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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon.

Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Fog tonight and Wednesday morning; clear Wednesday afternoon.

Highest temp. for any Dec.	70
Lowest temp. for any Dec.	5
Highest temp. yesterday	39
Lowest temp. last night	31
Precipitation yesterday	.01
Precipitation from Dec. 1	.20
Deficit from Dec. 1	1.73
Deficit from Sept. 1, 1944	3.63

In the Day's News

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of the German military strength opposed to us in the west.

By the same simple mathematical process, we can arrive at the deduction that in 12 weeks of fighting on the same terrific scale we could destroy the whole 72 divisions.

SUCH a computation, of course, amounts to nothing more than mental exercise, because it involves too many UNKNOWN factors to be reliable as a forecast. But it DOES dramatize for us the fact that this war in the west is pure war of attrition.

When we've killed or put out of commission ENOUGH Germans the war will be won.

IT dramatizes for us also the fact that WAR HAS CHANGED. Something NEW has been added.

When Napoleon was fighting the Austrians a century and a quarter ago, he commented cynically that when they were outmaneuvered they QUIT (that is, when the BOOK SAID they were licked they figured they WERE licked, so they surrendered).

The Germans in 1918 followed more or less the same rule as the Austrians of Napoleon's time. Their armies WEREN'T destroyed. But the book of rules told them they were licked, so they quit.

It's DIFFERENT now.

THE new element that has been added to war is fanatical indoctrination of nazis and Japs. Because of this new element, we can no longer predict with any degree of accuracy WHEN wars will end.

Because we failed to take this new element into consideration, we jumped to TOO ROSY conclusions when the Germans were fleeing back across Poland and Romania and Bulgaria and Yugoslavia and France to their homeland.

The old book of rules said then they were licked, and we thought they were licked.

THE German Transocean news agency says the Hungarian government has fled from Budapest to Sopron, on the Austrian border. The Russians say the Hungarians fighting in the German ranks at Budapest are beginning to 'give up in large numbers in the face of a situation their commanders recognize as hopeless."

This is important, if true indicating that the end is NEAR in Hungary.

THE earthquake DID center in Japan. Undoubtedly it did a lot of damage. But it won't end the Pacific war. The only way to end the Pacific war is to KILL ENOUGH Japs and destroy enough Jap war plants and transport.

WE hit Iwo Jima pretty hard with "scores" of B-29s and 108 Liberators, and also shelled it with warships maybe up to battleships. We HOPE we've smashed the nest from which Jap planes were coming to bother our Tokyo-bound Superforts.

OUR landing behind the Jap lines at Ormoc was helpful. We hope now to be able to clean up Leyte not by waving any wands but by HARD, BLOODY fighting that takes guts and grit (which our men have).

THERE'S a new note from China.

The Chinese seem to have stopped (temporarily at least) the Jap march on Kunming, Kweiyang and Chungking. These NEW AND BETTER Chinese reinforcements that have been arriving (maybe from the communist border) appear to have turned the tide.

There is even bigger news.

An "authoritative" report from Chungking says Chiang has agreed "in principle to participation of the Chinese communists in the national government and in the direction of Chinese military affairs.

That might mean that Chiang's government and the communists are about ready to quit watching each other like a couple of angry dogs and turn their COMBINED efforts to fighting the Jap.

NOTE the growing extent to which COMMUNISM is entering the news of the OLDER world—eastern Europe and Asia.

Communism is one of the BIG WORLD ISSUES NOW.

COMMUNISM is hard for us Americans to understand. We see it only as a revolutionary tactic of disgruntled elements in our population plus the unprincipled SEEKERS FOR POWER that are present in every nation.

As a social system, communism has nothing for us, for the standards we have achieved under our system of government and our way of life are FAR SUPERIOR to anything that communism can offer us.

Judging communism by AMERICAN COMMUNISTS, we see it only as an OGRE that threatens destruction of everything we value most.

COMMUNISM in the OLDER WORLD is different.

There it DOES have something to offer to the vast masses of common people who for more centuries than we can visualize have been downtrodden and exploited and short-changed. In communism, these masses SEE SOMETHING BETTER THAN THEY HAVE HAD.

Watch it.

It is certain to bring big changes in the world.

A MATTER OF EQUITY

By Charles V. Stanton

A MAJOR piece of legislation before the Oregon state legislature at its session starting in January will be the report of the interim committee, which proposes a new motor vehicle code. The committee will suggest a new form of taxation upon commercial vehicles to more equitably distribute taxes in proportion to the amount of wear and tear imposed upon the highways by various types of vehicles.

The committee's report shows that it finds "inequities and unbalance" in the existing code, particularly because of exemption of some types of commercial vehicles from motor transportation fees, because of wide variety of bases used for calculating fees, advantage of diesel-operated vehicles on a basis of present rates, and failure of fuel consumption to rise in proportion to gross load.

The 1943 legislature appointed a committee representative of the state highway department, the two houses of legislature, tax commission, public utilities commission and the bureau of audit to study the motor vehicle tax problem. This committee, headed by C. B. McCullough, assistant state highway engineer, will recommend to the legislature that the present fuel tax be retained without change and that every vehicle, commercial or otherwise, pay a flat $5 registration fee to cover administration costs.

The "meat" of the new code is in the proposal calling for a graduated mileage tax on all commercial vehicles, except mail trucks, state, county and municipal vehicles and school busses. It would apply to trucks operated by farmers, as well as to gravel, logging, transfer and other types of commercially operated trucks of more than 4,000 pounds gross weight. Fees would range from 3.75 mills per mile on light vehicles to 17.68 mills per mile on big trucks. Fuel taxes would be refunded for vehicles paying the mileage tax.

Persons who have studied the report closely give it high praise. It is described as "the first scientifically designed tax program for commercial vehicles in this state," and as "the most progressive bit of tax legislation since the gasoline tax." Principal opposition is expected from farmers and operators of light trucks, who enjoy exemption from certain truck licenses at present, and who will face a vast amount of bookkeeping if the code is adopted.

The new code is proposed to increase revenue and to provide a greater degree of equity. It is estimated it would yield about $7,620,000 or $1,300,000 more than now collected annually.

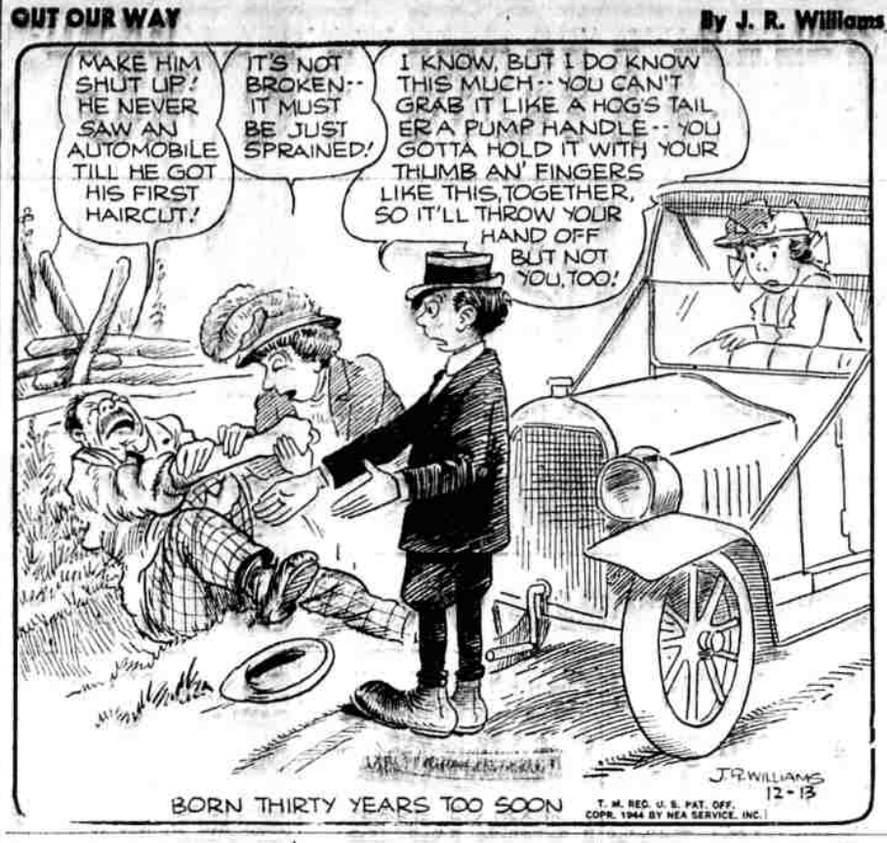
That is fine, insofar as raising revenue is concerned, but the bill should also include, in our opinion, something to clear up inequities of distribution as well as collection.

If this new code is adopted, as recommended by the interim committee, a great proportion of revenue would be derived from logging trucks operating on county roads. Here in Douglas county, for instance, a great volume of logs comes over the North Umpqua, Calapooia, South Umpqua, Upper Smith River, and other roads. Yet the county receives but very little financial aid from the state for maintenance of these roads. The state highway department has done a fine job in improving entrances into major cities, improving grades such as Rice hill, Turkey hill, Sexton mountain, the Siskiyous, etc., but little has been done to take care of the roads used by the lumber industry, which contributes no small part of the motor vehicle revenue.

If a graduated mileage tax is to be imposed, we believe there should be some provision in the law to provide that at least a sizeable proportion of the revenue should be used in the counties in which the taxes are raised. If it is equitable to raise taxes in proportion to the degree of wear and tear, it is just as equitable to expect expenditure of the revenues in places where damage is done. Under provisions of this proposed code, the volume of revenue would be in direct proportion to wear and tear, so it should not be difficult to work out a formula.

We can expect immediate objection to such proposal from the highway department, which vigorously opposes any regulation as to where it shall spend its revenues. But it does not seem unreasonable to expect the state to share in keeping up roads which contribute to its motor vehicle fund instead of placing all the burden upon counties, operators and the federal government as has been the case in Douglas county, where we have not even been able to secure any appreciable amount of funds on such a worthy project as our North Umpqua road.

OUT OUR WAY By J. R. Williams



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6:30—Music You Remember.
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7:45—Songs of Good Cheer.
8:15—A Date With Annaloris.
8:30—Freedom of Opportunity.
10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.

WEDNESDAY

8:30—Give-Away Jamboree.
8:55—Lanny & Ginger.
9:00—News and Gabriel Heatter.
1:30—Headlines in Harmony.
3:15—Dusty Records.
5:00—Sam Hayes.
6:30—Cisco Kid.
8:00—Main Line.
8:30—Bulldog Drummond.
9:30—Wings Over the West Coast.
10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.

REMAINING HOURS TODAY

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
4:15—Tune Tabloid.
4:30—Music and Lyrics.
4:45—Good News Program, Assembly of God Church.
5:00—Sam Hayes, S. & W. Fine Foods.
5:15—Superman.
5:30—Tom Mix, Ralston's Purina.
5:45—Night News Wire, Studebaker.
6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Forhan's Tooth Paste.
6:15—Real Stories From Real Life.
6:30—Music You Remember, Douglas Supply Co.
6:45—The Male Quartet, G. W. Young & Son.
7:00—State and Local News, Keel Motor Co.
7:05—Musical Interlude.
7:15—Lowell Thomas, Standard Oil Co.
7:30—Something for the Girls.
7:45—Songs of Good Cheer, Copco.
8:00—Stardust Serenade.
8:15—A Date With Annaloris.
8:30—Freedom of Opportunity, Mutual Benefit Health and Acc. Assn. of Omaha.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Rex Miller, Wildroot.
9:45—Music for the Night.
10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
10:15—Paul Carson, Oregon Music.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:15—Yawn Patrol.
6:55—Schricker Auction.
7:00—News, J. A. Folger Co.
7:15—Rise and Shine, Smith Brothers.
7:30—State and Local News, Boring Optical.
7:35—Judd Furniture Store.
7:40—Rhapsody in Wax.
8:00—Dr. Louis Talbot, Los Angeles Bible Institute. (ABC-KOOS).
8:30—Give-Away Jamboree, Fisher Flouring Mills.
8:45—Easy Listenin'.
8:55—Lanny & Ginger, Groves Laboratories.
9:00—The News and Gabriel Heatter, Kreml.
9:15—Man About Town.
9:30—Hasten the Day.
9:45—Shoppers Guide.
9:55—Musical Interlude.
10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
10:15—Musical Clock, Modern Furniture.
10:30—Luncheon With Lopez.
10:45—Musical Market Basket.
11:00—Wheel of Fortune.
11:45—Morning Melodies.
12:00—Musical Interlude.
12:10—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer.
12:15—Treasury Song for Today.
12:20—Parkinson's Information Exchange.
12:25—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—Miniature Concerts.
1:15—Music to Your Ear.
1:30—Headlines in Harmony.
2:00—Musical Hi-Jinks.
2:15—Music.
2:45—Western Serenade.
3:00—Prayer.
3:01—Griffin Reporting.
3:15—Dusty Records, Henningers Marts.
3:45—Johnson Family.
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
4:15—Tune Tabloid.
4:30—Up to the Minute.
4:45—Music Off the Record.
5:00—Sam Hayes, S. & W. Fine Foods.
5:15—Superman.
5:30—Tom Mix, Ralston's Purina.
5:45—Night News Wire, Studebaker.
6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Kreml.
6:15—Real Stories From Real Life.
6:30—Cisco Kid.
7:00—State and Local News, Keel Motor Co.
7:05—Musical Interlude.
7:15—Lowell Thomas, Standard Oil Co.
7:30—Lone Ranger.
8:00—Main Line, Southern Pacific Railroad.
8:30—Bulldog Drummond, 42 Products.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Service Salute, E. G. High.
9:30—Wings Over the West Coast.
10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Kampfers Sav-Mor.
10:15—Music for the Night.
10:30—Sign off.

Dams Spell Extinction Of Salmon, Wire Asserts

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 12—(AP)—Frank Wire, Oregon fish and game commission representative at the Western Association of Fish and Game commission meeting here, urged yesterday that state commissions study proposed dam construction projects and make recommendations as to their probable effect on fishing.

Wire declared that "continued and unnecessary" construction of dams "on practically every large river in the northwest is slowly but surely sounding the death knell of Oregon's salmon industry, despite fish ladders."

Nation's Governors to Get Giant Oregon Onions

PORTLAND, Dec. 12—(AP)—Under auspices of the Portland chamber of commerce, 50-pound sacks of giant Oregon onions will be sent from Ontario tomorrow to the nation's governors.

At least five inches in diameter, the onions will bear Christmas greetings from this state and, the chamber hopes, help reduce the nation's onion surplus through resulting publicity.

LETTERS to the Editor

CHRISTMAS SIGNIFICANCE AND REASON FOR GIVING

Editor News-Review:—"Why Chistmas?" is a question which might well be asked many times. Christmas is the celebration of a birthday.

We celebrate Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays by decorating with flags, and often by entertainments where the men are eulogized and held up to youth as men of character and examples to be emulated. These two men and others I might mention are worthy of this honor.

But about Christmas? Whose birthday? It is the birthday of Jesus, the Christ, who came to this world deep in darkness and sin and brought light—spiritual light—to the darkness of men's lives. Jesus was a babe and looked like other babes but there was a difference, for God was His father and the only one who could bring spiritual light to a world of sin.

Of course God created man in the beginning and when the man and woman he created disobeyed Him and lost the wonderful secret of a perfect life, God planned a way to redeem man so he could live a happy life through eternity. Jesus the Christ is the answer to the problem.

Why light candles at Christmas time? To symbolize the spiritual light He brought. Why give gifts? Because God gave Jesus the Christ to redeem men, to pay the penalty for man's sin. So the giving of gifts is symbolic of that great gift.

Is this the theought in our minds when we prepare gifts for those we love at this season of the year?

Let us take "The Word" of God and read again the Christmas story, lest we forget, lest we forget.

MRS. EMMA P. WOODS.

A LA CARTE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12—(AP)—Maybe chefs and waiters can't serve steaks aplenty, but they can dish out the war bonds.

A delegation of them sold more than $10,000,000 worth of bonds at a dinner. Admission was a $1,000 document.

Former Actress

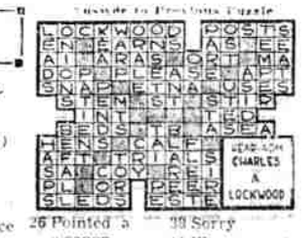
HORIZONTAL

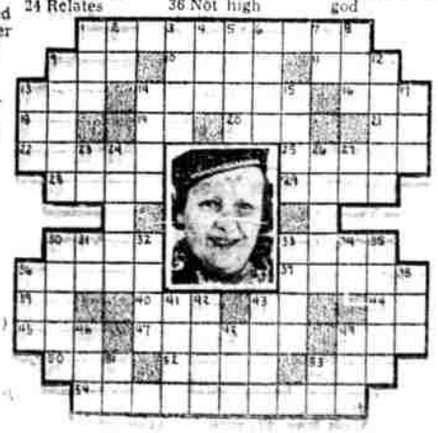
1 Pictured screen star of yesteryear.
9 Domesticated animal
10 Ireland
11 Mineral rock
13 2000 pounds
14 Whole
16 Sprite
18 Measure of area
19 Near
20 Five and five
21 Account of (ab.)
22 Relaxes
25 World-famed classic writer
28 Let it stand
29 Slope
30 She was a famous —— heroine
33 Transmitted
36 Rent
37 Smells
39 Either
40 Skill
43 Exist
44 Each (ab.)
45 Twisted
47 French art museum
49 Also
50 Over (contr.)
52 Liquid measure
53 Dispose
54 She was a

VERTICAL

1 Writing implement
2 And (Latin)
3 Lease
4 Ignited
5 Legal instrument
6 At this place
7 Toward
8 Before
9 Skin openings
12 Exalt
13 Paving substance
14 Orient
15 Finishes
17 Enemy
23 Street (ab.)
24 Relates
26 Pointed weapon
27 North Dakota (ab.)
30 Ferrous (comb. form)
31 Indian army (ab.)
32 Dinner
33 Several
34 Negative
35 Direction
36 Not high
38 Sorry
41 Was carried
42 Change course
43 Provides with weapons
46 Affirmative
48 Tub
49 Atmosphere
51 Rhode Island (ab.)
53 Egyptian sun god

Clues to Previous Puzzle





Officers of Wacs Dated in Roseburg To Get Recruits

Lt. Betty Herring and S. Sgt. Evelyn Dettmer, women's army corps representatives, will be in Roseburg Dec. 14, and the morning of the 16, to interview any women interested in the corps. They will make their headquarters at the chamber of commerce, Medical Arts building.

"At the present time the greatest need for women in the Wacs is serving with the medical department of the army," Lt. John Walker of the recruiting service, said here today. "With the increasing fury with which our men are fighting, casualties are becoming greater and greater. Army doctors and nurses must have help in a myriad of ways in order to cope with the extra demands now being placed upon their skills."

Lt. Herring has just returned from the east where she has attended a conference concerning the medical department's needs and the opportunities it is now offering women beween the ages of 20 and 49.

Women interested in this or any other branch of the service in the Wacs are requested to contact Mrs. Ethel Roselund, phone 454-J, chairman of the Wac civilian recruiting committee for this area, for an appointment with Lt. Herring. On the 14th the lieutenant and sergeant will be at the armory with the infantry show. On the 15th they will be in their headquarters from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m., and at the Hotel Umpqua from 2 until 5, and on the 16th in their headquarters from 8 until 12.

DIAL-LOG

By SUSAN

We're pretty well back on schedule again—and you'll find most of the accustomed programs in their accustomed places tonight. However, you remember that Fulton Lewis, Jr., will be heard at 10 o'clock instead of the usual Count of Monte Cristo broadcast. We're a little befuddlue about what has has happened to the Count. To date we aren't sure whether he's off the air temporarily or permanently—time will have to tell. Anyway, you'll hear hear Music You Remember at 6:30, Something for the Girls at 7:30, and Songs of Good Cheer at 7:45. Annaloris will be back at 8:15 and Freedom of Opportunity at 8:30—which brings you up to the news.

Wednesday morning — there's Give-Away Jamboree at 8:30, Lanny and Ginger (one of our favorites—only we do wish they could be on more than that measly little five minutes) at 8:55, Gabe Heatter with his new news broadcast at 9 and music and shopping news for the rest of the morning. Speaking of news—have you been listening to Sam Hayes on the other new news cast at 5 in the afternoons? It's good, but then he has always been one of our very favorite newscasters. As a matter of fact, it's almost a tie between Glen Hardy and Sam Hayes, as far as we're concerned. If you haven't been listening, remind yourself to tune him in today or tomorrow—then you won't miss Superman or Tom Mix either—or those lovely soap opera type programs we're getting at 6:15. Maybe you like them, though. We'll have to admit they sounded so uninteresting we just haven't been listening. So maybe they're really good and we're missing something. Guess we'd better listen a few times before we turn thumbs down.

Larson Baby, 8 Days Old, Dies at Myrtle Creek

Carol Sue, eight-days old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard H. Larson, Myrtle Creek died at the Myrtle Creek hospital Monday. The child was born at Myrtle Creek Dec. 3. Surviving are the parents, maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Caver, San Francisco, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Larson, Creighton, Neb.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. today at the I. O. O. F. cemetery in Myrtle Creek, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Powell. Arrangements were in charge of the Roseburg Funeral home.

Yule Cheer Kettles Here Beckon Contributions

Salvation Army Christmas Cheer kettles made their appearance upon Roseburg streets today, and will be continued through the holiday season. Funds secured will be used to provide Christmas baskets for needy families and for service men and veterans, officers of the Roseburg corps report.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DR. CHARLES A. EDWARDS

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Ps. 91. This inspired statement is the highest peak in the mountain range of thrilling promises recorded in the 91st Psalm. It gives assurance of the Christian's constant fellowship with God, and of His unlimited protection and oversight. What an inestimable privilege and honor it is to have the eternal and Almighty God as our refuge and fortress at all times, as we journey through life in this sinful world. To be so intimately related to our Heavenly Father that we can confidently say, "He is my God; in Him will I trust." That trust will bring the fulfillment of every promise found in this wonderful Psalm. It makes us more than conquerors. Why should we be distressed with doubts and fears? God is fully able to keep His promises. For me He has kept His promises all through my life. It is only when I doubt and fear that shadows come. When the children of Israel came to the borders of the promised land. Joshua called the attention of them to the fact that of all of God's promises to them through forty years not one of them had failed. "If God be for us, who can be against us." Amen.

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