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THUMBNAIL OUTLOOK FOR 1945

Look for these developments: Farmers' cash income will approximate that of 1944, which was \$20 billions. Both bituminous and anthracite mining will run 5% below a year ago. Petroleum output will be upped 5%. Iron and steel will decline 10%. A similar drop is in prospect for chemical manufacturers. Lumber output will increase 5%. The paper and shoe industries will run along on the same levels as during 1944. Industrial employment will be 7% less and factory pay rolls will decline 10%. Greatest single expansion will come in the construction and building group, which will show an increase of 25% from the low levels of 1944's first six months. Look for a sharp drop in retail trade, especially in luxury items. Electric power output will be reduced 5% as war contracts are cut back. For basically the same reason railroad freight ton mileage will fall 15%.

Business & Financial Outlook For 1945

By: Roger W. Babson
General Business

1. A year ago the United States Babsonchart Index of the Physical Volume of Business registered 148.8; today it registers 138, justifying my forecast of a year ago. The Canadian Babsonchart Index of the Physical Volume of Business registered 204.3 a year ago; today it registers 197. 1945 will show a reduction of more than 10 per cent both in United States and Canadian business. Furthermore, most of the following comments apply to both countries.

2. War production is already being cut back and this reduction will rapidly continue through 1945. Even those railroads and industries which expect to benefit from a long war with Japan will be disappointed.

3. The re-conversion of industry from war to peace business will increase during every month of 1945. Furthermore, time required for re-conversion will not be as great as most people believe.

4. Inventories quoted at their price values, rather than volume, will continue, as a whole, during 1945 about as during 1944. Raw material piles will be larger, but manufactured goods will be smaller.

5. Population increases in the United States during 1945 will be about 700,000, but the birth of new babies will fall off somewhat.

6. Rationing will continue through the most of 1945. During the early part of the year, I expect to see further restrictions especially in connection with meats, canned goods, etc.

7. The retail prices of most necessities and some luxuries will be higher during 1945 than at present. The prices of some of the luxuries, such as furs, have already collapsed.

8. Steel prices of goods needed for peacetime manufacture should be a little higher, but prices of the heavy war goods will decline. This applies also to the heavy chemicals.

9. The wholesale prices of raw materials in general may decline during 1945, but most consumer goods will hold firm or sell at higher prices. For both gasoline and bituminous coal, there may be price concessions.

10. The great question mark of 1945 will be how, to whom and at what price the government will dispose of its billions of dollars worth of unneeded supplies.

11. The weather will be the greatest factor in farm production and prices during 1945. The weather has been exceptionally good on the whole for the past few years; but sooner or later we will have a severe drought or an early freeze.

12. Pending a weather upset, more bushels of corn and wheat and more bales of cotton will be raised in 1945 than ever before in our history. Although some prices may slide off,

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Red Cross To Meet Friday, Dec. 29

There will be a regular meeting of the Coquille Chapter of the Red Cross Friday afternoon between the hours of 1:30 and 4:30 in Guild Hall. At this time work will be done on flannel pajamas and scuff slippers. Yarn will be available for those who wish to knit.

The Chapter is proud to report another shipment for Russian Relief has been sent to Portland, also that a shipment of completed knitting and sewing was sent to the Coos County Headquarters in Coos Bay. A large number of cards were sent to service

The Sentinel Wishes All Its Readers As Happy A New Year as is Possible Under Existing Circumstances

Coquille Short 14 Per Cent Of Quota

Total 6th War Bond sales, up to the close of business Wednesday evening in Coquille, amounted to \$228,085.73, which is slightly over 88 per cent of its \$265,000 quota, the shortage now being \$36,914.27.

The postoffice, which sells only E bonds and stamps, reports \$20,793.75 sales in November and \$18,993.75 for December, a total of \$39,787.50.

The First National Bank this morning reported \$64,256.23 of E bonds and \$124,822 of other bonds for a total of \$189,078.23.

Coos county, with a quota of \$320,000, was reported by Chairman Clarence Coe yesterday, as having purchased \$502,200 worth, which is 81 per cent of the county's quota, and in its contest with Douglas county, Coos county is trailing by 6.6 per cent. Douglas reports 87.6 per cent of its \$480,000 quota as sold.

Coos county, according to yesterday's report is about \$100,000 short on its E bond sales.

L. B. & L. Employees Average \$195 Each In Bond Purchases

One organization, or the men employed by the company, which has gone over the top to the highest degree in the 6th War Bond purchases, that has come to this reporter's attention is the Laird, Benham & Laird camp at Sitkum.

The quota set for the employees was \$75 per man, and every man in the camp has bought bonds. The average per man is \$195 in cash, more than two and one-half times the quota set.

J. F. McLarrin Now Master Of Chadwick

At the annual installation ceremonies of Chadwick Lodge No. 68, A. F. & A. M., held in Masonic Hall Wednesday evening, J. F. McLarrin was duly installed as Worshipful Master by the retiring Master, W. B. McLarrin. The new Master then installed the following who will serve with him in official capacities for the coming year:

Senior Warden—Geo. Adams.
Junior Warden—Fay Holmstrom.
Sr. Deacon—Laurence Lundquist.
Junior Deacon—Oscar Hendricks.
Senior Steward—Irving Larson.
Junior Steward—Russell Wilson.
Treasurer—L. H. Hazard.
Secretary—E. E. Lealie.
Tyler—R. H. Mast.
Marshal—W. B. McLarrin.
Chaplain—Craig Perrott.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies and after talks by many of the members a luncheon was served in the downstairs banquet hall by the stewards.

Mrs. Tho. Dimmick In A Very Serious Condition

Mrs. Tho. Dimmick, the former Marvin Jane Hawkins of Coquille—she and Mr. Dimmick now reside at Port Orford—has been in the Keizer Hospital at North Bend the past two weeks, in a most serious condition, after being ill for a week before that at the home here of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hawkins. It was found necessary to operate on Christmas day and it has been a very critical time since, although she is now showing a little improvement and last evening was able to take a little broth. It has been necessary to feed her intravenously and she has had blood transfusions, men from the Navy base at North Bend, who had the type of blood needed, generously providing the plasma.

While Mrs. Dimmick is not yet out of danger she has shown improvement for the past two days.

Thermometer Was Down To 26 Degrees Again Tuesday

The welcome rains yesterday and today have put an end to the cold snap which caused the thermometer to drop to 26 degrees again Tuesday morning, six below freezing. The mercury had been flirting around the 32 degree mark nearly every morning since last Thursday.

This Contradicts Whispered Talk

It is sometimes heard that the boys in the service will not buy bonds, apparently being intended by those who tell it confidentially to put out the idea that the soldiers and sailors and marines are not wholeheartedly back of the war program.

Here is one man in the Air Force, now with the fighting forces in Italy, which disproves that whispered slander.

Geo. F. Burr recently was asked by his son, Ron, who is in Italy, to buy for him a thousand dollars' worth of the 6th War Bonds. This week Mr. Burr received another letter from Ron asking him, George, to buy \$3,000 worth if he, Ron, had that much on deposit here at home.

Ron also gave figures on the cost of various pieces of equipment and said that the men figured that gasoline for the planes cost about \$1.00 a gallon by the time it was loaded into a plane's fuel tank.

The following are extracts from a newspaper item, sent from Italy, telling about an ace flyer who is stationed in the same section that Ron is:

A 15th AAF Base in Italy, Nov. 17—Capt. John J. Voll, Ohio, became

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Lumber Truck Side-Swipes A Car

Mrs. May Curtis, a registered nurse who resides here and is engaged on a special case in the Keizer Hospital in North Bend, reported to the State Police yesterday morning that the collision which considerably damaged her car, where the big side-swipe occurred on the Marshfield highway some years ago, was caused by a lumber truck which side-swiped her car in passing and that the driver of the truck kept on going.

The accident happened about 7:30 a. m. and Mrs. Curtis was bruised and considerably shaken up. Virginia Oden, who was with her, is in the Belle Knife Hospital here, receiving treatment for the injuries she received.

Another Lions' Dance Saturday

The dancing public is again reminded of the Lions-sponsored pre-New Year's Dance to be held in the Community Building this coming Saturday evening.

There will be the same splendid music as there was at last Saturday's dance when there was a very large crowd present and everyone had a good time.

Don't miss the one coming up, although you can't quite dance the old year out.

Harold Stevens A Member Of Navy Shake-Down Crew

Harold Stevens, who has been in the Navy since last April, made his first visit home last week, arriving Wednesday and remaining until Sunday with his wife and two children and visiting his parents and brother.

He is stationed at Bremerton and is a member of a "shake-down crew," whose duty is to take new destroyers out for test runs and to break them in before they are put into service. He has had a great deal of ocean travel, up and down the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Russell Morgan Here For Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. G. Russell Morgan came in last Saturday evening from Hillsboro, where he is district attorney for Washington county, to spend Christmas with Mrs. Morgan's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Phyllis Hamilton, whose husband, Earl, is in Europe. The Morgans are former Coquille residents, he coming here soon after graduating from law school and was in partnership with J. J. Arthur Berg.

Mr. Morgan left for Hillsboro on Tuesday but Mrs. Morgan is staying for a visit of several weeks.

A traveling examiner of auto operators will be at the Coquille city hall, between 9:00 and 4:00 o'clock, on three Tuesdays in January, the 2nd, 10th and 30th.

Rationing Changes In Effect This Week

Charles Baird, Regional Administrator, confirmed news release on rationing as follows:

Effective midnight December 25:

1. Point values will be restored on asparagus, beans, corn, spinach and peas.
2. Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, and 33 in book III cancelled and Sugar stamp 40 in Book IV are cancelled. All unused outstanding Home canning sugar certificates are cancelled.
3. Butter will be increased to 24 points per pound.
4. All red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through P5 are cancelled.
5. All blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through W5 are cancelled.
6. Jams and jellies are not returned to points yet.
7. Practically all meats will be back on points as of midnight Dec. 31.

Points on canned vegetables are as follows:

Asparagus, No. 2 size can, 10 points
Corn, 12 oz. can 20 points
Peas, No. 2 size can 20 points
Spinach, No. 2 size can 20 points
Tomato Catsup, 14 oz bottle 30 points

Two Basketball Games This Week

The local High School basketball team is scheduled to meet two teams at home Thursday and Friday evening of this week. Thursday, December 28, the Coquille boys are slated to meet Roseburg at 7:30 o'clock, and Friday evening they are slated to tangle with the Coos River club at the same hour in the High school gym.

Last Friday night, Spike Leslie took his boys on their first trip of the season, to play Coos River there. The game was very close, the lead changing several times during the evening, with Coquille dropping in a counter in the last seconds of play to pull the game out of the fire by a score of 41 to 39.

Both these games should be closely contested and are expected to furnish much needed competition for the local basketball squad.

Joint Meeting Of Lions and Rotarians

The local Lions Club and the Rotary Club held a joint meeting in I.O.O.F. hall Wednesday noon, with nearly 100 members of the two organizations in attendance.

One of the features of the meeting was the trombone and trumpet duet by Gerald Ulett and Claire Gray, of the High school band, accompanied by Wayne Smith, band leader, at the piano. They played "My Dream of You" and "Tea For Two" and when the applause kept up continuously for an encore, they had to admit that they hadn't brought along any other music.

After a number of announcements were made, several songs were sung, led by Dave Rackleff for the Lions and by "Spike" Leslie and Lou Hazard for the Rotarians.

Excellent refreshments in the form of all kinds of sandwiches, potato salad, coffee and dessert were served. Guests present were Rotarian John D. Carl of Arago; Robert E. Smith of Curry county, and Asher A. Beck of North Bend.

Boy Scout Rally To Be Held Here January 27

A Coos County Boy Scout Rally will be held January 27, in the Coquille Community Building in the new quarters of Troop 14 and Troop 63. The quarters are rapidly being completed by the sponsors of the troops, the Lions Club and the Eagles Lodge. Open house will be held to enable the public to view the new quarters and inter-troop contests in Scouting will be held. There will also be a Scout Court of Honor.

Beulah Chapter, O.E.S., To Install January 4

Installation of the new officers of Beulah Chapter, No. 6, O.E.S., will be held in the Masonic Hall, Thursday evening, January 4, at eight o'clock. Members are urged to attend.

Lieut. Jack Clinton Has Had Eighteen Months On PT Boats

Lieut. Junior Grade Jack Clinton, who has been at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo L. Clinton, for the past two weeks, was a pleasant visitor in the Sentinel office on Tuesday.

Lieut. Jack had been away from the United States for 18 months when he landed at San Diego, earlier this month, and he said it looked and felt mighty fine to get his feet again on U. S. soil.

For four of the 18 months, he was at Panama but for more than a year he was on a P. T. vessel patrolling the Dutch East Indies and New Guinea coasts, a great deal of the time as executive skipper on the PTs, which he declares are most seaworthy, although they bounce around a lot and the water comes over the bow in sheets. The Japs would like to capture and examine one of these vessels but so far have been unable to do so.

All their patrolling is done at night and they seek principally to spot and harry Jap convoys of coastal vessels along Jap-held territory.

Jack saw the huge invasion force take off for the Philippine invasion recently and he says that U. S. has a really huge Navy in the Pacific. He also said the Japs are pretty good fighters but that their equipment is nothing to brag about.

The only Coquille boys he saw over in the Southwest Pacific were Pat McKeown and Dudley Walton, although he found out later that he and Haldane Holmstrom were in one port at the same time once.

Jack expects to be in the Navy for at least three years yet, no matter when the war ends. He describes the morale of both Navy and Army men over there as excellent but he adds that no one gets as much mail as he would like and letters do a lot to keep up the morale.

His leave expires on Jan. 10 and when he reports at that time it will be at an Atlantic seaboard base, but he has no idea where his assignment will take him.

An important event—the most important of his month on shore—will be his marriage this coming Saturday to Miss Margaret Belloni of this city.

Seabee L. Schroeder Home A Few Days

Another Coquille boy, who has seen considerable foreign service, is Lorin Schroeder, who is Chief Electrician's Mate with the Seabees branch of the Navy. He spent 5½ months in England and 4½ months in France, or on the shores of France, his outfit doing the ferrying job of getting supplies and equipment from the vessels to shore.

Lorin and Mrs. Schroeder, who met him in Portland, arrived here last Friday to spend Christmas and a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Schroeder, and other relatives here. They left Tuesday for Medford, where she makes her home with her mother, and on Friday will leave for San Francisco. He is to report January 5 at Camp Parks, out from Oakland, and where he will be assigned to duty from there he does not know.

"Putz" Arnes Here For Three Days

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Arnes—he is "Putz" to his friends—were here to spend Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Jas. Richmond. They came down Sunday from Reedsport, where Barbara is in the ration board office, and had to return Tuesday. "Putz" has a leave until Jan. 20 and expects to be in Coquille again and see more of his friends.

He is a Chief Machinists Mate in the Seabees and had been across the Atlantic for 21 months, more recently in the Mediterranean sector.

Mrs. Richmond reports "Putz" as looking well, although a little thinner than when he left here.

When he reports back for duty it will be at a Pacific coast base and he expects his next assignment to be somewhere in the Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Floten gave the girls of Brandon's a Christmas party and gift exchange Monday, at Barview.