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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday, and warmer tonight. Occasional light rain Wednesday.

In the Day's News

place of the American GI. He isn't a professional soldier. He is a CITIZEN soldier, removed from his status as a citizen and inducted into the Army to defend his country against its enemies.

But he remains a CITIZEN soldier at heart, and as such he is burned to the core by the restrictions and the regimentations of Army life.

So he puts up with the system, and relieves his feelings by griping—just as we do on the home front.

THE telling-the-editor column—carried by the Army newspapers under various headings such as "Mail Bag," "B Bag," etc.—has provided for the brotched-off GI an outlet for his pent-up discontent that has been simply invaluable.

Now comes this new and utterly senseless policy of censorship that takes from the GI what he regards as his traditional American right to air his peevish.

NOTHING is more understandable than the GI's desire to get home. So far as he can see, his job is done. It is up to him now to make his place in the world—to get going on his personal job of reconversion.

He hears vaguely about the responsibilities his country has been committed to, but he isn't told what these commitments are. It isn't surprising if in his frame of mind all this hazy talk of commitments appears to him to be a lot of bushwah.

It would be far better if instead of censoring his gripes out of print, thus compelling him to bottle them up in his system where they will be pretty sure to fester, the GI were told frankly and fully all about these commitments that prevent him from getting home and getting back to work.

There is a lot of room for more frankness in our governmental system.

The Victory Clothing Drive is coming along successfully. Its chairman, William D. Green, Jr., said this morning. All of the collection depots are receiving so many donations "we need a truck" to carry the clothes to the warehouse.

CAN YOU SPARE A DIME?

By Charles V. Stanton Depression years gave birth to many popular songs including one with the title, "Brother, Can You Spare A Dime?" That title could well be appropriated as the theme for the current March of Dimes, the annual benefit program for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The campaign opened nationally Jan. 14 and continues throughout the month. A strong organization has been set up in Douglas county, under the direction of Al Heninger, who has named division supervisors and chairmen for each community throughout the county.

Approximately 13,500 men, women and children in the United States were victims of infantile paralysis in 1945, making it the fourth worst poliomyelitis year on record. It is estimated that 50 per cent recovered completely; 25 to 30 per cent suffered minor residual paralysis; 15 to 20 per cent were permanently crippled, and 5 to 10 per cent died.

Infantile paralysis is one of the most expensive diseases known to medicine. Hospitalization for a single patient for one year usually costs more than \$2,500. During 1945, local chapters throughout the nation spent approximately \$5 million for care and treatment of patients.

One-half of all contributions made to the March of Dimes remain in the county from which they come, to be used exclusively for hospitalization, transportation, care and treatment of poliomyelitis patients, purchase of orthopedic appliances and other special equipment, payment of fees of doctors, nurses, physical therapists and other professional personnel.

The Douglas County chapter, for instance, paid expenses of a Roseburg patient who spent seven months in a hospital. He was furnished with braces and a wheel chair. Recently he was sent to Los Angeles for a series of further treatments. A patient at Reedsport received hospitalization; a physical therapist was sent from Roseburg at frequent intervals to aid in partial restoration of crippled limbs, and training was given neighbor women who could aid between trips of the therapist.

But fully as important as direct aid to patients is the program of research conducted through the National Foundation, which receives one-half of all contributions.

Scientists in 42 universities, medical schools and laboratories are working under grants from the Foundation, searching continuously for means of preventing and curing poliomyelitis and for improved methods of treatment and care. Altogether, 92 institutions have received grants and appropriations totalling more than \$8 million from the National Foundation since it was established in 1938.

Certainly, accomplishments of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and its subordinate chapters throughout the nation speak for themselves. No one can doubt but that money contributed to this cause is being most efficiently used for the benefit of humanity.

The campaign now is in progress in Douglas County. Your support and cooperation is urged. Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?

and Asia. Yesterday Green distributed posters that had been lettered in the art classes of the Senior and Junior High Schools, promoting the local drive. Goodwill letters to be attached to donations of old clothing were typed in the high school classes, he said. The sponsoring organization in the high school, for the Victory Clothing Drive, is the Hi-Y, and Alva Laws is the faculty co-ordinator, Green said.

Volunteers who desire to help in the collection of old clothes, to offer a truck, or to help in other ways, are asked to call Green at his office in the Douglas County State Bank Building, telephone 451.

Men's First Aid Class Scheduled by Red Cross

The American Red Cross will start a class in First Aid Wednesday evening, January 16, at 7 o'clock at the firemen's clubroom at the City Hall, according to an announcement made by the First Aid chairman, Mrs. J. M. Bartley.

This class, which is open to men only, will offer a full course of first aid and also act as a refresher course to those having previously taken first aid. There is room for a number of men in this new class and if the enrollment is too large, a second class will be organized to include women also. Men working in mills and logging industries are especially urged to take advantage of the first aid courses being offered and anyone desiring further information has been asked to call the chairman, Mrs. Bartley, at 185-L.

KRNR Mutual Broadcasting System 1490 Kilocycles. REMAINING HOURS TODAY: 4:00-Pullin Lewis, Jr. 4:15-Phlog Chemical 4:30-Rex Miller 4:45-National Circuit Co. 5:00-Erskine Johnson, Bathasweat 5:15-Character Clinic 5:30-Musical Clock, Modern Furniture 5:45-Superman, Kelling 6:00-Gabriel Heatter, Vander Co. 6:15-Tom Miv. Rabson Purina 6:30-Farha's Toothpaste 6:45-Musical Interlude 7:00-State and Local News 7:15-American Forum of the Air 7:30-Music You Remember

Black Market in Lumber Blamed On Price Ceilings

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—An industry protest that current price ceilings for lumber are causing black markets and diverting output from home construction was reported yesterday by the Civilian Production Administration.

The agency said also that John C. Collet, stabilization administrator, told a meeting of industry representatives that his office is considering proposals for price changes in some lumber regions.

The price complaints were made by industry advisory committees which OPA said had endorsed "in principle" the government's new program aimed at spring construction of homes to sell at \$10,000 or less.

Committee members, OPA said, reported that black market activity has risen to substantial proportions in the West coast area within the last 60 days and is believed to be taking between 70 and 80 per cent of production of some types of lumber in the southern area.

The agency added that the committees expressed a unanimous opinion that unless price adjustments are made for lumber and mill work production cannot be increased.

Industry representatives said that during the war the normal balance of prices in the industry had been altered by the government to make production of war-required items more attractive.

"This price unbalance continues," the committees said, "and operates now to the detriment of production of housing items."

LETTERS to the Editor

SEES CONGRESS MIRED IN SPOILS SYSTEM; ADVISES CLEAN SWEEP BY PEOPLE President Truman has been on the radio again, reporting to "we the people," and striving to pressure the Congress into the enactment of some new legislation; among other things to better the medical care of labor disputes, and to hasten peace time conversion. These legislative bills in question, long ago introduced, lie dead in committee, and all the power and influence of the President has failed to bring them before the House for a vote, or to stimulate the introduction of some similar legislation to accomplish the approximate purpose.

This is a very sad, shocking, deplorable, dangerous condition of affairs. Far more so than the average person may realize. The sad, serious, and dangerous part about it is not so much the fact that this particular legislation has been bottled up by the rules committee, which is thumbing its noses at the President, but it lies in the fact that this long outmoded political spoils system, under which our Congress functions, does vest the power in said committee to kill off any and all such legislation. In other words a very small group of politicians, seven, eight, nine or some such number, which may constitute the majority of one of these powerful committees, can and does decree the character and nature of the laws that they may believe are good for "we the people," and block the enactment of all others. Ours is by no means a government of the majority but domination by a minority.

Since membership on these all-powerful committees is inherited on a seniority basis, most of the said committee members have outlived the prime of their usefulness, long before they succeed to their committee membership. One thing certain, only hard, calculated politicians can survive re-elections to the Congress for a sufficient number of terms to inherit one of these memberships. An excellent example is the late Senator Hiram Johnson of California, who took such an active part in wrecking the League of Nations back in 1919, and who worked in opposition to almost everything progressive from that time on, and yet was repeatedly returned to office by his constituents until he died of old age about a year ago.

President Truman when a senator saw nothing particularly wrong with this spoils system; or if he did, any such utterances were given little or no publicity. As the chairman of a very powerful war contract investigating committee, he naturally felt that he was doing alright. But now, with the responsibility of the presidency to "we the people" upon his shoulders, he finds that this spoils system has him bottled up and rendered virtually helpless, and he don't like it and is so telling the public in a double talk sort of way.

It is the same old, old story. It solely depends upon the position one may occupy—the shoes one may be wearing, as to one's mental attitude toward each and every phase of life. The public has long suffered from corns and neuritis, accepting them in ignorance as the decree of God; whereas they have been the decree of our politicians.

Newly elected members to Congress don't like it either. Upon arriving at Washington to take

over their duties they find that they are just nobody, and that all their pre-election promises are but empty gestures. They may introduce bills galore, but that is all they do—introduce them. These all-powerful committees calmly pigeonhole these bills and that is the last ever heard of them.

After the newly elected has been in Washington for a time, he learns that by trading spoils, and not taking his office too seriously, that he can get along pretty well; and upon returning home for a visit he learns that his constituents never did expect very much from him anyway. The Comes election time and he puts out a list of new promises, wins the re-election, and on and on the cycle goes. As he builds up seniority, his spoils increase, and the more he becomes converted to the system.

About a year ago a movement was started under the able leadership of the late Francis Mahoney, senator from Connecticut, and Congressman Monroey from Oklahoma, that promised to go far in doing away with much of the long outmoded, and undemocratic customs of congressional conduct. It was given much publicity at the time, as being hopeful as the beginning of a new era, but Senator Mahoney passed away, and apparently all these good ideas died with him. The trouble is, that though a majority of the members of Congress may voice a loud publicity approval of modernizing their modus operandi, in actuality the majority continue to do secretly fight any such changes, which are certain to deprive them of many of their present day prerogatives, and much of their spoils.

When President Truman suggests to "we the people" that we need new blood in our Congress, he knows very well what he is talking about. We have a Congress that is so intricately bogged down in the mire of spoils, that it cannot function, and has long ceased to be any semblance of a representative of "we the people."

Electing a new member here and there will not—cannot accomplish a thing. Such procedure merely feeds and continues the old system. What we need is what we must have—a clean sweep, two elections in a row in the House, and three in the Senate. Only by cleaning house completely and electing new men who have no seniority to lose, can this spoils system of government under which we are enslaved be eliminated.

We have won a war, but we have yet to win Democracy and Peace. Unless we do go all the way and win Democracy and Peace for ourselves and the world at large, we shall only make mockery of the sacrifices of those whom we left behind on the battlefields of the world, and of those whose bodies we maimed.

What sayest and doest thou neighbor?

DAILY DEVOTIONAL DR. CHARLES A. EDWARDS

A missionary, taking up his work in a strange land, began at once to tell the listeners of Jesus. He told of the selfless love, infinite compassion and tenderness, and the healing power of the Christ. He was pleased to see the interest his words awakened. He noted the nods and smiles of his audience as he continued to tell of the Man who went about doing good. Finally, he asked how many had ever heard of this Man, and the response was eager and complete. Upon further inquiry, he found out they were thinking of a doctor who had lived among them at one time and had ministered to them in sickness and health. "Yes they said, 'we knew him well—that man.' It is a wonderful opportunity that is ours to live so that even the heathen and untaught may recognize the Christlikeness in our lives. This is what God requires of us, and this is what we should strive for. 'I would be like Thee gentle Lord and Master. That men, beholding me, may ever trace Thee in my face.' Thy image there, with something of the glory. Clear in my eyes and shining on my face.—Amen.

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ROLLO ELLIS, Lookingglass Route, Roseburg, Ore.

Temple No. 23 to Meet—Temple No. 23, Pythian Sisters will meet Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the K. of P. hall.

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Indians, at League Top, Tilt Tonight With Cottage Grove

District Six League Standings: Roseburg 2 0 1,000 81-45 Eugene 1 0 1,000 43-21 Junction City 1 0 667 43-21 Cottage Grove 1 2 333 69-108 Springfield 0 1 1,000 50-74 University HI 0 1 1,000 50-74 Roseburg's Indians are at the top of the district league standings. Tonight the Cottage Grove cagers, on the Roseburg court, will try to topple the local basketballers from their position of eminence. Coach Mel Ingram has told his boys to watch for four returning lettermen and a six-foot center on the Cottage Grove squad. Tonight's game is at 8 o'clock.

The Indians returned from North Bend with a victory tucked under their belts after a wild Saturday night scramble. Roseburg's winning streak also includes victories over both Junction City and University HI, in the District Six League, of which Ingram's men may easily make themselves the champions this year.

Cottage Grove is in fourth place, with one victory chalked up in league play and two losses. Eight more league games are scheduled for Roseburg. On Friday and Saturday of this week, the Indians travel first to Eugene for a tilt there, then to Springfield, in February. Eugene and Springfield will have return contests in the last two home games on the Roseburg schedule.

Mennonites Due at Veterans Hospital

A detachment of 25 men of the Mennonite faith is scheduled to arrive in Roseburg tonight to set up Civilian Public Service Camp No. 151, at the Roseburg Veterans Hospital, Colonel George M. Melvin, manager, states. The military detachment of 18 men, serving at the hospital for the past few months, is being transferred to Camp White, Medford. "The Mennonites, while classified as conscientious objectors, because of their centuries-old religious practice of non-resistance, stemming from defense against European feudal lords, have been of great service in hospitals throughout the war period," Col. Melvin said today.

A Mennonite group was assigned to the Roseburg hospital at Col. Melvin's request. The men will be used as orderlies and in other work about the facility. The detachment is headed by Director Carl Schultz.

Roseburg, Springfield Prep Boxers to Clash

Renewal of last year's boxing feud with Springfield was announced for Friday, Jan. 18, at 8 P. M. in a Smoker in the Junior High School auditorium. Last year, Roseburg and Springfield each won a meet that was decided on the home floor in the last bout of the evening. Friday's card will include 10 boxing bouts of three rounds each. There will be delay in the announcement of names of Roseburg contestants. Omer J. Monger, principal of Roseburg High School, said yesterday, until the list of Springfield contestants arrives here, and the boxers can be matched by weight.

This will be the second smoker this season. Last week some 36 promising young boxers and wrestlers fought close matches in the squared circle.

Business Name Changed Al Fiegel, who recently purchased the Dunham Transfer Company, reports that the business is to be operated in the future under the name of Fiegel Transfer and Storage Company. Trucks and other equipment are being repainted with the new firm name.

U. S. Senate Seat Sought LOS ANGELES, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Rep. Ellis E. Patterson, California Democrat and former lieutenant governor, announced last night he would be a candidate for the Senate post now held by Republican William R. Knowland.

Well, I Certainly Didn't Know That . . . That's a common remark on Tuesday evenings for radio listeners who tune in SNAPSHOTS at 8:30 P. M. SNAPSHOTS is a program of thumbnail sketches of one of your neighbors here in Douglas County. Where he came from, how his life has run . . . where he met his wife and a whole heap of inside information.

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