

Bare Facts From Bear Creek

"The Column that's Different" (By Lane Laneve)

We have always figured F. D. R. rather serious minded, but he has demonstrated the fact to our entire satisfaction that the most certainly possesses a very keen sense of humor by stating that it was with "reluctance" that he would accept the democratic nomination for a 4th term. That's the biggest joke furnished since the creation of the W. P. A., the slaying of hogs and the burning of crops.

The Domenighini family living near here turned out in force during the haying period last week. "Jim," a dog of mixed breeds and recently acquired by one of the boys, put in his own bit in the hayfield by putting on a wholesale slaughter of rodents. His total kill was 90 rats, one gopher

and two "digger" squirrels.

Eleanor stated that F. R. D'r. statement that he would "reluctantly" accept the nomination, if it was tendered him, came as a complete surprise to her owing to the fact that he never discussed such affairs with her. That should be easily explained—she hasn't remained at home long enough.

Mr. and Mrs. Kissell and daughter, of McKinley, were Bear Creek callers last week. Mr. Kissell formerly operated a coal mine in the Riverton district, but recently purchased the Wilcox ranch on Middle creek.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Fletcher were Coquille business visitors last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Culver, and son Roger, "the pig man," headed north last Thursday. As usual, Frank took off in a cloud of dust and didn't give us a chance to learn of his destination.

It appears that there are a lot of persons who would like to change the word remember in "remember Pearl Harbor," to "forget." Such persons are harping constantly through the press that all humans are brothers, regardless of color or creed. That we should take the filthy Japs to our bosom and look upon them as brothers. They were given a chance in America once and succeeded in lowering wages, putting truck gardeners out of business, establishing an international spy system and finally brought on the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. Those persons who are so desirous of having them as brothers should be shipped over to what is left of Japan at the conclusion of the war so that they may assist their yellow, ratty brothers in the re-building of Tokyo. A Jap is so repulsive to us that we can't feature any one wishing to regard them as brothers.

May we clear "the mystery" regarding that two-car wreck recently on the Coquille-Bandon highway? The Chev was owned by Del Coter of Bandon, and the Ford coupe by Donald Sell, of Riverton. The accident occurred during the night, the two cars evidently crowding too close together in passing.

We are still pondering the question as to just how the people of America can expect to get a clean "New Deal" from an old, worn pack. And just imagine wishing to use the same cards for four more years.

John Devereux, Bear Creek dairyman, is having trouble with one of his knees. Being shy of help and with the haying season on in full swing this is working a hardship on him. His entire family has come to his rescue to the best of their ability.

Most everyone on "The Creek" is short handed this haying time and the women-folks are helping out in a lot of cases, as well as the school kids.

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Arago News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Evans, Pamela and Maureen, called on Mr. and Mrs. John Felsler, of Myrtle Point, last Tuesday evening.

Thursday the Royal Neighbor's Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Evans. Games of pinochle and whist were enjoyed by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mast, Mr. and Mrs. John Felsler, Mr. and Mrs. Clinard Mast and Mesdames Mollie Ford, Nellie Wright, Veda Clinton, Ardye Christensen, Louise Carver, Danford Gilkison and Mr. and Mrs. Evans and Pam and Maureen. Door prize was won by Mr. Joe Mast. Refreshments of coffee and pineapple cream pie were served by the hostess, Mrs. Evans.

A group from the Nazarene church in Coquille came out to the Nile Miller ranch last Thursday evening and enjoyed a wiener roast with Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

The Brethren Conference which is held annually at Bridge, opened the first of this week. Mrs. Albert Lillie took Misses Pamela Evans, Glenda Lillie and Donna Moomaw up to spend the week there.

Junior choir practice was held last Wednesday evening at the church, with Mrs. Jake Moomaw in charge. A short practice was held after which the young folks enjoyed the evening playing games. The hostesses for the evening fun were: Misses Thelma and Nola Crawford and Geraldine Holycross. Refreshments of pie, sandwiches and punch were served to the following: Misses Pamela and Maureen Evans, Glenda Lillie, Donna Moomaw, Geraldine Holycross, Thelma and Nola Crawford and Messrs. David Moomaw, Kenneth Dority, Kent Hickam and Mrs. Moomaw.

A picnic dinner held at Gaylord Sunday was enjoyed by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Burtis, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Shaw, Patty and Arlan, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Halter, Alan and Ronnie, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Lund and Monty Lee, of Gaylord; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sarsten and Majorie, of Tacoma, house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lund; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Arnold of Gaylord; Mrs. Anna Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Willson and Chloe, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Evans, Pamela and Maureen, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mullins, Marianne and Jimmy, Misses Joyce Taylor and Phyllis Danielson and Preston Willis. Swimming and horseback riding were also enjoyed by the young folks.

Mrs. Orvus Miller, Phyllis, Alice and Orvus Jr., of Myrtle Point, were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nile Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Myers, of Myrtle Point, were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Ida Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Woodward.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dority, of North Bend, spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kellison and Bobby came in from Sixes Saturday evening and spent the week-end at their home in Arago, returning to camp Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ward Evans, Pamela and Maureen, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Felsler in Myrtle Point last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Halter, Mrs. Ida Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barklow, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lane and Althea Harrah, of Coquille, were all Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Woodward.

Mrs. Ward Evans attended the Royal Neighbors' lodge in Myrtle Point Monday evening at which time two candidates were initiated and the following were installed: Mrs. Ada Lemon as recorder; Mrs. Chester Willson, manager, and Mrs. Wava Townsend, District Deputy Ann Montgomery, of Marshfield, acted as installing marshal. At the close of the evening a birthday supper was enjoyed by 28 members. Mrs. Danford Gilkison will entertain the Royal Neighbors' club at her home Tuesday, July 25. All members are invited and each can also bring a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Erickson and son, Thomas, and Mrs. A. S. Wilson, of Coquille, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Wjdmak Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Crawford and son and Miss Charlotte Painter, of North Bend, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. John Wjdmak.

Half-Year Review And Forecast

Roger W. Babson Says The War Boom Is Over

Babson Park, Mass., July 14, 1944—Business volume has been maintained at such a high level since Pearl Harbor that it is hard for some to realize that there can be any slowing up. However, the past six months witnessed the beginning of the end of our current war boom. As we enter the third quarter the trend will continue downward. From this point on business will have to adjust itself to quite different conditions — with a gradual resumption of more normal activities.

The Stock Market

During the past six months stock market averages of 30 industrials and 20 rails have risen from 86.04 in January to 92.69 in June. This is a rise of 7.7 per cent. All things considered, the market has acted well during the first half of the year. Our taxes on capital gains and the double taxation on corporate dividends continue to be distinct drawbacks. London investors have no capital gains tax to contend with. Hence, the prices of English stocks are outpacing U. S. securities.

I have been bullish on stocks during the past six months and I now continue so. The coming third quarter is especially apt to show a rise in view of the presidential campaign. It may seem odd for me to forecast a decline in the volume of business and at the same time to expect a rise in security prices; but the relief which investors are experiencing over the War's progress together with the constructive oratory of Dewey, Bricker and other republicans is being reflected in the stock market.

In spite of controls, wages have risen a little more during the past six months. Union leaders have worked hard for pay increases and will continue to do so in order to hold their own jobs. However, the heyday of the industrial worker is rapidly passing. Production cut-backs are resulting in the laying off of thousands of workers. This has gone relatively unnoticed as such layoffs have occurred in widely separated geographical areas.

Too many wage workers have not saved a fair proportion of their wartime earnings. They are bound to feel the economic effects thereof. Many of the latter will lose their jobs between now and the end of the War.

They will find it hard to get new ones. I anticipate that the average demobilized service man will not only find his old job waiting but if he wishes he will be financially able to enter business on his own account. When demobilization comes, soldiers and sailors may be in better financial shape than are the wage workers who remained at home.

Retail Trade

Retail trade has steadily gone ahead during the first six months of the year. Wartime wages have been the deciding factor in spite of the scarcity of goods, price controls and luxury taxes. Merchants have done a wonderful job in keeping their shelves stocked to the extent that they have. More goods will become available as we enter the third quarter, but both the volume of retail business and the value of goods sold may decline to somewhat lower levels. I am not sure about this.

With retail trade at an all-time peak, but with a general drop expected in employment; with higher costs and lower profit margins and with a generally more cautious spending tendency, a reaction in the retail field is possible. Despite this, I continue bullish on well-selected merchandising stocks. I particularly like the chain stores which can easily adapt themselves to almost all changes.

Commodity Prices

During the first six months of the year commodity prices held up. I expect them to hold at around current levels for the time being. Buyers should continue to keep moderately protected. Price controls have helped all. Food requirements will continue heavy, but we shall have the largest crops in our history. Hence, food supplies will remain ample; but will not be excessive.

Both hard and soft goods will continue scarce until we can revert to production for civilian requirements. Retail prices after the War may average 15 per cent or more above pre-war prices. Certainly, when new automobiles are available, they will be priced higher than prewar levels. Buildings costs will also be up sharply.

Conclusion

We are now definitely in the transition period from war to peace. Hitler will probably collapse sometime between November 7, 1944, and March 7, 1945. The coming six months will bring more adjustments in business and in living than we have witnessed for some time. Yet these headaches are the necessary prelude to peace-

time activities. Despite them, I am sure we shall all breathe more easily in the near-term future than we have in the recent past.

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