

Bare Facts From Bear Creek

"The Column that's Different" (By Lans Leneve)

The Russian government has abolished the rationing of food to civilians. We are wondering just how long it will be until Prime Minister Winston Churchill decides that rationing should be discontinued in America? Well, anyway, Stalin made up his own mind on the subject.

Grover Haga, who enlisted in the air corps, is now stationed in Virginia. He is training as a paratrooper.

Curtis Sharp, recently inducted into the armed forces, left Monday, accompanied by his wife and daughter, for Oklahoma where the latter will reside with her folks for the duration. Curtis arranged to enter the Navy from there.

Ghady's Domenigheni was absent from school last week, suffering from throat trouble. We are glad to see her back on the job again for that smile of hers helps a lot these gloomy days.

There's a lot of talk in the ranks of the democrats concerning changing the name of New Deal. Well, a skunk's hide may be dyed to resemble that of a fox but down beneath the fur it is still the same old skunk. It will take more than a brand new name to cover up with, to keep on trying to fool the people.

We read where Eleanor is planning on staying at home for a short spell. That will give more gas to the war effort.

Speaking of various leaders in various countries, there's Stalin, Churchill, Hitler, Tojo and the OPA.

A state policeman was on a very strange and unusual mission here in the Bear creek country recently. He had been assigned the job of capturing a pair of garden toads. What next?

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bender, of Myrtle Point, visited at the Pete Haga home on Bear Creek last Sunday. Mrs. Haga is a daughter of the Benders.

Willkie has been referred to many times as "the man with the frog voice." Well, it looks as though he "croaked" for sure this time.

A while back a couple of fellows got a yen for some razor clams, so armed with a couple of shovels and a couple of pints of "clam-bite" they arrived upon the beach in a strictly prohibited war zone area. The sentry on duty informed them that they could not dig clams in that vicinity but, being well fortified with the "clam-bite," they politely invited the guard to go jump in the Pacific and, against his protests, they made their way to the clam beds and started plying their shovels. The guard made a hasty phone call. Soon there came the roar of motors and two planes hove in sight. They dove toward the clam-diggers and started dropping "bombs" composed of small bags of sand. A hit was soon registered, the sand bag striking one of the clambers between the shoulders and flattening him upon the sand, where he was immersed by an incoming wave. It is needless to state that the clam diggers beat a hasty retreat. As far as the two involved are concerned, this is a military secret but we trust it is not looked upon as such by the War Department.

Upon receiving word that John Heffley had arrived at a base hospital in California, after being wounded in action in the South Seas, his wife, Irga, and his mother, Mrs. Harry Heffley, left last week to visit him. John was recently awarded The Purple Heart.

Though somewhat belated, we wish to extend congratulations to Clarence J. Ebner, of the armed forces and his brand new and charming bride, the former Mayme Royer of Bear Creek.

Here's our weekly proverb: "It is much easier to be critical than to be correct."—Benj. Disraeli.

There's a lot of wisdom to be found in old proverbs. If you know a good one send it in.

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If it is insurance, see me.—F. R. Bull.

McKinley News

Friends of Charley Gill were very much concerned Friday evening to hear he had lost his left hand while blowing a choker hole at the L. B. & L. logging camp Friday afternoon. He was taken to the Mast hospital at Myrtle Point, where the doctor had to amputate above the wrist. Mr. Gill is doing as well as can be expected, however.

The McKinley Grange met Saturday night with all but one officer present. Harry Mast was unable to attend so Severus McCarthy filled in for him. The new candidates, Mrs. Frank Howard, Mrs. Hazel Mullen, Mr. and Mrs. Farm Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Alford, Mr. and Mrs. Minor Mead, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ellis and son, Eddy, were given the third and fourth degrees. After the meeting and supper everyone enjoyed the square dances.

Myrtle Grange Master Mr. Rochek and his wife, along with Mr. and Mrs. Trigg and Mr. and Mrs. Caudie attended the McKinley Grange Saturday night.

Saturday, May 6, there is to be a basket social and dance at the McKinley hall to raise funds for Red Cross and Salvation Army. This is sponsored by the Grange.

Al Ginnell left Sunday by bus for Portland and from there Monday he left by train for Oklahoma, where he plans to visit a daughter.

The 4-H club members of Forestry

and Garden clubs met at the school house Wednesday evening with their two leaders, Miss Ida Oerding for Forestry and Mrs. Kenneth Hansen as their garden leader. The seeds planted at the school house by members are growing well. The members to attend this meeting were Frank and Betty Hutcheson, Mary Lu and Charles Payton, James Churchill and Billy Howard.

The following, Mrs. Lu Mast, Mrs. Milford Mast, Gene and Gary, Mrs. Reuben Brown and Alice, Mrs. Clarence Churchill and James, Charles Payton, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Thos. Heyman and Marjorie, of McKinley, Mrs. M. C. Miller, Mrs. Harry Mast and Mrs. Vernon Hooper, of Dora, with the help of Mrs. Russell and Jaa. Bishop, of Coquille, met at the McKinley hall and organized a Sunday school. Mrs. Vernon Hooper was elected as superintendent, with Mrs. Clarence Churchill as her assistant. Mrs. Reuben W. Brown was elected secretary and treasurer; Ben Hudson as adult teacher; Mrs. Milford Mast as young people's teacher; Mrs. Ben Hudson as teacher of the primary. Mrs. Russell gave another one of her most interesting Bible story picture lessons. James Bishop led the songs.

Sunday school will be held every Sunday at 2:00 p. m. and everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Sullivan and sons, John Jr., and Jerry, were Sunday visitors with the Frank Haney family. Mrs. O'Sullivan and Mrs.

"Jane Eyre" Sponsored At Roxy By C. H. S. Girls League

Hailed as one of the year's outstanding screen-achievements, "Jane Eyre," 20th Century-Fox's magnificent filming of the celebrated Bronte novel, will be sponsored by the Coquille High School Girls' League when it opens at the Roxy Theatre May 14 for a three-day run, and the girls of the League are selling tickets at 55 cents for adults.

Loved by millions as the most stirring romance in literature, the enormously popular and dramatic story of an immortal love pitted against terror co-stars Orson Welles and Joan Fontaine, bringing the two great performers together on the screen for the first time. Academy Award-winner Fontaine plays the part of Jane Eyre, a part that has been described as the role every woman would die a thousand deaths to live. Welles is cast in the role of Edward Rochester, the brooding and mysterious master of Thornfield Hall whose love for Jane no powers of darkness could destroy. Also featured in the film are Margaret O'Brien, Peggy Ann Garner and John Sutton.

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Frank Haney called on Mrs. Nellie A. Brown Sunday afternoon.

Auxiliary of Townsend Club No. 2 Met Thursday

The Ladies Auxiliary of Townsend Club, No. 2, met at the home of Mrs. Alma Halter on April 27 with eleven members and one visitor present. Meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Ada Redifer.

A business meeting and working on various articles was the order of the day. Letters were read from

our service boys overseas. Luncheon was served by the hostess and an invitation was extended to meet with Mrs. Wilma Knight on May 11.

Those present were Ada M. Redifer, Lillian V. Roth, Wilma Knight, Mary E. Keck, Bertha Wilson, Minnie Waterman, Florence E. DeNoma, Eva Shepard, Esther N. Briner, Mildred Miller, Viola Liday, Alma Halter.—Press Cor.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Parrot gets Will Dudley's Goat

Will Dudley never liked his wife's pet parrot. Claimed the parrot called him "Stinky"—and ate his pipe tobacco. And the Missus said it served Will right... she'd told him not to smoke his pipe indoors.

Well, Will and his wife both bust out laughing... and made peace over a friendly glass of beer, allowing how it's pretty silly getting mad at one another's differences.

To make her point, the Missus grabs Will's pipe and throws it out the window. So Will grabs the parrot and throws him out too. Looks like unpleasantness—till in comes the parrot with Will's corn cob in his mouth. (And whistling "Home Sweet Home," Will claims.)

From where I sit, that's a mighty happy ending. If all of us would live and let live in a spirit of tolerance—whether it's tolerance for a parrot or a pipe—we'd be a whole lot happier and better off.

Joe Marsh

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