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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office, Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday.

In the Day's News

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It is hard to believe at the moment, but there was a time—not so long ago—when six bumper crops in a row in this country would have been generally regarded as a CALAMITY.

SURPLUSES would have been piled up—and we then looked upon surpluses as akin to smallpox, bill collectors and mass visits by your in-laws.

It is less than a decade and a half since, in a frenzied effort to GET RID of surpluses, we were killing little pigs before they grew into big ones, plowing under cotton and paying farmers for growing less.

Now— Well, now a surplus of anything looks like manna from heaven.

LET'S not fool ourselves—there will be surpluses AGAIN. Not this year, or maybe even next. But SOONER OR LATER.

That is inevitable. But the scarcities of the war years, and of this war-aftermath year, have taught us something about surpluses. We have learned, for one thing, that surpluses are USEFUL. Without surpluses, we would be living always on the ragged edge, never knowing today whether we will have enough tomorrow.

THIS much, at least, we HAVE LEARNED:

As between surpluses and shortages, it is better to have a surplus. So far as the good things of life are concerned, it is far better to have too much than too little.

We know that NOW. But we'll probably forget it quickly enough. Unless human nature has changed radically (and it HASN'T) it won't be too long before demagogues will be yowling again about surpluses and yammering that there ought to be a law forbidding them.

HERE is something to think about:

IF LEFT ALONE, and unhampered, the law of supply and demand, plus FREE enterprise, would handle the problem of surpluses.

Here is the way it would work: In times of surplus production, prices would go down. With prices down, people would consume more. With people consuming more—AND, because of the less attractive price, producers producing somewhat less—the surplus would disappear and with supply less and demand augmented by the increased consumption prices would rise and in response to the more attractive price production would increase.

And so on, world without end, with the scales rising and falling but kept in an AVERAGE state of balance.

THAT is the THEORY of the free enterprise system.

The trouble is that the theory isn't left free to work. Free enterprise isn't really free. It is hampered by too many selfish laws that somebody has got through congress, or the state legislature, or the city council, in an effort to GIVE HIM THE EDGE and stick a knife in his competitors. That process has been going on for a long time, and is STILL going on.

That is to say, we have TOO MUCH law already—of the wrong kind. If given half a chance, free enterprise would work. If given a WHOLE chance—that is, if protected by INTELLIGENT law—it would work admirably.

UNLISTED CASUALTIES

By CHARLES V. STANTON

One of the unlisted war casualties is the lack of courtesy and efficiency in public service.

During the war period, discourtesy and neglect on the part of retail clerks, waitresses, etc., became a stock joke. Much improvement, however, has been made in these fields since end of the war and easing of the acute labor shortage, together with the return from military service of experienced sales people.

There was a time when our postal service prided itself upon its delivery of the mails. Letters reached their destinations even though the persons to whom they might be addressed had to be traced from place to place. The post office took pride in translating trick addresses.

But, today, even with zone addresses on mail into cities, letters come back to the sender if there is the slightest error in address. Mails frequently are delayed beyond reasonable time limits.

We get very impatient with our telephone service. We take down the receiver and wait for what seems to be hours before the operator responds. In the "good old days" we could call up a friend in Portland, San Francisco or New York, and expect to have him on the line in a matter of moments. The telephone company boasted it would find a person any time, any place, for a long distance call.

Now there is a regulation against even transferring a long distance call from one telephone to another.

We cuss out the power company because voltage is low and power goes off too frequently, forcing us to re-set our electric clocks.

Our water company comes in for abuse because of inadequate mains and poor pressure.

But there is another side to the picture. The volume of mail has increased tremendously, while, at the same time, it has been difficult to obtain manpower in a service where the rate of pay is notoriously low. Understaffed and underpaid, the postal department does not have time to fool around with missives posted by pranksters, nor those carelessly addressed. On the other hand, civil service has not added to the department's esprit de corps.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has just issued a bulletin pointing out that increase in long distance calls since V-J day exceeds 36 per cent. Bill McEachern, manager of the Roseburg exchange, tells us that Roseburg is far above the national average, with an increase of 42 per cent in May, 1946, over May 1945, and that the rate would be still higher if he had the switchboard space to handle calls.

Telephone facilities in Roseburg have been expanded until every available circuit on existing switchboards is in use. No more telephones can be connected until the exchange can be remodeled and more switchboards provided, and there is no telling when equipment, ordered many months ago, will be available. It is little wonder, then, that we sometimes must wait a few moments for either a local or long distance call to be put through. For instance, if you place a call to Portland, you are asking service on a switchboard built to handle 31,500 calls per day, but where, last May, calls averaged 32,789 per day, and frequently surpassed 37,000.

"Doc" Wells, Copco manager, tells us that water mains ordered more than three years ago still haven't been delivered; that back orders have failed to get results in spite of pleas citing the rapid growth of the Roseburg area and the need for water pipe for both industrial and domestic use. Pipe simply is not to be had in sufficient quantity.

Electricity is being furnished over equipment which would have been tossed on the junk pile long ago had replacements been available. Transformers are simply impossible to obtain and some "pots" are so heavily overloaded they occasionally melt their insulation. During the last few months pieces of equipment which rate as museum exhibits have been brought back into service to provide some measure of relief.

So it's a long story, mates, and it isn't all one-sided.

There is no reason why we shouldn't have courtesy in public service, but, as for lack of efficiency, services and utilities are not altogether to blame.

LETTERS to the Editor

Refutes Charge of 'Raiding' Hurlled at Union of Trainmen

Referring to editorial of June 14, 1946, under heading Labor and the Press, no name mentioned as writer: Space forbids individual comment on other than the remarks which concern the membership of an organization, of which I have been actively and happily associated with for more than 36 continuous years, the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. The remark in question: "That the railroad strike involved an attempt by two major unions to raid smaller unions." Presuming the word "raid" to mean a membership drive, I wish to say, so far as I know, there is no truth in any such remark as far as the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen is concerned. There has never been, nor is there now, any "raid" or "drive" in the gaining of new members. The carriers hire whom they wish in any line of endeavor, and when those in train or yard service come under the protective features of a brotherhood contract, then and only then, is any effort made to encourage membership in the organization, the membership of which holds and supports such contract on the property. No coercion or intimidation is allowed or used to gain new members. The majority of the membership of the brotherhood do believe that any man coming under the protection of a contract as to wages and working conditions should belong to

and subscribe to the organization holding it. However, such a membership is not mandatory, as any man can withdraw from brotherhood protection at any time he wishes.

Since President Whitney has been rather maligned as an "irresponsible and arrogant leader of the brotherhood by a portion of the press, I think it only fair to tell you that his leadership only goes as far as the membership wish it, as he only follows out the instructions and policy formulated by the membership, which is given to him by the duly elected representatives of the membership in general.

I write these remarks as an individual member of the brotherhood, as I know them as facts. Trusting they will be construed as for correction, rather than criticism.

R. D. WILLIAMS, Roseburg, Ore., member lodge 776, BRT.

Baseball Standings

Table with columns: National, American, W, L, Pct. Rows include Brooklyn, St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Boston, New York, Detroit, Washington, St. Louis, Cleveland, Chicago, Philadelphia.

Chiefs Stress Bat Work in Shaping For Grants Pass

Batting practice is the order of Coach Rudy Ritzman for the Umpqua Chiefs this week as they prepare to invade the Grants Pass grounds next Sunday. The Chiefs were put within one game of being tied for first place with the Crescent City club in the Southern Oregon Baseball League as the Grants Pass Merchants upset the undefeated Callifonians 12 to 3 Sunday.

Fresh from a 5-3 victory over Tri-City at Canyonville Sunday, the Chiefs are training their hopes for first place in the league on the protest against their recent game with Crescent City, which, if decided by the board in the locals' favor, will result in a re-play. The board will meet at Medford this week.

New bats have arrived at the locals' headquarters and serious batting practice is in store for Chiefs this week with stress on scoring hits.

The Grants Pass manager reported the Crescents trailed his club 9-0 until the ninth frame, when they picked up three runs on four hits. He declared the league-leaders were suffering from a high superiority complex, resulting in the Grants Pass nine, current third-placers in the league, upsetting the Crescents.

Last Sunday's win was the local tribe's eighth in 11 starts, losing only one league contest thus far.

Two Good Games Scheduled Tonight On Softball Slate

Two good softball games are on tap for fans tonight at the local ball park with all of the four nine heavy contenders for the city championship title.

The Veterans, new threat to other league teams, meet the Elks in the opener at 7:30. The Elks recently climbed to a second-place tie with Sutherlin. The nightcapper will be between the undefeated Monarchs and the Pastime Taverners of Sutherlin, the latter which threatened the Monarchs' first place throughout the first-half series.

Lead by speedball-hurler Freesin, the Vets netted their first victory since their entry into the league two weeks ago by an impressive score of 19-3 over the other league teams, which they defeated last week while the opponents fought tight, the Elks, are in the undefeated column thus far this half of the season with wins over the Rainbow Grill and Associated.

The Sutherlin Taverners displayed all-around power in sweeping the Grinders last week, 15-4, and will be a decided threat to the undefeated Monarch diamonders in the second game of the evening's doubleheader.

Due to the crowd response in the second half of the summer softball tourney, Jerry Huggins has changed game time back to 7:30 P. M. for the rest of the summer season.

Musial's Batting Sparks Cardinals' Drive for Pennant

(By The Associated Press) Boston can have Ted Williams, his colorful thumping outfielder. St. Louis fans will take Stanley Musial, the belting Pole who is pushing National League hurlers to their limit.

At Sportsman's Park last night, Musial sparked the red hot Cards to a 10-4 victory over the Brooks by smashing four hits in five trips to the plate, including a homer and triple.

The four blows increased Musial's average against Brooklyn hurling to .489 in 11 contests. The 175-man club now has banged out 23 hits in 47 times at bat, and driven in 11 runs and scored 12 markers against the Brooks.

The victory was the Card's third in a row over Brooklyn and it narrowed the Dodgers margin to one-and-one-half games. St. Louis hopped on Casey for two runs in the opening inning and led the decision by scoring three more runs in the fourth and fifth frames.

In all, the Cards rapped five Dodger hurlers for 13 hits in the battle, marked by the banishment of Manager Leo Durocher and outfielder Pete Reiser of Brooklyn in the third inning when they protested a decision by Umpire Al Barlick.

Chicago's third place Cubs advanced to within four-and-one-half games of Brooklyn as Wyse pitched the defending National League champions to a 3-1 victory over the New York Giants. Although defeating the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-2, the Boston Braves dropped into a fourth-place deadlock with the Cincinnati Reds, who downed the Philadelphia Phillies, 4-2.

Tigers Defeat Yankees In the American League, the Detroit Tigers defeated the slumping New York Yankees, 2-0 behind the two-hit pitching of Hutchinsion. Marchildon of the Philadelphia Athletics also turned in a two-hit triumph, whitewashing the Chicago White Sox 12-0. The St. Louis Browns fell into a fifth place deadlock with the Cleveland Indians, who, along

RECORD DIAL LOG

Gabe Heatter has a new sponsor on Friday nights... which leads us to comment that whether you like him or not, he is one of the best known of the news commentators. His career has been written into the movies and there's a new popular dance tune, "Ah, There's Good Blues Tonight," inspired by his news commentary.

Remember Raymond Clapper, Mutual newscaster who was killed in a plane crash in the Pacific during the war? His wife, Olive, has written one of the most readable and amusing books about Washington, D. C., that it has been our good fortune to see. It's "Washington Tapestry"... not particularly new... but very interesting. Yes, it's on sale in Roseburg.

Tuesday night's Best Bets: American Forum at 6:30 goes around Robin Hood's Barn to discuss the housing problem. Jobs Inc. takes a more direct approach at 7:30... We list rooms and houses available. The Falcon, 8:30, "Murder is a Bad Break"... News at 9:00, Albert Warner, pinch-hitting for Fulton Lewis, rebroadcast at 10, and sweet swing at 10:30 on the Ten-Thirty Club.

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- REMAINING HOURS TODAY: 4:00-Albert Warner, 4:15-Ray Miller, National Biscuit Co., 4:30-Erskine Johnson, 4:45-Fill Frolic, Standard Oil of N. J., 5:00-Musical Clock, Modern Furniture, 5:15-Superman, Kellogg Co., 5:30-Captain Midnight, 5:45-Von Elk, Baker's Purina, 6:00-Gabriel Heatter, Forhan's Toothpaste, 6:15-Musical Interlude, 6:25-State and Local News, Roseburg Motor Co., 6:30-American Forum of the Air, 7:15-Music You Remember, Douglas Supply, 7:30-John Incorporated, E. G. High, 8:00-Count of Monte Cristo, Mrs. Wright's Bread, 8:30-The Falcon, American Safety Razor Co., 8:45-Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs., 9:15-James Crowley, Wildroot, 9:30-Steve Ross' Orchestra, 9:45-Stan Kenton's Orchestra, 10:00-Ray Henley, Hansen Tires, 10:15-Ten-Thirty Club, Lawson's, 11:00-Sign Off.

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Alfred Koleno of Roseburg is to become manager and instructor of the new Sutherlin Valley Airways field, it was announced today. He and his wife are to move to Sutherlin to make their home.

Mr. Koleno has been flying steadily since he first started at the Roseburg airport in 1939. He served as an instructor at Spokane before entering the Army Air forces, and served on the U. S.-Africa-India run during the war. Last April he was sent to China-Burma-India area.

Mr. Koleno was discharged from the service May 12 at Fort Lewis. Mrs. Koleno was discharged in April from the Ma-

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