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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon
Forecast for Roseburg and vi-
cinity: Light rain tonight and Fri-
day.
Highest temp. for any Dec. 70
Lowest Temp. for any Dec. 5
Highest temp. yesterday 46
Lowest temp. last night 37
Precipitation yesterday .06
Precipitation from Dec. 1 1.23
Deficit from Dec. 1 .54
Excess from Sept. 1 .57

In the Day's News

(Continued from page 1)

more goods from the Russians than they are getting from us. Among the supplies we are receiving from the Soviet Union, he added, are manganese and platinum, both of which we vitally need in our business.

SUPPOSE we quit trading with the Russians, and in doing so shut ourselves off from an important source of things we NEED BADLY.

Wouldn't we then be cutting off our noses to spite our faces?

FOR some time a French mission has been in Moscow talking TRADE between Russia and France. This week the Russians suddenly and arbitrarily called off these talks and sent the Frenchmen home.

Why?
One doesn't know, of course, but PRESUMABLY the utterly realistic and wholly selfish Moscow government came to the conclusion that such dealings would help France more than they would help Russia.

THAT seems to set a fairly sensible pattern for such dealings. If they help us more than they help the other fellow, why not go on with them as long as the other fellow will stand for it. If they damage us and help a possible future enemy, we should of course put a stop to them.

THERE is one form of "trade" between us and Russia that certainly ought to be evened up.

Information given to this same house committee indicates that somewhat more than 3,000 Russians are now in the United States on visitors' permits, while fewer than 80 Americans have been similarly admitted to Russia.

It seems to this writer that we might well say to Moscow: "If we're going to admit large numbers of your people to our country, you must admit at least a similar number of our people to your country."

That would make sense. If the Russians are to be permitted to look us over, we should be permitted to look them over.

AS these words are being written, the chattering teletypes have just delivered themselves of this bulletin:

"The communist-dominated French General Confederation of Labor has ordered France's two million strikers BACK TO WORK TOMORROW."

What does it mean?

Well it must mean that the communists have come to the conclusion that in France they have bitten off more than they can presently chew, and are spitting some of it out.

THAT would mean that patriotic Frenchmen, encouraged by the firmness of their government, have decided that maybe there is some hope for the future after all, and are going back to work in numbers large enough to upset the communist apocalyptic.

C. of C. Forum Meetings Halted Until January 12

Regular forum meetings of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce have been discontinued until Jan. 12, because of the press of holiday business during the Christmas season. It was announced by Horace C. Berg, chairman of the Chamber's forum committee.

During the present year, the Chamber has held 29 membership meetings, at which there have been a total attendance of 1,683 persons, for an average of 57.4 per meeting. "We have gained strength and performed better service because of our

SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Roseburg merchants are holding a belated Christmas Opening Saturday, Dec. 13. The opening is belated because the buying public already is well advanced with its Christmas buying, which is expected to set new high records in volume.

It has long been a custom in Roseburg, as well as in most larger towns, to usher in the Christmas season with formalities sponsored by retail merchants. Saturday's event will be considerably more extensive than usual.

Business houses are having special Christmas window displays prepared for the occasion. The Roseburg School Band will participate, and, at the same time, inaugurate its uniform fund campaign. The band will be on the streets both morning and afternoon, and individual entertainers from the band personnel will aid 150 student salesmen who will be offering lapel buttons. Proceeds from the button sale will go into a fund to buy new uniforms, the goal having been set at \$3,000 to equip 60 musicians.

In preparation for the holiday season, the retail merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce has sponsored unique street decorations. Plywood cutouts of Santa Claus, designed by the Rev. W. A. MacArthur, member of the City Planning Commission, were made by manual arts students in the high schools. Rev. MacArthur, personally, painted the cutouts. Attached to lamp poles and trimmed with evergreen boughs, the decorations have attracted much favorable interest and comment.

Due to the overloaded condition of power transformers, it was not deemed advisable to string holiday lights in the business district this year, and outdoor residential lighting is not encouraged.

As an aid to Christmas shoppers, retail stores will be open until 9 P.M. Friday night of this week, and also will remain open evenings Monday, Dec. 22, and Tuesday, Dec. 23. One of the chief purposes behind the evening openings is that of giving men of the community an opportunity to visit stores during non-working hours.

Saturday will find Roseburg stores beautifully trimmed and decorated in holiday dress, increased sales forces, special Christmas merchandise displays, etc. Various types of entertainment will be offered.

The Elks lodge will hold its Annual Stag Smoker Saturday night.

The cynic would say that the Christmas Opening has an ulterior motive and is arranged for the sole purpose of causing people to spend more money.

Perhaps, in a sense, the cynic is correct. When people are in a happy frame of mind, their sense of well-being enhanced by attractive surroundings, holiday decorations and entertainment, they will spend dollars a little more freely.

But, we believe, there is more behind the Christmas Opening program than a strictly mercenary motive. Perhaps even the merchants who sponsor the event are not consciously aware of their reasons. They cooperate because it is expected of them and because it is the customary thing to do.

But we doubt very much if the extra expenditures gained through a Christmas Opening will offset the hundreds of dollars merchants have contributed to decorate the streets and their own stores, the contributions they will make to the band and various other Christmas charities.

Merchandising can be a dull and exacting business. But at Christmas time shoppers are in a less exacting frame of mind; they surround their buying with a spirit of "giving" which exalts the emotions. It is a period the merchant enjoys, despite the extra work.

We believe the Christmas Opening is a sort of instinctive expression of the spirit of "good will to men." A manifestation of the open-hearted Christmas season—an all too brief period when our minds turn from our individual troubles and the problems of the world and become focused on an event which has come down through the centuries as one of the most joyous of the year.

meeting on a common ground to consider important issues," Berg said.

New Hospitals With Federal Aid Discussed

PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Hospital construction in Oregon under a federal fund program will be studied by the advisory committee to the State Board of Health at a session here Dec. 17. Topics include standards for defining acceptable hospital beds, hospital service area boundaries and basis of construction priority for hospitals to be built or expanded in Oregon under the federal aid program.

KRNR Mutual Broadcasting System 1490 Kilocycles

REMAINING HOURS TODAY
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Folger's.
4:15—Frank Hemminger, Folger's.
4:30—Lambert, Folger's.
4:45—Sons of G. G. Folger's.
5:00—Surprise Party, Montgomery Ward.
5:15—Superman, Folger's.
5:30—Captain Midnight, Folger's.
5:45—Tom Mix, Folger's.
6:00—Billy West, Folger's.
6:15—The Sports Page, Folger's.
6:30—Service.
6:45—Musical Interlude.
7:00—State and Local News, Roseburg.
7:15—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
7:30—Your Favorite Songs, Folger's.
7:45—Music You Remember, Folger's.
8:00—The Anderson, Folger's.
8:15—Mystical Travels.
8:30—Night Extra, Folger's.
8:45—Tonight on a Star, Folger's.
9:00—Billie Holiday, Folger's.
9:15—Alka Seltzer News, Folger's.
9:30—Moonlight Serenade, Folger's.
9:45—State and Local News, Roseburg.
10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
10:15—Morton Downey, Folger's.
10:30—Ten-Thirty Club, Folger's.
10:45—Billie Holiday, Folger's.
11:00—Sign Off.

FRIDAY, DEC. 12, 1947
6:00—Frank Hemminger, Folger's.
6:15—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
6:30—Yawn Patrol.
6:45—Surprise Party, Folger's.
7:00—Frank Hemminger, Folger's.

National Poster Contest Open To School Children

Roseburg school children may participate in the National Poppy Poster Contest to be sponsored by the Auxiliary of Umpqua Post No. 16 of the American Legion. It was announced by Mrs. Jennie Midland, local chairman for the contest.

The posters submitted in Roseburg will be eligible for the Oregon department contest, for which a first prize of \$10 will be offered, and the national contest for which a top prize of \$100 will be given.

Closing date of the contest here will be April 15, 1948, in the three classes for students in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th grades, inclusive.

Rules for the contest state that the words "American Legion" or "American Legion Auxiliary" must be incorporated into the design of every poster, as well as a fitting slogan which must not exceed 10 words.

Each poster must also carry a facsimile of the Flanders poppy in the correct color.

Students may use paper cutouts (in the first class only) and temporary water colors (show card paint), oil crayons, or oil paint. Points on which the posters will be judged will include appeal, artistic ability, originality, and neatness.

Use of the United States flag in any form and use of the words "Buy" and "Buddy" are prohibited in American Legion Auxiliary posters, Mrs. Midland said.

Scene About Town

By "STOOP"

From looks o' specimen at Armory these days, no reason why we shouldn't have king-sized gobblers on table cum Xmas Day.

Turkey hatches Mr. and Missus Jay Shinn say they're plannin' gold-mine oil sales of "interpretation dictionary" for this year colyum. Might be good idea from all reports.

Turkey show took away heat from basement o' Armory this week, so drop into recruiting station downstairs for a homey atmosphere. Army and Navy will at its best, complete with blazin' fireplace.

Back in circulation this week, wavin' cane and wavin' doctor's orders, is Abe Bean, just released from hospital for second time in past two months.

Radio station has nite, durin' "Jamboree" program, 6:30 to 7:15, rec'd several guesses from listeners as to who was "Miss Hash," but who wins but Pres Lee, oil distributor, who chose Aggie Pitchford, juvenile officer, and was so right. Most incorrect guesses went to Helen Casey.

Another desk adornment today concernin' P. B.'s. Sez this one, "Hm, biggest and finest turkey show on earth in Poseyville and not a sign of the once active Paul Bunyans."

Ask gee who accompanied VA Nurse Bonnie Bundy to main showhouse las' eve 'bout evah agin takin' someone along to flicker they've already seen. Flicker, appropriately titled "Desert Fury," dern good, tho, especially since we expect to become a desert rat also in near future.

Between wearin' Turkey Show booster ribbon, provin' you're a Benchwarmer, sportin' an Xmas Seal spangle, try to make room for a tag button in support of the ragged-appeared RMS band come Saturday.

State Press Comment

A LONG OVERDUE REFORM

(Salem Capital Journal)
At its annual meeting in Portland last week the Oregon Educational Association committed itself to the task of sponsoring an initiative measure calling for unrestricted suffrage in school elections by abolishing the property qualification of voters at elections relative to school financing. In other words, they propose to submit to the electorate at next November's general election an amendment to the Oregon school law's peculiar requirement that voters must be the owners of taxable real property within the school district to qualify as eligible electors privileged to cast ballots for or against special tax levies or bond issues.

Under the present law, said to have had its inception back in the days when residents of sparsely settled school districts seemed to take delight in saddling the cost of maintaining expensive educational returns to serve a handful of children upon absentee owners of huge tracts of land, a voter to be eligible for participation in elections involving taxes must himself be a taxpayer of the district. The mere fact that he is a resident and otherwise qualified to exercise his franchise does not entitle any man or woman to vote at "money" elections, although he may have half a dozen children in school.

The theory that the only ones who pay taxes are those who own property has long since been dispelled as an actuality, especially in this state where legislation enacted during the past six years has shifted the burden of school

support until two-thirds of it is now paid for out of income tax collections. If a valid reason for such discrimination ever did exist, it most certainly has been eliminated by the complete overhauling of the school system. It never has served a good or equitable purpose and only serves to complicate school elections. It served to discourage otherwise good citizens from participating in school district affairs, discouraging many of them from going to the polls because many of them were turned away after taking the trouble to walk miles to a polling place only to be turned back when they got there because their names were not included on the tax rolls.

Many are the proposals involving vitally needed school funds in excess of the district's budgetary limitations that have been turned down by minority groups of voters as a result of this antiquated requirement, which has no place in any scheme of democratic government. For once the teachers seem to be on the right track.

College Enrollment to Be High for Many Years

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 11.

(AP)—College enrollment in Oregon institutions will continue at a high level for many years, Chancellor Paul C. Parker, head of the state system of higher education, told a campus and field staff faculty meeting at Oregon State College last night.

Dr. Parker told the assembly of 100 that the quality of the teacher job will determine whether additional public support will be given expansion of faculties and enlargement of buildings needed to supply the continued high enrollment.

MORMONS TO BUILD

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Construction of a new Latter Day Saints (Mormon) Church here at an estimated cost of \$85,000 will begin immediately on Pendleton's north side hill addition, it was announced.

Pointing to the fact that December is the peak month for traffic accidents, the Oregon State Motor Association reminded motorists there were 56 deaths in traffic last December in urging careful driving this month.

Driver Training Course for School Teachers Dated

A special training course for high school teachers in driver education and training will be held in Portland, February 26, under auspices of the Portland Extension Center, Oregon State System of Higher Education, officials of the Oregon State Motor Association announced.

The Association arranged to bring Prof. Amos Neyhart, head of the department of public safety, Pennsylvania State College and AAA driver training specialist, to Portland as instructor for the course which has been requested by many Oregon high school administrators.

Class sessions will be held at the Portland Public Library in Library Hall. The 40-hour course carries three graduate or undergraduate credits, and enables high schools to qualify for the free dual-control driver training cars available through the AAA. The first special teacher training course in Oregon was held in Portland in August of this year, with 94 persons enrolled. Enrollment for the winter course has been limited by AAA to 40 teachers, so registrations will be accepted on the basis of first come, first served, the Motor Association said.

Teachers may register with the Portland Extension Center, 207 Education Center Building, 220 S. W. Alder Street, Portland 4, Oregon. The course fee is \$10.50, payable to the Portland Extension Center.

U.S.-Panama Agreement Provides Defense Sites

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The State Department announced yesterday that the United States and Panama have signed an agreement for leasing an air base and 13 defense sites to the U.S. to be used for defense of the Panama canal.

The joint announcement with Panama said the agreement calls for five-year leases on 13 different sites in Panama and a 10-year lease with an option for ten more on the huge B-29 air base at Rio Hato, about 70 miles west of Panama City.

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