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Unfinished Job.

IN MANY parts of Roseburg streets that were surfaced with gravel though not graded, were torn up this spring and graded by the WPA. This was a fine project and greatly appreciated by all property owners. They were to have new streets without cost to themselves.

But, as time drags on, it appears that what seemed to be a fine improvement will be quite the reverse. Before the WPA worked on the streets many of them were passable in the winter. There had been just enough gravel put on them to permit their use during wet weather. But that gravel was all taken off and was not replaced and now with the slightest rain those streets will become mud wallows. Cars will struggle through them until the mud gets too deep with the result that even the grading done by WPA will be wasted.

And yet a very little gravelling would save the work already done and restore the streets to use during the winter. This should be done, and done immediately while gravel from the river is available and before the streets are a tangle of ruts.

Non-Partisan Ballot.

IN ADDITION to the big general election ballot, voters will mark a small non-partisan ballot. This small ballot is for the purpose of electing three supreme court judges, more or less a routine matter because the candidates are unopposed for their respective positions, and the bottom portion of the small ballot is for the election of a county school superintendent.

The county school superintendent ballot is important. This is the first time voters have had an opportunity to choose a county school superintendent on a non-partisan basis.

The News-Review believes that Stella Quine is better qualified for the office than her opponent on the ballot, Edith S. Ackert, who has held the office of county school superintendent for many years.

Stella Quine (Mrs. Ralph Quine) is a graduate of a nationally known teachers training school, the La Crosse Teachers Training college in Wisconsin. She has had business experience and in addition to 6 years regular teaching experience has had many years experience as substitute teacher in this county. During her work as substitute teacher Mrs. Quine has taught all grades and is thoroughly versed in all modern teaching methods.

It is the belief of this newspaper that the election of Stella Quine to the office of county school superintendent will result in a better school system in Douglas county.

NATIONAL GUARD CO. HERE RECEIVES PAY

Members of Co. D, 162nd infantry, Roseburg's unit of the Oregon national guard, received a total of $862 at the regular drill period Monday night. The payment represented the quarterly payroll for guardsmen, who are paid on a basis of drills attended. James W. Long, Canyonville, was enrolled as a recruit. Instruction was given in gas defense, riot duty, gun drill and other activities.

BURTON HUTTON ON KOAC DIRECTORATE

The appointment of Burton Hutton as director of the agricultural program for the stateowned radio station KOAC at Corvallis has been approved by the state board of higher education. Mr. Hutton will succeed C. R. Briggs, who has resigned. The appointment is effective November 1.

Mr. Hutton, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hutton of Garden valley, was graduated from Roseburg high school in 1922 and from Oregon State college, in 1927, following which he worked on the East Oregonian newspaper staff in Pendleton for one year. Returning to Corvallis Mr. Hutton worked on the Corvallis Gazette-Times until a year ago, when he resigned to become associated in the publication department of Oregon State college under Mr. Reed.

QUILL-SCROLL CLUB HOLDS MEETING

The Quill and Scroll, journalistic club, met yesterday noon in the cafeteria at Roseburg senior high. The meeting was given over to informing new members regarding the club's purpose and ideals.

Members present were: Betty Russell, Frank Wells, Elizabeth Campbell, Adah Marie Rahl, Jean Eppstein, Bob Harris, Braunda Conn and Jean Hughes. The neophytes were: Virginia Winston, Mary Joan Parkinson, Fanny Lu Wimberly, Eleanor Entler, Louise Virden, John Roberts, Billy Denoff, Winston Taylor, Bill Scherner, Eloda Taylor. The adviser, Frances Hardy, welcomed the new members.

KRNR PROGRAM
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REMAINING HOURS TODAY
4:00—The Editor Views the News.
4:15—Manhattan Concert Band.
4:30—The Grab Bag Program.
5:30—Sign Off.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29
Morning Hours
6:45—Early Birds.
7:00—Alarm Clock Club.
7:30—News-Review News Broadcast.
7:45—Alarm Clock Club contd.
8:30—Saw Turns.
8:45—Three Rhythm Kings.
9:00—Municipal Dance Band.
9:15—Close Harmony Four.
9:30—Victor Salon Orchestra.
9:45—The Singing Troubadour.
10:00—Viking Accordion Band.
10:15—Jack Demarchant.
10:30—Belle and Martha.
10:35—Women's Exchange.
11:00—Southern Oregon Gas Company presents "The Mystery Chef."
11:15—Popular Stars.
Afternoon Hours
12:00—Time Signal.
12:15—Radio Music Store Afternoon Concert.
12:29—Chevrolet's Musical Moments.
12:45—News-Review News Broadcast.
1:00—Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra.
1:30—Remembering.
1:45—Richard Crooks.
2:00—Famous Music.
2:30—Songs Seldom Heard.
3:00—The World Book Man.
3:10—Hawaiian Melodies.
3:30—Children's Request Program.
3:45—Roosevelt Progress.
4:00—The Editor Views the News.
4:15—Canyonville Community program.
4:45—The Grab Bag Program.
5:30—Sign Off.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
Morning Hours
6:45—Early Birds.
7:00—Alarm Clock Club.
7:30—News-Review News Broadcast.
7:45—Roosevelt Progress.
8:00—Good Morning, J. M. Judd.
8:15—Max Bendix Ensemble.
8:30—Victor Young and His Orchestra.
9:00—Oakland Community Program.
9:30—Down Memories Lane.
10:00—Haydn's Masterworks.
10:30—Belle & Martha.
10:35—Women's Exchange.
11:00—Golden Voices.
11:30—Hits From the Shows.
Afternoon Hours
12:00—Time Signal.
12:00—Bradford T. Bowles.
12:30—Hansen Motor Co. Variety Program.
12:45—News-Review News Broadcast.
1:00—Myrtle Creek Community Program.
1:30—Dean Rhodes.
1:45—Judy & Bill.
2:00—Spanish Rhythm.
2:15—Hawaiian Melodies.
2:30—Soneteers.
3:00—The World Book Man.
3:10—Patsy Montana.
3:30—Children's Request Program.
3:45—Clyde McCoy and His Orchestra.
4:00—The Editor Views the News.
4:15—Victor Concert Orchestra.
4:30—The Grab Bag Program.
5:30—Sign Off.

Stop Over Here—G. J. Hauenberg and son, John, of Redwood City, Calif., stopped over here yesterday to visit friends. The Hauenberg family formerly resided at Yoncalla.

Daily Devotions
DR. CHARLES A. EDWARDS

The Apostle Paul is not only convinced that a spirit of unity and friendliness in the church and in the hearts of good people is a great and a good thing, but he is sure it it is to be realized it must be striven for "giving diligence to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." There are many things that will destroy that peace and good will and understanding if they are allowed to operate. So that those things must be thought of as a real achievement. Like all good things, peace and harmony and mutual forbearance do not come easily and naturally and we have them only as we desire and work for them. Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the uniting spirit of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whom we have fellowship and mutual sympathy with all those who name His name and seek to serve the high purposes of His Kingdom. Amen.

'Midst Sound and Fury!

JURORS DRAWN FOR NOVEMBER TERM

The circuit court jury for the November term, starting Monday, Nov. 9, has been drawn and members of the panel are being notified to report. Preparatory to the convening of circuit court, the grand jury was called into session this morning and is engaged in the investigation of several minor matters. Both the grand jury and circuit court terms are expected to be very brief.

Those drawn for jury duty during the coming term are:

Fred Bowen, Roseburg; C. W. Hagan, Roseburg; W. C. Brownson, Myrtle Creek; A. L. Hancock, Elkton; W. J. Hargan, Elkton; L. E. Goodbourn, Roseburg; Richard W. Dick, Camas Valley; S. J. Ely, Reedsport; E. H. Ollivant, Brockway; George Burnett, Roseburg; Mrs. Elsie Russell, Roseburg; L. A. Blackwell, Reedsport; Stilley Nichols, Riddle; A. L. Perkins, Gardiner; Roy Edwards, Umpqua; Nellie N. Livingston, Dixonville; Wm. Frost, Elkton; E. S. Barstow, Anchor; H. H. Clemens, Sutherlin; J. D. Loffer, Tiller; Kate Miles, Myrtle Creek; R. L. Bridges, Leona; J. G. Howard, Roseburg; Mrs. T. E. Grae, Wilbur; Mrs. Bee Minter, Oakland; Mrs. Mary Lane, Glide; J. F. Sellers, Myrtle Creek; L. E. Gilliam, Roseburg; Floyd O. Craig, Drain; C. G. Henderer, Elkton; Mrs. E. J. Humphreys, Glendale.

FOOTBALL BANQUET DATED THURSDAY

The second annual football banquet, sponsored by a number of local business men and football enthusiasts, is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, Nov. 5, at Carl's Tavern, it was announced today. The business men will be hosts to the members of the senior high school football squad, in recognition of their services for the season.

The banquet will be open to any sports fans, but as there are only 35 places available in addition to the squad and sponsors, those desiring to attend are advised to make reservations immediately.

ALLEN'S BODY TO BE SHIPPED TO KANSAS

The body of Raymond H. Allen, who died at the veterans hospital here Saturday, will be shipped today to Brewster, Kansas, by the Roseburg Undertaking company. The young man, who came from the Baker, Oregon, CCC camp, contracted pneumonia while fighting fire in the Coos Bay district.

Here Over Week-End—J. C. Leedy of Salem, who is with the Oregon Turkey Growers association, was a business visitor in this city over the week-end.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIED

WAGGONER-DITTMAN — Fern Waggoner and Ray Dittman, Roseburg, married Saturday night, October 24.

WILSON-JONES — Lemuel C. Wilson, Ashland, and Winnifred L. Jones, Medford.

BORN

BRAND — To Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Brand, of this city, at Mercy hospital, Tuesday, October 27, a daughter; weight eight pounds and six ounces.

THE BIG FOUR
A Mystery-Romance by Agatha Christie

CHAPTER XV

Poirot left the villa rubbing his hands in great satisfaction.

"What are we going to do now?" I asked.

"Now, Hastings, we are about to leave Paris—for England."

"What?"

"We will pack our effects, have lunch, and drive to the Gare du Nord."

"But the radium?"

"I said we were going to leave for England—I did not say we were going to arrive there. Reflect a moment, Hastings. It is quite certain that we are being watched and followed. Our enemies must believe that we are going back to England, and they certainly will not believe that unless they see us get on board the train and start."

"Do you mean we are to slip off again at the last minute?"

"No, Hastings. Our enemies will be satisfied with nothing less than a bona fide departure."

"But the train doesn't stop until Calais?"

"It will stop if it is paid to do so."

"Oh, come now, Poirot—surely you can't pay an express to stop—they'd refuse."

"My dear friend, have you never remarked the little handle—the emergency cord—penalty for improper use, 100 francs, I think?"

"Oh! you are going to pull that?"

"Or rather a friend of mine, Pierre Combeau, will do so. Then, while he is arguing with the guard, and making a big scene, and all the train is agog with interest, you and I will fade quietly away."

We duly carried out Poirot's plan. Pierre Combeau, an old crony of Poirot's, and who evidently knew my little friend's methods pretty well, fell in with the arrangements. The communication cord was pulled just as we got to the outskirts of Paris. Combeau "made a scene" in the most approved French fashion and Poirot and I were able to leave the train without any one being interested in our departure. Our first proceeding was to make a considerable change in our appearance. Poirot had brought the materials for this with him in a small case. Two loafers in dirty blue blouses were the result. We had dinner in an obscure hostelry, and started back to Paris afterwards.

It was close on eleven o'clock when we found ourselves once more in the neighbourhood of Madame Olivier's villa. We loafed up and down the road before slipping into the alleyway. The whole place appeared to be perfectly deserted. One thing we could be quite certain of, no one was following us.

"I do not expect them to be here yet," whispered Poirot to me. "Possibly they may not come until tomorrow night, but they know perfectly well that there are only two nights on which the radium will be there."

Very cautiously we turned the key in the garden door. It opened noiselessly and we stepped into the garden.

And then, with complete unexpectedness, the blow fell. In a minute we were surrounded, gagged and bound. At least ten men must have been waiting for us. Resistance was useless. Like two helpless bundles we were lifted up and carried along. To my intense astonishment, they took us towards the house and not away from it. With a key they opened the door into the laboratory and carried us in to it, and leave us there to sit down before the big safe. The door of it swung open. I felt an unpleasant sensation down my spine. Were they going to bundle into it, and leave us there to asphyxiate slowly?"

However, to my amazement, I saw that from the inside of the safe steps led down beneath the floor. We were thrust down this narrow way and eventually came out into a big subterranean chamber. A woman stood there, tall and imposing, with a black velvet mask covering her face. She was clearly in command of the situation by her gestures of authority. The men slung us down on the floor and left us—alone with the mysterious creature in the mask. I had no doubt who she was. This was the unknown Frenchwoman—Number Three of the Big Four.

She knelt down beside us and removed the gags, but left us bound, then rising and facing us, with a sudden swift gesture she removed her mask.

It was Madame Olivier!

"M. Poirot," she said, in a low mocking tone. "The great, the wonderful, the unique M. Poirot. I sent a warning to you yesterday morning. You chose to disregard it—you thought you could pit your wits against US. And now, you are here!"

There was a cold malignity about her that froze me to the marrow. It was so at variance with the burning fire of her eyes. She was mad—mad—with the madness of genius!

Poirot said nothing. His jaw had dropped, and he was staring at her.

"Well," she said softly, "this is the end. WE cannot permit our plans to be interfered with. Have you any last request to make?"

Never before, or since, have I felt so near death. Poirot was magnificent. He neither flinched nor paled, just stared at her with undated interest.

"Your psychology interests me enormously, madame," he said quietly. "It is a pity that I have so short a time to devote to studying it. Yes, I have a request to make. A condemned man is always allowed a last smoke, I believe. I have my cigarette case on me. If you would permit—" He looked down at his bonds.

"Ah, yes!" she laughed. "You would like me to untie your hands, Hercule Poirot, I know that. I shall not untie your hands—but I will find you a cigarette."

She knelt down by him, extracted his cigarette case, took out a cigarette, and placed it between his lips.

"And now a match," she said, lighting it.

"It is not necessary, madame." Something in his voice startled me. She, too, was arrested.

"Tis not more, I pray of you, madame. You will regret it if you do. Are you acquainted at all with the properties of curare? The South American Indians use it as an arrow poison. A scratch with it means death. Some tribes use a little blowpipe. I, too, have a little blowpipe constructed so as to look exactly like a cigarette. I have only to—. Ah! you start. Do not move, madame. The mechanism of this cigarette is most ingenious. One blow—and a tiny dart resembling a trombone flies through the air—to find its mark. You do not wish to die, madame. Therefore, I beg of you, release my friend Hastings from his bonds, but I ask you to keep your head—so—you are still covered, madame. Make no mistake, I beg of you."

Slowly, with shaking hands, and rage and hate convulsing her face, she bent down and did his binding. I was free. Poirot's voice gave me instructions.

"Your bonds will now do for the lady, Hastings. That is right. Is she securely fastened? Then release me, I pray of you. It is a fortunate circumstance she sent away her henchmen. With a little luck we may hope to find the way out unobstructed."

In another minute, Poirot stood by my side. He bowed to the lady.

"Hercule Poirot is not killed so easily, madame. I wish you good-night."

The gag prevented her from replying, but the murderous gleam in her eyes frightened me. I hoped devoutly that we should never fall into her power again.

Three minutes later we were outside the villa, and hurriedly traversing the garden. The road outside was deserted, and we were soon clear of the neighborhood.

Then Poirot broke out.

"I deserve all that that woman said to me. I am a triple imbecile, a miserable animal, thirty-six times an idiot. I was proud of myself for not falling into their trap. And it was not even meant as a trap—except exactly in the way in which I fell into it. They knew I would see through it—they counted on my seeing through it. This explains all—the ease with which they surrendered Halliday—everything. Madame Olivier was the ruling spirit—Vera Rossakoff only her lieutenant. Madame needed Halliday's ideas—she herself had the necessary genius to supply the gaps that perplexed him. Yes, Hastings, we know now who Number Three is—the woman who is probably the greatest scientist in the world! Think of it. The brain of the East, the science of the West—and two others whose identities we do not yet know. But we must find out. Tomorrow we will return to London and set about it."

"You are not going to denounce Madame Olivier to the police?"

"I should not be believed. That woman is one of the idols of France. And we can prove nothing. We are lucky if she does not denounce us."

"What?"

"Think of it. We are found at night upon the premises with keys in our possession which she will swear she never gave us. She surprises us at the safe, and we gag and bind her and make away. Have no illusions, Hastings. The boot is not upon the right leg—is that how you say it?"

After our adventure in the villa at Passy, we returned post haste to London. Several letters were awaiting Poirot. He read one of them with a curious smile, and then handed it to me.

"Read this, mon ami."

I turned first to the signature, "Abe Ryland," and recalled Poirot's words: "the richest man in the world." Mr. Ryland's letter was curt and incisive. He expressed himself as profoundly dissatisfied with the reasons Poirot had given for withdrawing from the South American proposition at the last moment.

"This gives one something to think, does it not?" said Poirot.

"I suppose it's only natural he should be a bit ratty."

"No, no, you comprehend not. Remember the words of Mayerling, the man who took refuge here—only to die by the hands of his enemies. 'Number Two is represented by an S with two lines through it—the sign for a dollar, also by two stripes and a star. It may be conjectured therefore that he is an American subject, and that he represents the power of wealth.' Add to those words the fact that Ryland offered me a huge sum to tempt me out of England—and—what about it, Hastings?"

(To be continued)

ACTIVITIES LISTED FOR JUNIOR HIGH

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The Roseburg junior high activity schedule has been worked out so that about 350 students may belong to the clubs making about thirty to a club each activity period.

The activity schedule is carried out for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Wednesday all the students meet in their home room, and on Friday they have the regular weekly assembly.

Thelma Smith is chairman for planning of the activity schedule with Karl Conner and Margaret Carr assistants. Each faculty member has charge of one activity a day.

Many new clubs have been added to this schedule of which are: Mask makers, annual, cycling and outdoor, armchair explorers, collectors, harmonica. Other clubs are: Art clubs, sketch, needlecraft; sports, ping-pong, boys' and girls' athletics, checkers, know your sports; dramatics, music, girls glee club, orchestra; miscellaneous, office helpers, service club, reading, old fashion fun, know your town, paper club.

CHESTER MORGAN HEADS KIWANIANS

Chester Morgan was elected president of the Roseburg Kiwanis club at their annual election meeting held Tuesday noon. Senator Walter S. Fisher was chosen vice-president. Directors are Bert Wells, Morris Bowker, Paul Jenkins, R. L. Whipple, Gil Nordling, Robert Maclay and H. M. Edmunds. Senator Fisher spoke briefly to the club explaining the measures on the ballot. A straw vote showed 18 votes for Landon and 7 for Roosevelt for president.

Miss Helen Nelson, factory representative of the Easy Washing Machine company will demonstrate Easy Ironer daily at the California Oregon Power company sales rooms from 2 to 5 p. m., October 26 to 31, inclusive. Let Miss Nelson solve your ironing problems the EASY WAY. There will be given a useful gift to each lady attending the demonstration.—Adv.

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PERCY A. WEBB
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A vote for Percy A. Webb is a vote for Ability, Experience and Responsibility.

Although recent state legislation has caused the work of the tax collection department which is directed by the sheriff to be more than double during Percy Webb's administration, the work is being done with no additional help. That is real economy.

During Percy A. Webb's term as sheriff he has handled three murder cases and one attempted murder in such a way that full punishment was meted out without involving the county in the expense of a jury trial. His evidence was so complete that sentence was passed after confession in each case. There has been no criminal trial jury calld in this county in 18 months—that is real economy brought about as the result of efficiency, responsibility and experience in the person of Percy A. Webb as sheriff of Douglas county.
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