		

"THE 3 MUSKETEERS"
WITH ALL STAR CAST
SHOWS SUNDAY AT IVYSATURDAY MATINEE
AND EVENING

That bold adventurer, Louis Hayward, with a flashing sword for his enemies and a kiss for his lady love, will be back on the screen again in a new, rousing thriller, starring with Janet Blair in *The Black Arrow*. The setting of this tale is based on Robert Louis Stevenson's world-famous novel, takes him further back in history than his *Monte Cristo* exploits — to 15th century England after the War of Roses.

SUNDAY and MONDAY

The Three Musketeers boasts an outstanding cast headed by Lana Turner, Gene Kelly, Keenan Wynn and others. Neither time, effort nor expense was spared in making every detail of the Sumas' classic completely faithful to its period, that of France and England in 1625.

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY

"Music Man," starring Freddie Stewart and Phil Brito is entertaining fare which features Jimmy Dorsey and his celebrated orchestra. Tunes and numbers and of course, a love angle.

Johnny Mack Brown in "Frontier Agent," with Reno Blair and Raymond Hutton. Johnny always promises plenty of action and thrills and in "Frontier Agent," he is at his best.

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

Something entirely new in the history of film making was devised by the Marx Brothers when they made "A Night at the Opera," the comedy which has gone down in Hollywood history as one of the funniest ever conceived. In this film Groucho, Chico and Harpo are seen as managers for a pair of songbirds whose career they are trying to further. See them blunder, thru insane impulses and madcap antics. Anyway it all turns out well in the end after a terrific scene in which they save an audience from panic at a theater. It's terrific.

BILL WOODBURY WINS
OUTBOARD MOTOR

Last Monday evening at the 4th of July dance, the Jaycees awarded the Outboard motor to Bill Woodbury of Cave Junction, and also gave the Dormeyer electric mixer to W. E. Thatcher of O'Brien.

The Jaycees in their enterprise to help the community went behind in this endeavor, but the community certainly appreciates their good intentions just the same.

The Junior chamber wants to thank all those who helped them and they are loud in their praise for all the assistance given to help the Ramblers Roost ball field which the Jaycees are trying to keep going this year. The next ball game is Sunday, July 10 when the local boys go to Merlin. The next home game is Sunday, July 17 with Eagle Point.

JUNIOR GARDEN CLUB
TO PICNIC JULY 14th

Election of officers and a picnic at Elk Valley park will be the order of the meeting of the Junior Women's Garden Club, July 14th. Meetings thru August and September however, will be discontinued.

Members of the I. V. Garden club are invited to the picnic. All attending this event are to meet at 11 o'clock at the Cave Information station in Cave Junction. A potluck luncheon will be served at noon and each person is to bring their own cup, plate and silver service.

Kindergarten Opens
Fall Term in September

The Greene Garden school kindergarten school opens its fall term in September and those desiring to place their children should make reservations now. Mrs. Greene is desirous in securing 10 pupils in the first and second grade to place under the Calvert system of teaching. Those interested can call 1009 at River's Edge Garage.

Redwood And
Oregon Caves
Contract Let

At a meeting of the state highway commission, held in Portland June 27 and 28, 30 contracts were approved for construction projects in various sections of the state, the aggregate amount of the low bids received being \$2,538,053.60. These, with one or two exceptions, were for projects included in the first three year (1946, 1947, 1948) post war program, the letting of which have been delayed by economic conditions and excessive construction costs. It is anticipated that all the remaining projects of the first three year program will be covered in the bids called at the next meeting of the commission, Monday and Tuesday, August 1 and 2 next. At the August meeting it is planned that a start will be made on the construction program for the next two years, covering projects in all five of the districts into which the state has been divided, and which program contemplates the expenditure of \$23,500,000 for construction and right of way during the two year period.

The following low bid for the Redwood highway was approved: JOSEPHINE: Cave Junction re-rolling and rock production project on the Redwood and Oregon Caves highways. State project. 19.36 miles of re-rolling. J. C. Compton Co., McMinnville, received the bid for \$101,860.50.

Clinton Eggers
Dies From
Serious Injuries

Clinton J. Eggers, 29, of Cave Junction, was seriously injured in a logging accident Sunday afternoon, July 3rd, while operating a caterpillar for Ted Webb, in the latter's logging operations near O'Brien. He was rushed to the Grants Pass General hospital and died Monday morning, July 4th from his injuries.

No one seems to know exactly what happened, as no one saw the accident, but it is presumed that Clint lost control of the cat and jumped, but the cat caught him and crushed him badly. However, he did not pass away until the next day at the hospital.

He leaves his mother, Mrs. Emily Eggers, Cave Junction; five brothers, Jack of Bridgeview; Frank of Crescent City; George, Herman and Albert of Cave Junction, a half brother, Clarence Eggers of Grants Pass; four sisters, Mrs. Robert Owen of Gold Beach; Mrs. Zane Gray, Mrs. Boyd Reese and Mrs. Clarence Goodwin, all of Cave Junction.

Graveyard services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m. at Laurel cemetery, under the direction of Hull & Hull Funeral home.

Water System
In Operation

Ralph W. Reed, engineer, who has put in the city water system in Cave Junction, said this morning, (Thursday) that water has been turned on in the new mains and now there will be no more shortage of water.

The new system has been connected with the old, providing plenty of water from the new reservoir.

As fast as connections can be made, patrons will be connected with the new mains, but until this can be done, water will be provided through the old lines.

AUTO EXAMINER TO
BE HERE MONDAY

A driver's license examiner will be on duty in Cave Junction, Monday, July 18, at the Legion hall between 10:30 a. m., and 3 p. m. Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are requested to get in touch with him well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.

Helicopter
Brot Here For
Forest Service

A Bell Helicopter, two place machine, under contract to the U. S. Forest Service, based at Yreka, California, with Pilot Jack Loney, arrived in the Valley this week, ready to go to work. The Smoke-jumpers will work in cooperation with the copter as was done last year.

Acertain amount of clearing is usually done by the smokejumpers preceding the arrival of the copter. The jumpers are then flown out after the fire is controlled.

A knoll 150 yards south of Waldo hill lookout is being used to land the jumpers. They are given instruction on the technicalities of clearing spots of proper size and determining wind drift by means of holding a handkerchief aloft for the incoming pilot to see. This training is being given to 28 men of the smoke jumper project.

Public Is Warned
About Solicitors

Business firms and individuals in the Valley who are being solicited for contributions to various causes, should be sure that the solicitors have proper credentials and authorization from your local chamber of commerce.

A call came to the News office that out of town solicitors were busy this week getting donations under misrepresentation. So before making your contribution, merchants are advised to see proper authorization for soliciting and credentials. If at all suspicious, report facts to the chief of police.

Log Operators
To Get Broadcast
On Fire Weather

Logging operators of this county will receive twice daily radio broadcasts of fire weather information from the two state-wide radio networks during the fire season, according to Albert Weisendanger, executive secretary of the Keep Oregon Green Association.

Weisendanger said last minute fire weather data would be broadcast daily, except Sunday, over radio station KOAC, Corvallis, 550 kilocycles, at 8:45 p. m., Pacific Daylight Saving Time.

The daily broadcast over state station KOAC is a cooperative project sponsored by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Keep Oregon Green Association and Radio Station KOAC, Weisendanger said.

Fire weather news will also be broadcast to the logging operators twice daily at 8:25 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. (Pacific Standard Time) over radio station KBDY, 3397.5 kilocycles. Each broadcast will be repeated ten minutes later, both morning and evening, over State Board of Forestry station KOA 413 at a frequency of 2236 kilocycles.

Weisendanger pointed out that these twice daily broadcasts started July 1st and were developed to place the latest possible fire weather information in the hands of logging operators so they could plan each days operation in accordance with weather conditions.

The fire prevention leader urged loggers to maintain their outstanding fire record of the past ten years by taking every precaution. He suggested that fire tools and equipment should be kept in tip-top shape at all times, that watchmen be provided where needed at logging landings, and other areas where hazard and risk is high. He pointed out that a shortage of rain fall had created an added hazard this year which would require the full cooperation of every man in the woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Todd spent the July 4th holidays in Cave Junction visiting friends. They are former residents of Cave Junction and this is their first visit since leaving here in 1941. They now make their home at Drain, Oregon.

JR. WOMEN'S CLUB
OFFICIALLY OPENED
PLAY GROUNDS JULY 4

The Junior Women's club met Friday evening at the home of Maude Lacky. Guests were Mary Ford and Virginia Steimer, and two new members, Dorene Perry and Joyce Heald, were welcomed into the club. Hostesses were Evelyn Budd, Ruby Hayes and Peggy Fulk.

The play ground located adjacent to the Ramblers Roost area, and consisting of swings, teeters, and a slide, was officially opened for use Monday, July 4th. Plans were made for the annual picnic to be held Sunday, August 6th at Grayback camp with members and their families invited.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Doris Beauvais, Friday, July 15th at 8 p. m.

California Girl Becomes
Bride of Gilman Squire

Coming as a surprise to their many friends in the Valley, was the marriage of Miss Barbara White and Gilman Squire, Saturday, June 25th, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. White of Woodlaks, California. The groom is the son of Mrs. Judy Tuttle. The couple are now making their home in Cave Junction where Gilman is employed.

Next Monday, July 11th the new Mrs. Squire will be honored at a miscellaneous shower, to be held on the garden lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowerman, Redwood Ranger Station, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to which all friends of the newlyweds are invited.

Grange Leader
Tompkins Is
Sharply Rebuked

Oregon Grange leadership came in form sharp criticism June 19 at a meeting of Lincoln county Republicans at Tillamook.

James Collins of Salem, National Young Republican committeeman, referred to the Grange's all-out fight for CVA as being inspired by Morton Tompkins, state grangemaster, who has been associated with the Bonneville Power administration.

"You can readily understand the grangemaster's zeal toward indoctrinating his grangers into their pro-CVA position when you know that Tompkins has been for many years employed as a 'consultant' at Bonneville," declared Collins.

"I am sure the farmers of Oregon will not long allow themselves to be taken advantage of in a situation like this, and will assert their own political convictions, rather than having them stated by self-perpetuated grangemaster Tompkins, his public ownership and New Deal backers.

"Mr. Tompkins also serves as a mouthpiece for Monroe Sweetland and his so-called Democratic party in this state," Collins added. "In reality, this party, while going under the name 'Democratic' has taken over the program of those groups that are at work gradually regimenting and destroying our private business enterprise system and destroying confidence in old established agencies of government."

"Everyone must realize," Collins stated, "that when private business is regimented, strangled to death or taken over by government, our form of representative government suffers accordingly. This procedure destroys invested capital and jobs, as well as markets for farm products," he added.

Collins brought out the fact that other organized farm groups, among them the Idaho Grange and the Oregon State Farm Bureau Federation, are strongly opposed to CVA.

The Grants Pass office of the Public Utilities Commissioner of Oregon, will be open from 8 a. m. to 12 noon on Mondays and all day Friday, effectively immediately, and is located at 717 East H street in Grants Pass.

KEEP OREGON GREEN

Celebration
Draws Record
Crowd In Valley

The first big 4th of July celebration in the valley which was sponsored by The Ramblers and the V. F. W. was a huge success from all angles.

Saturday afternoon July 2 was Kid's Day and the kids really had a grand time racing, jumping, and skating. Special thanks are due to the Renfro brothers for conducting the athletic events, also to A. C. Hamrick for operating the speaker.

Twenty nice prizes were awarded to the youngsters and free lemonade served to all contestants.

At the evening dance the Western Stars orchestra played and the "Million Dollar Baby" was auctioned off by Les Milligan.

Miss Liberty and her court were presented. Miss Liberty (Roxalee Caza) was crowned by Mr. Elwood Hussey, Mayor of Cave Junction. June George, Laurel Johnson, Millicent Davis and Barbara Clayton composed the court attendant to Miss Liberty. The girls were beautiful with their white formals and colorful corsages.

A Horse Gymkhana was the main event Sunday July 3. The Timber Riders carried off a good many prizes and the Rough and Ready Ramblers gave outstanding performances. A. C. Hamrick announced the events and Opal Hill and Marie Smith were in charge of the program.

The radio show conducted by Mr. Hamrick was enjoyed by all present. First prize was won by five year old Sandra Slack, second was Lavina Steffens, two third prizes were awarded. A free dance was held after the radio show until a late hour.

July 4, the program started at 11:30 a. m. with the parade which was conducted by Ethel Banta was open to everyone. Miss Liberty and her court led in a decorated convertible. The handsome Boy Scout drum and bugle corps and Girl Scout drill team from Hugo easily won first place. The O'Brien flower club, "The Blooming Idiots" won second and the Cub Scout Pack won third. The Legion and V. F. W. marched side-by-side carrying OLD GLORY and their colors.

Irene George carried the flag for the V. F. W. Auxiliary and "Oscar" the mascot was accompanied by a couple of Lady Bugs.

The Rough and Ready Ramblers were out in force gaily dressed in their red shirts. The mountain canary was also present. The Illinois Valley Medical Center entered a suitable display.

All organizations and individuals who entered the parade are to be congratulated on their nice entries.

An amateur rodeo was held in the afternoon, July 4. Les Milligan announced events. Louis Duval was in charge of the program. Some lively bucking horses and bulls were contesting with some very good riders.

Ed Cooke won first honors, Ted Milligan 2nd. Prizes were awarded to each event.

A barbecue was prepared and served all day by Archie Masoner and Bill Burch.

The program wound up with a dance in the evening. Music by the Western Stars, a Medford orchestra. Attendance prizes were awarded to Mrs. Renfro and Mrs. Roland Tresham.

The committee wishes to thank all merchants, firms and individuals who helped in any way to make the celebration a success.

Let's do it again next year!

Movie Actor Sabu and
Party Were City Visitors

Last Sunday much excitement was created when word was circulated around town that movie actor Sabu, Mrs. Sabu and their party, were having dinner at the Central cafe. It didn't take long for a crowd to gather and from all reports Sabu was kept busy autographing scraps of paper and writing material, that the youngsters brought in for some time.

Sabu and his party were guests at the Oregon Caves with Sam Baker as host.