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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Light rain tonight and Wednesday.

In the Day's News

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steal what you have worked so hard to accumulate. One of our great handicaps is the fact that there is so much DOUBLE-TALK in the world.

IN our own country, for example, there has been a lot of double-talk about spending and spending and taxing and taxing and taxing and so making everybody rich and happy and free from work.

We're learning in the hard school of experience that all that means is PAYING AND PAYING AND PAYING in the form of higher prices for everything we get.

LET'S cut back for a moment to King Mihai. In the cautious wording of the dispatches, he "abdicated" his throne. As Old Timer, in the Fibber and Molly program, would put it: "That ain't the way I heard it, sister."

Mihai is in the same boat with the cagey workman who upon being informed that he was about to be separated from the payroll chirped up: "You can't fire ME, you so-and-so. I QUIT!"

IN the Bucharest dispatches, there is an interesting and rather informative little side play. Our old friend "Informed sources" (meaning somebody in the know who likes to talk but doesn't want to go out on the limb by being quoted by name) tells the correspondents the "young ex-king had intended to leave Romania yesterday, but the trip was postponed by the necessity of discussing FINANCIAL QUESTIONS with members of the government."

THAT is putting it delicately and tactfully. Let's approach the subject with a little more brutal frankness.

What Mihai wants to know is WHERE IS THE DOUGH COMING FROM TO KEEP ME GOING? When kings abdicate, they seldom put on overalls and go out and get a job driving a truck.

They want to take it with them—preferably in large bundles. History tells us that is the way it is usually handled.

BEAUTEOUS Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma, whose name has been linked with Mihai's in the international gossip columns, opens up her heart and tells all in Copenhagen. She says:

"It was love at first sight with Mihai and me... I have had no word from him, and I don't know anything about his plans for the future... But wherever he goes I will follow him." (Huh of the Bible: "Whither thou goest, I will go also.")

Touching, isn't it? Romantic. Love conquers all.

IT would be a little more IMPRESSIVE, however, if Mihai were going out to run a service station in a tank town and Anne were going to don her apron and go along to do the cooking.

THESE ex-kingdoms are pathetic personages. Especially the abdicated ones. They would be more USEFUL, though, if they grabbed a pick and went to work.

Take even the Duke of Windsor, who is a glamorous figure and according to those who know him well a right guy. He's doing far more for the world if he supported the wife for whom he gave all by running a sawmill instead of doing it out of his ancestral patrimony.

Rats are sometimes killed by piping motor exhaust gases into their burrows.

SKIRTS AND OUTSKIRTS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Anti-annexationites are well pleased by results of the recent annexation election, in which all proposals to unite suburban areas with the city were soundly defeated. Writers of "Letters to the Editor" convince us, if we may be pardoned for using Louis "Levity" Reizenstein's type of pun, that neither Roseburg's skirts nor outskirts are clean.

On the other hand, we will never settle community problems by the pot calling the kettle black. We have a serious condition to be considered. It is true that within the City of Roseburg are to be found weaknesses in our sewage and drainage system, but these are isolated rather than general. They do not compare with sewage in open ditches, within a comparatively few feet of the highway and a public campground, nor raw sewage seeping to the surface through cracks in black mud in grounds surrounding fine new homes, as happens in the summer months in not one but several of our newly developed suburban residential tracts.

The annexation issue is not dead. It will be revived—and soon. Voting probably will be by smaller areas for the present, but we predict it will not be many years until all the districts recently rejecting annexation reverse their decision and that even more territory joins the city.

But one thing should be made clear. No district can be forced to annex itself to the city. Nor, on the other hand, is the city required to accept any district wanting annexation. Some people have been led to believe Roseburg wants more territory to improve its tax situation. Nothing could be further from the truth. No matter how much territory is added nor to what extent valuation is increased, the city's budget, in dollars, cannot be raised more than six per cent annually except by vote of the people.

Let us presume, for example, that Roseburg's budget is in the sum of \$100,000. Next year we could raise only \$106,000, even though assessed valuation might be five times as great, unless voters authorized an increase over the constitutional six per cent limitation.

Annexation does have certain advantages accruing to the municipality. Among these advantages are greater shares of state motor vehicle license and tax revenues, liquor profits, etc., distributed on a basis of population. Increased population would attract new business and industry of the type governed by the size of the community in which operations or agencies are authorized. Some national concerns, for instance, will not enter a community having less than 10,000 population. While the Roseburg population, for the community as a whole, exceeds 10,000, the city proper will not show such population in the official census figure.

But the paramount issue is one of sanitation. There no longer is adequate building space within the present city boundaries. New residences have crowded into our suburban areas until a most serious health hazard has been created. Suburban growth continues rapidly. Installation of sanitary sewers is an absolute necessity. Sooner or later the suburban districts must install sewers and facilities for sewage disposal. The most convenient method is through annexation, but if residents of those districts prefer to do it the hard way, nothing can stop them from selecting their own method. They can be annexed only when they petition for annexation and when the majority vote is favorable.

An effort was made to bring into the municipality the territory which SHOULD be embraced if we are to have efficient, long-range planning. This effort failed. The next step probably will be a series of small annexations, one after another, a piecemeal affair which will prove far more expensive in the long run because a long-range plan is overruled. But, eventually, necessity, perhaps coupled with loss of life through epidemics, will result in the enlargement necessary to promote safety.

It is possible to say with confidence that these events will transpire because there is so much precedent. Every city enjoying a boom growth has had the same problems we are now facing and has gone through almost identically the same experience. Resistance delays needed improvements but progress can only be retarded and opposition will be reduced to a minority rather than a majority influence. Annexation may not be achieved this year or even next year, but bit-by-bit suburban tracts finally will join the municipality, incurring more expense by piecemeal annexation than would have resulted from a complete project.

The sooner we endeavor to compose differences, eliminate suspicion and face our problems with a sense of reality and civic pride, the quicker we will achieve desired results. No argument ever was settled by name calling and nothing constructive ever results from carping criticism. The issue is so serious it deserves careful, level-headed, analytical thinking and action.

J. W. Turner, Relative of Douglas Folk, Passes

Word has been received here of the death Dec. 31, of James W. Turner, 86, of Garwin, Ia., after a long illness. He and the late Mrs. Turner spent several winters in Douglas County, where some of their children now reside. Mrs. Turner died last Sept. 8.

Mystery Gadget From Army Store Identified

SEATTLE, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A Seattle man has identified an electrical gadget on sale in a Dallas, Texas, army surplus goods store as a "low-voltage machine which has been used for years to ex-

cise muscles where nerve function has been impaired. V. W. Worden, owner of an electrical equipment company, made the identification from an Associated Press wirephoto and said he was amazed that no one seemed to know the purpose of the machine. A dispatch from Dallas said the owner of the store, the army medical corps from which the machine was purchased and several physicians said they didn't know what it was used for.

DOCTOR HONORED CLEVELAND, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Dr. Archer Chester Sudan of Kremmling, Colo., yesterday was awarded the general practitioner gold medal and certificate by the House of Delegates at the American Medical Association midwinter meeting here. He has been practicing as a family physician in Kremmling for 21 years. This town had only 200 inhabitants when he started. He took care of people for 80 miles around. He is a 200-pounder and a noted teller of fish stories.

LETTERS to the Editor

Thinks Roseburg Needs Lot of Overhauling

ROSEBURG (Edenpower Dist.)—Yes, we know the Roseburg City Council and management really wanted and still are trying to force the outlying communities to come into the city limits. And before you do much more slamming and trying to scare people into voting the way you want them to, you better clean off some of the black mud spots inside Roseburg. And there is a lot more filth than water out of a septic tank when properly built, even in the country, and we welcome the state inspector. What do we pay him for? Or does the City of Roseburg do all that for? All of Douglas County or the State of Oregon needs cleaning up if you are going to stop epidemics.

The upper crust have sewers running in our drinking water above the Copego power house at Winchester. Don't they know there are a couple of pig pens and a toilet in use in the north side? What kind of a septic tank has the Vets Facility? Where does the Laurelwood upper crust run their drainage? How do they drain the north side of Deer Creek? I think the city needs a lot of overhauling.

You said in some of your write-ups it would be a few years before you could do anything outside the city—so what? We might decide we are cleaner than you are and do a little shopping some where else. We really don't owe the City of Roseburg half as much as you would like to make out. Why do you think we come to town for? To spend money, of course. I notice you all grab for it. Even put up meters so we pay you while we buy your bargains. Copego wagons, furniture vans, electricians' trucks, laundry wagons, milk wagons, delivery wagons, and peddle their wares, use our roads free gratis. We ask the county to keep them up. We pay the county men, too, or did you know that? And I think we pay the sheriff a little for highway patrolmen. Why can't they have a little protection now. It is a damn shame the city cops wouldn't get this far from town, or your juvenile officer either. Office work is too much for some of your old-time officers.

We would like the city to grow out of diapers first, then training pants might fit. Bring out your roads first before you tell us what to do. We have our garbage hauled by your city wagon. We donate to every thing you can think of and send solicitors after—rubber drives, paper drives, magazine drives. Give 'em, give 'em, give 'em. If Roseburg did it. Could it be you need a little more territory to tax before your credit is so good? The people in outlying districts should demand a city cleanup, officers included. NAME ON FILE

Democratic Candidate For Governor Suggested

PORTLAND, Ore.—The people of Oregon in all walks of life and of all political faiths, who have the same interest of the state at heart, surely desire that both political parties put forth outstanding candidates for governor and other state and local positions, because that is a practical way to promote good government. Several political candidates have been mentioned for governor by both parties, some of them outstanding and some not so hot.

There is one, however, on the Democratic list who is often mentioned and who is generally considered as having what it takes to make a good governor; that is, the proper personality, integrity and ability. His name is Marshall N. Dana of Clatsop County. We have reasons to believe, in fact we know, that he would accept the call to run, if drafted. He is no self-starter.

The press of Oregon can do a lot in helping to get capable candidates nominated on both tickets. OTTO D. DRINAN, Portland, Ore.

Rest Rooms in Public Schools Get Criticism

ROSEBURG—I am writing a few lines to see if it reaches the public, the main topic of conversation now being the sanitary conditions outside the city limits of Roseburg. That's all fine, but have about the sanitary conditions in the city limits as well? Take, for instance, the rest rooms of the public schools. I am in Benson district, so will start there. I understand the P.T.A. is now working on it, but I think they should invite all parents, all city fathers, also sanitary inspectors to pay it a visit, especially the stools our little girls are forced to use and then look up our state laws on such matters before taking on more territory. The old saying, "sweep your own doorstep first," applies here. Not that you feel it's a big job for them? If not, pay a visit to Benson.

Now, in regards to other items, even Sumnerlin has rubbish cans in which to put papers. This might take care of a few bottles. MRS. AN WATLEY, Rt. 1, Roseburg, Ore.

State Press Comment

1948 TOURIST INCOME (Medford Mail Tribune) Medford and Jackson county can open the confidence of a new year with the confidence in, although there are indications that here as elsewhere, there may be some tapering off of the business boom which has marked the

past 10 years, our basic industries are sound and continuation of a fair measure of prosperity may be expected in 1948. Income from orchards will be somewhat less, in the prediction, but returns from other products of the soil, including lumber, should hold fairly even.

In connection with income outlook, it should be noted that the coming year is expected to see a tremendous growth in tourist volume. Easing of the automobile scarcity and possession of sufficient money are cited as factors which will spur travel. Greater emphasis might well be given this Southern Oregon income source in the ensuing months for catering to the vacationist, the hunter and angler has become big business of which we should get a greater share.

Recently a congressional committee was told that one person out of every seven goes hunting and fishing and based on licenses issued, the total is now approximately 24,000,000. Sportsmen, it is figured, pay out their money at the rate of about \$4 billion a year for hunting and fishing gear and other incidental expenses. Whatever the sportsman is able to take home in the way of game fish costs him a pretty penny, the statistics show. Fish, for instance, stand him \$2 to \$3 a pound; ducks and geese, \$5 to \$10 each; deer and bear, \$75 to \$100 each, and larger game in proportion. Those seeking recreation and scenic enjoyment only, also leave substantial sums behind as they travel. There is payment for lodging, meals, gasoline and oil, photographic supplies, and amusement, all going to make up an estimated daily expenditure of \$17 per average car of three persons.

The tourists' dollar is divided among many lines of business. Its acquisition does not help to exhaust any of our natural resources. We should go after more of them this year. —E.C.F.

Births Announced at Mercy Hospital

HOWARD—To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Howard, Tenmile, January 3, a daughter, Wanda Rae; weight seven pounds eight ounces. DEARDORFF—To Mr. and Mrs. Loren A. Deardorff, Myrtle Creek, January 3, a son, Bryce Le Roy; weight eight pounds four ounces.

FORREST—To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth S. Forrest, 906 Short street, Roseburg, January 4, a son, Larry Lynn; weight eight pounds fifteen ounces. SORK—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Sork, Camas Valley star route, Roseburg, January 4, a daughter, Jean Frances; weight nine pounds two ounces.

YOUNG—To Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Young, route 2, Roseburg, January 5, a son, Alan Lee; weight six pounds thirteen ounces.

Conviction Under War Powers Act Set Aside

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The Supreme Court ruled 7-2 yesterday that OPA investigators and a detective had no right to arrest and search a man they found riding in an automobile with a person suspected of black market activities. The ruling, an important one in the court's long series on rights of officers to make arrests, set aside the conviction of Michael Hille of Buffalo, the automobile passenger, on a charge of violating the second war powers act. Counterfeit gasoline ration coupons were found when he was searched and he was sentenced to a year in jail and fined \$100.

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7, 1948

- 6:00—Farm Bulletin Board, 6:15—Sunrise, 6:30—Yawn Patrol, 6:45—Schricker, American, 7:00—Frank Hemmingsway, Folger's, 7:15—Rise and Shine, 7:30—State and Local News, Dr. Bruce Tuck, 7:45—Jude Furniture, 7:55—Rhapsody in Wax, 8:00—News, Peter Paul, Inc., 8:15—Baby's Music Shop, 8:30—Wally's Wake Up Time, Wally's Grocery, 8:45—Music, 8:50—Kate Smith Speaks, 9:15—Victor H. Lindharr, Healthfuls, 9:30—Man About Town, Joss and Lowell's, 9:45—Musical Interlude, 9:50—Shoppers' Guide, Harsh and Marshall Wells, 10:00—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labe, 10:15—The Pict Sweet Show, Pict Sweet Foods, 10:30—Words and Music, 10:45—Plantation House Party, Modern Furniture, 11:00—Swap Shop, Kampfer's, 11:15—Music, 11:30—Queen for a Day, Miles Labe and Philip Morris, 12:00—Sports Page of the Air, Marston's, 12:10—Rhythm at Random, 12:40—State and Local News, Hansen Motors, 12:45—National News, Douglas County State Bank, 12:55—Terminal Market Reports, Sig Felt, 1:00—Man on the Street, Hemmingsway's, 1:15—Myrl and Marge, Miller's, Inc., 1:30—A's Report, 1:35—Heart's Desire, Philip Morris, 1:40—The Martin Block Show, R. B. Semler, Inc., 2:45—The Local Loan Show, 3:00—Wally's Wake Up Time, Wally's Grocery, 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Vick Chemical Co., 4:15—Frank Hemmingsway, L. A. Soap, 4:30—Showboat, Theaters, 4:45—Music, 4:50—Superman, 5:00—Captain Midnight, Wander Co., 5:15—Tom Mix, Halston Putina, 5:30—Gabriel Heatter, Carter Products and Service, 5:45—The Sports Page, Barcus Sales and Service, 6:00—Musical Interlude, 6:25—State and Local News, Roseburg Motor Co., 6:30—High Adventure, 6:45—Music, 6:50—Eyesome, Roseburg Refrigeration, 7:15—Music, 7:30—The Cisco Kid, Modern Furniture, 7:45—Name That Song, Wildroot, 7:55—Music, 8:00—Uncle Ezra, Goldie's Booterie, 8:15—Spotlight on a Star, Horn's, 8:30—Billy Rose, Picking Horses, R. B. Semler, Inc., 8:45—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labe, 8:55—Hoodlitz Time, Jack Farms & Roth, 9:30—Cliff Edwards Show, Carstens Furniture, 10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Uniqua Auto & Implement Co., 10:15—Neptune, 10:30—Platter Party, 11:00—Harris Strong's Orch., 11:30—Sign Off.

His headquarters will be in Salem. McReynolds has worked for the department since 1931. About 3,500 years ago Jerusalem was an Egyptian village. If oysters are immersed in carbonated water for five minutes they are much easier to suck. The seven nations in the Arab League have an area nearly 150 times the size of Palestine.

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