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The Weather

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Roseburg, Oregon.

Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Light rain tonight and Sunday.
Highest temp. for any Mar. 85
Lowest temp. for any Mar. 18
Highest temp. yesterday 49
Lowest temp. last night 48
Precipitation yesterday .39
Precipitation from March 1-2.59
Excess from Sept. 1, 1944-.82
Deficit from Sept. 1, 1944-.62

In the Day's News

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quietest, solidest, most reliable metropolitan newspapers. If you read it in the Post, you may be reasonably certain it is true.

It symbolizes in a rather striking way the present attitude of this capital of the world's greatest nation. It is a growingly hard-boiled, practical, disillusioned attitude—betokening, possibly, the birth of a determination to sift the realities out from the fluff of pretense and go ahead and get somewhere.

Especially to get the war over with.

At a distance, the congressional skirmishing and squabbling and caterwauling over the "draft labor" bills convey a quite opposite impression, presenting the appearance of utter confusion and demagoguery. Closer up, within hearing range of private, off-the-record comment and sum-ups, the pattern is quite different.

This is about the story:

Congress wants to know, and proposes to FIND OUT, whether the need for men to finish off the war is as critical as the administration and the army and navy say it is. What congress suspects is that the big boys up at the top may be putting on an act whose real purpose is to let the people down at the bottom know there's a war on.

Its secondary purpose, congress rather MORE than suspects, may be to cover up the big boys' epochal mistake in judgment early last fall, when they permitted themselves to become convinced that the war in Europe was all over but the final shouting and almost said so in so many words—with the result that our war effort became badly snarled up with a budding reconversion movement. Von Rundstedt's December offensive in Belgium left a lot of red faces in high places here, and before it does anything so drastic as passing a draft labor law congress wants to know that these red faces aren't just being covered up now.

FEW intelligent men in congress believe the manpower situation is as bad as it is painted. What these more intelligent men THINK is that the handling of our voluntary system has been bad, with the result that our manpower resources are not being utilized anywhere near as fully as they might be.

What they suspect is that the administration—meaning the whole sprawling, bureaucratic structure that is now the federal government of the United States—may be trying to cover up its mishandling of the voluntary system by a last-minute, win-the-war, draft-everybody drive which is more show than real, hardened purpose to win the war at any cost.

This suspicion is holding up action on the manpower bills.

THIS is about what congress is likely to do:

It will stall the manpower legislation along until it is possible to get a more realistic look at what is happening in Germany, now that the Rhine has been actually crossed under what seems to be extremely favorable circumstances. If the war in Europe is as near the petering out point as reading of the dispatches of the past few days suggests may be possible, there will be no draft-labor legislation.

But if it becomes apparent—say in two or three weeks or maybe a month—that the Germans have a lot of resisting power left and that the war is likely to drag on into the summer or even early fall, then a draft-labor law with

REEDSPORT SOLD ON SIGNS

By Charles V. Stanton

The Reedsport chamber of commerce has wasted no time in putting into operation the suggested plan of lining our roads and highways with signs pointing out recreational and scenic resources.

From a fund of \$800 in the chamber's treasury, directors have authorized an appropriation to cover an extensive program to mark points of local interest in the lower Umpqua area.

One of the authorized markers will be placed at Clear lake, the blue gem of water abutting the coast highway a few miles south of Reedsport and the source of the city's water supply. The deep blue of this lake is always intriguing, the color being due in part to the great depth of 267 feet. One of the most interesting facts connected with this lake is that the bottom is 100 feet below the level of the ocean, which breaks against a beach only a few hundred yards away.

Another sign proposed by Reedsport will mark "The Golden Trail," that stretch of the highway, closely bordered by Scotch broom, between Gardiner and Siletcoos lake.

Signs, cut in the shape of a fish, will point to the small lakes along the coast highway and will carry the wording: "There Are Fish In This Lake."

A contest is being started in the Reedsport schools to develop information concerning points of historical, scenic and recreational interest to be included in the highway marker program.

This idea is another of the recreational suggestions by Frank Taylor, Reedsport hardware merchant and author of the so-called Reedsport plan for a county-wide recreational district. We recently pointed out the psychological effect of such recreational signs upon visitors to our county, who, instead of carrying back tales of our crooked highways, would be brought to realize they were in nature's most perfect playground.

We would like to make another suggestion to the wide-awake Reedsport group.

We suggest that someone at Reedsport owning a pleasure boat, capable of accommodating a dozen or more people, make an arrangement with one of the persons residing near the head of navigation on Smith river, whereby a group of people could be taken each morning from Reedsport to one of the lovely groves at the head of tidewater, furnished an old-fashioned picnic, and returned to Reedsport in the evening.

If such a program is arranged, we'll never be content until every Douglas county resident has made the excursion, and we are confident the news would spread so rapidly that few tourists would ever pass along the coast highway without experiencing the pleasure such outing would afford.

We know of no more beautiful boat ride to be found in Oregon than on Smith river. The green-clad hills towering above the stream, broad acres of dairy farms, shady glades overhung with fern and flowering shrubs, quiet waters alive with fish, make the trip one long to be remembered.

A few years ago Smith river was the avenue of commerce from the rich dairy and farming community which borders its banks. All travel was by boat. In more recent years a roadway has been cut along the west bank to provide more modern but less colorful means of travel. But to see Smith river, one must travel by boat. And a picnic in any of its many beautiful groves is the crowning glory of a perfect day.

We love the Umpqua river, of which Smith river is a tributary, and we know it intimately from the rugged bar at Winchester bay, to the grassy meadows of Kelsey valley. While we have not traveled extensively, we know that few more beautiful streams are to be found anywhere. From source to mouth it is rich in recreational value. Few of us in Douglas county can realize just how much it could mean to us as a source of tourist revenue, if we would set our minds and our hands at work protecting, conserving, promoting and utilizing the glorious resources that a gracious God has created for us.

teeth in it will be passed and passed pretty quickly and with a minimum of oratory and fireworks.

The passage by the house the other day of the nurse draft bill forecasts what is likely to happen. The need for nurses is real and immediate. There aren't enough to care for the wounded that are beginning to pour back from overseas in tragic numbers. So the nurse draft bill went through the house like a prairie fire through dry grass.

It seems likely to go through the senate in the same way—although nobody can ever be quite sure of what will happen in the senate.

John Calvin Neff of Sutherlin Passes Away

John Calvin Neff, 38, died at Mercy hospital Thursday after a long illness. He was born at Tualatin, Oregon, Dec. 25, 1906, and for the past 18 months had been a resident of Sutherlin. He was employed in the woods as a logger.

Surviving are his wife, Dolly Neff; three brothers, Clarence A. Neff, Portland; Eugene Neff, U. S. army; Eugene Neff, Washington, and a sister, Mrs. Mildred Kline, Portland. Services will be held at the Stearns mortuary, Oakland, Monday at 2 p. m. Interment will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Nine Die in Boat Upset
VICTORIA, B. C., March 17. (AP)—Nine persons lost when a 29-foot gasboat upset in a whirlpool in Seymour narrows were being sought today. Two other members of the party, M. E. Wilson and Andrew Mohlan, both of Vancouver, were saved.

OUT OUR WAY



Red Cross Urges Women to Enroll In Nursing Class

The Douglas county chapter of the American Red Cross is starting a class in home nursing in its new adequately equipped room in the Roseburg armory, under the very able instruction of Miss Ada L. Woods, an ex-nurse, Mrs. Violet C. Hannon, executive secretary of the chapter, announced today.

"The desperate shortage of nurses is each day becoming a more serious national problem and both the government and your Red Cross are urging every woman, everywhere, to take this course of twelve simple two-hour lessons, and in so doing become more capable in the home care of the sick and the aged," Mrs. Hannon said.

"The health of those on the home front has never been so important; it is a challenge to each and everyone to help guard it, and in taking a course in home nursing the women of America become, not only more efficient in their homes and better members of their community, but more valuable citizens in a nation at war," Mrs. Hannon stated.

All women interested are requested to enroll at the Red Cross office, phone 633-L, or contact Mrs. Natalie Allen Voyt, chairman of home nursing.

Mother of Oregon Ace, Dairy Manager, Dies

WOODBURN, Ore., March 16. (AP)—Mrs. Ellen Carl, 66, mother of Maj. Marion Carl, USMC, one of the first ace pilots of the Pacific war, died yesterday at a hospital here.

A native of Coos Bay, she was widely known in the Willamette valley as a dairy farm manager, having built up the herd founded by her husband to one of the finest Guernsey herds in the state.

Fox Wins in Round 1

SPOKANE, March 17. (AP)—Tiger Jack Fox of Spokane laid claim to his 29th first round knockout win today. A 1 minute 21 second devastation of George Ecks, 175, Minneapolis, in a scheduled 16-round main event.

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REMAINING HOURS TODAY

4:00—American Eagle in Britain.
4:20—Fighting High.
4:30—Sunshine Serenade.
4:45—Music for Rejuvenation.
5:00—Detroit Symphony Orchestra.
5:15—News.
5:30—State and Local News, Keel Motor Company.
5:45—Musical Interlude.
6:00—Dinner Music.
6:15—Red Ryder.
6:30—Chicago Theatre of the Air.
6:45—Alka Seltzer News.
7:00—Service Station, E. G. High.
7:15—Wrestling Matches, Olympia Sports Company.
7:30—Sign Off.

Early Day Roseburg Footrace, Won by Backward Runner, Recalled by Scribe, Who Lost His bet but Gained Wisdom

By Fred M. Wright
News-Review Roseburg Correspondent

While we were in Roseburg last week we joined with some of the "Old Timers," including George Jones, Fred Hunter, Fred Fields and others, in discussing events of early days in Roseburg. It was recalled that Jones, Hunter and myself were members of the first organized high school football team in Roseburg. It was the first team to be authorized by the school and the first to play under college rules in Roseburg.

We pitted ourselves against the Dillworth academy, a private school then operating in Roseburg under the direction of Rev. Richard B. Dillworth, a Presbyterian minister. We were decisively beaten.

In those days there was much interest in sports events. Foot-racing was an outstanding sport of the time, and Roseburg was well up in the lead with a fine group of really good runners. The list included Art Green, Fred Bonebrake of Deer Creek, Bob Cochran of Lookingglass, as well as Alva Bellows.

Alva Bellows at the time was just breaking into the game and was, I believe, the youngest runner of the bunch. We of the younger generation were mighty proud of Alva and were ready to back him against almost anyone.

One day, I remember, I was praising the ability of Alva as a runner, telling quite loudly of my opinion that he would soon be able to beat anyone in the field, when L. D. (Dow) Carle, an insurance and real estate dealer, who was around 45 or 50 years of age, began to belittle Alva's prowess, and stated that if he were only a few years younger he could beat Bellows himself.

I doubted the statement and said so in rather strong words, whereupon Carle offered to bet \$10 that with a start of 50 yards he could run the remaining distance backward while Alva was running 100 yards.

I accepted the wager. Word was spread about that a footrace was on and a crowd gathered for the event and other bets were placed with Dow covering them all. We adjourned to the "Grove," that strip of land on the banks of the South Umpqua between the railroad yards and the river.

Young Actress

Answer to Previous Puzzle

HORIZONTAL	VERTICAL
1 Pictured child screen star.	1 Tangle
2 Operatic solo	2 Send in payment
3 Send in payment	3 Et cetera (ab.)
4 Peruse	4 One who trains
5 Et cetera (ab.)	5 26 Story
6 2000 pounds	6 Verbal
7 Individuals	7 Saddle pad
8 Perfect	8 Sports stadium
9 Aristocrat	9 31 Things (Latin)
10 New York City (ab.)	
11 Send forth	
12 Encounter	
13 Food	
14 Relative (ab.)	
15 Palm lily	
16 Near	
17 Tungsten (ab.)	
18 Negative	
19 Standard of value	
20 Age	
21 Bargain events	
22 Lists	
23 Distike intensely	
24 Sneer	
25 Beverage	
26 Smell	
27 Born	
28 She is one of the youngest of	

Public Bidden to Red Cross' Open House at Armory

Open house will be held at the new Red Cross headquarters in the Roseburg armory Monday, March 19, from 7:30 until 10 p. m. Mrs. Violet C. Hannon, executive secretary of the Douglas county chapter announced today.

The motor corps from Drain will be present and the regular uniformed members of the Douglas county chapter will be in attendance to act as hostesses for the evening.

Articles made by the Junior Red Cross will be on display. The Junior division of the Red Cross is under the supervision of Chairman Mrs. Dora Ritzman.

The new emergency closet, under the supervision of the chairman, Mrs. Erna Jacobson, is one of the more important features of the new headquarters, Mrs. Hannon reported.

She stated that everyone is cordially invited to attend.

DIAL-LOG

By SUSAN

We're mighty happy to tell you about a new show that begins Sunday morning at 10:30. It's titled "Sweetheart Time." It boasts a blond mistress of ceremonies, a singing star, Marion Mann; Phil Kaler, doubling as choral director and soloist, and an orchestral trio. The whole show is built around letters from the boys in service. Once bitten, twice shy—but we still have enough faith in press agents to feel that this show will be good. Anyway give it a listen this week; we have a feeling you'll like it. If you're worrying about Hookey Hall, let us hasten to let you know that the new time is 12:30. Much better for the youngsters because it doesn't conflict with Sunday School time. Other best bets for Sunday include "Song America, 1:00; Name That Song, 1:30; Quick As a Flash, 3:00 (the Shadow guests again this week); Earl Wilson entertaining Sinatra at 7:00; Helen Hayes,

with another dramatization of an army nurses life, 7:15; and Music Depreciation at 8:00. Plenty of entertainment from early in the a. m. until after Human Adventure at 9:30 p. m.

Remember that tonight brings you Red Ryder, 7:30; Chicago Theatre of the Air, presenting "Eileen" in tune with the spirit of St. Patrick's Day; and the Wrestling Matches from 9:30 to conclusion. May we again remind you that beginning Monday morning at 9:30 we will again bring you the daily Minute of Prayer? And that's that for the time being.

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10:00 a.m. Glen Hardy

12 noon Cy Smith

5:45 p.m. Gabriel Heatter

6:30 p.m. Cedric Foster

9:00 p.m. Glen Hardy

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