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Weekly Letter

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH

The first few days after the House of Representatives moved into its new quarters in the Ways and Means Committee room in the new House office building, I thought the temporary set-up would work out well. I have changed my mind. The sessions are little short of bedlam. In spite of every effort on the part of the presiding officer, the noise and confusion is terrible. As a result of the general high noise level on the floor, the loud-speaker system used by those who address the House is operated at what seems to be full volume—with six amplifier units blaring down at us from along the walls. A boiler factory in full production would be a nice quiet place by comparison.

A few days ago I was asked by a wire service reporter what I thought of the situation, and when I thought we were going to adjourn and go home." This remark comments I said "We should adjourn and go home." This remark I find was widely quoted on the radio and in the newspapers. There was, however, a great deal more behind my remark than revealed by the short easy quote. After watching the House of Representatives in operation for nearly two weeks under these extremely trying and adverse conditions, I am convinced that no more than the vitally necessary bills should be considered now. This session must, of course, complete the annual appropriation bills. It should also complete action on a few unfinished items of relatively low importance—and then adjourn.

I am certain that consideration and action upon highly important and complicated legislation should not be attempted under present conditions.

There has not been a great deal of publicity given to the fact, but before long the federal government through the Veterans Administration will begin the distribution of cash to veterans. The total will be two billion, eight hundred millions of dollars! Think what that amount of new, unobligated, spendable income will do toward bolstering up a slightly sagging U. S. economy. No, for once an outpouring of federal money is not listed under the heading of government spending. This will be the return to veterans of World War II of overpayments they have made on their National Service Life Insurance policies.

The Veterans Administration refers to the payments as a special dividend. Anyone who held NSLI for as long as three months is eligible for payments. Veterans need not write the VA about this. Application forms will soon be available at all post offices. All the veteran needs to do is obtain a form, fill it out and mail it to the VA.

In a letter I received recently from VA Administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr., he states: "Every effort is being made to speed up work in connections with payment of the dividend. We hope to mail out the first checks some time in January 1950, and to have the payment substantially completed by June 30th."

The announcement of plans for distributing insurance dividend checks to some eleven or twelve million veterans during the Congressional campaign year of 1950 touched many political nerves around the capitol. It was freely stated by Republican members of Congress, and on pretty reliable information it seemed, that these checks actually could be sent out during 1949 but that the distribution was delayed until next year for political reasons. I offer no opinion on this because I have no direct personal knowledge about it—but I do know that things of that sort have happened in this big government of ours.

Vern Cady made a trip to Grants Pass Tuesday to meet his mother, Mrs. Arrivalla Cady, who arrived from San Francisco, and will visit here for the summer.

JUDY GARLAND AND
MICKEY ROONEY IN
"WORDS AND MUSIC"SATURDAY MATINEE
AND EVENING

An outdoor adventure packed with thrills, is a story about a lovable vagabond who was branded an outlaw, a headstrong girl and a great horse. is "Black Eagle," which features handsome William Bishop and lovely Virginia Patton.

SUNDAY and MONDAY

Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney, make their 10th screen appearance together in "Words and Music," a technicolor musical, based on the lives and music of Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart, America's greatest song writing team. Top star personalities provide many song and dance numbers you will long remember. It is a lavish production from start to finish, and it's a movie you don't want to miss.

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY

"The Secret Land," with Robert Taylor and Van Heflin, in a technicolor spectacle far off the beaten track. It's a breath taking adventure into a new world, when 4000 men take their ships and planes on a 12,000 mile voyage into the unknown. If it's action, suspense, drama, disaster, sights never before to be seen, see "Secret Land."

"Hollywood Barn Dance" has many surprises for you, which is the second bill starring Ernest Tubb and Lori Talbot. Both features are worth seeing.

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

Lois Butler, new 16 year old star, is perfectly cast as Mickey in the film of the same name. She plays the part of a typical tomboy who is constantly getting into mischief. She sings songs that are perfectly fitted to her fine voice. Co-stars are Irene Hervey, Hattie McDaniel and Bill Goodwin.

Preparations
In Making For
Annual Jubilee

Citizens of the Valley will again have the opportunity of expressing their choice of a queen candidate for the Illinois Valley Jubilee, starting August 1st.

This annual celebration, sponsored by the American Legion, has in the past been the biggest entertainment event, and all proceeds go towards the support of the local post's yearly program of service to the community and upkeep of their property.

The candidates who aspire to be queen will make their initial appearance at the Ivy theater July 30th at 9 p. m. Thereafter each contestant will be provided with tickets and from then on until August 31, will make every effort to sell her tickets which entitles them to 100 votes. The ticket is admission to the Queen's ball Saturday, Sept. 3, and the dance Monday, September 5.

The contest is open to sponsored candidates between the ages of 16 and 21 years and unmarried. Organizations should choose their candidates now and get in the competition early.

BELT LODGE WILL
MEET SATURDAY NITE

The regular business meeting of Belt Lodge No. 18, A. F. & A. M. will be held next Saturday evening, July 23rd. All Members are urged to attend. Visitors always welcome.

Claude Masters, W. M.

WEATHER REPORT
FOR ILLINOIS VALLEY

The weather report from the Redwood Ranger Station for the period ending July 17, 1949, is as follows:

Date	Rainfall	Hi T.	Low T.
11	.00	89	65
12	.00	98	58
13	.00	104	55
14	.00	104	56
15	.00	95	58
16	.00	88	58
17	.00	92	52

State Forest Fire Could Have Been Serious



A COURIER PHOTO AND ENGRAVING shows the fire in a spectacular mood. The wind fanned the flames into a fury for a time Friday afternoon, but died down in the late evening when the wind changed, saving many homes and farm fields.

The fire news is ancient history but a few items need to be told. When it was learned Saturday afternoon that the fire was gaining and out of control, nearly all the homes in the path of the fire, moved their belongings to the Legion hall. Every spare truck, pickup and many cars were put to work moving residents out of the district. About 60 people were homeless for Saturday and Friday nights, but relief crews from local residents were equal to the occasion and found sleeping quarters for all. The Red Cross came to their relief with provisions. However, many local people sent provisions to the Legion hall before the Red Cross moved in. Legion Auxiliary with many volunteers worked all night Friday and late Saturday providing food for the homeless and fire fighters.

Only two injuries occurred during the fire. Dr. Collman treated Lee Hiatt who lost a toe on his right foot in a freak accident and Al Hembree suffered bad foot lacerations while fighting the fire.

The blaze was entirely in state forest territory and privately owned land. John Kincaid, state fire warden in Grants Pass was in charge until Frank Hamilton, district manager from Medford took over. Later, we understand, Henry Webb of the Rough & Ready Lumber Co., took the job of controlling the fire.

Everyone helped who could. It was a marvelous demonstration of friendly cooperation.

LEGION AND AUXILIARY
EXTEND THANKS

Glenn Morrison Post and the Legion Auxiliary wish to express their sincere thanks to the many individuals and merchants of the community, the Red Cross, members of G. P. Legion and Auxiliary for the splendid spirit of cooperation and consideration during the recent fire. (Editor's Note—The entire community warmly thanks the Legion and Auxiliary for their timely help and assistance during the emergency).

The generous offers of food, trucks and equipment which evacuated families from the stricken areas, sleeping accommodations in homes and motels, and the untiring efforts of those who combated the fire, fed and prepared foods for the needy, are to be highly complimented.

Legionnaires and the Auxiliary are committed to a life of service to its community but without the generous support of fellow citizens we could hold little hope of attaining our success. Thank you each and everyone for the part played in serving our community's time of need or distress.

H. F. Hartwell, Commander,
Glenn Morrison Post No. 70.

W. A. and Don Doney killed three cougars Tuesday afternoon in the vicinity of Grayback mountain. The Doney's have killed 13 bobcats and five cougars this year. When you see a cougar or cat, get in touch with Doney. He has the dogs and can get them.

Mill Workers
Help Increase
Hospital Fund

Making contributions to the local hospital fund since last week from the Siskiyou Forest Products employees are: Clarence Martin, Ferris E. Jones, Chet Lockhart, R. P. Doran, James B. Walck, W. E. Kiser, E. A. Sutton, S. F. Perez, E. D. McConnell, P. R. Lovejoy, R. W. Budd, R. H. Campbell, D. L. McGihon, Harry E. Causey, Stanley E. Johnson, and Fluhner's Bakeries sent in a nice check.

BENEFIT DANCE FOR
HOSPITAL SATURDAY

A record attendance is expected next Saturday, July 23rd, when the Illinois Valley Grange sponsor a dance for the benefit of the I. V. Medical Center hospital fund at the Bridgeview Grange hall.

The Easy Valley Boys will furnish the music and will contribute their share to the cause. And as for the ladies of the Grange, they are making every effort to serve delicious foods for the midnight lunch which is always a popular feature of their dances.

If you haven't purchased your dance tickets yet, get them at the stores in the Valley, the admission is 75c per person. It is money well spent for the hospital fund, and you get an evening's entertainment besides.

VALLEY ARTISTS TO
EXHIBIT PICTURES

Three artists from the Illinois Valley will be represented at the Second Annual Southern Oregon Art Exhibition in Grants Pass July 23 and 24 at the high school library. The exhibition will be open to the public between 10 a. m. and 9 p. m.

Mrs. Harold Bowerman of Cave Junction has a number of scenic paintings and attractive flower studies on show, and Helen Watson and Grace Etherton of O'Brien are both represented by several interesting studies.

WHAT THE LEGION
AUXILIARY IS DOING

(By Joy Badden)

Glenn Morrison Unit met in regular session before a joint installation of officers with the Legion. Delegates cards for the coming convention in Salem were received and signed. Reports included one on the work that members of the unit contributed during the fire. It was reported that the party at the Domiciliary Home at Camp White was a huge success. The group from here contributed cup cakes and home-made candy. The evening entertainment included pinochle, poker, five hundred, cribbage and hearts, with prizes for high and low scores. A letter of thanks from Mary Mitchell, Auxiliary chairman for the Home, says the men are still talking about the cakes and candy.

The meeting recessed to install the following officers:

Sergeant-at-arms, Irene McCasland; ; Chaplain, Sharlet Slack; Historian, Amy Hussey; Treasurer, Lida Miller; Secretary, Daisy Nassen; Corresponding Secretary, Evelyn Budd; Second Vice-president, Myrtle Clifford; First Vice-President, Hazel Henry; President Dora Combust. Joy Badden, 4th district president acted as installing officer. A beautiful past president's pin was presented to Evelyn Budd.

Out of town guests who had come hoping to hear reports from Girls State representatives, Doris Hall and Marilyn Wurn, were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wilcox and Mr. and Mrs. Noble Stanton. Mrs. Wilcox is department rehabilitation chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The unit said goodbye regretfully to Mrs. Jess Martin, who with her husband is leaving soon for California. Mrs. Martin was first vice president the past year. Mr. and Mrs. Martin, who have been active in community youth movements, will be sorely missed.

A near capacity crowd remained after adjournment for refreshments of ice cream, home made cake and coffee.



MOVING OUT from the Rough and Ready flats forest fire last Friday. Many residents moved their belongings to the American Legion hall. Pictured above are H. Renfro and Ivan Burr loading a set of bed springs on a trailer, while Chick Nickerson and Barbara Trefethen put dishes and household effects in the trunk of a car.

—Cut courtesy of the Grants Pass Courier.