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Bare Facts From Bear Creek

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

The gigantic B-29 Superforts have struck terror to the heart of Japan. The giant planes bombed military objectives, plants, etc., but it seems that they carefully avoided dropping bombs near or upon the imperial castle. It appears to the writer that if this palace was blasted from the picture that it would be more toward breaking the morale of the Japanese than would the destruction of two-thirds of their empire, for this palace is looked upon as a sacred spot—it is the symbol to the Japs of the rising sun and worshipped by them. If the tables were reversed and the yellow rats were bombing the United States, nothing would prove sacred to them and they would take special delight in placing a bomb or bombs upon the White House. It is beyond us just why the imperial palace, the home of the bloodthirsty, unscrupulous war lord be spared. It should be the first place bombed, for with the wiping out of that structure it would mean the dimming of the spirit of the people of Japan, the losing of faith not only in their exalted ruler, but in their sun god.

Nothing should be considered as sacred in the land of the rising sun, least of all the imperial palace, for that palace and what it stands for is the faith of the Japs. Break that faith, break that spirit and it means the shortening of the war. We say to — with the Japanese faith and so-called religion. We can see no crime in blasting a heathen's shrine and especially when it means a quicker end to a bloody war.

Over in eastern Oregon an elderly man was recently slain by his dog, a constant companion over a long period of years. The dog that killed his master was a police dog. This is the third record of a police dog turning upon its owner, or its ward. In California, a police dog left to guard a three-year old child, attacked the child and devoured the entire body with the exception of one arm and a leg. In Coos county a police dog attacked his mistress, leaping for her throat as she returned one day from shopping.

The police dog, so far as we have been able to ascertain, is the only breed of dog, with the possible exception of Alaskan Huskies, that has ever turned with the killing just upon his master.

We love dogs, but the police breed is one that we have never bred companionship with. They possess too much the aspect of a wolf in our mind to be fully trusted, and three different ones have reverted to the killing instinct of the wolf, as has been proven in the past. We do not say that all police dogs are killers for many of them make lovable pets, excellent watch dogs, protectors of homes and many of them are truly a thing of beauty. But in spite of all this, one cannot but gaze upon them with suspicion when attacks upon their own masters are recalled by those of the breed. We figure them about as trustworthy as a pet Jersey bull—docile for years and then suddenly, for no apparent reason, turning in a sudden fit of rage upon their masters.

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Bear Creek, made a trip to Fort Bragg, Calif., with one of the heavy logging trucks and brought back some logging equipment. "Fee Wee" says that it looks to him as though Oregon has it far over California in the manner in which hard liquor and wines are dispensed. The open bars down in the section where he went, are filled with drinks, many of them being boys and girls of teen age.

Mr. and Mrs. Warfen (Pete) Haga and "Pinkie" are back home on "The Crick." They spent over three weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schroeder, at Bandon, looking after the Schroeder's business enterprise and home, during the latter's absence.

Several large catches of steelhead have been made by local commercial fishermen during the past several days. Sport fishermen trying their luck in the lower Coquille have met with no success.

"I'd walk a mile for any old brand," is the slogan of most cigarette smokers these days.

Mrs. Jean Haga received a real Christmas gift in the form of a letter from her husband, Grover, last week. A week before she had been notified by the War Department that Grover had been wounded in action. His letter stated that the wound was merely a scratch and that he was okay. Grover is in the infantry and has received a decoration.

Card parties have been held at the homes of both Don and Clay Fellows the past week.

Len Culver was a week-end guest at the Frank Culver home. He and "Uncle" Frank and son, Raymond, hunted ducks during Len's stay. The latter hunts from Cottage Grove.

Fairview News

The John Ryder family spent Christmas day at the L. E. Teters home.

Bill Northup spent Christmas on the Rogue fishing, unsuccessfully.

Mrs. Clara Hoag left Tuesday for her home in Portland, after spending Christmas at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. H. Benham.

The school gave an interesting program Thursday evening of last week. Treats for the children, consisting of candy, peanuts and oranges, were furnished by the Fairview Extension Unit. Pre-school children, up to and including Seniors of high school, were treated by "Santas."

Christmas Eve the Sunday School offered their Christmas program to a full house. Many compliments were received for the fine way in which the children recited; also for the manner in which the church was decorated. At Sunday school last Sunday Mrs. Byerly handed out bags of candy to all the children, as gifts from himself.

Several friends were happy to receive letters from the Joe Burkheimers, former residents of the valley, now living at Wynne, Arkansas. They wanted to be remembered to all their friends here.

An error in last week's items in regard to "Cpl. G. B. Holverstott" is hereby corrected. It should have read Sgt. G. B. Holverstott. We are pleased to make the correction.

Gifts were taken to church Sunday for both ministers, who have been supplying here — Rev. Liston Parris and Rev. M. D. Rempel. A boys' trio, accompanied by Shirley Slater, offered two specials Sunday

morning. Margory Blohm, eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blohm, was very ill Christmas day and after a visit to the physician, was reported better Tuesday morning. She has acute tonsillitis.

Visiting at the R. M. Noah and Bill Noah homes Christmas day, were the three children of the former: Don Noah, of Bangor; Mrs. Clarence Miller of Gravelford, and Mrs. Harry Krahtz of Middle Creek, and their families.

At the King Wilson home Christmas Day were Sam Zeets and Bob Hinson. Also Mrs. Wilson's sister, Clara Gregg, and Sam Lehman, of Roseburg.

Several valley folks are ill with flu, a common ailment with clear, cold weather.

Next Sunday, directly after Sunday School, there will be election of all officers and teachers. All interested are urged to stay for this election.

Rev. M. D. Rempel from the Baptist church is expected to deliver the sermon next Sunday morning at 9:30.

Patricia Guerin Wins \$25 Bond

Word has just been received from Harry Seymour, State 4-H Club Leader, that the Coos county winner in the National 4-H Safety Activity Contest, Patricia Guerin of Broadbent, has also been declared a state winner and will receive a \$25.00 War Bond, one of four being presented in the state of Oregon by the A. J. Mennen Co. of New Jersey. The bond will be presented at a county 4-H Rally program to be held Saturday evening, January 13, at the Bunker Hill School.

Patricia, age 15, and a Junior in Myrtle Point High School, was a member of one of four 4-H Health clubs led by Mrs. Neva Church. Her safety activity program included cleaning up debris which might cause fires or accidents, improving lighting conditions to decrease hazards, repairing worn and dangerous electrical appliances and observing a definite set of safety rules in driving a tractor on the farm.

Although prizes are not available for all of the 42 boys and girls who participated in this contest, their reward will come in the satisfaction of having prevented possible loss of life and property through their efforts.

The contest will be conducted again this year and is open to all 4-H Club members, although the State winners must have passed their 14th birthday and completed three years of club work. Each contestant must correct 12 hazards which he has found to exist around the farm, home, or school after making a survey of the conditions and write a 300-word story on "How I Helped to Prevent Accidents." The reports must be submitted to the county office not later than September 1, 1945.

Townsend Club No. 2

Townsend Club No. 2 met Dec. 21 at the home of Mrs. May Curtis. Her house was beautiful with Christmas decorations and there was an exchange of Christmas gifts and luncheon was served by the hostess. Seven new members were taken in at the time.

The next meeting will be on Jan. 4

at the home of Mrs. Alma Halter, at 997 North Henry, with the new officers for the coming year in charge — Press Cor.

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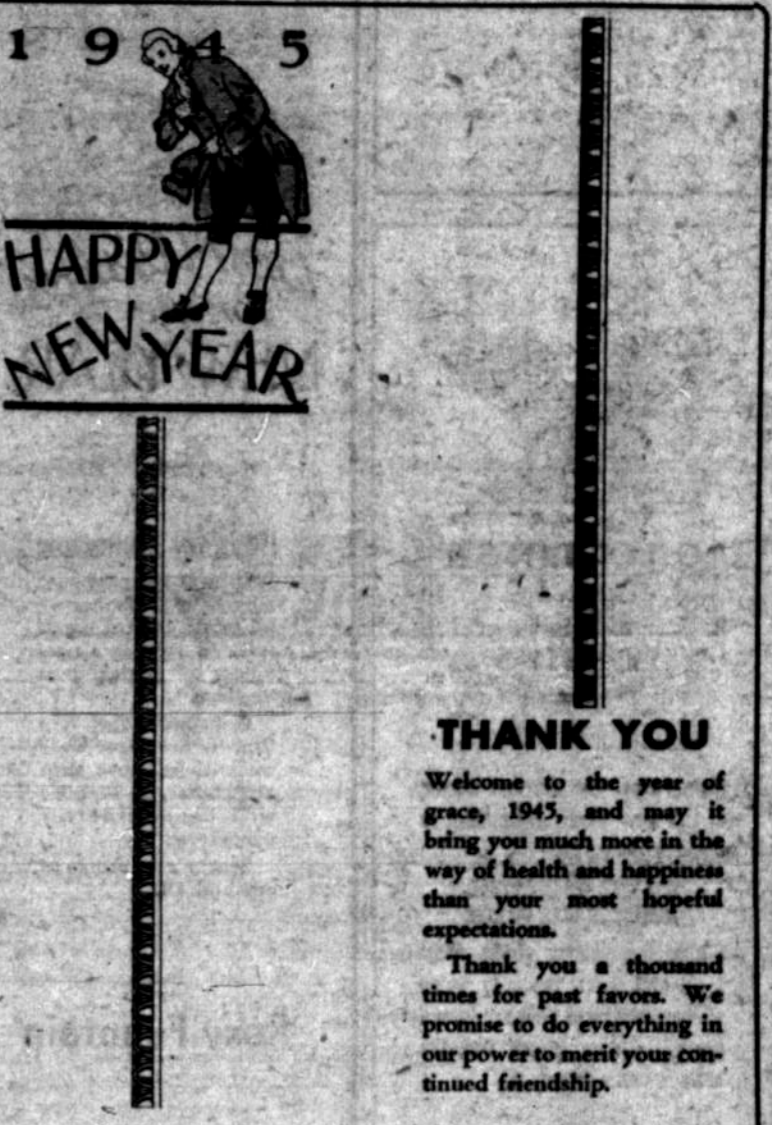
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