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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon
Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday.
Highest temp. for any Sept. 104
Lowest temp. for any Sept. 29
Highest temp. yesterday 72
Lowest temp. last night 52
Precipitation yesterday 0
Precipitation from Sept. 1 1.02
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In the Day's News

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but on their way out they needed a short cut. But they were in flight all the way across, and the rear guard fighting left few scars on the country or the city. There were sharp little fights here and there, marked now by the rusty carcasses of smashed and burned-out tanks, with bomb and shell craters scattered around, but even so soon the tanks look like ancient landmarks, survivals of something long past, and the lush vegetation is rapidly obliterating the craters. It's hard to believe the war was so recent. You find yourself thinking of it as already in the history books.

LUXEMBOURG, in sharp contrast to northeastern France, is neat and clean and painted and prosperous-looking. Less than a mile over the border a drove of hogs, herded by a Luxembourg, crosses the road. You see them in nearly every farmyard. The cow population increases in density.

There is undoubtedly milk to drink around here. (Americans, however, would refuse to drink it, milk-hungry as they are after all these years of milk that comes from a can. European cows are generally infected with tuberculosis, Bang's disease, etc.)

THE northeast is France's poorest agricultural country, and mustn't be taken as typical of rural France as a whole. Its villages are ancient, the houses built generally of stone — their woodwork (doors, window frames, etc.) looking as if it had not seen paint since about the time of Clovis.

About the best you can say of them is that they are quaint. Quaintness is a word that looks nice in a book and sounds intriguing when used in conversation. This writer has a notion that one would tire of it if he lived in one of these quaint villages long. Americans would get to hankering for running water and bath rooms and cookstoves that TURN ON instead of being started slowly and painfully fed with twigs gleaned from under the trees and carried home in a pack on the back or hauled in a wheelbarrow. We'd much rather take our quaintness out in print and pictures.

It must be borne in mind that these villages are not made up of rose-bowered single family cottages. They are row-houses, all run together along the narrow street. And the living quarters alternate with the STABLES, with only a wall separating the humans from the animals. And this is an agricultural country, where the animals are driven in from the fields every night and housed right in between.

IN Luxembourg, the villages are built on the same general plan as in France, with the cows and the horses and the chickens and the pigs practically in the humans' laps. But they are built of brick instead of stone and most of them have been painted recently, at least within this century. They are well kept up, almost spick and span.

But in one respect the Luxembourg and the French villages are identical. In each the manure pile is the family's most precious possession — the sure mark of economic welfare and the unvarying sign of the good farmer. As in fine old homes in our country and in England and so many parts of the world, the ancestral silver and china are displayed in place of honor which is directly in front of the front door and re-

END STRIKE QUICKLY

By Charles V. Stanton

Mills producing approximately 95 per cent of Oregon's lumber were idle Monday, as workers failed to report for work in compliance with the industry-wide strike order of the A. F. of L.

We sincerely hope the strike will be short-lived. Curtailment of lumber production, even for a short space of time, can seriously effect the speed of reconversion and delay solution of the nation's critical housing problem. Lumber in immense quantities is needed in new construction work planned by industry and business and the millions of private citizens who are eagerly awaiting materials with which to build homes.

Because of the important place lumber holds in the reconversion program, it is quite possible the federal government may intervene, if pending negotiations between operators and labor leaders break down.

Uncle Sam, in fact, will be one of the heaviest losers, should the strike continue over a long period of time. Operators, according to our information, are not greatly worried. Their profits are in the upper income tax brackets, where nearly all earnings are drained off in taxes. Consequently, with operators "working for Uncle Sam", they are not overly concerned.

These very profits, however, are at issue in demands from labor unions for higher wages. Lumber workers contend that operators should divide profits with their laborers, instead of paying out the major part of earnings in income taxes.

Previously, wage scales in the industry have been fixed by the War Labor board. Labor leaders charge discrimination against the lumber industry during the war period, even though lumber was one of the most critical of war materials. Time and again efforts to secure wage increases through the War Labor board were made by the unions, who presented claims that higher scales in airplane factories, shipyards and other war production jobs drained workers away from the woods and added to the difficulties of lumber production. Discrimination in wage scales was claimed to be unfair to men who remained with the lumber industry.

Following V-J day, the War Labor board washed its hands of the lumber wage controversy, opening the way for direct negotiations between operators, represented by their respective councils and associations, and the labor unions.

The A. F. of L. is demanding a basic minimum wage of \$1.10 per hour, an advance of 20 cents per hour with higher paid jobs in proportion. At the same time the C.I.O., which also controls workers in woods and mills, is demanding a 25 cents per hour increase in all classifications.

The dispute largely centers around labor's demands that increases be made on an industry-wide basis. Operators, who are organized by areas, want wage adjustments on an area basis instead of a flat, down-the-line contract for the industry as a whole. It is the general belief of both operators and labor leaders that a compromise may be reached on the wage issue if the dispute over methods can be negotiated.

While the strike remains unsettled, heavy economic losses are being suffered by all Pacific coast communities. Drop in industrial payrolls will seriously affect business. Individual workers will be losing income which they will be many months in replacing should the strike be prolonged, even though demanded wage increases are achieved. But the great loss comes in delays to industrial reconversion, and construction of needed business structures and homes throughout the nation.

Because of the seriousness of the situation, it is to be sincerely hoped that both sides will recognize public interest and act with dispatch to reach a settlement at the earliest possible date.

Awards Made at 4-Hers Canning Exhibit Here.

Canned fruit, vegetables, meat, pickles and relishes were exhibited by Douglas County 4-H club members at the annual canning exhibit, held Saturday, September 22, in Roseburg Junior High school. Maxine Wright of Days Creek was first-place winner in Division IV. Her exhibit consisted of fruit, vegetables, meat, and pickles. Other division winners were Sandra Day, Yoncalla, Division I; Nancy Nichols, Brockway, Division II and Janice Roberts, Smith River; Route, Reedport, Division III. Other blue ribbon winners were Bever-

ly Collison, Route 1, Roseburg; Joyce Claypool, Camas Valley, Route, Roseburg; Bernice Lounsbury, C. V. Route, Roseburg; Linnie Mae Serfling, Gardiner and Colleen Moore, Route 2, Roseburg. Jean Matthews, Melrose, Roseburg, and Maxine Wright, Days Creek, were also awarded blue ribbons on their clothing I.V. project.

All projects in the blue ribbon class will be shown at the State exhibit in Salem, October 1 and 2.

William Boyer, former Roseburg resident, dies. William Boyer, 64, former resident of Roseburg, died at Salem, last Saturday. Mr. Boyer was born June 22, 1881. He was married Oct. 30, 1919, in Lincoln, Kansas, moving to Roseburg with his wife in 1929, residing here for ten years before moving to Salem. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ada Boyer, Salem. Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Douglas Funeral Home, Wednesday at 2 P. M., conducted by Dr. C. A. Edwards. Interment will follow in the Masonic cemetery.

OUT OUR WAY



Hirohito's Grip On Nippon Throne Becomes Shaky

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

AP Foreign Affairs Analyst
Emperor Hirohito's hold on his 2,600-year old throne is mighty tenuous, and while he is doing all he can to maintain his position, it won't be surprising to see him abdicate in due course, either of his own volition or because of pressure.

The report from usually well informed Japanese sources in Tokyo that the Mikado is preparing to present himself at the American embassy for an audience with Supreme Commander MacArthur is as significant as it is sensational. Such a thing is unprecedented, and if the imperial descendant of the sun goddess can thus walk among mortals and do homage to his conqueror without losing face with the Japanese people—then he is a wizard.

From time immemorial the public of Nippon has been taught that the Mikado is a living god; they may not approach him, or look directly upon his face. Before he passes through the streets the police close the windows and pull the shades above the street level so that no one may look down upon him. The crowds along the line of procession bow low as the God-Emperor passes, and only peek at him through their eyebrows.

Nippon Due For Shock
Now, we are told, the Mikado is to stand before the real emperor of Japan—General MacArthur. We know that the general is ruling Nippon through the imperial figure-head, but it's doubtful whether many of his humble and worshipful subjects realize it. So if and when this historic meeting takes place it's likely to produce a shocking disillusionment among his people.

There are, of course, a considerable number of Japanese anti-monarchists who have been waiting and praying for an opportunity to execute a revolutionary coup and oust the emperor. From time to time they have dared raise their voices against him, but as often have been roughly dealt with by the police. Military-ridden Japan hasn't been a very healthful place for the growth of revolutionary ideas, or at least for their execution. It's given to wonder now, however, whether the anti-monarchists may not get into action again.

New Course Mapped

America's attitude towards political change is clearly defined for MacArthur in the statement on initial postwar policy in Japan, issued by the White House in

Washington last Saturday. This says:

"The policy is to use the existing form of government in Japan, not to support it. Changes in the form of government initiated by the Japanese people or government in the direction of modifying its feudal and authoritarian tendencies are to be permitted and favored. In the event that the effectuation of such changes involves the use of force by the Japanese people or government against persons opposed thereto, the supreme commander should intervene only where necessary to insure the security of his forces and the attainment of all other objectives of the occupation."

Kin May Supplant Him

Whether the Mikado elects to present himself before MacArthur, the fact remains that there has been considerable talk of his possible abdication. The Marquis Kido, lord keeper of the privy seal and one of the Emperor's close advisers, has told Associated Press Correspondent Brines that abdication might be possible, although it isn't being officially considered now. Should Hirohito retire it probably would be in favor either of his young son or of his Oxford-educated brother, Prince Chichibu.

Meantime MacArthur has ordered a complete report on the Emperor's huge fortune, which heretofore has been one of the best kept state secrets. The imperial family owns stock in every Jap enterprise—sometimes as much as forty per cent.

Harold Smith Liberated
Mrs. Velma Smith has received word from Washington that Harold E. Smith has been released from a Japanese prison camp. Smith's physical condition was not stated. He was taken prisoner on Wake Island, where he was employed as a civilian worker.

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4:45—Good News Program, Assembly of God
5:00—The Male Quartette
5:15—Superman, Kellogg Co.
5:30—Captain Midnight, Wander Co.
5:45—Adventure, at Tem. Mts., Radio's Parade
6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Forban's
6:15—Music You Remember, Douglas Supply Co.
6:30—Clara's Review, Clara's Shop
6:45—This is Our Day, Bishop's Studios
7:00—State and Local News, Keel

BY J. R. WILLIAMS

F. S. Club to Meet—The F. S. club will meet Wednesday at a noon potluck luncheon at the home of Mrs. J. B. Patrick on Houck street. If the weather is inclement, the club will meet instead at the home of Mrs. Walter Singleton on East Douglas street.

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