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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office,
Roseburg, Oregon

Forecast for Roseburg and vic-
inity: Partly cloudy tonight and
Thursday.

Highest temp. for any Dec. 70
Highest temp. yesterday 42
Lowest temp. for any Dec. 5
Lowest temp. last night 33
Precipitation yesterday 0
Precip. from Dec. 1 1.61
Deficit from Dec. 1 3.15
Deficit from Sept. 1, 1943 3.61

Editorials on News

(Continued from page 1.)

work and COMPLETE COOP-
ERATION on the home front in
order to win the war.

THE Scharnhorst, believed to be
the only big German battle-
ship in shape to fight, is sunk
in the Arctic while attacking a
British-American convoy to Rus-
sia.

The sinking is interesting.
Hitherto the Germans have re-
lied on planes and submarine in
their attacks on our Murmansk
convoys. Why did they send in
the Scharnhorst?

Only the Germans know, but
we are encouraged to believe that
the plane-submarine combination
is becoming less effective than
formerly and the Scharnhorst
was sent in a desperate effort to
accomplish what the planes and
submarines haven't been accom-
plishing.

News of the fight is scanty so
far, and we'll get more details
when the convoy reaches Mur-
mansk.

WITH the Scharnhorst out of
the way, some of the heavy
British ships that have had to be
kept handy to tackle her when
she did come out can now be de-
tached for service elsewhere in
the world.

(Maybe against the Japs in the
Pacific.)

THE Russians break through in
the Kiev bulge, and advance
25 miles on a 50-mile front
through the opposing German
lines.

It was here that the Germans
made their determined and cost-
ly attempt to slow the Russians
down. The Russians seem to have
taken all the Germans could
throw against them and are now
striking back with deadly effec-
tiveness in the SAME SPOT.

The red armies seem to be
slowly but surely surrounding
Vitebsk, and today's dispatches
hint that its fall is nearing.

WATCH the fighting in Russia.
The general belief is that
whenever the Russians get the
Germans FULLY ENGAGED in
the east we'll tackle them across
the channel from the west.

GENERAL EISENHOWER, who
will command our assault
from the west when it is launched,
says without qualification that
we'll win the European war in
1944.

That statement doesn't mean
much to us, because we've come
to EXPECT victory in Europe
some time in 1944—probably
earlier than later in the year.

He then adds:

"Bombing will have a great ef-
fect on Germany, but OTHER
MEANS will be needed to knock
her out because if she has only
bombing to fear she can devote
all her energies to air defense."

THAT amounts to a statement
that Germany can't be defeated
from the air and will have to be
invaded.

Of himself, Eisenhower says:
"My own personal job (as it
has been in the Mediterranean)

THE COUNTRY STORE

EDITORIAL

By Charles V. Stanton

RALPH RICHTER was in the News-Review office a few
days ago to tell us about the sale of his general merchan-
dise store in Camas Valley.

"It's going to be hard to leave the store," Richter said.
"After nearly 25 years of doing all the things a storekeep-
er does in a place like Camas Valley, it's hard to think about
leaving. When you know everyone and everyone knows you
and when they've been your customers for years and years
and you owe them everything you have, you think twice be-
fore you break off."

"Mrs. Richter and I are going to miss the store a lot. We
know that. But we've been tied down so long we need a
change and with two ranches to keep up, and help as short
as it is, we felt we couldn't keep on doing so many things."

The life of a merchant in a general store, such as Richter
has maintained to serve a rapidly expanding community like
Camas Valley, must indeed be strenuous, but it must be an
interesting life.

We have never ceased to be amazed at the merchandise
which goes to make up such a store. The needs of the com-
munity must be anticipated and provided for. Drygoods,
drugs, notions, foods, confections and farm machinery occu-
py their orderly places.

The store is a community meeting house where neighbors
gather to await the arrival of the mail stage, swapping gos-
sip and opinions and debating current issues. The storekeep-
er becomes a confidant; often a father confessor. He is
sought for advice on every topic. He must know the in-
imate details of farm procedure and be prepared to give legal
advice and prepare income tax returns.

The Richter store, for instance, is adjoined by a service
station and a camp ground. It houses the post office. It is
the telephone toll station, the stage terminal and the freight
line depot.

Ralph serves as postmaster, a notary public and registrar
of vital statistics, and sells farm machinery.

In addition to operating the store, the camp ground and
the service station, he and his lovely wife, take time to enter
into every local enterprise, head committees, work on wel-
fare jobs, solicit for the Red Cross and do the other myriad
tasks that automatically descend upon people willing to act
as community leaders—and always they are busy people.

The community store often serves as a bank. The store-
keeper is trusted with family possessions as well as family
secrets. He is counselor, trustee, and, on occasions, a God-
father. Men like Richter, Nichols, Hebard, Reece, and
McMillan—just to mention a few near at hand—are men-
among-men. They fill an important place in the communi-
ties they serve as unobtrusive leaders.

Modern highways, rapid transportation and mail order
catalogues have made heavy inroads into the ranks of the
general merchandise store. The "juke" joints flourish
where once the country store was headquarters for the com-
munity circle. The old cracker barrel and the pot-bellied
stove are things of the long ago. The smell of stale beer
too often permeates the air, which once was pungent with
the reek of freshly oiled harness.

But though their ranks are thinned by the inroads of
progress and change, the country store still bulwarks many
of our communities and bolsters the democratic spirit of our
national life.

We can sympathize with Ralph as he surrenders the place
he has held for nearly a quarter of a century, but we well
realize his need for a rest.

is to weld the directing team to-
gether in such a way that no real
friction ever develops, so that our
people will TRUST EACH OTHER
and go into this thing with full
weight.

THERE'S the recipe for the
republican party for success in
the fight it must make on the
home front (because there is no
one else to make it in defense of
the traditional American way of
life).

Forget partisanship. Forget
self-seeking. Forget biases and
clashes. ELIMINATE the sus-
picions that have grown up. All
get together to fight for a
GREAT CAUSE.

Lamotta's Car Kills Boy On Eve of Ring Battle

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP)—
Jake Lamotta remains the favor-
ite over George Kochan in to-
night's middleweight bout at
Madison Square garden although
the Bronx buster will be fighting
under the strain of knowing the
car he was driving killed an 11-
year-old boy 48 hours earlier.
Lamotta's machine was involved
in the death of Albert Berg,
who died two hours after being
run over. The boxer took the
child to the hospital and was vis-
ibly shaken when the youngster
was pronounced dead.

Rotarians Entertained By Musical Concert

Rotary will meet Thursday at
a 12 o'clock luncheon at the
Hotel Umpqua and the officers
have requested a full attendance
of members. Miss Phoebe Haw-
thorn, instructor of music in the
Roseburg schools, presented a
group of high school girls in a
Christmas musical concert at the
club's meeting last Thursday.

OUT OUR WAY



Special Session Request Comes From New Source

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—
Governor Snell, facing demands
for a special legislative session
to provide postwar funds and to
make it easier for soldiers to
vote, had another demand from
a new source today.

A delegation of Hood River res-
idents asked him to call a spe-
cial session so the legislature
could enact a law to forbid po-
pular utility districts from pur-
chasing power systems outside
their own boundaries.

The requested law is intended
to prevent the Hood River PUD
from buying all the Oregon oper-
ations of the Pacific Power and
Light, Portland General Electric
and Northwestern Electric com-
panies.

Voters in the district will de-
cide January 7 whether to approve
a \$175,000,000 bond issue to buy
the companies.

J. B. Housell, spokesman for
the delegation, said the proposal
"is a fantastic scheme which has
no sound basis." He said that
Donneville officials have nothing
to do with the plan.

Governor Snell made no com-
ment on the special session idea,
although he opposes one for the
soldier vote or for providing post-
war funds.

Canned Peaches to Be Freed to Public

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—
More canned peaches—750,000
cases of them—will be released
soon from government stocks to
supplement limited civilian sup-
plies.

The War Food administration
announced today that this quan-
tity will reach retail markets
within a few weeks, or about the
time that fresh seasonal fruits
are in lowest supply.

This is the second time in the
two months that canned peaches
have been made available for ci-
vilians from government stocks.
On November 2,900,000 cases
were released.

The WFA also disclosed that
civilian supplies of dry beans and
peas in 1944 will be larger. It
said civilians will receive 11,500,
000 bags (100 pounds each), or
half the supply of dry beans al-
located for all purposes in 1943,
and 2,000,000 bags, or 29 per cent
of the dry peas.

The per capita supply will be
about 8.9 pounds of beans and 1.6
pounds of peas. The WFA said
this was a slightly larger quan-
tity of beans than was available
this year and the largest supply
of peas on record.

Of the remaining supplies,
large quantities will go to Amer-
ican military services and to al-
lied countries. Russia will get 3,
024,000 bags of beans and 723,
000 bags of peas in 1944.

DIAL LOG

By SUSAN
Your favorite commentator
with the English accent, Mr.
Bouke Carter, stepped out and
took unto himself a spouse on De-
cember 18th. His bride, the for-
mer Paula Nicoll, is traffic man-
ager of the Mutual Network.
They were married on Saturday,
honey-mooned over Sunday and
were both back on the job Mon-
day. Another of our commenta-
tors, Raymond Clapper, is leaving
for a tour of the Pacific battle-

Pope Pius Scores 'Anonymous' Blow At Vatican City

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By J. R. Williams

Smith-Connally Act Needs Teeth, Co-Author Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—
Accusing labor unions of hav-
ing "repudiated" their no-strike
agreement, Representative Smith
(D., Va.), co-author of the Smith-
Connally labor disputes act, cal-
led today for revision of the law
and demanded that the War La-
bor board cease issuing union
maintenance orders.

Smith, chairman of the special
house committee investigating
acts of executive agencies, de-
clared in an interview the Smith-
Connally act "needs some teeth
in it to punish those who strike
without notice."

The "teeth" he proposed would
deprive unions of their bargain-
ing rights under the national la-
bor relations act for the year if
they strike without giving the
30-day notice required by the
Smith-Connally act.

A provision to that effect was
included in the bill when the
house passed it but was removed
in a senate-house conference.

"What we did, in effect, was to
outlaw strikes called without the
required notice, but failed to pro-
vide punishment for violations,"
Smith said.

He said he was ready to put in
motion the necessary legislative
machinery "whenever the presi-
dent wants it," but added he did
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"There would be no use try-
ing to amend the law without ad-
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9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Round-Up in the Sky, E.
G. High.
9:30—General Malone, Union
Oil Co.
9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
10:00—Sign off.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

6:45—Rise and Shine.
7:00—News, J. A. Folger Co.
7:15—4-H Club Program.
7:30—State and Local News, Ber-
ing Optical.
7:35—Rhapsody in Wax.
8:00—Haven of Rest.
8:30—Happy Joe and Ralph.
8:45—Wax Shop.
8:55—Strictly Personal, Gotham
Hosiery Company.
9:15—Man About Town.
9:20—Musical Interlude.
9:30—Top of the Morning, Hen-
ninger's Martz.
9:45—Melodic Varieties.
9:55—Aunt Jemima, Quaker
Oats.

10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
10:15—Shoppers Guide.
10:30—Let's Be Charming, Howe
Laboratories.
11:00—Celtic Foster.
11:15—Radio Bible Class with Dr.
Reach, Presbyterian Church.
11:30—Yours for a Song.
11:45—Melody Rendezvous.
12:00—Musical Interlude.
12:10—Sports Review, Dunham
Transfer.

12:15—Rhythm at Random.
12:40—State News, Hansen Mo-
tors.
12:45—News-Review of the Air.
12:55—Terminal Market Reports.
1:15—Moments in Music.
1:30—Full Speed Ahead.
2:00—Ray Dady.
2:15—Welcome Inn, G. W.
Young & Son.

2:30—The Dream House of
Melody.
3:00—Radio Tour.
3:15—Dusty Records.