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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon.

Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday.

Highest temp. for any May 102 Lowest temp. for any May 30 Highest temp. yesterday 74 Lowest temp. last night 47 Precipitation yesterday .00 Precipitation since May 1 1.25 Deficiency from May 1 .39 Deficit from Sept. 1, 1943 8.06

Editorials on News

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now stands at 7500—still not comparable with the last days in Africa. (indicating, probably, that the battle below Rome isn't yet in its last days.)

The dispatches add that "hundreds more German prisoners are streaming back to the cages." When (and if) they begin to stream back by the thousands it will be significant.

Far to the north in Europe, a PREDOMINATELY AMERICAN force of 5000 planes bombs Berlin, Paris and Vienna. Half of them were from Britain, half from the Mediterranean.

Our prowling planes are still shooting up trains in northern France.

Churchill speaks for 85 minutes to the house of commons. What he has to say is always interesting.

He talks of the after-the-war future largely for effect on the Germans, their satellites and the neutrals—who are still standing pat. He takes a crack at Turkey, telling her she won't have much to say (as to the Dardanelles, for example) at the peace table. He speaks KINDLY of Spain, whom we're courting.

He says we're not interested in forms of government (except fascism in enemy countries) and will work with ALL of them—royalty, democracy or communism. (It's good sense to work with ANYBODY who can help you.)

Churchill's speech is carried at great length on the crowded cables. When he speaks, the world always listens.

This thrilling dispatch comes from China:

"A Chinese counter-offensive, steadily gathering momentum, has forced into FULL RETREAT a CRACK Japanese army aiming at the heart of China, especially the wheat-growing province of Honan."

The dispatch adds that it "seems today that the threat to Tungkuang and the mountain passes controlling the invasion route to Chungking is being eased."

These fighting Chinese!

In the so-called monsoon rain, Stilwell's men are still battling the suicide Japs hanging on in the dugouts of Myitkyina.

In Washington, AP's John M. Hightower (a capable reporter) says: "Japan's Pacific defenses have proved SO WEAK under American and allied pressure that military authorities here are frankly puzzled about what the enemy can do next to protect himself."

It is a bit puzzling, but we'd better keep our fingers crossed. Japan isn't licked yet.

In our own Oregon and Washington sector of the home front, 18,000 lumber workers are idle as this is written. From 60 to 75 sawmills, plywood mills, etc., are DOWN in the two states.

WHY? These men who have walked

PRACTICE WATER SAFETY

By Charles V. Stanton

ROSEBURG has had its first drowning tragedy of the season. We hope and pray it will be the last, but we fear the river will continue to take its annual toll of lives.

Each death by drowning is an indictment against our community for our failure to provide safe and adequate swimming facilities. Not that we expect swimming pools to halt drowning accidents. We could cover the city of Roseburg with swimming pools, but as long as there exists an affinity between boys and moving water, we are certain to have tragedies such as the one which has saddened the community this week.

But construction and maintenance of a swimming pool would at least lessen the community's responsibility. Furthermore, adequate facilities would provide an opportunity for youngsters to learn to swim before they attempt playing in the river, and they would thus be better able to protect themselves.

Of course, we cannot anticipate construction of a swimming pool until after the war or until materials and labor once again become available. Nor do we have the funds with which to build such facilities. The City of Roseburg is levying a tax annually for a swimming pool sinking fund, but at the rate the fund is growing it will be several years before a sufficient amount is on hand to cover the cost of the project. City taxpayers also must realize that operation and maintenance of the pool will be expensive. A municipal pool never pays its own way.

The recently appointed city park commission, engaged in outlining a summer recreational program, is urging bathing facilities at the foot of Mosher street, where supervision would be maintained, thus affording the best protection possible until the swimming pool can be built at some future date. It is the best we can do at present.

It is astonishing how few people can swim. A Red Cross instructor, engaged in teaching water safety to the men of the 91st division at Camp White, Medford, reported that 70 per cent of the enlisted men and 50 per cent of the officers were non-swimmers. One half of the casualties suffered by our army in amphibious landings have been from drowning.

But not all of the river tragedies are due to inability to swim. In fact, the majority result from violations of the cardinal rules of water safety. Frequently the victims are capable swimmers.

One thing we would like to recommend is that every growing boy be given a physical examination before starting the summer vacation season. There have been numerous drownings because of unsuspected weak hearts in adolescent boys. A boy who grows too rapidly sometimes has a heart unequal to over-exertion and shock. His play at school is supervised and there is little danger of over-exertion, but during the vacation period he is under little control in his recreational activities. A checkup would reveal any unsuspected dangers and would indicate the limit to which he might engage in sports.

It is regrettable that every boy who plays around water does not first receive the Boy Scout swimming instruction and tests. Many persons who are capable in a swimming suit become panicked when accident throws them into the water fully clothed. Boy Scouts are required to pass such tests, even to the extent of disrobing themselves in the water. The Red Cross instructor, to whom we referred, taught the men of the 91st division to swim fully clothed and bearing full packs. It is not difficult if a person knows how, but even a good swimmer, who has never had the experience of trying to swim in ordinary garb, often finds much difficulty in keeping afloat when caught by an emergency. It would be well for boys who plan to swim in the river to be provided with such tests but only under supervision and with expert swimmers present to give aid if needed.

Another frequent cause of accidents results from the use of boats. The first rule when a boat sinks or overturns is to stay with the boat until the accident victim is absolutely sure he can reach land. A wooden boat will not sink, even though filled with water. It will provide sufficient buoyancy to keep a person's head above water. No effort should be made to climb on top of a capsized or swamped boat, but by clinging to it, the accident victim can be carried by the current to a point where he can seize branches of overhanging trees or can reach shallow water.

It is a terrible thing that water, which offers so much in the way of enjoyable recreation, must take lives. But carelessness, in any pursuit, results in danger. We cannot expect the small boy to stay away from running water. The affinity always has been and always will be too strong to break. We can only endeavor to see that he is given every possible protection which training and experience, under capable supervision, can provide.

off their jobs, with lumber critically needed by the army and navy, are good citizens. They have sons in the service, just like everybody else. This is their country. They love it, and want to save it, just as other Americans do.

What is wrong?

As nearly as this writer can tell, they're MAD because they think they've been discriminated against. They see other war workers getting paid more than they are, notably in shipyards, which seem to be a sore point; and they can't understand it. It irks them.

So they do what they're doing. They shouldn't. But, when we're asked, we ALL do things we shouldn't. Human nature, after all, is human nature.

Here is this writer's idea of what is basically wrong—with this lumber situation and so

Vote Canvass Discloses No Changes Here

Regular Candidates for County Jobs Nominated On Both Party Tickets

Candidates for Douglas county offices who escaped competition at the primary election, will have no opposition at the general election except from possible independent aspirants, Roy Agee, county clerk, reported today. Completion of the official canvass of the primary election May 19 shows, he reports, that each republican seeking county office received sufficient write-in votes on the democratic ticket to secure the nomination of that party as well, while the county clerk, the sole democrat seeking nomination, also was nominated by the republican party.

The official count developed no appreciable departure from the unofficial tabulation made by the News-Review. In nearly every race the unofficial count tallied exactly or within very few votes with the official canvass, making no change in any results.

Write-in votes secured by republican county officers on the democratic ballot included District Attorney J. V. Long 73, County Judge D. N. Busenbark 100, Commissioner H. B. Roadman 55, Sheriff O. T. Carter 121, Treasurer O. L. Johnson 40, Surveyor B. B. Irving 24, Coroner H. C. Stearns 101. Clerk Agee, nominated by the democrats, received 397 republican write-in votes.

District Contests Lacking In each case the incumbent officer's write-in vote on the opposition party ballot was the largest, which will force any person desiring to contest one of the offices at the general election to enter as an independent.

The same condition was generally true for district offices. A. J. Lilburn received both party nominations for constable of Deer Creek district, as did W. A. Manning for constable of Calapoola district. Clarence Leonard was nominated by both parties for justice of the peace of Drain district and George Edes had the votes of both parties for constable. The same situation existed at Reedsport for Fred Wright as justice of the peace and Otto Nueman for constable.

M. H. Catterlin, justice of the peace in Gardiner district, and T. L. Weaver, justice of the peace for South Umpqua district, can switch to candidates for constable if they desire, although each might have opposition. There was no candidate for constable in either district, M. H. Durbin was given the republican write-in nomination for Gardiner district and Judge Catterlin had enough votes to win the democratic nomination, although he is a registered republican. Weaver, a registered democrat, was written in for constable by South Umpqua district republicans, while the democratic nomination went to C. Beals.

Glendale district has a contest for constable, if both nominees accept, with J. B. Craddock holding the democratic nomination and Wayne Levellyn the republican nomination.

Trustee Races Loom

With three trustees to be elected for the Port of Umpqua district, there are four candidates in the field for the general election if all accept. James W. Ford and Bert Roberts were nominated by both the republicans and democrats. O. H. Himsdale will be the third republican in the race and Nonda Anderson the third democratic nominee.

The North Umpqua district write-in vote also offers some problems. Seven trustees are to be elected. R. T. Blakely, W. C. Harding, A. C. Marsters, H. D. McKay and George Smith were regular republican nominees and N. Rice and G. V. Wimberly were regular democratic nominees, all being incumbents. Smith and Wimberly won nominations from both parties. V. V. Harpham made the seventh nominee for the republicans, but H. D. McKay, A. C. Marsters, R. T. Blakely, W. C. Harding and George Churchhill are all tied for the four extra places on the democratic side. Unless one withdraws it will be necessary to cast lots to determine the seven nominees.

Persons nominated by write-in votes are given the opportunity to accept or reject nominations. The proposal in the extreme western part of the county to join the Central Lincoln county public utility district was soundly rejected, according to the tabulation shown on the official canvass. The city of Reedsport, voting separately on the proposal, rejected it by a vote of 79 to 192. In the territory outside of Reedsport the vote was 72 yes to 119 no. Smith River, 30 to 18, and Booth, 6 to 1, were the only precincts within the district in which the measure was favored.

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BEST BETS FOR TODAY

- FRIDAY 6:30—Double or Nothing, 7:15—Lowell Thomas, 8:00—Eye Witness News, 8:30—Name That Song. SATURDAY 9:30—Hello Mom, 10:30—Luncheon With Lopez, 2:00—Navy Bulletin Board, 3:30—The Three Cheers, 4:00—American Eagles in Britain, 6:00—Chicago Theatre of the Air Symphony, 7:30—Hawaii Calls, 8:00—Downbeat Derby, 9:45—Buddy Cole at the Organ. SUNDAY 10:15—Romance of the Highways, 10:30—Hookey Hall, 2:30—The Mysterious Traveler, 3:00—Roosty of the AAF, 6:00—Mexico City Symphony Orchestra, 7:30—Boys Town, 8:00—California Melodics, 8:30—Jack Benny, 9:30—Human Adventure.

REMAINING HOURS TODAY

- 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co, 4:15—Care and Feeding of Husbands, Kerr Glass Co, 4:30—Lullaby in Rhythm, 4:45—Music off the Record, 5:00—Bible Adventures, Presbyterian Church, 5:15—Superman, Kellogg's Pep, 5:30—Musical Cocktail, 5:45—Gordon Burke with the News, Studebaker, 6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Kremf, 6:15—The Adventures of Nick Carter, 8:30—Double or Nothing, Feenamint, 7:00—State News, Keel Motor Co, 7:05—Musical Interlude, 7:15—Lowell Thomas, Standard Oil Co, 7:30—Lone Ranger, 8:00—Eye-Witness News, Coppo, 8:15—Stardust Serenade, 8:30—Name That Song, 9:00—Alka Seltzer News, 9:15—Hi Neighbor, Carstens Furniture Store, 9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr, 9:45—Music for the Night, 10:00—Sign off.

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1944

- 6:45—Reveille Round-Up, 7:00—News, Los Angeles Soap Co, 7:15—Rise and Shine, Wentzel Tent and Duck Co, 7:30—State News, Boring Optical, 7:35—The Beehive, 7:40—Rhapsody in Wax, 8:00—Have of Rest, 8:30—Morning Melodies, 8:45—Voice of the Army, 9:00—Songs of Bing Crosby, 9:15—Freedom on the Land Forever, 9:30—Hello Mom, 10:00—Alka Seltzer News, 10:15—Al Williams, 10:30—Luncheon With Lopez, 11:00—Melodic Varieties, 11:15—The Pastor's Scrapbook, Presbyterian Church, 11:30—Gus Martell's Orchestra, 12:00—Musical Interlude, 12:10—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer, 12:15—Rhythm at Random, 12:40—State News, Hansen Motors, 12:45—News-Review of the Air, 12:55—Terminal Market Reports, Sig Fett, 1:00—Adrian Rollini's Trio, 1:30—American Oaks Handicap, 1:45—Russ Davis' Orchestra, 2:00—Navy Bulletin Board, 2:30—Eddie Howard's Orchestra, 3:00—Bob Strong's Orchestra, 3:15—Dick Kuhn's Orchestra, 3:30—The Three Cheers, 3:45—Teatime Tunes, 4:00—American Eagle in Britain, 4:30—Flying High, 5:00—Moods in Music, 5:15—Music for Remembrance, 5:30—Musical Cocktail, 5:45—Gordon Burke News, Studebaker, 6:00—Chicago Theatre of the Air Symphony, 7:00—State News, Keel Motor Co, 7:05—Musical Interlude, 7:15—Dinner Music, 7:30—Hawaii Calls, 8:00—Downbeat Derby, Union Oil Co, 9:00—Alka Seltzer News, 9:15—Service Salute, E. G. High, 9:30—Lawrence Welk's Orchestra, 9:45—Buddy Cole at the Organ, 10:00—Sign off.

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1944

- 8:00—Wealey Radio League, 8:30—Voice of Prophecy, 9:00—Detroit Bible Class, 9:30—Lutheran Hour, 10:00—Alka Seltzer News, 10:15—Romance of the Highways, Greyhound, 10:30—Hookey Hall, Chooz, 11:00—Baptist Church Services, 12:00—This is Fort Dix, 12:15—Voice of the Dairy Farmer, American Dairy Assn, 12:30—Dr. Floyd Johnson, 1:00—Wide Horizons, 1:30—Young People's Church of the Air (feed KOOS).

- 2:00—Gospel Messages, Church of Christ, 2:15—Bishop's Crusade, Methodist Church, 2:30—The Mysterious Traveler, 3:00—Roosty of the AAF, 3:30—Teatime Tunes, 3:45—Canary Chorus, 4:00—Old Fashioned Revival Hour, 5:00—Mediation Board, 5:45—Gabriel Heatter, Barbasol, 6:00—Mexico City Symphony Orchestra, 7:00—Cedric Foster, Employers' Group Ins, 7:15—Stardust Serenade, 7:30—Boys Town, 8:00—California Melodics, 8:30—Jack Benny, General Foods, 9:00—Alka Seltzer News, 9:15—Moonlight Cocktail, 9:30—Human Adventure, 10:00—Old Fashioned Revival Hour, 11:00—Sign off.

Dr. Wainscott Elected To Health Assn. Post

PORTLAND, May 26 (AP)—Dr. A. Edward Bestrom, Albany, was elected president of the Oregon Health Officers' association last night. Dr. E. J. Wainscott, Roseburg, was elected vice-president, and Dr. Dan P. Trullinger, Oregon City, secretary-treasurer.

Funeral Services Held For Rollie Bledsoe

Funeral services were conducted at the Seventh Day Adventist church today for Rollie Bledsoe,

the 13-year-old Looki ngglass youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bledsoe, who was drowned Wednesday afternoon in the South Umpqua river. Bledsoe was a student at the Seventh Day Adventist school, instead of the Roseburg high school, as previously reported, and was playing at the river while awaiting the time for departure of the school bus when he met with the accident which proved fatal.

The service today was conducted by the Rev. N. C. Erntson with arrangements in charge of the Roseburg Undertaking company.

Scheduled Meeting of Encampment Canceled

Regular meeting of Union encampment, No. 9, I. O. O. F., scheduled for tonight, has been cancelled, it was announced today. Cancellation was decided upon to avoid conflict with other programs set for tonight.

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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS... "Did you hear that Tom is going to be inducted into the Army next week, Judge?" "Yes, Frank told me this morning down at the barber shop. Our town's got a lot of men in the service now, Jim. In fact, all towns have. I was just reading in the paper where there are more than 10,000,000 men away from their homes in the armed forces. And, from all reports, they're doing a grand job bringing victory closer every day. "We folks at home have a mighty big obligation to those 10,000,000 fighting men. We've got to produce the food to keep them well fed. We've got to keep them supplied with the ammunition and equipment they need to finish their job. We've got to help the Government pay for all these supplies our men need by buying more and more War Bonds. We'll have another big chance to do that by helping to put the 5th War Loan drive over the top, Jim. "And, in addition, we must be sure that while they're away and can't express their opinions, we don't go voting on and deciding any things that will displease them when they come back."

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