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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer Sunday.

Highest temp. for any March, 85. Lowest temp. for any March, 18. Highest temp. yesterday, 60. Lowest temp. last night, 36.

Precipitation yesterday, .63. Precipitation from March 1, 1.47. Deficit from March 1, .14. Excess from Sept. 1, .85.

In the Day's News

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Philadelphia the other night, the Evening Bulletin (newspaper) held a forum in which the politicians were allowed to do their stuff.

McGrath, Democratic national chairman, takes a crack at Henry Wallace, calling him an "impractical liberal" who cusses out our foreign policy but offers nothing better in its place than "abject appeasement of the forces of godless communism."

Reece, Republican national chairman, allows that "the Republican party is a united party, with no Moscow wing, no radical wing, no Pendergast wing, no Jim Crow wing."

A Democratic senator from Rhode Island says the Republican majority in congress is solely responsible for inflation. Taft defends the Taft-Hartley act as a restorer of justice and equality in labor-management relations.

CIO Reuther lambasts congress and industry as solely responsible for the high cost of living.

ABOUT all they can think of, you see, is raking over the dead leaves of the past and charging each other with responsibility for where the leaves fell.

This writer has a notion that the next President of the United States will be the man who can convince us that he knows what to do to keep our skins whole IN THE FUTURE.

THE census bureau tells us that U. S. population is now 145,340,000—a gain of 2,667,000 persons in 1947, the biggest single year of growth in our history.

Since 1940, it adds, we have gained 13,700,000. Remember a few years ago when we were being told that in a couple of decades or so our population would begin to DECLINE?

THE bureau adds that in 1947 we had an all-time record crop of babies—a total of 3,908,000 of them, to be exact.

That recalls gloomy predictions not long ago that the baby crop was due to fall so low that in almost no time at all we'd be a nation of doddering oldsters, with wheel chairs pushing baby buggies out of the trade picture.

MORAL: Don't believe all the gloomy stuff you hear. Much oftener than not, it "ain't so."

BOSTON archbishop is all stirred up because (he says) New England's "best families" are ardent practitioners of birth control.

The Adams, the Bradfords, the Elliotts, the Coolidges, the Cushings, he walls, are vanishing, but the Kellys, the Cohens, the Sullivans, etc., are multiplying like rabbits.

The Elliotts (a famous blue-blood tribe), he concludes sorrowfully, are now mostly in the garage, general repair and fish businesses.

DON'T let your worries get you down, Bishop. Whenever we pause for a careful check-up, we discover that the boys and girls from across the tracks have somehow done their part.

Abraham Lincoln was no social butterfly. Drivers' license examinations will be given in Roseburg next Thursday and Friday, March 18 and 19, at the City Hall, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m.

All original applications for licenses should be made before 4 p. m.

IMPROVING OUR SCHOOLS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Included in the forthcoming school budget will be a tentative appropriation to cover employment of a building maintenance superintendent. While this item is an addition to the budget, it will prove one of saving rather than expense, in our opinion.

We have personally examined some of the school buildings and have inquired into matters about which complaint has been raised by patrons. It is our opinion that few of these complaints could not be satisfied by application of a few gallons of paint and a considerable amount of elbow grease.

We have had, for instance, a number of reports about conditions at the Benson school.

In company with some of the members of the budget committee we recently visited this building.

The Benson school building is a good structure. It is well built and has many years of life left if given proper attention.

Much complaint has been received concerning toilets for both boys and girls. Those complaints are well founded. The rooms are badly in need of paint. Toilet seats are cracked, warped and improperly maintained.

Application of soap and water would work wonders. Coupled with paint, replacement of broken seats, installation of spring seats on toilets in the boys' lavatory, and a general cleaning, the faults could be completely remedied at minor cost. The job, of course, would involve considerable work.

We were shown that few of the windows in the building could be opened or closed, making ventilation difficult. This could be remedied in a few hours by a handyman. Our observation was that the building also would be vastly benefited by washing the windows.

Floors and stair treads are worn. Stair treads should be replaced. Floors should be covered with an asphalt tile or other surfacing. Installation of a fire-resistant wallboard to cover cracked plaster on walls and ceilings would not only improve appearance but save fuel and partly relieve the existing difficulty encountered in keeping rooms warm during school hours.

We were shown cabinet doors that will not stay latched, and other doors that are difficult to open. The kitchen has a cabinet which has never been painted and is still in the raw. The kitchen and lunch room were spotlessly clean, but need paint badly.

Much patchwork remodeling has been necessitated by overcrowding, and the installations have been left in a very crude state. By installing moulding and applying paint, appearances could be vastly improved.

We use the Benson school as an example only because of our visit there within the past few days. The same situation, in only slightly varying form, can be found in nearly all our school buildings.

The proposed budget provision would set up needed supervision over the janitor service. It would permit employment of a man who could do the handyman mechanics—painting, minor plumbing, minor carpentry, adjustments to windows and doors, etc.—so badly needed and which janitors do not have time to do. He would have access to the well equipped manual arts shops in the high school where he could fabricate his carpentry installations. The agricultural machine shop would furnish equipment for use in connection with plumbing and metal work. Purchase of portable air compressor and paint spray gun would soon pay its cost in interior painting.

The need for a general maintenance superintendent is very evident to even the casual observer who inspects any of our school buildings.

We have been informed that the budget board is endeavoring to induce Jim Mess to take the job if the item is approved when the budget is submitted to voters. We can think of no one better suited for the position. Mess is reluctant to assume the task because he can earn more money in other work, but being a member of the budget board he is aware of the need and may consent to a personal sacrifice in order that he may be of public service. He already has outlined short cuts in maintenance which would more than pay the proposed salary established in the tentative budget.

Even though the proposed item is a new one in the Roseburg school budget, coming at a time when our minds are on elimination of all possible advances in school costs, we believe employment of a building superintendent has been delayed too long and should not be neglected further.

Oleo Tax Repeal Opposed By National Grange

WASHINGTON, March 12.—(AP)—The National Grange, one of the largest farm organizations, told Congress today that special taxes on oleo are needed to protect both consumers and the dairy industry.

Kenzie S. Bagshaw, chairman of the Grange executive committee, made this argument to the House agricultural committee. That group is considering 18 bills to repeal all federal taxes on oleomargarine.

These taxes range up to 10 cents a pound on colored oleo and up to \$600 a year license fee for dealers in colored oleo. Some consumer groups are urging repeal of the taxes on grounds they add to the cost of living.

Union Pacific Railway Laying Off Employees

OMAHA, March 12.—(AP)—A Union Pacific Railroad spokesman confirmed yesterday widespread layoffs of the railroad's shop employees.

"Business is falling off," this spokesman said. "There's just nothing for the men to do. Anticipated business is far below what we previously had expected. This is true all over our system. No estimate of total layoffs by

the railroad was available.

PORTLAND, March 12.—(AP)—L. A. Collins, general manager of the Union Pacific Railroad headquarters here, said yesterday that 111 employees in the railroad shops here would be laid off Saturday.

Collins said the dismissals were partly seasonal and partly the result of a decline in business. The shops here normally employ about 800 men.

Western Europe Nations Adopt Fifty-Year Treaty

BRUSSELS, Belgium, March 12.—(AP)—Britain, France and the Benelux nations adopted today a 50-year treaty for a political, economic and military union of Western Europe intended to check the march of Communism.

Conference officials said the accord and allied documents will be signed here next Wednesday by the foreign ministers of Belgium, Britain, France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

The text of the agreement will not be released until the signature ceremony, to give the five governments of the negotiators opportunity to examine it closely, the officials said.

Nine states of the United States have more forest workers than any other industrial classification.

Local News

Improving—Mrs. W. H. Carter is improving at her home in West Roseburg, where she has been ill for several days.

Back to Work—Mrs. Helen Lane has returned to her work at the Valley Beauty Shop, having recovered from a recent attack of influenza.

Visiting Here—Mrs. Robert Zaccery of Seattle is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Turner, and friends in Roseburg. She was formerly Miss Ina June Turner.

Here From San Francisco—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kabislus of San Francisco are spending a week in Roseburg visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. Josse, and family.

Back From Trip—Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Metzger have returned to their home on the Pacific Highway South of Roseburg, following an extended vacation trip through the southern states to Florida and back.

Leave for Seattle—Mrs. Daniel Johanson and daughters, Miss Linnea and Miss Sylvia, left Friday for their home in Seattle, following a stop-over to visit Mrs. Clark Leedy and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jenkins, in Laulwood, en route north from Palm Springs, Calif. Miss Linnea Johanson recently joined her mother and sister at Palm Springs, following her return to this country with Mrs. Leedy from a year's stay in Sweden and other European countries.

LETTERS to the Editor

Sorrow for Non-White Races Held Misplaced

ROSEBURG—It seems to me there is not so much to be done in the line of radical intolerance here in the good old U. S. A.—at least not by the government. Passing a lot of laws restricting the people, such as the anti-lynch law, is not going to bring about a miraculous "love thy neighbor" feeling. No sir, that's got to come freely from the heart.

I wonder if these people who cry for the rights of the Negroes and other races aren't just a little wrong about them. Some infer they'd be just as good as the whites if only given the chance. Earl (Winchell style) three-fourths of the Negroes now need an iron band (I'm not referring to the red band) on their heads—they get the bighead so easily.

I still think our country is democratic enough that, if a person's got the stamina, be he black, white or yellow, he can become a success. Why feel so sorry for him? Maybe Miss Bowen thinks we ought to pension everyone not white and finance extravagant buildings. Let's take the Indian for example. I've lived on the Fort Hall reservation—rented from an Indian—so I do know something about them. First they receive a sizeable pension from the government and most of them own land. Even if you're only a quarter-blood, Uncle Sam pays off regularly every month. Is that fair? I mean to us whites. NO, I should say it is not. They are about the laziest tribe I know of—at least the Bannocks and Shoshones. They went to the same school we did, too. There was one family I know who because they had a little ambition of their own didn't sit back and wait to be fed. They even farmed their land instead of letting it grow up to sagebrush. One of my girl friends, a full-blooded Indian of this family, was one of the leaders in school affairs. She even went through a free college, and the last I heard was training to be a nurse.

But as for the most of the Indians, they take the checks and gamble away their pensions. They don't want to improve themselves. That's what I'm trying to put across. Here they are given a chance to improve and they won't. If you want to you can. They cling to tradition. They won't live in a dwelling after someone died in it. I know this little fact will shock some of our nice-nice people who feel so sorry for the underprivileged, but I'll let you in on a little secret—Indians eat dead dogs, even dogs that have been hit on the highway. It's a fact! Also my aunt and uncle ran a slaughter house at Foestello, Idaho, and the Indians would come and carry away all the entrails and remainders. I hope they do not pass an anti-lynch bill. Seems to me such action would tend to provoke every white person in the South to join the Ku Klux Klan. I don't subscribe to the policies of this organization, but I don't believe in zoning of Negroes either.

Would you, if you were a white woman, dare walk down the street in a Negro section of town at night? It would give me the shivers, even in daytime. The way the Negroes feel now, and the way they are increasing in numbers, the white people may be fighting for their very lives in another civil war a hundred years from now, and believe you me, we wouldn't get half as good a deal as they have had if they were in the driver's seat.

There were Mexicans, Indians and Japs all attending the school where I went and they were not discriminated against in the least. Miss Bowen's ideas are all very

commendable and high sounding, and I'd even feel she might make a good candidate for woman, but, there's two sides to every question.

Mrs. Laura Lee Gibby

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SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 1948: 8:00—Back to God Hour, Christian Reform Church. 8:30—Voice of Prophecy. 9:30—Furthur Hour, Gospel Broadcasting System. 9:30—Lutheran Hour, Lutheran Layman's League. 10:00—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs. 10:15—Commander Scott, Greyhound Bus. 10:30—Music. 11:00—Methodist Church Services. 12:00—Theater of Song. 12:15—National News, Roseburg Refrigeration. 12:45—Organ Concert, Umpqua Hotel. 1:00—House of Mystery, General Foods Corp. 1:30—True Detective Mysteries, Williams Candy Co. 2:00—Music of the Masters, Todd Building Co. 2:30—Cook as a Flash, Heilbrox Watch Co. 3:00—Those Websters, Quaker Oats Co. 3:30—Nick Carter, Old Dutch Cleanser. 4:00—Sherlock Holmes, Trintmont Clothing Company. 4:30—Bery Wood Show, Arbuckle's Shoe Store. 4:45—Scientific Solutions to Current Problems, Felt-Henney, Inc. 5:00—Alexander's Mediation Board. 5:30—Funeral Home. 6:00—Meet Me at Park's, Hansen Tire Dept. 6:30—Jim Backus Show. 7:00—Behind the Front Page, Mutual Benefit. 7:30—Quiz of Two Cities. 7:45—Twenty Questions. 8:30—Jergens Journal, Andrew Jergens Co. 8:45—Shellah Graham, William R. Warner Co. 9:00—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs. 9:15—VFW Reporter. 9:30—Music. 9:45—Decision Now. 10:00—Old Fashioned Revival Hour, Gospel Broadcasting Assn. 11:00—Sign Off.

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1948: 6:00—Sunrise Serenade. 6:15—Farm Bulletin Board. 6:30—Yawn Patrol. 6:35—Roseburg Auction. 7:00—Frank Hemingway, Folger's. 7:15—Hiss and Shine, Nabisco. 7:30—State and Local News, Dr. Bruce Tuck. 7:35—Rhapsody in Wax. 8:00—News, Johnwell Company. 8:15—Bob's Music Shop. 8:30—Wally's Wake Up Time, Wally's Grocery. 8:45—Myrt and Marge, Miller's, Inc. 9:00—Kate Smith Special. 9:15—Vielor H. Lindlar, Healthdays. 9:30—Man About Town, Josse and Lowell's. 9:40—Musical Interlude. 9:50—Shopper's Guide, Harth's and Marshall-Weils. 10:00—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs. 10:15—Mey Griffin. 10:30—Words and Music. 10:45—Plantation House Party, Modern Furnitures. 11:00—Swap Shop, Fred Meyers. 11:15—Music by Dave Rose, Roseburg Dairy. 11:30—Queen of a Day, Miles Labs. and Mollie Morris. 12:00—Sports Page of the Air, Marster's Refrigeration. 12:10—National Americana. 12:40—State and Local News, Hansen Motors. 12:45—National News, Douglas County State Bank.

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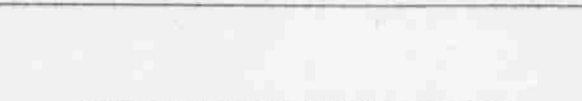
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