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The Weather

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In the Day's News

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strong one-termer who will forget politics and bring expenditures down to the point where we won't go bankrupt."

ONE'S first inclination upon reading these words of wisdom is to toss his battered winter hat into the air and give three rousing cheers. Then comes the chilling second thought. We've had good advice like that before, and it didn't save us from taking the road that has led to our present mess.

There was Vice-President Marshall, who leaned back in his chair several decades ago and allowed that "what this country needs is a good five-cent cigar."

We applauded vigorously. We hadn't thought of it before, but by gosh we DID need a good five-cent cigar.

(We DIDN'T GET the good five-cent cigar.)

THEN there was President Coolidge — always calm and cool and unflustered. Somebody asked him one day what he thought of sin. Coolidge considered the problem gravely. Then he spoke, in his wise, quiet way. "I'm against it," he answered.

Again we applauded. "Safe at last," we said. "Here is a leader who knows how to meet each problem as it comes along." (We STILL have sin.)

SO it seems unlikely that we shall accept Senator George's pious advice to get together in November and "elect a strong one-term President who can set this country (again) on the right course."

To begin with, we Americans don't get together that easily. Any of us knows at any given time just what we need to do. But some cantankerous s of a b is always getting up and kicking the soup over and putting out the fire by offering a contrary opinion. In the heated debate that follows, harmony flies out of the window, muttering "this is no place for me."

THEN a lot of us hold the stubborn view that a leader who knows, al by his lonesome, without any advice and co-operation from the rest of us, jus. what to do to set our country on the right course ISN'T WHAT WE WANT AT ALL.

If we had a superman like that to leave everything to, this wouldn't be the United States of America. It would BE A DICTATORSHIP. When one al-wise person tells al other person what to do and where to lead in and the other persons sit submissively: "Yes, Mister, we reckon that's about the way it is," the thing we call liberty is gone forever.

So, Senator George, we reckon we'll probably have to get along without the kind of man you mention.

Capitalism Must Plan for Peace, Wallace Asserts

COOS BAY, Ore., May 26.—(P)—Henry A. Wallace left Oregon today after a two-day presidential campaign tour in which he criticized U. S. foreign policy and warned that capitalism must plan for peace.

The third party candidate said here last night that progressive capitalism and peace are the hope of America. He added that he believes in capital and has had more profitable business experience than either Gov. Thomas E. Dewey or Harold E. Stassen.

Wallace said that large business should be required by the federal government to perform certain duties for the general welfare. He said the details could be worked out by the president's economic advisory council.

THE HOUSING PROBLEM

The Roseburg area is face to face with a problem which must be solved in the very near future if the pace of our industrial and business boom is to be maintained. The housing shortage places a definite restriction on rate of growth. We know of at least a half-dozen major industries investigating the Roseburg area as a location for plants. These industries, should they be located here, will supply jobs for at least 500 workers as a starter and will expand to twice that number within a few years. Other prospective industrial operations are making secret investigations. We want all the new industry we can get and there is every reason to believe we will continue expanding. But we do not now have housing sufficient to care for the people already employed here and unless we start immediately to give more serious thought to future housing needs, some of the industry wanting to come into the Roseburg area—and by the Roseburg area we refer to the central portion of the county from Drain to Canyonville—will be forced to go elsewhere.

We have been doing considerable prying into the housing difficulty lately, and the more we look the more we are alarmed. We believe there is an answer but the trouble is that too few people are interested in seeking the solution.

If we bring the problem out in the open where we can look at it, we find certain predominating factors.

Banks are making loans for purchase of existing houses. The security must be gilt-edged, the borrower's credit must be well-established. Appraisal rates are far lower than currently inflated real estate values. In other words, if a person has money he can get money. Banks are making very few construction loans. Change in ownership of existing homes does not solve the need for more dwelling units.

FHA loans are most difficult to obtain, except by the "project" builder. A contractor prepared to build a number of dwellings can obtain FHA loans, providing he shows financial responsibility. But financing through FHA in the immediate vicinity of the City of Roseburg hits a snag because FHA will not approve loans, even for project construction, because of the inadequacy of sanitary facilities. Room is not available inside the city for residential construction on a project basis, while our suburban areas have become exceedingly dangerous from the health standpoint because of the lack of sewers. Consequently, FHA is not encouraging project building in the Roseburg area.

A few construction loans are being made by building and loan companies. The builder must furnish the lot and must have his structure at least 40 per cent complete in most cases before he can obtain a construction loan to finish his dwelling. This means that he must have from two to three thousand dollars actually invested before he can solicit financial help. But even with this restriction, about 25 homes are being built monthly on this plan.

An estimated 50 building mechanics in the area are erecting dwellings on private speculation plans. They sell these homes at prices which pay wages and a moderate profit, and from the capital obtained from the sale of one dwelling start construction of another. This is a slow process, but an effective one.

A few people are building homes on a unit plan, camping out in what eventually will be a garage, or building a one-room affair in which they can find shelter until more units can be added from time to time.

Altogether, according to the best estimates we could obtain, houses are being started at the rate of from 100 to 150 per month in the area. The building material situation is improving. The shortage of supplies is less critical. Cost remains high.

Many other conditions and factors could be mentioned, but it already is apparent that only the person having considerable capital is able to finance a home.

The Roseburg area, however, finds its greatest need in homes for persons having only a limited amount of capital to invest. The best solution of course, would be construction of a large number of rental units. But in these days of high building costs, inflated property values and high taxes, rental construction is not practicable.

From a community standpoint it is far better if residents own rather than rent their homes. Home ownership is conducive to more civic interest, better labor relations, permanence of employment, etc.

With job openings for 1,000 or more workers at present, and with prospects for another 500 to 1,000 in the near future it is obvious that we need construction of homes on a basis whereby the worker having only a few hundred dollars of capital can contract to buy a house and pay out the principal like rent.

We believe there is a solution. It would require some organizing and careful management. It would involve formation of an association which would include a sawmill, remanufacturing plant, materials agency, construction crew, and finance company. By keeping several homes under construction in successive stages, crews of workmen could advance from one to another. Materials would be obtainable at a discount, thus affording room for profit margin in addition to the sales price. Banks will finance loans for completed homes and doubtless, working with a finance concern, would set up a schedule of comparatively easy payments on a long-term basis. The plan is only sketchy and would need much detailed study, but we believe it could be worked out if civic leadership would organize behind it. Unless we act soon, our future industrial and business growth will be badly handicapped.

of forty million dollars or more. The candidate accused the National Association of Manufacturers of contributing to the high cost of living by defeating price control. "Scarcely no one has held the name up to the scorn to which it is entitled," he asserted.

In outlining the basis for his third party, Wallace predicted that a business crash, probably by 1951, could be prevented only by planning for peace. He urged an end to the "cold war" and diversion of the money it costs to productive peacetime effort.

Repeating his earlier theme before campus groups at Eugene and Corvallis, Wallace said a war with Russia cannot bring a better peace than could be achieved by settling differences at the conference table.

"Any peace which could come mechanically through the use of X-rays

Out Our Way



Horse Drinks Like Fish



Pity the poor bartender who looked up from his glass-wiping in a Chicago beer parlor and found old Admiral, wanting a beer. Well, the bartender probably figured the horse was driven to it by nightmares. Marshall Polo, Admiral's owner, found him and joins him in one for the road before they go back to their plowing.

'Blondie's' Creator Reached Cartoon Fame Hard Way

"Blondie," the nation's most popular comic strip, which starts in the News-Review Tuesday, June 1, is the creation of Chic Young.

When Young received his diploma at McKinley High School in Chicago it looked for a while like cartooning would have to go by the boards. He strove hard for a living in those days, for his work, though already hinting of the facile style that has made him world-famous today as the creator of the "Blondie" comic strip, wasn't sufficiently attractive to gain him a berth on a newspaper staff.

Patiently confident that the "break" would come sooner or later, he worked in offices in St. Louis for two or three years, and then went to Chicago in the employ of the Illinois Central Railway. During 1920 and 1921 he worked in an office daytimes and attended art school at night.

His cartooning career began to take definite form when he left Chicago for Cleveland and secured a job with the N.E.A. feature service, doing a girl cartoon, "Beautiful Babe," which was succeeded by "Dumb Dora." Both were successful and the latter, running for several years, quickly made his reputation.

Later he conceived the idea for "Blondie" which has become a national favorite, placing his name among the top-ranking cartoonists of the world.

Average Girl His Theme "When asked why in his opinion the "Blondie" strip was so popular, Young said: "I try to picture the average girl of this age, the kind who leads in the complete return to femininity, and then team her up with Dagwood Bumstead and add Baby Dumpling."

Chic, at both elementary and high school was neither a brilliant nor a backward student, for while he was always an alert chap, his keenness was always directed more to observing what things and people looked like—sometimes more for purposes of revealing caricature, it must be admitted, than to study. He studied enough, however, to keep up, and spent his spare time drawing.

At high school the art course was not sufficient, comprehensive for him so he took courses in cartooning by mail and used his fellow students as models. They did not resent it. Chic was a likeable fellow and his sketches—especially, privately circulated lampoons of the faculty—lightened the tedium of study. His "chalk talks" were a high light

of the Literary Society meetings, even though not exactly literary. The society met once a week and members were called on to perform—read something, recite a poem or orate. Chic drew caricatures on the blackboard and always received an encore.

He was a member of the high school annual, "The Carnation," in his later years there and provided both cover designs and comic sketches. On one occasion he laid out a full page of cartoons, but pasted heads from actual photographs of students on his sketches. There were protests from some of his victims, but the majority thought them funny, with no harm intended, so the outcome was not unpleasant as was threatened.

Tips Offered Novice It was at High school that he was given the nickname of "Chic." Just why is one of those schoolboy enigmas, but it suited him well. "Chic" was a fun-loving, quizzical youth, with a sense of humor sometimes disconcerting to teachers, ready to fight as well as play, but able to make close friends, most of which he has kept.

He is a hard person to interview about himself, for he is, and always was, inclined to give facetious answers. His favorite poet, he recently asserted is "Mother Goose." He said his first job was when his mother made him wash his own milk bottles and when asked about his pet superstition he said:

"I won't walk under a ladder when a painter is falling." Here are a few of his tips to aspiring young cartoonists: "It is important to sit up straight at a drawing board. Don't slouch over—I know only too many cartoonists who were seriously hurt falling asleep in that position and sliding under the desk.

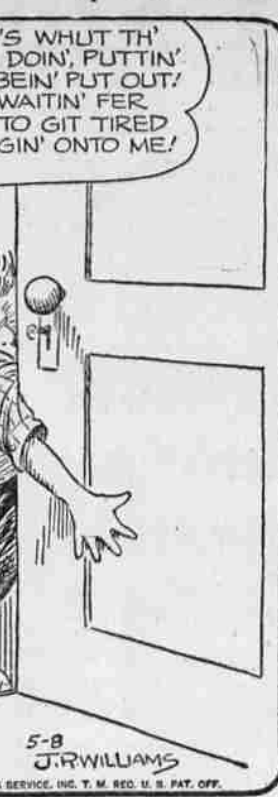
"The stains of drawing ink can be removed from a rug by first soaking in milk and then cutting around it with scissors. "A quick way to tell if the ink is dry on a drawing is to rub it with your hand.

"If you can't get an idea in six or seven hours, don't start monkeying around your desk snapping pencil shavings, sticking your finger in the ink bottle and chewing the eraser off your pencil. Just say 'the heck with it!' and throw yourself on the sofa to take a nap.

"Don't be afraid of editors and syndicate managers to whom you submit your drawings. You will be pleasantly surprised to find them lovable, human persons, interested in your welfare and future success—kind of.

The first written use of the expression, "hair of the dog," is believed to be contained in an English translation of a French book published in 1616, when "hairs of the beast that hath made thee ill" is prescribed as a "cure for the head that complains itself of too much drinking of wine."

By J. R. Williams



Federation of Federal Employees Names Heads

Seventh annual convention of the Oregon State Federation of Federal Employees Union was held in Eugene May 22. Local 459 of Roseburg was represented by Miss Margaret Joyce, Miss Helen Emery, Mrs. Geraldine Sheehy, A. R. Koller, Fred Vehringer, and Homer Pattison.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, D. D. Crumley of the National Park Service, Medford; vice-president, Walter H. Fleet, Internal Revenue, Klamath Falls; secretary-treasurer, A. D. Harvey, Soil Conservation Administration, Klamath Falls.

Portland was selected as the 1949 convention city in order to provide for a joint meeting with Washington State Federation convention, which is to be held in Vancouver, Wash.

At very low temperatures helium becomes a liquid and then develops such tremendous capillary action that it will overflow any container in which it is placed.

KRRR Mutual Broadcasting System 1490 Kilovolts REMAINING HOURS TODAY

- 4:00-Adventure Parade. 4:15-Music. 4:30-Say It With Music, Miller's RCA Radio Shop. 5:00-U. S. Navy Band. 5:15-W.C.T.U. 5:30-Midnight Wanderer Co. 5:45-Tom Mix, Halston Purina. 6:00-Gabriel Heister, Carter Products. 6:15-Sports Page, Barcus Sales and Service. 6:30-State and Local News, Roseburg Motor Co. 6:45-Musical Interlude. 6:50-The Case Kid, Modern Furniture. 7:00-What's the Name of That Song? Wildroot. 7:30-My Neighbor, Carstens Furniture. 7:45-Music. 7:55-Billy Rose, Pitching Horseshoes, R. B. Semler. 8:00-Alka Seltzer, Miles Labs. 8:15-Firewood Lawton, Union Oil Co. 8:30-Hospitality Time, Jack Fariss & Son. 9:00-Fulton Lewis, Jr., Umppqua Auto & Implement. 9:15-American Legion. 9:30-Tex Beneky. 10:00-Wax Gallery. 10:30-Nocturne. 10:45-News.

- THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1948 6:00-Sunrise Serenade. 6:15-Farm Bulletin Board. 6:30-Yawn Patrol. 6:45-The County Agent. 7:00-Roseburg Action. 7:00-Frank Hemingway, L. A. Soap. 7:15-Rise and Shine. 7:30-State and Local News, Dr. Bruce Tuck. 7:35-The Beehive. 7:40-Symphony in Wax. 8:00-Music. 8:15-Victor H. Lindleher, Healthaids. 8:30-Haven of Rest, Good Ship Grace. 8:40-Alka Seltzer, Miles Labs. 8:45-Wally's Grocery. 9:30-Man About Town, Josse and Lawless. 9:40-Musical Interlude. 9:50-Shopper's Guide, Harth's and Marshall Wells. 10:00-Myrt and Marge, Miller's, Inc. 10:15-Melody Matinee, Roseburg Dairy. 10:30-Quest for a Day, Miles Labs, and Philip Morris. 11:00-Music. 11:15-Plantation House Party, Modern Furniture. 11:30-The Pastor's Scrapbook, First Presbyterian Church. 11:45-Music. 12:00-Sports Page of the Air, Keel Motor Co. 12:15-State and Local News, Hansen Motors. 12:15-The Johnson Family, Calkins Finance Co. 12:30-National News, Roseburg Theaters. 12:40-Terminal Market Reports, Sig Felt. 1:00-Man on the Street, Henninger's Marts. 1:00-Heart's Desire, Philip Morris & Co. 1:30-It's Requested, Judd Furniture. 2:00-Music. 2:15-Florist's Show, Umppqua Florists. 2:30-Music. 2:45-Local Loan Show, Local Loan. 3:00-Fulton Lewis, Jr. 3:15-Frank Hemingway, Folger's. 3:30-Songs for Everyone, Roseburg Refrigeration. 3:45-Music. 4:00-Adventure Parade. 4:15-Sing America Ring, Patterson's Hisker. 4:30-Sons of Guns. 4:45-Say It With Music, Miller's RCA Radio Shop. 5:15-Spotlight on a Star, Horn's. 5:30-Captain Midnight, Wanderer Co. 5:45-Tom Mix, Halston Purina. 6:00-Gabriel Heister, Healthaids. 6:15-Sports Page, Barcus Sales and Service. 6:30-State and Local News, Roseburg Motor Co. 6:45-Musical Interlude. 6:50-What's New, Corkrum Motors. 6:55-Music You Remember, Douglas Supply Co. 7:00-Straight Arrow, Nabisco. 7:30-Farm Bureau Program. 7:45-Music. 7:55-Billy Rose, Pitching Horseshoes, Barbusol Co. 8:00-Alka Seltzer, Miles Labs. 8:15-Firewood Lawton, Union Oil Co. 8:30-Quest for the Footlights, Lockwood Motors. 8:45-Three Quarter Time, Emery Insurance. 9:00-Fulton Lewis, Jr., Gilkey Trading Post. 9:15-Moonlight Serenade, Truwigridge Electric. 9:30-Family Theater. 10:00-Wax Gallery. 10:30-Nocturne. 10:45-News. 11:00-Sign Off.

Reds Willing To Settle Exchange Of Publications

BERLIN, May 26.—(P)—The Russians notified American authorities today they are ready to come to a suitable settlement for free exchange of publications between the Soviet and U. S. zones of Germany.

Maj. Gen. George Hays, U. S. deputy military governor, said the lifting of an American ban on Soviet-licensed publications "depends on whether the Russians give us guarantees to remedy the situation." He said that since the ban went into effect a week ago, there have been reports that Soviet authorities are relaxing their interference.

Col. Gordon E. Textor, head of the American information control division, last week banned the importation of Soviet-licensed publications into the American zone in retaliation for wholesale confiscation and other discriminations against American-licensed publications in the Soviet zone.

In a conciliatory letter today, Lt. Gen. M. I. Dratvin, the Russian deputy military governor, asked his opposite number in the U. S. zone, Maj. Gen. Hays, to rescind the prohibition. "I can tell you," the letter said, "we hope to come to a suitable settlement by which every possibility of infringement of procedure for exchange of papers will be excluded."

Directive No. 55 of the Allied Control Council provides for the free exchange of publications

throughout Germany. Textor charged the Russians violated it. The U. S. deputy commander of Berlin, W. T. Babcock, declared last night the Russians seized 200 Germans at Oranienburg, outside Berlin, on May 15 and transported them to Saxony, where the Russians are reported to be operating Uranium mines.

Sir William Johnson was rewarded by George of England for his services in the French and Indian war. The reward was a baronetcy, the first and only one granted on American soil, which occupied large areas of what is now northern New York state.

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