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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon

Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Cloudy and warmer to night; light rain Friday.
Highest temp. for any May ... 102
Lowest temp. for any May ... 30
Highest temp. yesterday ... 74
Lowest temp. last night ... 42
Precipitation yesterday ... 0
Precipitation from May 159
Deficit from May 143
Deficit from Sept. 1 ... 4.79

In the Day's News

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the house ways and means committee, Republican leaders indicated today they will make no immediate attempt to change the reciprocal trade program.

The reciprocal trade program is a device to make it easier for us to trade with countries that make it easier to trade with us. Its purpose is to lower our tariff barriers for countries that lower their tariff barriers for us.

This device was originated by DEMOCRATS. When Republican leaders indicate that they will make no immediate attempt to change it, it amounts to admission that we can't sell in foreign trade if we don't buy in foreign trade.

That is a rather significant admission, for the plain, simple fact is that foreign trade is foreign TRADE. It amounts to swapping what we produce for what other people produce.

TRADE is something that can CONTINUE only if it follows a TWO-WAY street. If the traffic is all ONE way, everything gets piled up sooner or later at one end. When that happens, there is trouble.

IN Pawtucket (Rhode Island) the other day a citizen was arrested and fined \$4.60 because he broke out into a loud laugh on a public street when, in the opinion of the police, there was nothing to laugh at.

The chief explained to reporters who sought a story that the man was haled into court for "guffawing" loudly in the downtown section. "I have warned this guy repeatedly," he said, "against creating a disturbance by laughing out loud when there is nothing to laugh about. So this time I ordered a patrolman to look him up."

THE arrested citizen (name of Hyder) at first pleaded guilty—figuring maybe that a good guffaw in these days is worth \$4.60. But he was approached by an attorney named La Chappelle, who apparently has strong views on the subject of personal liberty, and was induced to change his plea to innocent and stand trial. "I know of no law in this city," he said for publication, "which prohibits a man from laughing on a public thoroughfare. On top of that, it seems to me that in these trying times laughing should be encouraged rather than suppressed."

Amen to that.

BESIDES there is in the background of this case the old question of CENSORSHIP. Who is to be the judge of when we can laugh and when we can't? If the police can throw us into jail when we permit a good guffaw to come bubbling up, where are our wanted liberties?

Labor-Business Accord Is Urged

PORTLAND, May 15.—(AP)—Earl Bunting, president of the National Association of Manufacturers and a former Portlander, last night urged "management and labor to stop bickering" and to get to work on production.

In an address to the regional NAM meeting of Oregon and Southwest Washington members, Bunting declared:

"National teamwork is what we've got to establish. All that we have in this country came from it."

"People want management and labor to stop bickering and get back to the job of producing peacetime goods, jobs and services that are better than ever before. They want business to stop bickering at every shadow on the road to American progress."

"The people want American workers to pitch in and build America, too—they want labor to

CITY BUDGET QUESTIONS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

In Tuesday's edition of the News-Review there appeared three letters of comment pertaining to proposed school and city budget elections. We were disappointed over the scant public discussion of this issue in the "Letters" department in advance of the school election. We had rather anticipated more letters concerning this subject, but the three communications, all received in Tuesday morning's mail, represented the sum total. Perhaps we can start a debate in the "Letters to the Editor" column in advance of the forthcoming city budget election May 27.

We believe every phase of the city budget should be thoroughly understood.

Two of the letters in Tuesday's paper were confined to rather broad expressions of opinion. We thank God this still is a country in which a person can speak his mind, even though we may disagree personally with his opinions.

Another letter, written by Dr. B. R. Shoemaker, went into specific detail concerning several items which we believe are worthy of further consideration and clarification.

Dr. Shoemaker announced his support of the school budget and his opposition to the city budget, and presented reasons for his decisions. Some of those reasons, in our opinion, leave an opening for disagreement, as, for instance, when he referred to the old saying that we must learn to crawl before we can walk, inferring that the city is trying to run before learning to crawl. Our own interpretation is that Roseburg has been crawling altogether too many years and needs to run to catch up with the parade of progress. That's only our opinion. Dr. Shoemaker and every other citizen has a right to express his ideas.

His letter refers to the appropriation of \$5,000 for airport maintenance "in which we have invested about \$75,000, and which is rented for \$1,000 per year (incidentally which would make a wonderful industrial site.)" Here is an item, which, like Dr. Shoemaker, we believe justifies further investigation.

Our airport is under lease to the federal government for, we believe, \$1 per year instead of \$1,000. A sub-lease is held by George Felt, superintendent, under terms of a joint contract with the Civilian Aeronautical Authority and the city. There is some dissatisfaction with present management policies, which, it is contended, interfere with maximum use of the port. The airport committee of the City Council proposes that the city take over full management. This would include paying Felt for improvements he has made. There is some indecision concerning this matter in the body of the city council and even should the budget item be passed, there is a possibility the city would continue the present arrangement and not spend the money authorized in the budget, in which case the sum would carry over as cash on hand into next year's budget. "The \$5,000 item is too small, we believe, to create an issue upon which to defeat the entire budget."

Dr. Shoemaker also questions "the added cost of consolidation of the treasurer and recorder, the necessity for municipal judge, and the reason why it is necessary for two policemen to collect money from the parking meters."

These are good questions which appear to be confusing many people.

Last November Roseburg voters adopted a charter amendment calling for a change to city manager form of government. This amendment discontinues the offices of recorder and treasurer as elective, specifying that they shall be appointive by the manager. Under the appointive system, it is proposed to consolidate them. Last year's budget appropriated \$1,500 for the treasurer and \$2,100 for the recorder, or a total of \$3,600. Both salaries were later increased to a total of \$4,100. Therefore, there is no "added cost of consolidation," but rather a decrease.

However, the city recorder, at present, also serves as municipal judge, and under the new budget a municipal judge would receive \$900 salary, with \$50 added for expenses.

The municipal judge is appointed by the council, not by the manager. It is American tradition to keep our courts, even in their lowest status, free from any factors which might influence justice. If the judge were under appointment and supervision of the manager, the possibility of influence might arise. But when the court is responsible only to the council, there is less danger of restraint.

As to the reason for two policemen collecting money from parking meters, which Dr. Shoemaker intimates is uneconomical, we questioned Officer Erwin Short, who is in charge of the traffic meter department. Principal reason for two men lies in the fact that one is the repairman. As money is collected, each meter is tested. If a machine is not working properly, the repairman makes adjustments while the other officer continues collections, later being overtaken by the repairman. Another reason is one prompted by experience in other cities where officers have been held up and meter money stolen when working alone. As a third reason, it is pointed out that the machine used for collection purposes can be operated much more speedily by two men.

Dr. Shoemaker has raised good questions. We have tried to clarify them, not to dispute his opinions but to point out reasons for budget committee decisions.

get over its growing pains and stop playing cops and robbers all over the economic system," he said.

Walter B. Weisenburger, NAM executive vice-president, said "atomic doom isn't going to overtake this country, but human dumbness can."

State Positions Open

To Civil Service Exams

The State Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the following positions:

Clerk I \$130, \$165; clerk II \$180, \$225; clerk typist II \$155, \$195; clerk stenographer II \$165, \$205; clerk II \$155, \$195; clerk typist I, \$130, \$165; clerk stenographer I, \$150, \$185; administrative secretary, \$200, \$240.

Persons who are interested in

securing employment with the state government in Roseburg or any other section of the state are urged to make application.

Application forms may be obtained by writing the Civil Service Commission, 441 Center Street, Salem, or from the Roseburg office of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission in the county courthouse.

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April Shipments Of Douglas Fir Lumber Near Peak

PORTLAND, Ore., May 15.—April lumber shipments from the Douglas fir region exceeded those of any month during 1946 and nearly equalled the peak reached in February, 1947, H. V. Simpson, executive vice president of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, announced.

Average weekly shipments from Oregon and Washington during April were 135,156,000 board feet. The February peak was 136,881,000. Despite continuing high production, April shipments exceeded both the production and order totals.

Simpson also disclosed that gross stocks on hand at sawmills of the Pacific Northwest are lower than at any other time this year, indicating that lumber is being absorbed as fast as it is manufactured.

"The record of heavy shipments to all parts of the country demonstrates that lumber is being distributed with all possible speed into the normal construction channels," Simpson said.

Average weekly production of West Coast lumber in April was 134,831,000 board feet; orders averaged 130,591,000 b. f.; shipments 135,156,000 b. f. Weekly averages for March were: production, 137,976,000; orders, 170,533,000; shipments, 131,346,000.

During 17 weeks of 1947, cumulative production was 2,203,978,000 b. f., an increase over the 1,988,778,000 b. f. produced during the first 17 weeks of 1946. Orders for the same period break down as follows: rail, 1,534,062,000; domestic cargo, 295,247,000; export, 403,590,000; local, 211,213,000. The industry's unfilled order file stood at 645,617,000 b. f. at the end of April; gross stocks at 374,159,000.

Test Slated to Stop Cracking of Prunes, Cherries

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 15.—(AP)—A test which may help solve the old problem of cracking cherries and prunes will be made in Oregon this season—if the rainfall cooperates.

Oregon State College will make field trials on four farms of a new process which, in the laboratory, indicated it might prevent ripe prunes and cherries from cracking in the rain.

The laboratory tests at Oregon experiment station last year showed that ripe cherries submerged in a dilute solution of copper sulphate and water would not crack. Cherries in plain water almost all cracked in a few hours.

So Dr. W. L. Powers, Oregon state college soil scientist, is going to treat fruit with spray or dust containing copper sulphate—and then wait for the rains.

Late in 1946 an attempt was made to try the spray theory on both cherries and prunes, but not enough rain occurred from then on to make the results conclusive. This year 3 per cent copper sulphate will be tried in the sulphur dust applied for brown rot control of prunes, one-tenth of 1 per cent anhydrous copper sulphate will be added to the spray for fruit fly control on cherries, and 3 per cent copper sulphate ground with diatomaceous earth and a little bentonite for dusting cherries.

Some field experiments have already been carried on involving soil treatment with boron, a "trace element" used successfully in preventing cracking in certain vegetables where boron deficiency exists.

Soil treatments are made in February, applying a pound of granular borax per tree, broadcast under the spread of the tree, on faintly acid soils. On neutral

or moderate basic soils Dr. Powers believes the boron is best applied with manure or a green manure crop.

DEAL AT REEDSPORT

REEDSPORT, Mr. and Mrs. Marion J. Heinz, who have been operating the Colonial Apartments here for the past two years, have released their interests in the building to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mohen, and in partial payment have taken over the Highway Grocery and a residence formerly owned and operated by the Mohens.

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4:00—Fulton News, Jr.
4:15—Rex Miller, Nabisco.
4:30—Filt Frolics, Sanko, Inc.
4:45—Sons of Gaud.
5:00—Musical Interlude.
5:15—Superman, Kellogg's.
5:30—Captain Midnight, Wander Co.
5:45—Tom Mix, Ralston Purina.
6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Healthaide.
6:15—Big League Baseball Scores.
6:30—Barcus Sales & Service.
6:45—Musical Interlude.
7:00—State and Local News, Roseburg Motor Co.
7:15—Songs of Laura Lee.
7:30—Music You Remember, Douglas Supply Co.
7:45—Music for Everyone, Roseburg Refrigeration.
7:50—House in the Country, Emery Insurance.
8:00—Footprints in the Sands, Roseburg Book Store.
8:15—Alvin and Uncle Ezra, Goldie's Broteria.
8:30—Hing Crosby Show, Jack Farris.
8:45—Philo Spector, Miles Labs.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs.
9:15—Rex Miller.
9:30—Guest Star.
9:45—Bob Crosby.
10:00—Fulton News, Jr., Umpqua Valley Hardware.
10:15—Nocturne.
10:30—Ten Thirty Club, Lawson's.
11:00—Sign Off.

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1947

6:00—Farm Bulletin Board.
6:30—Yawn Patrol.
6:45—Schickel Bulletin.
7:00—Frank Hemingway, J. A. Folger Co.
7:15—Shine and Shine, Sterling Drug Co.
7:30—State and Local News, Dr. Bruce Tuck.
7:45—Judd Furniture.
7:50—Hapsody in Wax.
8:00—Haven of Rest, Good Ship Grace.
8:30—Wally's Wake Up Time, Wally's Grocery.
8:45—Morning Melodies.
9:00—Captain Midnight, Notebook.
9:15—Victor H. Lindahl, Healthaide.
9:30—Haven of Rest, J. A. Folger Co.
9:45—Shopper's Guide, Harth's and Sons.
9:55—Musical Interlude.
10:00—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs.
10:15—Top Tunes, Modern Furniture.
10:30—Jack Smith.
10:45—Easy Listening.
11:00—Swap Shop, Kampfer's.
11:15—Showboat, Theaters.
11:30—Quest for a Day, Miles Labs and Phil Morris.
12:00—Musical Interlude.
12:05—Sports Review, Courier Pearson.
12:15—Rhythm at Random.
12:40—State and Local News, Hansen Motors.
12:45—National News, Douglas County State Bank.
12:50—Terminal Market Reports, Sig. Fett.
1:00—Sign on the Street, Henninger's Marts.
1:15—The Johnson Family.
1:30—The Best of Roseburg Pharmacy.
2:00—Philo Spector, Philip Morris.
2:30—Hosmer Hotshots, Montgomery Ward's.
2:45—Master Serenade.
3:00—Haydn Raeburn Orchestra.
3:15—Wheel of Fortune.
3:30—Fulton News, Jr.
4:15—Rex Miller, Nabisco.
4:30—Diana Gayle.
4:45—Dick Jurgens.
5:00—Musical Interlude.
5:15—Superman, Kellogg's.
5:30—Captain Midnight, Wander Co.
5:45—Tom Mix, Ralston Purina.
6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Carter Products.
6:15—Big League Baseball Scores.
6:30—Barcus Sales and Service.
6:45—Musical Interlude.
7:00—State and Local News, Roseburg Motor Co.
7:15—Hill Parade of Novelty Tunes.
7:30—You Name It, Joe Richard's Furniture.
7:45—Meet the Press, Roseburg News Review.
7:50—The Cisco Kid, Modern Furniture.
8:00—Let George Do It, Standard Oil.
8:30—Strange As It Seems, Rex Wilson.
8:45—Songs of the West, Lockwood Motors.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs.
9:15—Mel Ventra's Pictorial, S. & W. Fine Foods.
9:30—Hi Neighbor, Carsten's Furniture.
9:45—Henry J. Taylor, General Motors.
10:00—Fulton News, Jr., Miller's Inc.
10:15—Nocturne.
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Cordon's Forest Bill Progressing

LAKEVIEW, Ore., May 14.—(Special)—Progress is being made at Washington, D. C., by the Cordon Forest Revenue bill, according to Forrest E. Cooper, Lakeview attorney, who returned last week after helping Senator Cordon prepare a sub-committee report on the hearing recently held on the bill in San Francisco.

A further hearing will be held by the House Public Lands committee beginning May 28, Congressman Engle of California is sponsoring the bill in the House.

The purpose of the Cordon bill is to make national forest tax payments to counties certain as to time and amount by providing for a county inventory of national forest lands and payment to counties of an equal sum representing 2 per cent of the fair value. Under a 1908 law, counties now receive 25 per cent of the annual gross receipts, if any, from the forests. Revenues have been unpredictable, and in counties where forest revenues are high, this hit-or-miss method of paying taxes has been unsatisfactory. The U. S. Forest Service has filed a report favoring the principles of the bill.

Since the Forest Service has expanded into 40 states and 706 counties, the forest tax problem is arousing nationwide interest.

LETTERS to the Editor

Use of Fair Grounds For Circuses Suggested

A demonstration of the need for our fair grounds was given Tuesday. It was circus day and several thousand people wanted to relax and enjoy the thrills of the circus. Their pleasure was marred, however, by the congested parking on the North Umpqua highway, many people being forced to walk several blocks along a heavy traveled gravel road, used by logging and lumber trucks.

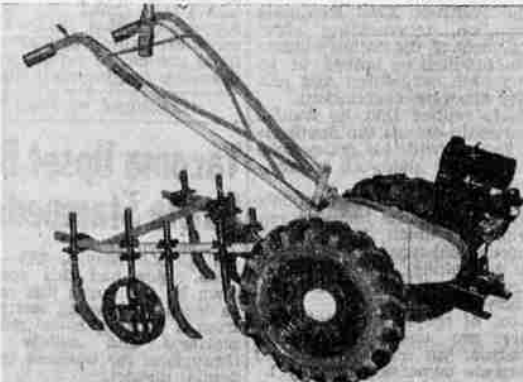
This could and should have been eliminated by holding the circus at the fair grounds. At the same time the revenue from rental would help pay indebtedness on the fairgrounds.

Yours for more enjoyment and lower taxes.

D. B. BOONE
Roseburg, Ore.

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