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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; fog in morning.

In the Day's News

(Continued from page 1) the reopening of a wartime American airfield near Tripoli, in North Africa. This field is to be opened with the consent and co-operation of the British.

WHY an American air base in North Africa? The answer is brutally simple—as so many answers are these days. If bad trouble breaks anywhere in the critical Mediterranean area (which we have taken under our wing under the Truman Doctrine) WE COULDN'T GET THERE IN TIME FROM HERE.

FROM Cairo, Egypt, there comes this development: "Assad Dagher, chief of the press section of the Arab League (composed of the seven Arab countries in the Middle East) told a news conference today that the League has recommended that Arab nations OCCUPY ALL PALESTINE WITH REGULAR ARMIES when the British troops leave.

ASSAD Dagher adds: "The League will consider it an UNFRIENDLY ACT if an international police force (meaning the military arm of UNITED NATIONS) should be sent to the Holy Land before the British leave. He concludes: "The league council would take steps to meet this emergency."

INDIA'S delegation at the Lake Success (UN headquarters) tells the security council (of UN) that a full scale war with Pakistan may develop unless UN takes measures to halt the fighting in Kashmir.

From Nanking, in China, comes word that residents of besieged (by the Communists) Mukden, in Manchuria, are HANGING THEMSELVES to escape death by starvation.

IN such a world background we are approaching our 1948 Presidential campaign. Our attitude has nearly always been (the gravely critical campaign of 1860 was an exception) that a Presidential election is more fun than a houseful of monkeys.

Sub-Zero Blast Hits Middlewest States (By the Associated Press) The coldest weather of the winter season numbed the central sections of the country today—with temperatures dipping to a low of 36 below in Minnesota—as snow, freezing rain and sleet hit sections of the South and Southwest.

CITY IMPROVEMENTS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Replying to our request for suggestions concerning possible city improvement projects for 1948, a contributor has come forward with what we believe to be a matter worthy of thought. It is proposed that the city widen North Jackson Street, north of E. Second Ave., S., at least as far as the spur tracks, and use the center strip as a parking space for motor vehicles.

It is pointed out that there will soon be a crying need for parking space in that area. The St. Helens Wood Products Co. has purchased the former Paulus Canning Co. building and is installing a broom handle factory which will furnish employment to a large number of people. The Interstate Tractor and Machinery Co. is enlarging its plant at North Jackson and Second Ave. Work is starting on the Northside Apartment building, which is to be remodeled for transient hotel use, under management of Frank Bodin, proprietor of Hotel Rose.

All this business activity, centered around the intersection of Winchester St., N. Jackson St. and Second Avenue, will overtax present capacity of those streets. North Jackson, with its center strips, now in grass and shade trees, will be altogether too narrow, particularly if half the street is used by parked vehicles. Winchester Street already is carrying a heavy parking load.

It would be possible, at moderate expense, to widen both sides of North Jackson St., removing or lowering interior curbs, either paving or graveling the center strip, and setting up a public parking space. In fact, it would be entirely feasible to install four-hour parking meters and thus make the project pay its own cost within a few years, with prospects of a good profit to the city in years to come.

We anticipate some remonstrance from North Roseburg residents who enjoy the attractiveness of the center park strips on North Jackson and E. Commercial, but elimination of those strips, in what already has been designated as a commercial zone, might be desirable in reducing a traffic bottleneck and hazard, particularly in view of space requirements.

The proposal, we believe, is worthy of consideration. We have had promise that the proposal made in this column for shades on lights at the North Roseburg spur track will receive attention. An inspection already has been made by city officials, who stated they favored immediate installation. The proposed shades, to be placed on the approach side of the tracks, would give oncoming motor vehicle drivers a better view of the railroad tracks and possibly aid in prevention of more accidents in which automobiles collide with freight cars. Several such collisions have occurred at the North Jackson and Winchester street crossings in recent years.

Another suggestion received by the city improvement department is that the city do something about resurfacing the public tennis court on E. Commercial Ave. This court was built by the Roseburg Business and Professional Women's Club and was donated to the City of Roseburg. The concrete used in surfacing the court has broken in several places and the playing surface is too uneven to be suitable for use by other than young players. It has been proposed that a new surface be laid and that metered floodlights be installed to permit more adult players to use the court.

Although we invited Roseburg residents to submit proposals for city improvements, we have received few communications and most of these have been in the nature of complaints, rather than constructive suggestions. Doubtless there are many places throughout the city where expenditure of small amounts of money could improve conditions. The city does not have any large sums of money available, but doubtless could finance a few minor improvements each year.

News-Review readers are invited to offer constructive suggestions for consideration. Communications should be addressed City Improvements Program, in care of the News-Review editor. Names of writers will remain confidential when so requested.

LETTERS to the Editor

Expresses Peeve at Displeasing Comment

ROSEBURG-EDENBOWER DISTRICT—If you can't boost, don't knock. You have a big space in your paper. Use it right. We like the paper or we wouldn't have taken it 25 years. We like Roseburg or we wouldn't live near it. But I sure burn up when you pick on your real supporters. You are slinging mud—and you have plenty black mud in Roseburg. Ours is free soil out here. We don't live in Riverside. You called our little ranches squirrel ranches, and you said we didn't help support the churches. Ask any of your apartment dwellers if they would rather live there or in the country, with a little soil of their own.

I notice you highlight it outside when you have a few hours off. Wouldn't the city look tony without her outskirts (see your "Skirts and Outskirts")? They're pretty important to any city, large or small, and we don't like mud slinging from anyone. You started it, and I waited a long time to say anything. I read your paper, and your part of it every day. It is usually good. Also Louis Robinson's piece. Do remember that it is the little poems that count. That's where we all get our start, unless we inherit it or cheat it. I liked Mrs. Cox's letter, Sat. Jan. 10. Glad someone took issue. Remember, you started the mud slinging some time ago. In my article you left out the dead end streets in the city proper. You said we gain nothing by mud slinging. How come you report to it then. Yours for a better and a bigger city—in the city limits. NAME ON FILE

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

DR. CHARLES A. EDWARDS

"Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee wherever thou goest." A radio program not long ago was built upon the disappearance of a valuable Stradivarius violin. As one listened, one thought of the lines that George Eliot put upon the lips of Antonio Stradivari, master maker of violins. "The God gives skill. But not without men's hands; He could not make Antonio Stradivari's violin. Without Antonio."

Today the world needs more than ever, men and women whose lives are built upon that great incentive that without them God would fail. We need characters who act from highest motive no matter what their calling of life may be. Without our help, God cannot make this a better city, state or nation. He cannot make this a better world in which to live. "We are workers together with Him." God choosing me to help him. That thought should inspire us to rightful living, and like Antonio Stradivari, link our life with the Infinite, Amen.

Local News

Leaves For San Francisco — Floyd Turner of Roseburg has left for San Francisco on an extended business trip.

Go to Portland — Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Adams of Roseburg left Friday for Portland to spend the weekend attending to business and visiting friends.

Convalescing — E. D. Smith is convalescing at his home in West Melrose, following an operation on his foot, which was injured in a logging accident some time ago.

Working at Sutherland — Jess Atterbury of Roseburg is staying at the home of his son, Delos Atterbury in Sutherland, while he is employed on a contracting job in that community.

Bible Group to Meet — The Northside Bible Study Circle will meet Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Paul Blasky, 408 Rowe Street, under the leadership of Mrs. Edith S. Ackert.

Lilac Circle to Meet — Lilac Circle, No. 49, Neighbors of Woodcraft will meet at 8 p.m. Monday at the L.O.O.F. hall. Refreshments will be served at the close of the business meeting.

Party to be Held — The Eagles Auxiliary will hold a party at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night at the Eagles lounge to sew for the lodge hamper. A potluck supper and social hour will follow with the Eagles.

Extension Unit to Meet — Lookinglass Home Extension Unit will meet at one-thirty o'clock Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Ernest Voorhies. The topic for discussion, "Good Taste in Clothes," will be led by the home demonstration agent, Mrs. W. L. Bolling. All women of the community are invited.

Back From California — Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Adamson have returned to their home in Myrtle Creek, following a vacation trip to Los Angeles and other California points of interest. They stopped at Pacific Palisades to visit Mr. and Mrs. C. C. March, former Myrtle Creek residents, who are there for their health. Mrs. March is a former Myrtle Creek correspondent for the News-Review.

Will Go to New Orleans — Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Amiot of Roseburg drove to Portland this morning and Mrs. Amiot will leave there Sunday for New Orleans to visit her mother, Mrs. B. Sandman, and sister, Mrs. H. R. Davies. She will return via the southern route and will stop at Berkeley, Calif., to visit her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Lorigan, and baby daughter, Stephanie. Mrs. Amiot expects to return to her duties as executive secretary of the Douglas County Public Health Association in a month. During her absence, Mrs. R. M. Church and the association president, Mrs. Hedwig Watzig, will be in charge of her duties. Dr. Amiot will return to Roseburg Sunday.

Mrs. Wiley Horns—Mrs. Earl Wiley Sr. has returned to her home on South Kane street, following two and a half weeks in San Gabriel, Calif., visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kelley, and their baby daughter, Marsha Ann, who was born Christmas Day. The baby weighed seven pounds eight and one-half ounces. Mrs. Kelley is the former Evelyn Wiley of Roseburg. The Wileys' son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wiley, Jr., and baby son, Bruce, moved from Roseburg in December to Tucson, Ariz., where Mr. Wiley is now employed as a salesman for an automobile agency. They stopped at San Gabriel to spend Christmas with the Kelleys.

Greek Red State Aids Soviet Reach For Dardanelles

By DEWITT MacKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst The significance of the proclamation of a rebel Communist state in northern Greece is that it represents another important tactical move in Russia's determined drive to gain control of the Dardanelles strait and so set herself up as a Mediterranean power—an ambition which also plagued the czars of generations past.

To understand developments we must recall that the Dardanelles now is under control of Turkey who, bolstered by America and Britain, has stoutly rejected Moscow's demands for joint administration of this strategic waterway. The Turks figure that "joint" administration shortly would lead to Red domination. A glance at your maps will show that Greece thrusts down from the Balkan peninsula into the Mediterranean to the west of the Dardanelles, thereby providing a natural base either for defense of the strait or for operations against it. At this writing Greece, like Turkey, is in the camp of the western democracies and so is a bulwark safeguarding the status quo of the Dardanelles. Russia, for very obvious reasons, wants to gain domination of Greece as a stepping stone to control of the strait. Behrens Leong Ngason That brings us up to current

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program if Mr. Taft should be elected. On domestic policy the two men are at opposite poles. Mr. Taft wants a minimum of government controls. Mr. Wallace is a champion of planned economy. The former vice president has said more than once that this is capitalism's last chance, and that we must show Russia that our system is better than theirs.

St. George of dragon-slaying fame lived at Lydda, a town a few miles inland from Jaffa, in Palestine.

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