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THUMBNAILED OUTLOOK FOR 1944

- General:** Year 1944 should be divided into two parts: (a) From January 1st to date of Germany's collapse; and (b) from said date to December 31st.
- Production:** Babsonchart Index will average around 130, about 12 per cent below 1943.
- Commodities:** Strength in various commodities should be followed by renewed weakness.
- Sales:** Retail sales dollar volume will average higher for entire year, but physical volume will be down 10 per cent.
- Labor:** Pressure for higher wage rates will continue throughout the year with more labor trouble and more wage increases than in 1943.
- Stocks:** If the market is low when Germany cracks it will then go up; but if then high, it will go down.
- Bonds:** Good and medium-grade bonds will hold close to present levels throughout the year.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR 1944

By: Roger W. Babson

Babson Park, Mass., Dec. 30—Most firms are booked to capacity. If any more business were offered they would not be able to handle it for many months. This is roughly my forecast for 1944. The Babsonchart Index of the Physical Volume of Business for the final quarter of 1943 averaged 141 compared with 150.7 for the same period of 1942. The all-time high was reached in December 1942 when my index stood at 155.6. It is not possible that this record can be exceeded in 1944.

Commodity Prices
War developments will influence commodity prices during 1944. The collapse of Germany could result in a sharp, though temporary, reaction in leading wholesale indexes. If the going in Italy or elsewhere should prove unexpectedly hard—indicating a longer war—prices should firm. Cattle and hogs may bring lower average prices. Soybean and corn prices face the test of large marketings. They will be well to hold. Increased imports of coffee, cocoa and sugar will hold down their prices.

Continued heavy demand is indicated for most industrial commodities. To what extent efforts to roll back food prices to September 15, 1942, levels will succeed is problematical. Mounting over-all shortages, unprecedented demand and the necessity for maximum output will tend to maintain strong upward pressure on most prices. Advancing parity prices, storage, insurance and black markets further tend to keep prices high. Subsidies will be granted certain producers during 1944.

Inventories
Businessmen should watch the Government's policy of disposing of its huge inventories of consumer merchandise. With supplies at a much higher level than in World War I, retailers, wholesalers, and manufacturers should insist there be no dumping on domestic markets. This could smash prices. Flooding the export markets could make it difficult to sell goods abroad at a fair profit. I hope a substantial portion of our

surplus will be given to the peoples of Continental Europe and China.

Sales Prospects
I forecast that retail dollar sales will average 6 per cent to 10 per cent higher in 1944 than in 1943. Sales volume of consumer goods will again start to climb as smaller companies get the okay on postwar merchandise. I expect some decline from 1943 in the physical volume of retail sales due to scarcity of goods and less employment. Substitute merchandise has sold well but manufacturers and wholesalers are now wary of it. As good war news increases, consumers will wait for new postwar merchandise rather than buy synthetic war-made goods. Merchants should keep a workable inventory. Do not overstock.

The following ten states are tops for 1944: New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Texas, California, Oregon and Washington. Of smaller volume states, I like: Georgia, Minnesota, Florida, Nebraska, Utah and Arizona. Florida may see a real boom. Outstanding sales cities are scarce. A year ago it was simple to spot cities with expected gains of 40 to 50 per cent. Now more cities will show gains of only 5 to 10 per cent in 1944 over a year ago. Here is the pick of the lot: Detroit, Michigan; Jackson, Michigan; Knoxville, Tennessee; Phoenix, Arizona; Portland, Oregon; San Diego, California; Savannah, Georgia; Springfield, Massachusetts; Topeka, Kansas, and Wichita, Kansas. It will make a difference in 1944 business whether Germany cracks in the early or latter part of the year. When this happens Washington will begin at once to cancel war orders, especially on the Atlantic Seaboard. The army will accept no more recruits, may begin orderly demobilization. Navy men may be in for two or three years more. Army demobilization may start around election time in 1944. This should help retail trade.

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A Happier New Year Our Hope

A happier 1944 than the past two years have been is the sincere wish of the Coquille Valley Sentinel. Its publishers believe Gen. Eisenhower knows whereof he speaks when he says the Nazis will succumb during this coming year and that alone will make 1944 a happier year, with the fall of the treacherous Japs a foregone conclusion but with their end as a belligerent still uncertain.

It can be added, too, that events in 1943 also presage a happier 1944 on the home front, a consummation devoutly to be wished.

To all its readers the Sentinel extends the season's greetings, with the wish for each of them that their life's hopes will be realized during this coming year.

Roxy Confectionery To Reopen January 5

The Roxy Confectionery and Lunch, which Alan Bailey re-opened a few months ago has now been transferred to Lorraine Rice and Sue Aitken, who will operate it when it reopens next Wednesday, the place being closed from this coming Sunday until Wednesday. It will be open six days a week, not being open on Mondays. The new proprietors are asking a continuation of public patronage.

Mr. Bailey had to give up the business when called by the Selective Service.

26 Degrees Again Wednesday

Again on Wednesday morning this week the thermometer reached the 26 degree mark, six below freezing, as it did a couple of weeks ago. This is not as low a temperature as often comes during each winter but it is low enough to cause real Oregonians to hope and pray for rain. This morning the mercury stood at 32 and it has hovered around that mark every morning except Wednesday for the past week.

Donna Dean Bosserman, Wave Yeoman, Expected Tonight

Miss Donna Dean Bosserman, Yeoman third class in the Waves, is expected to arrive here this evening for a short visit while on her way to her first assignment. Since completing her preliminary training at Hunters College in New York she has been attending the Yeoman school at A. & M. college in Stillwater, Okla. She will arrive by bus this evening from Eugene.

Mrs. Mable Laird Is Much Better Now

A Christmas letter from Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Laird, at Petaluma, Calif., says that his mother will soon be able to leave the hospital and return home, although she has had three special nurses in attendance upon her and for a time it was uncertain that she could recover.

Fensler Tells Of Tulelake Affair

Clark W. Fensler, of Tulelake, California, was the guest speaker at the noon meeting of the Rotary Club Wednesday.

Mr. Fensler, who was a former resident of this county but who has lived in the northern California town for the past seven or eight years, gave a very vivid description of the recent disturbances in the Jap relocation center in that district, where twenty thousand of the worst enemy aliens in the United States are concentrated, fed, housed and paid regular money allowances by this government.

In return, he stated, they revile the United States, destroy property and heap insults upon the soldiers and guards and, by striking at harvest time, allowed \$1,000,000 worth of crops that they had planted and cultivated, go to waste in the ground.

Up to the time of the Nov. 1st disturbance the Japs had been petted and coddled by a paid force of social workers, conscientious objectors and a few minor officials of the W.R.B.

One of the demands of the Japs at that time was that all of these be dismissed and that they be allowed to administer the camp by themselves. Mr. Fensler stated that the citizens of that community feel that not only their property but their very lives are endangered by the presence of this vast concentration of dangerous enemy aliens, yet at the same time, he stated, there are nine different organizations working through Washington to have these Japs returned to their normal lives and to be assimilated by the people of this country.

This is one of the after-the-war problems, he said. What are you going to do about it? The returning soldier at the end of the war will probably have something to say about it. Mr. Fensler also talked to the Lions Club last Thursday and to the Soroptimist club on Tuesday.

The list of visitors would read like the roster of the Myrtle Point Rotary club as seventeen of them attended the meeting in a body. Other visitors were J. D. Rankin and D. B. Keiser, of Coquille, and Rotarian H. C. Obye, of Grants Pass.

Capt. Hale B. Eubanks was also present and gave a short talk on some of his experiences as chaplain in the transport service in the South Pacific.

Drill Down 3940 Feet Yesterday

The well being drilled on Davis Slough for the Phillips Petroleum Corporation was down to a 3940 foot depth yesterday. The drill bit was still going through the same shale formation that it has been for the last thousand feet and until that is gone through nothing of an interesting nature can be expected.

All the formations thus far encountered are quite similar to formations in other proven oil and gas fields, and those directly connected with the operation are not discouraged, but are very sanguine, that things will begin to happen out there before the 6,500 or 7,000 feet depth which the contract calls for, has been reached.

B. W. Dunn, Dorothy E. Bishop Married Friday In Portland

Burton W. Dunn, local school superintendent, and Mrs. Dorothy E. Bishop, Coos county home demonstration agent, were united in marriage Christmas Eve in Portland at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Lamb, mother of Mrs. Bishop.

Supt. and Mrs. Dunn, who returned to Coquille Tuesday night, will make their residence at 261 South Heath street, Coquille.

Mrs. Hal Howell Has Been Afflicted With Rheumatism

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nosler left last Friday evening by bus to spend Christmas with their son, Layton, and his family in Portland. Mrs. Nosler was then going to Seaside for a short visit with her daughter, Mrs. Hal Howell, who is living there while Hal remains stationed near in the Coast Guard. Mrs. Howell has been quite ill for the past two months with sciatic rheumatism. The Nosler Barber shop will be closed throughout this week.

Mrs. Geo. Loveland, who has been with the Consolidated Freightways office here since 1938, is leaving today to take a position in the company's office in Oakland, Calif. She will reside in Berkeley.

Everett Smith Killed In Action In South Pacific

War's tragedy again came home to Coquille folks last Thursday, in a more personal way, when it became known that Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Smith had received a telegram from Marine Corps headquarters in Washington, D. C., that their son, Everett E. Smith, had been killed in action in the Pacific war theatre. Where his death occurred was not given, but people here generally believe that they know where it happened.

Everett was a member of the Marine Corps, having enlisted in May, 1941, but having continued with his studies at O. S. C. until early this year.

The telegram stated that his body would be temporarily buried near where the battle was fought.

Everett was one of the most popular students ever to graduate from Coquille High. His prowess as an athlete was far above the average and he continued that activity when a student at O. S. C., which he attended for two and one-half years. He played in the Jan. 1, 1942, Rose Bowl game, which was transferred to Durham, South Carolina, and a year ago this coming Saturday played with the Oregon State team in Michigan.

He was a clean-cut, fine looking young man, and his myriad of friends—he had them wherever he was—feel most deeply the loss which his death brings, and their sympathy goes out in unstinted measure to his bereaved parents, brothers and sister.

Everett was born in Coquille, Sept. 22, 1921, being more than two months past 22 years of age. He attended the Coquille schools most of his school life, except for a few months when his parents resided in the Bay district.

Besides his parents, who reside at the Russ ranch at this end of China Camp bridge, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Emma Henderson, of Reno, Calif., and three brothers, two of whom are in the service. Wm. H. Smith is at Camp Adair, near Corvallis, and Jack is at Palm Springs, Calif. Elwood Smith resides here.

Annual C. of C. Meeting January 11

Speakers expected to be present for the annual meeting of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce, in the Coffee Shop dining room on the 11th of January, are Mayor Houston of Klamath Falls, one of the most interesting and dynamic speakers heard in Coquille in years, and Tommy Hoxie, public relations official of the Kaiser Shipbuilding Yards at Portland. The latter will present the city with a picture of the tanker Coquille, recently launched at Portland, and a bronze plaque to go with it.

The capacity of the dining room is 75 persons and when that number of tickets is sold there will be no opportunity for anyone else to attend.

Both the candidates nominated for president of the chamber next year—L. W. Claver and J. A. Moore—have stated that they positively cannot serve in that capacity in 1944, and at the suggestion of those interested in C. of C. activity, Geo. E. Oerding, who has made a good record as president this past year, is considering accepting the office for another year if the members so desire. There has not been a great deal of talk about the office in 1943, but George has attended to all its business faithfully.

The regular directors' monthly meeting will be held in the hotel dining room at noon next Tuesday, Jan. 4.

To Operate the C. & D. Mill In Camas Valley

Philip E. Johnson, who was up here earlier this month from Glendale, Calif., left on Saturday before Christmas for the south. The mill which succeeds the one burned near Bradford Station a few weeks ago—the C. & D. mill—is located in Camas Valley where a saw mill was formerly in operation, and the manufacture of lumber began there Monday morning of this week.

Stan Sherwood is severing his connection the first of the month with the Southwestern Motors Car and Home Supply store and will join the Geo. F. Burr Motor Co., where he will be in charge of the office.

Thirty-seven Called By Coquille Board

The following men were ordered to report for induction on December 28 by Coos County Local Board, No. 2, Coquille:

Robert Thomas Farmer, Bridge. Robert Wayne Carman, Myrtle Pt. Raymond E. Schroeder, Coquille. Alphonso Howard Zuppe, Marshfield. Milton Watson Rodgers, Coquille. Raymond Leo Tucker, Bullards. George LeeRoy Hultin, Coquille. Lloyd Leroy Eggers, Myrtle Point. Vivian Tike Cook, Coquille. Richard Albert Anderson, Coquille. Elgin Lester Strader, Coquille. Andrew Vine Hastings, Coquille. Edgar Philip Gillespie, Bandon. Francis Albert Arrell, Coquille. Wilmont Milton Hoffman, Norway. Robert Clayton Davidson, Coquille. Dale Evan Dalrymple, Coquille. Melvin Ernest Erdman, Bandon. Alfred Leroy Roberts, Myrtle Point. Frank LeRoy Woodward, Coquille. Alonzo James Cribbins, Bridge. Edward Leroy Aasen, Coquille. Stanley Johnson Dornath, Bandon. Cecil R. Blaylock, Salinas, Calif. Einor Ronning, Eugene. Robert Earl Majors, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Ellis Melvin Crosby, Eugene, Ore. Cassius Alfred Goodman, Skamania, Washington. Victor W. Gentry, Eugene, Ore. Henry G. Stinnett, Eugene. Kenneth E. Shirley, Coquille. Ronald E. Russell, Coquille. James Norman Crane, Coquille. Keith M. Mintonye, Myrtle Point. Arthur L. Hathaway, Coquille. Wayne E. Sharp, Coquille. Daniel LeRoy Thompson, Coquille.

Logan Kay Reported Alive

There is a strong probability that Logan Kay, who resided in Coquille some 20 or more years ago and who had a contract with the government for work on Wake Island and was there when the Japs took that spot a couple of years ago, is still alive, a prisoner of the Jap concentration camps.

The first report at the time was that he was killed on Wake. Later the Red Cross reported that he was a prisoner and still later the American Red Cross reported that he had died in the prison camp.

Now, according to word received here by Mrs. Ned Kay from Mrs. Logan Kay, who resides in Oakland, Calif., the Swiss Red Cross reports that an error has been made and that a Swiss representative had contacted Logan at the camp recently. The word came through just before Christmas.

Verification through the Red Cross agency is now being sought.

Major Marion Carl Gets 17th Plane

According to a radio broadcast Wednesday morning, Major Marion Carl, who has again been on duty in the Pacific for the past few months, got his seventeenth Jap plane this week. He had 16 to his credit before being returned to the U. S. as an instructor several months ago.

A. T. Morrison Sells His Cranberry Bog Near Bandon

Arthur T. Morrison, mayor of Coquille 30 years ago, who has for several years past operated his 4 1/4 acre cranberry bog southeast of Bandon, has made a deal for its sale to L. L. Hooker, now living in San Francisco and who operated a garage in Coquille ten or twelve years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Hooker will not take possession of the property until May 1, and Mr. and Mrs. Morrison will remain there until that time.

\$784,891.74 To Be November Tax Turnover To Treasurer

A. O. Walker reports that the November tax turnover, which has not yet been made to County Treasurer Stauff, will total \$784,891.73. That is for both current and delinquent taxes paid.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kash came over from Roseburg Sunday evening to move the furniture from the E. E. Johnson home which was recently sold. The furniture is being shipped to the Kash home and some of it is to be stored. Mrs. Johnson is spending the winter with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lawrence, in Indianapolis.

Gas Shortage Becoming Acute—'Share A Ride'

Reports from all along the coast indicate that the gasoline shortage is becoming more acute, with service stations having to shut down for one, two or more days, until their next allotment can be secured.

The first question brought to mind is: what are Coquille motorists doing to help relieve the situation?

Dr. C. G. Stem, commander of the Legion here, says one morning he made a check on cars and counted 65 with only the driver in the car.

B and C ration cards are issued on the agreement to "share the ride," and the Legion has made arrangements with the local rationing board to act as a clearing house where those having room for one or more in their cars, or those who may have to go out of town may register for a ride or register their cars as available for others.

Supplemental gas for those with B and C cards is out, and A card owners may soon find themselves out of fuel for their cars also. "Share the ride;" find out if another wants to go to Marshfield or Bandon, or anywhere else, by inquiring at the local ration office is Dr. Stem's plea. If three or four thousand miles of driving a month, in Coquille, could be saved it would relieve the gas shortage that much.

Military requirements on the west coast are now taking over 50 per cent of our gasoline and the need for war purposes will increase rather than diminish. The saving of gas is a "help win the war" duty and there is besides the selfish interest of one and all that if gas is saved, by cutting out needless driving, there will be a little more for each civilian driver.

And if civilians will not "share the ride" and do their part in gas saving, the rationing boards have instructions to clamp down on the issuing of ration coupons—and if civilians cannot find gas to buy, what good are those coupons!

Christmas Wreck Puts Two In Hospital

That Christmas wreck at the Fat Elk bridge, the longer one at the end of the dike on the highway to Bandon, at three o'clock last Saturday afternoon, put two men in the hospital, one of them being quite seriously injured.

Jim Dale and Norman Johnson, Coast Guardsmen from Floras Lake, were driving this way and had picked up a soldier stationed at Bandon, John Eachers.

For some unknown reason their car crashed into a post at the lower end of the bridge and it was a quite complete wreck.

Dr. J. D. Rankin was called and he took the men to the Mast Hospital in Myrtle Point where it was found Johnson had suffered a skull and jawbone fracture, with several teeth knocked out, and that Eachers had received a fractured breast bone. Dale's injuries were cuts and abrasions on the face and he has since returned to duty.

Johnson was taken to the hospital at Camp Adair the first of the week.

Mrs. Lanis Bosworth Joins The Wacs—Is In Des Moines

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Wood have received word from Mrs. Lanis Bosworth that she is now Private Gladys O. Bosworth of the Wacs, and that she is in training at the Wac center in Des Moines, Iowa, and will be in an Army Air Corps finance office. She enlisted after Lanis had been transferred to southern California, from which base he is on duty in the Pacific.

Less Than 16 Inches Of Rainfall Since Sept. 1

December, 1943, has probably broken a record for minimum precipitation for this month, the total being only 2.58 inches. That statement may or may not be correct for rainfall records have not been kept here until the past year or so.

The total rainfall for the wealth fiscal year now stands at 15.73 inches.

Jack McCracken, who enlisted last spring in the Army Air Corps, left Christmas night for Monterey, Calif., where he was to be inducted. From there he goes to Buckley Field, Colorado, for his preliminary training.