

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Fair tonight and Wednesday with rising temperature.

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BLOW FOR BLOW

That's the daily war story, with results thus far indecisive. Any day, however, may see a major gain for one side or the other. Follow NEWS-REVIEW news for developments.

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GERMANS OPEN BLITZKRIEG AGAINST CRETE

City's "Invasion" Started by First Unit of Soldiers

Roseburg To Be Overnight Bivouac Spot

Entertainment Arranged For More Than 4,000 Men of Third Division

Roseburg was in complete readiness today to entertain more than 4,000 men and officers of the 3rd division of the U. S. army. The first of more than 500 vehicles transporting the unit which will bivouac in Roseburg today, began arriving in the early afternoon.

The first unit will be the largest of the troop movement which will continue all week. Groups of from 1,800 to 2,500 men will make up the camps each night through Saturday as the division travels to California for war games.

Refrigerator cars loaded with meat, bakery supplies and other foods for the travelling army were spotted on sidetracks here today.

Special equipment was brought to Roseburg today by Preston Lee, local Union Oil company manager, to be used in refuelling the army vehicles. The trucks will be fuelled from tank wagons equipped with special pumping apparatus. More than 2,000 vehicles are expected to pass through the city this week in the army convoys, and from 75,000 to 100,000 gallons of gasoline probably will be pumped into their gas tanks here.

Entertainment Provided Through the efforts of the Roseburg chamber of commerce, entertainment for the visiting soldiers will include a one-hour

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
TODAY'S (Saturday's) most interesting rumor:

The British radio reports picking up a Rumanian broadcast to the effect that Germany has begun to transport infantry troops through the Bosphorus, bound presumably for Syria and Iraq.

These troops are reported to be leaving Rumanian Black sea ports.

THE rumor is interesting because it suggests an answer to the now all important question as to how Germany expects to get sufficient forces into the eastern Mediterranean lands to make a successful attack on the Iraq oil fields and Suez.

YOU will recall that when Churchill was up for a vote of confidence a few days ago it was brought out in the debate in commons that German troops had been sent through the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles to occupy Greek islands along the Turkish coast.

That indicated CONCESSIONS on the part of Turkey. For reasons not apparent to us on the outside (but of course based on diplomatic negotiations then under way) Turkey was DEFENDED by the British government for making this concession.

IF interested, you'll have to get out your map again at this point. (You can't hope to follow the war news intelligently without a good map at hand as you read.)

You will note that from the Dardanelles to the point where the Turkish coast turns eastward toward Syria the Aegean sea is liberally sprinkled with islands, some of which (the Dodecanese)

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In Army of 1917; Registers Again



In 1941.

Youngest man in the U. S. world war forces was Carl M. Palmer, above, Grand Rapids, Mich., one of the few 1917 soldiers to register for present selective service. Palmer, now 35, got into the army because of his size, but was discharged when officers learned he was only 12.

Break Imminent In Shipyard's Strike

By The Associated Press

A showdown appeared imminent today in the west coast shipyard strike, while another walk-out held up work on six submarine tenders being built at Lorain, Ohio.

John Frey, president of the AFL metal trades department, indicated that two of the 11 struck shipyards in the San Francisco bay area might be reopened today, and the other nine tomorrow. Both CIO and AFL machinists walked out of the yards in what AFL officials declared was an unauthorized strike. The strikers sought a wage boost from \$1 to \$1.15 an hour, and continuation of double pay for overtime.

The bay cities metal trades council has voted to send, if necessary, its 15,000 affiliated workers through the illegitimate picket lines of the 1,700 striking machinists.

Half a billion dollars worth of ship construction is being helped up.

The Ohio shipyard walkout occurred at the Lorain yards of the American Shipbuilding Company, which has a \$7,000,000 order for navy minesweepers as well as for six net tenders.

The Lorain strikers were reported to have asked an increase of 12 cents an hour over an undisclosed wage scale.

Oregon W. C. T. U. Head Badly Hurt by Auto

PORTLAND, May 20. —(AP)—Compound fractures of both legs as well as head and possibly other injuries were suffered here last night by Mrs. Ernesta Halg Buck, Portland, president of the Oregon Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

She was struck by an automobile while crossing the street at southwest Barber Boulevard and Hamilton avenue.

Roosevelt Abandons Earlier Thanksgiving

WASHINGTON, May 20. —(AP)—President Roosevelt declared today that the experiment of moving up the date of Thanksgiving day by a week to improve retail business had not worked and that next year Thanksgiving would be on the customary last Thursday in November.

This year, however, it will fall on the next to the last Thursday by Presidential proclamation.

Local Action in Parking Issue June 2nd

Council Defers Ordinance Enactment; Funds Voted To Aid Traffic Sign Plan

The Roseburg city council, at its regular mid-monthly meeting last night, held over for another two weeks the final action on the proposed amendment to the parking ordinance, which would provide two-hour limitation on streets in the business district. The council voted an appropriation of \$100 to join with other cities in the erection of highway diversion signs, authorized a call for bids on fencing to enclose the sewage disposal plant grounds, approved the appointment of James Miller as superintendent of the sewage disposal plant and transacted routine business.

The proposed parking ordinance would continue the present one-hour regulations on Cass, Jackson and Stephens streets, and establish two-hour zones on Main and Rose streets and all cross streets. However, the third reading and final passage of the measure was deferred to the meeting to be held June 2.

Burner Permit Wanted

The request of the Roseburg Lumber company for authority to install a refuse burner was granted upon the condition that the proposed burner should have the approval of the state fire marshal and that the location should be approved by the city fire chief.

Fire Chief J. S. McDonald reported that he planned to extend the services of the city fire department in burning grass off vacant lots at a fee which, he believed would not exceed the cost of having the grass cut.

Tourists To Be Keen

The council was advised that cities on the Pacific highway from Cottage Grove to Yreka, inclusive, have been asked to join in the cost of erecting signs to direct tourist travel over highway 99, in an effort to offset the diversion attempts being made by cities on the Willamette cut-off route. The city voted an appropriation of \$100 toward the \$300 allocation for Douglas county. The county court has agreed to appropriate a similar amount, and hotel and restaurant operators, camp ground owners and service station owners and operators throughout the county will be asked to subscribe individually to make up the \$100 balance, the council was told. The project is being handled locally by the

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Plans Made Here For Observance Of Memorial Day

Plans for the local observance of Memorial day are being outlined by a committee of veterans represented by members appointed from each of the service organizations. R. A. Redell, commander of George W. Starmer camp, United Spanish-American War Veterans, is general chairman.

The plan of observance, it is reported, will closely follow that of previous years, with a ceremony at the armory in honor of the unknown soldier at 9:45 a. m., a parade at 10:15 a. m. leading to the Oak street bridge, where memorial services will be conducted for the dead at sea, and a return to Hunt's Indian theater for public memorial services at 11 a. m.

The afternoon will be given over to baseball games in which the Roseburg high school Indians will meet the County B league champions, the Yoncalla Eagles. A second game is expected to bring together a group of boys from outside of Roseburg, eligible for Legion Junior baseball, in competition with the high school team. The game is expected to be of particular interest to all baseball fans, as it will give an opportunity to look over the material that will probably represent the county in the Legion baseball competition this season.

Snell Cites Soundness Of State Finance

Oregon Well Prepared to Meet Higher U. S. Taxes, Secretary Points Out

Because of the state of Oregon's exceptionally good financial condition, Oregonians are in a far better position to meet the federal demands for increased taxes than are the residents of most other states, Secretary of State Earl Snell told Oregon Third and fourth class postmasters last night. Mr. Snell was a speaker at the annual banquet of the Oregon branch of the National League of District Postmasters meeting here in a two-day convention.

Citing the fact that the state of Oregon is operating on a cash basis, that the state has no deficit, that its bonded debt has been reduced one-half in the past 20 years, and that there has been no state property tax since 1937, the secretary of state declared that Oregonians have a far better prospect in connection with the anticipated increase in federal taxation than residents of states where excessive local taxes must be paid in connection with the national demands.

He also asserted that this excellent economic condition should prove attractive to industry and that the state should see vast industrial expansion during the next few years.

Postal Aid Appreciated

Mr. Snell introduced his brief address with figures showing the very rapid growth of state departments. New records in volume of business are being established each year, he asserted, particularly in gasoline taxes, automobile registrations, motor vehicle licenses and other departments. The work is carried on largely by mail, he said, and he expressed appreciation for the cooperation given by postmasters and postal employees in handling the increasing volume of state mails.

He pointed out that the state government is growing steadily more complicated, and that the state budget is growing, now ap-

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I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



AN ANCIENT ANGORA BILLY GOAT belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anderson of Roberts Creek. "How old do you suppose he is?" Mrs. Anderson asked me. I looked him over carefully and decided on a conservative answer: "How old do goats get to be?"

Well, she didn't know what the record for goat longevity was, but she did know that Bab (the name of this particular specimen) was born in 1923 — eighteen years ago!

I reckon when he was a kid he was plenty frivolous, as all kids are inclined to be, but he's sedate enough now. He's getting gaunter about the temples and his eyes are more cynical; he is rheumatic and his hooves hurt. Doggone it, though, who doesn't feel that way when reaching a comparable age? If he's got to have his tin cans chopped up small for him to chew on now, that's no reflection on him. Dentures for goats still are things for the future.

Air Units Land Disguised Shock Force; Nazis Report Sinking Liner Zamzam

All Saved In 'Humane' Act, Berlin Says

Announcement Withholds Details; Passengers Included 138 Americans

BERLIN, May 20. —(AP)—The 8,229-ton Egyptian passenger liner Zamzam has been sunk by the German navy—presumably by a surface raider—and the 322 passengers and crewmen, including 138 Americans, are safe in German-occupied territory, authorized Germans reported today.

(The sinking, seemingly, occurred many days ago—the Germans did not say when—for the trip from the south Atlantic lane she was following to the nearest German-held territory is a long one of itself.)

(The Zamzam left Recife, Brazil, for Capetown, Union of South Africa, on April 9, expecting a 14-day crossing. Her departure from New York was on March 20.)

(France, it appeared, was the likeliest territory for the landing of passengers and crew. Presumably they were taken there by the victorious raider or an auxiliary.)

Authorized sources said simply that those from the Egyptian motorship were "safe and well cared for in German-occupied territory."

"According to Regulations"

"The vessel was destroyed with the most exacting regard for all international agreements," a spokesman said.

"The ship carried contraband intended for the enemy. German naval units observed every regulation in meeting the situation."

"It might be called a perfect example of the war on sea commerce carried out according to regulations."

(The ship was carrying 24 American ambulance drivers and

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Defense Stamps Used for Tips



News-Review Photo and Engraving

Leland Blakely, elevator operator at the Umpqua hotel, was one of the several hotel and restaurant employees to receive a gratuity from Postmaster Roy M. Burchett of Elsberry, Mo. (right), who introduced here yesterday for the first time anywhere in the United States the practice of giving U. S. defense savings stamps as tips. A member of the executive committee of the National League of District Postmasters, Mr. Burchett was one of the principal speakers at the postmasters' convention here. He is carrying a pocketful of defense savings stamps in all denominations, and instead of passing out dimes, quarters or half-dollars as tips, gives a stamp of equal value. He hopes this practice soon will become universal, claiming that not only will it help the defense program, but will encourage the recipients to save.

Chas. Emery Heads Roseburg Rotary

The election of Charles Emery to the presidency of the Roseburg Rotary club was announced today by the club's board of directors. The selection was made by the board after John A. Barney, president-elect, declined the election. Mr. Barney, pastor of the First Christian church, informed the directors that he would be absent for several weeks at a time during the summer months and consequently would be unable to serve. Mr. Emery will take over the office at the last meeting in June.

The Roseburg club is sending out invitations to all southern Oregon Rotary clubs to meet here June 7 for an inter-city get-together, and efforts are being made to arrange a program of exceptional interest for that date.

LaGuardia to Organize U. S. Civilian Defense

WASHINGTON, May 20. —(AP)—New York's Mayor La Guardia had a big new job waiting for him today — the organization of a nationwide program of civilian defense precautions.

La Guardia, it was learned, has been selected by President Roosevelt to head a new government agency — the Office of Civilian Defense — that will rank with the Office of Production Management as a major unit in preparations for "total defense."

As the Knudsen of the civilian field, the New York Mayor will have the responsibility for organizing a national air raid precaution system, for coordinating the federal and local defense efforts, for planning recreational and health facilities near training camps, and for multifarious other tasks.

Medics Elect Campbell; Roseburg Gets '42 Meet

Dr. James E. Campbell, well known Roseburg physician and surgeon, was elected president of the Southern Oregon Medical society at the golden anniversary meeting of the organization at Klamath Falls, Roseburg, was selected for the state meeting in 1942. Dr. A. C. Seely of this city is a member of the board of censors of the society.

Judge Evans Retires From Court of Customs

WASHINGTON, May 20. —(AP)—Judge Walter H. Evans, who presided over the United States Customs Court in New York City for 10 years, retired today.

The former Portland, Ore., district attorney and assistant U. S. Attorney in Oregon said he would take up residence in Oregon where he established his family last fall after his wife became ill.

Evans, who was appointed by President Hoover, had served for a decade as Circuit Judge in the Fourth Judicial District before going to New York.

Pacific Fruit Express Company Agent Missing

PORTLAND, May 20. —(AP)—Police sought today for Herman F. White, La Grande, district agent for the Pacific Fruit Express company, who disappeared last Thursday.

M. R. Whitehead, superintendent of the company, said White failed to keep an appointment Thursday although he slept in his room at a Portland hotel the night before. Mrs. White telephoned from La Grande that he had not returned there.

28 Ask Citizenship, 2 Repatriation At Naturalization Proceedings Here

Twenty-eight applications for citizenship and two for repatriation were before the circuit court today as the annual Naturalization day proceedings were opened this morning. Departing from the previous practice, witnesses appearing in behalf of the candidates were not examined before the court, but were questioned this morning by representatives of the U. S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization.

The ceremony of accepting the successful applicants into citizenship was scheduled for 2 p. m.

Patriotic organizations of the city were present in the courtroom to welcome the new citizens following their acceptance of the oath of allegiance before Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

Applicants for repatriation were Margaret Domenico and Lulu Armstrong, both of Roseburg, who lost their citizenship through marriage to an alien.

Applicants for citizenship, together with their present place of residence and their nationality, were as follows: Paul Halmar Hanson, Roseburg, Canada; Cecil Charles John Harding, Camas Valley, Great Britain; Marie Hel-

Sea Lane To Syria Stake Of Combat

British Blast German Airdromes in Greece and Advance in Iraq Drive

By The Associated Press
German glider-borne, parachute and plane-landed shock troops today invaded the Grecian Isle of Crete, government seat of King George II.

It was the first reported time in history of war that gliders had been used as troop transports under combat conditions. A fierce battle was reported still raging, and some German troop-carrying planes were said to have found landing fields on the mountainous island.

In London, Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House of Commons that the Germans had attacked Crete "in great strength" and that "a serious battle has begun and is developing."

The Prime Minister declared that the sky-borne invaders landed in the Canea-Malemi region at the western end of Crete and that they failed in an attempt to capture the Malemi airdrome.

By noon, the British had the situation "in hand," although the fighting still proceeded, he said, and the allies had recaptured a military hospital between Canea, the Cretan capital, and Malemi, which had been seized by German "chute troops."

Churchill said British, New Zealand and Greek troops were defending the island. He reported that 1,500 Germans disguised in New Zealand battle dress had landed in the initial assault.

A British communique said "a number" of the Nazi aerial invaders, who apparently struck in force, had already been "accounted for."

Sea Lane Rule at Stake

London military quarters said the assault appeared to be the forerunner of an attempt to gain control of the sea-lane to Syria — Germany's latest theater of action in her march to the east — and to complete the western encirclement of Turkey.

The Germans and Italians have already bottled up the Aegean entrance to the Turkish-controlled Dardanelles by seizing Greece's Cyclades Islands strung out like a bridge of stepping-stones from the Greek mainland toward Crete.

(The Greek government of King George II fled to Crete last month before the Germans entered Athens. The island is about 75 miles off the southern tip of Greece and has been strongly

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