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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Scattered showers to night and Sunday.

In the Day's News

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TO THE SOURCE OF THE TROUBLE. YET, seeing what they see, knowing what they know, facing what they have to face, they stand ready to fight another shooting war rather than submit to the creeping slavery they see advancing upon them from the east.

That is courage. That is devotion to liberty. CAN we still stand where they are weak—be less courageous, less devoted to liberty, than they are? You answer it.

You and I and 145 million others like us are America. Sooner or later, we shall have to answer. We might as well give our answer now—while there is still time to do something about it.

THIS insignificant writer believes that if we let ourselves get any weaker there will CERTAINLY be war. It's like this: You come face to face in the trail with a wolf. Something has to be done. If you stand firm and grim, giving no sign of indecision or doubt or weakness, looking the beast squarely and unafraid in the eye, the crisis may pass. The wolf may then go his way. You may go yours.

IF you flinch, if your eye wavers, if you turn as if to run, the wolf will be pretty sure to tackle you. THAT is the pass to which the world has come. These five little nations of Western Europe are standing firm. They are looking the wolf in the eye. Can we do less?

ONE more question, in closing: Why has this crisis in world affairs bloomed up so suddenly in our faces?

CZECHOSLOVAKIA had a lot to do with it. The Czechs are our kind of people. One day they were free. They could speak their minds unafraid. THE NEXT DAY they had to look over their shoulders before speaking. The terrible tyranny of the secret police had come to them. This thought hit us with a JOLT: IT MIGHT COME TO US.

Municipal Court Deals With Petty Offenders

Four persons arraigned in Municipal Court Friday on charges of vagrancy or intoxication were fined, while four others forfeited bail for non-appearance in court. Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle ordered Joseph William Robertson, Kansas City, Kas., to serve 10 days in the city jail in lieu of payment of a \$20 fine. He also imposed similar fines on Joe Howard Bowman, Cottage Grove; Alexander George Szabowski, transient, and John Humphrey Eaton, Portland, all charged with vagrancy and ordered to "leave town" on suspension of fines.

SCOUTS REACTIVATED

Boy Scout Troop 24 at Myrtle Creek was reactivated under the sponsorship of Fallon Post, U. O. 123, American Legion, March 18. It was announced by District Scout Executive Harold Yvissaker. Richard Brink was appointed scoutmaster. Troop committee members are A. H. Rutledge, chairman; Ivan Parker, W. F. Eaton, E. W. Powell, and Dale Schields. The meeting was held at Myrtle Creek High School.

OUR WATER RESOURCE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

California has found partial relief in recent rains from its unprecedented drought. The power shortage has been made less acute, and farm crops, facing complete destruction, have been saved in part, although great financial loss has been suffered. Because of damage to stock range, thousands of head of cattle and sheep must be moved to other states, raising the problem of spreading disease, as well as that of overgrazing, with resultant damage from erosion in those areas where a surplus of stock is permitted to range.

California's experience is a striking example of man's destructive treatment of natural resources. Water is as much, or more, of a resource than oil, or timber, or coal, or iron, or other of the resources upon which mankind depends. Water gives life. Man cannot live without water. He needs water on his fields. He must have water for his livestock. It affords him recreation—bathing, boating, fishing. But, with the prodigality with which we have destroyed many other of our resources, we are recklessly destroying our natural water flow.

California's water table has been steadily dropping for the past 50 years. Leverett Richards, staff writer for The Oregonian in a series of by-lined articles, points out that north of Sacramento the water level has been dragged down only about 50 feet, but on the west side of the Joaquin valley, near the former Tulare Lake, wells drilled to 600 and 700 feet have dried up, while new wells must be drilled from 1,500 to 2,000 feet; in other spots, no water can be found at any depth. Wells, quite generally, have been dropping 10 to 20 feet annually. During the drought some have dropped 400 feet in six months, and others have dried up entirely. Yet only a few years ago some of this land, a former lake bed, was under from 2 to 30 feet of water.

What could cause such a change in the water table over a period of so few years? If it can happen in California, is it not to be presumed that the same thing can occur in Oregon under similar circumstances?

Oregon, of course, has an advantage in the fact that we have more annual rainfall than is experienced in California, particularly the southern portion. Los Angeles, for instance, has a record of rainfall ranging from as little as 6.67 inches to as much as 38.18 inches in one year, but the average is 15.43 inches, measured over a 70-year period.

But even Oregon's average rainfall is not enough to keep our water table high if we continue practices now generally prevalent, and more particularly, if the Army Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation persist in maintaining the present policy of conserving water in reservoirs instead of in the soil where nature intended that water should go.

California furnishes the pattern for destruction of the water resource—forests stripped from the mountains, lowlands denuded of cover, water pumped from deep wells to irrigate millions of acres of farm lands, impounding of rivers behind high dams, rapidly filling with silt from eroded hillsides.

How different were the practices which brought California to her present condition than those now being followed and advocated in many parts of Oregon?

The Columbia River will soon be a series of large lakes, if the present program is executed as outlined. The entire Willamette River system, including tributaries, will be confined in man-made barriers. Even the Rogue River, famed throughout the world for its recreational qualities, will be impounded by construction of 22 to 23 dams. And more than that many dams are in contemplation for the mighty Umpqua.

California's plight, it is true, demands that spring run-off water be caught and stored for use during dry months. But had the millions of dollars spent for dams and reservoirs been used to restore watersheds, hold back spring floods, made "water walk instead of run" as the conservationists put it, California today could have a nearly normal water table and an abundance of water for all purposes. If the money being spent on high dams in Oregon were to be used for watershed development, restoration of depleted cover, etc., utilizing impoundment only as necessary for power development and irrigation, but with attention focused upon watershed maintenance, we would need have no fear for the future of our water resource. But if we continue existing policies, and carry out to the full the program outlined to drain all our swamps and dam all our rivers, it will not be too many years until Oregon, like California, will be faced with water shortage problems.

Three Top-Class Wrestling Bouts Offered Tonight

No championships will be on the block at the Roseburg Army tonight but Don Owen's weekly wrestling matches promise to provide Douglas County fans with one of the best-balanced and most colorful cards of the season. Opening at 8:30 p.m. will be a bout between George Curtis, Mississippian, against Sammy Coher, Brooklynian.

Inflation to be Topic Of Schmeer at Forum

"Inflation and What to do About It" will be the topic of Harold E. Schmeer, recently assigned to Roseburg as branch manager

of the United States National Bank, who will speak at the Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon Monday. The luncheon will be at noon in the Civic Room of the Umpqua Hotel. The public is invited.

Merton McNeel, Former Elkton Resident, Dies

Merton McNeel, 62, formerly of the Elkton vicinity, died March 17 at Salem, where he resided for the past 25 years. He was never married. Two sisters survive, Mrs. Minnie Baker, Los Angeles, and Mrs. Alice Haines, Drain. Graveside services will be held in the Elkton cemetery at 1 p.m. Sunday, with the Rev. M. Buck officiating. Arrangements are in care of Stearns Mortuary, Oakland.

The great Kiruna iron deposits in Sweden lie north of the Arctic Circle.

"ME AND MY SHADOW"

Senior Class Play Wednesday, March 24, 8:00 P. M. Oakland High School Gym

Baylor Rallies To Defeat Huskies

KANSAS CITY, March 20.—(AP)—The team on its way to burn and the will to burn it, Kansas State's Wildcats and Baylor University's Bears, meet in the western regional NCAA playoffs finals tonight.

Big Seven champion Kansas State rolled up an early lead, then coasted to victory, 58-48, over the University of Wyoming in the opening western round game last night.

Baylor treated the packed house of 9,700 fans to an almost fantastic rally by shaking off a 17-point handicap at one stage of the first half to win over the University of Washington Huskies, 64-62.

Popping the net from every angle in the first half, Washington appeared on its way to an easy win with a 34-17 lead after fifteen minutes of play.

But Baylor, after shooting miserably at the start, trimmed Washington's lead to 11 points, 37-26, at the half.

Zale Scores 3rd Round Knockout Over Woods

TOLEDO, O., March 20.—(AP)—Tony Zale of Cary, Ind., ex-middlegweight champ aiming for a third engagement with discredited titlist Rocky Graziano, had another knockout victory under his belt today.

Zale proved last night at the Toledo arena that he still has knoxy power in his left hook. For that was the punch he used to knock out Lou Woods of Detroit at 1:20 of the third frame of a scheduled 10-rounder.

ART DIRECTOR SPEAKS

Mr. Givler, director of the art classes for children and adults in Portland, sponsored by the Portland art museum, spoke to art students at the Junior High yesterday. Givler is on tour of high school art classes of Southern Oregon.

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REMAINING HOURS TODAY

4:00—Sports News. 4:15—Frank Hemingway, L. A. Soap. 4:30—AF of L. 4:45—Proof That Christian Science is Real.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1948

8:00—Bark to God Hour, Christian Reform Church. 8:30—Voice of Prophecy. 9:00—Pilgrim Hour, Gospel Broadcasting System. 9:30—Lutheran Hour, Lutheran Layman's League. 10:00—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs. 10:15—Remember Scott's Greyhound Race. 10:30—Music. 10:45—Garden Talk, Gill Bros. Seed. 11:00—Christian Church services. 12:30—Theater of Song. 12:45—National News, Roseburg Refrigration. 12:45—Oregon Concert, Umpqua Hotel. 1:00—House of Mystery, General Foods Corp. 1:30—Detective Mysteries, Williams Candy Co. 2:00—Music of the Masters, Todd Building Co. 2:30—Quick as a Flash, Helbrox Watch Co. 3:00—Those Websters, Quaker Oats Co. 3:30—Nick Carter, Old Dutch Cleaners. 4:00—Sherlock Holmes, Trimount Clothing Company. 4:30—Barry Wood Show, Arbuckle's Shoe Store. 4:45—Scientific Solutions to Current Problems, Technocrat, Inc. 5:00—Alexander's Meditation Board. 5:30—Chapel of the Roses, Roseburg Funeral Home. 6:00—Meet Me at Parry's, Hansen Tire Dept. 6:30—Jim Backus Show. 7:00—Behind the Front Page, Mutual Benefit. 7:30—Quiz of Two Cities. 8:00—Jergens Journal, Andrew Jergens Co. 8:45—Shellab Graham, William R. Warner Co. 9:00—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs. 9:15—F.W. Rogner. 9:20—Music. 9:30—Music Now. 9:40—Music. 10:00—Old Fashioned Revival Hour, Gospel Broadcasting Assn. 11:00—Sign Off.

MONDAY MARCH 22, 1948

6:30—Sunrise, Serenade. 6:45—Farm Bulletin Board. 7:00—Yawn Patrol. 7:15—Rescue Auction. 7:30—Frank Hemingway, L. A. Soap. 7:45—Rose and Rhine, Nabisco. 7:50—State and Local News, Dr. Bruce Tuck. 7:55—Blatantly in Wax. 8:00—News-Johnson Company. 8:15—Bob's Music Shop. 8:30—Wake Up Time, Wally's Grocery. 8:45—Myri and Marge, Miller's, Inc. 9:00—Kate Smith Special. 9:15—Victor H. Lindlahr, Healthaide. 9:30—Man About Town, Josse and Lowry. 9:40—Musical Interlude. 9:45—Shopper's Guide, Harth's and Muehle. 10:00—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs. 10:15—Merry Gettins. 10:30—Wax and Music. 9:45—Plantation House Party, Modern Furniture. 11:00—Book of Bargains, Fred Meyers. 11:30—Music by Dave Rose, Roseburg Dairy. 11:30—Queers for a Day, Miles Labs, and Phillo Morris. 12:00—Sports Page of the Air, Marster's Refrigration. 12:10—Musical Americana.

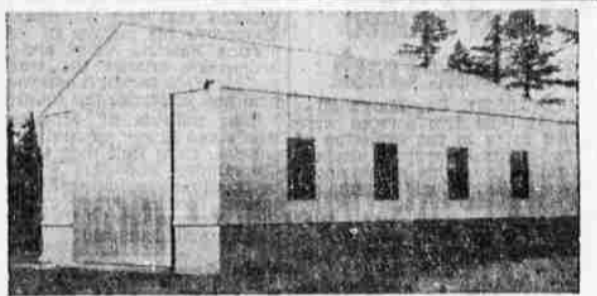
12:40—State and Local News, Hansen Motors. 12:45—National News, Douglas County State Bank. 12:55—Terminal Market Reports, Sig Fett. 1:00—Man on the Street, Hennings's Marks. 1:15—The Johnson Family, Calkins Finance. 1:30—It's Requested, Roseburg Venetian Blind Company. 1:45—Heart's Desire, Philip Morris. 2:00—The Martin Block Show, R. B. Semler, Inc. 2:15—Local Loan Show. 2:30—School Show. 2:45—The Party Line. 2:50—Fulton Lewis, Jr. 3:15—Frank Hemingway, Folger's. 3:30—Passing Parade. 3:45—Music. 3:50—Hi Neighbor, Carsten's Furniture. 4:15—Suburban. 4:30—Captain Midnight, Wander Co. 4:45—Tom Sisk, Ralston Purina. 5:00—Gabriel Heatter, Carter Products. 5:15—The Sports Page, Barcus Sales and Service. 5:20—Musical Interlude. 5:30—State and Local News, Roseburg Motor Co. 5:45—Sing America, Sing, Patterson's Bakery. 5:50—Uncle Ezra, Goldie's Booterie. 6:00—Musical Interlude. 6:10—Spotlight on a Star, Horn's. 6:15—Junior Chamber of Commerce. 6:30—The Class Kid, Modern Furniture. 6:45—Let George Do It, Standard Oil. 6:55—Charlie Chap, Pharmaco, Inc. 7:10—Billy Rose, Picking Horseshoes, R. B. Semler, Inc. 7:30—Alka Seltzer News, Miles Labs. 7:45—Hospitality Time, Jack Faris & Son. 8:00—Guest Star.

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