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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office, Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday.

Germans in Flight In Northern Italy

ROME, April 24.—(AP)—The Fifth and Eighth armies spread out along the southern banks of the Po river today as a partial news blackout covered the latest allied gains in northern Italy.

The Eighth army broke into the outskirts of Ferrara last night after plunging through disorganized and fleeing German forces to that road hub city 30 miles north and slightly east of Bologna.

Official reports said the nazis were attempting to "escape across the Po on rafts, in boats, and by other means."

Allied warplanes have destroyed or damaged at least 4,000 enemy vehicles in the Po valley in the past two days.

The British army also rounded up many prisoners in the area north of Cento, 16 miles north of Bologna. Official reports said that after crossing the Reno river in that vicinity, our patrols found evidence of greater slaughter, with many corpses of Germans and horses and much enemy equipment scattered in the area.

Presumably this slaughter was the result of air attacks of the past few days.

The possibility that the enemy had massed anti-aircraft guns around the Po crossings was indicated in official announcement that 23 allied planes were lost yesterday.

NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Second Lieut. George W. Marsh, and his wife, Mrs. Edna C. Marsh, parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Marsh, live on Looking-glass road, Roseburg, Ore. has been assigned as pilot with a B-25 Mitchell bombardment group in the Mediterranean theater.

Pvt. Reuel H. Meissner, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Weissner of Glendale, Ore., has completed his course of studies as an aviation mechanic in the Amarillo, Texas army air forces technical training school. His graduation from this technical school now fits him for airplane maintenance. He will be sent to an air base where he will assist in keeping America's B-24 Liberators and B-29 Superfortresses in the air for allied victory.

Woman Marine Second Lieut. Edith F. Vogel, a former Oakland High school teacher, has been assigned to duty as a mess officer at the marine corps base at Cherry Point, N. C. She recently completed reserve officer training. Lieut. Vogel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Vogel of Portland. She is a graduate of Oregon State college, and was commissioned in March, 1945, having served for 21 months in the enlisted ranks.

PFC Robert A. Perini, a rifleman with Co. I, 281st infantry, 75th infantry division, has recently been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for outstanding participation in the battle of Germany. He is the son of Mrs. Ben Perini of Anlauf, Ore.

Recently commissioned a second lieutenant at Moody field, Ga., was former Aviation Cadet Roy Clare Albertus, of Camas Valley star route, Roseburg. A member of class 45-B, the new second lieutenant will be assigned to piloting multi-engine aircraft, such as light, medium or heavy bombers, transport or cargo planes.

First Lieutenant Philip M. Rummell of Dillard, Ore., arrived this week at the Fort Lewis, Wn., army service forces training center for duty. It was officially announced today.

Word has been received that Pvt. Warren E. Wilson has arrived safely overseas. He is now in Germany as a replacement with the first army. Corp. Leo V. Wilson is with the Third army in

RENTS TO BE CONTROLLED

By Charles V. Stanton

Rent control has been ordered for Douglas county, and will go into effect May 1.

We don't like the idea of rent control, because it works injustice upon landlords who are trying to be fair and honest with their renters. Particularly is this true in this locality where rents in general have always been far below average for communities of like character.

But because a few persons owning rental property have not been satisfied with reasonable profits, and have taken advantage of emergency conditions to gouge and chisel, drastic rent regulations are to be imposed generally.

We were informed from the Portland office of the rent control division that imposition of regulations in Douglas county do not result from conditions inside the city of Roseburg. Mr. Daniel Gage, district OPA rent executive, praised the work of the Roseburg volunteer committee, which for more than a year has been cooperating with the OPA in endeavoring to keep rentals within the city at a satisfactory level. This committee, by conferences with tenants and landlords, has succeeded in adjusting many disputes, and, although it had no powers of enforcement, has compiled a most commendable record for halting inflationary trends in management of rental properties within the city of Roseburg. We believe the members of the committee are entitled to highest commendation for their work.

The committee, however, was limited in its adjustments to the city of Roseburg. In various other communities, Mr. Gage reported, the rent problem has become so critical that it is necessary for the OPA to intervene and establish arbitrary controls.

We hope the administration will be tolerant and will correct isolated hardships which will result when rents are cut back to rates in effect Jan. 1, 1945.

We know, for instance, of one case in which a landlord was renting an apartment to an elderly couple for a ridiculously low charge. But the landlord did not increase the rate of rental as long as the couple retained the apartment simply because he had sympathy for their condition. When death took one of the renters, the other moved to be with relatives and the apartment became vacant. It was thoroughly remodeled and has been re-occupied at a considerably increased rate, which, however, is entirely in keeping with equitable rents on apartments of like nature. To require the owner of this apartment to cut back his charge to the rate prevailing Jan. 1, 1945, would not only be perpetrating a rank injustice upon the owner, but would be conferring an unfair privilege upon the present tenant.

The case cited is, of course, unusual. But it shows the necessity for prompt consideration by the county rent control board, following its organization, of all claims of hardship resulting from the cut-back order.

The county's change in economy also should be given consideration. Until two years ago we were strictly an agricultural community. Our per capita income was considerably below state average and, therefore, rents were proportionately low. During the past two years we have shifted to an industrial economy. Our per capita income has increased, although still below the general average. But in establishing rental rates it is unfair to base charges upon rentals which prevailed under the former economy. Instead, they should be made to correspond to other Oregon communities where conditions are similar to those now existing in Douglas county and where, for the most part, rentals are considerably higher than the existing Douglas county average, as our rents have not increased in proportion to the advances made in our changing economy.

Germany and has been overseas 13 months. PFC Nolan D. Wilson, who is with the 51st division, is somewhere in the Pacific. He has been overseas nine months. These boys all attended Myrtle Creek High school and are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson of Myrtle Creek, Ore.

The total number of salvos fired by a rocket-firing LCT is equal to approximately two and a half times the fire power of a 45,000-ton battleship.

Diphtheria Cases in Oregon Reveal Increase

PORTLAND, April 18.—(AP)—Diphtheria cases have risen 179 per cent above the total recorded at this time last year, the state health department reported today.

The rate is 373 per cent above the 1940-1941 average. Eight new cases were reported in Multnomah county, two in Jackson county and two in Portland for a state total of 142 cases.

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49 Identical (ab)
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52 Comparative suffix
53 Iron (symbol)

Washington News From an Inside View

Argument, Sentiment, Comment

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH

Congressman, Fourth Oregon District

No Compulsory Labor Bill. The overwhelming rejection by the senate of the conference committee version of the manpower bill apparently wrote an end to the consideration of that subject by this congress. Chairman May of the House military affairs committee says members of his committee will not even continue in conference sessions. The bill is dead, and it is just as well. Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower commission, says there is a positive betterment in the employment situation. Production continues at a high level. Victory in Europe seems but a short time away. In spite of the loud talking on the subject there is no need of labor draft legislation.

Actually the question of how much war production will be cut back following V-E day is much more serious. It is pretty certain that no one has any positive answer as to how much the cut-back should be. Figures ranging from 10 per cent up as high as 60 per cent have been kicked around rather carelessly during the last six weeks. The Byrnes report on reconversion planning revealed that there has been very little accomplished. The two top authorities on this subject have disappeared from the scene—Justice Byrnes resigned, and Major General Lucius Clay, who represented the army in War Production board and reconversion planning, has been sent overseas. The name heard most now is J. A. (Cap) Krug, former TVA executive, now head of the War Production board. He is quoted as favoring a 12 per cent reduction in war production the first quarter after the end of the European phase, and somewhere around 30 per cent for the first year.

So many of the planners and writers of regulations and directives have become accustomed to controls of all sorts that there is an alarming tendency in our big centralized government for war to think of continuing such controls into the post-war era. This really something to worry about.

A Double-Check on Directives. My good friend, Congressman Everett P. Scribner of Kansas, has introduced a resolution which I hope will ultimately be adopted.

by the congress. His proposal simply would require all executive agencies to submit drafts of all orders and directives to appropriate committees of congress for review prior to becoming effective. The purpose of such a review would be for the committee to determine whether or not a directive conforms with the letter of the law as passed, and with the intent of congress. During the past two years, numerous laws passed by congress have been administered by the executive department in a way congress never intended. In a few instances, directives and executive orders have gone outside of the letter of the laws themselves. If Congressman Scribner's suggestion is adopted, the congressional committees will not attempt, of course, to re-write directives, but will merely call attention to faults in them and ask that such faults be corrected.

Such a procedure should not be necessary, but it is. Acts of congress are being man-handled and misinterpreted, and even circumvented by the executive department. People blame congress for the troubles which ensue. Congress must therefore protect itself and the people from such mal-administration by exercising a check upon the executive department as suggested by Congressman Scribner.

Springtime in Washington. In spite of everything that is said about Washington, this is a very beautiful city, especially at this time of year. Although much is said about the famous "Oriental" cherry trees, I think their beauty is vastly overrated. During the three or four days when they are at their best, the scene is lovely, but the magnificent pink dogwood trees and other flowering shrubs found in all parts of the city are far more beautiful and make a more gorgeous and charming picture. The shrubbery on the capitol grounds is in full bloom now.

Speaking of spring and wild flowers, etc., reminds me that I have received several letters recently mentioning that salmon are running in the coastal streams in Oregon now. I hope people will have pity on me and say nothing more about it.

Youth Fellowship of Methodists Reorganizes

At a business meeting held at the parsonage last Sunday evening, the young people of the Roseburg Methodist church elected officers and made plans for a bigger and better organization. Miss Eugenia Wolsk was unanimously re-elected president and first commissioner. Miss Margaret Harvey was given the office of vice-president, Miss Lucille Goben secretary, and Kenneth Goben treasurer. The chairman of the missionary commission is Miss Jean Wiley, Barbara and Janice Zimmerman were made co-chairmen of the commission to handle social service work, and Miss Shirley Wilson will act as the recreation chairman. Officers and their adult counselors will meet soon to plan interesting activities.

Doomed Negro Soldier Flees From Hospital

MARYSVILLE, Calif., April 23.—(AP)—Pvt. Herbert Reid, 20, Philadelphia negro who was sentenced to death after being convicted by a court martial last January of raping a white girl here, escaped today from the

Camp Beale hospital, camp of officials reported. Reid, who had been awaiting a review of his case, was wearing hospital pajamas when he fled. The Chinese used rockets in 1232 to repulse the hordes of Kublai Khan. They have been used in some capacity in almost every war since.

Advertisement for Loma Linda Ruskets cereal. Includes text 'I want RUSKETS for Breakfast - - for Plenty of Pep!' and '14 OZ. ECONOMY PACKAGE of your grocers'. Also features an illustration of a woman with a cereal box.

Large advertisement for ACME beer. Text: 'SAVE PAPER! Every piece is precious! Tie into bundles... and hold for regular collection days in your district.' Includes an illustration of a man holding a beer bottle and the ACME logo.

KRRR Mutual Broadcasting System, 1450 Kilocycles.

Table with columns for program names and times, including 'Fulton Lewis, Jr. Plough Chemical', 'Yacht Patrol', 'Schlicker Auction', etc.

Advertisement for ARTHRITIS? Need Vitamins? with text 'If your doctor recommends Vitamin D, get this high potency, 50,000 unit, genuine D-2500 irradiated Ergosterol capsules. Low price, 100-day supply only \$3.95. Call or write...' and 'Chapman's Pharmacy, Roseburg.'

Large advertisement for Southern Pacific (S.P.) mail service. Text: 'Picking up overseas mail "...on the fly"'. Includes an illustration of a steam locomotive and text: 'Nothing is quite so precious to a fighting man as a letter from a loved one back home... on time—loading, transporting, switching, handling, and trucking problems were worked out well in advance. Many solid trains of mail were run across the country—thousands of freight cars were "drafted" for mail service. Everything possible was done to assure your fighting man a letter or package from home on Christmas. We want you to know that mail for fighting men comes first with us. It is never put aside for other traffic. You know how letters help the morale of men and women at the front. So, won't you write more letters? Whether it's V-mail or regular mail, write often.' Includes the S.P. logo and 'The friendly Southern Pacific'.