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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry. A man walked into a New York City home, press dispatches reveal, hit the mother in the head with a hammer, shot her in the leg, and then shot her son in the chest. The wounded knew their attacker, but refused to tell police his name, "because he is a friend of the family." This is Mth degree loyalty. Besides a friend like that is apt to make friendly call some day when his aim is better.

A double-edged headline appeared in California newspapers Wednesday. It read: "HEIR TO MILLIONS TAKES CALIFORNIA BRIDE." It could have read: "CALIFORNIA BRIDE TAKES HEIR TO MILLIONS," and been just as accurate, if not too much so.

SAY SO, THE 1ST TIME (Fl. Worth (Tex.) Star) "AUSTIN, May 17. — (AP) — After crusading all year for better health at the University of Texas, Ed Byers of San Antonio, editor of the Daily Texan, student newspaper, Tuesday was a victim of illness.

Physicians diagnosed the trouble as nonsuppurative inflammation of the parathyroid glands. In other words, Byers has the mumps.

The "actor wave" coiffure is popular with sopranos, of all ages. It is supposed to make the possessor look younger and thinner, and the neck wrinkles not so noticeable. It has nothing on the late "wind blown bob" that enabled a lady to comb her hair by shaking her head twice.

New traffic signals are in course of installation on leading corners. They are said to be more complicated than the one in use that whistles while it works. If the contraptions fail to function, curbstone statesmen and authorities on international law can expose their expert electrical knowledge.

Bonneville Dam power, and Willamette Flood Control appropriations promise to provide most of the pyrotechnics in the Oregon gubernatorial campaign. No matter who is elected governor, they will be unable to do much about either. Both are national matters, not that it makes any difference when votes are needed. However, a state that objects to the administration ramming its long nose into a primary election, has no license to do the same in strictly congressional affairs.

UTOPIA, WE ARE HERE! (New York Herald-Tribune) "They used to be active Republicans. They are now ardent Roosevelt Democrats. With several small children they need a good deal of doctors, but they have declined to pay a doctor's bill since 1933. No family in this territory keeps the visiting nurse busier. With most of their food grown on the premises and nearly \$400 in cash rolling in monthly, they are now professional 'poor folks' for whom Mr. Roosevelt collects from the 'rich people' whatever such services cost."

Diplomats argue "America will have to help Europe forge and cast a new spirit of democracy." It's all right to be helpful, but let Europe do its own blacksmithing.

Farmers report a lack of rain, of which there was too much three months ago. The first forest fires of the year, were first reported as caused by a careless cigarette. It afterwards turned out the cause was due to a whiskey bottle, once full of kerosene that left hobnail tracks in the dust.

In the round-up of life to determine why Oregon was bamboozled by New Deal diktat and Iowa rejected almost identical capers, in their respective primaries. One point is overlooked. Iowa had no mad Democrat mad enough to race to Washington, D. C., and personally deliver his hate.

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Motoring Safer?

THE comparatively recent traffic safety program in Medford and other Oregon communities, and throughout the nation, is meeting with gratifying success as evidenced by recent statistics furnished by the Secretary of State's office. The report clearly shows that a greater measure of safety on highways and city thoroughfares CAN be achieved if we want it enough to WORK for it.

Traffic Safety Councils in 1,101 cities, located in 42 states, are approaching their traffic problems in a manner similar to that of Medford's council. . . they are seeking to apply modern safety technique to traffic problems after a careful analysis of accidents and their causes. Workable ideas are interchanged, with the Secretary of State's office as the coordinating point in Oregon and the National Safety Council filling this role in the nation wide program.

"THE proof of the pudding is in the eating." RESULTS, after all, are the only practical yard-sticks with which to measure the success of this comprehensive program. Let us examine the latest figures to see if this latest safety program is accomplishing RESULTS or is just another version of the old hullabaloo about Careless Driving.

Traffic fatalities in Oregon for the past five month period dropped 19.3 per cent—that's something worth working for! Taking into consideration the fact that highway travel in Oregon increased approximately six per cent the first four months this year, this sharp drop in accidents and deaths, and a small increase in injuries, appear all the more remarkable.

NATIONALLY, the picture is equally bright with a reduction of 19 per cent in traffic deaths over the first four month period of 1938! The population death rate last year was 25.6 per 100,000, against 20.7 this year; the mileage death rate for the first three months fell from 16.4 deaths per 100,000 vehicle miles last year to 12.8 this year.

Medford shows a slight decline in accidents for the first four months of 1938; Jackson county's injuries and deaths from traffic accidents likewise are lower.

IT is difficult to measure human life in cold, uninteresting figures; the progress made in traffic safety is far greater than these statistics indicate. Persistent, intelligent effort is being well rewarded.

Greater success CANNOT be achieved unless the public realizes and accepts its responsibilities; sensible DRIVING and WALKING will do much to check a traffic toll that is nothing short of a national disgrace. Public spirited men and women in Safety Councils, closely cooperating with efficient law enforcement officials, can analyze traffic problems and attempt their solution; engineers may construct safer highways but the safety program will FAIL unless the driving public COOPERATES!

The community, state and national traffic program IS obviously being approached in a practical way. . . progress is being made. Safe driving CAN, in a large measure, become a reality.

Let US ALL make a contribution to GOOD CITIZENSHIP by being GOOD DRIVERS!—H. G.

And the Children Suffer

IT is a truism among penologists that extreme punishments do not pay. By extreme punishments are meant those which are more severe than the nature of the crime warrants. Under such circumstances juries are loath to convict, and often go to the other extreme and hand down an acquittal, just as a way of expressing their resentment, when there is no question of the defendant's guilt.

Extreme punishments also arouse public sympathy for the criminal, which is usually in no sense deserved, and would not exist, were not the public's innate sense of fair play and justice violated.

In other words extreme punishments defeat their own purpose, which is serving as a crime deterrent, and are avoided as sedulously by expert penologists and criminologists, as inadequate punishments. For both tend to defeat, the ends of justice, and in the last analysis, encourage rather than discourage crime.

AS a result of the Lindbergh kidnaping and murder this country was aroused, as it never had been before,—and probably never will be again.

And the wave of horror and indignation that swept over the country was ENTIRELY justified. As a result of it the Lindbergh kidnaping law was passed, which makes the act of kidnaping, per se, a capital offense. The victim may be returned to his parents safe and sound, the ransom money returned or never turned over. It makes no difference, the law says the kidnapper, or kidnappers, must hang.

THERE is no doubt such a penalty had the support of public opinion at the time, the law was passed. It may even represent a majority opinion now.

However that may be the fact remains that the net result of this law has been not to stamp out or even decrease kidnaping, and the principal sufferers have been not the criminals but their victims—usually young and defenseless children.

For it places a premium upon murder. The kidnapper has everything to gain and nothing to lose by killing his victim. If caught he will hang anyway. So why not make his getaway infinitely easier by making away with his victim?

The Lindbergh law merely furnishes added evidence, that extreme punishments, do not pay.

DE SOUZA LAUDS POSTAL SERVICE. GRANTS PASS, June 10.—(Sp.)—The greatest institution in the country today, barring none, is the post office whose only business is service. Frank DeSouza, Medford postmaster, told about 20 government employees and guests at the quarterly meeting of the Federal Business Men's association of southern Oregon here yesterday.

Personal Health Service

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. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH. Mr. Blank reports he has benefited much from belly breathing for inability to get to sleep at night. It seems to bring relief to the sensation of gas or fullness and when that goes asleep soon follows. He now finds belly breathing quicker and more effective than getting up for a dose of soda.



Well, even setting up for a dose of chalk—5 or 10 grains of calcium carbonate—would be better than taking soda for the relief of "gas" or "acidity" or "sour stomach" or "heartburn."

But the main purpose of Mr. Blank's letter is to give his experiences with cracked lip.

He is 44 years old and for years has suffered with cracked lip through most of the winter, and sometimes also in summer from too much exposure to sun.

A long time ago he read in this column the suggestion to apply flexible collodion to the cracked lip. He distinctly recalls we said flexible, and the defense concedes that is correct. That summer in the terrific heat our correspondent had a badly cracked lip. The druggist had only plain collodion, which Mr. Blank used, and with most satisfactory result.

Another winter the old trouble returned, and this time the druggist had flexible collodion. Mr. Blank used it, but found it difficult to keep on the lip and obtained no relief from it. He then turned a string of drug stores until at last he found one that had the old plain collodion. This readily stuck when applied to the crack, sealed it over, and soon brought about healing.

This past winter the lip has not cracked at all, though once or twice he had what seemed to be the beginning of a herpetic blister or "cold sore" and immediately applied a protective coating of the plain collodion, which evidently prevented development of the trouble.

The essential purpose of the collodion treatment of herpes of the lip or cracked lip is to split the lip.

Man About Manhattan. NEW YORK—One of the most colorful characters ever turned out by Greenwich Village has approached this correspondent with an unobjectionable request. "Please," he asked us, "please do not mention my name in your column again, for a while at least."



Well, that's an unbelievable request in this town, where everybody is in a mad scramble for publicity. People in New York, especially if they are in the entertainment business, just don't make requests like that.

"Of course, Joe," I said (Joe isn't really his name). "If you say so, you'll get no mention here. But this astounds me. I don't want to pry into any secrets, but if it isn't getting too personal . . ."

He drew a deep breath. "Gee, thanks," he said with such evident satisfaction that I was more intrigued than ever. "You'll save me a lot of explaining. Remember that story you wrote about me several weeks ago? Well a girl I used to know several years ago read it in a Pennsylvania newspaper. And she's been writing me letters every day. She wants to visit me when she comes to New York. She wants me to visit her out there. She's a nice kid, but well, she gets sort of goofy at times, and I don't like goofy women. She's written me five letters since that column came out."

And that is what the trouble was. . . An old romance, on her part at least. . . One morning she picked up the paper . . . and read about an old flame. . . And probably she remembered some idyllic summer in Manhattan . . . and she has been burning the mails with letters to Joe.

But Joe is now married and very happily so. It is his theory that by-gones should be by-gones, that the dead past should remain very, very dead. . . He wants no part of the glamorous Yesterdays (if they were glamorous) and, most of all, he wants no mention of his name in this column. . . For a while, anyway.

Okay, pal. . . Far be it from us to thwart true love. . . Say the word and we'll write another column about it's being all a mistake in the first place. . . Anything you say.

Interesting in many ways are the new murals at the Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn, done by Albert Cugat, whose brother is the famous maestro and caricaturist at the Waldorf-Astoria. Albert is the younger brother, a Spaniard who lives in 72nd Street. Half his time is spent wandering old roads and sitting at stone tables in the arches of Spanish mansions in Old Spain. The other half is devoted to work here and painting, while seeing America. As for those new murals, they're on a theme which annually grows dearer to adolescent and adult hearts, namely, Mother

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS. SENATOR GILLETTE, condemned by an angry and vengeful New Deal to the firing squad and the blank wall, WINS IN IOWA.

His victory, everything considered, approaches landslide proportions. AND IN Iowa, as in Pennsylvania and Oregon, Republican candidates POLLED MORE VOTES than Democratic candidates.

The tide is TURNING. GILLETTE, up to the ill-starred attempt to pack the supreme court, was a loyal New Dealer. But his conscience rebelled at the proposal to destroy the independence of the supreme court and thus open wide the gates to DICTATORSHIP. He voted against Roosevelt on the supreme court issue.

From that moment, he was marked for slaughter. INTO the battle against him, the New Deal sent its biggest guns.

Harry Hopkins, supreme boss of WPA, giver of all good things to the poor unfortunates who must support themselves and their families out of WPA's meager bounty—himself an Iowan—was sent in to beat the drum for Wearin, the Democrat selected by the New Deal bosses to beat Gillette.

Then, to make assurance doubly sure, Son James, the crown prince, whose aid had been so potent for Pepper of Florida, was rushed into the Wearin trenches at the last moment.

No stone was left unturned. BUT the shock troops FAILED. The DEMOCRATS of Iowa rallied in such numbers around the man whose conscience wouldn't let him VOTE AGAINST AMERICA in the supreme court crisis that he was nominated by a vote of nearly two to one over his New Deal-anointed opponent.

And, by way of rubbing it in, Republican candidates polled nearly twice as many votes in the Iowa primary as Democratic candidates.

GILLETTE of Iowa was condemned to the block because in the vital test he refused to stand with Roosevelt to wreck the supreme court. He was saved by a higher power—the VOTERS.

America has reason to rejoice today.

Flight o' Time. Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY June 10, 1928 (It was Sunday) John H. Carlin to be governor of state next week.

Twenty years ago today June 10, 1918 (It was Monday) French hurl Germans back along the Ouse, with terrific losses.

Huge forest fire burns in Montana.

Department of commerce estimates 5,000,000 jobless, despite high wages and demand for laborers.

High wind sweeps Washington, D. C.

But the strength of the local machine is already being demonstrated in the state. Gov. E. D. Rivers, who is simultaneously a Klansman and a New Dealer, was thought of to run against Senator George. He was discarded for two reasons—his Klan affiliation was embarrassing, and the power companies and other big businesses which supply the sinews of war in Georgia politics would not countenance his candidacy. Therefore, Camp was put in the field at the last minute, after a frantic search.

The business men who intervened to keep Governor Rivers at home are now giving their best to keep him from declaring for Camp. He is running for the governorship again, and the business men have given him the choice of their support, if he stays neutral, or friendliness, if he backs the White House man. The enemies of the White House narrowed for many days to make Rivers see things their way. They may succeed tomorrow, but thus far, they have failed.

From the first, the planners of the White House heresy hunt have acknowledged that they would have to buck the awe machines. They have believed that machine effectiveness was diminishing, that the New Deal issue would draw enough other voters into the primaries to make the machine minions unimportant. They assert, with reason, that Iowa was a poor test because the issue was not clearly drawn.

It's impossible to predict the outcome. But it can be said that if the White House triumphs in later primaries, in which the issue is clearly drawn, a new kind of American politics will have been born.

Here's something I know needs honorable mention, Today Medford entertains a state convention! That live bunch of 20-30 business men Have placed our town on the map again!

While they are one of the newer luncheon clubs, They're a fast grown, hard hitting lot of cubs! Welcome gang! the town is yours today!

Hope you like us so well you'll decide to stay. Chevy M Hurd Rogue River Chevrolet

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George Vilas has furlough from army to help in orchard. Northern California: Fair tonight and Saturday, but overcast on coast night and morning; slightly warmer in interior Saturday; fresh northwest wind off the coast. Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; warmer in east portion tonight and in interior Saturday; gentle, changeable wind off the coast.

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