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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon.

Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Light rain tonight and Wednesday; warmer tnight.

Highest temp. for any April....96
Lowest temp. for any April.....25
Highest temp. yesterday.....55
Lowest temp. last night.....39
Precipitation yesterday.....0
Precipitation from April 1.....02
Deficit from April 1, 1945.....14
Deficit from Sept. 1, 1945.....6.22

In the Day's News

(Continued from page 1)

the broken German front. We have at least 3000 tanks in the big push.

OUR famous 3rd army keeps its spot in the sun. One of its armored divisions, the 6th, advanced 45 MILES in one day—to Kassel, an important industrial city some 75 miles southeast of Paderborn.

REPORTS of nazi disintegration persist.

Soldiers in garrisons near Berlin are said to have refused to proceed to the front when ordered to do so, beating up their officers severely before discipline was finally restored. There are tales, apparently well founded, of increasing looting of German homes by German soldiers.

These reports, if true, are extremely significant. When the the end comes in Germany, that is the way it will come. It is growingly improbable that there will be any formal and final surrender.

AS we rather expected, British and Canadian troops on the lower Rhine appear to be turning to the left to swing around Holland and cut off the rocket bomb coast from which England is still being harried.

THE Germans seem still to be holding harder against the Russians than against us and the British—weakening their front west of Berlin in order to keep it strong to the east.

THE fall of Danzig, up on the Baltic, will release about 50 Russian divisions for use elsewhere. The Germans admit the loss of Euestrin, on the east bank of the Oder, 30-odd miles due east of Berlin. The area between Berlin and the Oder is supposed to be tremendously heavily fortified.

THE Russians advancing on Vienna from the south have run into stronger German resistance, with acres of minefields and powerful mortar and artillery fire. So, in the effectively shifty and fluid manner that has characterized all their fighting, they are swtiching their pressure to the east and the north (they are approaching the Austrian capital from three directions.)

They are also swinging around to the southwest TOWARD ITALY. It is perhaps pertient at this point to remember General Mark Clark's statement the other day that new developments in Italy may be expected soon.

THERE are minor political aspects in the Russian news. When the reds took Danzig, they raised the flag of the new soviet-dominated Polish state over it. Stalin is demanding representation at San Francisco for this new Polish state, and Churchill is said to be resisting the demand stubbornly.

Don't permit yourself to get too much heated up over these developments, which are a part of the general post-war jockeying for position among us, the British and the Russians.

Such jockeying is inevitable in a world ruled by power politics as this world still is and will be for some time to come.

BECAUSE we have been kept so utterly in the dark as to what our foreign policy is and is to be, we home fronters are more prone than we should be to suspect that dirty work is brewing at the crossroads. Such suspicions will get us nowhere. We might as well resign ourselves to the fact that we are not to be informed in detail about our foreign policy until after we have been COMMITTED to it. After we find out what it is to be, it will be our patriotic job to do our best to make it work.

IN the Pacific, we are still battering the Ryukyus—with a British fleet helping us. The Jap navy is so far reduced that PT boats are about all the little yellow men are able to send against us in the way of surface craft. They are putting up the bulk of their fight with aircraft.

FIRE DISTRICTS NEEDED

By Charles V. Stanton

Destruction by fire Monday morning of the Watzig hatchery, immediately north of the Roseburg city limits, should serve to impress residents of surburban areas of the imperative need for organization of fire protection districts. Fortunately for owners of property located near the hatchery, there was no wind when the two-story structure went up in flames. Otherwise, sparks would have endangered numerous homes.

Hundreds of residents of West Roseburg, Edenbower, Riverside, Deer Creek, Miller's Addition and other residential districts abutting the Roseburg city limits are in extreme danger of heavy losses by fire. All of these communities have been growing rapidly. Some sections are as congested as almost any part of the city proper. A fire fanned by a wind could sweep unhindered through blocks of homes, because no facilities for protection are available.

The more thickly populated districts should seek annexation to the city of Roseburg—a step that eventually will be necessary. Already the sanitary condition is becoming dangerous. But regardless of whether or not there is sufficient public support to bring about extension of the city limits to embrace areas in need of municipal services, there should be no further hesitancy or delay in organizing for fire protection.

The state law makes the procedure simple and easy. Residents desiring to organize for fire protection may petition the county court for an election. If the vote at the election is favorable, a district is created and officers elected. These officers will then have authority to levy taxes to cover the cost of providing protection facilities.

A district, if it desires, may set up its own fire department, or it may contract with a city and thereby secure services of the municipal fire department. One of the first essential steps in providing protection for suburbs of Roseburg would be to install fire hydrants or cisterns from which water would be available to fight fire. When the Watzig hatchery burned Monday there was no place nearby where water could be obtained in sufficient quantity to fight the blaze. Had there been a hydrant within reasonable distance, much of the hatchery equipment might have been saved.

Monday's fire not only resulted in a serious financial loss to Mrs. Watzig, but destruction of the hatchery means that a number of poultrymen, who had depended upon the plant for their stock of baby chicks will have lower incomes for the year. There will be fewer local eggs for market a few months from now. There will be less local poultry in the meat markets. Directly and indirectly large numbers of people have been affected. Had a fire protection district been formed earlier, it is quite probable that the loss could have been greatly reduced.

Experience has shown that fire protection districts are not expensive. In fact, after initial installation of facilities, reduced fire insurance premiums save the property owner more than his small tax. In our opinion, failure of residents of our suburban areas to initiate proceedings to obtain protection from fire borders on criminal negligence. It requires no great stretch of the imagination to visualize destruction of many homes—which would be a great tragedy during our present condition of acute housing shortage—as well as a possible loss of life.

We most earnestly urge that residents of the various communities mentioned get together without further delay to inaugurate fire protection measures. They will find the officers of the Roseburg fire department, or the county court, most willing to cooperate in supplying information or giving any desired assistance.

The Roseburg fire department is not seeking the responsibility of protecting additional territory. If districts prefer to purchase fire engines and set up their own departments, we believe the Roseburg firemen would be pleased more than if contracts were entered into with the city of Roseburg. If such districts were formed, it would be possible to work out mutual aid agreements.

It is hard for members of the city department to sit by at the city limits and watch a structure burning to the ground only a few blocks away. Yet they are prevented by law from taking the city's equipment outside the municipal boundaries, except to aid communities which pay taxes to support fire-fighting organizations. Furthermore, it is useless to take equipment to fires where there are no hydrants, no reservoirs or water nor other essential facilities.

Summer months are coming when fire danger will be increased. We may face some very unusual and hazardous conditions this year. It is possibly too late to secure fire-fighting facilities in time to meet the summer's fire danger, but if organization was started at once there might be a possibility of working out temporary arrangements which would give at least a measure of protection. Certainly, nothing is to be gained by further procrastination.

J. H. Huftile Funeral Will Be Held at Riddle

Funeral services for Joseph H. Huftile, 73, resident of Riddle who died at his home there last Friday will be held in the Baptist church at Riddle Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. James Wilkins officiating. Concluding services and interment will follow in the Riddle cemetery. Arrangements are in charge of the Douglas Funeral home.

Mexican Farm Hands Begin Northwest Trek

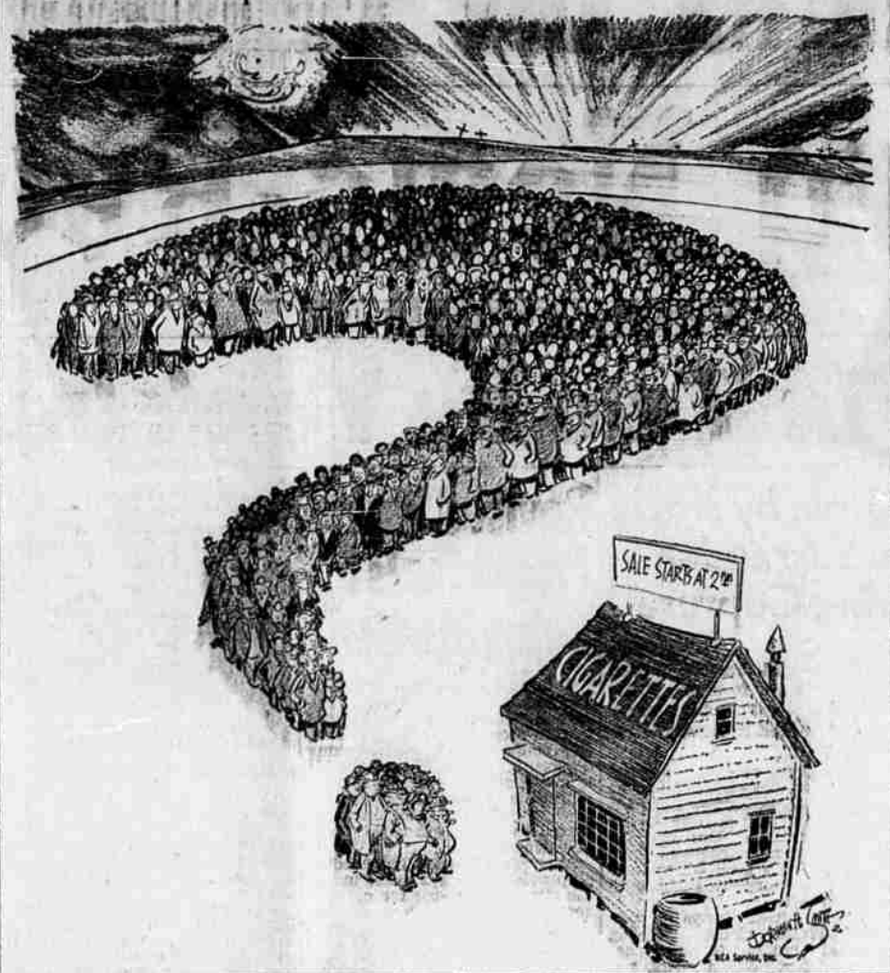
PORTLAND, Ore., April 3 (AP)—The first group of Mexican farm hands to reach the Pacific northwest this season will arrive here tomorrow.

The War Food Administration said 135 Mexicans would be sent to Oregon farms and 206 to Washington. The train which left Mexico City March 30 also carried 349 men for Colorado and 160 for Montana.

Another train is expected April 12 with 854 Mexicans, all assigned to Washington farms. Oregon farms will receive another 135 Mexican workers about April 19.

Meeting Place Changed — Harmony Circle of the Methodist church will meet Thursday at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. B. Needham at 740 South Jackson street, instead of at the home of Mrs. Pope on Stephens street, as previously planned.

The Great Manpower Problem



Bloodhound Gift of Cordon to State Cop at Reedsport

REEDSPORT—It was no April fool joke Monday morning when the local S. P. agent phoned Richard M. Miles, state police officer, that they had a bloodhound in that office consigned to him.

"Dick knew immediately that United States Senator Guy Cordon had made good another promise and hastened to the express office where he was greeted by a fine registered bloodhound bitch, which came from the kennels of the New York state police department. Miles, who is a real dog lover, and the state game law enforcement officer of this district, immediately uncrated the dog, and after feeding and watering her, made a tour of the town showing her off and praising the senator for making good on a promise of several months' standing.

Dick states that as soon as he is acquainted with the animal and knows how to work her, she will be available for tracking escaped criminals or finding lost persons. No letter has been received yet from Senator Cordon giving particulars of the dog's pedigree nor her name, but that means nothing to Miles; he has the dog and is happy.

Rural Education Conference Held

Mrs. Lula C. Gorrell, Douglas county school superintendent, has returned to her office in Roseburg after attending the meeting of representatives from the county school offices of Coos, Curry, Josephine, Jackson, Lake and Douglas counties, held at Grants Pass Saturday.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear a report on the conference on rural education, which was held at the White House last October.

Miss Maurine Laber, instructor in Jefferson High school in Portland, who was a delegate from Oregon to the conference, reported on the proceedings of the national meeting and then discussed the problems of rural education. Mrs. Gorrell reports.

Also speaking at the meeting were Dr. Walter Redford from Southern Oregon College of Education and Dr. Ivan Milhous from the state department and Oregon College of Education.

NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Promotion of Marjorie R. Croucher from private to corporal was announced today by the commanding officer of a reinforcement depot, United States strategic air forces in Europe. Corporal Croucher is serving as a clerk-typist with this air force depot. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Croucher of Roseburg and entered the army March 10,1944.

Word was received the first of April by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Leonard, of Umpqua, Ore., that Vernon Keith Leonard, fire controlman on a destroyer, has been advanced to petty officer third class.

Word has been received that Pvt. Joseph R. R. Carper, former Roseburg boy, was wounded in action February 23, in Germany. Pvt. Carper is now in Paris, France, receiving treatmegt for his wounds. He took his training at Camp Hood, Texas, and went overseas in November, 1944.

U. S. Official

Answer to Previous Puzzle

HORIZONTAL
1 Pictured chairman U.S. Surplus Property Board, Senator Guy M. ——
7 On top
9 Either
10 One time
13 Fate
14 Operatic solo
16 Speck
17 Perform on stage
18 Horses
20 Wherefore?
22 Us
23 Greek letter
24 Myself
26 Biblical pronoun
27 Mistake
29 Slanted
31 Swiss mountain
32 Letter of Greek alphabet
33 Drive
35 Tenacious
38 Negative
39 Shu (var.)
40 Left side (ab.)
41 Concerning
42 Outfit
44 Gently
49 Fodder
50 Be seated
52 Pace
53 Division of geological time
54 Rip
56 Tellurium (symbol)
57 Pay attention to
58 He deals with war ——

VERTICAL
1 Obtained
2 Within
3 Learning
4 Great Lake
5 Toward
6 Purpose
7 Open sore
8 Kitchen utensil
11 Milch animal
12 Chemical radical
14 Near
15 Paid notice
17 Dread
18 His board handles —— articles
19 Briskly
21 Still
23 Ground creatures
25 Characteristic spirit
28 Knock
30 Acknowledgment of indebtedness (slang)
33 Writing fluid
34 Damp
36 Magnificent
37 Exclamation (slang)
43 Cravat
45 Giant king of Bashan
46 Destiny
47 Row
48 Lieutenant (ab.)
49 Garden implement
51 Scottish cap
53 Lamprey
55 Sun god
57 Him

DIAL-LOG

SS 2

Jimmy Fidler, the Hollywood male gossip, will present his "award of the week" tonight at 6:15 on his regular program to 15-year-old Francis Proffitt of Pontiac, Michigan, who was instrumental in saving the lives of three Pontiac youngsters this winter. Bud Abbott and Lou Costello will assist in making the award.

Music You Remember, Esther Geddes at the Pipe Organ tonight at 6:30. Recital Hall of the Air at 8:30 p. m. features students of Mrs. Homer Grow. You'll find the Male Quartette in its new Tuesday-Thursday spot tonight at 7:30, and Ships of War at 8:15 p. m. just before the news. Mysterious traveler at 9:30 p. m.

Wednesday dope: Mutual Don Lee finally comes through with a comedy show. We ain't gonna say how funny or un-funny it may be until we've heard at least a couple of samples. The comic is Berney Grant. He usta be in vaudeville, recently completed a 10 months' stunt overseas with a troupe entertaining soldiers. His stuff tomorrow night at 8:30 p. m. is built around himself as the "little fellow" in the office just trying to get along in the world. Annette Warren is the featured vocalist in the show, Jerry Lawrence is the announcer, and Dave Terry's "ork" rounds out the permanent cast. It's called the Fresh Up Show.

The Ralston people who sponsor the Tom Mix program nightly at 5:30 claim it's the highest rated kids' show on the air today. They pay the freight for this release on a total of 209 stations all over the country. Superman, which comes during the preceding 15 minutes, only goes out on 177 stations. Ho hum!

Ration Calendar

PROCESSED FOODS—Book 4: Blue stams X5 through B2 valid through March 31. Blue stamps C2 through G2 valid through April 28. Blue stamps J2 through M2 valid through June 2. Blue stamps N2 through S2 valid through June 30.

MEAT, BUTTER, CHEESE—Book 4: Red stamps Q5 through S5 valid through March 31. Red stamps T5 through X5 valid through April 28. Red stamps Y5 through D2 valid through June 2. Red stamps E2 through J2 valid through June 30.

SUGAR—Book 4: Sugar stamp 35 valid through June 2.

SHOES—Leose stamps invalid. Book 3: Airplane stamps 1-2-3 now valid.

GASOLINE: Coupons not valid unless endorsed. "A" coupons, 4 gal. each, valid through March 21. "A" 15 coupons, 4 gal. each, valid through June 21.

STOVES—Apply local board for oil, gas stove certificate.

WOOD, COAL, SAWDUST—Dealer determines delivery priority from consumer's written statement of annual needs and quantity on hand.

FUEL OIL—Period 1-5 (tied) coupons valid through August 31. Not more than 72% of season's rations should have been used to date in Portland area, 72% in Roseburg area, and 58% in North Head area.

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4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical.
4:15—Rex Miller, Wildroot.
4:30—House of Mystery.
4:45—Good News Program, Assembly of God.
5:00—Sam Hayes, S. & W. Fine Foods.
5:15—Superman, Kelloggs.
5:30—Tom Mix, Ralston's Purina.
5:45—Night News Wire, Studebaker.
6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Forhan's Toothpaste.
6:15—Jimmy Fidler, Carters Products.
6:30—Music You Remember, Douglas Supply.
6:45—Treasury Salute to Pvt. Roger Motors.
7:00—State and Local News, Keel Motor.
7:15—Lowell Thomas, Standard Oil Co.
7:30—The Male Quartet, G. W. Young & Son.
7:45—Songs of Good Cheer, Copco.
8:00—The Business Man's Garden, Farm Bureau.
8:15—A Date With Annaloris.
8:30—Recital Hall of the Air.
8:45—Ship o' War, Trowbridge & Flynn.
9:00—Alka Seller News.
9:15—Rex Miller, Wildroot.
9:30—Mysterious Traveler.
10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Hansen Tires.
10:15—Music for the Night.
10:30—Sign Off.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1945
6:45—Yawn Patrol.
6:55—Schricker Auction.
7:00—News, J. A. Folger Co.
7:15—A. M. Varieties.
7:30—State and Local News, Boring Optical.
7:35—Judd Furniture.
7:40—Rhapsody in Wax.
8:00—Dr. Louis Talbot, Los Angeles Bible Institute.
8:30—Take It Easy Time, Stokley.
8:45—Musical Market Basket.
8:55—Lanny and Ginger, Graves Laboratories.
9:00—William Lang and The News, Kreml.
9:15—Songs by Merion Downey, Coca Cola.
9:30—Prayer.
9:31—Man About Town, Josse and Lowells.
9:45—Shoppers Guide, Harths and Marshall-Wells.
9:55—Musical Interlude.
10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
10:15—Musical Clock, Modern Furniture.
10:30—Swap-Shop, Kampfers Sav-Mor.
10:45—Easy Listenin'.
11:00—Wheel of Fortune.
11:45—Morning Melodies.
12:00—Musical Melodies.
12:10—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer.
12:15—Treasury Song for Today.
12:20—Ration Summary, Associated Distributer.
12:25—Rhythm at Random.
12:40—State News, Hansen Motors.
12:45—News-Review of the Air.
12:55—Terminal Market Reports, Sig Fell.
1:00—Miniature Concerts.
1:15—Sentimental Serenade.
1:30—George Olsen's Orchestra.
1:45—Handy Man.
2:00—Musical Hi-Jinks.
2:15—Melody Time.
2:45—Western Serenade.
3:00—Griffin Reporting.
3:15—Dusty Records, Henningers Maris.
3:45—Johnson Family.
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
4:15—Rex Miller, National Biscuit Co.
4:30—Tommy Harris Time.
4:45—Gospel Messages, Church of Christ.
5:00—Sam Hayes, S. & W. Fine Foods.
5:15—Superman, Kelloggs.
5:30—Tom Mix, Ralston's Purina.
5:45—Night News Wire, Studebaker.
6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Kreml.
6:15—U. S. Recap of the World of Sports.
6:30—Edward R. Stettinius.
7:00—State and Local News, Keel Motors.
7:05—Musical Interlude.
7:15—Lowell Thomas, Standard Oil Co.
7:30—Lone Ranger.
8:00—Main Line, Southern Pacific.
8:30—Fresh Up Time, 7-Up.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Service Salute, E. G. High.
9:30—Biographies, Kampfers Sav-Mor.
9:45—Anita Ellis Sings.
10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Roseburg Pharmacy.
10:15—Music for the Night.
10:30—Sign Off.

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