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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon
Forecast for Roseburg and vic-
inity: Partly cloudy tonight and
Thursday.
Highest temp. for any March 85
Lowest temp. for any March 18
Highest temp. yesterday 59
Lowest temp. last night 39
Precipitation yesterday .02
Precipitation from March 1 .99
Excess from March 1 .50
Deficit from Sept. 1 4.14

Air Forces Seek
Applicants For
Specialty Work

Individuals without prior mili-
tary or naval service or those
having military or naval service
but discharged prior to May 12,
1945, may be enlisted in the Regu-
lar Army Air Forces, according to
recent changes announced by
the War Department, M/Sgt. F.
G. Hammaek, Eugene Recruiting
Service, said yesterday.

Applicants without Army or
Navy service possessing a job
specialty equivalent to the Army
occupational specialties needed by
the Air Forces, will be allowed
to enter the Regular Army pro-
vided they are skilled in their job
and enlist for a three-year period,
Hammaek explained. Command-
ing officers of the Portland Army
air base will interview prospects,
and applicants will be notified by
letter from the commanding gen-
eral, AAF, as to the grade in
which he may enlist.

Electric Power
Need in Douglas
Told at Meeting

Testimony concerning lack of
adequate power to serve the needs
of the Douglas Electric Coopera-
tive was presented before the
subcommittee on appropriations of
the Interior Department at
Washington, D. C., last week, by
Harold Backen, Jr., manager of
the cooperative.

A. M. Chivers, president of the
board of directors and Backen at-
tended the regional conference
held in the national capital Feb.
24-28 by the Rural Electrification
Administration.

N. Y. Cotton Exchange
Closed by First Strike

NEW YORK, March 4.—(AP)—
The New York Cotton Exchange
closed until further notice today
as the result of a strike—the first
time any major exchange here
has been closed by labor troubles.

The exchange board of man-
agers went into immediate ses-
sion following the walkout by
members of United Financial Em-
ployees Local 265, a (AFL) New
York exchange does the
largest volume of business of any
cotton exchange in the world.

A PLEA OF INNOCENCE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

We are in receipt of a lengthy communication from a
member of the Oregon State Fish Commission pleading
innocent to our charges of subterfuge in connection with
SB 244, the commission's repeal bill, which we claimed
would result in reopening the Rogue river, Willamette River
and Willamette slough to commercial fishing.

The spokesman for the Fish Commission writes:

In the preparation of the bill for "direct" repeal, it was
the desire of the department to eliminate or remove from the
fisheries code and from the laws of the state such "sections"
or "provisions" only as were believed to be obsolete, imprac-
tical or undesirable from the standpoint of fisheries man-
agement, conservation or enforcement, as well as those con-
taining apparent "duplications," "repetitions," similar pro-
visions or sections covering which are to be found elsewhere
in the law. If anything to the contrary occurs or has occur-
red, I assure you it was not only unintentional but also in
error on our part.

We claimed in previous statements in this column that
the repeals proposed in SB 244 indicated an attempt to re-
open closed waters through subterfuge, and further charged
that the attempt to secure such opening of closed waters
under the guise of "minor" repeals indicated lack of sincer-
ity on the part of the Fish Commission in a program of
true conservation.

The spokesman for the Fish Commission emphatically
denies any subterfuge or lack of sincerity, claiming that the
Commission had in mind only elimination of unnecessary,
conflicting and duplicating laws.

Speaking of charges made in this column and in letters
from the editor to members of the Fish Commission, the
spokesman replies:

Since, as stated, there was absolutely no desire or in-
tention on the part of the Commission to open any waters
closed to fishing or to obviate or set aside any of the present
provisions against taking salmon commercially in areas or
waters which we understand to be closed under the law, and
feeling that we had not done so, your letter was more or less
disconcerting. In reconsidering the matters following re-
ceipt of your letter, we referred the points which your raised
to the attorney who redrafted the bill. He advises that it ap-
pears that in event Section 83-531 is repealed the Commission
would have authority under the "limited authority bill in
present form" to open the Rogue River if they so desired.
He also points out that inasmuch as there is at present no
statutes or provisions thereof which specifically and definite-
ly states that waters of the Willamette River and Slough are
closed to commercial fishing, the Commission would be in a
position to open the Willamette River to fishing. Now ***
in the light of this information from the attorney it is ob-
viously necessary that Section 83-531, dealing with the Rogue,
and any other section about which there is any question, be
removed from the repeal bill. It would also appear necessary
to prepare and enact legislation prohibiting fishing commer-
cially for salmon in the Willamette River and Willamette
Slough.

I assure you that we will prepare such legislation for
immediate introduction; also that we will have Section
83-531 and such other sections as are to be found to be ques-
tionable removed from the minor repeal bill.

Inasmuch as we have charged the Fish Commission with
subterfuge, we are pleased to present the Commission's
denial.

Sportsmen who have been tangling with the Fish Com-
mission for many years in continuing fish fights probably
will not be convinced that the commission is as innocent as
it claims. Their chronic suspicions will lead them to believe
the Fish Commission "tried another trick and got caught." On
the other hand, one of our good friends in the Fish de-
partment, and in whose sincerity we have the greatest con-
fidence, was grievously "hurt" by our charges and em-
phatically denied subterfuge.

There has been war for so many years between com-
mercial and sports fishermen, and fish commissions of the past
have opposed sports fishermen and conservation measures so
vigorously, that it becomes extremely difficult to secure
even the slightest measure of cooperation between leaders
of the two groups. We hope to see the day, however, when
our fish and game life can be managed with a spirit of true
cooperation on the part of both commercial and sports in-
terests. But that desired situation cannot result until both
sides show evidence of sincerity and honesty of purpose.

State Press Comment

Vanishing Salmon
(The Oregon Journal)
The Umpqua, beautiful river of
Southwestern Oregon, has a story
to tell to the legislature.

Back in 1924, the Umpqua
yielded 223,000 pounds of spring
Chinook salmon, in 1945 only 1000
pounds and last year 2000 pounds.
The record for summer Chinook
salmon is worse: the lake which
was 31,000 pounds in 1923 got
down to 78 pounds in 1945 and
918 pounds in 1946. The high
point in fall Chinook salmon was
reached in 1925—298,000 pounds
but preliminary data show only
3000 pounds in 1946. Silverside
salmon in the Umpqua have pro-
duced as much as 2,458,000 pounds
in 1924 but only 207,000 pounds
in 1946.

This, in other words, is a story
of incompetence and destructive
handling of a natural resource.
One of the reasons ascribed by
the Roseburg News-Review is that
transference of 34 million Chin-
ook salmon eggs from the Ump-
qua to the Columbia has brought
the former stream to depletion.
The Umpqua has been over-
fished. The balance of nature has
been overturned. The largest
river emptying into the Pacific
between the Columbia and the
Sacramento is approaching sterility.

And what's to be done about
it is before the Oregon legislature
at this hour. Senator Parkinson
and Representative Hill (Carl C.)
and Gile, who are the legislative
delegation from Douglas County
through which the 200-mile Ump-
qua flows, have united in present-
ing S. B. 318. This measure would
forbid further commercial fish-
ing in the Umpqua, except shad,
striped bass, perch, flounder or

Hoop Quints Set
For Opening of
Oakland Tourney

By ROYAL S. DENTON

Playing their last basketball
of the season, eight quintets, com-
posed largely of Douglas County's
top athletes and courtmen, will
set off the Oakland Invitational
Hoop Tournament at that city's
high school gymnasium tonight.

A well paired scheduled has
been set up by tournament offi-
cials that should provide the maxi-
mum in high-caliber basketball
to-night as each pair of teams are
of fairly even potentialities.

Arranged in alternating fashion
so that fans will be without the
usual dull "in-between" periods
so common in hoop tournaments,
the games have been numbered one
through four with number one
game starting their first half of
play at 7 P. M., and continuing
the second half following the
first half of number two game
and so on through the evening's
opening four contests.

If the tournament draws the
crowd of supporters anticipated,
Joe Perrault, chairman, states
that the tournament will become
an annual event of Oakland
yearly.

Torrid Tilt Expected
Number one game tonight sees
the Pastime Taverners of Suther-
lin against Umpqua Valley Hard-
ware in what is predicted to be
one of the closest games of the
evening.

Sutherland ended the Commer-
cial League action in first spot
of the Northern Division and has
a lineup studded with top players
of the circuit. The Hardware
gang finished in second place in
the south sector and individually
are believed to have the stronger
club with senior former Roseburg
High School cagers to draw from
for action.

Rainbow Grill's five faces J. V.
Sporting Goods in the second fray
in what should be another close
contest, as the Grillers finished
first in the South Division and
J. V. Sports wound up in second
in the North. Jack Loomis, Rain-
bow center, will undoubtedly have
the attention of tourney officials
throughout as number one pros-
pect for the all-star pivot position
and possibly top tournament
scorer. Doug and George James
will get like attention on the
Spearheads' lineup as top scorers.
Myrtle Creek's Kenny's Tavern
crew draw the Veterans of For-
eign Wars in the third game of
single elimination and both teams
will battle in determination for a
win to stay in the action for the
semi-finals Friday night, as will
Oakland's Martin Boxers and Ved-
der's Mart of Riddle in the fourth
game, who are also of even
strength on the basis of previous
season wins and losses.

Tomorrow night's semi-final ac-
tion, to start at 8 P. M., will see
the winners of tonight's No. 1
and No. 4 games in action, and
winners of No. 2 and No. 3, the
winners of these two contests
taking part in the consolation and
championship finals Friday night
at 8.

Admission for each evening is
50c and 25c, Perrault announced
today.

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4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Turco
Products
4:15—Rex Miller, Nabisco
4:30—Dance Tunes, Hughes' Greyhound
4:45—Buck Rogers, General Foods
5:00—Musical Interlude
5:15—Superman, Kellogg's
5:30—Captain Midnight, Wander Co.
5:45—Tom Mix, Ralston Purina
6:00—Gaberl Hunter, Heathcote
6:15—Musical Interlude
6:30—State and Local News, Roseburg
Motor Co.
6:45—Hill Parade of Novelty Tunes,
Douglas Paint & Two-Way
6:55—Songs for Everyone, Roseburg
Refrigeration
7:00—Scotland Yard
7:10—The Circus Kid, Modern Furniture,
Wilcox
7:20—Your Favorite Songs, Farm
Theater
7:30—Music As You Like It, Lockwood
Motors
7:40—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs
7:55—Mel Ventor's Pictorial, SAW Film
Products
8:00—Hill Neighbor, Carstene Furniture
8:15—Music
8:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Wilder's
8:45—Necturus
9:00—Where Circle, Lawson's
9:10—Sign Off

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1947

6:00—Farm Bulletin, Board
6:30—Yarn Patrol
6:40—Four H Club
6:55—Schubert's Auction
7:00—Frank Huntington, L. A. Soap Co.
7:15—Roe and Shine, Sterling Drug
Co.
7:30—State and Local News, Dou-
glas
7:45—The Beatrice
7:55—Thapsody in Wax
8:00—Haven of Rest, Good Ship Grace
8:10—Walt's Wake Up Time, Walter's
Produce
8:25—Victor H. Lindtner, Heathcote
8:40—Art Baker and His Notebook,
Montgomery Ward
8:55—Morning Melodians
9:00—Man About Town, Jones and
Fennell
9:15—Shoppers' Guide, Harth's and
Marshall Wells
9:30—Musical Interlude
9:45—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs
9:55—State and Local News, Roseburg
Color Center
10:00—Clyde Jones
10:15—The Pastor's Scrapbook, Parady-
terian Church
10:30—Golden for a Day, Miles
10:45—Musical Interlude
11:00—The United Petroleum
11:15—Rhythm at Random
11:30—State and Local News, Hassen
Motors
12:45—National News, Douglas County
12:55—Terminal Market Reports, Sig
Felt
1:00—Man on the Street, Huntington's
Marts
1:15—The Johnson Family
1:30—The Reunited, Roseburg Meet-
ing Co.
1:45—Florida Show, Umpqua Florida
1:55—Ward's Musical Shopper,
Montgomery Ward
2:00—Midday
2:45—Music
2:55—Behind the World News, Everett
2:00—Say It With Music
2:30—Around the County, International
News Service
2:45—Musical Melodians
3:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., San Day

King Sargon of Akkad set up
the first Semite kingdom known
to history about 2300 B.C.

Dusette, Weidner
Billed Here For
Return Battle

Bill Weidner and Georges Dul-
sette, who wrestled to a specta-
cular draw here several weeks ago,
have been scheduled to meet in a
return engagement at the Rose-
burg Armory Saturday night.
Matchmaker Owen announces.

Dusette, the colorful and tal-
ented Canadian, is determined to
accomplish one thing—not to al-
low Weidner to score a fall with
Georges' full-nelson hold. In the
last meeting here, Weidner sur-
prised Douglas County ringbirds
and Dusette as well by downing
the ex-coast champ with the full-
nelson.

Weidner, the promising young
Arizonan, possesses one of the
sport's most feared airplane spins
and holds that advantage over
Dusette in the second "Battle
of the Beers."

The headline attraction of
Owen's weekly mat show is ex-
pected to be one of the really
great scientific skirmishes in lo-
cal mat history. Although no il-
legal holds are anticipated, neither
of the matmen are lacking in col-
or and dynamic action.

The semi-final attraction will
feature a newcomer—Benny Tru-
dell, bewhiskered French-Canadi-
an lumberjack from Quebec.
The villainous matman will meet
Sailor Hogan in the opener.

One of the biggest crowds of
the season is anticipated, and
fans are urged to make early res-
ervations for ringside seats.

Walcott Ends Winning
Streak of Violent Ray

MIAMI, Fla., March 5.—(AP)—
Jersey Joe Walcott had an eye-
cocked today toward Joe Louis
and the world heavyweight box-
ing crown.

The veteran Jersey puncher
scored a 10-round decision over

Elmer (Violent) Ray last night
in the first all-Negro fight card
ever held in the Orange Bowl.
The Jersey jolter knocked Ray
down in the first, third and fourth
rounds and successfully should-
ered aside a last-round flurry by the
Hastings, Fla., slugger.
Ray, winner by knockouts in
50 of his last 51 fights, bounced
to his feet before the count began
each time he was felled, but was
unable to weather the storm of
hard wallop tossed at him by
Walcott.

The first ship that sailed from
the United States to China—in
1784—carried more than 20 tons
of ginseng, a root believed by
Orientals to be a panacea of
many ills. Its post-war shipment
has been resumed, although Amer-
ican scientists say the root,
which grows from Maine to Geor-
gia, has no therapeutic value.

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ing cooking.

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