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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, OregonForecast for Roseburg and vicinity:
Partly cloudy tonight.

Thursday continued cloudy.

Highest temp. for any Dec. 70

Lowest temp. for any Dec. 35

Highest temp. yesterday 46

Lowest temp. last night 32

Precipitation yesterday 0

Precipitation from Dec. 1 2.79

Deficit from Dec. 1, 1945 .09

Excess from Sept. 1, 1945 3.37

HOW RUMORS GROW

By Charles V. Stanton

A fair example of how a rumor can grow has been exposed at Klamath Falls.

A Marine, Pfc. Paul G. Robinson, stationed at the barracks there, had a fortunate evening with the "galloping dominoes" at a nearby night spot and won something like \$240, chiefly in one-dollar bills.

Now 240 one-dollar bills make a sizable wad, and, when exhibited by the Marine, together with a jocular statement that he had "cleaned up a game," started tongues wagging.

Says the Klamath Falls Herald and News:

Centering around a fabulous crap game supposedly held sometime around October 15, the wild tale, told and retold as comparatively straight dope, spuriously mentioned such scattered places as the Elks Lodge, Winema Hotel, Willard Hotel, Cal-Ore and Roosevelt Tavern as the location of the gambling spree.

According to the great majority of the tales, he entered a small game somewhere with seven dollars, put his money down, passed, shot the \$14, hit again and let his money ride for as much as the other players would cover until he had made 22 straight passes to break up the game.

He then, still according to the now-debunked rumor, pocketed his chimerical winnings, which included several checks, property deeds and untold thousands of dollars cash, and called a shore patrol escort to convey him home.

Just who he was supposed to have won the money from was a matter of hectic speculation. Richardson was rumored to have taken a public official for a \$4,000 check, a prominent business man for the title to one of his business establishments and numerous other prominent citizens for everything but the City Hall.

The culmination of the affair was that the unfounded rumor, gaining steadily in momentum for a period of two months, so endangered reputations of substantial and prominent business and professional men of Klamath Falls that Private Richardson, who had helped the story along by refusal to either affirm or deny it, except to admit under pressure that he had been "lucky with the spotted cubes," an admission which only fanned the blaze, voluntarily came forth with a signed statement addressed to the city police and the press declaring the whole tale to be false.

In the meantime, prominent citizens of the city had suffered damage to their reputations. It would be surprising if some marital trouble had not been created. Despite the signed "confession" of the Marine private, it is quite probable that some people will refuse to believe that the tale is false. An untruth so frequently repeated is more attractive than the real facts.

Newspaper men are well aware of the damage an unfounded rumor can cause to welfare and happiness. That is one reason they invariably refuse to suppress news of arrests, trials, convictions, etc., even though fearfully implored almost daily by persons in trouble with the law. Newspaper men know that such news cannot be entirely suppressed and that more damage to the individual can be done by rumor than by publication of the truth. When an item appears in type it generally is accepted as final. Gossips may elack their tongues for a few days, but they fail of enjoyment when confronted a few times with the facts as published. But an unpublished story, passing from mouth to mouth, knows no bounds. It grows in the telling until, by its weight it can destroy the spirit, the body and even the soul of its victim.

The incident at Klamath Falls, fortunately, becomes more or less humorous to the public eye. But it is quite possible that certain irreparable damage already has been done. There are many cases in which rumor has no humorous ending but reaches finale only in tragedy and broken lives.

Marines Complain Of "Empty" Ships

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)

Representative Delaney (D., Wash.) inserted in the Congressional Record today a letter from 15 Marines of the Sixth Marine Division asking why they could not be sent home and asserting 25 empty transports sailed for home from China on Nov. 14.

"These ships would have been more than enough to have taken the entire Sixth Marine Division back to the States," the letter continued. "Last week we watched these ships weigh anchor and sail for home—empty."

The men said they took part in most of the campaigns of the Pacific and the final battle of Okinawa and that they had served 12 to 24 months.

"We are not asking any special favors, but when we see empty ships leaving for the States we feel we are not getting a fair deal," the letter continued.

The Marines said the 25 ships which sailed for home empty had unloaded troops of the Chinese Eighth Army at Peking.

Delaney did not give the names of the Marines.

Pvt. Kenneth A. Olson

Soon to Go to Europe

Pvt. Kenneth A. Olson, 18, now at Fort Lewis, is soon to sail for Europe. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Olson of Riverside, and served 26 months with the local rifle company of the Oregon State Guard prior to his induction March 21.

Olson received his basic training at South Camp Hood, Texas. He later served at Camp Livingston, La., a few weeks at Camp Adair, then at Fort Ord, Calif. He enlisted in the Regular Army Nov. 6 and was granted a 30-day furlough. He reported to Fort Lewis Dec. 6. He is qualified with all infantry arms.

Delegates to Legion's District Meet Named

American Legion delegates to attend the district convention in Grants Pass in January were chosen by Umpqua Post 841

of sincere conviction but because they decided it PAID to be in on the racket.

Myrtle Point High Defeats Roseburg Hoopsters, 38-25

Roseburg's Indians played a fast game last night, but they were scalped by the strong Myrtle Point High hoop team, which brought four of its returning lettermen to challenge Mel Ingram's boys. Myrtle Point took the game to the tune of 38 to 25.

The loss of Bill Benson, out with an infected ankle, was sadly felt. But Gary Piper, who took his place in the starting line-up last night, almost made up for Benson's absence by his speed and energy. Piper may be a small lad, but he is highly effective.

High score man of the Roseburg team was Rendell Young, who tossed the ball five times to score field goals, and once again to score a point on a foul.

Most of Ingram's men saw action last night. There was a quick rotation of players. Big Bill Mayors went in several times to aim at the backboard on free throws. Other substitutions included Tom McGowan, and Evans, Pope, Atterbury and Fred Welsh.

The team travels to Grants Pass tomorrow for an invitational tournament. The first game will be with Wood School. It is reported that Benson, out of

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REMAINING HOURS TODAY

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.

4:15—Mrs. Miller, National Biscuit Co.

4:30—Erskine Johnson, Tuxes.

4:45—Let's Dance.

5:00—Maxine Clark, Modern Furniture.

5:15—Superman, Kellogg.

5:30—Capt. Midnight, Wander Co.

5:45—Joe Miv, Baiton Parina.

6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Kreni.

6:15—St. Louis Christmas Choral Association.

6:30—Spotlight Bands, Coca Cola.

6:45—Rhythm Road, Up, Lockwood Motors.

7:00—Main Line, Southern Pacific.

7:15—Fresh Up Time, Seven-Up.

7:30—Red Miller.

7:45—Service Station, E. G. High.

8:00—Alka Seltzer, Christmas Association.

8:15—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Roseburg Pharmacy.

8:30—Sign Off.

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The line-up last night:

Roseburg 25 Pos. 38 Myrtle Pt.

Piper 5 F. 8 Sutphin

Young 11 F. 7 Brown

Colley 2 C. 6 Smith

Harvey 1 G. 5 Morris

Gerretsen G. 5 Wells

Officials: Moore and DeBarnard.

Roseburg substitutions: Evans,

Atterbury, Welsh, Marsters, Nich-

ols, McGowan, Pope. Myrtle Point

substitutions: Barron (4 points),

Roper, Nichols, Wilson.

Bulldog Jackson Intent on Revenge; Mask in Bad Mood

"Bulldog" Jackson and the Gray Mask have been rematched for half of the weekly Saturday night wrestling show at the Roseburg armory. The two grapplers met here a couple of weeks ago and Jackson was cut so badly by the match that he had to stop.

The cuts kept Jackson from participating in several other profitable matches in other parts of the state and he has sworn vengeance and will be out to get the hated hooded villain Saturday night.

The Mask is also in a belligerent mood and is angry, not only at Jackson but at the world in general. He can't understand his unpopularity with the crowds and has given up any more pretense at what he claims has been restraint in his tactics. In other words, he says he will go all out from now on, no matter who his opponent is.

Jackson has put up a \$100 guarantee that he will be present. The comical Bulldog has indicated that he will be strictly business in an attempt to subdue the Gray Mask. His favorite hold, the hammer-lock, will be his main weapon against the head-butts of the Mask.