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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Mostly cloudy tonight and Thursday, with occasional light rain. Not much change in temperature.

In the Day's News

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and in undeclared war between the Jews and the Arabs. As this war grew in violence, it became evident that only Russia and the United States can swing a club big enough to stop it.

This grim question then faced us: If we let the Russians into Palestine, HOW ARE WE EVER GOING TO GET THEM OUT?

ANYWAY, we're dropping the Palestine potato. When a potato gets too hot to handle, the thing to do is to drop it. That's what we're doing.

TRIESTE is another matter. What we're doing there (one guesses) is making a play to the Italians. To Italy, Trieste is a sacred cause—as Alsace and Lorraine were to France.

On April 18, Italy will hold a critical election. The communists might win. We don't want them to. So we're saying to the Italians: "We're your friends. Stick with us and you'll get Trieste back."

In this country, we're intimately familiar with the techniques of re-election promises. We're hoping this one will work internationally in the case of the Italians. A communist victory at the polls in Italy in April would be a nasty jolt for us.

WHAT will happen? Well, Tito of Yugoslavia will howl like a wounded wolf. He wants Trieste too. He will HOWL TO MOSCOW.

What will Moscow do about it? As to that, time alone can tell.

ANYWAY, it puts Russia on the hot seat. She must decide: 1. Shall we back Yugoslavia NOW with men and guns? 2. Shall we stall?

WE hope, of course, that Russia decides to stall. That will tell us something we need to know. In any event, we hope that RUSSIA STALLS UNTIL AFTER THE 18th OF APRIL. By then the Italian election will be over. Our side MIGHT win.

YOU will note from all this that we haven't much in the way of a consistent foreign policy. We're merely improvising as we go along. That isn't too good. It involves risks.

When you take risks, you ought to have something to back them up with. That's why we need men to man the war machines.

ALONG that line, students at the University of Portland voted three to one the other day in favor of universal military training. The vote was taken at an assembly.

Again it looks as if the people are braver than the politicians.

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PORT OF UMPQUA HEARING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

We have previously called attention in this column to the importance of a commercial road from the interior valley to a deep water harbor. The road is needed that we may have some means of outlet for our industrial and agricultural products and thus be relieved from dependency upon a monopolistic railroad which is definitely restraining industrial growth through discrimination, high freight rates and poor service.

We have reason to believe the commercial road will be forthcoming in the near future. Appropriation already has been made for one major improvement and a case has been presented to the interim committee of the state legislature concerning need for re-routing and early completion of other sections of the road to permit handling overland cargoes.

Construction of the highway, however, will pose another problem. We will have many large and important shipments to be transported from the interior for loading aboard cargo vessels. But to handle our products the ports must have storage and loading facilities.

The Port of Umpqua is our natural and logical outlet. A hearing is being held in Reedsport today by the Corps of Engineers to consider recommendations from the Port of Umpqua Commission and other interested persons concerning proposed port improvements. The interior valley has a decided interest in this hearing.

The Port of Umpqua requires more space for anchorage as well as docks and storage facilities. Also involved in today's hearing is the industrialization, now in progress and contemplated for the future, along Schofield River, which joins the Umpqua at Reedsport.

A remanufacturing plant is being placed in position on the Schofield and many other industrial sites will be opened if the river is made navigable.

The Port of Umpqua Commission is urging removal of shoals at the mouth of the Schofield, together with channel dredging for a distance of 1,500 feet and widening to 300 feet. A depth of 12 feet is proposed.

This improvement, it is pointed out, would provide an anchorage for the rapidly growing offshore fishing fleet, pleasure boats and other small craft, which now must be anchored in the Umpqua. In the main river the small boats are subject to damage from floating logs and, occasionally, from rough water. Protection would be afforded by anchorage in Schofield. Transfer of the small boat anchorage from the main river also would permit use of existing dock facilities for larger craft, all space now available being completely utilized.

It is to be hoped the Corps of Engineers will look beyond the purely local aspects concerned in today's hearing and take into consideration the probable future needs for Umpqua River development.

These projects move slowly. After the engineers have decided the nature of improvements required, they must prepare plans, which, in turn, must have congressional approval. Even after Congress has approved the work proposed by the engineers, the projects must await appropriations.

It is even now too late to build road and port facilities to meet existing requirements of our rapidly expanding industry. We could be using those facilities now, if we had them. But the current demand is small indeed compared with what may be expected in the future.

As the lumber industry turns more and more into specialty manufacture, as assured by scientific development of new uses for wood in products having far greater value than the timbers and boards which now comprise the bulk of the industry's output, the importance of water shipment, particularly to foreign markets, will increase.

We would have little difficulty in obtaining money for harbor improvements if we could cause Congress to realize the public's interest in such projects. The timber resource in the Umpqua Basin includes approximately 40 billion board feet of publicly owned timber, held in control by the U. S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

If the stumpage value of this timber could be increased only \$1 per thousand board feet, the public would profit to the tune of \$40 million. This amount of money would go a long way in making the Port of Umpqua one of the Pacific Coast's major deep water ports.

Oakridge Growth Spurred By New Pope-Talbot Mill

By CHARLES V. STANTON

OAKRIDGE, Ore.—This revitalized city will become an important factor in Northwest lumber industry on April 5 when the Pope & Talbot, Inc. new sawmill here is to be formally opened and will commence operations expected to extend over generations.

What this transition in a space of two years from a railroad village in the Cascade foothills to a busy lumber center has meant to Oakridge can be appreciated by those who aided in the transformation. The city, then with a population of around 650, had to prepare for today's 2500 residents with housing, town planning and zoning, roads, water and sewage expansion, fire and police protection. City officials found in the help extended by Pope & Talbot the answer to many of the pressing problems, particularly housing, it is stated today.

This sawmill adds to the widely known Pope & Talbot holdings, including the sawmill at Port Gamble, Puget Sound, founded in 1853; the St. Helen's sawmill and wood preservative treatment plants on the Columbia river, near Portland, established in 1909; steamship lines serving Atlantic Caribbean and South American ports, logging camps in Oregon and Washington and terminals and offices in most South American ports, with foreign affiliates.

The million-dollar project, designed by Hillman Luedderrmann, Northwest manager, as the foundation unit of a major logging and milling installation designed for indefinite expansion, has a cutting capacity of 200,000 board feet in an eight-hour day. The latest scientific discoveries in the extraction of valuable by-products from wood are to be fully utilized here, officials state. Intensive studies have been undertaken along those lines, chemical research keeping step with the larger activities at Oakridge.

Holdings of the company on the upper reaches of the Willamette River, some thirty-eight miles southeast of Eugene, consist of a 32,000-acre tract containing an estimated billion feet of lumber. This is one of the largest remaining Douglas fir forests in the area.

An outstanding feature at Oakridge will be the harvesting of logs on the modern sustained yield basis, cutting only ripe timber and fostering and protecting new growth so that reforestation always will keep pace with lumber production. By avoiding the wanton cutting of trees and consequent spoliation of the forest, an output is assured for generations ahead, in complete conformity with Pope and Talbot vision for the future in any activity with which they have been associated.

Two School Heads In Klamath Resign

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Mar. 24.—(P)—Two major Klamath school administrators announced their resignations yesterday.

Stanley Woodruff, principal of Klamath Union High School since 1943, said that for health reasons he has decided to take a teaching position next year and relinquish the responsibilities of heading the 1300 pupil Union High School.

Harold B. Ashley, county school superintendent, disclosed that he had sent a notice of his resignation to the county school board. Ashley did not give his reasons, but said he hopes to remain in education work. He was appointed superintendent of the huge county school district in August 1946, upon the resignation of Fred Peterson.

The school boards did not indicate whether they have successors in mind for the two school heads.

The resignations do not take effect until the end of the present school year.

Reds Conduct Sabotage Schools in Vienna

VIENNA.—(P)—Communist action committees are attending sabotage schools in a Russian-occupied suburb of Vienna, a highly placed Austrian source said.

Austrian interior ministry officials said they knew there was a school but did not know what was being taught there. It has been common knowledge here for some time that Austrian Communists, aided by Russian officials, have been conducting sabotage schools in the Soviet zone. Earlier reports said the instruction was limited to Communist ideology.

And Likes It!



Here's an authentic hermit who lives alone and, presumably, likes it. He's Archie Ranney, 76, of North Creek, N. Y. Archie lives in a cabin in the Adirondack mountains, eating corn muffins and porcupine meat. He was formerly a printer.

Minister's Wife Raped, Murdered

WELLS, Nev., March 23.—(P)—The pretty, young wife of a Presbyterian minister was raped and viciously bludgeoned to death with a rolling pin by an itinerant who asked for food, Constable Homer Murphy said today.

Sheriff C. L. Smith of Elko County termed the slaying "the most horrible crime I have ever come across."

The Rev. Richard Morning, 27, found the body of his wife, Billie Rahe, 22, about midnight on his return home from nearby Monterey, her hands and legs were tied to her bed with electric cord. A towel was fastened tightly around her throat. A sheet was wrapped around her head.

The Mornings' eight-month-old son was on the bed beside his mother. He was unharmed. But Murphy said the woman had been beaten with the rolling pin until it broke. The blood-covered instrument was found in the bedroom.

Authorities throughout Nevada began a search for the itinerant. He was described as about 20, about five feet four inches in height, with a pockmarked face. A man similarly described had begged money from several persons here.

Investigators pieced together this preliminary story of Mrs. Morning's death—a crime which shocked this little desert town of 1,000 persons near the Nevada-Utah border.

The itinerant appeared at the house next door at about 4:30 p. m. yesterday. He asked where the Mornings lived. From there he went to a tavern in town and tried to cash a check signed by Rev. Morning. Where he got the check was not determined. The bartender refused to cash it.

The man then went to Mrs. Morning's home and asked for food. Mrs. Morning packed a lunch, found on a kitchen table—before she was raped and finally beaten to death.

Safety Council Director Fractures Arm in Fall

CHICAGO.—(P)—Paul Jones is director of publicity for the National Safety Council.

He's the man who keeps track of how many accidents occur on highways, in the home and on the farm. At intervals he issues warnings to drivers after drinking, holding fireworks in one's teeth or hanging storm sash in a high wind.

At present Jones is having trouble keeping up with his work. His arm is broken in two places. He slipped and fell on an icy driveway at his home.

Industrial Accident Insurance Rates to Drop

SALEM, Ore., March 23.—(P)—Employers covered by state industrial accident insurance will get a \$1,065,000 annual rate reduction beginning July 1, the State Industrial Accident Commission announced.

The largest reductions will be given farmers and lumber operators. Of the 215 industrial and trade classifications in the state, 174 will get lower rates.

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Alabama Senator Calls on Truman To Quit Contest

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(P) Senator Hill (D-Ala.) called yesterday for President Truman's withdrawal from the Democratic presidential race. But Senator Hatch (D-N. M.) said the president will not quit.

Hatch told a reporter he has it from Mr. Truman himself that the president will "fight through to the end" to whatever political fate awaits him.

Hill had announced previously his support of Mr. Truman for the party nomination. Yesterday he withdrew his endorsement in the face of mounting Dixie resentment against the president's civil rights program. Hill said in a statement:

"The situation in Alabama and the South today makes it clear that there cannot be Democratic party unity with President Truman as the nominee of the party."

The revolt against the president spread northward, too. Hatch said the president "has cast aside politics and he doesn't care what happens to him politically. He has told me that he intends to do what he thinks is right, without regard to political consequences."

Hill's departure from the Truman ranks indicates the Alabama

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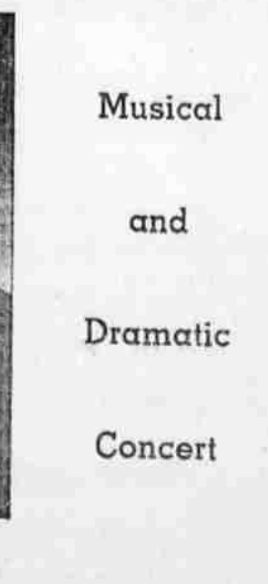
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