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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon.
Forecast for Roseburg and vi-
cinity: Occasional showers to-
night and Tuesday.
Highest temp. for any June—106
Lowest temp. for any June—36
Highest temp. yesterday—70
Lowest temp. last night—50
Precipitation yesterday—0
Precipitation from June 1—0
Deficit from June 1, 1945—12
Deficit from Sept. 1, 1944—5.24

In the Day's News

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cruisers, and have damaged 75
more.

It sounds like whistling cheery
tunes in a graveyard, and if so it
LOOKS as if the shock to the
Japs would be all the greater
when the truth finally comes
home with a jolt.

But the Jap mind is funny.

Apparently it told the sun
wouldn't shine tomorrow and it
DID shine the little men
would be flatly sure it WASN'T
SHINING.

What to do with that kind of
people is certainly a problem.

THE Jap claim breaks loose
from an unnamed navy spokes-
man in Washington the statement
that since April 1 23 navy ships
and two merchant ammunition
ships have been sunk and 40
others damaged in the Ryukyus.

ADMIRAL "BULL" HALSEY is
back to the western Pacific
with his 3rd fleet and takes over
from Admiral Spruance and his
5th fleet. Presumably it is an al-
ternating relief arrangement.
Spruance will go to Guam to
make plans and Halsey will take
over the fighting end for a while
(one guesses).

APPARENTLY the heart of
Osaka is being burned out.
Pilots report that Jap interception
didn't amount to much, but flak
was intense—the kind you can
"walk on."

There is a report that the
Japs tried a new wrinkle—drop-
ping an arrangement that looked
like "buckets tied together with
a chain"—presumably explosive
charges connected in such a way
as to (maybe) drape over B-29s
and blow them up.

The gadgets that were dropped
seem to have missed by a wide
margin.

THE Syrian affair is still in-
teresting but obscure.

DeGaulle is muttering in his
beard. He says the British started
it all—that their agents stirred
up the trouble and besides the
French kept only 4000 to 5000
troops in Syria whereas the Brit-
ish have 600,000. He says he won't
submit the question to inter-
national arbitration and adds that
anyhow the French should have
military bases throughout the
world, the same as the British and
the Americans.

But at least the French are do-
ing no more shooting at the
moment.

THE Russians, as usual, are cast
in the mystery role.

Moscow, in a series of notes
addressed to the other members
of the Big Five, says the "conflict
that has arisen (in Syria) must be
settled in a PEACEFUL manner."
That may be intended to say to
DeGaulle (who has tried for some
time to pose as Stalin's buddy)
that he'll have to come in and
lay his cards on the table instead
of shooting it out.

There is still much that doesn't
meet the eye, and we have to
guess.

DON'T shrug off this Syrian
business. It is UNBELIEVABLY
IMPORTANT, in its way. It is
an ADVANCE TEST of
whether we can settle world
problems PEACEFULLY or will
have to shoot them out, as usual.

DON'T altogether disregard De-
Gaulle's muttered contention
that the British are putting over
something in Syria. They MIGHT
be—although we hope not. Only
time will tell.

DEGAULLE is playing for BIG
STAKES with SMALL capital.

THE STATE TAX MEASURES

By Charles V. Stanton

A state election will be held June 22, at which determina-
tion will be made of two measures referred by the legislature
to the people of Oregon.

One of these measures would earmark \$5 million each
year for two years for a state building program, while the
other would levy a tax on cigarettes with the expectation of
raising \$2 million annually for support of elementary and
secondary schools.

The \$10 million building program, in our opinion, is
deserving of unanimous approval by the voters. We have
neglected our state institutions and facilities for higher
education for a long period of time. It is necessary that
money be furnished for new construction without further
delay.

Many voters will be confused by the fact that the measure
will be submitted as a tax on PROPERTY. Actually, how-
ever, the money will come from surplus income taxes and
there will be no direct levy on property. Oregon law pro-
vides that income taxes may be used to OFFSET property
taxes. We must, however, have a property tax before it
can be offset. Therefore, it is proposed that we vote a tax
upon PROPERTY with provision made that the amount so
levied shall be paid out of surplus INCOME tax revenue.

Receipts from income taxes in the state are very high
as a result of war industries and possibly will continue at
a high level for several years. The state has reduced sur-
pluses for the past two years by granting taxpayers a dis-
count. For the next two years, the legislature has provided,
the sum of \$5 million will be raised in surplus income taxes
each year. This money will be collected regardless of
whether or not we vote for the proposed building fund.
Voters, therefore, by voting affirmatively on this measure,
are simply giving instructions that the money shall be spent
on a building program instead of being used for some other
purpose.

Of the \$10 million to be collected during the two-year
period, \$4 million will go to construction of better facilities
at our institutions of higher education, while \$6 million will
go to provide new and improved state hospitals, schools for
the blind and deaf, state penitentiary, training schools, etc.
The needs of these institutions require no explanation, as
everyone is well aware of conditions. We believe we can
utilize our surplus income tax money for no better purpose.

As to the cigarette tax, we expect to hold our nose and vote
for it. Our schools need the money and this is one way in
which to help. But we don't like the principle of tax bills
of this kind. The Oregon Constitution requires a UNIFORM
and GENERAL system of common schools and, therefore,
taxes for schools should be uniform and general. This bill
singles out a certain group of individuals—those who smoke
cigarettes—and requires them to pay \$2 million per year for
school support. This, of course, results in vigorous hand-
clapping among those who have a prejudice against cigarette.
That's the reason the bill has a large supporting group with-
out further argument. Much of the affirmative vote will
be based on prejudice rather than true valuation of a method
of producing revenue.

It doesn't affect the cigar or pipe smoker, or the guy who
masticates the weed. The cigarette smoker is the victim.
Why not put a tax on the bozo who eats green onions and
then breathes in your face? Or why not a tax on those
who rattle popcorn bags in the midst of the hottest scenes of
your favorite movie? Why not put a tax on spinach? It
would have the support of the kids.

But a cigarette tax is an easy source of revenue, for there
are enough people who have a prejudice against cigarette
to give such a measure a good start. Cigarettes are considered
a luxury item and, therefore, open game for the tax collector.

It is estimated that the cost to the AVERAGE cigarette
smoker will be about \$7 per year. We are so sincerely
interested in the welfare of our schools that we will willingly
pay the \$12 or \$15 it will cost us personally, even though
we dislike laws passed on a platform of prejudice rather
than justice.

Ignoring wholly the dismal col-
lapse of French military power in
1940, he is trying to get back the
French empire INTACT and
maybe even EXPANDED.

It may be a good thing if he
does—for after all the French
PEOPLE (the French LITTLE
people, as distinguished from the
French politicians) are a pretty
good lot.

SPEAKING of French poli-
ticians, there's a rumor out
that Laval has killed himself in
a Spanish castle where he has
been incarcerated. Paris is skepti-
cal about the rumor, and com-
ment there is that "Laval isn't the
kind to settle things so easily."

ARTHUR WERNER, RUSSIAN-
APPOINTED mayor of Berlin,
announces that "50 former nazis
will be shot for every attempt on
the life of a red army soldier or
a Russian official and reprisals
will be carried out for each case
of arson committed for political
purposes."

It sounds grim. We shudder a
little, in spite of ourselves. But
it is the RUSSIAN WAY, and the
Russians HOLD BERLIN.
Who can say (as yet) that our
way is right and the Russian way
is WRONG? Time, again, will
have to tell. It is more or less a
new world that we're entering.

Sentenced on Moral Charge
Carl Pyritz, 57, Reedsport, was
sentenced in circuit court Satur-
day to six months in the county
jail and to pay a fine of \$200
after pleading guilty before Judge
Carl E. Wimberly on a charge
of contributing to the delinquency
of a minor.

U. S. War Loan

HORIZONTAL

1 The U. S. A.

Is holding its

Drive

13 Half

15 Before

16 Sell

18 Notion

19 Brazilian

20 Come in

22 Electrical unit

23 Buy War

24 Greek letter

25 We

26 Brown bread

29 Four dollars

33 Help the

34 Garden tool

35 Mountain

38 Obscure

40 Barium

41 Mixed type

42 Poorly

45 Thus

47 Concur

51 Century plant

52 Seaweed

54 Buy and

55 Soak

56 Marshy

58 Porry

59 War Bond

VERTICAL

1 with War

Bonds

2 Level

3 Outlet

4 Negative

5 Three (prefix)

6 Conceal

7 Sorrows

8 Winglike part

9 Concerning

10 Enclose

11 Dry

12 Cape

17 Lairs

19 Flower

21 Groove

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Answer to Previous Puzzle



Once again we may remind you
that KRRR goes on the air at
6:30 a. m. and that you will hear
the County Agent Program at
6:45 tomorrow morning and the
4-H club at the same time on
Thursday, so be a listener!

KRRR

Mutual Broadcasting System,
1490 Kilocycles.

REMAINING HOURS TODAY

4:40—Sketches.
5:00—Sam Hayes, S. & W. Fine Foods.
5:15—Superman, Kellgren.
5:30—Tom Mix, Ralston's Purina.
5:45—Night News Wire, Studenaker.
6:00—Daniel Heatter, Krenl.
6:15—U. S. Recap of World of Sports,
U. S. Tire Store.
6:30—Country Club.
7:00—State and Local News, Keel
Motor.
7:05—Musical Interlude.
7:15—Standard Oil News, Jim Doyle.
7:30—Lone Ranger.
7:45—Michael Shane, Union Oil.
8:00—Mr. Broadway and Boltram.
8:15—Alka Seltzer News.
8:30—H. H. Neighbor, Carstens Furniture.
8:45—Snapshots, Kampfers.
9:00—Music for the Night.
9:15—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Roseburg
Pharmacy.
9:30—Holmes, Petri Wine.
10:15—Sign Off.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 1945

6:30—Yawn Patrol.
6:45—The County Agent Reports.
6:55—Sketches, Auction.
7:00—News, White King Soap.
7:15—Smile Time.
7:30—State and Local News, Boring
Optical.
7:45—Rhapsody in Wax.
8:00—Haven of Rest, Crew of Good
Cats.
8:30—Take It Easy Time.
8:45—Musical Market Basket.
9:00—News Review of the Air.
9:15—Wh. Lang and the News, Krenl.
9:30—Songs by Marion Downey, Coca
Cola.
9:45—Man About Town, Jesse and
Lew.
9:55—Supper Guide, Harsh and Mar-
shall-Wells.
10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
10:15—Musical Clock, Modern Furniture.
10:30—Paul Stone and Phil Brigg,
Krenl.
10:45—Let's Go Shopping.
10:55—Lester Smith, Kampfers Sav-Mor.
11:15—Jane Cost.
11:30—Easy Listening.
11:45—Church.
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