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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy and continuing cold tonight and Thursday. Highest temp. for any Jan. — 71. Lowest temp. for any Jan. — 6. Highest temp. yesterday — 39. Lowest temp. last night — 25. Precipitation yesterday — 0. Precipitation from Jan. 1 — .85. Deficit from Jan. 1 — 1.70. Excess from Sept. 1 — 2.24.

In the Day's News

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pie of decades, or such a matter, ago) when the miraculous, smooth, paved surface of the road drew ohs and ahs of pleasure and gratification from us. The width seemed ample then, and the curves served only to break the monotony of the drive. And so it was with the gentle grades. They helped to slow one's speed just enough to keep the scenery from slipping by too fast.

BUT now! The curves compel us to drop down from cruising speed, and the grades—well, the less said about the grades, the better. The maximum though they may be, the better in these hectic days. The grades slow up the trucks, and when the trucks slow up the fat is in the fire.

And the air is thick and sulphurous with cuss words. Oldsters who in their youth went to town in style at 7 mph behind a span of trotters, flashing haughtily in bursts of ten or a dozen mph around the less fortunate who were riding in a farm wagon behind a team of mules, growl like an embittered bulldog when caught behind a slow truck on a two-lane highway.

Instead of being thankful for what the mechanical age brought us, we fume and fret over what it hasn't got around to yet.

WHEN the last war started, we were just getting adjusted to cars that would (sometimes) get us from where we started from to where we were going without breaking down. That was miracle enough, for the moment.

By the time it ended, we were thinking in terms of paved highways wide enough to pass on if we happened to meet another car. (This was an example of growing extravagance, for it was rather widely held at the time that a one-lane pavement was good enough for anybody—that if it should come to pass that one met a car it wouldn't hurt anybody to get off the hard surface long enough to get by.)

THUS do we raise the sights of ambition as achievements begin to pile up. Already, with planes getting fairly competent at navigation of the lower and heavier air, we are looking forward to getting up into the stratosphere, where the traffic is lighter and the friction is less, thus making it possible to travel faster.

Not content with what they have got away with, our aviation engineers are burned to a high crisp because they haven't yet learned how to break through the air compression point that seems to be reached at about the speed of sound.

Oregon Congressmen Get Good Committee Posts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Oregon members of the House feel they fared well in Republican committee assignments and that they will be in positions to exert influence in behalf of projects affecting their territory. Rep. Stockman drew assignment to the powerful House Appropriations Committee, which will consider all appropriations for power, flood control, rivers and harbors and reclamation projects. On the other side of the capitol, Senator Gordon is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and was active last session in getting approval for appropriations for Northwest matters. Rep. Walter Norblad was assigned to the armed forces committee. His predecessor, the late Rep. Mott, served for years on the House Naval Committee. Rep. Ellsworth drew a place on the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. Rep. Agell became the rank-

A BAD REPUTATION

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Capture near North Bend of three men suspected of a series of safe robberies, including the Henninger store at Glendale, and arrest at Reedport of two men, one of whom is suspected of a holdup in a Sutherland grocery store, has highlighted local news during the past few days.

State police and local officers are to be commended for their vigilance and successful efforts in arresting the several suspects. Much danger was involved, as the men were heavily armed and apparently in a desperate frame of mind. But arresting officers did their work well, in spite of a gesture of resistance which might have resulted fatally, except for alertness by the police.

The captures, however, explain one reason why Douglas County towns have been far below the average in holdups, robberies and safe crackings. Road and highway bottle-necks make escape very difficult and few bandits will run the heavy risk involved in committing a crime and making a getaway. But the criminal hunts being waged in metropolitan areas, where safe breaking, holdups and assault have been rampant, are driving more and more of the hunted men into the "sticks." News items report an increasing number of robberies of all sorts in smaller towns.

Douglas County, however, has for many years had a reputation as a tough spot for criminals. A few bank robberies have been attempted, but none has been successful. A man who attempted a robbery at Glendale a number of years ago was relentlessly tracked through the wilds of the Rogue-Umpqua divide and captured on the lower Rogue river. A feeble-minded youth who attempted a holdup in an Oakland bank was driven into cover on Rice hill by a civilian posse, was hunted out of a dense thicket, and achieved temporary fame by being arraigned, sentenced and delivered to the penitentiary within six hours from the time of his crime.

The percentage of holdup men, bank robbers and safe crackers escaping from crimes in Douglas County has been extremely low. The rate of capture has been correspondingly high.

One of the principal factors in favor of arrest is the county's road system. Road blocks at a few strategic points close all principal avenues of escape. These few getaway avenues, however, would be useless unless combined with extreme vigilance and expert ability of police officers. State police, county and city police have worked out a cooperative system proving very successful in man hunts. Road blocks can be set up within a few moments through use of radio. If the crime goes undiscovered long enough to permit escape to a neighboring county, the criminal runs into additional guarded areas, as was the case of the three men captured in Coos County.

But in many instances, particularly where reports of crimes are received promptly, perpetrators of crime find it impossible to get outside county boundaries. This has been especially true in cases of auto theft. Police in Douglas County have an extremely good record for recovery of stolen cars and arrest of car thieves. In fact, the county's reputation for allergy to auto thieves is so well known that "professionals" usually abandon a stolen car before entering the county, hitch-hike through, and pick up another machine on the other side.

This is one situation in which a "bad" reputation is to our advantage.

ing Republican member of the Public Works Committee which handles all problems of public works.

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REMAINING HOURS TODAY

- 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Ben Hur Productions. 4:15—Res Miller, Nabucco. 4:30—Dance Tunes, Hughes Greenbaum Restaurant. 4:45—Buck Rogers, 23rd Century. 5:00—Hemingway at Five, L. A. Soap. 5:15—Superman, Kelllogg's. 5:20—Captain Midnight, Wander Co. 5:45—Tom Mix, Rainbow Pictoria. 6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Healthdays. 6:15—Musical Interlude. 6:25—State and Local News, Roseburg Motor Co. 6:30—Treasure Hour of Song. 7:04—California Harmonies. 7:15—Music You Remember, Douglas Supply Co. 7:30—House in the Country, Emery Divisions. 7:30—Sound Off. 7:30—California Melodies. 7:35—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs. 8:15—James Crowley, Wildfoot. 9:00—Hill Comes the Band, E. G. Light. 9:45—Tommy Tucker. 10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Hanson Tire Dept. 10:15—Behind the World News, Byve. 10:30—Ten Thirty Club, Lawson. 11:00—Sign Off.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1947 8:00—Fulton Lewis Board. 8:20—Yawn Patrol. 8:30—Schlocker Bulletin. 7:00—Frank Hemingway, L. A. Soap Co. 7:15—Hill and Shine, Sterling Drug Co. 7:30—State and Local News, Borling Optical. 7:35—Audi Furniture. 7:40—Hill Country News. 8:00—Haven of Rest, Crew Good. 8:20—Wally's Wake Up Tone. 8:30—Wally's Grocery. 8:45—Carter, Lindley, Healthdays. 9:00—AP Baker and His Notebook. 9:15—Morning Musings. 9:30—Man About Town, June and Marshall. 9:45—Shopper's Guide, Harth's and Marshall. 10:00—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs.

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RHS Squad Given Stiff Drills For Tilt With Axemen

By ROYAL S. DENTON

Indian Coach Jack Newby ran his once beaten cagers through a stiff mid-week workout yesterday in preparation for the first game against the highly regarded Axemen of Eugene High Friday night.

In yesterday afternoon's scrimmage, the Indians worked against both zone and man-to-man defenses. The Axemen's defense has proven itself practically impregnable in previous conference play and Newby is attempting to groom his squad for any type of defense the Eugene mentor chooses to play.

The Axemen, league leaders with wins over St. Mary's, Springfield and Cottage Grove in as many starts, were edged by one point Tuesday night by Corvallis' strong Spartans and have beaten Elmira and Medford and split pre-season series with Roosevelt and Commerce of Portland, to put them favorites over the up-and-down Indians. Squad attitude indicates, however, that the underdogs will take the floor with ideas of giving the Henry Kuchera coached team their first setback of the season.

A win for the Roseburg crew will mean a tie with Junction City's Tigers, currently riding high in a virtual tie with Eugene for the lead after three straight victories over Cottage Grove, Springfield and University High. Saturday night the Indians entertain Springfield's hot-and-cold Millers on the local floor.

The Millers are yet seeking their first victory, meeting Salem in the Big-Six league tonight. High School Principal Omer Monger again reminded sports fans that reserved seat tickets will be on sale at the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce office until Friday and Saturday evening respectively for the Eugene and Springfield games.

Eugene Outdoor 5 Downs Grill, 44-14, In Last 2 Minutes

By ROYAL S. DENTON

Two thrilling basketball contests were staged last night at Senior High School court as a part of the annual polo sports benefit with Eugene's strong Outdoor Store crew slipping a 44-41 win over Rainbow Grill's flashy outfit, and Sutherland's Pastime Trovers winning a similar thriller over Umpqua Valley Hardware.

Studded with height as well as former collegiate hoop talent, the visitors ran into plenty of trouble in the main event against the Grillers, only trading ahead in the final two minutes of play. In the preliminary, Sutherland's close-checking defense and aggressive defensive tactics were fairly evenly matched throughout by the scrappy Hardware in a rough-and-tumble affair.

Never behind by more than three points, the Grillers proved themselves well adept in court tactics both offensively and defensively, moving their fast-break down the floor with finesse and checking the huskier Outdoor club the full length of the court.

Rainbow held a one point lead at the end of the quarter, 8-7, as both quintets battled on even terms through the half when the Eugeneans led, 15-14.

Buckets by Grillers Anderson, Loomis and Neidemeyer put the Roseburg team in a 31-27 lead at the end of the third period, but

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two goals and free throw by Bonney, towering center, and a two-pointer of Fox served as sufficient points in the finale to put the Eugene aggregation in a 44-41 win in the final minute of play. Lineups: Eugene (44) Pos. (41) R. Grill Fox 17 F. 6, Cummings R. Robertson, S. F. 8, Neidemeyer Bonney, 8 C. 14, Loomis H. Robertson, 2 G. 5, S. Short Weinstein, 3 G. 4, C. Short Substitutions: Eugene — Sullivan 2, Norris 2; Grill — Anderson 1, Boak 2. Sutherland (33) Pos. (30) U. V. H. Michael, 10 F. 5, Puckett Plueward, 10 F. 8, Atterbury Owens, 4 C. 6, Ward Allen G. G. Sanders Wridge, 7 G. 6, V. Sanders Substitutions: Sutherland — Barge, Roundtree, Trozelle, Stratton, Hansen; Hardware — Young 7. Officials: Newby, Travis and Eger.

They fought at 147 pounds. Other results included: Billy Potter, Vancouver Recreation Club, defeated Larry Moyler, MAC, 150 pounds; Wendell Delorme, Police Athletic League, defeated Jay Beaumont, Vancouver Recreation, 120 pounds; Royce Natoli, WAC, defeated Blair Gustafson, VFW, 147 pounds.

Sawmill Changes Hands

SHERIDAN, Ore., Jan. 16.—(AP)—Sale of the Wideman Lumber Company sawmill to the McCormick Lumber and Manufacturing Corporation, Detroit, Mich., was reported today.

Oscar B. Wideman retained his logging operation and will provide logs to the corporation which operates a distributing plant in the midwest.

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Wage Compromise Ends Grocery Clerks' Strike LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Hundreds of grocery stores were open for business again today following the settlement of a strike by AFL retail clerks.

The clerks stopped work Jan. 2 when they failed to obtain their demanded \$60 per week for experienced clerks and \$67.50 for department heads, a boost of \$20

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