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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Occasional light rain to night and Saturday.

In the Day's News

"fine quality of sanity and straight thinking that isn't always so prevalent in the nation's capital."

THAT'S one reason why we need to bring more of our government back to the courthouse and the statehouse. Screwballs tend to SHOAL UP in national capitals.

Out in the country people WORK for a living because they have a sound working knowledge that wealth is produced ONLY by the application of labor to raw materials.

In the cities, where the big shots go to do their SPLURGE spending and their showing off, that isn't so clearly apparent.

WE newspaper people and our side-kicks, the radio tribe, have an unfortunate fondness for screwball doings, which LIVEN UP the news and make it more readable.

ALONG this general line, incidentally, an interesting development appears to be emerging from the news. Strikes and other disturbances seem to be more numerous and more costly in BIGGER UNITS OF INDUSTRY.

WIRED story, based on captured German records, shows up in the war criminal trials at Nuernberg.

According to these records, Hitler hatched a fantastic scheme to create a nation of 250,000,000 German-speaking people within the relatively short period of a century, and in furtherance of this madman project he not only started killing off everybody who didn't fit his pattern but issued orders to bring in half a million young females from the Russian Ukraine to serve as breeding stock for his new race of supermen.

That shows what can happen when screwballs in national capitals get TOO MUCH POWER.

THERE is a touch of jitters in the China news. "Responsible sources" (which, you will remember, is a device for quoting men who know what is going on without putting them on the hot spot) say that Russia has asked for new concessions in MANCHURIA, including widespread rights to commercial airfields and joint management of as much as HALF of Manchuria's heavy industry.

That, if true, indicates that Russia is demanding a big finger in the Chinese pie.

UNLESS we are intelligent enough to apply the HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE, news such as this will upset us and make us unduly SUSPICIOUS of Russia.

History tells us plainly that newly-emancipated peoples are filled with world-conquering vim. The ragged French, after the revolution that freed them from practical serfdom, surged all over Europe. The trend of their marching feet struck terror to EVERY THRONE.

After OUR revolution, we spread swiftly from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and by our Monroe Doctrine we staked out our claim to a sphere of influence including the entire Western Hemisphere. At the drop of a hat, we'd have FOUGHT ANYBODY

TIME TO GET BUSY

By Charles V. Stanton

Roseburg's housing bottleneck is receiving a great deal of discussion, but the solution apparently is as far away as ever. There is, however, an old saying that where there's a will there's a way and, perhaps, if we set our minds and determination to a cooperative effort we can uncover ways and means of eliminating the greatest barrier to speedy growth.

Temporary relief undoubtedly lies in public housing. Abandoned units are available. Federal funds can be procured to assist in relocation. But federal cooperation requires local participation in financing, which immediately raises the question of sources of revenue.

Under existing regulations, some municipal body, such as the city, county, school district, etc., must furnish a site, install streets, sewers, water mains, and electricity. This done, the government will then move in portable shelters to house veterans and their families. Installation of veteran housing would not solve the problem of accommodating non-veteran industrial and business personnel, but it would go far to relieve the extreme shortage.

We would suggest as a possible site for such installation the west half of the municipal airport. Other cities are setting aside unused portions of their airports for temporary housing and Roseburg could well do likewise. Ways and means of constructing roadways, sewers, drainage systems, etc., would necessarily need to be found before project development could be undertaken.

Some answer to the housing problem must be found very quickly if Roseburg is to secure maximum benefit from industrial and business development. Numerous industrial plants and business firms are contemplating locations in the Roseburg area. The Umpqua Plywood company is preparing to hold its formal opening early in March and will need homes for 200 or more workers and their families. A large sawmill, a furniture factory, a crossarm plant, a broom handle and dowel factory, a mill to cut two-by-fours, an oil company storage and distribution plant are among industries already committed to the Roseburg area. Others are contemplated.

An office supply and equipment business, clothing store, jewelry store, furniture store, sporting goods store, are some of the business enterprises already scheduled for installation this year. Each of these new businesses will need employes. Yet existing and long-established firms can't find residence facilities for new help. Dozens of persons are leaving the Roseburg area monthly, discouraged by efforts to find adequate housing.

These homeless job seekers are indeed entitled to sympathy. They probably will be forced to make many changes before they find what they need in the way of housing, for the shortage is not a problem in Roseburg alone; it is a national crisis. Roseburg, unfortunately, is one of those spots where the situation is a shade more acute than in some other localities, although we are not in the worst spot. Eugene, for instance, with its job of housing university students, particularly veterans and their families, in addition to population growth, has a more critical problem than confronts Roseburg. Eugene, however, is attacking its problem vigorously and has made good progress, while in Roseburg little has resulted beyond talk — some constructive, but mostly, profane.

Another condition arousing much adverse criticism is found in speculation on homes. Several speculators are buying and selling residences. In a few cases, occupancy of desirable homes is denied because of speculative practices. We cannot blame desperate homeseekers for becoming angry because of such conditions, yet we know of no law which could force owners to permit tenancy of buildings subject to sale.

The housing shortage offers a tough nut to crack. It is being attacked from both local and national angles. Here in Douglas county we are in the midst of a great business and industrial boom which is being throttled by the housing situation. We must approach our problem, not with a defeatist attitude, but in a spirit of determination that through cooperation and expert planning we will accomplish some measure of relief, small though it may be.

who tried to stop us. Our motto then was plainly: "The bigger they are, the harder they fall."

Neither we nor the French RUINED THE WORLD. Instead our systems of democratic government and rights of the individual BETTERED THE WORLD immensely.

If you will read your history thoughtfully, you will find in its pages much reason to hope that we shall be able to get along peacefully and profitably with a Russia that has only barely emerged from serfdom and is filled with the historic fervor of LIBERATED peoples.

We and the French calmed down greatly after our post-revolutionary upsurge of nationalism. It is probable that Russia will do likewise.

The Jokers Club at the University of British Columbia announced one of its members would gulp a goldfish if students made their quota in an International Students' fund drive.

The drive went over and Engineering Student Paul Clutter dipped his hand into a bowl, yanked out a wriggling fish and swallowed it.

U. S. Naval Air Unit

Table with columns for HORIZONTAL and VERTICAL, listing numbers and words like chariot, 56 Shouter, 1 Heaps, 2 Idolizes, etc.



Herbert Kobbeman Of Oakland Dies

Herbert Otto Kobbeman, 52, resident of Oakland for the past three years, died Wednesday at Good Samaritan hospital in Portland, following a short illness.

Born Oct. 25, 1893, in Lincoln, Kansas, he came to Oakland from Lincoln three years ago, and was engaged in mill work. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Grace E. Kobbeman; two sons, Dale L. Kobbeman, Sutherlin; Robert L. Kobbeman, Oakland; a daughter, Mrs. Virginia E. Stanley, Freeport, Ill., and a stepdaughter, Miss Edna A. Hornum, Oakland; his mother, Mrs. Caroline Kobbeman, Lincoln; three brothers and four sisters, Ray G. Kobbeman, Roseburg; Mrs. Rose Lyne, Arthur E. Kobbeman, Frank Kobbeman, Mrs. Althea Songer, and Mrs. Etta Rankin, Lincoln, Kan.; Miss Emily Kobbeman, Kansas City, Mo.

Services will be held in the Christian Church at Oakland at 2 P. M. Sunday, conducted by Dr. R. L. Dunn. Interment will follow in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Arrangements in charge of Stearns Mortuary, Oakland.

Plumbing-Supply Business Opened

Roseburg Plumbing and Supply Company is open for business on the Dixonville road, a half-mile from town. Owners of the business are Herb Martin and Claude Smith. They announced today that they have a good stock of supplies and a staff of three experienced plumbers.

Martin spent several years before the war in Pendleton, Klamath Falls and Walla Walla, as an automobile agent. Smith, a native of Astoria, has followed the plumbing line for 15 years. During the war, he served with the Navy and had charge of plumbing in several states.

Denial of Benefit To GI Over Strike Will be Appealed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—At least one veterans' organization promised an appeal to Congress yesterday from a decision denying GI unemployment benefits to a veteran thrown out of work by the General Motors strike.

The ruling by Veterans Administrator Omar N. Bradley upheld the Michigan Unemployment Commission. Asserting that the decision may affect "hundreds of thousands" of ex-servicemen, Omar B. Ketchum, national legislative representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, told a reporter: "We will introduce an amendment to the GI bill as soon as possible so veterans who do not vote for strikes, but are thrown out of work when strikes occur, may collect awards."

Veterans, Ketchum added, "are being made the goat of the strike situation."

The GI bill provides payments of \$20 a week for a maximum of 52 weeks for unemployed veterans, providing their unemployment is not due to a strike in which they participate or are "directly interested."

Oregon's Butter Output Declines; Cheese Upped

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—The state department of agriculture reported today that Oregon produced 10,445,000 pounds of butter in the first half of 1945, a drop of 20 per cent from the first half of 1944.

Canned evaporated milk as at a new high of 255,000,000 pounds.

Rynning Elected Head of Highway Assn. Division

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Paul B. Rynning, of Medford, engineer for Jackson County, Ore., was elected president of the county highway officials division of the American Road Builders Association at an association convention here yesterday. He succeeds Arthur F. Ranney of Akron, Ohio.

Says State Should Take Over Public Welfare Duty

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Marion County Judge Grant Murphy said today that the state should take over the county's part of the public welfare program, asserting that the counties now have no control over welfare funds.

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Food Service by Liquor Permit Holders Probed

PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The Oregon State Liquor Control Commission continued hearings today to determine how much food restaurants with liquor licenses are actually selling.

THE NEW Massey Harris self propelled seven-foot Combine has arrived in Roseburg and is on display at the ROSEBURG GRANGE SUPPLY, 222 SPRUCE STREET. Call in and see the latest in harvesting equipment. THE HOME OF FISHERS FEEDS ROSEBURG GRANGE SUPPLY

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DANCE At Community Hall CANYONVILLE Good Music —Admission \$1.50 Couple— Dancing from 9:00 to 1:00 Saturday, January 19

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