

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Fair tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature.
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Roseburg News-Review

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WAR TEMPO

It will be speeded now that Britain is assured of aid from the U. S. The next few weeks may see some decisive blows struck and possibly new combatants in the field.

BRITISH DESTROY TWO ITALIAN WAR CRAFT

Two Men Perish in Fire Near Canyonville

Tragedy Laid By Officials To Cigarette

H. I. Cooper, Pat O'Brien, Mill Employees, Victims Of Auto Camp Blaze

Hewitt Irving Cooper, 30, and Pat O'Brien, 36, the latter a recent arrival in Douglas county from Lansing, Mich., were burned to death early Sunday morning in a fire which destroyed the cabin they occupied at Steep Gables auto camp, located a short distance north of Canyonville. The fire apparently was caused by a cigarette igniting bedclothing, according to Sheriff Cliff Thornton, who with Coroner H. C. Stearns and State Policeman Seth Bullis, conducted the official investigation. Both fire victims were employed at the Canyonville sawmill, which was formerly owned by Cooper's father, F. W. Cooper. The son had been employed as foreman of the mill since its recent sale. The two men had attended the Canyonville dance Saturday night and friends accompanied O'Brien to the cabin about 2 a. m. Thornton said the officers were informed, Cooper was believed to have arrived home earlier.

She's Roseburg's Youngest Solo Flier



Florence Fischer, 17, above, a Junior in Roseburg senior high school, Saturday became Roseburg's youngest solo flier as well as being the first Roseburg girl to make a solo flight. Miss Fischer, who joined the Umpqua Flying club two months ago as the youngest member of that organization, completed eight hours of dual instruction, and soared alone for the first time Saturday, making a very fine flight on her initial solitary trip into the air, according to Ernest Slink, instructor. Miss Fischer, while not the first girl student of the Roseburg club to make a solo flight, is the first from Roseburg itself, as others have been from out of town. She is the youngest flier of either sex to reach solo stage. She is a daughter of Mrs. W. A. Galloway. Her step-father is employed at the veterans facility.

12 Firemen Die In Collapse Of Theater's Roof

BROCKTON, Mass., March 10.—(AP)—Twelve firemen were killed and 16 injured today when the snow-laden roof of the 30-year-old Strand theatre collapsed during a fire which destroyed the building. The dead were: Captain John F. Carroll, 52; William Murphy, 25; Daniel O'Brien, 45; Henry Sullivan, 45; Malcolm McNeil, 40; Matthew Geary, 48; Lieutenant Raymond A. Mitchell; Dennis Murphy, Roy H. Keraghan, George Collins, Fred Kelley and Martin Lipper. Hundreds of movie goers had left the theatre less than two hours before the fire took hold.

Cruiser, Sea Raider Sunk; London Says

LONDON, March 10.—(AP)—An Italian cruiser of the Condottieria class has been torpedoed and "almost certainly sunk" by a British submarine, the admiralty announced tonight. The admiralty communique said the cruiser was escorted by two destroyers and for two hours after the warship was seen to be hit the escort vessels circled about picking up survivors. The British admiralty announced earlier today that the cruiser Leander, of the New Zealand squadron, sank a 3,670-ton Italian sea raider, Ramb 1, in the Indian ocean. The Italian ship was flying a British flag until challenged by the cruiser, the admiralty said. Eleven officers and 89 men were captured by the British after the Leander's guns set the ship afire.

British Aid To Be Speeded By Roosevelt

President to Ask Funds After House Completes Enactment of Measure

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(AP)—A prompt presidential request for funds to speed aid to Britain under the lend-lease program was forecast at the white house today by legislative leaders. After conferring with President Roosevelt, Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the democratic leader, and Vice President Wallace, Speaker Rayburn said: "The president probably on Wednesday, if the bill is signed tomorrow night, will send up some estimates. They will be for cash and contract authorization." The congressional leaders said that the bill, as passed by the senate Saturday night, would be called up in the house tomorrow for final approval and sent to the white house by nightfall. Informed persons considered it probable that the vast supply of war materials made available to Britain by the bill would start moving across the Atlantic within a few days. Small naval vessels were reported to be the first defense articles slated for delivery immediately after the bill becomes law, with food supplies to follow. Only house approval of relatively minor amendments inserted by the senate before it passed the legislation 60 to 31 was needed to speed the momentous measure to the white house. Rayburn and Chairman Bloom (D., N. Y.) of the house foreign affairs committee predicted the approval would be given Tuesday.

4th District Bill Passed; Benton Out

Retail Sales Tax Plan Revived; Liberalizing of Pension Law Favored

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR. SALEM, March 10.—(AP)—The expected battle over congressional redistricting fizzled out today when the house, unanimously accepting the senate amendment putting Benton county in the first district, rebased the bill creating the fourth district. The bill, which now goes to the governor, provides that Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane and Linn counties shall be in the new district. Pension Bills Reported Another fight was averted when the joint ways and means committee reported back to the house two bills providing that the first \$15 of outside income shall not be considered in determining need under the old age pension law. The bills will be sent either to the revision of laws or judiciary committees. A floor battle had been scheduled in which democratic leaders were to attempt to take the bills away from the ways and means committee. The committee recommended the senate against passage of a bill providing that need shall be determined by subtracting outside income from the maximum legal pension. For instance, if a person earns \$15 a month, he would be entitled to a \$25 pension if funds were available, since the top limit is \$40. Insurance Plan Opposed The committee, which finished its work today leaving a \$449,403 deficit in the state's general fund, recommended that the senate defeat a bill authorizing the state, counties and cities to contract for health, life or accident insurance for their employees. It also recommended against a bill to provide an additional circuit judge for Multnomah county. The senate industries committee amended the house-approved unemployment compensation bill (Continued on page 6)

Society Beauty Is Victim of Murder

KANSAS CITY, March 10.—(AP)—Clumsily abandoned, blood-stained weapons of death guided police today in the search for the killer who beat pretty Miss Lella Adele Welsh, 24, with a stone mason's hammer, slashed her with a butcher knife and fled with a deeply cut section of her hip. The body of the socially prominent brunette, her pajamas in shreds, was found in her bedroom yesterday morning by her mother, Mrs. Marie P. Welsh. Miss Welsh, a 1937 beauty contestant at the University of Kansas City, had been slain during the night by a person who apparently entered through a bedroom window of the Welsh home at 6109 Rockhill road, in a well-to-do section. Police laboratory tests showed that Miss Welsh had not been criminally assaulted and a close check of valuables discounted robbery as the motive.

N. Y. Bus Drivers Join Strike List

Walkouts, Threats Continue to Hit Defense Work In Various Parts of U. S.

By the Associated Press New Yorkers accustomed to riding the buses got around with difficulty today as a strike of 3,500 bus drivers upset service on 27 routes serving 875,000 persons.

Basketball Tilt For State Title To Be Broadcast

Broadcasts of games of the state basketball tournament in which the Roseburg Indians will participate has been arranged by radio station KRNK, Marshall Penger, manager, announced today. The broadcasts will be sponsored by the Sunset Thrift, Roseburg Dairy and Soda Works, Denn-Gerretsen company, Lockwood Motors and Associated Oil company, Mr. Penger reports. The firms underwriting the broadcasts are assuming a heavy financial obligation in the event the Roseburg team goes through to the finals necessitating four programs handled by remote control from the floor of the Salem gymnasium, Penger states. The Roseburg team goes to Salem tomorrow to compete in the state championship tournament and will play its first game at 3 p. m. Wednesday with Klamath Falls as an opponent.

Oregon Airplane Crashes Kill Two

Army Craft Overturns in Surf Near Coos Bay; Club's Plane Hits Tree Near Salem.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., March 10.—(AP)—An army pilot was killed outright in the crash landing of an attack plane, lost and fuel-less, over Coos bay last night. A companion escaped unhurt. Major R. C. MacDonald, 47, of the 43rd air base group, Hamilton field, Calif., apparently was killed by the impact of his head on the instrument panel as his plane landed in shallow water 30 feet from shore and two miles north of the north jetty. Lieut. J. J. Trauernicht, of the field artillery reserve, opened his cockpit cover and was thrown clear as the plane nosed over. The men were on route from Sale Lake City to Hamilton field. Trauernicht said they became lost when the radio beam failed. Major MacDonald, the pilot, messaged four minutes before the crash at 7:30 p. m. that he was preparing to bail out, but apparently the plane's gasoline supply became exhausted before he could reach an altitude great enough for a parachute jump. SALEM, Ore., March 10.—(AP)—A passenger was killed and the pilot injured yesterday in the crash of a light plane on a farm 14 miles north of here. Garfield Vogel, Jr., about 25, Hubbard, was fatally injured and Willis Berkeley, 30, Hubbard, suffered undetermined injuries when the plane, its motor apparently failing, struck a tree and crashed into a creek. The plane was owned by the Woodburn Flying club. Vogel was to have begun work as a cream grader for the state department of agriculture today.

Hoover's Plan to Feed Belgians Turned Down

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(AP)—The British government, reiterating determination to maintain a relentless blockade against Germany, has rejected Herbert Hoover's plan for establishment of soup kitchens in Belgium as a test of possible similar relief for other Nazi-occupied countries. "No form of relief can be devised which would not directly or indirectly assist the enemy's war effort," said a statement made public yesterday by the British embassy. Hoover said in reply that "the stark fact is that millions of children, and the weak, are threatened with stunted bodies and death in the occupied lands unless relief is brought to them."

Howard O. Hunter Named As WPA Commissioner

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(AP)—Howard O. Hunter of Illinois was nominated today by President Roosevelt to be works projects commissioner. Hunter has been acting commissioner since the death of Colonel Frank C. Harrington.

Kenneth Cloake Hurt by Falling Rock at Crusher

Kenneth Cloake, 40, well known Roseburg resident, was treated Sunday at Portland sanitarium for a fractured collarbone. He was injured Saturday when struck by a falling rock while employed on a rock crusher at Molalla, where he is working for A. S. Wallace, Roseburg contractor. (Continued on page 6)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
As these words are written on Friday morning, Seattle is preparing a "blackout" rehearsal for tonight. What strikes the casual reader of accounts of these preparations is the enormous interruption of the normal life of the city. Blackouts (including rehearsals) are a part of modern war, and war is like that. It interrupts unbelievably the normal life of all the people of the world. THAT raises a question: WHAT IS the normal life of human beings? There are many who insist that war is the natural state of man, continuing because he is inherently COMBATIVE; and it must be admitted that a casual reading of history goes far to support this view. History, however, is like the newspapers (which are current history.) It emphasizes the spectacular and takes the ordinary run of human affairs largely for granted. War is spectacular, and so the historians, from Herodotus down, have given it the headlines. THIS writer has an idea that if an average of what has been in the minds of all men since the world began could be presented it would show beyond all doubt that war has been dreaded and feared above all else by the ordinary run of human beings. (Continued on page 4)

Boxing Tycoon Caplin Gets 5 Years for Card Swindle

NEW YORK, March 10.—(AP)—Hymie Caplin, who has managed five world champion boxers, was sentenced today to from five to ten years in prison on his conviction of grand larceny. He was accused of being the financial backer of a ring of card sharps. King County Judge Peter J. Brancato told Caplin that the sentence was severe and that he was showing no mercy because "we like a good fighter regardless of color, creed and race, but we look down on a cheat who hits below the belt."

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



LARRY REEVES, at the right in the photograph above, and Jack Wells as they were busy engaged in painting the Gibbs residence on Bowden street Saturday. When he isn't busy painting, Larry loads up his varmint dogs (he has several) and heads for the hills, where he finds supreme delight in hunting cougars. He has killed several during the past winter. "I'd a lot rather be back in the mountains right now, hunting cougars," he told me, "than painting this house. I suppose though that a fellow'd wouldn't he?" Well, I reckon; however, I've had the idea there was a lot of hard work connected with dogging cougars. (Continued on page 6)

Native of Riddle, Pilot in RAF, Killed by Bomb

LONDON, March 10.—(AP)—The death of P. R. Anderson, 27-year-old pilot in the Royal Air Force's American Eagle squadron, was disclosed tonight. Anderson was killed by a bomb in London Saturday night. His death was confirmed by an authoritative source, but no details were given except that he was on the ground at the time. A native of Riddle, Oregon, he once flew as a crop duster at Sacramento, Calif. (Continued on page 6)