

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Fair tonight and Saturday. Morning fog. Little change in temperature.

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EXPLOSION

Watch for it in NEWS-REVIEW reports from the Balkans as Hitler starts his blitzkrieg on Greece. Significant will be the attitude of Turkey, whose entry into the war would be perilous for the nazis.

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NAZI FORCES POISED TO POUNCE ON GREECE

Roseburg Indians Win District 4 Basketball Title

Medford High Defeated In Playoff, 32-29

Field Basket by Finlay In Last 3 Minutes Snaps Tie, Registers Victory

The Roseburg Indians, winning the championship of district number 4 by beating Medford 32 to 29 last night in a basketball game to play off a tie for first place, will go to Salem next week to enter competition for the state title. It will be the third time in 17 years that Roseburg has been represented in the state tournament.

Roseburg won a sensational victory last night before a delirious crowd which packed the Grants Pass gymnasium to capacity. The Indians, trailing 10 to 3 in the first quarter, made a brilliant second-quarter comeback, blanking the Tigers and going out in front, 12 to 10, at half time and then piling up a seven-point lead, 23 to 16, as the game went into the final period.

Finlay's Toss Wins
The determined Medford Bengals drove desperately in the final period and tied the score with only four minutes left to play, but were beaten by a brilliantly executed Indian stall in the closing minutes of the game after Jim Finlay, sparkplug of the Roseburg team, had connected for what proved to be the winning basket.

The Roseburg players had a hard time getting started as the game began. Wiard, playing his first game in three weeks after having suffered from an attack of mumps, showed evidence of his illness and long lay-off and

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Playoff Score Repeats One That Tied Dist. Race

Roseburg spectators at the basketball game at Grants Pass last night between the Roseburg and Medford teams for the district championship were impressed by a prophetic coincidence. As the spectators entered the gymnasium, the scoreboard still carried the results of the Grants Pass-Ashland game, in which the victors by Grants Pass knocked Ashland out of championship competition and placed Roseburg and Medford in a tie. The score board showed the score of 32 for the home team and 29 for the visiting team. In the draw, Roseburg was made the home team on the scoreboard for last night's game and Medford was the visiting team, and at the close of the game the board again showed the identical score of 32 to 29.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ANOTHER day of much talk and little action—and MANY rumors.

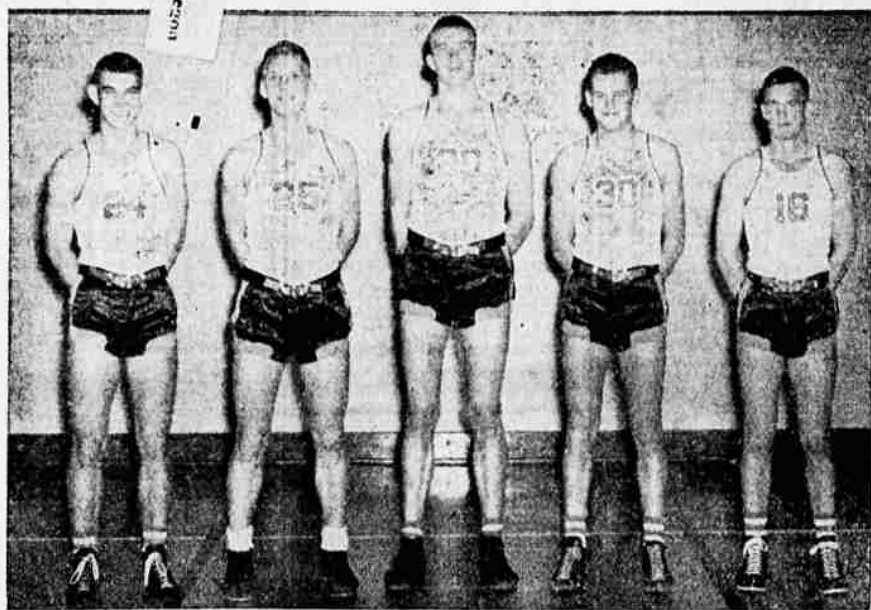
On the rumor side, Virginia Gayda says the British have landed an almost complete division of Canadian troops at Salonika. That would be interesting if true, indicating that the British are planning more than moral support for the Greeks if they are attacked by Hitler.

(IN the days when Mussolini was important, Gayda was quite a fellow and what he had to say was listened to. Now that Mussolini is only Hitler's stooge, Gayda's stock has slumped.)

IF the British are sending armed forces to Greece, it must mean something. After the Norway fiasco, it is hard to believe they would send a small force to

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Win Entry State Basketball Title



Pictured above are the five regulars of the Roseburg high school basketball team who last night defeated Medford in a game to determine the district championship. The players, from left, are Ed Hughes, Earl Wiard, Royal Denton, Billy Goodlow and Jim Finlay, who comprise the nation's tallest prep school team, ranging in height from Finlay's six feet to Denton's six foot, seven inches. The team journeys to Salem next week to compete for the state championship.

Utility Revenue Tax Bill Slipping

SALEM, March 7.—(AP)—The bill for a 12 per cent tax on gross revenues of electric utilities was referred back to the house taxation and revenue committee today, committee members asserting they fear the bill now is lost for the session.

The measure would abolish the property tax on the companies, the gross revenue tax being merely to replace the property tax.

However, the bill would add municipal power systems and peoples utility districts to the tax rolls, this provision being the controversial feature of the bill.

The motion to send back to committee, which sponsored the bill, was supported by public power proponents.

There is a chance, however, that the bill may be brought back and pushed through in the closing days of the session.

Representatives of the state grange, peoples utility districts, and municipal systems were active on the house floor this morning in attempting to round up votes to defeat the bill.

American Medical Assn., On Trial, Denied Acquittal

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—Justice James M. Proctor of federal district court refused today to direct the acquittal of the American medical association, on trial for violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

He made the ruling in directing the acquittal of four of the A. M. A.'s co-defendants.

Other defendants include the District of Columbia Medical society, and 18 physicians.

Justice department prosecution of the organizations and doctors is based on charges of a conspiracy to restrain trade, in alleged hampering of activities of the Group Health association, a cooperative whose members receive medical treatment in return for a fixed monthly fee.

Huge Political Spending Brings Tighter Law Urge

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—The senate campaign investigating committee, reporting that the major parties had spent almost \$22,000,000 during the 1940 presidential contest, recommended today that congress fix rigid limits on political funds and tighten up other federal election laws.

Republican groups were credited with expenditures of almost \$15,000,000, and democrats with more than \$6,000,000.

Railway, Utility, Steel Plant Strikes Forestalled by Mediation Efforts; Aluminum Union Voting on Walkout

By the Associated Press
Successful mediation efforts today had forestalled strikes in a number of industries important to the defense of the United States.

The threat of imminent walkouts was lifted from the Consumers Power company, which serves 2,000,000 customers in southern Michigan; from the Rutland railroad in Vermont; and from the Ingalls Iron works whose Birmingham, Ala., plants hold \$100,000,000 in defense orders.

Governor Van Wagener of Michigan yesterday took a hand in the dispute which menaced the electrical service of 900 communities in his state. After he announced he was prepared to use "the full power" of his office to see that service was not disrupted, AFL electrical workers and the Consumers Power company agreed to arbitrate their differences. The union seeks wage increases and a preferential shop.

Not even arbitration may be needed, however. Chairman Thomas J. Donahue of the Michigan state labor mediation board announced that negotiators for the company and the union, after hours in discussion, had arrived at "a satisfactory agreement."

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12 Persons Injured in California Train Wreck

WILLITS, Calif., March 7.—(AP)—Ten passengers and two crew members were slightly injured today when the last four cars of a Northern Pacific train were derailed a mile north of here.

All but one of the passengers, after being treated for cuts and bruises at a Willits hospital, were taken on by bus to Eureka, Calif.

Ira Reed of Rohnerville, Calif., was detained at the hospital for further treatment of a cut hand.

The nine-car train was traveling about 25 miles a hour through level country when a mail car, coach, Pullman and observation car left the tracks pulling the rear trucks off a baggage car with them.

Julian Eltinge, Stage Celebrity, Passes Away

NEW YORK, March 7.—(AP)—Julian Eltinge, 57, actor who won international note as a female impersonator, died at his Manhattan apartment today after a brief illness.

Terms were withheld for the present.

Rail Dispute Adjusted
Conciliation of the Rutland railroad dispute was effected by a special mediation board named by President Roosevelt.

The railroad workers had been disturbed by scheduled pay cuts. The mediation board reported an agreement satisfactory to both sides had been worked out.

Settlement of a steel strike at Orange, Tex., which had delayed work on naval destroyers was announced last night, although terms of the agreement between the Consolidated Steel corporation and its employees were withheld. The walkout of 247 men last Saturday was reported to have involved wages and working conditions.

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Roosevelt Plans Board To Handle Labor Disputes

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that he was considering creation of a labor board which would act not only as a mediation agency but would consider problems of labor, production and other factors entering into labor disputes.

At the same time, the chief executive spoke out against jurisdictional strikes among union men. He added that he did not think the country could approve in any shape, way or form a jurisdictional strike like one called at Wright field, Dayton, Ohio.

U. S. Enlists Its First Eskimo in Armed Forces

JUNEAU, Alaska, March 7.—(AP)—Listed as the first of his race to be inducted into the nation's armed forces, an Eskimo will be included in an Alaskan national guard company to be organized at Nome tonight. A radio diagram said 200 men have applied for service in the far western territorial outpost, with more, including Eskimos, coming from isolated wilderness posts.

Anti-Convoy Amendment Voted Down

Administration Forces In Senate Spur Drive to Pass British Aid Bill

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(AP)—The senate today rejected an amendment to the British aid bill which would forbid the conveying by American armed forces of war materials shipped out of the western hemisphere. The roll call vote was 63 to 28.

The vote came on a proposal by Senator O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.), offered as a substitute to an administration-sponsored amendment by Senator Ellender (D., La.). The Ellender amendment states that nothing in the measure should be construed as changing existing laws governing the land and naval forces.

While O'Mahoney had contended that his proposal as originally drawn would rule out convoys, he rewrote it slightly at the suggestion of Senator Bone (D., Wash.) so that Bone finally described it as "a blunt prohibition against convoys."

The vote on the O'Mahoney amendment came after opponents of the bill suddenly had shifted their strategy and Senator Clark (D., Mo.) had withdrawn temporarily a proposal to prohibit the use of any future appropriations to send American armed forces outside the western hemisphere and American possessions unless congress declared war.

Before the vote opponents and supporters alike of the measure had turned against O'Mahoney's amendment.

Backers Confident.
Confident of a "working majority," administration leaders called for night senate sessions

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Sportsmen Win Again In House Vote

Steelhead Bill Saved From Committee Kayo; Passage Indicated

SALEM, March 7.—(AP)—The dispute between sportsmen and commercial fishermen over the steelhead bill continued in the house today, the sportsmen again winning by defeating 32 to 27 a motion to have the bill referred to a joint fisheries-game committee.

The bill, already passed by the senate, would ban set nets from coastal streams. The house yesterday, by a 36-to-23 vote, rejected its fisheries committee's amendments to permit the set nets during certain periods.

Rep. William M. McAllister (R.-Jackson) charged that today's move by commercial fishermen was an "attempt to bottle the bill up in committee."

Rep. J. D. Perry (D.-Columbia) said the bill would put 75 per cent of the coast commercial fishermen out of work.

"Kill" Attempt Charged
"If the fisheries committee wanted to talk it over with the game committee," said Rep. Kenneth C. Martin (R.-Josephine), "it had a chance. The committee's sole purpose was to kill the bill by amendments. I'm opposed to this motion because it is a subterfuge. The committee still wants to kill the bill."

The bill was scheduled to come up for final passage in the house late today, with indications that it would be passed and sent to the governor.

The measure will bar the use of set nets in all coast streams south of the Columbia, create a virtually uniform and shorter

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Labeled Champ Of Hitch-Hikers



Hitch-hiking championship (intercollegiate division), is claimed for William Hailley, above, engineering student at the University of California agricultural college at Davis. Each morning he leaves his home at Slusum—35 miles distant—figures an hour to hitch-hike to first classes—and he hasn't missed yet.

OREGON EVENTS FLASHED FROM WIRE SERVICE

Wire Slays Elk

NORTH BEND, March 7.—(AP)—The death struggles of a huge bull elk against entangling telephone wire were described here today by George Dutch, logging company surveyor.

Dutch said he found the dead elk in the Tioga timber country with 800 feet of forest service telephone wire twisted around his horns. The gouged and trampled ground indicated a terrific struggle before the wire wrapped around a large tree, securing the elk.

Right Signature

VALE, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—The man who cashed a worthless check at a Baker, Ore., service station on a Vale bank was half honest.

He signed it "No Funds." The cashier returned it, saying the signature was descriptive of the signer's standing at the bank. The service station turned it over to the sheriff who is looking for Mr. No Funds.

3-Truck Crash Fatal

CORVALLIS, March 7.—(AP)—Collision of three trucks fatally injured Gordon Voss, 19, Monmouth, on the Corvallis-Albany highway yesterday. Voss' truck was demolished.

WPA Offices Lost

PORTLAND, March 7.—(AP)—Administrative offices of the WPA at Eugene will be closed tonight, state headquarters announced.

The 13 employees will be transferred to Medford and Salem.

Bad Check Deal Charged To Reedsport Resident

Arthur E. Cox, 36, of Reedsport was brought to Roseburg today to be held to the grand jury on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. He was committed from the justice court at Gardiner, where he was accused of passing a worthless check for \$68. Sheriff Cliff Thornton reported. Bail was fixed at \$1,000, which he was unable to furnish.

First Goal Of Blitzkrieg To Be Salonika

Turkey's Entry Into War Presaged by Acceptance Of Aid From Britain

SOFIA, March 7.—(AP)—Neutral military observers heard tonight that German troops massed on the Greek and Turkish frontiers may launch an attack from Bulgaria on eastern Macedonia and Thrace "within 48 hours."

More than 150,000 Nazi troops, hundreds of tanks and armored cars already are in position for a quick attack.

With the axis push expected at any moment, diplomatic observers watched Yugoslavia and Turkey for indications of how those two Balkan entente allies of Greece would behave when Adolf Hitler's blitzkrieg army starts rolling.

The Aegean port of Salonika, backdoor to the Balkans, would be the first immediate objective of any German thrust across Greece.

By the Associated Press

Greek diplomatic quarters expressed the belief today that Turkey would send troops into the mountains of Grecian Thrace to help combat a German invasion of the little Aegean kingdom, and Great Britain was reported speeding all the equipment she could spare to the Turks.

Balkan observers spotted 50 German tanks poised almost within sight of the Turkish frontier.

The initial German onslaught, however—if it comes—was expected to strike into Greece's Struma river valley in Macedonia, a 60-mile corridor leading to the sea at Salonika.

Dispatches from Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, said Gen. Papagos, commander-in-chief of the Greek army, apparently intended to abandon Thrace as indefensible and make a stand along the natural bastion of the Struma.

These dispatches reported that the Greeks were already clearing civilians out of Thrace—the northeast province along the Turkish border, which Bulgaria has long coveted as an outlet to the Aegean sea.

If the Greeks should elect to fight on the Struma, abandonment

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Condemned Men Denied Radio Use

COLUMBIA, La., March 7.—(AP)—William Meharg, 25, was the first of four condemned men hanged here today shortly after officers had refused them permission to broadcast prepared statements through a radio station.

As Meharg left the death cell the radio announcer was reading Meharg's 500-word statement, a tribute to his mother and a warning that crime does not pay, over the air from the Caldwell parish jail.

Statements of the other men also were read over the air after Attorney General Eugene Stanley in Baton Rouge advised Sheriff G. E. Erskine it would be a violation of the law to let the prisoners broadcast.

District Attorney C. G. Minard promptly banned the broadcast and excluded photographers from the death scene.

TODAY'S TOP ODDITY

(By the Associated Press)
CICERO, Ind.—Richard Denny, celebrating his 100th birthday, said he couldn't remember whether he had been married nine or 13 times.
The Civil war veteran's present wife is 86.
"Women are easy to marry," Denny observed. "When I got lonesome I just went out and got one."