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Is It Normalcy?

For some reason the topic of 1949 is al-
ways recurring in most of our conversations
on the street, and it's always "will there be
a deflation this year?" Not blessed with
more than an average amount of brains,
we're in no position to answer, and if we did
it would probably be the wrong answer.

But a return to normal buying and sell-
ing seems to be in evidence, and what's so
bad about that?

Artificial shortages piled up by the war
could not be expected to continue forever,
and it was a dream-world for the seller who
had only to whisper that he might be able
to pull a banana or a pound of bacon from
under the counter, and he'd be the most popu-
lar man in town. The banana and bacon epi-
sode went right up the line, or down, as you
might want it, and radios, appliances, cars,
all were more favored than the jewels of
Arabia.

Now, slowly but surely the market is
reaching a comparatively stable position, and
supply in some cases exceeds current de-
mand. But there is no evidence of a slump.

In fact the buying today is perhaps more
healthy than at any time during the past
seven years. A choice is being exercised by
the buyer and he is getting more for his
money.

A recent trip to Portland convinced us
that sales items now being cleared by major
outlets were of off-bred brands, merchan-
dise, and beyond a smattering of top quality
items, sales were not a sign of the times as
many have supposed.

It is normal to compete for the buyer's
dollar, and it was abnormal when the buyer
was not sold.

As long as the American people continue
their high standard of living, good times

will result, 1949 is going to be a good year
if everyone forgets that he wants to get
rich this year. It's going to be a good year
in 1950 too if we continue to utilize our good
sense and regard a sprinkling of buyer's re-
sistance as his right to choose what he wants
to buy with his paycheck.

A Population Boom

Those of you who read the most recent
reports from the University of Oregon re-
garding the boom in population forecast for
Coos and Curry counties undoubtedly wonder
how college professors can make such state-
ments.

For they say that these two counties
along with several other Oregon counties will
feel the in-migration effects more than any
other sectors of the state.

The report was a painstaking result of
research and field study and is based upon
the fact that both Coos and Curry counties
have the greatest field for future lumber de-
velopment with wood products plants and an
undeveloped, or partially developed agricul-
tural industry. Also the large areas of Cali-
fornia with their congestion will continue to
funnel out excess population to places with
more opportunity.

We can think of no better reason than
the latest report from the University of Ore-
gon to resolve in 1949 to double your Cham-
ber of Commerce pledge and help to make
the Coquille Valley area the golden land of
Coos county. A lot of these new people who
will be coming in can help us do a good job
better.

A recent report from the Weyerhaeuser
timber company telling of their short-wave
transmission setup to log Coos county land
makes one think about the way the industry
has grabbed on to all modern ways of getting
along. That's one of the remarkable things
about logging today. It's where you'll see
the most efficiency in America, and it will
pay off as the lumber people get into real
competition with plastics, et cetera.

We like the spirit of Pat McKelvey the
Irish farmer out on Johnson Mill road who
said "Yep when the Coos Bay Lumber logs
came over the banks we didn't kick—we get
along with 'em." And it speaks well for the
way the men of the Coos Bay Lumber make
friends along the river too.

We noted the other day that a Port-
land OREGONIAN writer had given Langlois
Cheese a pat on the back—and then steal-
ing a page from California had had moved
our thriving Northern Curry county dairy
and cranberry center right up next to Reeds-
port, which as everyone knows is in Douglas
county beyond the northern reach of
Coos county and a hundred miles more or
less as the crow flies from Langlois. Those
doggone city newspaper guys.

men cleaning out the creek bed
through the reservoir. Fortu-
nately the freezing weather did not
last long or the city might have
been short of water. Sunday
morning when Mr. Epperson went
up there the reservoir was nearly
empty and the hard freeze had
almost stopped the flow from the
small dam.

Mrs. E. Purvance, wife of the
office manager at the Smith
Wood-Products plant, and their
12-year old daughter, Margaret,
are expected down from Portland
tomorrow evening. Their house-
hold goods are here and for the
present they will occupy the old
Collier house on the hill east of
the plant.

M. L. Daniels intends moving
his feed and seed store next week
to the barn across the street east
of the Thrift Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Boober, of
Boston, Massachusetts, arrived
here last Friday after making the
trip across country in their car.
Mr. Boober is to be head filer of
the Smith Wood-Products, Inc.,
and is the last one of the plant's
permanent force to reach Coquille.

H. C. Getz, Coquille postmaster,
is one of the last men to receive
a commission from Calvin Cool-
idge, president. It arrived Mon-
day morning, just seven weeks be-
fore Mr. Coolidge passes from the
picture as head of the national
government.

The annual meeting of the Li-
brary board was held on Monday
evening, January 4th. The fol-
lowing directors were elected:
Mrs. Keith Leslie, Mrs. Chester
Farr, Mrs. C. V. Smith, Miss Delia
Sherwood, Mrs. Carl Rietman,
Mrs. G. H. Chaney, Mr. O. C.
Sanford, Mr. C. J. Fuhrman, Mrs.
George Taylor, Jr., Mrs. J. A.
Berg, Mr. Lyman Carrier.

PARAGRAPHS OF THE PAST

From The Sentinel Files of 20 Years Ago

(Taken from The Sentinel of
Friday, January 25, 1929)

A. N. Gould intends beginning
to tear down the frame building,
adjoining the Gould furniture
store on the east, next week. With
its destruction will pass one of
Coquille's early opera houses. In
its place Mr. Gould will have
erected a new fire-proof structure
5½x100 feet in size, using his own
wall and the Shelley building
wall for the two sides. The J. C.
Penney Co. will occupy the east
30 feet of the new building for its
full length.

Some weeks ago the Coast Auto
Lines was sold to the Southern
Pacific Motor Transport Division,
lock, stock and barrel, but while
conjectures and rumors were cur-
rent in the county official confir-
mation by J. A. Ormandy was not
given until last Saturday. At the
same time the railroad company
acquired possession of the Oregon
Stages line, which operates on the
Pacific highway. George W. Bry-
ant who has been manager and
principal stockholder of the Coast
Auto Lines since its inception
nine or ten years ago is to con-
tinue in that position for the Coast
Auto Lines division of the com-
pany's bus transportation business.

The rain Monday afternoon,
with its accompanying rise in
temperature, was a welcome re-
lief from the short cold snap. Fol-
lowing the light mantle of snow
which covered the ground last
Saturday morning, that day was
the coldest of the winter, and
Sunday morning the thermometer
stood at 21 degrees.

The Coos County Public Health
association met at Bandon on Jan.
19th, following a luncheon at the
Hotel Westland. The seal sale
report was read and a total of
\$1421.21 was reported to date.

Miss Aileen Wilson was unani-
mously re-elected secretary of the
Coquille Chamber of Commerce at
the first meeting of the new board
of directors Wednesday evening.

The transformers for the Smith
Wood-Products, Inc., were in-
stalled by the Mr. States Power
Co. Wednesday morning and that
afternoon one of the slicing ma-
chines were in use.

Floyd Peterson and Miss Fern
Houdyshell, married by Rev. S. D.
Walters at his home at seven
o'clock last evening, left on a
honeymoon trip to California
without any of their friends
learning of the happy event.

Jack L. Darrow and Wilfred A.
King, who are going to start a
cleaning and dyeing establishment
in Coquille about March 15, re-
turned Wednesday from Portland
where they purchased equipment
and machinery for their plant. It
will be located in the 28x70 feet
concrete building which B. F.
Leisch started this week to con-
struct for J. W. Powell where the
former Brandon building stood on
Front street. It will be called The
DeLuxe.

Water Superintendent Epperson
last week opened the big dam at
the head of Rink creek and the
first of this week had a crew of



By The Hon. Harris Ellsworth
U. S. Representative

When a person stands at the
top of a very high ski jump and
prepares to step off, he must have
certain qualms. He must briefly
ponder the possibilities of disaster
which may befall him on the steep
and slippery path. He might even
envision a crash landing. I sup-
pose I may feel a tiny bit like that
as Congress and this Administra-
tion are poised for the take-off.

Judging from the first session
of the House which transacted
business, it is going to be a fast
ride. Three resolutions were
passed with such overwhelming
Administration majorities as to
give the impression that there was
almost no opposition. House Re-
publicans numbering 171 repre-
sent the smallest Republican mem-
bership in the House of Represen-
tatives since 1940.

Now that committees of the
House have been named it is re-
vealed that the Administration is
going to have its way on all im-
portant legislation. Minority
membership on several vital com-
mittees has been cut sharply. For
example, the Committee on Ex-
penditures in the Executive De-
partments, which will handle leg-
islation on the report of the Hoov-
er commission, will have 18 Dem-
ocratic members and only seven
Republicans. The former ratio
was 15 to 10. The Judiciary com-
mittee ratio was 15 to 12 in the
80th Congress. Its ratio is now
17 to 10.

Committee assignments of Ore-
gon House members have not
changed. Congressman Angell
continues on Public Works; Stock-
man on Appropriations; Norblad
on Armed Services; and I am on
the Committee on Interstate and
Foreign Commerce. All four of
these committees are major com-
mittees, and the matters they han-
dle are of vital importance to the
State of Oregon. I feel our dele-
gation is very fortunate in having
seniority enough to command such
excellent committee assignments.

The budget which was sent to
Congress by the President recom-
mends appropriations for projects
in our Fourth Congressional Dis-
trict as follows:

Flood Control Dams: Lookout
Point, \$11,000,000; Detroit, \$11-
300,000; Dorena, \$2,924,000; Cot-
tage Grove, \$140,000; and Fern
Ridge, \$209,000; Willamette River
Bank Protection, \$500,000; appro-
priation of \$1,000,000 for the Coos
Bay Harbor project is included.

It is too early to predict what
attitude the Appropriations com-

mittee will take toward such items
in the present Budget, but in view
of the fact that both the Willam-
ette flood control and the Coos
Bay Harbor projects are so far
along toward completion, I am
hopeful that maximum appropri-
ations for them will be made.

Recently members of Congress
from the Northwest state met
with Michael W. Straus, Commis-
sioner of Reclamation, and heard
him and his department heads re-
view and discuss reclamation
plans for the Northwest. I was
glad to note that principal empha-
sis is to be placed on increasing
the supply of electrical energy.
Land development is important,
but the crying need now, and in
the immediate future, is for more
power. Installation of the re-
mainder of generators at the Grand
Coulee dam will be speeded as
much as possible. It is anticipat-
ed that a supplementary appro-
priation of \$4,000,000 for this pur-
pose will be hurried through Con-
gress within the next few weeks.

WITH THE 4-H
in Coos County
BY KENNETH BEESON
County Agent

Eighty-nine clubs have been
organized with 903 projects.
Cookery is by far the largest pro-
ject organized with 903 projects.
ject with 268 enrollments. And
to show that not only girls are
actively interested in cooking, 87
boys are enrolled in the project.
Apparently these boys are taking
no chance.

Here is an up to date list of
club members who are also leading
clubs in Coos county: Hazel Nel-
son, Haynes Inlet, Forestry; Betty
Sell, Riverton, Clothing and Cook-
ery; Norma Jean Troland, Green-
acres, Clothing; Dean Van Leuv-
en, Bandon, Camp Cookery; Don
Lanway, Greenacres, Cooking;
Bette Davis, Haynes Inlet, Cook-
ery; Marvel Christensen, Coos
Bay, Cookery; Darlene Sherbon-
dy, Larsen Inlet, Knitting; Delores
Sell, Riverton, Canning.

The new 4-H Song book is now
available in our office. It con-
tains words and music for forty-
seven songs including the Nation-
al 4-H Club song, folk tunes of
various countries as well as some
common American folk tunes.
There will be a small charge for
these books. Incidentally one of
the "must" for all clubs should be
to learn the National 4-H Club
songs.

Have all you new members
learned the 4-H club pledge, mot-
to and creed?

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