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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon
Forecast for Roseburg and vic-
inity: Light rain tonight and
Thursday.
Highest temp. for any Dec. 70
Lowest temp. for any Dec. 56
Highest temp. yesterday 56
Lowest temp. last night 45
Precipitation yesterday .7
Precipitation from Dec. 1 1.81
Deficit from Dec. 1 .77
Excess from Sept. 1 .34

In the Day's News

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WHAT YOU GET IN THINGS in
return for your money?

I presume, this is it:
Since you would have only
diminishing returns for the dollars you
had before, you would be unable
to pay the DOLLAR prices exist-
ing before the denominations on
your paper money were juggled.

Since you would be UNABLE
to pay the dollar prices previous-
ly existing, you would have to do
without a lot of things unless the
prices of the things were reduced.
Hence the volume of business
would drop sharply unless prices
were reduced to correspond with
the smaller denominations of the
money in circulation.

THAT is how it would have to
work here, in a "free" econ-
omy. How it will work in Russia
can't be said until we know more
about how things are done there.

For example, who makes prices
in Russia?

Is price-making done freely
there by people who have things
for sale? Or is it done by the
government?

Until we can get more light on
that side of the subject, we shall
be just as much in the dark as
we were before.

THERE are some typically Rus-
sian angles to the announce-
ment.

The decree changing the offi-
cial value of the ruble singles out
"war profiteers" as a target for
the program. That is to say, the
Kremlin wants us to believe it is
cutting war profiteers down to
common man size.

It is something to learn offi-
cially that there ARE war pro-
fiteers in communist Russia. We
had been led to believe that such
cattle exist ONLY in the CAP-
ITALIST COUNTRIES.

Now we are told officially that
communist Russia has them.

THE "conversion" dispatch adds
cryptically that RATIONING
of food and industrial goods is to
be abolished at the same time.
Nothing is said about prices, other
than a vague statement that they
are to be "reduced."

Who will do the reducing, and
how?

Normally, elimination of rat-
ioning would enable those with
MORE MONEY to get a larger
share of the existing good things
of life. And it appears from what
we have been told that some peo-
ple in Russia DO have more
money than others.

That, in itself, is shocking.

MOSCOW has been thundering
that inflation is a wicked in-
stitution that plagues CAPITAL-
IST states. Now we learn that to-
titarian Russia has its inflation
problems.

If that is true, PEOPLE ARE
PEOPLE in Russia, as elsewhere,
and Russian human nature works
just like other human nature.
That, at least, is interesting.

**Benefit Dance Set for
Sutherland School Gym**

SUTHERLAND—A benefit dance
with Chick Miller's orchestra
will be held in the Sutherland
school gymnasium on Dec. 19, ac-
cording to a decision of the Suth-
erland Parent-Teacher Club.

The club will use the proceeds
from the dance to pay for folding
steel chairs for the gymnasium.
One hundred chairs have been or-
dered.

Emma Vandenberg is in charge
of arrangements for the dance.
Annette Jones, 1st grade teacher,
is chairman of the decoration
committee, and Mrs. Carl Jen-
kins of the ticket committee.

A turkey will be given away as
a door prize.

Museums have well-preserved
samples of leather known to be
at least 10,000 years old.

MAJORITY DECISION

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Perhaps we have failed to contact the right people, but we find little interest among those we have interviewed in the annexation election to be held Friday, Dec. 26. It would be a calamity, in our opinion, should annexation fail because of poor attendance at the polls. If annexation is not desired and is voted down by a large turnout of voters, then we would have no complaint. But to lose a much-needed improvement simply because too few people were sufficiently interested to go to the trouble of voting would border on disaster. Yet we might experience just such a situation, for the opposition usually is out in force when an issue such as the annexation project is submitted, while the affirmative sentiment is only partially represented.

We have not encountered any widespread opposition to the proposed annexation from residents of the city. As we say, we may not have contacted the right people. In the districts proposing annexation, sentiment is sharply divided and we have heard both sides of the issue debated by suburbanites.

Residents of the districts scheduled to join the municipality in the event of a favorable vote are asking two very pertinent questions. They ask why annexation should be voted at this time, and what they may expect in return for joining the city. Both are good questions and deserving of study.

It should be understood that enlargement of boundaries was not sought nor initiated by the City of Roseburg. Insofar as municipal government is concerned, it would probably be better if annexation failed. An increase in territory means that our municipal services must be spread thinner; that we must delay some of the improvements desired within the present city limits. But that is a short-sighted view. Annexation, over a long period of years, will improve the financial situation.

Annexation was petitioned by the several districts, the chief purpose being to speed installation of sewers and sewage disposal facilities. Even though annexation is voted, a lapse of as much as two years may occur before installations can be made. But without annexation it is doubtful if the improvement, so vital to health, could be achieved at all. Through annexation the various sections can set up assessment districts and take advantage of the Bancroft bonding procedure, which extends payments over a long period of years. The credit of the entire municipality is pledged in endorsement of the bonds, although assessments are collected only from benefited taxpayers. The Bancroft system does not recognize unorganized districts and would not be available without annexation.

Annexation also will make available, as financing is arranged, the lighting of streets, police and fire protection, building inspection, orderly and planned expansion, and many other services.

Some residents of suburban districts express fear that if annexation is voted, the city's tax rate will be increased, and they will be required to pay more than the city tax now anticipated for next year. It is a certainty that if annexation is voted Roseburg will not dare reduce its tax rate. A special levy, above the six per cent limitation, must be voted if we are to serve both the present city and the areas which may be added. However, any increase in excess of 6 per cent must be referred to a vote, and residents of the annexed section will have equal voice in any budget proposals. It would be our observation that suburbanites who include a large percentage of newcomers, familiar with what other cities are doing, would be more inclined to go along with a suitable municipal budget than would the more conservative residents of the city proper. As the present suburbanites would have almost equal voting strength with the current city dwellers, the danger of imposition of excessive taxes is entirely imaginary.

The election date is most unfavorable—December 26, the day following Christmas. Many people will be inclined to stay away from the polls. This issue, however, is too vital to future welfare of the community to permit decision by a minority. Voters should determine that they will cast their votes, even though it may interfere with holiday observance. The majority, not the minority, should make the decision.

Scene About Town

By "Stoop"

Flicker stars Gabby Hayes and Wm. Demarest are among film celebs slated for Rogue Valley metropolis show for further swim pool funds. Anyone know of filmtownies of Umpqua Valley origin we could beckon for a Poseyville pool show?

Parents, ya' wanna puppy for the young'un's Xmas present? KRRR staff member has four of 'em for a mere donation to RNS band uniform fund.

Our Indians o' RHS did it agin, this time over Cottage Grove. Lotsa townfolk carryin' shoulder-chips 'round fer not buying good season seats beforehand.

Besides some live cavortin' around the maoties at RNS ball game las' eve wuz sum eye-catchin' burlesquins by Larry Heninger, student, with electric lighted bow necktie. First we've seen in this village.

Also at gym we noticed male student spectators busy over scores books thru game, 'stead o' beclin' players as o' las' Sat. eve. Investigation reveals Coach Newby sets this as one of requirements o' boys P. E. classes this year.

Dressing room bullfest las' eve lets us know three o' this year's RNS quintet has kept training constantly since entering school two years ago thru seasonal athletic participation. They are Jerry Coen and Chuck Scofield, football, basketball, baseball and Bob Feldkamp, football, basketball, track.

Soviet Paper Has Rosy Picture Of Economic Change

MOSCOW, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Russia's banks and stores opened today to early morning crowds and began the well-organized exchange of new rubles for old and the sale of food, clothing and other rationed items at lower prices.

The government newspaper *Izvestia* acclaimed the occasion with an editorial declaring: "Money reform and the abolition of rationing are ardently approved by all our great people. The Soviet people see in the historical measures of the Communist party and the government a way toward further strengthening of the Soviet state and new growth of the people's welfare."

Izvestia asserted that the "cheering news on money reform and the abolition of rationing has affected all our lives like a holiday."

"Packed meetings at plants, factories and collective farms," the paper said, "became powerful demonstrations of affection and devotedness on the part of the workers, peasants and intellectuals to the Bolshevik party and the Soviet government."

"Money reformation in the country answers the interests of the state and the people. One will live better and more cheerfully, and our mighty Soviet union will prosper even more."

Izvestia said the new developments would place large new responsibilities on Soviet trade and machinery.

"It is the duty of workers in industry and the makers of consumer goods to satisfy the requirements of Soviet citizens and satisfy them exemplarily," the paper said. "Soviet industry is producing an enormous amount of commodities and there will be more coming. Our new ruble is a valuable ruble. The job now is to organize properly Soviet culture and Soviet trade."

IWA Members Bidden To Dance December 19

Members in good standing of the International Woodworkers of America may attend a free dance at Kennedy's Dutch Mill Friday night, Dec. 19. The dance is under sponsorship of the plywood workers' Local 9-436 and the sawmill workers and loggers' Local 7-307. Members may bring their families and guests.

KRRR

Mutual Broadcasting System 1490 Kilocycles

REMAINING BOOKS TODAY

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., *Vick Chemical*
4:15—Frank Hemmingsway, *Folgers*
4:30—Shirley, *Shirley*
4:45—Miss You Like It
5:00—Uncle Sam, *Ward's*
5:15—Supper, *Supper*
5:30—Captain Midnight, *Wander Co.*
5:45—Tom Mix, *Radson Furna*
6:00—Luther, *Heater, Carter Products*
6:15—The Sports Page, *Barrus Sales*
6:30—Musical Interlude
6:45—State and Local News, *Roseburg*
6:55—Salvation Army Christmas Show
7:00—Songs for Everyone, *Roseburg*
7:15—Ben Hayes, *Touchdown Tips*
7:30—General Petroleum
7:45—The Club Kid, *Modern Furniture*
8:00—Name That Song, *Wildroot*
8:15—Miss You Like It, *Lockwood Motors*
8:30—Uncle Ezra, *Golden's Bookies*
8:45—Supper, *Supper*
9:00—Riley Ross, *Pitching Horseshoes*
9:15—R. B. Bender, *Inc.*
9:30—Hospitality Time, *Jack Fariss &*
9:45—Cliff Edwards Show, *Carstens Furniture*
10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., *Umpqua Alto*
10:15—Implement Co.
10:30—Ten Thirty Club, *Lawson's*
10:45—The Club Kid, *Modern Furniture*
11:00—Sign Off

THURSDAY, DEC. 18, 1947

7:00—Yawn Patrol
7:15—Frank Hemmingsway, *Folgers*
7:30—Shirley, *Shirley*
7:45—Miss You Like It
8:00—State and Local News, *Dr. Bruce Turk*
8:15—The Beehive
8:30—Rhaphody in Wax
8:45—Haven of Rest, *Good Ship Grace*
9:00—Wake Up, *Tom Mix, Wally's Grocery*
9:15—Art Baker and His Notebook
9:30—Montgomery Ward, *Horn's*
9:45—Uncle Sam, *Ward's*
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12:00—Sign Off

Nobel Prize Winner Sued On Pro-Nazi Charge

GRIMSTAD, Norway, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Knut Hamsun, Nobel prize winning author told a civilian court yesterday he never applied for membership in Vidkun Quisling's Nazi party but that "somehow" he had become a member.

The 88-year-old author, deaf but mentally alert, is being sued for \$100,000 damages for his literary activities in favor of the Germans during the war. A previous suit based on membership in the Nazi party was dismissed because of his age.

The current suit was filed by the Norwegian Directorate of Reparations, after the state decided not to charge Hamsun with treason.

Minimum Wage Boosts Slated by Machinists

SEATTLE, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Business Representative I. A. Sackness of the International Association of Machinists filed a suit yesterday that a Pacific Coast conference had recommended minimum wage increase demands which would range from 21 1/2 cents to 31 1/2 cents an hour higher in Seattle.

He said 62 union officials from 43 lodges with members in "up-town shops" attended the session. He said the conference recommended that local lodges not ask less than \$2.25 an hour for tool and die makers, \$1.90 for journeymen machinists, \$1.65 for specialists and \$1.50 for helpers and production workers.

DeMille Loses Fight to Ban Ouster From Union

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Cecil B. DeMille today lost his legal fight in the California supreme court to enjoin the American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA) from suspending him as a member because he refused to pay a \$1 assessment to campaign against the 1944 right of employment act.

The unanimous ruling upheld the ruling of the Los Angeles Superior court and the state district court of appeal.

Multi-millionaire producer DeMille was forced off the air with his Lux Theatre program in 1944 by AFRA when he refused to pay with the radio program netted the assessment.

His services in connection with the \$98,200 a year, the opinion stated.

Lumberman Killed in Accident at Eugene

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Bernard Bagan, 64, Tacoma, died at a hospital here Tuesday after a pile of lumber fell on him at the Williams Lumber Co. in Eugene earlier in the morning.

Bagan and his employer, John Manley of Tacoma, were in Eugene buying lumber at the time of the accident.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION AS TO ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF ROSEBURG, OREGON

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special election in the City of Roseburg, Oregon, and in each of the four territories described, on Friday, the 26th day of December, 1947, at which election there will be submitted to the electors of the City of Roseburg and to the electors of each of the four territories hereinafter described, as to the territory proposed to be annexed in which each elector shall vote for or against the annexation of the City of Roseburg, and including within said city four new territories, which are designated and described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the present north boundary of the City of Roseburg, Oregon, said boundary being identical with the north boundary of the W. J. Perry D.L.C. No. 33 T 27 S. R 6 W. M. and the north-south centerline of section 18 of said township and range.

Thence North along said centerline of section 18 and the East boundary of said Lot 1, to the northeast corner thereof.

Thence North along the west boundary of said Lot 1, to the northeast corner thereof.

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the present city limits of Roseburg, Oregon, said corner being the quarter section corner of the south boundary of section 18 T 27 S. R 6 W. M. and the northeast corner of the Thomas Stevens D.L.C. No. 40 of said township and range.

Thence North to the southwest corner of said D.L.C. No. 40 of said township and range.

Thence East along the south boundary of said D.L.C. No. 40 to the southeast corner thereof.

Thence North along the east boundary of said D.L.C. No. 40 and the west boundary of the L. Howe D.L.C. No. 43 of said township and range to its intersection with the east and west centerline of section 17 of said township and range.

Thence South along said centerline of sections 17 and 18 to the center of said section 18.

Thence South along the north and south centerline of said section 18 to its intersection with the north boundary of the W. J. Perry D.L.C. No. 33 of said township and range, and the present city limits of Roseburg, Oregon.

Thence East along the present city limits of Roseburg, Oregon, in the place of beginning.

Beginning at the intersection of the center of the South Umpqua River and the east and west centerline of Section 23, T 27 S. R 6 W. M.:

Thence East along the centerline of said Section 23, and of Section 30, T 27 S. R 6 W. M.; to the southeast corner of Lot 1 of said Section 30.

Thence North along the east boundary of Lot 1 and of said Section 30, to the northeast corner of said Section 30, being in the present city limits of Roseburg, Oregon.

Thence West along the present city limits of Roseburg, Oregon, to the place of beginning.

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of the South Umpqua River and the east and west centerline of Section 23, T 27 S. R 6 W. M.:

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Canterbury 'Red Dean' Handed Second Rebuke

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Dr. Hewlett Johnson, the "Red Dean" of Canterbury, was rebuked yesterday by his archbishop, who held that Dr. Johnson's leftist political opinions "have given rise to wide-spread misunderstanding and misconceptions both on the continent and in the United States."

The public condemnation by Dr.

Geoffrey Fisher, the Archbishop of Canterbury, marked the second time in 10 years that the primate of all England has attacked the "Red Dean" publicly.

Cosmo Gordon Lang, former archbishop, told the Church assembly in 1937 that he had "no responsibility for some recent actions and opinions" of the dean. At that time, Dr. Johnson had just denounced Franco and the German bombing of Guernica during the Spanish civil war.

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