

Bare Facts From Bear Creek

"The Column That's Different"
(By Lons Leneva)

Oregon's attorney general has ruled that Japanese may be granted a license to practice barbering in the state. And this in the face of facts that Japs are renowned for their cut-throat methods in any kind of business. And excuse please—remember Pearl Harbor!

Have you noticed the size of the new three cent stamp? It is twice as large as the old three cent. Perhaps this is the government's way of calling our attention to the fact that there was a paper shortage.

Inky, the old family cat has passed on. For eight years he was our pet at Coquille and accompanied us when we moved to the Fairview country. In 1939 when we journeyed to Utah we started out with the old fellow housed in a box, but he objected to leaving Oregon, showing far better judgment than ourselves in the matter. The result was that he was sent back from Millington to our dad to whom he became so attached that he remained at his home until the time of his (Inky's) death. Old Inky was 14 years old at the time of his demise and weighed well over 14 pounds and playful as a kitten until a few days before his passing, but old age finally took its toll. There are cats and cats and cats, but Inky was outstanding, therefore this little obituary concerning him.

This little incident we are about to relate happened a short while back, but we figure it worth recording. Mike Ray, of Harrington & Ray comp on Bear Creek, was coming from town one evening when his car stopped on him. He sought to start it but failed and finally started to examine the gas tank to see if it was empty. It was empty alright, and how! It was as flat as a pancake. It had evidently ran dry and the powerful suction of air through the feed line in drawing up the last remaining drops had drawn the bottom of the tank and crushed it against the top. No kiddin', it really happened.

With four bum tires and a tank of gas the average motorist is happy now days.

"Bull" Halsey, Jap hater supreme, it appears will realize his ambition or riding Hirohito's white house through the streets of Tokyo. We should like to see General MacArthur saddle up Hirohito himself and spur the "honorable" emperor on parade before the sons of the Rising Sun. Perhaps the yellow fiend would not appear so godlike to his disciples if placed in such an undignified position. And if the good general spurred the yellow monkey to death it would be a fitting end for that arch-criminal of all time.

We are wondering what Charles Lindbergh and Senator Wheeler and others of their ilk thoughts are when they read of the death toll of our boys, when they see the twisted bodies of wounded veterans, the armless, the legless, the sightless, the broken by death. What must their thoughts be? Had we been fore-armed, armed to the strength that we should have been for the security of our nation, there would have been no sneak attack upon Pearl Harbor. But the cries of protest against arming raised by the Lindberghs and the Wheelers, the fight to disarm instead of arm, the felling of war material to our enemies through pure greed, are the causes for the death of thousands of our brave lads, the breaking of family ties, sorrowing homes, the blind, the sorely wounded and all the misery that follows in the wake of war. It was unpreparedness that caused the whole mess.

We are trusting that in the future that such persons as the Lindberghs and the Wheelers will be shoved into the discard, that the advice of such men as General "Black-Jack" Pershing will be given an attentive ear, so that we will possess a military strength both upon the land, upon the sea and in the air that will be just cause for any warlike nation to shun the thoughts of combat with us. For it is only through military strength that peace may be assured. No matter how binding treaties may be, they are not worth the paper on which they are written if some nation gets the idea that they can whip the world, such as Germany has done twice within a period of 30 years; nor does a treaty prevent such treacherous sneak attacks as Japan launched upon Pearl Harbor. There is no positive assurance that there will not be future wars. We can prevent sneak attacks in a measure by being armed to the limit. Disarmament simply means putting ourselves at the mercy of other countries. Let's keep our present military strength. Let's be prepared!

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Highway Traffic Greatly Increased

Substantial increases in traffic volumes on Oregon highways, subsequent to the end of gasoline rationing, are reported by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell. Farrell pointed to the increase in volume and the higher traffic pace as two vital reasons for the exercise of greater care while driving Oregon Highways. Traffic volume recorders, maintained by the state highway department, showed that the number of vehicles counted for the week of Aug. 12-18 totalled 36,978, compared to a total of 29,331 vehicles counted during the preceding week. This is an increase of 26 per cent, Farrell said.

"Congestion plus speed are two all-important factors in exposure to accidents on our highways," Farrell declared. "When these two factors increase, the exposure naturally increases, too. Therefore, unless drivers exercise proportional care, the number of traffic fatalities may show tragic increases."

The day-by-day volume trend for the two weeks was as follows: Sunday, Aug. 12, eleven per cent over Sunday, Aug. 5; Monday, down one per cent; Tuesday, up 12 per cent; Wednesday, up 42 per cent; Thursday, up 40 per cent; Friday, up 27

per cent; Saturday, up 25 per cent.

"Many drivers will be unused to heavy congestion on rural highways and their judgment of the speed of approaching cars and the rate at which intervening distances are being reduced may not be accurate," Farrell said. "An important additional factor is the condition of the vehicles themselves. Many will have poor tires which may not be able to stand sustained speeds. Obviously, unless drivers adapt their driving practices to the new conditions, we may expect a serious wave of accidents in Oregon. But by holding speeds to a reasonable pace; by avoiding such dangerous practices as passing on curves and while approaching hill crests; by considering the rights of the other drivers, we can meet this situation without increasing our fatality rate."

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned has filed in the County Court of Coos County, Oregon, his Final Report and Account as Executor of the Estate of Alva L. Brown, Deceased, and that the Court has set Tuesday, the 2nd day of October, 1945, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the County Court Room in Coquille, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to such final account and the settlement of said Estate.

FRANK R. BROWN,
Executor of the Estate of Alva L. Brown, Deceased. 3315

Gregory Gives Ralph Fuhrman A Nice Boost

Accompanied by a picture of this C. H. S. graduate, Sports Editor Gregory had the following to say in the Tuesday issue of the Morning Oregonian about Ralph Fuhrman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fuhrman who now reside on their ranch on Sixes river:

Staff Sgt. Ralph Fuhrman, the Coquille boy whose last basketball year

at Oregon was '43, has been transferred from Lincoln, Neb., to Fort Lewis, but may get discharged when they look at his trick knee. It still locks on him despite an army operation two years ago. After he leaves the army he wants to be a high school coach, and there's a tip to some school needing a good one.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been duly appointed Administrator of the estate of ELMER WILLIAM CRUNK, Deceased, and that all persons having claims against said estate, should present the same, duly verified and with proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned at the law office of HARRY A. SLACK, First Nat'l. Bank Bldg., Coquille, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated and first published: August 30, 1945.
MABLE E. CRUNK,
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