



MEET THE
TOWN
CRYER
Every Monday

With a bit of fanfare from my old Boy Scout bugle your Town Crier serves notice that the ROTC (Royal Order of Town Crier) is being bestowed on the Roseburg Book Store up North Jackson street way. Yes, sir, in the personage of Sam Shoemaker we place an initiation penalty—A BARGAIN FOR OUR LOYAL READERS. It's one real SPECIAL believe me—especially for you Roseburgians. Selling at cost, mind you, are most beautiful boxes of fine quality stationery embossed in color with the Roseburg rose. For gifts, party prizes, or for your own use this extraordinarily low cost buy is waiting for you at the Roseburg Book Store—just ask for the Town Crier Special. And an added tip—HURRY—that's all, just HURRY!

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Another of our newcomers this week paid his initiation fee in full when he made a debut at the Victory Center some weeks ago—you applauded him (quite loudly, too) as Ukelele Mike (as good a name as any). Yep, his Hawaiian songs in the native tongue and his ukelele strumming were quite a hit and incidentally, did his bit. In business circles he's better known as Mike Gomes from Gomes Upholstering and Mattress Shop (phone 161). I'm not passing out idle flattery when I say his upholstery and mattress work is the talk of the town equally as much as his Hawaiian antics. You know, new inner-spring mattresses are just plenty hard to get, what with steel shortages and the like. But just take this tip which I most willingly guarantee—for an amazingly low cost (and I mean it) Mike will take your old inner-spring and rebuild it and recover it until you'll swear it's brand new—looks like it—sleeps like it—you try it. Aloha!

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McKean & Carstens store on Cass St. was full up with shoppers when I went in so Mr. Carstens just let me look around for myself. On a shelf upstairs were lots of spreads and he told me to browse around and make my own news for you. Well, snoopy as ever, I dug my nose deep in and got the details about these washable bed spreads for you. The best thing about them is, of course, the low price, to say nothing of the fact that they're washable. Each one has an intriguing name such as Savanna, Desert Flower, La Conga, etc. The best of all (in my humble opinion) were the ones with the cattle brand designs and the ones designed for Monterey type furniture. Wander down to McKean & Carstens and come away with a spread to put a little pep in your bedroom. It won't cost much but it will make a lot of difference.

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M. Lawson had something to show me the like of which I had never seen. It's something new which he just got in. By some sort of a complicated process glass has been inlaid with real silver (it's the patriotic metal these days) and coated over in lovely patterns to make the most beautiful glassware I ever saw. It's Heirloom Glassware by Century and each piece is really heirloom stuff. It'll last and last and last 'cause the silver can't chip or come off ever. M. Lawson, ever romantic, suggests it for wedding gifts or for a silver anniversary (meaning 25 years of the stuff they call love).

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Expecting something good and juicy from Bob Harris at the Roseburg Pharmacy, I was rewarded with his latest bit. He's always getting something new down there and this week he has cosmetic bags (and don't tell your service station operator, but they're RUBBER lined) which will really hit the spot. They have zipper tops, some are fitted with jars, and all come in gorgeous colors. The low price is a secret which only Bob himself will tell you so best you go down to the Pharm-

John E. Spokley Dies At His Home in Roseburg

John E. Spokley, 68, died Saturday evening at his home in Roseburg following a long illness. He was a native of Montana.

Surviving are the widow and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Thomas Groot, Montana; Mrs. George Gendreau and Mrs. Frank Coverdale, Alberta, Canada; Mrs. Allen Redman, Montana; Ernest Spokley, Vancouver, Wash.; and Arley Spokley, Anderson, Calif.

The body was removed to the Roseburg Undertaking company parlors. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Bill Boosting Pay of U. S. Employees Signed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed legislation today giving raises to thousands of government workers, mostly in the lower-paid classifications, and boosting the minimum for full-time adult workers from \$1,020 to \$1,200 annually. The budget bureau estimated the increases would total \$15,768,000 annually, with all but about \$300,000 going to custodial service workers and employees in the lower grades of the sub-professional service.

and ask to see these lovely silk bags. To see will be to buy so have your pocketbook open and ready.

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Down at Horn's I was initiated into the Order of the Inner Freezer by Harold Horn, Roseburg's Super-Grease big wig, who took me back to his "inner sanctum" to meet his wife and hash over ice-cream news of the week. I learned, too, a new word in the ice-cream jargon. It seems that they don't just make ice-cream like we do—they "run" it down there. They've just finished "running" Lemon Sherbet, Caramel Cream, and Hawaiian Delight, a trio of flavors bound to take your fancy. Why not be a good sport and take home a quart.

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Longfellow, Riley, Poe, and the rest of the boys will turn over in their graves for I've found another Mary Livingston (Jack Benny's better half)—Here, mah, friends, is the latest works of Shorty Guy—

A careless chap is "Sloppy Snease."

His trousers never have a crease;

A fault the well-dressed fellow feels

Almost as bad as run down heels!

Shorty explains he means nothing personal by this poem, but he says it's a good way to tell you that he'd just love to re-heel you with Goodyear G-50's. These G-50's might be called "patriotic" heels because they're long, even wearing. And to stop any funny ideas you might be getting—these are not available for installation on the spare tire.

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Atkins of Handy Stand fame offered me a rather cold subject this week and by gosh and by golly it's something entirely new again. For a fact I don't see how Tommy gets so darned many new features in the limited space of his quarters. What is it this time? A NEW refrigerator—and brother new refrigerators are as scarce as Republicans in FDR's cabinet. Tom said that the "freezing order" issued at the Handy Stand now means ice-cream cones and all sorts of ice-cream novelties (selling price 5c). Remember this little bit of chatter when you're paying Victory Day a visit next Friday.

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I don't profess to be of Professor Quiz caliber or even of Quiz Kid mentality but I'd like to put you, my dear public, to a test just as a matter of record for my friend, A. S. Coen. We'll use the honor system so don't let your eyes prematurely mosey down to the answers at the end of this column. Ready? No. 1—Does the government want you to repair and condition your homes, barns, etc., at the present time? No. 2—Are retail building supplies frozen? No. 3—Can you obtain the needed building materials in Roseburg? You've won 100 points and a can of precious tuna fish if you gave the following answers: No. 1—Yes, by all means, keep your homes and property in good repair for the uncertain months ahead. No. 2—Retail building supplies as they are sold to you are not frozen. No. 3—You betcha—the Coen Lumber Company has a good supply of all materials so make your plans at once. (Pardon me, professor, if I've been stealing your stuff.)

Army Rejects Boy, 16, Despite Battle Scar

SEATTLE, Aug. 3.—(AP)—A war-scarred veteran at 16, Theodore Earl of Los Angeles awaits his discharge from the army here because the army learned his age and decided he was too young for further duty.

Private Earl entered the California state guard almost three years ago and has served with the army since May.

When the Japs attacked Dutch Harbor, he was a member of a platoon credited with bringing down one Jap plane. He admits he was "plenty scared" and was wounded slightly by shrapnel.

"A bomb knocked me 32 feet," he said. "It really takes fellows a couple of years older than I am, I guess, to put up the kind of a scrap we face against the Japs. In a year or two, though, I'm going back in."

Strike for Wage Boost Hits Ordnance Project

POINT PLEASANT, W. Va., Aug. 3.—(AP)—A large number of workmen—estimated by some sources as high as 4,000—quit work today at the huge West Virginia Ordnance works the government is building on a 8,000-acre site in Mason county.

Lieut. James Raber, public relations officer, said the men walked out in support of their demand for higher wages. Raber said also that "the strange thing about it is that we have been unable to find a spokesman for the men." He added "apparently none of the union leaders wants to assume responsibility for the walkout."

Bandit Gets No Money, Leaves Fishline, Kerchief

SPOKANE, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Police went hunting today for a bandit who, apparently, was hunting a payroll and tipped his hand by accosting a person named Hunt.

Mrs. Martha Hunt reported at police headquarters this morning a man got out of a parked car as she was walking home last night, bound her hands with fishline and tied a handkerchief over her face.

"Give me the payroll," she quoted him as demanding, adding that she had no money.

Mrs. Hunt said she managed to open the car door and run as the bandit walked around the machine to the driver's seat. The car, she said, drove away. She gave police the fishline and the handkerchief, which bore the initial "B."

Car Stolen Here Found Stripped of Two Tires

A car stolen Friday night from the Lockwood used car lot was recovered Sunday at Shady Point. The car had been stripped of two tires and had been abandoned behind a wood pile.

Senator Chandler Tops Rival in Kentucky Vote

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Unofficial returns from more than three-fourths of Kentucky's 4,375 precincts today gave Senator A. B. "Happy" Chandler a lead of 69,290 votes for the democratic senatorial nomination over John Young Brown, Lexington attorney.

WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP) Open High Low Close
Sept. 93 93 92 92
Dec. 97 97 96 96

LOCAL NEWS

Rose Reunion To Be Held—The annual Commodore Rose reunion and picnic has been announced for Sunday, August 9, to be held at a one o'clock basket dinner at the Roberts creek school grounds. Relatives and friends are invited.

Enjoy Trip Up River—Fred Meindl, of Portland, attorney for the state industrial accident commission, and Ralph L. Russell, of this city, made a trip up the North Umpqua yesterday as far as Illahee. They also visited the later's daughter, Mrs. W. T. Mallery, Jr., at Steamboat.

Visit Lodge—Ralph L. Russell, George Dimmick, Frank Beels and Victor Boyd Roseburg, and Attorney Fred Meindl, Portland, past grand master of the grand lodge of I. O. O. F. of Oregon, visited the Myrtle Creek lodge Friday evening to assist in giving the patriarchal degree.

Returns To Grants Pass—Floyd Althaus left today for his work in Grants Pass, following a visit here with relatives and friends since Friday. His wife, formerly Hazel Hudnell of this city, accompanied him to Roseburg and will remain here until Wednesday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hudnell.

Leaves For San Francisco—L. W. Josse, local furniture dealer, left Saturday for San Francisco to attend to business.

Fine Is Paid—City Recorder A. J. Geddes reported today payment of a fine of \$10 by George Meade of Roseburg, who pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness.

Class To Sew For Red Cross—The ladies of the Loyal Leaders class and friends are invited to meet Wednesday at 10 a. m. at the home of Mrs. R. M. Church at 931 East Second street to spend the day sewing for the Red Cross needs in the district north of Washington street. Those attending are asked to bring their sewing equipment and paper sack lunches.

Former Residents Here—Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Radabaugh, former residents of Roseburg, visited here over the week-end with Mr. Radabaugh's brother, Don Radabaugh, local theater manager. They were en route to their home at Visalia, California, after attending the national convention of Lions clubs at Toronto, Canada. Mr. Radabaugh was a delegate from the club at Visalia.

Leave For North—Mrs. H. W. Anderson and daughters, Mary Lou, Bonnie and Dorothy, left today for their home in Tacoma, following a week's visit here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Deets and Mrs. C. H. Wickham, on Mill street. Bonnie was a guest of Wynona Borgen for the week. The later's mother, Mrs. Ed Borgen, accompanied the Anderson family north as far as Portland, where she will spend the day visiting relatives and then return here. Chaplain Anderson, husband of Mrs. H. W. Anderson, returned to his headquarters at Fort Lewis earlier in the week, after stopping here a short time en route to Medford on a business trip.

Reds' Defense Against Blitzkrieg Stiffening

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London that sixteen Nazi divisions had been transferred from France and the low countries to the Russian front, but added that this did not necessarily indicate a weakening of Germany's defenses to the west since the transferred troops had been replaced by other units.

Nazi Raid England

Britons spending the August bank holiday at seaside resorts or celebrating at home were targets of German air raiders who swooped from the clouds to bomb scattered towns in England this afternoon.

A trail of bomb damage was left across a southwest seaside town, but casualties were believed slight and there were no immediate reports of fatalities.

A North Midlands town, where a carnival was held for those heeding the government's admonition to enjoy the holiday at home, was subjected to low-level bombing by a lone raider. Two bombs fell in a park near an outdoor theater, but only minor casualties resulted.

Considerable damage was done to business and residential properties of a northeast coast town where a single Nazi bomber struck during the lunch hour. Rescue parties searched the debris for possible victims.

Iceland Base Hit

A German bomb and machine-gun attack on a remote military installation of southeastern Iceland was announced today by United States military authorities who disclosed that the single-plane attack yesterday was the fifth instance of Nazi air activity over the United States garrisoned island in two weeks.

There were no casualties and damage was slight.

Iceland is little more than 600 miles airline from the fjord-cut coast of Norway where reports trickling out through neutral

Switzerland said the Germans have been strengthening coastal fortifications and holding extensive maneuvers in growing fear of an allied invasion to relieve the Russians.

Japs Holding On in Jungles of New Guinea

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States planes and new Japanese fighters apparently massed for an attempt to wipe out the Americans' outpost in Hunan province. Although no details of the fight were available immediately, word reached here that the outcome

had been favorable to the Americans.

Lieut. Gen. Stillwell's headquarters had announced earlier that the scale of the first big Japanese attack on Hengyang last Thursday and Friday indicated that the invaders had assembled a special force of improved fighter planes for the express purpose of trying to wipe out the American air base.

A total of 119 Japanese planes participated in a 36-hour attack on the airfield which began before daylight last Thursday, a communique said.

The bulletin confirmed previous official reports that 17 of the attacking planes had been

shot down and that at least four more probably were destroyed.

A number of American pilots distinguished themselves in the action, General Stillwell's headquarters said.

In land fighting, a Chungking government agency, reported capture of Tsingling. In Chekiang province on July 29 after the town had been occupied for 24 hours by the Japanese. This would be the fourth time that the town has changed hands.

CAR UTAH COAL

to arrive VERY SOON. Order NOW. Page Lumber & Fuel Co., phone 242.—(Adv.)

A letter from Pearl Harbor

A sailor at Pearl Harbor wrote us the letter below after reading this Southern Pacific advertisement, headlined "The Victory Trains come first," which appeared in Pacific Coast and Hawaiian newspapers. The letter was inspiring to us. We think its fine spirit will please you, too.

U. S. NAVY YARD
PEARL HARBOR, T. H.
9 June, 1942

Mr. A. T. Mercier, President
Southern Pacific Company
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Mercier:

This place sounded like the Rose Bowl this afternoon when we saw your advertisement in the Honolulu papers. You see, people don't often forget the things they've grown up with, and a lot of us over here, from Klamath to Nacogdoches, have grown up with the Southern Pacific. So, when we saw your advertisement, it seemed as though a bit of the mainland had been brought over. But, since you're not over here, I suppose you'll find this a bit hard to understand.

This must sound like a very sentimental letter, but most of us in the Navy are sentimental people. Taking sentiment out of the Navy would be like taking the sentiment from the American flag; you'd be left with a fifty-cent strip of dyed cotton.

I'm not writing this letter just for myself; I'm simply saying what a lot of the boys here said (and thought) when they read your advertisement. Sometimes we grin to ourselves when we hear the radio programs tell us what marvelous heroes we are. We're just doing our job, and we want everyone else to do theirs.*

Speeches are wonderful, but we like to see results as well as hear them. One airplane is better than a million speeches. So when we see that your railroad and scores of others are backing us up, we feel swell, because we know that the railroads of America are America.

So thanks again for that little bit of mainland on newspaper. We like to think that it's not just another advertisement, but, instead, a very sincere message. A message as friendly as the engineer who used to wave at us at the little country crossing, as kindly as the conductor who pinched our noses as he punched our tickets, as anxious to help as your company used to be when you arranged our football specials. And as determined as the big black engines we used to go down and watch.

So anyway, thanks awfully,

Jack Salem

Yeo. 3c., R/S Personnel Office, Pearl Harbor, T. H.

Letters like this make us railroad people even more determined to keep 'em rolling. We promise Jack Salem and all the other men in our armed forces that the railroads will not let them down. We are doing and will continue to do the greatest job in our history.

A. T. MERCIER, President



*One job we all can do is to buy War Bonds.

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