

Roseburg School Band to Play At Reedsport Rodeo

The Roseburg School band will leave at 6:30 A. M. Saturday to attend the two-day rodeo being staged at Reedsport by the Reedsport division of the Sheriff's posse. Arrangements have been made whereby the band members will be accommodated in private homes at Reedsport.

Transportation costs are being handled by the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce.

Although five adults will accompany the band as chaperones, Les Irvin, director, declared that members of the band have shown excellent behavior on all occasions and that he anticipates no difficulty of any kind.

"Our members have shown much enthusiasm and have been turning out satisfactorily for practice even during the hot weather," Irvin said. "Although we must still be classified as a first-year, or freshman, band, we are making good progress. In face of the instrument shortage, it is difficult to organize on a large scale. One of our big accomplishments is the purchase of new uniforms. The band uniform debt has recently been reduced by contributions of \$350 from band members themselves."

City Dwellers Shy at Farm Work Since V-Day

CORVALLIS, Aug. 24.—(AP)—July set an all-time record for the month, with 46,223 workers placed on Oregon farm jobs, the Oregon State college extension service said today.

Nearly a third were under 18 years old.

August may be a different story, farm labor officials said, because since V-day city dwellers have lost interest in farm work.

Homing

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Aug. 21.—(AP)—A tall fellow hummed "Deep in the Heart of Texas" while waiting for his last paycheck at Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp.

At intervals he shouted, "Yes, I'm goin' home—Lordy, Lordy!" He admitted he liked San Diego, was treated well, had a comfortable place to live and had been paid well. Asked why he

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wished to return to Texas, the tall fellow replied: "Have mah baby bawn in California? You must be crazy!"

Truman Conferring With Business, Labor Leaders

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6,605 miles of track in 14 states illustrates the government's determination to seek a swift and orderly change-over from war to peace.

One of Director Snyder's top lieutenants said the threatened paralysis of the railroad would have interfered with essential war purposes—hauling troops and hauling freight to troops—and also with an orderly transition to a peacetime economy.

Tides Roll Both Ways

Strangely, the sudden action came at a moment when the president reportedly was preparing to issue an order paying the way for return of other properties seized during the war.

Thus the tides of reconversion rolled in both directions at the same time.

But normal living rolled closer in several ways. It appeared as though the average American soon would:

1. Get evaporated milk without ration points.

2. Get more butter and cheese.

3. Get a seat on a plane without a priority.

4. Turn his clock back one hour to standard time.

Secretary of Agriculture said in a radio address last night it should be possible to end rationing of evaporated milk soon. And he predicted an early increase in butter and cheese.

The Army is discussing with airline officials a proposal "almost" to eliminate the priority system for air travel. Fewer priorities would mean that more ordinary passengers would have a chance. Mr. Truman gave the word on possible return to standard time. He said he will ask Congress early in September to abolish "war time" and let the states again have exclusive control over the watches and clocks within their borders.

40-Hour Week Restored

Mr. Truman also ordered all federal workers back on the pre-war 40-hour week. This will happen before Sept. 9 unless an agency finds it will seriously hamper essential work.

The action lops money off the pay checks of millions (but they can sleep late on Saturday).

Legally speaking, the war isn't really over. The president's war powers remain. Mr. Truman said yesterday that it will be a long time before hostilities are declared officially ended.

This was important for several reasons. For example, taxes on liquor, jewelry, furs, phone calls, amusements, and many other things are due to be cut automatically, six months after hostilities end legally.

The government now holds about 25 plants which it seized from private owners in wartime. These include Montgomery Ward properties in seven cities; the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad; and the Goodyear Tire & Rubber company at Akron.

The order now being drafted in the White House is understood to provide a method by which the properties can be restored to their original owners. There is no assurance, however, that all of them will be returned at once.

Mrs. F. I. Babb Dies At Myrtle Creek

Mrs. Florence Isabel Babb, 78, well-known resident of Myrtle Creek, died at her home last night following a prolonged period of illness. She was born at Xenia, Illinois, July 20, 1867, and was married to Nick D. Babb at Terre Haute, Indiana, October 12, 1909. She came to Myrtle Creek from Xenia, in 1912. Mr. Babb passed away in February, 1937.

Mrs. Babb was a member of the Christian church.

Surviving are three sons and three daughters: Mrs. Leona Huff, Oswego, Michigan; Mrs. Almir Dyer, Mrs. Vida Griffith, and James W. Clark, all of Myrtle Creek; and Harvey E. Clark, East Chicago, Illinois. She is also survived by nineteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The body has been removed to the Douglas Funeral home and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Atomic Bomb's Death Toll In Hiroshima Increasing

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tion of 250,000. Two weeks after the death toll had mounted to 60,000 and is continuing to rise.

Burns Spell Delayed Death

"The majority of the injured persons received burns from powerful ultra-violet rays from the atomic bombs, and those with- in a two-kilometer (1.1-mile) radius from the center of the bomb explosion received burns two or three times.

"Those within three to four kilometers (about two miles) radius of the bomb received burns to the extent that their skin turned bright red, but as these burns were caused by ultra-violet rays they hardly felt the heat at that time. Two hours later, however, blisters formed, resulting in drowsy.

"Although abundant medical supplies were rushed to the scene of the disaster and treatment was unsparingly given the victims, the death toll continued to grow daily. It is recalled following the atomic bomb raid on Hiroshima an American radio broadcast said Hiroshima had been turned into a place where all living creatures cannot exist for 75 years. It added that to send scientists to investigate the damage caused by the atomic bomb would be suicidal.

Japan Fears Landing By Soviet, M'Arthur Told

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the purported Russian move said the announcement had come from Moscow—by what route it did not say.

"Should this report prove true," it continued, "it would be greatly regretted by the Japanese government, which is doing its best in order to fulfill all your requirements by placing the army and navy forces and civilians under strict control."

Ref's Drive Into Korea

The report from imperial headquarters was worded as if the Russians were acting without MacArthur's knowledge, adding: "armed forces of the allied powers."

"It is earnestly hoped that the armed forces of the allied powers will enter Japan according to the plan, as has been notified by the headquarters of the supreme commander of the allied powers."

Moscow announced meanwhile that Soviet troops continued their drive in Korea today, following the conquest of Manchuria, and occupied two ports half way down the Korean peninsula.

Japan earlier had messaged directly to General MacArthur a protest against sinking of four Japanese ships in Hokkaido waters Wednesday by a submarine which "presumably belongs to the Soviet Union." The message said there were 553 casualties on one of the four vessels.

Another message said a "mercy ship" whose voyage to Marcus Island General MacArthur had approved would proceed unarmed to that isolated island 1,200 miles southeast of Tokyo, arriving there Tuesday and returning to Tokyo Saturday of next week—one day after Japan's formal surrender.

No Postponement Asked

Tokyo said Wednesday's typhoon had blotted out radio communications with China, and that Atsugi airfield—20 miles southwest of Tokyo where the supreme commander is scheduled to land Tuesday—was muddled.

"The Japanese said the rains 'have rendered it difficult for airplanes to move about except on paved runways on which the landing of medium bombers or medium transport planes is possible.'"

MacArthur had planned to set at least 350 four-engine transports and Liberators down on Atsugi, bearing 7,500 heavily-armed troops in the first wave of the occupation forces.

However, the Japanese did not

suggest or request a postponement of the landings.

"The Japanese also began transmitting the names, locations and number of personnel in the prisoner of war camps. One listed 10 camps in Nagoya area with 2,812 prisoners.

Cessation of all hostilities in Manchuria, Sakhalin and "other areas where Japanese forces are in direct contact" with allied armies has been ordered by Emperor Hirohito, MacArthur's headquarters were informed by Tokyo radio.

Chaos in China

Great concern was expressed over the situation on the mainland where Tokyo said "disarmed Japanese forces and civilians are being made victims of illegal fighting, looting, acts of violence, rape and other outrages."

The imperial command asked MacArthur for permission for Japanese troops to retain their arms in Manchuria, Northern Korea and Inner Mongolia until Japanese residents have been moved out.

While Tokyo said the situation "is certain to get out of control," two hopeful signs appeared in the confused China picture. Communist troops to retain their arms in Manchuria, Northern Korea and Inner Mongolia until Japanese residents have been moved out.

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Jap Torpedo Smashes Battleship Pennsylvania

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unit" was damaged by attack in Buckner bay, Okinawa, the night of Aug. 12, did not give details of the damage suffered by the "Pennsy," nor indicate the closeness of the battle to save the veteran fighter.

A picture released by the Navy department, however, showed the vessel almost down to the gunwales in water, with the deck but two or three feet from being awash and scores of sailors manning the pump hoses pouring water from the holds. Apparently the great ship was saved by the narrowest of margins.

But, the final surrender announcement three days later brought little cheer to the "Big P's" crew. The "lucky" battle wagon that escaped Pearl Harbor with a minor bomb hit and played a vital role in 13 amphibious landings from the fog-shrouded Aleutians to Lingayen and Leyte Gulf, definitely will not be among those vessels that steam to Tokyo for the final surrender.

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