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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy with occasional light rain tonight and Friday.

In the Day's News

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the Baltic states. The fighting is bitter and bloody, especially around Riga, where the Germans have managed so far to keep open a corridor through which they have been supplying their forces in Latvia and Estonia.

The fighting in Italy is bitter with our side inching through the mountains toward the Po valley, where Italian war plants are supplying German needs. We're reported to be only 27 miles from Bologna, which lies at the southern edge of the valley, beyond the mountain barrier of the Apennines.

In the Pacific, the fighting in the Palau's appears to be fully as bloody as in the Marianas.

In the first four days, 5543 Japs were killed on Peleliu island. On Guam, only 2400 dead Japs were counted in the first four days.

We've taken Peleliu airdrome and our planes are already using it.

TOKYO says that EIGHTER-ESCORTED Liberators have attacked Davao, in the southern Philippines. That means we're GETTING CLOSE.

Disclosures to the American Legion convention in Chicago indicate that the actual re-taking of the Philippines will be MacArthur's job, with the navy transporting and protecting his forces.

ARTEMUS GATES, assistant secretary of the navy, is on a warship operating near the Philippines. He is quoted in a dispatch as "confused as to why the Japs are not more aggressive." He notes "total lack" of fight by the Jap air force. He adds: "These people are definitely on the run."

Admiral Nimitz agrees that the Japs have no room for optimism, but points out that we have a lot of hard fighting ahead—tougher and more compact Jap defenses as we advance, the bulk of the well-trained Jap army and the battered but still powerful Jap fleet still to be faced.

It does look as if the end of Germany is near, but we'll be wise if we keep our fingers crossed as to the Pacific war. By all the rules, the Japs ought to have a lot of fight left in them.

There is, however, an interesting note in the news. An AP correspondent on the ground tells of Jap soldiers in the Plains CHAINED to their observation posts and their caves to INSURE their stand to the death.

That, if true, would indicate that dying for their emperor is becoming somewhat less popular among the little yellow men.

BACK on the home front FDR directs the government to prepare for demobilization of some of its sprawling war agencies as soon as Germany caves in.

FIRE DISTRICTS NEEDED

By Charles V. Stanton

AN attractive little home in Edenbower was badly damaged by fire Monday. The house had been purchased only a few days prior to the fire and the furniture of the incoming family had not yet been entirely unpacked.

A call was sent to the Roseburg fire department, but, because of state laws, the city equipment could not be taken outside the municipal limits except to aid another organized town.

There may be circumstances with which we are not familiar which would excuse the failure of property owners in residential areas immediately adjacent to the city of Roseburg for not forming fire protection districts, but, not knowing of those circumstances, it seems that such failure borders on criminal negligence, in view of the danger that exists to life and property.

During the past few years there has been very rapid growth in West Roseburg, Edenbower, Miller's Addition and other sections abutting the city limits. Many fine homes have been constructed. In certain sections, residences are as closely crowded as within the city boundaries.

The city of Roseburg is powerless to give aid in such emergencies. All the fire department could do would be to stand helplessly at the city limits to keep the blaze from crossing the municipal boundaries.

Little difficulty would be encountered in forming fire protection districts. Twenty-five per cent of the property owners of a proposed district would sign a petition addressed to the county court asking for such organization.

Through their own organization, the districts would install fire hydrants, cisterns or make other provision to provide water with which to combat fires.

But to continue as at present without protection of any sort is, in our opinion, incurring a risk which is extremely critical.

ment If our worker-employer problems are to be solved RIGHT, we must go ahead to something new. We haven't much in the way of worthwhile achievement along that line to go back to.

FOOTBALL COACH

Word puzzle grid with clues: HORIZONTAL 1.5 Pictured football star, Lt. Comdr. 2. King of Judah (Bib.) 3. To wax 4. Midwestern state 5. Large number 6. Before 7. Small particle 8. Manual part of body 9. Age 10. Corded fabric 11. Part of circle 12. Upward 13. South American (a) (ab) 14. Graduate 15. Stories 16. Ocean (ab) 17. Exclamation 18. Infant (ab) 19. Rowing stick 20. Musical note 21. Near 22. Male offspring 23. He was a 24. Health resort 25. Goal 26. Veterinary (ab) 27. Channel 28. Islands (ab) 29. Scatter seed 30. Transport 31. Abstract being

Lions Lead Off in Purchasing Season Football Tickets

First appeal for cooperation in the Roseburg chamber of commerce-sponsored program of selling 1000 season football tickets for home games of the Roseburg Indians was made to the Lions club Wednesday evening by Bruce Elliott. Responding promptly to the appeal, the Lions in attendance purchased \$103.60 worth of tickets and visiting Lions from other cities donated \$12 to the student body athletic fund.

Of equal importance to the sale of tickets was the pledge made by 12 members of the club to act as a committee to participate in the ticket sale campaign scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday, September 27.

It is anticipated, states Harold Hickerson, chamber of commerce secretary, that all other service club and civic groups will make an equal response. Pep speakers will be before each group between now and the date of the ticket sales campaign.

KRNR Mutual Broadcasting System, 1490 Kilocycles.

- REMAINING HOURS TODAY 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co. 4:15—Tune Tabloid. 4:30—World's Front Page. 4:45—Music Off the Record. 5:00—Moods in Music. 5:15—Superman, Kellogg's Pep. 5:30—Tom Mix, Ralston's Purina. 5:45—Night News Wire, Student-baker. 6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Forhan's Toothpaste. 6:15—Screen Test, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. 6:30—Music You Remember, Douglas Supply Co. 6:45—The Male Quartet, G. W. Young & Son. 7:00—Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, Democratic National Committee. 7:30—Music. 7:45—Eye-Witness News, Copco. 8:00—Return Address APO. 8:30—Stardust Serenade. 9:00—Alka Seltzer News. 9:15—Rex Miller, Wildroot. 9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr. 9:45—Music for the Night. 10:00—Music. 10:15—Townsend National Recovery Plan, Inc. 10:30—Sign Off.

State Press Comment

MR. CHURCHILL INTRUDES

Whether done with intentional design and whether we like it or not, Prime Minister Churchill has violated the code of diplomatic ethics by injecting himself into internal American politics by uttering the veiled hope that President Roosevelt will be re-elected in the interests of continued Allied harmony in the prosecution of the war and formulation of the peace. The Prime Minister's venture into the domestic affairs of the United States came during the press conference which concluded the meeting between himself and President Roosevelt in Quebec last week.

Commenting upon the success of the Quebec conference, Mr. Churchill declared significantly

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that he and the president "have worked so long together and have come to know each other so well under the hard stress of war" that a complete understanding on all points at issue was speedily reached. "We have conducted a successful war" from small beginnings. He admonished the assembled correspondents: "Do not fear about the future. The same proven direction will work until our objective, Japan, has been plainly isolated."

Further commenting on the amicable relations existing between him and the president, the Prime Minister said: "We are not limited. We talk over every aspect of the situation. In fact, we get along so well and understand each other so well, that it makes it easier and quicker to reach an understanding." In a further direct appeal for the continuance in office of Roosevelt the British leader is quoted as saying that even after the war has ended the same close relationship between Britain and the United States should be continued to conduct world reconstruction and a resurgence of normal living for the "millions of toiling peoples of the earth."

It is heartening to the American people to receive Mr. Churchill's assurance of friendly cooperation on the part of the British in the solution of the international problems facing the two countries. But it is disconcerting to have him attempt to pass judgment and advise the American people on matters of purely domestic concern. He forgets that the president of the United States is not a spokesman for the people of this country, and that our decisions must necessarily guide the actions and international attitude of the president. He also overlooks the fact that the coming referendum on the conduct of the war and the administration of home affairs; that he and his country are also being weighed on the scales of public opinion.

SELF-HELP ON HIGHWAY JOBS

The highway commission has concluded a second or third grand tour of the state and listened to appeals for highway expenditures which aggregate some \$300 million. The reply given by Chairman Banfield was that until congress enacted a road appropriations bill the commission would not know how much money it would have for spending. It begins to look as though it would get considerably less than was first proposed and very recently anticipated.

The senate roads committee last week cut the total allowances in its bill from \$650 million a year to \$450 million for each of the first three post-war years. It did something else, it raised the ante for the states which had been trying to get the government to spend on a 50-50 basis instead of on the old 50-50. The senate committee put the split back at 50-50. Highways are essential and are an economic asset. Moreover the states have plans prepared so they can swing into construction as soon as the war is over, which will be helpful in providing employment. But the states ought not to look to the federal government for so much pap from the treasury. The states are in far better financial position than the federal government and ought to carry more, not less, of the road-building program.

If the people are impatient over the delay in roadbuilding, the answer is in their own hands. They can increase the tax on gasoline and build as they joyride.

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