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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon

Forecast for Roseburg and vic-
inity: Partly cloudy with occa-
sional showers tonight and Wed-
nesday.

Highest temp. for any April... 96
Lowest temp. for any April... 25
Highest temp. yesterday... 96
Lowest temp. yesterday... 25
Precipitation yesterday... .16
Precipitation from April 1... .16
Deficit from April 1, 1946... .16

In the Day's News

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DOES end, it will be with us AL-
WAYS.

ELIMINATING the subsidy pro-
gram is equally important if
this nation is to remain self-re-
liant and SOLVENT. Rome pro-
vided for us 20 centuries ago that
governments LOVE SUBSIDIES
—which simply amount to buying
mass and class votes with public
money.

BUT after all, in a period such as
this when demand fantastically
exceeds supply and money is
plentiful and more or less worth-
less, price control is a governor
that prevents the engine from
RACING WILD and destroying
itself.

We might as well put that in
our pipes and smoke it.

REPRESENTATIVE ELS-
WORTH sums it up for us
pretty accurately. He says in
Washington:

"OPA is a terrible failure, but
I believe congress should enact
a WELL OPERATED price con-
trol law as a guard against infla-
tion."

He adds:
"Active demand for things now
far exceeds their available sup-
ply. Under the circumstances,
price control protects the buyer
from unreasonably high prices,
PROFITTEERING prices, and at
least partially protects our econ-
omic system against inflation."

HE continues:
"If we prolong the OPA, we
run the risk of wrecking our econ-
omic systems, of causing short-
ages, hardships and ultimately
HUNGER. If we abolish OPA, we
face the equally definite possi-
bility of disastrous inflation. The
act will doubtless be amended
somewhat and extended for nine
months or a year."

He concludes grimly:
"The horror of the present sit-
uation is that there is not the
slightest hope of OPA righting it-
self and proceeding in a reason-
able manner to correct its mis-
takes. It has no time and appar-
ently NO DESIRE to correct
them. The President talks to the
wrong people who obviously are
keeping him sold on their infallibil-
ity."

REPRESENTATIVE ELS-
WORTH is a genuinely liberal
Republican member of congress
who at the same time is hard-
headed on economic matters. He
has no delusions about lifting
yourself by your bootstraps. He
knows it can't be done, and has
the courage to speak his mind. He
belongs to the "patriotic bloc" in
Washington—an admirable little
band of representatives and sena-
tors who aren't willing to sell
their country down the river in
order to be re-elected.

So his opinion of OPA is worth
something.

IN doing, here is a hint of the
OTHER kind of congressmen:
A Washington dispatch says:
"The house-military committee
flagrantly violated the Army today
with this pointless formula for
continuing the draft—extend the
law nine months but BAN IN-
DUCTION of anyone BECOM-
ING ELIGIBLE during that pe-
riod."

The dispatch adds that this
"novel proposal QUICKLY AT-
TRACTED FORMIDABLE SUP-
PORT."

HERE is about the only com-
ment that fits

COMMITTEE AT WORK

By CHARLES V. STANTON

A special committee, representing the Roseburg city council and Chamber of Commerce, appointed to inquire into the feasibility of change to a city manager form of municipal government, reported, following its first meeting, that it proposes a "thorough" and "exhaustive" exploration of the matter before submitting its recommendation. The committee further announced it would assume the privilege of not only recommending a change, should such action be found feasible, but that it would, in addition, recommend a particular form of government, which, in its opinion, would be best suited to the city's needs.

We commend the committee's determination that it will not be stampeded into hasty action by zealous and, perhaps, over-enthusiastic demand for a change. On the other hand, we would insist that the committee must not use its plan to conduct an exhaustive study as an alibi for procrastination.

We do not believe we should rush into some new form of government, simply to get a change. We want no "war marriage," from which divorce is the only way out. We prefer, rather, a "conventional courtship" of sufficient duration that we may be assured no mistake is being made.

We believe a thorough exploration of the subject to be most advisable. There is danger, however, that the committee may excuse unnecessary delay under the alibi of research.

If a city manager form of government is feasible for the city of Roseburg, then inefficiency is permitted to exist every day until such form of operation is adopted. If it should be determined that some change other than that of city manager is best suited to the city's needs, then, too, we are permitting inefficiency to delay progress. We are thoroughly convinced the committee will find it advisable to make at least some changes from our present outmoded charter and governmental forms, whether the outcome is city manager or something else. The fact that some type of revision is certain to result, obviously indicates that conditions could be improved by a more efficient form. So no delay in determining the most suitable and effective method should be tolerated.

Proponents of the city manager plan are urging a vote on a new charter at the November election. It is entirely possible that the committee will be able to set up its program in time to permit voters to pass upon the issue in November. We believe, however, that more time will be required and that the matter probably will be left to a special election at a later date. At all events, if our form of municipal government is to be changed, the decision and all preliminary arrangements should be disposed of prior to the formation of the 1947 budget.

The special committee proposes to divide into groups and to visit various cities in Oregon and California where city managers are employed. Groups also will make studies in cities where good government is obtained without city managers. It is entirely possible that from the proposed research the committee may come up with a unique plan, better than anything so far developed by municipalities.

We hope the board soon to start work on Roseburg's 1946 budget will arrange that the committee shall have ample funds with which to conduct its study. It should not be handicapped by any lack of money to finance trips, employment of legal counsel, or clerical assistance. The men who compose the committee can be trusted not to waste as much as a penny of public funds, and will, undoubtedly, spend somewhat liberally from their own pockets in pursuit of ideas.

We would urge the committee to pursue its task diligently. We realize that busy men are being asked to take considerable time from their private affairs, frequently at no little expense. But the members have been selected for individual talent and because they are vitally interested in the future welfare of the community. The contribution they will make, collectively and individually, to civic welfare will be reflected through many years to come. Such will be their only reward.

We would urge, too, that they give the people of Roseburg their confidence; that they keep the public informed on the progress of their studies. This is a "family" affair. We're all deeply interested. The committee can best obtain confidence and cooperation by keeping the public fully advised on its activities. At the same time, knowledge that the subject is being diligently pursued will serve to keep the over-zealous from becoming impatient and intolerant.

24-Hour-Old Kiss Germ-Laden, But Don't Be Alarmed

By ARTHUR L. EDSON

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(AP)—Science lovers peered at a 24-hour-old kiss Saturday.

It looked awful.

The day-old kiss was part of a science display at American University.

Some girl kissed a slab of agar agar, a gelatin-like substance, which provides a cheap thrill at best. Then the agar agar was put in an incubator where the germs in the kiss multiplied for 24 hours, which is no thrill at all.

As Margaret Long, a laboratory assistant, explained it after giving placidity at the toxic mess.

"Of course, callus subtilis are simply everywhere. And strep-tococci and staphylococci are the other common ones. People are very messy, really."

Mrs. Pat Lanzetta, another lab assistant, hastened to say American University isn't trying to discourage kissing.

"We just show them the facts," she told a reporter, "and let them draw their own conclusions."

Her own idea is that these conclusions and all those germs aren't likely to have any harmful effect on the kiss production business.

"It's spring, you know," pointed out Mrs. L., an attractive blonde.

The show also demonstrates that if you're getting bold, blame your dear old mother.

Mrs. Lanzetta said that the

tendency toward baldness is handed down through the women, even though it's the men who lose their hair.

"Funny, isn't it?" she asked.

Not to a bald man, dearie.

Reedsport C. of C. Schedules Annual Sea Food Dinner

REEDSPORT, Ore.—The Reedsport Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual sea food dinner meet-

ing in the Legion hall on the evening of Friday, April 26. It is hoped that Governor Snell will be the principal speaker. When he was here to attend the state forestry Port Orford tree planting exercise last month, and was a guest at the dinner held in honor of the Reedsport High School state champion basketball team, he assured the committee in charge of the annual dinner that he would be delighted to attend this year.

Invitations will be extended to the judge and commissioners of Oregon counties, to members of the State Game Commission and a number of other state and county officials, as well as to wild life sports clubs. The run of chinook salmon is just starting in the Umpqua, and it is expected that it will be at its best at the time of the dinner. Clam chowder, crab salad and other fish food will complete the menu.

The tide-producing power of the moon upon the earth's oceans is more than twice that of the sun.

Roseburg Group to Attend State Meet Of Job's Daughters

The Grand Council of Oregon, Order of Job's Daughters will be held in Eugene, April 11-12-13, opening with a banquet and reception honoring the grand officers at the Masonic Temple.

The Friday morning session will be held at the temple and the evening session will be the ex-emplification of ritualistic work, at which time Roseburg Job's Daughters will present a drill honoring the Grand Guardian of Oregon, Mrs. E. A. (Bernice) Britton, of Eugene, formerly guardian of the Roseburg Bethel.

Alice Harvie, Honored Queen of Roseburg Bethel, will act as Grand Queen of the session and all Honored Queens of Bethels in Oregon will be in attendance. A Daughters banquet will be held at the Eugene Hotel Saturday noon, and that evening installation of new officers will take place.

Twenty girls from the Roseburg Bethel have registered to attend. Others planning to attend include Mrs. A. J. Young, past guardian of Roseburg Bethel and past Grand Guardian of Oregon; R. B. Hampton, grand inner guard, and Mrs. Hampton; Mrs. Earl Plummer, guardian of Roseburg Bethel, and Mrs. G. W. May, worthy matron of Roseburg Chapter of Eastern Star.

Summer Use of School Rest Rooms Sought

Use of public school rest rooms during summer months is being sought by the Roseburg Recreation, according to H. W. Gray, supervisor of the recreation program.

Gray said he hoped that rest rooms in the Rose Fullerton, and Benson schools would be open to children using the playgrounds. This is a practice, he said, followed by Eugene, Grants Pass and Salem schools, where rest rooms are open between June 1 and September 1 to youngsters using the school playgrounds. Responsibility of maintenance would be assumed by the recreation program.

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Government Sets Prices in Turkey Support Program

Aid for turkey producers during the present food emergency is announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the form of a price support purchase program. The program will be put into operation in the event that heavier-than-normal seasonal disposal of turkey breeding stock this spring results from efforts now being made to conserve grain for human consumption abroad.

In any area where price support operations prove necessary, support will be provided growers at 50 per cent of parity. This will mean a U. S. average farm price of 20.3 cents a pound for live turkeys, based on a national average price for breeder hens. Breeder hens which will predominate in marketing this spring, normally sell as market birds below the price of young stock.

The USDA will buy turkeys, largely breeder hens, in carload lots, from those dealers, processors and cooperative associations who certify that they have purchased live turkeys from producers at prices reflecting support. Prices paid by the USDA will vary according to four zones in which purchases are made, and according to weight, grade and class. All department purchases of dressed turkeys will be subject to federal inspection.

Coast Prices Listed

Prices for California, Oregon and Washington are all 1 cent higher than in other states, that is: producer support prices of 21 cents a pound for hens and 20 cents for toms; department buying prices—29 cents a pound for Grade A hens, New York dressed, and 28 cents a pound for toms.

Disposal of dressed turkeys purchased by the department for price support will be made through: (1) sales through commercial trade channels; (2) sales for export; (3) sales to other government agencies; (4) transfers for use under the school lunch program or for distribution to federal, state, or municipal institutions; or (5) conversion to canned form for disposition to these outlets.

USDA officials stated that in view of the tight freezer storage situation and the fact that current stocks of poultry in freezers are the heaviest on record, a large portion of purchases made by the department under this program will probably be for canning. In such form, it will be possible to hold the turkeys for longer periods and to handle, ship and distribute the canned product where facilities to handle frozen poultry are lacking.

Cub Scouts Present Skits at Sutherlin

SUTHERLIN—First of the regular monthly meetings of the Sutherlin cub scout pack was held last week, in the basement of the Methodist church. Harold Hatcher, cub master, was in charge of the meeting. The den chiefs presented the skits, followed by all saluting and singing the "Star Spangled Banner." Cubs from the five dens came dressed as Indians, and each of the dens gave a skit related to the theme of the month, which was "Indians" in March.

Following the skits, Mr. Hatcher presented the registered cubs with their 1946 membership cards and those who had passed their bobcat rank their badges. The meeting then adjourned, and Mr. Keaton took the cubs into another part of the room and entertained them while Howard Wahl presided over a special business.

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