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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office, Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; colder tonight.

WAIT a minute. Count to at least TEN before going off the deep end. Better yet, get out your pencil and do a little figuring.

ONE per cent is one out of a hundred. That is to say, if one per cent of the people of the United States had died violent deaths over the long New Year week-end, it would still have meant that your chance of escaping alive would have been 100-to-1.

A hundred to one isn't a bad bet.

BUT don't stop there. Go on and figure out that one per cent is one out of a hundred, ten out of a thousand and ten thousand out of a million. Recall then that the best present estimate of the population of the United States is 140 MILLION.

ONE PER CENT of the population of the United States would amount to 1,400,000 persons.

YET, in the four days of this exceptionally long New Year week-end holiday, the collected total of violent deaths amounts as this is written to only 528.

If you are really good at figures, you might try reducing that to a decimal fraction. (This writer isn't good enough, and so won't make the attempt.)

But even the effort of thinking about it will prove to you that 528 violent deaths out of a total population of 140 millions is a VERY SMALL percentage.

YOUR next logical step will be to wonder how many Americans NORMALLY die violent deaths over a four-day period. If we had the normal total, fully authenticated, we might find that 528 isn't anything particularly out of the ordinary.

Yet it sears the pants off us when the figure is thrown at us as the cost in lives of a four-day New Year week-end holiday.

The point is that a little common-sense thinking takes the SCARE out of it.

THE headlines these days are full of scares.

When we DON'T STOP TO THINK, we see our nation gripped by strikes at the moment when we need terribly to get back into full production in order to escape the monster of inflation.

We hear of reckless spending—such as the headlined statement that a certain diamond-studded New York night club got away with a MINIMUM charge of \$75 per couple and did a huge business.

And so on.

WHAT we don't stop to think about is the fabulously greater number of people who are going about their daily tasks much as usual, doing their best to WORK their way out of the troubles that always follow in the wake of great wars, and SAVING their money instead of throwing it away with both hands in glittering night spots whose purpose is to give as little and KEEP AS MUCH as possible.

IT PAYS to stop and turn the revealing light of common sense on these things from time to time. If you'll try it occasionally, you'll be greatly reassured as to the future.

THE "CONFUSED" VETERAN

By Charles V. Stanton

There is a tendency by many news commentators to write and speak of what they call the "confused" state of mind of returning veterans. Our observation is that such writers are looking at the wrong side of the mirror. The veteran's confusion is confusion over the confusion which exists at home—if you get what we mean. He finds domestic conditions "snafu"—"situation normal, all fouled up"—a state of affairs to which he became accustomed while in military service, but which he had expected to leave behind when he doffed the uniform.

There is an old saying to the effect that when in the woods it is difficult to see the forest because of the trees. Here at home, we have much difficulty in sorting out truth from propaganda. We are subject to influence from pressure groups. We have been pushed around by federal agencies and bureaus, regimented, licensed, taxed, rationed, directed, scolded, and praised. We've been controlled in what we could buy, what we could pay, where we could go, what we could see. We've been organized, unionized, federalized, subsidized, rationalized, penalized, propagandized. When it comes to confusion of mind, the mental chaos is more prevalent among those of us who stayed at home than those who went abroad. Our vision has been obscured by the trees of the domestic front. The veteran coming back from abroad can see the forest more clearly than those who have been wandering in its tangled maze.

Our contact with returning veterans has led us to the conclusion that a lot of foolish words have been used in discussing the problem of veteran readjustment.

The veteran knows pretty much what he wants and how to get it. He is somewhat suspicious and not a little resentful—resentful at our failure to keep the house in order while he was away. He had expected to come home to a land where he could secure new clothes, a good home, and a good job. But he finds clothing almost impossible to obtain because of mismanaged production and faulty controls. He can't find living quarters for himself and family, and his prospects for accommodations are unfavorable for months to come. His opportunity for securing employment is handicapped by labor strife and inadequate reconversion progress.

The average veteran had time for plenty of straight thinking while he was away from home. He has returned with his plans fairly well outlined in his mind. A great many veterans are preparing to improve their education. Millions will enter schools. Millions more are seeking places in business life. It is surprising how thoroughly they have planned. We have had the privilege of talking over business prospects with scores of veterans seeking locations. We have been astonished how definitely they have determined their chances for business survival, the knowledge they have obtained of business procedure, and the specific consideration given such matters as location, competition, advertising, salesmanship and related problems.

The veteran is suspicious of organized labor. He resents being forced to join a union before he can hold a job. He is suspicious of organizations which would enlist his membership. He is suspicious of political controls.

In our opinion, it is not the veteran who needs readjustment. We see in him our salvation from state socialism. He will preserve little business in a free and independent state, once he gets settled to the task of shaking off bureaucratic shackles. Because of his suspicion of organization, we have hopes of escaping complete regimentation.

Our great hope is that the returning veteran will avoid the mistake of his father and his uncles, who, upon returning from the First World War, removed themselves from politics. We hope the veterans of this war, with their new world concept, will make of themselves a political force to save us from the confusion into which we have been swept.

Govt. Will Build Homes if Others Don't, Warning

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Setting an emergency goal of 5,000,000 new homes, President Truman served notice that the government will provide them if private enterprise cannot.

The chief executive gave a flying start to the career of his emergency housing expeditor, Wilson W. Wyatt, Jr., with a promise broadcast to the nation Thursday night that Wyatt has at his disposal "every agency of the government and every resource of the government."

Wyatt, former mayor of Louisville, Ky., was barely settled in new quarters at the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion when Mr. Truman made his first "fireside chat" report to the people.

In it, he named housing as the "most difficult problem" among the three major elements of the standard of living—food, clothing and shelter.

The new year will bring peak food production, Mr. Truman predicted, and satisfactory output of apparel, "but in housing the situation is different."

Emphasizing that 3,000,000 additional homes are "urgently needed—now," the President noted that the biggest pre-war year's construction produced fewer than a million dwellings.

War-time spirit needed. "It is clear, therefore," he added, "that this is an emergency problem which calls for an emergency method of solution. We must utilize the same imagination, the same determination that back in 1941 enabled us to raise our sights to overcome the Nazi and Japanese military might."

Private building organizations have estimated that the construction industry cannot provide more than 500,000 new homes this year, 700,000 in 1947, and 1,000,000 in 1948.

Mr. Truman said his 5,000,000 figure did not include replacement of millions of substandard dwellings in cities and on farms which ultimately will have to be replaced. Of housing expeditor Wyatt, he said:

"He will be empowered to use every agency of the government and every resource of the government to break the bottleneck and to produce the materials for housing."

Starvation Deaths In Europe Will Be Heavy, Prediction

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Parts of Europe, so poverty-stricken that millions are expected to starve to death this winter, will need a century to return to normal, a returned churchman said yesterday.

W. R. Beach, general secretary of the Southern European Division of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, reported Italian girls working three months for the price of the simplest pair of shoes, and Swiss saving wax paper for the fat they could melt from it.

Worst scene, Beach told interviewers here, are constant streams of refugees. "You see them everywhere from Holland to Italy, looking for relatives they have not seen for years."

"In July," he said, "I saw one great column of people stretching into Germany toward Baden. The column moved slowly a few miles a day across the countryside, and the people's nationality, sex, and age was almost indistinguishable in their wretched state."

Beach, who returned to the United States last month, credited UNRRA with "doing a splendid thing—making a name for this country that no other country has ever had over there."

He predicted France could recover within 10 to 15 years, but countries like Italy would need 100.

U. S. Judge

- HORIZONTAL: 1.8 Pictured, 2. Judge of U. S. group, 3. Court of Appeals, 13. Property recipient, 14. Ascended, 15. Speed contest, 16. Low tide, 17. Sand hill, 18. Consumed, 19. Lets in, 22. Fruit drink, 23. Cerium, 24. Railroad (ab.), 25. Editor (ab.), 27. Spanish article, 28. Protection, 30. Approaches, 32. Poem, 33. Every one, 34. Contents, 36. Pith helmet, 39. Either, 40. On time (ab.), 41. Bone, 42. North Carolina (ab.), 43. Cheer, 45. Dusk, 50. Tree, 51. Flat boat, 53. Accomplishes, 54. Group of three, 55. Puffed up, 57. Foreign, 59. Concise, 60. Muscle parts.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Substitutions: Roseburg—Gerretsen (2), Atterburg, Marsters (2), Pope, McCown (1), Nichols; University High—Mundie, Burks (2), L. Brown, Countryman, McInroe (7). Officials: Faubion and Dietz; scorekeeper, Ayotte; timekeepers, Bean and Harvie.

In a preliminary contest the Eugene sophomores defeated the Roseburg sophs 31 to 29.

Local News

Meeting is Postponed—An announcement has been made by the Fullerton P.T.A. officers that no meeting of the association will be held Monday evening, January 7, as previously planned. The next meeting date will be announced later.

Will Go to Honolulu—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dillard of Roseburg will take their daughter, Mrs. Robert Snoddy, nee Charlotte Dillard, to Eugene Tuesday, where she will take the train for San Francisco and sail thence a few days later for Hawaii to join her husband, Lt. J. G. Robert C. Snoddy, of the U. S. Navy.

Leave for San Francisco—Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Chambers of Roseburg left this morning for San Francisco to spend a week visiting relatives and enjoying a vacation. They were accompanied south by their son, Private Sheldon Chambers, who spent the holidays here and will report to Camp Ord, Calif., for further training in the Army.

Will Visit at Coast—Mrs. Maurice L. Hallmark and daughter, Maureen, and son, Joe, and Mrs. E. A. Pearson and daughter, Mary Lynn, and son, Don, of Roseburg, left Friday for the coast to spend the weekend visiting. The Hallmarks will visit the paternal grandparents of Maureen and Joe at Empire and Mrs. Pearson and children will visit her sisters, Mrs. Lonnie Clarke, and family, at Coquille.

P.T.A. to Meet—The Rose School P.T.A. will meet Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the school auditorium with Dr. E. J. Wainwright guest speaker on the subject, "Infantile Paralysis." Mrs. Mary Barrett will discuss the Kenney Method of treatment for polio and Mrs. D. W. Hilliard will give a talk on the March of Dimes, how the money is collected and what it does with it. A committee of fathers will serve refreshments, following a community sing.

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LETTERS to the Editor

Discusses Restitution For Payments Made By State to Old Age Folk

At a recent meeting of the county judges and commissioners in November, there was adopted a resolution which was to be submitted to the Oregon Tax Study Commission. This resolution covered a law whereby recipients of old age assistance payments and general assistance would be required either to make provision to repay the welfare commission through the children of the recipient, or deed their property over to the county with the understanding that if the property were sold, the net proceeds would be what was left after repayment to the welfare commission. This law was on the books several years ago but was repealed when enough pressure was brought to bear upon the legislature by the children of the welfare recipients. Existing children were obliged to their parents spending what they had for their own care and deeding their property to the county. This made it possible for the children to evade their responsibility to their parents and to have the aid honestly to fight about after their parents were dead. Apparently more and more it looks as though we were depending upon the State to care for us. What a pity it is the parents did not feel that way about the children and put them all in an orphanage at the State's expense. There are many cases where our old folks are being cared for by their children, and I heartily approve of the resolu-

tion directed at the Tax Study Commission for the return of the law which will make it compulsory for the recovery from property of recipients of old age assistance after the death of such recipients.

During the month of October the State of Oregon spent \$1,077,108.88 for assistance or service. This load is constantly increasing. Most of it fortunately comes from the liquor stores which relieves the load on property. Liquor could carry the load during the good times, but with the closing of the shipyards and so forth, and the moving away of many people who earned high pay and spent freely, the intake is going to drop; and unless new tax sources are found, this tax will go back on property again; your property tax in Roseburg has increased almost 50 per cent in two years.

So again I say, why shouldn't the children, provided they are able, be compelled to aid destitute parents instead of allowing the county to put up all the money for their support. More power to our county commissioners and county judges!

B. R. SHOEMAKER, M. D., Roseburg, Ore.

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Four Top Matmen Slated Tonight

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Jack Kiser, former coast champion, will have an opportunity to gain a title shot against Joe Lynam if the St. Johns grappler decides Tony Ross, the "Tololo Terror" who has just recently returned to the Northwest.

The other part of the double headline show will send Ernie Pluss, the Portland headlock artist, against Babe Smallinski, the 205-pound Polish villain, who will be making his initial local appearance.

Opening the show at 8:30 o'clock will be a three-round boxing bout, featuring local talent. Eaton Owen will referee all three matches.

Tickets purchased for last week's card will be honored this week, Matchmaker Owen announced.

Huskies Defeat Cougars, O. S. C. Conquers Vandals