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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon
Forecast for Roseburg and vic-
inity: Light rain tonight and
Thursday; warmer tonight.
Highest temp. for any Nov. 76
Lowest temp. for any Nov. 54
Highest temp. yesterday 52
Lowest temp. last night 41
Precipitation yesterday .48
Precipitation from Nov. 1 .95
Excess from Nov. 1 .37
Excess from Sept. 1 3.32

In the Day's News

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fair.

IN Washington, a 19-man citi-
zens committee headed by Sec-
retary of Commerce Harriman
places the cost of a four-year self-
help program for Europe at a to-
tal somewhere between 12 billions
and 17 billions.

(Marshall's 16 to 20 billion
guess, you will note, runs consid-
erably higher.)

At least, the combination of the
two guesses provides us with a
tentative "maybe less, maybe
more" answer to the all-important
question: "How much will it
cost?"

What we ought to have now is
an answer to the other all-important
question:
"Can we afford it?"

If we can't afford it—that is to
say if it seems probable, in the
face of the facts, that attempt-
ing to pull Europe out of its eco-
nomic hole will BANKRUPT us
—we'd better pull out NOW and
look out for ourselves.

If we bankrupt ourselves trying
to do something that is too
big for us, our opportunity to
help will be gone. If, on the other
hand, we keep ourselves
strong, we can remain a stabiliz-
ing and helpful influence in the
world of the future.

THAT is a cold-blooded and real-
istic way to look at it, but after
all cold-blooded realism usually
gets farther in emergencies than
fuzzy sentiment.

You may or may not have noted
that when a man who isn't a
strong enough swimmer plunges
heroically into the water to try to
save a drowning person the result
is apt to be that BOTH DROWN.

HERE is what helping Europe
effectively will mean:

We must MAKE ENOUGH
THINGS to meet both our needs
and Europe's needs. Paper dollars
won't do the job. You can't EAT
paper dollars.

Only THINGS will help in this
emergency.

HERE is something practical to
think about:

According to the Oregon State
Motor association, 42 PER CENT
of Oregon's automobile accidents
last year involved FAULTY
BRAKES.

THIS is the point:

You can weep and wring your
hands 24 hours a day over the
tragedy of too many automobile
accidents and about all you will
accomplish will be WASTING
TIME by crying and carrying on
while you ought to be at work.

But if you will HAVE YOUR
BRAKES FIXED, you may be
able to PREVENT an accident.

Ousted Eugene Police Chief Gets Oregon City Post

OREGON CITY, Nov. 12.—(AP)
—Lawrence L. Pittenger, 47, who
resigned as Chief of Police at
Eugene recently after a slapping
incident, Monday was appointed
Oregon City Chief of Police.
City Manager Robert A. Fin-
layson announced the appoint-
ment to become effective Dec. 1
or sooner at a yearly salary of
\$3900.

Pittenger submitted his resigna-
tion at Eugene with the explana-
tion he had slapped a boy in his
office for a hearing. He refused
to reconsider, despite ap-
peals by several clubs there who
insisted he had caused for the in-
cident and his previous record
good.

He will succeed C. A. Blodgett,
who resigned recently to become
Chief of Police at Cottage Grove.
Pittenger formerly was with

FARM PRICES OFF BALANCE

(This is the last of three dispatches on the condition of the
American farmer today.)

By PETER EDSON

NFA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—When OPA controls ended on
June 30, 1946, prices paid to farmers jumped nearly 25 per
cent in a few months. They have never come down. Instead,
they have gone steadily up.

U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics, reporting on
prices paid to farmers as of Sept. 15, finds them at 286 per
cent above the 1909-14 base period average. That is four per
cent above the previous month, 18 per cent above a year ago,
and 22 per cent above the post-World War I high of 235 in
May, 1920.

While the prices received by farmers have gone up, the
prices paid by farmers for the things they buy from town,
such as farm machinery, building materials, fertilizer, mixed
feeds, furniture, clothing and the foods the farmer can't
grow for his own needs, have been going up, too.

Prices paid by farmers went up one per cent for the month
ending Sept. 15, to a new all-time high of 237 per cent above
the 1909-14 average. This is 18 per cent above a year ago
and 17 per cent above the post-World War I peak of 22 per
cent, in 1920.

This 1909-14 period is taken as base because those were
the years when farmers were supposed to be getting a square
deal. Wheat was only 88 cents a bushel then, and hogs were
\$7.27 a hundredweight. But prices were stable, the things
farmers bought cost far less, and, in general, it was thought
farm living was almost equal to city living.

To get at the measure of this relationship, the so-called
"parity formula" was devised. It is the ratio of prices re-
ceived by farmers to prices paid by farmers. As the figures
eited above show, prices received by farmers are at the index
number of 286, while prices paid by farmers are at the index
number of 237. The ratio is 121 to 100, which means that the
farmer is now selling at a level 21 per cent higher than the
level at which he buys.

On today's farm markets, there are less than half a dozen
farm products selling for less than the parity price. Wheat
and corn are both selling above \$2.40 a bushel. The parity
price on wheat is \$2.10 and on corn, \$1.52. Hogs are now
selling above \$27 a hundredweight. The parity price is
\$17.20.

That may give one measure of how much out of line farm
prices are today. They could come down considerably without
causing the farmer any hardship.

The government is committed to pay these support prices
on specified principal farm products until Dec. 31, 1948.
Unless Congress acts to extend this arrangement, the farmer
will go back to a free market. Obviously, in an election year,
Congress will not be inclined to pull the props out from
under the farm vote in this manner.

The farm parity formula has been revised from time to
time. In 1935 Congress included taxes and interest in cal-
culating the index of prices paid by farmers. There is agita-
tion now to have the price of farm labor included in this
index. Such an amendment would give the farmer further
protection.

From the consumers' standpoint, this is the trouble with
the parity formula calculations as now set up. It is a one-
way street.

During the depression, it was the purchasing power of the
farmer's dollar that went down—the prices of the things he
had to sell went down, while the prices on things he bought
stayed up.

Today, the exact opposite situation prevails. It is the pur-
chasing power of the consumer's dollar that is down, and
there is no parity formula for consumers.

Some revision of the parity formula that would auto-
matically reduce government support prices guaranteed to
farmers, when the index of prices they receive gets too high,
would tend to correct today's unnatural farm price levels.

BOARD MEETING DATED

Members of the Non-High
School District Board will meet
at 10 A. M. Thursday in the
office of Mrs. L. C. Gorrell, county
school superintendent. It was
announced today.

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REMAINING HOURS TODAY

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Vark Chemical
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4:30—Shedden, Theaters
4:45—Music You Like
5:00—Hooters, Hotshots, Montgomery
5:15—Superman, Kellogg's
5:30—Captain Midnight, Wander Co.
5:45—Tommy, Theaters
6:00—Cathart Heater, Carter Products
6:15—The Sports Page, Bureau Sales
and Service
6:30—Musical Interlude
6:45—State and Local News, Roseburg
Music Co.
7:00—High Adventure
7:15—Songs for Everyone, Roseburg
Recreation
7:30—Tommy, Touchdown Tips,
General Petroleum
7:45—The Great Kid, Modern Furniture
8:00—The Sports Page, Wintour
8:15—Music As You Like It, Lockwood
Motors
8:30—Extra, Goldie's Hostess
8:45—Spotlight on a Star, Horn's
8:55—Billie Rose, Pitching Hottshots,
E. J. Bender, Ju.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labe
9:15—Regularity Time, Jack Farlin &
Son
9:30—Cliff Edwards Show, Carvins
Furniture
9:45—Music
10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Uniqua Auto
10:15—Nocturne
10:30—Ten-Thirty Club, Lawson's
11:00—Alvin Karp
11:30—Sign Off

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6:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
6:15—Alvin Karp
6:30—Four H Club

Crop Insurance Case Sees Rap at Federal Rules

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—(AP)
Justice Jackson slapped "an
ruling by five Supreme Court
colleagues that a farmer buying
Federal Crop Insurance must
keep informed on government
regulations in the "federal reg-
ister."

If the farmer, Jackson said,
were to read "this voluminous
and dull publication as it is issued
from time to time in order to
make sure whether anything has
been promulgated that affects
his rights, he would never need
crop insurance, for he would
never get time to plant any
crops."

Jackson wrote the dissent to
a 5-4 decision in which Justice
Frankfurter spoke for the ma-
jority. Justice Douglas joined in
Jackson's view, while Black and
Rutledge dissented without writ-
ing an opinion.

Frankfurter's majority ruling
said the Federal Crop Insurance
Corporation need not pay \$3,500
to Merrill Brothers, a farming
firm in Bonneville County, Idaho,
because of the failure of a 1945
wheat crop.

Federal Crop Insurance argued
that, under its contract with the
Merrills, spring wheat reseeded
on 400 acres of winter wheat
acreage was not eligible for in-
surance.

The court majority agreed with
this argument and said the gov-
ernment's regulation was pub-
licly listed in the "federal reg-
ister," a daily computation of
government orders and regula-
tions.

"Just as everyone is charged
with knowledge of the United
States statutes," Frankfurter said,
"congress has provided that the
appearance of rules and regula-
tions in the federal register gives
legal notice of their contents."

Jackson Seeks Rules

To this Jackson replied:
"To my mind, it is an absurd-
ity to hold that every farmer who
insures his crops knows what the
federal register contains or even
knows that there is such a pub-
lication," Jackson added.

"Nor am I convinced that a
reading of technically worded
regulations would enlighten him
much in any event."

No one, Jackson said, should
be expected to have to hire a
lawyer "to see whether his own
government is issuing him a poli-
cy which in case of loss would
turn out to be no policy at all."

Jackson said the court should
have laid down a federal rule
that would hold such agencies
as the Crop Insurance Corpora-
tion "to the same fundamental
principles of fair dealing that
have been found essential in pro-
cessing states to prevent insur-
ance from being an investment
in disappointment."

The Merrills said they were
not aware of the limitation on
coverage until after the loss oc-
curred. They also said that when
they applied for the insurance
the corporation's agent was told
that the acreage had been re-
seeded.

A jury trial in a state court re-
sulted in award of the \$3,500 to
the Merrills. The Idaho court
affirmed the award.

Critic Severe On Margaret Truman

OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 10.—
(AP)—Some 3,500 persons who
gave Miss Margaret Truman four
curtain calls when she sang here
yesterday with the Oklahoma
City Symphony Orchestra appar-
ently did not agree with a music
critic who said "the concert as a
whole was not an artistic suc-
cess."

Tracy Silverster, music critic of
the Daily Oklahoman, had no
bouquets either for the presi-
dent's daughter or the orchestra.
He wrote:

"The program was advertised
as the Truman debut in Oklaho-
ma City, but was completely top
heavy with symphonic work. As
it turned out, this was fortunate,
although the orchestra was very
erratic throughout."

Much has been written
about the artist's charm and ap-
peal so we will not dwell on this
aspect. However it is our studied
opinion after hearing the 80-
prata on three different occa-
sions that she is not equipped
with a voice of artistic propor-
tions.

Her delivery is extremely
throaty and the voice could in no
stretch of the imagination be
classed as a contralto. In the
only song which attempted the
coloratura gyrations she was con-

tinually off pitch and executed
the cadenzas very awkwardly."
Conductor Victor Alessandri,
however, said "I think she's go-
ing all right."

Lumbermen Will Tackle Problem Of Car Shortage

PORTLAND, Nov. 10.—(Special)
—In an effort to help solve
the critical railroad car shortage,
which is crippling lumber pro-
duction in Oregon, C. Ward In-
gram, Eugene, president of the
West Coast Lumbermen's Asso-
ciation today named a 27-man
committee of lumbermen to make
an intensive study of the prob-
lem.

The special committee, headed
by George T. Gerlinger, Portland,
president of the Willamette Val-
ley Lumber Company, contains
representatives of nearly every
major lumber producing region
on the Southern Pacific Railroad.
The committee will hold its first
meeting at 10:30 A. M. Thursday,
November 13, in the board room
of the West Coast Lumbermen's
Association, 1410 S. W. Morrison
Street.

In addition to Gerlinger the
committee includes: E. W. Pease,
Medford; Al Clements, Eugene;
J. M. Fleishman, O'Brien; Fred
Voget, Forest Grove; Al Peirce,
Coos Bay; M. L. Hallmark, Rose-
burg; Ralph Benson, Portland;
Fred Blidick, Cottage Grove; J.
E. Cool, Portland; C. R. Elliott,
Reedsport; Dale Fischer, Mar-
cola; Geo. C. Flanagan, Medford;
St. C. Cotton, Ashland; Edmund
Hayes, Portland; Ernest Whipple,
Drain; Geo. S. Hays, Eugene;
Guy Haynes, Carlton; W. E. Ir-
win, Portland; Henry N. Jacob-
sen, Roseburg; Elliott Jenkins,
Eugene; Arthur Kennedy, Glen-
dale; D. H. Miller, Bandon; Ray
W. Peplage, Forest Grove; E. L.
Spaulding, Murphy; Norman A.
Stone, Westfir; and Elmer H.
Worth, McMinnville.

HUGE SIGN DISPLAYED

Passing motorists on the Pa-
cific Highway south of Roseburg,
may now identify the Uniqua
Plywood Corp.'s big plant which
is half hidden by rolling hills at
Green. Name of the plant has
been placed on the road in big,
individually-cut plywood letters,
said Jackson Egan, secretary
of the company, today.

Gift Gossip

By MARGIE

Hello there, all you nice peo-
ple, I just took a run down to my
old stamping ground, THE GIFT
SHOP, the place, at 115 S. Stephens
St. and believe you me, Christ-
mas is just busting out all over
down there. The place has been
redecorated and polished until it
shines like a new dime, and the
racks and cases are full to over-
flowing.

Look now, for Junior or his
smallest sister there are spank-
ing new Indian suits with feather
head dress, newly arrived and
waiting to be snatched up. There
are cowboy and cowgirl suits, too,
of excellent material and work-
manship. THE GIFT SHOP has
an exclusive on these, but the
number is limited, so take a tip
from Santie's Auntie and get
them at once, for the small fry.

If you're going to have Christ-
mas cards printed, don't delay, for
time's a-wasting. THE GIFT
SHOP has a large selection for
your approval, in delightful de-
signs and various quantities—a
price range to fit every budget.
Hurry up, though, it won't be
long now!

This week the front windows of
THE GIFT SHOP are all clutter-
ed up with agate jewelry, new
and precious and exciting. Agates
have a fresh, Oregon flavor,
rain-washed and typical of this
particular part of the state. The
windows tie in with the big Min-
eral Show being staged at the
Junior High School on Nov. 15
and 16.

Now here's a deal you can't af-
ford to miss. THE GIFT SHOP is
offering you a chance at two im-
portant prizes. One is an exquisite
doll; the other, one of those
frisky bronze horses that anyone
would love to stable or table. To
qualify, just buy a bill of goods at
THE GIFT SHOP. The largest
single order canters off with the
horse, while a lucky number wins
the doll. Contest closes Dec. 22,
so get your chips in. It could hap-
pen to you.

I'll be back again next Monday
with more gossip and all the dope
on another big contest. Let THE
GIFT SHOP be your fairy god-
mother. At 115 S. Stephens St.,
remember. (Pd. Adv.)

NO FOUL PLAY

PORTLAND, Nov. 10.—(AP)—An
autopsy and police probe into the
fatal injury of Mrs. Kathryn Pet-
tingill, Oak Grove cafe owner,
has revealed no indication of foul
play, State Police Sgt. William
Genn said today.

The autopsy indicated death
was due to internal strangulation
of the lungs, caused by body fluid
entering the organs, after the
woman suffered a pelvic and hip
fracture in a fall at her home
Nov. 1.

DRIVER EXAMS SET

Driver license examinations
will be conducted in Roseburg
next Thursday and Friday, Nov.

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