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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office, Roseburg, Oregon.

Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Cloudy tonight and Friday. Highest temp. for any Oct. 92. Lowest temp. for any Oct. 56. Highest temp. yesterday 92. Lowest temp. last night 56. Precipitation yesterday 0.00. Precipitation for Oct. 1 5.91. Excess from Oct. 1 3.37. Excess from Sept. 1 2.71.

Democrats Choose Philadelphia As Convention Site

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—(AP)—The Democratic National Committee yesterday selected Philadelphia for the party's 1948 national convention.

The committee authorized its newly elected chairman, Senator J. Howard McGrath of Rhode Island, to set a date for the convention, expected to be held in early July. The Republicans will also hold their convention in Philadelphia beginning June 21.

Previously, the committee had: 1. Reasserted its support of President Truman and his program and heard retiring chairman Hannegan say the party will "keep" Mr. Truman in the White House next year.

2. Withdrawn at McGrath's request, a resolution bitterly condemning the Republican-controlled Congress for placing "partisan politics above love of country." McGrath told reporters this was "not the way to get cooperation" in the coming special session of Congress. The resolution had been reported by a committee.

3. Approved 1,234 as the total number of delegates in the 1948 convention, including a bonus of four delegates-at-large for each state that went Democratic in the last Presidential election. The present bonus is two. The 1944 convention had 1,170 full voting delegates.

San Francisco Withdraws. Philadelphia was the committee's unanimous choice after representatives of San Francisco withdrew in favor of the Pennsylvania city.

Seven spokesmen representing Philadelphia at the meeting presented a certified check of \$200,000, guaranteed to raise another \$50,000 for entertainment, promised 6,000 hotel rooms, and offered something new—plans for televising the convention.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—(AP)—Commenting today upon the election of Sen. J. Howard McGrath of Rhode Island as new chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Carroll Reece, chairman of the Republican National Committee, said today:

"The selection of a millionaire 'Rhode Island Red' as chairman of the Democratic National Committee is indicative of the present state of the once great party of Jefferson and Jackson. It shows the Truman administration is still basing its forlorn hope for victory next year upon allowing the radical groups to continue to control Democratic party policy, as they have done for many years past despite the fact that these same groups were so thoroughly repudiated by the American people last November."

Scene About Town

By "Stoop"

News Bureau of Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., sends release directed to all alumni, former students and parents of Doug Co. of Sat. 5 gridiron fray with of Siwash of Galesburg in their annual homecoming game. New twist to insure publication, is postscript which records show number of such alumni reside right here in Ump Valley.

Just get interest aroused over Freedom Train and you come a "Friendship Rattler." Also notice this Nat'l Apple Week, Navy Week, and Radio Week. What next?

Percy Croft tells of City Ed Jerry Sheldon havin' elbow nudged from table during city council meet, thus spoilin' a perfectly sound snoot.

Right fancy and purty sign erected at front camera shop at Odd Fellows bldg. Also note last two letters of neon sign "stove" missing on Kohnsagen on Jack St.

Latest racket reported in village wuz young lass making a door-to-door canvass sellin' magazines under G. I. Bill to gain entrance into Med. school. Selling point wuz he had to attain so many points by magazine sales to get entrance credits.

Give a buck and join the Benchwarmers.

Scientists estimate that about 100 lightning flashes per second occur over the whole earth.

Lightning produces two million tons of nitric acid from the air per day.

DANGEROUS THINKING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

We have before us a communication from one of our readers. It is not our custom to criticize letters from correspondents, as we feel that everyone has a right to his or her opinion and that it is the duty of a newspaper to furnish reader opinion regardless of whether it conforms to policies advocated by the newspaper. But in this particular case we cannot refrain from comment, because the line of thinking, in our opinion, is dangerous.

As we intend to scold, we will not reveal the writer's identity but instead, will let him be known as "Mr. A."

In his letter, "Mr. A." says: I read your editorials every day and enjoy them and feel I should write you in regards to some. I work hard every day and after a day's work, and I have had my dinner and read your paper and usually listened to a news report, I feel more like going to bed than writing. But your editorial tonight (Bonds For Schools, Oct. 22) calls for a letter. You may not want to publish this letter, but anyway it will relieve me to get it off my chest.

I realize our schools are very much over-populated. But show me a city or any community which has increased its population as Roseburg has that isn't over-populated. There were none of them prepared for any such increase, whether it be schools or business.

In order to relieve this condition, all that is ever mentioned is to increase taxes or float a bond issue. Ask yourself this question: Who increased the school population and where did they come from? What are the parents doing?

Here is the answer to a part of it, at least: The largest percent are employed in sawmills and logging camps, making from \$10 to \$45 per day. Now I know this is true. Most of them are living in a rented house or have built a little house and they pay little or no taxes. One man told me his check for the month of June was \$478 and asked me how many days I thought he worked. I said 20 and he said "no"; he had just worked 11 days. Now he is a logger. This is just one instance. There are hundreds of them.

Why can't these people pay a \$20 per month tuition for each child? They pay no taxes, yet they squawk their heads off and bellyache about every election where there is a tax issue involved.

Who paid for your education—you, your parents, or the folks down the street?

Mr. A's conception of wages in sawmilling and logging, we fear, are greatly exaggerated. He is not counting the seasonal factors in the industry, and the many layoffs, nor is he fair in judging the entire group of employees by earnings of a few of the more fortunately placed. A little investigation on his part would reveal a much different state of affairs than he visualizes. But that is not the part of his letter which disturbs us most.

What if Mr. A., when he came to Roseburg, had met the sort of reception he gives our new population? What if he had been resented because he brought problems with him? What if he had been expected to obtain education for his children by paying tuition? What growth, progress and improvement could be expected in Roseburg if all our citizens shared Mr. A's viewpoint?

Roseburg, like any other city, welcomes industry. It welcomes the people who go to make up that industry. We have long sought the industrial growth of our community. Coming of industry has raised our per capita wealth. It has created job assurance for thousands of persons. It has raised property values. It has opened opportunity for new businesses.

True, it has caused problems—problems of more school facilities, police and fire protection, sewage disposal, streets, roads, etc.—matters of public responsibility and expense. But we wanted industrial expansion, we worked for it, and now that we have it, we must assume our public responsibility.

Does Mr. A. favor elimination of our public school system and restoration of the old educational process whereby only the children of the wealthy obtained an education? If so, he would return to a caste system, whereby we would soon have an educated aristocracy and an illiterate servant class. Our public school system, which offers education to rich and poor alike, was founded largely to break down the class barrier raised by tuition education.

We do not believe Mr. A. actually holds the opinions he puts in his letter. He probably just didn't stop to "think through." He, like so many of us, dislikes taxes, and, because he sees a new tax proposal staring him in the face, he jotted down the first thoughts to enter his head.

But such thoughts, in our opinion, should not be entertained, even instinctively.

Second Football Squads to Clash With Grants Pass

Roseburg's two secondary football squads, the Junior High Papposes, and the junior-varsity Warriors, eased up with light workouts this week in preparation for their return doubleheader at Grants Pass Saturday afternoon.

Coach Hod Turner's Junior High eleven, undefeated in three starts this season and 7-0 winner over the Cave Kids last weekend, turned in a spirited workout Tuesday afternoon, but took to the dressing room for chalk talks last night because of heavy showers.

The Papposes came out of their last meeting with the Grants Pass juniors in good physical condition. Bob Swales, guard, suffering only a minor nose bruise. Catching the eye of Coach Turner and Ray Brown in their scrimmage session Tuesday was the play of Buster Lea, center; Dale Black, Howard Stumbo, and Bob Scott in the backfield, and the two rock-sock guards, Shrum and Swales.

Coach Jack Newby's Warriors are spending this week working on pass defense, their major weak point in last week's fray with the Grants Pass super-varsity, which they edged out 7-6, and end-around plays. No injuries were reported from Saturday's game, but Jack Patterson, starting guard, turned in his suit in favor of after-school work. Newby reported that Glen Scofield, former star halfback, has been moved to Patterson's former position, and Lemarr Konipatski, strong reserve, will take over the tackle spot.

Each of the two teams will carry 30 boys to Grants Pass Saturday morning. The Papposes begin play at 1:30 P.M., with the Warriors-supervarsity game slated to immediately follow.

6-Man Football Teams Face Last Half of Program

Douglas County six-man footballers begin the last half of their seven-game schedule tomorrow afternoon with four games slated over the county. All games are scheduled to start at 1:30 o'clock.

A slight revision of the B League high school schedule was made last week as Myrtle Creek dropped from the list to start 11-man football this fall in preparation for becoming a Class A school next year. They have been replaced on the playing schedule by Coos River High School, until the tutelage of Hugh Eskridge.

Winners of the league title will be champions of District 4 and meet the champions of the Lane-Linn-Benton counties' 6-man competition, comprising District 3, under plans to provide for a state championship playoff. Last year the Myrtle Creek six won this district's title.

Action tomorrow will see Oakland at Camas Valley, Glendale at Elkton, Drain at Yoncalla, and Coos River at Sutherlin. Myrtle Creek's 11-man team, with twin wins over Roseburg junior varsity, and a 7-6 nod over Bandon, are idle until Nov. 1, when they travel to Kerby in independent play.

In order that up-to-date league standings may be published weekly, hometown coaches are urged to send in a full account of each game to the News-Review immediately.

Indians in Top Shape For North Bend Gridders

Roseburg's rebounding Indians, perennial underdogs, last night held a lengthy scrimmage session for Friday night's foe, North Bend's up-and-coming Bulldogs—on Finlay Field.

The never-say-die North Bend eleven completely upset the loop apperant last week by downing previously undefeated Myrtle Point, 29-6, and local scouts report they should have won by at least 12 points more.

Against Coquille two weeks ago, North Bend overcame a 19-0 opponents' lead to win 21-19, with Makey, right tackle, winning the fray on extra point place kicks. Coach "Cec" Sherwood's Indians are reportedly in lipstuck condition and fully realize tomorrow night's game as an all important one. By winning over North Bend and taking the decision over

Morton Downey



Morton Downey, America's best loved tenor, smiles at the piano as he rehearses his song stylings for his new late evening show "Songs by Morton Downey," heard over MBS Tuesday and Thursday nights.

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Grants Pass next week, they'll stand a very good chance of tying with Marshfield, league-leader, for the circuit title.

Indoor Growing Of Bulbs Is Easy For Every Home

Growing bulbs indoors is a gardening pastime available to everyone. The plants suitable for this type of culture are extremely easy to grow, yet they are just as colorful and fragrant as the more exotic specimens that seem more at home in the outdoor garden. It takes practically no gardening tools to grow bulbs indoors. The expense is extremely nominal, yet the returns in the form of colorful blooms seem tremendous. There is probably no other type of gardening that offers so much in the form of floral dividends and demands so little care or attention.

The narcissus family offers the greatest possibility for this type of gardening. You should know that there is no difference between a daffodil and a narcissus; the former is the English name; the latter is the Latin term. Yet it is common parlance to use either of these words for the same type of flower. It has become the custom, however, in trumpet flowers by the name of daffodil and the medium or small trumpet florets by the name narcissus.

Hint on White Variety

The "paper white" narcissus, for example, is probably one of the favorite bulbs for indoor culture. The flowers are small and white and delightfully fragrant. The bulbs should be set in a fairly shallow bowl and supported in an upright position by small rocks. Then add just enough water so that the bottom surface of the bulb is touching water. That's about all the planting instructions you'll need. It is best to place the bowl and bulbs in a dark place such as a closet, for example, until the roots have made considerable growth. Then gradually introduce the plants to the light, never placing them in direct sunlight until the flowers have actually appeared. The "yellow paper-white" or Soleil D'or is a yellow version of this white narcissus. It will lend charm and color to your indoor floral decorations.

Lightning causes more farm fires in the United States than any other hazard; 37 per cent, compared with 11 per cent for chimney fires, the next highest item.

United Nations' Health Regarded In Grave Shape

By WEWITT MacKENZIE, AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The mood of those who are concerned with the welfare of the United Nations is one of increasing fear that our peace organization, which was to unite mankind into one world of friendship, already is an irrevocably tragic failure as the result of the fierce conflict between the Communists and the democracies.

One strives eagerly but vainly to recall some greater accomplishment by the U. N. than that of last Monday when the political committee, after a long and bitter battle, finally achieved unanimity. It adopted a resolution condemning all forms of propaganda likely to provoke or encourage any threat to peace.

Well, it's good to find our peace organization at least agreeing that it is against war! Apropos of this, one is reminded of the story about the late President Calvin Coolidge and the Sunday sermon. I've forgotten who first related the tale but suspect it was Mrs. Coolidge herself who told of asking Cal, upon his return from church, what the minister preached about.

"Sin," replied the very laconic Coolidge.

"What line did he take?" persisted Mrs. C.

"He's against it," said the president.

So the fruit of weary months of fighting is a resolution condemning war. And having passed this they have returned to the wrangling.

Fear Keeps It Going

"Small wonder that Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt a couple of days ago exorcised a hope and a prayer in the U. N. for a 'gradual increase of good will here rather than this continued back-and-forth of our telling each other what dogs we are.'"

The way it looks from this column's observation post, the U. N. is being kept going largely because of stark fear among member nations of what would happen if the organization collapsed. The results of a breakdown are too terrible to contemplate.

Thus we find in U. N. circles the feeling that the organization must be maintained at all hazards. There are those who are hoping—perhaps it would be more accurate to say there are those who are wishfully thinking—that perhaps the anxiously awaited meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers in London next month may develop something to alleviate the strained situation.

That conference is primarily to

try once more to write a German peace treaty over which thus far the former allies have been unable to agree. Success in framing this pact might be the long-sought key to better relations between the Russian and the Western blocs, since Germany is the crux of the politico-economic crisis in Europe.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Sam's a Matrimony Expert

Sam Abernathy never intended to be a matrimony expert, but he hit the nail on the head the other day when he said:

"What marriage really needs is more open minds and a lot fewer open mouths."

Sam may not think much of his misadventure choice of hats or her habit of serving watercress and cream cheese salad. But he keeps his mouth shut (I mean, he just uses it to eat the salad). And the misadventure criticizes Sam's affection for that worn-out chair before the fire,

and his mellow glass of beer and pipe at the end of a long day.

From where I sit, that prescription would apply to most human relationships. Criticism rarely rouses anything but resentment. But an open mind—whether it's applied to a woman's choice of hats, or a husband's preference for a pipe and a moderate glass of beer or two—leads to the conclusion that there's right on both sides.

Joe Marsh

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