

Bare Facts From Bear Creek

“The Column That's Different” (By Lora Leneve)

That priority “A” dog that Colonel Roosevelt had flown his wife by plane and was the cause of three service men being bumped from the plane to give room for the pooch, has created quite a fuss. It looks to us as though The New Deal is going to the dogs. We regret this exceedingly, for we are very fond of dogs.

Coos county is again collecting dog tax at two dollars per dog. This covers all canines over eight months of age. The money collected goes toward paying shepherds for the losses of sheep killed by dogs. Take it all in all, it is a screwy law, an unjust one. People who own dogs that reside in cities, must put up the money to pay for the sheep killed by dogs that roam at large in the country. Toy dogs, lap dogs, thousands of dogs that never glimpse a sheep in a lifetime are taxed. And furthermore, we should like to inquire as to just why the shepherds should be reimbursed by the taxpayers as a whole, for the loss of any sheep killed by one, or more particularly by dogs owned by one or more particular persons?

The farmer is not reimbursed for poultry killed by dogs and dogs running at large that slay young livestock are counted out of the picture and the owners of the slain stock or fowl is not reimbursed. It is another matter for a city to impose a tax upon dogs that run at large destroying lawns and flower beds, but it is unfair that the city dweller has to contribute to a fund to reimburse the sheepman for the loss of sheep killed by country dogs. It smacks too much of downright New Deal rulings with the sheepmen having an “A” priority rating.

While we sympathize with the sheepmen who suffer losses from their flocks by the depredations of dogs, at the same time we figure it an injustice to the already overburdened tax-payer to have to pay for such losses. The apprehension of any person owning a sheep-killing dog and the owner being made to settle for the sheep killed would be a far more sensible way to handle the situation.

If a thief steals a billfold containing a goodly sum of money, or a robber breaks into and robs some business concern, we have never yet heard of the tax payer being asked to make good the loss. Or a lot of valuable timber may be felled from the land of some private individual. And each season sees thousands of dollars worth of cascara bark stolen from private lands and yet the taxpayer is not asked to pay the damages. If one industry is to be protected, why not protect them all by calling upon the tax payer? We don't get it. Anyway, we figure the present dog tax law should be repealed. The governor of Washington has bowed his neck and states that he wants no Japs within the borders of his state. His investigations while acting as senator has convinced him of the fact that a Jap born in America is taught by his parents to be forever loyal to Japan.

It is a very noticeable fact that now that the election is over that F. D. R. actually talks back to the heads of the C. I. O.

Frank Culver made a trip to Eugene recently for a check up with his physician. Enroute he paid his brother Len and family, a brief visit. “Uncle” Frank was found by his doctor to be “in the pink.”

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bothwell and daughter Lois Jean, formerly of Portland, will soon become residents of this community, having purchased the old Gary ranch on Lampa Creek. We are glad indeed to welcome this fine family to the neighborhood. And as Mrs. Bothwell expressed it, “we are glad to get back to God's country.”

We read where Eleanor is contemplating a trip to Paris ere long. Well, why not, the election is over, isn't it? Wonder if she will travel under an “A” priority?

Tom Green's radio developed a lot of squeaks lately. Investigation revealed a mouse's nest neatly constructed between two of the tubes and a winter's supply of Friskies, a popular dog food stored nearby. Upon being made acquainted with the facts of the case we delved into our own radio, hoping to find a mouse's nest, but were disappointed in that respect. The squeaks still were being caused by the leaky transformer here.

It's tough pickings for your little feathered friends this time of year. Be sure and feed the birds.

“Don't Be Saps—Deport The Japs.”

A traveling examiner of automobile operators and chauffeurs, from the secretary of state's office, will be at the Coquille city hall on two Tuesdays this month, the 13th and the 27th, from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m.

Arago News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Halter, of Florida, and Mrs. Alma Halter, of Coquille, were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Halter and family.

A. C. Halter returned home last Monday from Los Angeles, where he went to attend the Challenge Cream and Butter Association meeting.

Misses Helen Moore and Barbara McKimmings, of North Bend, were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Moonhaw.

The young folks choir practice was held last Wednesday evening at the church with the following in attendance: Misses Thelma and Nola Crawford, Pamela and Maureen Evans, Glenda Lillie, Dona Moomaw, Messrs. Junior and Darwin Gulstrom and Jack Kissell. Mrs. Jake Moomaw was in charge.

Ladies Aid met Wednesday for an all-day meeting and quilting with the following ladies present: Mesdames O. H. Aasen, Ward Evans, Albert Lillie, Albert Gulstrom, Stanley Halter, Werner Plaep and Tyrrell Woodward. Ward Evans, Junior and Darwin Gulstrom joined the ladies for dinner.

Mrs. Ward Evans, Pamela and Maureen, went to Myrtle Point Sunday afternoon to help decorate the lodge hall for the installation of new members there Monday evening. Mrs. Evans and daughter, the Misses Thelma and Nola Crawford, Glenda Lillie and Maxine Willson attended the lodge meeting at Myrtle Point Monday evening.

The World Day of Prayer will be observed at the Arago church next Friday, Feb. 10, at 2:00 p. m., with Mrs. O. H. Aasen in charge of the meeting.

The W.C.T.U. ladies of Myrtle Point are planning a Missionary meeting at the Brethren church Friday afternoon, Feb. 9, at 2:30, and they have invited the Arago ladies to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hill were Saturday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Robison.

Mrs. Leonard Sell and her daughter, Miss Dorothy Warren, left Sunday for Eugene, where Miss Dorothy was to have an operation on her eye Monday.

Mr. and Melden Carl and Douglas were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carl.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. McAllister were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tyrrell Woodward.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Sumerlin spent last Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nile Miller. Mr. Sumerlin was helping Mr. Miller with some work and they were dinner guests there that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fish and Mrs. Nile Miller attended the Christian church in Myrtle Point Sunday morning and attended the pot-luck dinner held there following.

Mr. and Mrs. Werner Plaep, Richard and Robert, went to McMinville last Saturday to visit relatives. They will go on to Portland while they are north.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Watkins are in Portland, where Mr. Watkins is receiving medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fish and Mrs. Nile Miller drove out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orvus Miller on the North Fork last Sunday afternoon for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Halter, Alan and Ronnie, were Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. Alma Halter in Coquille.

Mrs. Ida Myers was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Halter.

Mrs. John Widmark visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fish one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mason, Phyllis, Dennis and Becky were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burbank.

Choir practice was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Woodward last Friday evening, with the following in attendance: Mesdames Werner Plaep, Stanley Halter, Albert Lillie, Albert Gulstrom, O. H. Aasen, and S. C. McAllister and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Woodward. They will meet again this Friday evening at the home of Mrs. O. H. Aasen at 8:00 p. m.

There will be a group of Minstrel singers at the Methodist church in Myrtle Point this Friday evening, Feb. 9, at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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

The Methodist church of Myrtle Point will celebrate the burning of their mortgage next Sunday, Feb. 11. There will be services in the morning and a pot-luck dinner will be served in the church basement at noon, followed by a program of special speakers and special music, which will begin at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The Arago ladies' group will furnish part of the special music. They will also have services again in the evening. Everyone is invited to attend any, or

Fairview News

Somehow around \$35 was taken in at the pie social held last Saturday night at the Grange hall. It was sponsored by the Boy Scouts.

Mrs. R. M. Noah and Dorene Frye went to Sweet Home Saturday to visit relatives. They accompanied the Leo Frye's from Powers, meeting them in Coquille. They were expected to return Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Buoy, Dennis, and R. M. Noah visited at the Harry Krantz home on Middle Creek Sunday afternoon.

Several students are out of school on account of sickness this week.

John Ryder is able to be out again after a two weeks' siege with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boone hear regularly now from their son, Donald. He is in an eastern state for more training. He had spent several months in the European theatre of war.

Word has been received that Alpha Saylor is improving and is out of the hospital. He expects to go to Portland soon to see a specialist. He was injured when an ex-service man, suddenly gone insane, knocked him down along with two others. Alpha struck his head on the concrete sidewalk in such a way as to render him unconscious and he did not regain consciousness for nearly ten days. His daughter, Loree, was called from her home in California and, passing through Marshfield, she called her aunt, Mrs. Bill Noah, and reported her father's condition.

Lt. and Mrs. Harold Norris left on the bus Thursday morning for Eugene, where Mrs. Norris is to make her home while Harold is in the service. He returned to Victoria, Kansas, and from there goes to Cuba for a few months' training over water before being sent overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Holyerstatt have heard from their son, Sgt. Ben, that he is on one of the islands in the Marianas. Harold Norris expects also to go to one of these islands and the mothers of these two service men are in hopes the boys will meet out there.

Mrs. Jack Nicklaus underwent an operation this week at McAuley hospital for sinus infection. She has had this trouble for quite a while and steadily grew worse, finally resulting in the operation. She is expected to be able to come home in a few days. Her son, Edwin, is ill with flu at their home.

Friends have heard from Billy Berry, telling part of his experiences and hardships. He is with General Patch in Europe.

The L. A. Ryans are again hearing regularly from their son, “Bud,” in the European theatre of war. He is driver of a jeep and having quite a bit of experience.

Earl Adams, Jr., writes he has been living in a castle in France, which is quite elaborate. They have a large fireplace but have to carry fuel for quite a distance. Mrs. Adams is the former Marge Ryan and makes her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ryan.

Mrs. Charlotte Smith has been staying with Mrs. Esther Deadmond, caring for her stock while the latter was in the hospital and taking care of Mrs. Deadmond, who has returned home from the Belle Knife hospital, following major surgery.

Federal Land Bank Borrowers To Be Paid In Full For Stock

Consolidation of two national farm loan associations in this district into the Coas association, with headquarters at Coquille; payment of thousands of dollars in cash settlement for association stock held by former borrowers who have paid off their Federal Land Bank loans, and rehabilitation of the association capital structure, is announced by R. L. Strickie, secretary-treasurer of the consolidated organization.

Heading the new, enlarged National Farm Loan association, which makes and services loans for the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, is A. W. Cope, well known farmer of Langlois, Curry county. J. P. Johnson, dairyman at Coquille, has been elected vice president. Other members of the cooperative's board of directors are Anson O. Rogers, of Coos Bay; H. W. Mast, of Coquille, and Mrs. Ellen Young, of Coos Bay.

Consolidation of the accounts of these associations will bring to more than 250 the number of farmer-borrowers served by the larger organization, and the combined loan volume will exceed \$800,000, according to Mr. Strickie.

Rehabilitation of the capital structure of these associations which have been impaired will erase all outstanding obligations and set up reserves to cover all foreseeable losses on loans now on the books, Mr. Strickie said. The associations will have three years in which to determine their losses. It enables them to settle in full for stock held by former borrowers who have paid off their Federal Land Bank loans but failed to obtain reimbursement for their association stock.

“This consolidation and rehabilitation program, which strengthens the farmer-owned and farmer-controlled mortgage credit system in this and other Pacific Northwest states, is made possible through operating economies of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane,” said Mr. Strickie. “Savings which resulted from these economies and from the use of government funds in previous years are being passed on to farmer-borrowers as part of the cooperative function of the bank.

“Established 27 years ago to give agriculture access to a permanent and adequate source of long-term mortgage credit, specially geared to its needs, the land bank system nationally has financed more than a million farmers. Its goal from the start has been to place ownership and control entirely in the hands of borrowers through their national farm loan associations.

“The Federal Land Bank of Spokane, which serves the four states of Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, has now realized that goal. During 1944 it repaid the last block of capital stock subscribed in the early thirties by the Federal Government, and funds are being accumulated to retire by next May 15th the last of the government's paid-in surplus. During the past several years the bank also has been decentralizing its activities, giving the NFLA boards of directors the responsibility for servicing its loans and contracts. Through this program and through refinements in operating procedures, the bank has reduced its personnel to 441 in 1936. Savings in operating expense since that time have amounted to more than \$640,000 per year.

“These savings have permitted the bank to set the pace for long-time interest rates at four per cent on all regular loans made through national farm loan associations. A ten per cent dividend to all associations was declared on September 30, 1944. Through this new program and through other operating economies and sound business practices, the bank contemplates going on a permanent dividend-paying basis.”

The tentative program is as follows: Monday—a. Symbolism, Indian designs and legends, and making headbands. b. Character, attitudes, and spheres of influence of the leaders. Tuesday—a. Crafts, Indian baskets, knots, etc. b. Hobbies. c. Community Service. Wednesday—Hiking, Camping, First Aid and Parties. Thursday—a. Bluebirds. b. Camp Fire. c. Horizon Clubs, their programs and records. Friday—a. Types of Council Fires. b. Presentation of Awards. c. Summary.

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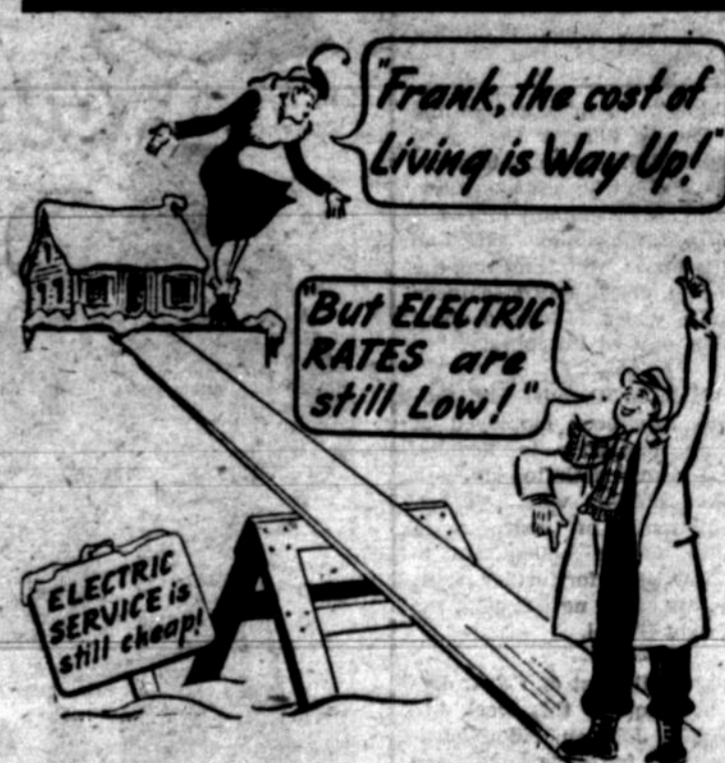


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