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**Ye Smudge Pot**

By Arthur Perry

Nippy morns the past week caused woodshed operators and gals with fur coats to rejoice, sleepers to reach for blankets that weren't there, and the Bates Boys to light the oil stove in their tontorial parlor, an unflinching sign that winter is coming.

Local jumping at conclusions about the proposed army cantonment, and missing them, continues the favorite indoor and outdoor sport here. There has not been so much off-hand surmising since the Trigonion oil well was down 1,811 feet.

Messrs. Hitler and Mussolini held a secret meeting most of the week, at the front, within sound of the cannon's roar. Unfortunately, they did not get far enough up front.

Marion county farmers are imploring Salem clerks to come out and pick beans on their days off. To date the counter jumpers have not responded as one man. If they don't, the agriculturists will not help them out during the Christmas rush.

The sister city to the south sat down on a bond issue 4 to 1 Thurs.

The Russians blew up the mighty dam at Dnieperopetrovsk Wed. and now that it is early fall in Russia, nobody wants to be at Dnieperopetrovsk, as they say of England in the spring.

F. Brown of the Eagle Pt. Browns, towed in the middle of the week.

Mose Alford of the city government, showed up in mid-week in a new suit of clothes. He reported it made him feel like he was going to start to school a week from tomorrow.

The auto driving continues wild on country lanes and city streets. It's too much to expect people to always drive like they were going by the state police station.

Another leaf is ready to fall off the calendars, and the Older Girls have started wondering where the year has gone.

Owing to the metal shortage the bootlegging of scrap iron is rampant throughout the nation. Nobody has been caught around here trying to get over the hill with a load of illicit stove-lids.

Among the nimrods greasing up their trigger fingers and trusty rifles for the deer hunting season is Elm Childers, the builder, who when he bears down on cervus alces leaves them as dead as the door nails he never misses.

The Joe Fliegel boy Joe, is still back in Wisconsin, but won't stay still long enough to take pen in hand and write his Paw.

Golf gripped golfers all week, as the So. Ore. No. Calif. tournament got underway. They went out to the links early, and stayed late, as if it was election day, and their votes were needed to get a complete expression of public sentiment on a burning issue. Peter Clark, the ins. agt., was ablaze with enthusiasm, and got an eagle, two woodpeckers, and a bluejay.

## Don't Miss the Golf Tourney

CHARITY is not the only thing that should begin at home. There is the matter of civic loyalty, as well. There is a golf tournament, the annual Southern Oregon championship, going on at the Medford golf club today and tomorrow.

The fact has been printed many times in this paper, and has been an established institution for over a decade.

Yet judging by the support of the local golfers, there are more golfers outside of this community aware of the fact than in it.

Never before have there been so many visiting golfers participating—they have come from all over the place, as far south as San Francisco and as far north as Seattle.

But never before have there been so few local divot-diggers, the total establishing a new record low.

It's too late to rectify this sad demonstration of local indifference as far as the golf PLAYERS are concerned.

But ISN'T too late, as far as the golf fans and the community as a whole is concerned.

TODAY and tomorrow, probably the best brand of amateur competitive golf ever seen in this section of the state, will be on display at the Medford golf club.

Admission is free.

Men, women and children, everyone but the UNLEASHED family dog are welcome. With decent behaviour on the part of the Weather Man, those who attend can not only be assured of seeing some thrilling contests, and getting some beneficial outdoor exercise, but doing their bit to make this annual event what it should ALWAYS BE—a complete and an INCREASING success!

## Square Pegs In Round Holes

WHILE Foreign Minister Anthony Eden, greatly appreciates the aid the United States is giving England, he says it is not enough.

He joins with Lord Beaverbrook, therefore, in urging renewed efforts on America's part to increase and speed up production.

President Roosevelt's answer to this appeal is to order a sweeping reorganization of the national defense set-up, naming a seven-man board, with Vice-President Wallace, chairman, and Harry Hopkins as the special "speeder-up."

NOW there are no better citizens in this country than Henry Wallace, and Harry Hopkins, both fine products of that great state of Iowa,—high-minded, earnest, unselfish, fanatically devoted to the betterment of the human race.

On the other hand, if any fair minded and impartial judge of American ability and character, were called upon to select the two men in the country, best qualified for the task at hand,—that of increasing industrial production in this country,—certainly Messrs. Wallace and Hopkins, would be far down, if not at the extreme bottom, of the list.

NEITHER of these men has had the slightest practical business experience; either enjoys the confidence of the manufacturing or business element in the country, or faced with a tough production problem would know the best way to go about it.

And yet there they are, special favorites of the White House, highest in command, in the one most important task now confronting the United States. Donald Nelson, third in command,—a hard-headed experienced and capable business man may be able to get the desired results, but why start him out under such a handicap!

## "No Comment!"

A CALLER remarks he will be interested in this department's comment on the Hitler-Mussolini meeting on the eastern front.

DISLIKE TO disappoint him but there will be no comment,—not this morning at any rate.

Why comment? No matter what agreement the Axis partners may reach, or what promises they may make, none of it is worth the paper it is written on.

Moreover there is something unusually childish and synthetic about this gathering "somewhere in Russia" so plainly in imitation of the recent Atlantic rendezvous between Roosevelt and Churchill.

THAT latter incident will mark one of the important turning points in human history; the former we venture to say will be forgotten even by Benito and Adolf, before the present conflict is over.

The only possible importance we could attach to the conference would be based upon the official photographs wired by the A.P. from Berlin showing Mussolini's sad and dejected profile, and the absence of any representatives from Finland, Hungary, Rumania, Vichy or Japan!

## MASS ESCAPE OF TEXAS JUVENILES

Gatesville, Tex., Aug. 30.—(AP)—Bloodhounds and men searched heavily wooded central Texas today for 36 young fugitives who fled the state boys reform school in a mass break which Supt. E. H. Nesbitt said "I've been looking for."

Forty-seven inmates broke from a group of 200 who had been marched from the football

## 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, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

## PROTECTING CHILDREN

From an isolated northwest village where there is apparently no physician the mother of a 14-year-old boy writes to protest against what she regards as persecution by the school and health authorities, who, she suspects, are nazis or in sympathy with nazi principles.

The boy, says mother, is "such a good example of an endoped boy" that it seems a crime to "fill him with dope and poison." The boy has won various awards for scholarship, athletic accomplishments in school field meets and character. Now mother doesn't want him "filled with heaven knows what." To prove there is good ground for her anxiety she incloses a blank sent by the county health authorities to all parents in the school district.

The health department blank asks whether the child has been vaccinated for protection against smallpox, or whether the child has had smallpox; whether the child has been immunized against diphtheria, or whether the child has had diphtheria; and whether the child has had a tuberculin test, X-ray of chest, and complete physical examination. Finally it asks that the parent answer the questions and return the blank to the teacher.

From the incidental observations in the letter concerning the attitude and methods of the teacher, I infer that this is the tactical error in the health department's program. After all, school teachers are rarely qualified to administer health or even to teach hygiene, except the few who have had social training in physical or health education.

The health department's blank inquires for the name of the family physician. It might be more in order to instruct parents to return such information to the family physician—but unfortunately in many communities the local health department feels its oats, so to speak, and fails to co-operate with the family physician, tends to treat the family physician rather as an incompetent and very likely untrustworthy individual who just doesn't understand the

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
Are Floridians Myotonic?  
Floridians, at least many I have met, appear to be susceptible to a disease known as myotonia. Is it particularly prevalent in the south or in Florida? (L. C. L.)  
Answer—Myotonia, to my knowledge, is not particularly prevalent in any localized area or among any class of people. It is a condition, usually congenital (present at birth), of excessive muscle tension or stiffness, a sort of "muscle bound" condition. Best palliative remedy I know is quinine sulfate, four grains after food three times daily for adult; one grain after food three times daily for young child, regularly and uninterruptedly for at least three months.

Cross Eyes  
Girl has tendency to cross eyes. It shows only occasionally. Would this be transmitted to her children? (T. M.)  
Answer—No. Far-sightedness often causes such squint, strabismus or cross-eyes. She should have eyes examined by eye physician and follow his advice about prevention of further trouble.

Goat's Milk  
Is goat's milk more nutritious than cow's milk? (G. C.)  
Answer—Approximately the same in nutritive value.  
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## News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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highest paid big army in the world. You get \$21 the first four months, then \$30 for the next eight, then \$40 thereafter. The average, furnished me by the war department, is \$35 now. The British Tommy gets \$23.55 on the average; the Italian 65 cents a month minimum, the conscript French did get \$1.05 a month minimum, but they get nothing now since they lost. Hitler's famed soldier gets an average of \$6 a month; Russia's \$11.77; the Japanese \$4.65, an average of less than half what you get.

Only nation which pays its soldiers more is Canada—average about \$36 (considering depreciation of their currency against ours) with allowances for wives and dependents. But Canada has to support an army only a fraction the size of ours.

"WE had assurances the time limit would not be extended."

Until somebody gives assurances that the current state of the world will not continue, it would be treasonable for this government to disband its army. No soldier able to find his way to the canteen really believes otherwise. It may be tough on you as an individual, but it's true.

"SOME of the officers are incompetent. They give foolish orders, offer no explanations."

If you think some of your loaves and captains are incompetent, you should see some of the generals around Washington. A few can hardly rise from their chairs. But that's not the whole army. We had a navy at the start of this emergency. The army had to be built nearly from scratch, officered as well as manned. The incompetents will be weeded out, as situations disclose their incompetence to the men higher up, not all of

them perhaps, but there will be enough good officers around to make this the usual superior American army. It just takes time.

"THE soldier feels mistreated socially, looked down upon, denied his higher free place in life."

Maybe you cannot see it now, but later on you will find that your army experience has delivered the leadership of your community, the country into your hands for the future. Look at the American Legion. Some bluesoes looked down at them 20 years ago. You are making friends who will be valuable to you in business as well as social life afterward. When this is over you will be the one who will be able to get the jobs, and the unskilled worker who is cleaning up today, will be looking for one.

"THE British are not worth fighting for again." Some say yes, some say no, but nobody seems to like Hitler. There is a provision in the draft law which says no troops will be sent out of this hemisphere, and they will not be sent, until that amendment is repealed by congress after open debate, in which your folks can join too.

"No weapons." Everybody knows that. The army leaders frankly decided to get larger numbers in than could be furnished weapons for some time. They decided to throw you a pair of dungarees and a shovel and get you ready physically, because they knew American production could furnish the weapons. That was their decision, and while it may be discouraging, and may work hardships for a time, it will be all right, if and as they produce the weapons. If not, you will see some courtmartial higher up.

"THE Roosevelt sons get easy officers jobs with gold braid while we are privates."

That's a gripe. Did you ever hear of a spot in this world, in all the history of it, where the boss' son did not get a good job. What do you want?

## Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Army Morale Not What It Was

Oregon Shipyards To Get Contracts

New Tax Bill Is More Drastic

By John W. Kelly

(Note: During the absence of Mr. Kelly on vacation his daily column will be written by Mr. Paul Dunham, member of our Washington, D. C., staff.)

By Paul Dunham

ARMY morale is not what it should be in the midst of war maneuvers in the Pacific northwest, according to reports. Morale is, simply, discipline. Soldiers on duty in the vicinity of Olympia have nonchalantly hitch-hiked into Tacoma and Seattle to buy cigars when supposed to be guarding the highways against the invaders. Soldiers say they want to go home because they have learned all they can be taught with the inadequate equipment. If they had full equipment they would not mind remaining in the army until they were familiar with it and then go home and become part of a reserve pool of trained men.

The men fail to enthuse over sham fighting and it is regarded more as play acting than anything else, although of course, it is excellent training for the officers in the disposition of their men. Troops, by and large, do not expect to do any real fighting, for they were drafted for a defense army, not as an expeditionary force, and they are of the belief that no foreign invasion will be attempted. For this reason the average selectee and guardsman is not inclined to take the maneuvers seriously and they are more interested in the outside amusements than in the business of soldiering.

In the first world war the men were drafted and assembled at Fort Lewis where they were given preliminary training with bayonet drills; they realized that it would be only a matter of months when they would be actually fighting for their lives, and to the hardened veteran of the AEF the present army is considered a bunch of sissies. With the extra \$10 a month the army will soon be the highest paid bunch of soldiers in the world, yet they wish to get back to civilian life and those national defense jobs in industry.

ALTHOUGH not included in the initial order for "C" type ships, insiders assert that the maritime commission will place contracts for some of these vessels with the yards on Columbia and Willamette rivers and in the Tacoma-Seattle area. C ships, the up-to-date cargo carriers designed by the maritime commission, are now under construction in Puget sound yards and the vessels launched there have been so satisfactory that, with the labor resources available, the yards will be given additional contracts to keep them occupied for the next two years at least.

In Portland the Oregon Shipbuilding company, a Henry Kaiser outfit, is engaged on two score "ugly duckling" type and when these have been completed the better and faster C type will be ordered. Meanwhile, however, the priorities are becoming a nuisance with the shipyards, particularly with regard to the engines.

THE new tax bill by the senate is more drastic than the measure which was rushed through the house of representatives under the gag rule. The lowered base, which was avoided by the house, has been considered favorably by the senate committee and this will prove one of the bones of contention when the measure goes to conference—which it must do. Under the senate proposal many people who have never filed an income tax statement will be brought into the fold and made to pay substantially on their income. As now written the senate proposal will hook thousands of married and single individuals in Pacific northwest states, especially those who are employed in the shipyards and aircraft factories who are drawing as contributors to the income tax office. The house is more moderate, and this matter will be ironed out in the series of conferences before the bill is finally sent to the president.

DAIRMEN of the Pacific northwest are now said to be receiving the highest price for their milk that has been paid in 12 years. Practically every milk factory is working on a 24-hour basis, three shifts. Milk canners have already been told how many thousands cases they must produce for the armed forces of the United States and for the lend-lease program. They were told what they must produce; they were not asked how much. For the first time since

the depression the dairymen have a market for every pound of butterfat they can take to the factories. The cheese factories are in the same position as the dairymen's milk and operating around the clock.

Principal fly in the ointment for the dairymen is the difficulty in obtaining skilled milkers. The young men, brought up on dairies, are leaving for the shipyards and the airplane factories and other industries having defense or war orders, and the dairy operators are on a constant search for men to fill the places of their sons and hired hands who have left.

## The War Today

By Dewitt MacKenzie

Special Writer

The American-Japanese negotiations which are getting under way in Washington look like a long-delayed showdown between the two countries.

Maybe it will be the big showdown upon which will turn the question of peace or war. The position is extremely serious, though far from hopeless.

There is one fundamental point which we must not overlook in sizing up this situation. Washington has hardened tremendously in recent weeks towards the Japanese operations in the orient. Uncle Sam is in no mood for tea-table talk, but looks like a man who is prepared to meet any eventualities.

The indications are that the Nipponese finally have reached the point where they want to square themselves with Uncle Sam and unload the disastrous Chinese "incident" which is breaking their backs. It will take much to achieve agreement with Washington at this late date, and what isn't clear is how far Tokyo is prepared to recant, for it certainly must back water.

From information which has come to me from a private source I should say that the Japanese very recently have come to the conclusion that the United States has decided to pursue a much more far-reaching and forceful policy in the far east.

That policy, as Tokyo sees it, would set the clock back on Japan's program for control of Asia and vastly extended American influence in the orient.

For one thing Tokyo undoubtedly believes America has determined on such an extensive all-out aid for China as will render it impossible for Japan either to complete her conquest or to hold the territory which she already has taken. On top of that Washington is going ahead with material assistance for Russia in the war against Hitler—and Japan is desperately worried lest these supplies be turned against her in event

of Russo-Japanese trouble. But back of that grim view Tokyo sees on the far horizon the smoke from the funnels of the United States navy—and is afraid we are getting set for action.

## Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 19 and 29 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

August 31, 1931

(It was Monday)

Bootlegger who sold his wares to boys at Jacksonville dance given 30 days in county jail.

Many from here attend dedication of Pacific highway bridge near Yreka.

County Grangers to demand lower telephone rates.

Picking of Comice pears start next week.

The weather: Fair and warm. High 92, low 54.

Democratic senators accused of blocking President Hoover's effort to balance budget.

Mail Tribune to print first edition on new press tomorrow.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

August 31, 1921

(It was Wednesday)

Twelve killed in fighting in Belfast, Ireland.

Contract for widening the Pacific highway between Ashland and Talent let.

Tokyo declares Yap issue between Japan and America has been settled.

Roseburg to fight extension of Crater Lake park to include Diamond lake.

Pioneer memorial at Ashland nears completion.

Bombing planes leave for West Virginia coal mines as labor war breaks out.

Predictions of probable rain fall, High 87, low 47.

Townsend Club No. 5

Council of Townsend club No. 5 will meet at the home of Martha Miller, 846 Taylor street, 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, Sept. 3rd.

A moving picture of the Townsend Plan, sound film, together with the transcribed speech of Rep. James O'Connor, chairman of Townsend steering committee in behalf of H. R. 1036, Townsend bill, will be given at the K. P. hall Sunday afternoon, Sept. 7, at 2 p. m. Public invited; no charge.

Jacksonville Townsend club will hear convention report on Thursday at 8 o'clock, Sept. 4th, at U. S. hall. Public invited.

Contributed,  
Martha S. Selkirk,  
Convention Delegate.

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