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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon.

Forecast for Roseburg and vic-
inity: Light rain tonight and
Wednesday; not so cold.
Highest temp. for any Dec. 70
Lowest temp. for any Dec. 45
Highest temp. yesterday 41
Lowest temp. yesterday 34
Precipitation yesterday .01
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In the Day's News

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the resolutions to be good always
and bad NEVER that MEN make
when in a tight hole.

MAYBE the Atlantic charter
never was formally written
down.

Maybe it never was signed as
a formal document.

Maybe it was just another of
the good resolutions men and na-
tions make when they are in a
bad jam and FORGET when their
fortunes improve.

BUT — So far as foreign policy is
concerned, the SPIRIT of the
Atlantic charter, which embodies
the spirit of the Golden Rule,
LIVES IN THE HEARTS OF
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

That is the spirit in which we
WANT to carry on our relation-
ships with other nations.

IF our new State department
really wants to formulate a for-
eign policy that will receive the
lasting approval of the masses of
the American PEOPLE, it
needs only to build the structure
around the framework of the At-
lantic charter.

The American PEOPLE will
back such a policy. They BE-
LIEVE in it.

THE best news from Belgium is
that the WEATHER is IM-
PROVING.

There is brilliant sunshine on
the Luxembourg front, and our
planes are going into action
against the nazis, who so far
have been obligingly hidden in
the fog and the clouds.

(There seems little doubt that
it was foul weather that enabled
the Germans to mass UNOB-
SERVED on our front and hit
us with all the tremendous ad-
vantage of surprise.)

AT last accounts (two days old)
the German wedge on the
south had penetrated our lines
about 40 miles, and its tip was
only 29 miles northeast of Sedan,
on the French-Belgium border.

One gathers from the vague
dispatches that the enemy is
trying desperately to JOIN HIS
WEDGES. An American tank
force, dug in near St. Vith (away
back near the German-Belgium
border where the enemy counter-
attack started) has been holding
out grimly for three days against
the best the enemy can send.

This little American tank force,
one gathers, has been largely re-
sponsible for STOPPING (so far)
the enemy's wedge-closing enter-
prise.

IN the hurly-burly of the Christ-
mas season on the home front,
with its gay round of last-minute
shopping, cocktail parties, etc.,
let us pause for at least a mo-
ment of silent, heartfelt prayer
for these American boys who are
selling their lives dearly for the
good of ALL OF US.

MILITARY men in Washington
think the Germans haven't
committed ALL the reserves to
the battle, but are holding back
ENOUGH FOR THE KILL in the
event that they are able to sur-
round two or three of our armies.

THE MILK SITUATION

By Charles V. Stanton

THE fact that the milk supply, both raw and pasteurized, in the Roseburg milkshed is better than in nearly any other area of the state is small reason for local pride, considering the revelation that all ratings are shockingly low. A state report shows the quality of milk supply in the Roseburg area to stand at 84 per cent for raw milk and 73 per cent for pasteurized milk as compared with grades of 74 and 72 per cent at Salem and La Grande on raw milk and 71 and 49 per cent on pasteurized milk.

The editor of *The Oregonian*, Portland, speaks very critically of failure of health authorities to inform the public concerning conditions, and attributes much of the situation to a lack of harmony between state agencies and also lack of proper legislation. He says:

There is a conflict between the health department, on the one side, and the state department of agriculture and the dairy industry on the other, over the range of authority. There are economic factors, as well as health factors, of a complicated nature. A legislative interim committee has recommended legislation revising the state board of health, making the director of agriculture an ex-officio member, and delineating the authority of the two departments. The controversy which has arisen, which may have been responsible for the belated reports on the milk surveys, clearly demands incisive legislation.

We are less concerned with who is right and who is wrong in the recurrent feuds involving milk questions than we are with protecting the health of the consumers. It is the duty of the legislature, which convenes January 8, to cut through the maze of departmental and industry dissension and give the state a law which will work. In the meantime, the public has a right to know what it is buying.

Not all of the existing condition, however, is due to dis-harmony or insufficient legislation, a fact which *The Oregonian* editor recognizes.

One of the principal reasons for the existing low quality of milk supply is that federal agencies disorganized the entire dairy industry by muddling price control, while man-power shortages have also provided a contributing factor.

The effort of Oregon dairymen to secure butterfat prices which would enable them to continue in business should be recalled. It will be remembered a special committee was appointed by the governor. Dairymen spent hundreds of dollars in financing committee trips to San Francisco and in making other appeals for suitable adjustments. A satisfactory price was never obtained, but, while appeals were being made, a number of dairymen who had large herds and sanitary facilities, unable to continue operating at a loss, went out of business. Their herds were broken up and sold to farmers who began milking small numbers of cows. Few of these farmers had facilities conforming to federal, state and local sanitary requirements. Distributors today are buying from many more producers than in days before the war, securing small quantities of milk from each, instead of obtaining a large volume from each of a few operators. In the Roseburg area the local supply has not been sufficient making it necessary to import a considerable amount of milk to supply the growing demand.

Then, too, there is the matter of inspection. The city of Roseburg has a very effective ordinance, which provides for inspection of sanitary facilities maintained by every producer selling milk within the city. For years this inspection was very rigid. Strict enforcement was maintained. But since the war the city has been unable to obtain the services of a person qualified and able to continue the work of field inspections.

Solution of the milk supply question poses many problems. Price adjustments, manpower to maintain inspections, legisla-tion, harmonious state supervision and numerous other factors must be considered. Existing butterfat rates do not offer an inducement to large-scale operations, where sanitary conditions can be best maintained. Nor can the farmer, milking a few head of cows, afford, at the present prices, to install facilities required by federal, state and municipal regulations. Slaughter or export of large numbers of dairy cows has created an alarming milk shortage and has forced distributors to gather milk wherever obtainable and even to import from other communities. This makes it virtually impossible to trace epidemics to their source.

The present difficult situation could have been avoided in large measure had a bunch of bullheaded bureaucrats acted reasonably when emergencies first arose.

cut them off from help and then
move in to destroy them.

WE learn from Washington that
the Russian assurance of a
winter offensive was given volun-
tarily several weeks ago and
NOT in response to any new and
direct plea because of menace of
the German offensive.

The point is that we're fighting
our own battle and not crying to
the Russians for help.

THE promised Russian offensive
(the Russians KEEP their
promises) can't come in time to
affect the battle of Belgium.
We've got to fight that out as the
Russians fought out the German
invasion of Russia.

THE Germans seem to have re-
moved no strength from the
Russian front. They got the need-
ed force from the German armies
pouring back to the homeland
from all over Europe.

YOU must have read the Mos-
cow radio story that a soviet
extraordinary commission has
ESTABLISHED that nearly 700,

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F. D. R. Signs Bill
Banning Unsigned
Political Tirades

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has signed legislation outlawing anonymous political statements relating to any candidate for federal office.

The measure makes it a criminal offense for any "person, association, organization, committee or corporation" to publish or distribute any political statement regarding such a candidate unless it bears the name of the person responsible for its publication.

Maximum penalty is a year im-prisonment and \$100 fine.

The ban applies to campaign literature in primary elections or political party conventions as well as to general elections.

Field Range of Wacs
Wins Praise in Italy

Melba V. Atkins, Riddle, is a WAC corporal with a company now in Italy. She was serving as a cook when interviewed recently as preparations were being made for a turkey dinner with dressing, salad, cranberry sauce, green vegetables, mince pie, fruit cake, nuts and candy. The group was preparing to serve 400 company members and guests.

The girls, according to the re-port of the correspondent, were enthusiastic over the work of their field range, claiming it to be superior to electric or gas ranges to be found in the ordi-nary kitchen.

Flier From Sutherland

Killed in Action, Report

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 26.—Tech. Sgt. Harold M. Thompson has been reported killed in action, according to word received by his father, H. L. Thompson, route 4, Medford. He entered the army at Sutherland, Ore., in March, 1942, and served 17 months overseas. He took part in the low level bombing of Ploesti on August 1, 1943, and had been awarded the distinguished flying cross. In May of this year, he returned to his base in England, after being reported missing in action for several months.

Kiddies of Reedsport

Given Yuletide Treat

REEDSPORT — The local Youth organization last week erected a large, illuminated Christmas tree in the street intersection of the downtown business district and Saturday afternoon, with hundreds of children gathered about the tree, Santa Claus distributed gifts of candies and small presents. The kiddies enjoyed a fine afternoon, all at the expense of, and under the direction of, the teen age group of the Reedsport Youth organization. The organization staged a dance in the evening.

Logger's Leg Broken

In Truck Accident

REEDSPORT — As the transpor-tation truck of the Gardner Lum-ber Co., was returning from the Camp Creek logging operations last Friday evening about 5 o'clock, a rear axle broke and the truck was forced into the high-way guard rail on the Umpqua river highway about three miles east of this city. The guard rail was broken by the impact and rammed through the body of the car, in which 14 men were riding. While all were badly shaken, only one was seriously injured, Gar-Phillips, received a broken leg. State Officer Miles, who was called to the scene of the accident, gave first aid and called an am-bulance and the injured man was taken to a North Bend hospital.

Reedsport's Water

Supply Again Halted

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The Roseburg Country club will sponsor a holiday dance Satur-day night, December 30, at 9 o'clock at the clubhouse, which will be open to the public as well as members of the club. An orchestra has been engaged to play for the dance. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the dance committee or at the club store.

Society and Clubs

By LOTUS KNIGHT PORTER

U. S. S. CONVENTION
TO BE HELD THURSDAY

Complete arrangements for the annual Union Sunday school con-vention have been made for Thursday, Dec. 28, according to an announcement by the pres-ident, Mrs. R. D. Knigge. The con-vention will be held at the First Christian church in Roseburg from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. with a potluck luncheon at noon. An interesting program has been outlined for both the morn-ing and afternoon sessions. All Sunday schools are invited to en-joy the occasion.

SOCIAL CLUB TO
MEET WEDNESDAY

The social club of George Star-mer auxiliary to United Spanish War Veterans will hold a 12:30 potluck luncheon and annual Christmas party Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Margaret Rod-gers at 201 Haynes street, instead of at the home of Mrs. L. A. Taylor as previously planned. All members are urged to be present and are asked to bring their own table service.

LADY ELKS TO HOLD
SOCIAL MEETING

The Lady Elks will hold a so-cial meeting at eight o'clock Thursday evening at the temple with Mrs. Harry Finniger, Mrs. Jack Boor and Mrs. Bert Ander-son as hostesses. Prizes will be

awarded winners in contract bridge and pinhole. All lady Elks are cordially invited.

DANCE TO BE HELD AT
FACILITY WEDNESDAY

The Department of Oregon Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Patrick W. Kelly auxiliary will sponsor a dance at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening at the Veterans Facility. All members and friends are cordially invited to enjoy the affair.

CIRCLE NO. 1 TO
MEET ON WEDNESDAY

Circle No. 1 of St. Joseph's Altar society will meet at the parish house at two o'clock Wednesday with Mrs. Krogel and Mrs. Lucy Jennings as hostesses. Ladies of the parish are invited and are asked to bring a 25 cent gift to exchange.

SOUTH UMPQUA LADIES
CLUB TO HOLD MEETING

The South Umpqua Ladies club will meet Thursday at the school-house for a potluck luncheon and holiday party. Members will ex-change Christmas gifts. All mem-bers are urged to be present.

JUNIOR DIVISION TO
MEET THURSDAY NIGHT

The Junior Division of the First Christian church will meet Thurs-day evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Len B. Fishback on South Kane street. All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. Anna M. Bickel

Passes Away in Portland

Word was received here today of the death Saturday of Mrs. Anna M. Bickel, former Roseburg resident, widow of the late George A. Bickel. Mrs. Bickel had been making her home in Port-land recently following the death of her husband, a telegraph operator. Surviving are three daugh-ters, Mrs. Iva B. Custer, Mrs. Marcia M. Blake and Sinia L. Ross, all of Portland; two grand-children and one great-grandson. Funeral services will be held at the chapel of the Portland crem-atorium at 2 p. m. Wednesday, with arrangements in charge of the Gable Funeral home.

Auxiliary to Meet—The Eagles auxiliary will meet tonight at 8 o'clock at the Eagles hall.

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4:45—Good News Program, Assembly of God Church
5:00—Sam Hayes, S. & W. Fine Foods
5:15—Superman
5:30—Tom Mix, Halston's Furrier
5:45—Night News Wire, Studebaker
6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Furber'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—Music Interlude
7:15—Lawell Thomas, Standard Oil Co.
7:30—Something for the Girls
7:45—Song of Good Cheer, Copco
8:00—Starburst Serenade
8:15—A Date With Annaloris
8:30—Strangers Traveler
8:45—Alma Belter News
9:15—Tex Stiller, Wildcat
9:30—Music
9:45—Music for the Night
10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
10:15—Freddie Martin's Orchestra
10:30—Sign off

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Truck, Tractor Motors in
Need of Repair Parts

The critical shortage of repair parts for internal combustion motors on trucks and tractors has moved the War Production board to establish a special group to study production bottlenecks and determine how quickly output can be increased to meet expanded needs.

Parts are particularly short for heavy-duty trucks, and for certain types of military equipment. Continued operation of over-worked farm trucks and tractors calls for diligent care by farm-ers.

Draped Hint
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 26.—(AP)—Filling station operator J. F. Gish saves unnecessary words when out of high grade gasoline.
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