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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Highest temp. for any May... 102, Lowest temp. for any May... 30, Highest temp. yesterday... 73, Lowest temp. last night... 45, Precipitation yesterday... 0, Precipitation from May 1... 1.08, Deficit from May 1, 1946... 1.03, Excess from Sept. 1, 1945... 3.95

In the Day's News

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It is a waddling caricature. The "drill" of the pelicans is a striking sight—as all who are familiar with the huge birds know. In alignment and maneuver, a squadron of pelicans can give pointers to many a crack air squadron.

Several years ago, this writer was headed north on Highway 97. Glancing upward, he saw the flash of white wings in the wide blue yonder. One moment they were clearly visible against the sky. An instant later, they would disappear. Then they would reappear—always in perfect formation. They were high up in the sky, and when they banked toward the sun its rays would catch their wings. When they banked away from the sun, they became invisible.

Always when they flashed into view, their lines were accurately dressed. It was a thrilling display.

ANOTHER interesting sight is pelicans fishing on a riffle. They were methodical about it. In fishing a riffle, as in their "drill" in the summer skies, they make as careful use of formation as a disciplined military unit under command. They will throw a first rank across the shallow water, each bird taking interval, and then behind the first rank a second rank will form, each bird carefully staggering the intervals of the rank in front of him. It takes a quick and agile fish to get through the line alive.

When we who have seen it tell this tale abroad, we get almost invariably the hollow laugh that greets a whopper when told by a stranger whom you don't actually want to call a liar.

PELICANS are tremendous fishermen. The amount of fish they are SAID to consume in a day, when multiplied by the number of pelicans supposed to be fishing each day during the summer season, runs into a tonnage that this writer hesitates to quote, even among friends. Fortunately, their diet seems to run extensively to the more sluggish fish and less to the active and beautiful trout which the human fisherman seeks, with characteristic human arrogance, to appropriate for himself.

CROSSING the Williamson today, two of the huge birds slanted gracefully down to a landing on the water. They look strangely like Clipper planes coming in. They touch the water, bounce the merest trifle, then coast to a stop, throwing spray on both sides and leaving a distinct wake behind them.

One almost expects them to open up their doors and begin to unload passengers and freight.

Rust Control Work on O. & C. Timber Planned

PORTLAND, May 15.—(AP)—Blister rust control work in southern Oregon will be carried on by 300 men and boys this summer, Chief Forester W. H. Horning of the Oregon and California Lands Administration reported.

He said a 100-man camp will be located 30 miles east of Ashland and two 50-man camps in the Sixty-two 25-mile northwest of Grants Pass.

Right Boat

BRAINERD, Minn., May 16.—(AP)—The opening of the fishing season found George Fisher, Brainerd newspaperman and fishing enthusiast, unable to find a rod and reel to complete his tackle. Then he inserted a "blind" classified advertisement in a newspaper.

The first answer which brought him the equipment was a surprise. It was from S. G. Fitzpatrick, Fisher's roommate.

TIME IS THE ESSENCE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The Roseburg city council is facing a tough problem in connection with river bank erosion at the site of the city's sewage disposal plant. It is entirely possible that if some corrective action is not taken before next fall, an excessively high freshet could cause irreparable damage to the disposal facilities.

On several occasions we have been asked the question, "what could a city manager do that could not be done, or is not being done, by the city council?"

Our answer has been that a city council could, and perhaps would, IN TIME, do anything that a city manager could or would do, but that the matter of TIME is the factor which indicates the need for a city manager form of government.

The current issue regarding protection of the sewage disposal plant is an excellent example. The city council has been aware of the danger to the sewage disposal plant for more than a year. It was warned many months ago that erosion on the Lewis property, north of Deer Creek, was taking place, changing the current of the South Umpqua river to bear directly upon the bench upon which the sewage disposal plant is located.

The Lewis tract was offered to the city if it would agree to accept it for park purposes and the proposal then was made that the city accept the land and build a retaining wall. But the council postponed action, and before the matter could be taken off the table and a decision reached, Mr. Lewis had died, thus canceling out his offer of a gift of the property, which now is held by the heirs. It is possible, of course, the heirs, if approached, might consent to a free right-of-way for a revetment, or, on the other hand, if it should be determined that a protective wall on the north side of Deer Creek is the best remedy, right-of-way might prove costly.

Something should be done immediately to determine the best method of protection. It is, of course, entirely possible we will have no floods next winter and the plant would, therefore, suffer no damage. But it is tempting fate too far, we believe, to leave such an installation unprotected. So far, the council has obtained no definite information regarding the type or cost of improvements. Tentative estimates of various proposed installations range from \$3,000 to \$75,000. No expert engineers, men qualified by experience with flood erosion, have, to our knowledge, been called in to advise the council.

If any large sum is to be required, a special bond election will be necessitated. It would take considerable time to advertise an election and, at the present rate of progress, it will take too long to reach a decision to accomplish any beneficial construction prior to the flood season. Any such work must be undertaken in July or August, the period of low water.

We do not profess to know anything about engineering, but we believe, if something more practical cannot be accomplished before the next flood season, the city could, at a cost of a few hundred dollars, build two or three upstream rock-filled wing dams which would divert the force of the current away from the sewage disposal plant site, thus providing temporary protection. It is possible that the river, then would build up the east bank behind the wing dams and thus repair erosion damage caused to date.

Had the city employed a manager earlier, this issue very probably would have been settled by this time. Failure is not through any lack of concern on the part of the council but is due, rather, to lack of some one qualified individual to gather all the technical data, direct the study into ways and means, and furnish the council with information upon which to base a decision. Because the city has no one to whom these matters can be referred, valuable time has been lost and is being lost, and, in the meantime, an essential and valuable installation is endangered.

Roseburg Branch Of U. S. Natl. Bank Will Be Enlarged

Substantial improvements to the present quarters of the Roseburg branch of the United States National Bank will be made soon, according to a statement just issued by E. C. Sammons, president of the institution. Work will start just as soon as materials are available.

Contemplated improvements, Sammons explained, include the addition of a space measuring 29 x 110 feet now owned by the bank. The result will be a thoroughly modern plant. The cornice will be finished in terra cotta to correspond with that of the present building and the new space thus provided will be used for additional paying and receiving windows, as well as for enlarging the present bookkeeping and interior departments.

In making his announcement, Sammons commented upon the rapid growth of Roseburg as a trading center and particularly upon the increasing importance of this area as a center for lumber and timber development. He mentioned, also, the fact that deposits of the Roseburg branch had increased 50 per cent since the consolidation of the old Douglas National Bank with the United States National in 1943.

"These improvements," commented J. H. Booth, vice president of the United States National Bank and manager of the Roseburg branch, "will greatly strengthen our ability to serve this growing community in an up-to-date manner. Our bank, when the present building program is completed, will be one of the best appointed in the state. It is gratifying to realize that we shall be in an even better position to render a complete banking service."

LOCAL NEWS

Welfare Shop to Be Open—The Catholic ladies welfare shop, located in the basement of the parish house on East Oak Street, will be open all-day Saturday.

Undergoes Tonsilectomy—E. H. Starr of Oakland underwent a tonsilectomy Wednesday in the offices of Dr. A. C. and Dr. Hall Seely.

Grange Meeting to Be Held—Riversdale Grange will meet at 8:15 o'clock Friday evening at the hall. The men grange members will have charge of serving the refreshments.

P. E. O. to Meet Friday—Chapter 81 of the P. E. O. Sisterhood will meet Friday, May 17, at a 1:15 o'clock dessert-luncheon at the home of Mrs. K. D. Lytle, 926 Chapman Street, Laurelwood.

Here From Eugene—John Gallagher, assistant manager of Prudential Life Insurance Company, Eugene, spent yesterday and today in Roseburg attending to business with the local agent, H. C. Berg.

Sacramento Visitors Here—Mrs. Roland Zeissler and three children, Roland, Nancy Bell and Jimmie, have arrived from Sacramento, Calif., to spend a month visiting Mrs. Zeissler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Hiney.

Wyoming Visitors Arrive—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Polrot of Douglas, Wyoming, have arrived in Roseburg to spend two weeks visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Polrot, and family.

Return To Portland—Miss Margie Stephens has returned to her work as secretary to the manager of Burkin Company, Portland, following a short stay in Roseburg visiting her mother, Mrs. John Zimrick, in Laurelwood.

Son Is Born—A son, Richard Eric, weighing seven pounds, seven ounces, was born Saturday, May 11, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene to Mr. and Mrs. Eric K. Purkerson of Roseburg. Mr. Purkerson operates Corky's Electrical Appliance Shop on South Jackson Street.

Picnic to Be Held—The Edenhower School will hold a picnic and skating party at noon Friday at the Winchester rink. Those attending are asked to bring their picnic lunch and their own table service. Parents and friends are asked to furnish transportation.

Mrs. McQueen Leaves—Mrs. Emma McQueen has left for her home in Portland, following a visit in Roseburg with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Polrot.

Auxiliary to Meet—Patrick W. Kelley Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the Eagles hall.

Officers to Be Elected—The annual meeting of the Civil Bend Cemetery Association will be held May 21 at 2 P. M. at the grounds, at which time officers will be elected for the coming year and other matters of business will be transacted.

Visits Here—F. L. Crittenden, manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company office in Astoria and formerly manager of the Roseburg office, spent Tuesday in Roseburg attending to business and visiting friends here.

Bishop Manning Urges All-Christian Reunion

NEW YORK, May 16.—(AP)—The Rt. Rev. William T. Manning, Episcopal bishop of New York, has called for the "reunion of all Christians, both Catholic and Protestant, in the one great church of God."

"This day in which we are living calls the Christian church all over the world to a new awakening," he said in a speech at the 163rd convention of the diocese of New York. "But in this great day of need and opportunity the Christian church stands with its witness weakened and its message confused and obscured by its own differences and divisions."

"More than ever today, when the whole world is one, we must think of Christian unity in its true world-wide meaning. Christian reunion means the reunion of all of us, all who are baptized into Christ and can accept Him as God and Saviour. Chris-

tian reunion means the reunion of all Christians both Catholic and Protestant, in the one great church of God."

Berry Picker's Pay Set—FOREST GROVE, Ore., May 16.—(AP)—Washington County berry growers have approved a half cent increase for berry pickers during

the strawberry season. The wage paid will be 4 1/2 cents per hallow plus the customary half cent bonus for pickers who remain through the season. The increase was voted after Gresham Berry Pickers Association took similar action.

Rhubarb and strawberries make a delicious combination.

PLAN YOUR Sunday Dinners AT CLUB 99 Featuring: Chicken and Steaks 3 1/2 miles north on Highway 99

Whoa, there... Have a Coke ... fun and friendliness make the day It's a whirl—and a merry one—with the whole crowd out to make the most of it. Of course, Coca-Cola is there too... just as it should be, when fun and friendliness are the order of the day. Have a Coke are the words that keep a good time going smoothly. There's nothing like the friendly pause with Coke to add to the fun. BOTTLED UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE COCA-COLA COMPANY BY COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY OF ROSEBURG

SAVE Everyday AT RED & WHITE GEM BROOMS 99c DEVILED MEAT, Red & White, 3 1/2 oz. can 5c VANILLA, Pure, Red & White, 2 oz. bottle 33c MATCHES, Plasafe, 40 cu. inch, Carton of 6 23c MUSTARD, Red & White Prepared, 9 oz. Jar 9c HEMO, The Health Drink, Pound Jar 59c RAISINS, Fancy Seedless, 4 lb. Pkg. 49c WHEATIES, Regular Package, 2 for 23c LUX TOILET SOAP 3 BARS 21c DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN THAT WASTE FAT

KRRR Mutual Broadcasting System 1490 Kilocycles.

REMAINING HOURS TODAY

- 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Webb Products Co.
4:15—Rex Miller, Nabisco.
4:30—Erskine Johnson.
4:45—F.H. Froles, Standard Oil of N. J.
5:00—Musical Clock, Modern Furniture.
5:15—Superman, Kellogg's.
5:30—Captain Midnight, Wander Co.
5:45—Tommy Hanson, Purina.
6:00—Gretchen Heater, Forhan's Toothpaste.
6:15—Musical Interlude.
6:25—State and Local News, Roseburg Motor Co.
6:30—Treasure Hour of Song, Conti Products.
7:00—Florida Show, Umpqua Florists.
7:15—Mable Von Remmber, Douglas Supply.
7:30—Junior Chamber of Commerce.
7:45—Duke Ellington's Orchestra.
8:00—Playhouse of Favorites, Forester Jewelry.
8:30—Bogus's Gallery, Fitch Co.
8:45—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—James Crowley, Wildroot.
9:30—Bob Crosby's Orchestra.
9:45—King Cole Trio.
10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Hansen Tires.
10:15—Nocturne.
10:30—Ten-Thirty Club, Lawson's Jewelry.
11:00—Sign Off.

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1946

- 6:00—Dawn Busters.
6:30—Yawn Patrol.
6:55—Schriker Auction.
7:00—Frank Hemmings, J. A. Folger Company.
7:15—Rise and Shine, Sterling Drug.
7:30—State and Local News, Boring Optical.
7:35—Tudr Furniture.
7:40—Everybody in Wax.
8:00—Dr. Louis Talbot, Los Angeles.
8:30—Take It Easy Time, Van Camp and Stokely.
8:45—Victor R. Lindfah, Healthaide.
9:00—Lyle Van and the News, Kroyl.
9:15—Morning Melodies.
9:30—State and Local News, Jose and Lowell.
9:45—Shogren's Guide, Hartha and Marshall.
9:55—Musical Interlude.
10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
10:15—Soule News.
10:30—Queen for a Day, Miles Lab. and P. and G.
11:00—Swap Shop, Kampfer's.
11:15—Show Boat, Theaters.
11:20—House of Melody, Copco.
11:45—Easy Listening.
12:00—Musical Interlude.
12:05—U. S. Record of Sports, U. S. Tire Store.
12:15—Musical Interlude.
12:30—Shogren's Guide, Associated Distributors.
12:35—Shogren at Handgun.
12:45—State and Local News, Hansen Motors.
12:45—National News, Douglas County State Bank.
12:55—Terminal Market Reports, Siglett.
1:00—Man on the Street, Henningsers.
1:15—Johnson Family.

- 1:30—Mail Order Melodies, Montgomery Ward.
2:00—Zeeke Hanners, Sterling Drug.
2:15—John J. Anthony, Carter Products.
2:30—Familiar Harmonies.
2:45—Western Serenade.
3:00—Jan Savitt's Orchestra.
3:15—Wheel of Fortune.
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
4:15—Rex Miller, Nat'l Biscuit Co.
4:30—Erskine Johnson, Purina.
4:45—Good News Program, Assembly of God.
5:00—Musical Clock, Modern Furniture.
5:15—Superman, Kellogg's.
5:30—Capt. Midnight, Wander Co.
5:45—Tommy Hanson, Purina.
6:00—Gretchen Heater, Kroyl.
6:15—Musical Interlude.
6:25—State and Local News, Roseburg Motor Co.
6:30—Spotlight Hands, Coca Cola.
7:00—Song Recital by Annalris Ward.
7:15—Byrdton Round-Up, Lockwood Motors.
7:30—The Cisco Kid.
8:00—Melody Tours, Studebaker.
8:30—World Food Crisis, talk by Herbert Hoover.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Rex Miller, S. and W. Fine Foods.
9:30—H. Neighbor, Carsten's Furniture.
9:45—Henry J. Taylor, General Motors.
10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Roseburg Pharmacy.
10:15—Nocturne.
10:30—Ten-Thirty Club, Lawson's Jewelry.
11:00—Everybody in Wax, Everette.
11:15—Edna Oliver's Orchestra.
11:30—Sign off.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh The Truth About That Explosion For weeks Homer Bentley has tried to prove that big stump in his hayfield... with team and tractor. Finally he succeeds—breaks a score of windows round about, and frightens the neighbors half to death! "All I used," apologizes Homer, "was a couple of small sticks of dynamite, like you should." "That was no two small sticks of dynamite," Judge Cunningham says severely—and it finally comes out that Homer got so cussed mad at that everlasting stump, he'd plant-

ed a charge of TNT beneath its roots. Reminds you of all the excuses human beings use to cover up bad judgment. Like the "two-beer alibi." When somebody gets into trouble, and blames it on "a couple of beers," you can be mighty sure they are covering up the truth. From where I sit, a moderate beverage like beer is a better way of keeping out of trouble than getting into it.

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