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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Light rain tonight and Thursday.

Weather forecast table with columns for Highest temp., Lowest temp., and Precipitation for Feb. 19, 20, 21, and 22.

In the Day's News

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tration's PAY-PRICE formula."

MEANWHILE— Senator Bankhead of Alabama, one of the Senate FARM leaders, says: "The administration's revised economic policy will increase tremendously the price of everything the farmer buys."

He adds (significantly): "It is inevitable that there will be ORGANIZED movement to protect the farmer from those burdens."

BANKHEAD is a Democrat. Senator Cordon of Oregon, a Republican, says along the same line:

"When any important price relationship is disturbed, a consequential effect is started that PYRAMIDS as it goes. When the price of steel is increased, the end price (meaning the price the consumer pays) goes up a great deal more."

"Translate that into the price of a binder and see if the farmer can pay for it at the present price of his products."

WHAT both Bankhead and Cordon mean is that the powerful farm bloc in Congress will now go into action to get ITS SHARE of the higher prices that will result from the new wage-price formula.

When it is ALL OVER (with prices and wages again stabilized) we shall find that we have merely moved up to a new and HIGHER level of wages and prices, with everybody (except a few unfortunates) getting MORE DOLLARS that will BUY LESS.

INFLATION? OF COURSE it's inflation. Nobody but a moron could contend otherwise.

FORTUNATELY, we in America have the greatest production plant in the history of the world—a plant practically unimpaird by the ravages of war.

IF we can get our immense POWER TO PRODUCE to functioning again (by breaking the deadlock that had developed in industry), IF we can maintain COMPETITION when the flow of goods reaches large proportions, we can HANDLE the inflation that already stares us in the face.

VOLUME production will reduce costs, and competition will bring prices down. So, if his "new" wage-price formula breaks the log jam and gets the flow of production STARTED it will get us out of the bad fix we had got ourselves into.

BUT— Nobody will be any better off than before. We'll simply find that we're handling more dollars that will BUY LESS.

The lesson of the whole flare-up is this:

Nothing is easier, in periods when the inflationary spiral is working, than to GET MORE MONEY. If you have power enough, more money can always be hatched out of somebody.

Getting more buying power, MORE THINGS, is quite another matter. That has to be done the hard way—by producing more things at lower unit cost.

THIS writer has a personal hunch that if President Truman had it all to do over (knowing what he knows now) he WOULDN'T disturb a wage-price line that had already been more or less stabilized.

A RAUCOUS SWAN SONG

Departure of Harold Ickes from Washington's administrative family may be interpreted as a step in reorganization of New Deal party lines preparatory to the next presidential election. The issue which brought about Ickes' resignation, in a burst of typical language, is secondary to the real purpose, for Washington observers long have been predicting Ickes' removal from the cabinet.

New Dealers are faced with a difficult task in preparing for the 1948 election. The party machine must be revamped, a candidate groomed, and political strategy and campaigns outlined.

The task is made more troublesome by the fact that during the 13 years of the Rooseveltian era, no man was allowed to stick his head above that of the crowd. The penalty was immediate political decapitation. Whenever one of the party followers became too ambitious or began gaining too much public attention, he promptly was relegated to some less prominent post or was banished from family circles. A good deal of promotional effort will be required in advancing a candidate to carry the party banner at the next election.

One reason for Ickes' unprecedented stay on the presidential cabinet was that he posed no threat to administrative longevity. He was content to be a good work horse, a hatchet man, the "Donald Duck" of the political faction, while, at the same time he carried on an honest and straightforward, even over-zealous, administration. As more ambitious members of the party were "purged," their various duties and responsibilities were transferred to supervision of the party's workhorse, the self-styled "old curmudgeon," Harold Ickes.

Ickes proved himself an able administrator, while in the political field he used his talents for vitriolic speech to hack at opponents with bitter-tongued sarcasm.

But Ickes is not a stable "party" man. He is, rather, a man of many parties. He was a Republican, a Bull Moose, a Democrat, and a New Dealer. He is getting along in years. His activities in recent times have been concerned with administration rather than devotion to party propagation. His contribution to prolongation of the New Deal is of less importance than that of men who can bring money, tainted though it may be, into the campaign war chest. Therefore, replacement of Ickes on the presidential cabinet was inevitable.

It is quite probable the New Deal will find Ickes' proneness for public vocalization of his opinions somewhat embarrassing under present circumstances. While other New Deal departments have been in the limelight for tricky double-dealing, Ickes' many posts have been particularly free from public criticism and reproach. Party leaders may find they made a great error when they involved Ickes' honesty. They touched the one thin spot in an otherwise tough hide and have aroused a lion whose roars may serve to drown out protestations of innocence.

Certainly the plan for party reorganization is not to be made any easier by the accompaniment Ickes has arranged for his "swan song."

But New Deal strategy always has been to bring unfavorable situations to a head in time that they may be forgotten by the public prior to an election. Ickes has served his usefulness in the field of party politics and his removal in favor of someone able to control more votes was imperative. It would probably have been more to the liking of party leaders had he been eased out with less fanfare. But experience has shown that people soon forget and the sensation of today is forgotten tomorrow. By the time the 1948 election rolls around, leaders hope to have the party machine rolling without a squeak or a rattle.

It remains to be seen whether Ickes will keep memory alive and thus provide the discordant note in the next campaign or whether New Deal strategy will again prove successful.

More Fire Equipment Needed

Attention should be given the matter of equipment for the newly created rural fire protection district formed by residents in the area immediately surrounding the City of Roseburg. Only one call has come from the district since its formation, that fire causing extensive damage to the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Micelli on the Melrose road. The experience gained in that one blaze demonstrates need for equipment especially designed to meet rural fire protection requirements. Residents within the area also should give thought to providing sources of water with which to combat a blaze. The Micelli home is located close to the river, and it was possible to drive a fire engine into the river to pump water on the blaze, although it took a wrecker two hours to get the engine back onto the road.

But water is not so readily obtainable in quantities in the neighborhood of other homes. A large goldfish pond adjacent to a farm home could be a thing of beauty as well as a safeguard against fire. In constructing a pool, it would be well to consult with fire department members who would gladly provide advice concerning size, location, accessibility, etc.

We will soon be in the midst of another fire season. It will take time to get equipment. Tentative plans for a fire engine have been discussed by fire district and city officials, but, to date, we are informed, there has been no definite decision. This is a matter, we believe, on which action should not be longer postponed.

Fast Growth Of Lions Clubs Cited By District Head

Youngest, but the fastest growing, among service organizations, was the way in which Glenn Gregg, district governor of the Lions, characterized the club at a special meeting last week of the Roseburg Lions. There are 5,100 active Lions clubs with a membership of more than 250,000 he said. Gregg said that District #61, of

Open House Dated At New Quarters Of Veterans Club

The Roseburg Veterans Club will hold open house Saturday afternoon and evening at its new quarters in the former Moose Hall, Jackson and Washington Streets. The club, sponsored by Patrick W. Kelley post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be open to all honorably discharged veterans. A moderate membership fee will be charged, with club facilities open only to members and their guests after regular operation has begun. The general public is invited to attend the open house Saturday from 12 noon to 8 P. M. Admittance after 8 o'clock will be by membership card only. Vic Rice and his band will play for dancing from 9 P. M. to 1 A. M.

The hall has been attractively remodeled, the dance floor being surrounded by booths furnished in chrome and leather; a crescent shaped orchestra platform occupies one corner, the entire room being indirectly lighted. A card and game room occupies a rear section of the club quarters.

The club will be under the management of Juet Taylor, and will be open each afternoon and evening, except during regular meetings of the American Legion, V. F. W., D. A. V. or other veterans organization.

The contract for remodeling was executed by the Todd Building Company. Electrical installations were contracted by Bob Spancake, Plumbing and fixtures by Coen Lumber Co.; painting by Larry Strode.

Hank Greenberg, Gimbel Heiress Wed in Georgia

BRUNSWICK, Ga., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Hank Greenberg, baseball's highest paid player, and Carol Glazier Gimbel, heiress to the department store millions, got married here last night—almost unnoticed.

City Ordinary Edwin C. Dart, who performed the ceremony, was unaware that Capt. Henry Greenberg was the famed Detroit outfielder or the bride was who she is—until inquiries from newspapers began pouring in.

Mrs. Greenberg is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gimbel. She obtained a divorce January 9 in Las Vegas, Nev., from former Lt. Commander Edward Lasker, son of Albert D. Lasker, chairman of the U. S. Shipping Board in the first World War.

Auto Theft Suspicion Jails Two Transients

Victor Sheldrick, 23, and Lynn Sheldrick, 23, both of Ferris, Calif., are in the county jail here after their arrest by state police while in possession of a car for

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which they could not prove ownership. Victor was sentenced to 30 days on each of two counts, no operator's license and no vehicle license, by Justice of the Peace Thomas C. Hartfield. Lynn was fined \$10 for carrying a concealed weapon. Both are to be held here. Hartfield said, pending information from California authorities about a recently stolen auto which answers the description of the Sheldrick occupied car.

Salem Rent Control Plan Will Be Put Up to OPA

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP)—The Salem city council voted last night to ask the OPA to make an investigation of rents here and to decide whether rent control is needed.

The council indicated it is reluctant to reestablish local rent control because of the doubtful legality of it. Local rent control expired last November 15, and some rents have skyrocketed since then.

The council also started action on an ordinance to place a city manager proposal on the primary election ballot. The voters defeated a city manager plan a few years ago.

Portland Woman Named "Citizen of the Month"

PORTLAND, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Mrs. Elsa Seaborg Jones, director of the Multnomah County Red Cross canteen, is Portland's first woman "citizen of the month." The honor, awarded monthly by the Americanization Council to an outstanding foreign-born citizen, has always before gone to a man.

Take Own Utensils to Germany, Wives Advised

FRANKFURT, Germany, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Wives and families of United States troops, who are planning to start housekeeping in Europe, should bring along their own pots, pans, tableware, their own electrical equipment and a year's supply of clothes, the Army advised yesterday.

Gas Kills Two in Cabin

HOQUIAM, Wash., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Bodies of Willard and Ward Meakin, Yuba City, Calif., ex-servicemen, were found in a four-ist cabin here Sunday. The

coroner's report said they suffocated from a partly open gas jet. They had rented the cabin Friday.

Western Price Upped on Kerosene, Heating Oils

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—An increase of three quarters of a cent a gallon goes into effect on the West Coast and in Hawaii today on kerosene and heating oils.

OPA said the increase would remain in effect through June 30. Its purpose is to encourage production of more of these fuels and less gasoline.

The Pacific area increase applies in Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California and Arizona.

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Anti-British Strike Set In Egypt's Leading Cities

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Student and labor union leaders today called for a general strike in the principal cities of Egypt tomorrow to demonstrate the nation's solidarity behind demands for evacuation of British forces from the entire Nile valley.

Strike leaders said they expected peaceful demonstrations at universities and schools and the closing of all shops and establishments.

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