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The White Swans of December

All up and down the ponds edged with sedge along this broad land of Southern Oregon, the people are thrilling over the sight of white swans gracefully swimming or drifting. It's a new vision of loveliness to many of them, and the rapture of the first sight of these white birds is one that is not soon forgotten.

They tell us that in the past, it was so, and now again thanks to the wildlife preservation work of the Federal government so it is again.

We don't know how many birds there are in all of Southern Oregon, but it was reported to us that a Bandon grocer, a private pilot, recently flew to Eureka, California, and on the trip counted hundreds of small flocks of the white swans in the lagoon lakes and marshes along the Oregon and Northern California coast. We do know that several groups of white swans are in the Coquille Valley, and your best bet today is to drive out the highway near the Cunningham creek bridge and enjoy the sight for yourself.

Economic Visibility Low

We have read to date exactly 17 "Forecasts or Business Outlooks for 1949," including The Sentinel's own Roger Babson's report on things to come, and we're now ready for the Salem nut hatch.

If you can read 'em and not weep, read 'em and not scratch your head until the last remaining hairs fly off in a rhapsody of cacophony, then you read them and tell us.

To date you get this dope:

Things look good. Things will drop a little, but the pickup by military expenditures will boost us. Danger, it may be inflation in 1949, not deflation. And so on.

Then some of the boys who get paid a nice fat sum to bewilder us poor yokels say the peak of inflation was reached, it's down from now on, no depression, but some recession. And so on.

So to get the real scuttlebutt for you we took a trip across the street to Bill's Place and sat down at a pinochle table, and here's the forecast for 1949.

The banks will keep the money in 1949. It will be in silver, greenbacks, or checks. You'll have to fight like hell to get it away from Lewis Wiltshire or Sig Peterson, and they'll take on a nice note and interest to boot.

Charge accounts will be due in thirty

days, and people will get paid or they won't like it.

It will still pay off to get 1500 pinochle, but good cigars will be hard to find, and the salmon run on the Coquille won't be as good as the spring Chinook run on the Rogue. Tourists will crab about the condition of the Coquille-Coos Bay road, and travel will be up and down, according to how many hills there are to traverse.

Grocery stores will find business good, and clothing will see people buying clothes to wear. A shortage of barrels will forestall any boom in the buying of such items.

The power company will continue to have a shortage of power on Monday mornings and will continue to blame appliance dealers for selling too many washing machines. (However they won't advertise to get people back to the tub washing days.) Ducks will continue to be high in 1949, and deer will be low to the ground, but obscured by brush.

And Roger Babson will keep on writing, and so will the prognosticators such as Kiplinger and the others who write for Nation's Business, Business Week, and Time magazine.

A bit of salt will go both on the top of your beer, and on the top of all such forecasts for 1949.

A Tribute to a Community

We predict that the WESTERN WORLD, Bandon's sprightly and capable newspaper will go on doing a mighty fine job at its reporting and advertising work under the leadership of L. L. Felsheim, son of the retiring publisher, Judge L. D. Felsheim, and our best wishes go to the new publisher.

In the retiring of Judge Felsheim from an active participation in the publishing business of Coos county, Bandon has lost the pen of a clear writer and a penetrating editor. But, in the acceptance of the position as editorial leader of his community, the new publisher has paid a real tribute to a mighty fine community.

This... the taking over under lease and purchase option... is as it should be. L. L., as he is known on the "street" at Bandon went out to the University, got indoctrinated with a lot of modern journalism ideas, then went on to do his duty for Uncle Sam and had a mighty good record as an officer in the U. S. navy seeing service aboard the U. S. S. Ozark, and when it was all over came back to the courageous and homey city of Bandon by the Sea.

He came back because it was a good place to work, and the proof was in the fact that for thirty-four years his father and mother had edited and published the Bandon newspaper. Now we note that Judge and Mrs. Felsheim are not moving either from Bandon. They will maintain their home on the cliffs of Bandon where they may watch the ever changing sea and feel the fresh air wafted by the sea breeze. They'll stay where they watched a city grow into stalwart maturity only to be knocked down by adversity—in 1936 and the terrible Bandon fire—and where they saw a city come back slowly but surely until today Bandon is one of the most promising of Oregon's towns.

We like to think that all over the land the "elder" of the family is so fortunate as Judge Felsheim in having lived so good a life, enjoyed his work so fully, and in having had the good fortune of making so many friends in his thirty-four years of editing that the son wants to take up the important task of carrying on the newspaper tradition. We know that if it happens it is because the community is a good one.

And come to think of it... given a son, most communities are good ones such as Bandon... and our best goes to Publisher L. L. Felsheim.

For 1949 a good resolution will be to show all your guests the Coquille Community building. It's one of the outstanding such buildings in the nation—and it's right here in Coquille.

er than plank or gravel, wherever streets are surfaced. The water question is a large one, and Mr. Berg holds the same opinion that so many have been forced to adopt in recent years—that the river is the logical source of supply and the only one where a sufficient volume can be secured.

After 14 years' operation from Leneve, on the river, back as far as their holdings extended, the Moore Mill & Lumber Co. of Bandon this morning began dismantling their camp in that section. It will be moved five miles farther down river, by scows, and reopened between the Donaldson and Hanly places on the same side of the river that they have been operating.

E. Purvance of Portland arrived here Monday. Mr. Purvance who is to have charge of the office and bookkeeping end of the Smith Wood Products Co., has had considerable experience in the lumber business but says the veneer and battery separator portion of that industry is a new one to him.

A deal for the Z. C. Strang's clothing and gents' furnishings store is pending and after the stock has been invoiced Wm. A. Monday.

Ticklers



Who wants to play nice like Heifetz or Elman? Why, my imitations of cats, dogs and lions, I'm a cinch for Spike Jones' orchestra, I'll betcha!

Vets' Taxes Paid In Advance

There's one class of property owners in Oregon enjoying a three per cent discount on current taxes because they're paid in advance. These are some 2000 ex-service-men with state veterans' farm and home loans, whose taxes are paid annually by the Department of Veterans' Affairs and collected from the veterans on a monthly basis.

The department this week announced that \$97,973.78 was paid to tax collectors in the 36 Oregon counties, representing 1948-49 taxes due on properties held by the veteran borrowers. By paying ahead of the November 15 deadline, a three per cent reduction in the tax was obtained.

E. R. Austin, department auditor, explained that the loan act permits the department to collect taxes from veterans on a monthly basis and in turn pay the county collector annually.

This principle is based on experience learned from the original World War I veterans' loan, when responsibility for paying property taxes was left to the borrower, amounting to thousands of dollars resulted, especially during the depression.

The new policy, written into the 1945 veterans' loan act, makes it possible for the department to relieve the veteran of this responsibility. Agency officials say

News Views



By DAVE BIEGGER

Well, harmony reigns for the time being between music czar Petrillo and the music recorders. After a year in which the recorders did almost nothing but grow older the needle is now on the record and not deep in the hide of the producers. The agreement came just as the disc jockeys, who long ago gave up the idea of telling new jokes, were wondering whether they'd have some new melodies to play. The first recording after the ban ended was "I'm Just Wild About Harry" and was dedicated to the President who made something of a record while the ban was still on. Anyway, it looks as though the fiddler will be paid.

We're sure that the city under Mayor Ray Jeub will be a progressive city, and with Dr. L. B. Gould and Ernie Kuntz as new councilmen, Coquille will go forward during the next two years as it never has before. City administration takes action and thinking, your new city officials including the veteran council members have just this. Back them up, and make Coquille a fine place in which to live, a town to be proud of.

In London a fire in a soap factory caused barrels of perfume to explode all over the firemen. Which probably caused many wives to ask, "Where do you think you've been... to a fire?" We don't care where you've been... BUT, if you're interested in fine furniture for your home we suggest you head for BIEGGER FURNITURE COMPANY, 460 West Front Street. Phone 262.

By George



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PARAGRAPHS OF THE PAST

From The Sentinel Files of 20 Years Ago

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, January 4, 1929)

Figures just released by Assessor J. P. Beyers show that Coquille taxes for the coming year will amount to: school district, 20.4 mills; city, 19.4 mills; port of Bandon, 1.9 mills; state and county, 25.7 mills; total, 67.4 mills. It was 63.4 mills last year.

Mayor-Elect J. Arthur Berg and the new council will take their seats next Monday evening. The retiring members are Mayor C. T. Skeels, George H. Chaney, C. C. Farr, and E. G. Opperman. Succeeding them will be Mr. Berg as mayor, Henry Belloni, Ray E. Jeub, and Robert L. Medley.

George A. Ulett, of Boston, accompanied by Mrs. Ulett and their two sons and Mrs. Ulett's mother, Mrs. W. E. Caswell, arrived here Sunday in their car from Boston, Mass., and for the present are making their home in the Hotel Coquille.

S. R. Godard of Cottage Grove, contractor who has had charge of Wood Products, Inc., plant here, has made a fine record in the construction of the plant. With the aid of his crew which averaged about 45 men, he completed that 120x256 foot frame building and the two dry kilns in 60 days. Into that plant, which is destined to be so important to Coquille industry have gone 600,000 feet of lumber, 36,000 yards of concrete, 15,000 hollow tile, 11,000 fire brick, 15,000 red brick and three tons of nails. There is a half a mile of railroad track in the building.

In a talk with the Sentinel scribe yesterday morning, Mayor-Elect Berg mentioned three matters which are to be given serious consideration during the next two years—water, sewage and street improvement. Mr. Berg expressed himself as being in favor of permanent improvement, rather