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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast of Roseburg and vicinity: Clear tonight and Tuesday; warmer Tuesday.

In the Day's News

to blur the page. When you get stiff from sitting, you walk in the aisle. It isn't a great distance, but it helps.

About 3 in the afternoon (guessed at by the Greenwich clock, plus a computation based on the clock and the chart) the steward comes in with a tray comfortably loaded with the bottles. Liquor is all you can spend money for on these planes; everything else is covered by your ticket.

Sales are facilitated by two factors—boredom and the fact that U. S. money is still usable. For some reason that no one has yet fully explained, the money of a country you're leaving behind becomes dirt under the feet.

THE cocktail hour ends, and the tea hour begins. After tea, there is maybe an hour to kill. Then dinner, which is a pleasant and excellent meal of half a dozen courses, strung out slowly, to pass the time.

Hours later. The plane swoops sharply. You awaken, wondering if you've hit an air pocket, or what. You pull back the curtain and look out of the window. There's water below and land in the background.

The plane settles to the surface, taxis for a moment, then the motors roar and up we go. You learn later that it's Foynes, on the west coast of Ireland, and although there are no passengers to discharge and no petrol (we left gas behind long ago) to take on, some quirk of officialdom requires a landing.

The weather is friendly, and the fog breaks. Under us is Ireland. (When you speak to the Irish, of whom you meet many, you say Eire, pronouncing it "Ayre.") It is GREEN, unbelievably green. Emerald Isle is no mere figure of speech.

OUT over the Irish sea, speckled with ships and here and there an island—all brilliantly green. Then England—a gently rolling England, green, but not quite as green as Ireland. But lovely—indescribably lovely, with an odd air of PEACE.

HARVEST LABOR NEEDED

By Charles V. Stanton

Student labor will be imperative if Douglas county's current prune crop, roughly valued at \$1,500,000, is to be saved, J. Roland Parker, county agricultural agent, reports in pointing out the desirability of schools preparing opening schedules which will permit students to aid in harvesting fall crops.

Prospects are for the largest Douglas county prune crop in many years. Indications are that the yield will be in excess of 12 million pounds, of which about one-half probably will be sold in the green stage while the balance will be dried.

Growers are greatly concerned about labor for the harvest season. Only a limited number of Mexican workers will be available and no prisoners of war. Dependence must be placed almost entirely upon domestic, local labor, Parker states, and this means very largely students from high schools and upper grades.

Many rural schools do not plan to start their fall term until after the prune harvest, but delayed opening offers many problems to larger schools, which ordinarily begin during the first two weeks of September.

One handicap to planning lies in the fact that the date for starting prune harvest is uncertain. Fruit may not be ready for picking until late in September, in which case several weeks of school might be lost unnecessarily.

Consideration is being given a plan by which schools would begin on dates originally planned. Students willing to work in the prune harvest would be organized into platoons. A certain number of platoons would be used in the orchards for a definite period of time and then would be replaced by the second group. Thus, roughly one-half of the volunteers would be kept in school at all times and, at the close of the fruit harvest, all would have reached the same point of advancement in their courses.

Students in junior and senior high schools would be affected. Rural school students who live nearer the orchards and children from lower grades would be used as well.

Plans are being formulated for a conference in the near future between school district officers and the county farm labor committee to work out a definite program.

In addition to student labor, the prune harvest will require the help of many adults.

A farm labor office has been established in Roseburg, under the direction of Paul Abeel. The office is located at Oak and Rose streets in the Hansen Used Car parking lot. Farmers are requested to register their labor needs at this office, while persons willing to work on farms and in orchards during the fall harvest season, even though only for a few days, are requested to enroll their services to aid in saving the county's crops.

There is every reason to believe Douglas county's agricultural industry will realize one of its most successful years, providing the labor problem is solved satisfactorily.

There has been an abundant hay harvest. Heavy grain yields are being realized, despite some damage from hot weather. Poultry production has been excellent. There is a record wool crop. Lambs have been almost a total loss to date, due to OPA's dalliance, although some salvage may be realized if controls are eased. The county has a record number of turkeys for fall and winter market. Beans are looking exceptionally fine. All fruit crops are far above average. Altogether, it looks like a good year for our farmers, although profits will be materially restricted because of labor costs. Our Douglas county farmers, unable to hire sufficient help, are working harder than ever before. They are putting in hours from daylight to dark, and beyond, striving to save as much as possible of abundant crops. They are entitled to the utmost cooperation in meeting the problem raised by fall harvest labor needs.

Roseburg Soldier Wins Silver Star

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—Private First Class Raymond L. Waggoner, Star Route, Roseburg, Oregon, recently was awarded the Silver Star medal for gallantry in action in Italy.

He served on the Fifth Army front in the 31st Infantry regiment of the 91st "Powder River" division. "For gallantry in action on April 29th, 1945, near Cittadella, Italy," relates the award citation. "While moving forward, a supply train encountered two enemy motorized columns. The supply column withdrew a short distance and contacted another friendly convoy moving forward.

"Waggoner, on his own initiative, obtained a heavy machinegun and moved forward to within 50 yards of the enemy vehicles. He commenced an accurate stream of fire into the enemy column which completely disorganized the hostile forces. After his ammunition was expended, Waggoner, without thought for his personal safety, cleared several buildings nearby and captured 15 prisoners," concluded the citation. His wife, Mrs. Lanora L. Waggoner, lives at 301 Terrace Ave., Roseburg.

patchwork, but the patches are larger than Ireland. Then down at Poole, on the south coast, in a sheltered bay that is still alive with the aftermath of war. Of which more later.

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Katonen Emerges Tops in Tourney For Title Chance

Paavo Katonen, the durable Finn, who lost his Pacific coast light heavyweight wrestling crown to Jack Kiser several months ago, will have an opportunity to regain the crown, having won the right to meet the present title holder in a championship match, through rough victories Saturday night in elimination matches at the Roseburg armory.

Katonen beat Tex Hager in the first of the tournament matches, taking one fall in the 30-minute engagement. Walter "Sneeze" Achiu, the rubberball Chinese wrestler, beat Buck Davidson, but was twice a victim of Katonen's deadly hangman's hold in the final match.

Hager and Katonen gave the crowd an exciting 30 minutes in the opener, the Finn taking the first fall in 18 minutes and 30 seconds on a series of headlocks and body slams. Neither wrestler could gain a fall in the remaining period of time.

Achiu Wins Rough Bout The roughness of the Achiu-Davidson match had the crowd in an uproar and one of the female fans had to be subdued by the police after attacking Davidson with the heel of her shoe while the "Meanie" was trying to crawl off the mat.

Davidson took the first fall in 17 minutes with a Boston crab hold but succumbed in 11 and one-half minutes to a series of arm locks and a body press to drop the second round. Achiu was given the decision by Referee Owens at the end of the time limit.

Hangman Hold Wins Battling for the right to meet Kiser for the title, Katonen and Achiu staged a real thriller in the final 30-minute bout. The Finn absorbed terrific punishment during the first ten minutes but took advantage of a momentary lapse by Achiu to seize his favorite Hangman's hold.

Apparently angered by the Finn's roughness, Achiu opened the second round with a series of body butts, coupled with a few haymakers to the jaw, flopping Katonen in exactly one minute.

Katonen went on the defensive in the early part of the third round, blocking the renewed butting attack of his veteran Chinese opponent and finished the match after seven minutes with a series of body slams culminating again in his Hangman's hold, applied with sufficient force to leave Achiu almost unconscious in the ring.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses at one large table decorated in the patriotic motif and with floral arrangements in red, white and blue.

Those enjoying the afternoon were: Mrs. Asher Agee, Mrs. Herbert Conine, Mrs. George Reed, Mr. T. E. Shrum, Mrs. Geo. Casebeer, Mrs. S. D. Shapman, Mrs. Anna Franklin, Mrs. Joe De Bernardi, Mrs. Vern Shrum, Mrs. Albert De Bernardi, Mrs. Sarah Wimer, and the hostesses, Mrs. Vleck, Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Brown.

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Society and Clubs

By LOTUS KNIGHT PORTER

AID AND MISSION SOCIETY HAS MEETING

GLIDE—The Glide Baptist Ladies Aid and Mission society met at the church on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Charles Vleck, Mrs. Larkin Rice and Mrs. Elmer Brown as hostesses.

Mrs. Albert De Bernardi had charge of the devotional and read an article from the Christian Digest.

It was suggested that the August meeting which will be held at Mrs. De Bernardi's home be in the form of a social meeting and that business be dispensed with.

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