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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

VIVA LA BULL!

The community is now threatened with a revolution. This is rather peevish talk and indicates a deep, hostile disgust with something or other. It is hoped that the revolution is consummated, and completed, before the smudging season starts. It would be aggravating to be forced to halt the early morning gunfire around the courthouse, and rush out to an orchard and battle Jack Frost till the neck needed washing. If the revolution should turn out to be a fizzle, the high commander will find himself in what is known in the vernacular of the street, as a jackpot. Once therein, the heroic self-hating soul will need a lot of lawyers, and luck. Revolutionists as a rule are pickled away in a high-walled place where the warden is meaner than any district attorney ever dreamed of being, and free speech is limited to talking out of the left corner of the mouth, when no guard is listening.

To be sure all revolutionary talk is dramatic drivel, and due to falling out of a cradle when a babe, or being kicked by a horse while a youth—the head being the point of contact. This, however, is a very bum excuse. Governments have an aversion to being messed with, violently. An example is Mr. Thomas Mooney. Mr. Mooney advocated direct action, and took a direct route to San Quentin, Calif. He has been assiduously endeavoring to change his place of residence for 17 years, as the crow flies, and to no avail. Mr. Mooney wishes he had not been so downright emphatic.

All revolutions need a leader, and revival meeting enthusiasm. The followers are classified as "well meaning but misguided," but swallowing any incendiary bull and believing it is no alibi, irrespective of the total vote cast in Tolo precinct at the last great mandate of the great grand jury. Prayer before opening fire don't minimize the intent.

There will be no revolution hereabouts or any place in America. But the half-baked ravings are nothing to laugh about. It would be funny if it was not serious. But it has reached a point where it is neither serious nor funny, but comes under the head of communistic silliness.

If any revolutionists should crop out, they are not apt to be around to see the end of the Depression. It is better to be jobless, than a defunct colonel of a lost ruppus.

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The Depression continues as the leading alibi for all forms of cussedness, and as the main excuse for ornerymess.

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The warm sun has nagged the horse chestnut trees, in front of the Univ. clubski, into trying to leaf.

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We are down-trodden, stepped on, smashed, robbed, we are told. Some of us are, it is true. But so is the fellow we borrowed that $25 from.—(Redmond Statesman.) A correct analysis and outstanding admission of the day.

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PIONEER "SPARKING" NOTES
(Pendleton East Oregonian)

Greasewood—There were several of the young folks from this locality on a fishing trip last Sunday. We hear there was only one trout caught and that was caught by one of the young ladies. Boys, try and do better next time. We hear one of the young ladies lost her right earring on the way home and it was discovered in one of the young gents' hair the next morning. This is a mystery that can't be solved. (50 Yrs. Ago Col.)

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An upstate contemporary surmises that the Medford high school basketball squad will come to the state tournament with "guns and nooses." It is things like this that give the community a black eye, and a barked shin, and other bruises and contusions. They need not frisk the athletes for firearms, and the material for impromptu neckties. After what the team has gone through in the way of malicious and premeditated bellraising, they can illustrate to a cucumber how to be cool and casual.

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POEM FOR TODAY

I think that I shall never see,
Along the road, an unscraped tree,
With bark intact, and painted white,
That no car ever hit at night.
For every tree that's near the road
Has caused some auto to be towed.
Sideswiping trees is done a lot
By drivers who are not so hot,
God gave them eyes so they could see.
Yet any fool can hit a tree.
(Labor Magazine.)

Fender and body repairing. Prices right. Brill Sheet Metal Works.

The New Deal

THE dollar went up to $1.25 in Canada yesterday. Cattle went up in the Kansas City market. When necessary adjustments have been made EVERYTHING will go up.

People with brains and courage—intelligence to see the essential elements in the present situation, and the will to take advantage of them,—will be the winners of this debacle. People without the intelligence and lacking the courage, will, as usual, be the also-rans.

Don't worry about the redistribution of wealth. It has already started.

"Only the brave deserve the fair." Only the timid, and the fearful, will fail to be beneficiaries of the "New Deal."

H. E. Marsh

THE death of H. E. Marsh removes another "good soldier" from the ranks of Medford's splendid citizenship.

Although modest and retiring, Mr. Marsh could always be depended upon to stand firmly and resolutely behind every issue designed to upbuild this community and make Medford a better and finer place in which to live.

Honest, hard working, progressive, Mr. Marsh built up a very successful business, on the basis of courtesy, integrity and the square deal.

He will be missed by a large circle of personal friends. He will be mourned by a community whose best interests he always had at heart. But his example will always remain an inspiration, particularly to those who, persistently handicapped by ill health, never falter in the good fight, and to the very end, remain true to themselves and to their ideals.

For Members of the Good Goverment Congress Only

FOR a long time we have been told there are many sincere and honest people in the Good Government Congress, who are GENUINELY devoted to advancing the cause of good government in this community.

To them, and them only, these words are addressed.

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IF YOU believe in good government then you must believe in the law,—upholding the law, equality before the law, the securing of reforms, in a legal and law abiding manner, NOT by appeals to violence or open revolution.

If this is true, then it must be apparent to you now, that your officials, your recognized leaders, and your chosen spokesmen, DO NOT share this belief.

Whatever doubt may have existed before, was removed, at the mass meeting of your congress, before the court house, yesterday.

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THE president of your organization frankly admitted she does not believe in upholding of the law. There is a law against horsewhipping a citizen on the streets of this city. She violated that law.

Her justification was that after appearing before the grand jury four times that body refused to return an indictment, so she took the law into her own hands.

WHO is to decide whether or not a crime has been committed? The individual who claims it, or the grand jury, that considers all the evidence and in the light of that evidence, hands down its ruling.

Mrs. Martin says SHE has the right. The Law says the GRAND JURY has the right.

Now obviously if Mrs. Martin has the right to overrule a grand jury, then every plaintiff has the same right. And what does that lead to—good government? What an absurdity! It leads straight to anarchy, and every thinking person knows it.

As a true believer in good government, does your president, in taking such a stand, REPRESENT or MISREPRESENT you?

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MR. L. A. BANKS is Provisional President and official spokesman of your organization. At this same meeting, he declared he had been robbed of his newspaper, $200,000 in property, and UNLESS Governor Meier, State Treasurer Holman or the members of the state supeme court, restored law and order and this property was returned, he would declare open revolution and "Take the field himself."

Is that YOUR idea of advancing the cause of good government? WHO is to decide whether or not the Provisional President has been robbed or has merely, with hundreds of thousands of other American citizens, been the victim of the most severe depression in modern history?

Has Mr. Banks the right to decide that matter? If so then EVERY OTHER citizen who has lost money the past few years,—and about $70,000,000,000 has been lost—has the same right. Would THAT lead to good government?

Why argue such an absurd point further? It would lead only to what your official spokesman proposes,—OPEN REVOLUTION, CHAOS, CONFUSION AND BLOODSHED.

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IF Mr. Banks has been robbed, he should appeal to the courts if he hasn't been robbed he should take his medicine like a man, along with over a hundred million other Americans,—many of them in the bread line,—who are not trying to tear down this government, but build it up, and through loyalty, patience and self-restraint, bring it back to normal peace and prosperity again.

Such action is the very essence of good citizenship and good government.

Such action as your Provisional President proposes is the exact reverse. Is your Provisional President REPRESENTING or MISREPRESENTING you in taking such a stand?

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IN ALL seriousness it is time that you as a believer in good government and a member of this so-called Good Government Congress, think this matter over carefully. If you DON'T believe in revolution, if you DON'T believe in lawlessness and violence, then you should do one of two things:

Either throw out the leaders of your organization WHO DO,—

Or before it is too late, get out of the organization yourself.

For regardless of what you may have heard, this government is still a government under the law, and promises so to continue, for a long time to come.

It is a law of this state that a member of an organization that openly advocates revolution and violence, is equally guilty with every other member.

If you believe in violence and revolution, all right, stay in, and accept the responsibility such a stand imposes.

If you DON'T,—and if you DO believe in good government, and all the term involves,—then either change the leadership of your organization NOW or get out, while the "getting" is good.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene not to disease diagnosis or treatment will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady in care of The Mail Tribune.

SENSE AND NONSENSE ABOUT NIGHTMARES

Incubus, Dr. Webster informs us, was an evil spirit that lay on persons in their sleep. A good enough description of nightmare.

The first delusion we must dispel is that nightmare is due to "indigestion." Briefly, I assert it is no more dependent on disturbance of digestion than it is on shallow breathing or sluggish circulation, and there is undoubtedly more scientific evidence on my side of the argument than there is on the other. In most instances of nightmare there is precious little reason to suspect anything abnormal about the digestion. On the other hand, the great majority of persons who suffer from one or another ailment of the digestive organs never have nightmare. "Indigestion," which, after all, is a meaningless term, appears to be an alibi for people who dislike to confess less conventional sins.

Incubus, sleep talking and sleep walking are all of the same general nature, and there is only an arbitrary borderline between these disturbances of sleep and petit mal epileptic spells. Epilepsy may be characterized by periodic fits or convulsions followed by unconsciousness or a stuporous or dazed state, these seizures being called grand mal. Or the subject may have mere lapses of consciousness lasting from a few moments to hours or days, without any convulsions, but just odd and inexplicable conduct or in some instances sudden "freezing" in the position the subject happens to be in when the seizure comes, and on regaining consciousness the victim has no recollection whatsoever of what has occurred during the seizure. This type of epilepsy is called petit mal.

Readers will please believe I mention epilepsy, not because I know anything about it or its treatment that is not better understood by any real doctor, but because I hope to dispel some of the popular prejudice about epilepsy. You know, it smooths down some of the snobbery and meanness in us all when we find that these much misunderstood troubles, epilepsy, insanity, cancer, congenital defects, may occur in any family, even our own, in fact are bound to occur in every family now and then.

Who shall say where to draw the line between nightmare and a frank petit mal?

Sleep-walking is ordinarily a mild disturbance and it ceases spontaneously after a while. But in some cases of psychic epilepsy or petit mal the victims have traveled far, even crossing the ocean and visiting a foreign country, during the lapse. After the spell is over they can recall nothing of the events that occurred while the spell was on. I know of no particular case, but I believe the victim of such a petit mal attack might assault or kill some person without any conceivable reason, and have no recollection of it after recovery. For that matter, I think an ordinary person with incubus might unconsciously inflict injury upon an innocent person, and have no recollection of the deed on waking.

Quite a stack of letters from readers assure me I have the gratitude of suffers from migraine, for the suggestion to take the calcium lactate treatment. I hope this gratitude will withstand what I must say now. In my opinion, migraine is a sensory equivalent of epilepsy, just as sleep-walking, nightmare, sleep talking and the fugue state above described is the psychic equivalent, and any such manifestation may appear in the offspring of a parent who contributes alcoholism or some other conventional strain of degeneracy to the hereditary genes.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Give the Child Benefit of Medicine.

Six years old, and for the past few months has been passing blood . . . —Mrs. E. M.

Answer—That is surely a serious condition and the child should have medical attention without further delay.

Five Doctors Muffed It.

I have been to five different doctors. They all call my trouble "intestinal toxemia," and put me on diets, bowel washes and the like; but without benefit. My symptoms are back always tired, lacking pep. —J. A. H.

Answer—Here, here, ther's a fine and a jail sentence for suggesting symptoms in a health column — or there should be. Any "doctor" who offers such a diagnosis as "intestinal toxemia" is a phony one, I should say. It is probably not possible, but if you could manage to forget your colon or your intestine or your innards, and pretend you're really quite ignorant of the physiology and pathology concerned, when you consult a physician, the doctor might get a clue to what ails you that is, if you consult a real physician, who will give your ready-made diagnosis no consideration. I dare say the majority of the "doctors" you have tried have no legal claim to the title.

Easier to Keep Than It Is to Grow.

My hair is quite oily, has much dandruff and falls out when I comb it or brush it. It is bobbed. I wear a cap when at work in a factory. Is this bad for the hair?—L. W.

Answer—Unless the cap is necessary to protect your hair from dust or to protect your work from hair or dandruff, it is better not to wear it. Send a dime and a stamped envelope bearing your address and ask for monograph on Care of Hair and Control of Dandruff. The less combing and the more brushing the better for the scalp and hair.

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Communications

Is Frank Jenkins Right?

To the Editor:

When the British put an embargo on arms, and refused to sell to either the Japs or the Chinese, they took the only practical step that could at present be taken toward peace and disarmament. In your esteemed paper of March 2 Mr. Jenkins says that it was not in reality impartiality, as the Japs manufacture their own ammunition. But in the same column the writer says that China could probably find the money to buy ammunition. If that is the case, then it proves that England's policy is just and honorable, for she denies herself the prospect of profits by selling to either combatant. Mr. Jenkins surely can see the logic of this, but apparently he overlooks it.

He says again: "In case Russia should be drawn into the war, we'll sit tight and do nothing at all, selling anybody who wants it anything he can pay for. If we had followed that policy back in 1917, we'd be a lot better off today." His words are in italics. But that is just what the U. S. did in the world war. She sold shiploads of arms and ammunition to any country who could pay for it. The Germans objected, and we all know the result.

Apart from this being bad policy, there is the moral and ethical side of the question. Does Mr. Jenkins really think it right to sell to combatants, thereby encouraging warfare. If two men are in a gun fight, and a bystander is willing to furnish them with guns and ammunition until one is killed, while another refuses to have anything to do with the quarrel, which bystander is humanitarian.

Is it any wonder the Eureopeans call the Americans dollar-worshippers. It is really surprising that an intellectual writer who aims to write "down" to the people, should have no more sense of what is just and humanitarian. Mr. Jenkins may be qualified to run an ammunition factory, or to tell the Oregonians of all the wonderful resources of this fair state, but as a critic in international justice and honor he is sadly lacking.

Let him sit at the feet of an illiterate, who does not pretend to write grammatically. Will Rogers talks on the same subject in the same number of The Mail Tribune.

SYDNEY S. BARKER.

Eagle Point, March 6.

Jenkins' Comment

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strong enough to stand up under ANY EMERGENCY, including the emergency that arises when all the depositors demand all their money all at once.

Banking wouldn't be banking if that were possible. It would be merely SAFE KEEPING, and there would be no such thing as bank credit, by means of which something like nine-tenths of all our modern buying and selling are accomplished.

SINCE, as you have seen, it isn't possible to provide a bank strong enough to stand up under any emergency that arises when the depositors get scared and all demand all their money all at once, we must do something else—for we MUST HAVE banking if modern business is to be carried on.

What is that something else? Here it is, as plain as the nose on your face: We must PROVIDE CONFIDENCE in the banking system, so that all the depositors won't demand all their money all at once.

HOW are we to do that, in this time when, as President Roosevelt says, a nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror grips all our people?

That is a problem—a tremendous problem. To this humble writer, whose judgment is merely his own judgment, and faulty, as all human judgments are, it seems that about the only way to accomplish that at the present moment is by government guarantee of bank deposits—for their government is about the only thing right now in whose stability people retain unshaken confidence.

GOVERNMENT guarantee of bank deposits has many drawbacks, but in times of stress and storm, we must balance drawbacks against advantages and choose that which seems to offer more advantatges thn drawbacks.

That, always, has been the course of wise leadership.

MAIL AVALANCHE SWEEPS DOWN ON NEW FIRST LADY

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see Mr. Roosevelt. He knew the right people and talked the right things, and coming from the middle west, where Mr. Roosevelt was casting for a secretary, the new chief executive said, in effect: "Why don't you speak for yourself?"

Mr. Roosevelt is still chuckling over the misadventure of Francis M. Stephenson, the A. P. reporter who covers him.

"Stevie," who is small but high-powered, was waylaid by Miami policemen and arrested as an accomplice of Zangara, the Miami assassin.

He, like the other reporters in the Roosevelt party, were on the special train, writing their stories when the shooting took place. Hearing about it, "Stevie" started on a run up the railroad tracks to give his office a flash.

Two Miami cops tackled him, and soon a vast crowd had gathered around. Ultimately the reporter persuaded the cops to look at his credentials.

Roosevelt has his own way of handling newspaper correspondents.

George VanSlyke, of the New York Sun, a keen reporter, occasionally writes pieces which Mr. Roosevelt thinks are not altogether friendly.

Roosevelt hits back by addressing VanSlyke as "Old George," a sobriquet which does not suit the Sun man at all. He is not young, but neither is he old.

Secret service men will not attempt to deter Roosevelt if he decides to fly.

As a matter of fact, in view of the Miami affair, they probably would rather have him in the air than on the ground.

If you think Hitler isn't in earnest you probably have neither relatives nor friends in Deutschland.

Complete arrangements were made to hold the election under Terror conditions. Literally thousands of opposition leaders—big and little—were jailed.

A great New York paper had an important dispatch held up nine hours. The Hitler censorship will be watched closely for overt acts.

Communications

A Duty, Not a Crime.

To the Editor:

Earl Fehl, in a "talkie" given from the court house steps on Monday, March 6, 1933, used the following language:

"I want to say to you, ladies and gentlemen, that Mr. O. C. Boggs was the man that came to me and called me off into a brief conversation and wanted me not to press the charges against our former sheriff, Mr. Jennings, because he was at least eleven hundred dollars short,—he wanted that covered up. He didn't want nothing done with it. Mr. O. C. Boggs, this man that heads the committee of one hundred, wanting your county judge to cover up crime in the public places, and then coming to the court room and demanding this auditorium be closed to the people."

The eleven hundred dollars referred to by Earl Fehl was eleven hundred dollars waived by Sheriff Jennings when the Jackson County Bank was closed. Earl Fehl claims to know the law, and if he does know any law, he knows that waiving a part of such deposits by Sheriff Jennings was not a crime. It may have been an error in judgment, or it may have been the exercise of the very best judgment. It was the judgment exercised by the great majority of the depositors in the Jackson County Bank who had the best interests of Jackson county at heart. Knowing Earl Fehl's propensity for stirring up trouble and making a hullabaloo about everything and everybody, I suggested to him that under the then financial stress it would be best for Jackson county and its people if the matter were handled quietly, and requested that I be informed before any action of any kind was taken looking toward a settlement of this matter; to all of which Earl Fehl agreed, and he further stated in this conversation that if Jackson county wanted to waive its claim, whatever it might be, against Mr. Jennings in this matter, it would make no difference to him. The assignment of this claim against the bank to Jackson county by Sheriff Jennings is a matter of public record in the county clerk's office.

O. C. BOGGS.

Medford, March 7.

Forum Speaker

CHARLES G. THOMPSON, president of the National Life Underwriters association, will be the leading speaker tomorrow noon at the Chamber of Commerce Forum luncheon to be held at the Hotel Medford. He is described as a virile westerner, who has spent 30 years in life insurance, and who is not ready to take a back seat.

Instead of seeking relaxation, Mr. Thompson is ready to take on added responsibilities and his address here tomorrow promises to be inspiring as well as entertaining and instructive. He will be introduced to the Medford public by A. P. Johnsen, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce program committee. Several newcomers in Medford business will also be introduced at tomorrow's luncheon for which a large attendance is urged with the promise of a very worthwhile program.

GOOD GOVERNMENT LEADERS IN SNUB FOR UNEMPLOYED

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selfish ends and are capitalizing upon their misery and destitution in a vain attempt to bring about certain political reforms that have no bearing upon the needs of the workers.

The Unemployed Council is in a position to prove that L. A. Banks ENDORSED the principles and program of the Unemployed Council weeks before the organization began to function. However, he soon saw that there was nothing in the program that would aid him in his fantastic self-seeking schemes. His later denouncement was anticipated before it occurred.

The Unemployed Council feels quite safe in stating that Mrs. Henrietta B. Martin has not uttered a single informative sentence in public. An analysis of her speeches will readily show that they could have been composed by any school girl.

This is a time for action and a time for serious constructive thinking and anyone with a voice or a newspaper who does not use it to promote the interests of those most in need should have no claim upon public support. The Unemployed Coucil makes this statement of its own free will and in the best interests of the unemployed workers and poor farmers of Jackson county.

We wish to extend an invitation to Mrs. Henrietta B. Martin and Llewellyn A. Banks to debate at any time or place a representative of the Unemployed Council upon the following subject: Resolved, That the unemployed workers and impoverished farmers of Jackson county have nothing in common with Llewellyn A. Banks and can gain nothing by following his false leadership.

The Unemployed Council principles and program can be lifted bodily from the inaugural address of President Roosevelt. A meeting will be held Wednesday at 2:30 p. m., to again outline these principles and program, as well as certain phases of the local political situation which apply to the unemployed in general. This meeting will be held in the civic auditorium in the county court house and everyone interested is cordially invited to attend. Order will be maintained.

JACKSON COUNTY UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL.

By O. H. Goss, Secretary.

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Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 20 and 10 Years Ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

March 7, 1923.
(It was Wednesday)

Mild weather and bright sunshine after the rains cause one and all to rejoice.

The Mail Tribune prints "Little Ships of Yesterday"—a poem of 22 verses. The editor announces that in the future "all poems must be of reasonable length."

No more city water to be furnished those who live outside the city.

C. of C. plans night forum every month. Tourists to be invited.

James H. Owen here to inspect the lumber prospects.

Stanford alumni in valley to hold a banquet.

In New York city, thousands watch "Spider" Young, a "human fly" climb a 30-story building, and they cheered. He dropped to death. Ten attend his funeral.

March 7, 1913.
(It was Friday)

Police warn teamsters that they will be penalized if they drive faster than a walk over the Jackson street bridge.

Editor in an editorial on auto speeders, remarks: "Our most reckless female driver has torne off both front wheels of her juggernaut. A pedestrian on business for a few days will be able to cross Main street in comparative safety."

George Mansfield buys the Payne ranch on the Upper Rogue.

County Judge Tou Velle rules marriage fees belong to the county.

Rogue river fish bill, as passed over veto of Gov. West, will "safeguard the steelheads."

Your Income Tax

A series of daily articles based on revenue act of 1932 and designed to aid those required to file income tax returns for year 1932

No. 19.

Deduction for Bad Debts.

Bad debts constitute a considerable item in the returns of many taxpayers and may be rated in one of two ways—either by deduction from gross income in respect to debts ascertained to be worthless either in whole or in part or by a deduction of a reasonable reserve for bad debts. Taxpayers were given an option in 1921 to select either of the two methods. The method used in the return for 1921 must be used in returns for subsequent years unless permission is granted by the commissioner of internal revenue to change to the other method. Application to change must be made at least 30 days prior to the close of the taxable year for which the change is to be effective. However, a taxpayer filing a first return in 1932 may select either of the two methods, subject to the approval of the commissioner upon examination of the return. Permission to adopt the reserve method is limited to taxpayers having a large number of accounts where credit is extended over a considerable period of time. It is not granted for the purpose of handling one specific debt.

What constitutes a "reasonable addition" to a reserve for bad debts must be determined in light of the facts and will vary as between classes of business and with conditions of business prosperity. A taxpayer using the reserve method should show in his return the volume of charge sales (or other business transactions) for the year, and the percentage of the reserve to such an amount, the total amount of notes and accounts receivable at the beginning and end of the taxable year, and the total amount of the debts ascertained to be worthless and charged against the reserve during the taxable year.

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