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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Press dispatches say, "German Stuka planes shot down in Hawaii had German and Japanese pilots—Japanese boys who were raised in Honolulu and trained by the United States. Then they went back to fight for Japan." Treachery, plus ingratitude. Again, the melting pot failed to melt.

The Rose Bowl game, between OSC and Duke, because of military necessity, has been moved to Durham, N. C. They can now call it the "Bull Pen."

Fletch Fish, the boom-day tenor of Phoenix, has returned home from the hospital, fully recovered from his mishap, and able to stand up under one of his own puns.

GOOD WILL CURDLES
(Sheridan, Ore., Sun)

"Now is the time to transplant and plant shade and fruit trees. It seems the 500 home locust trees Petersen gave away to our neighbors are not doing well. If our friends had paid for them they might have been better cared for. Our school board cannot or will not take hold and improve the school yard. I have tried it alone but it will not do without a patriotic school board."—(M. Petersen's Writings).

Bandit Hitler is now suffering from a nervous breakdown, and his doctor has ordered him to take a rest at his hide-out in the German hills, say press reports. The situation on the Russian front has something to do with Adolf's illness. If it gets any worse he will probably sneak into Switzerland, the only little nation in Europe, aside from Sweden, his legions have not trampled, for refuge. This time the Teutonic cause of it all will have to pay. Der Fuehrer won't be able to spend the remainder of his days, after the big fold-up, peacefully sawing wood, a la Kaiser.

The fair sex running around in the snow in open-toed shoes, met the situation bravely, by wearing galoshes, with no aperture for the big toe.

Chuck Clay II, accompanied by Chuck Clay III, is here from Calif. visiting Chuck Clay I, who will borrow Mel Hogan's cotton-batten whiskers and enact the role of S. Claus for the distinguished little visitor, who will be three (3) months old, come next Sunday, the shortest day of the year.

The esteemed Klamath Falls Evening Herald has dug up some significant data on American generosity. In 1923 Japan, now an enemy, was swept by an earthquake. Death and ruin laid low that nation.

For relief of the stricken Nippon America gave \$23,806, 744.85.

The gangster pals of today did not strain their pocket-books. Italy contributed \$15,000 in cash and \$40,000 in supplies. Germany let loose of \$6,279.

This, in the light of the Honolulu attack, is biting a helping hand with a vengeance.

LIGHTNING LENDS HAND
Whiteford, Md. (AP)—That "Let George do it" attitude even goes for lightning. A bolt zapped down among a crew of men working at a quarry, and exploded a dynamite charge in a truck. One man suffered slight arm injuries.

Coming time for Classified Ads 9 a.m.—Too Late for Classified 12:30 p.m.

Hitler Is in a Spot

Stalin's propaganda office is so incorrigibly romantic, it took us a long time, to take the reports of decisive Soviet victories over the Germans as authentic.

We still keep a barrel of salt handy, but in view of the recent admissions from Berlin, there is no doubt, that for the first time since he invaded Poland, Hitler has at last met with a far reaching, and, PERHAPS a decisive defeat.

YES, discounting the Moscow reports by at least 40%, and still there is no denial, the myth of Nazi invincibility, has at last been completely exploded, and Hitler is definitely and ignominiously on the run, along a thousand mile front.

Berlin claims that with the abandonment of the offensive against Leningrad and Moscow for the winter, their lines have merely been shortened to better repel fierce Red army attacks.

But in this man's war, no army abandons thousands of square miles of enemy territory, gained at such costly sacrifices of blood and treasure, unless compelled by superior force to do so.

THAT familiar alibi just doesn't work.

It is probably true, the Germans were forced to abandon their offensive because of the weather conditions, and tried to dig in for the winter, but it is equally true, Comrade Stalin, wouldn't let them do it.

It is not unlikely that some German mechanized and air forces have even been withdrawn from the Eastern front to strike elsewhere; but that doesn't alter the fact, that the net result of Hitler's Russian campaign to date is a defeat,—and a defeat that even the resourceful Dr. Goebbels can't camouflage, or rub out by deceit.

WHAT the final reckoning may be as far as Russia is concerned only the future can disclose.

In this department's view, the Moscow claim the Germans are not only about to be driven out of Russia, but the Red army will soon be storming the defenses of Berlin, is as fantastic, as the Nazi alibi, that the debacle on the eastern front has been nothing but a strategic retreat.

YET, there is no question of this:

Hitler has lost more face in the past month, and his prestige reached a lower ebb, than at any time, during the 26 months of war preceding this sensational Soviet recrudescence.

And neither Hitler, nor any other dictator, can stand for long, a decline like that.

So-o-o—Unless Der Reichsfuehrer pulls another sensational victory out of the hat, and hurries up about it, it's about a ten to one wager, his goose is cooked.

From fear of the consequences, the German people might continue to fight. But they would certainly insist upon a change in leadership.

A Revival of Religion?

"God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform."

A little noticed item, in a correspondent's dispatch from the European conflict, may prove to be of great significance.

This report was to the effect that there has been a great and surprising revival of religion, among the soldiers at the front.

When given leave, they are more disposed to hasten to their churches rather than the brothels, as was the case in the first World war.

And what is true of the soldiers, is even more true, according to the same source, of the civilian rank and file,—there has been a tremendous increase in church attendance.

This is not only true in England and France, but, it is claimed, in the Scandinavian countries, and even, to some extent, in Germany and Russia.

A CERTAIN skepticism is natural and perhaps justified, regarding such a sensational transformation, yet if this ghastly war should mark a revival of religious faith it would conform with a certain well-established tradition regarding the spiritual development of the human race.

FOR this development has followed the well known movement of the pendulum, forward and back, but always a little farther in advance than retreat. The rise of totalitarianism was accompanied by a general and extreme reaction against the church,—all kinds and forms of religious worship, as hostile to the supreme authority of the state. This pagan revolution moreover was a direct product of the first World war.

WHAT more natural then that with the second World war, the pendulum should start to swing back again, in the opposite direction, particularly in view of the incalculable suffering and desperation and desolation, caused not only in the physical but the spiritual world, by this second plunge into such a murderously destructive and widespread conflict?

AFTER all there is a limit to what the genus homo can endure without help from some force,—some power,—outside of and greater, than, himself.

Call that force,—that power,—what one will, it does, we believe, represent a fundamental craving and necessity of the human spirit, which increases in direct proportion to the discomfort and undesirability of his environment.

Nearly 5,000 oil-production workers attended vocational classes in the 1940-41 school year.

In Sweden both employers and workers are nationally organized to bargain collectively on a nationwide scale.

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.

THE NEWS IS FUNNY

A reader sends a clipping of the interviews published in magazines I infer that some of the boys are near enough to the President to pepper him effectively if they happen to be coming down with anything communicable.



If, as or when the President gets pneumonia, flu or any other respiratory infection it will not be on a visit to Arlington, no matter what the state of the weather.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
Month Breathing

On just one point I wish to disagree with your fine teachings about breathing. There are times when it is necessary to exhale thru the nose, for instance in backward movements in water ballet figures, or in a back dive. Otherwise I heartily agree that one should always breathe thru the mouth when in the water.

(Swimming Coach)

Answer—I do not know why you make the exception, but there can be no question that it is a good health rule to wear a nose clip or gently plug the nostrils with lamb's wool or cotton batting (not absorbent or "medicated" cotton) before entering the water, and to breathe entirely thru the mouth while in the water. One normally breathes thru the mouth and nose during extraordinary physical effort, in order to get more oxygen than is normally required. During ordinary quiet breathing and during sleep one normally breathes entirely thru the nose.

Better Food for Better Nutrition

We make hot cakes with 1½ cups whole wheat (ground in our kitchen mill) handful of coarse yellow corn meal, soybean flour and wheat germ, and they are much better than white cakes we think. (Mrs. W. F. W.)

Answer—And much better for nutrition, I think. On request, if you inclose stamped envelope bearing your address, I'll send a pamphlet "Wheat to Eat" which gives practical suggestions and recipes for the daily use of plain wheat in the family dietary.

End of Stupidity

Thanks a lot for recommending Dr. Brady. A few painless treatments, and my piles, of 20 years' standing, are gone. Treatments caused no discomfort and no loss of time from work. It is indeed stupid to suffer from piles—but I just didn't know there was any alternative for operation and confinement in hospital.

(N. A. E.)

Answer—On request, if you provide a stamped envelope bearing your address, I'll send the pamphlet "It Is Stupid to Suffer From Piles". (Copyright 1941, John F. Dille Co.)

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"It can happen" and that an air raid by the enemy is a vivid possibility in that region, for, it is argued, if the battleships, bombers and other craft in Pearl Harbor were defied by the Japanese fliers, there would be less resistance to an assault on Washington or Oregon.

Statement is made that Tacoma and Seattle, the Puget sound region, offers a tempting objective for enemy bombers, with all of the shipyards, the Bremerton navy yard, the aircraft factories as targets. There has not been a single anti-aircraft gun available in Seattle, although there may be a few with the troops at Fort Lewis, adjacent to Tacoma.

More than dropping a "token" bomb in Portland or an egg at one of the shipyards, the enemy would probably pass that city, but the bombers would head up the Columbia river in an effort to put the Bonneville dam and the power facilities out of commission; they might attempt to reach Grand Coulee and wreck it. Destruction of one or both of these government-owned projects would cripple the production of aluminum in plants at Tacoma, Longview, Vancouver and Troutdale; would make ineffective the substations at Covington, Chehalis, Longview, Salem, Walla Walla and Astoria.

Protection against the invaders would come from the interceptor group of the army air corps at Portland, Pendleton, Spokane and Boise and, possibly, from McChord field.

SUCH are the possibilities of the picture in the Pacific northwest as viewed from the national capital, a picture which has materialized in the past week, and it has brought some repercussions.

There is talk going around that "because of the exposed position of that part of the country" it may be advisable to discontinue the contemplated construction of aluminum plants at Tacoma, Troutdale and Spokane, although the Spokane location is considered safest.



In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

PORTLAND. Late Tuesday evening. Pouring rain.

This writer has sat all day in a meeting of the state defense council and county defense coordinators. One of the subjects discussed was the havoc Jap air-men may be able to work next summer in the forests of the Pacific coast with incendiary bombs and what to do about it.

With this topic before us, the rain slanting steadily against the windows was by no means unpleasant.

OTHER subjects considered were air raids, blackouts, incendiary and demolition bombs dropped on cities and how to handle them, evacuations and the consequent jamming of highways and how to avoid it, civilian disaster relief, etc.

Not a pleasant list. Anyone suggesting two weeks ago that a meeting be held to consider what Oregon people should do in the fact of such things would have been called up before a board of sanity examiners.

Such is the world we live in today.

THERE was no hysteria. No excitement. No evidence whatever of fear. Just quiet, determined, intelligent planning to meet an emergency that has arisen.

In order to get into the meeting, we had to identify ourselves and get passes to be presented at the door to a grim-looking state policeman. And turned in to him when we left—the idea being to keep out enemy spies.

Someway this writer couldn't get away from the thought that if an accurate report of that meeting in Oregon's capitol building, with its calm, matter-of-fact consideration of the emergency that has arisen so suddenly, could be carried to Hitler and Mussolini and the Japanese militarists, good rather than harm might come of it.

People who are able to go about meeting threatened terrors in that quiet, unfrightened way are going to be a tough breed to deal with.

ANOTHER thought kept thrusting itself into this writer's mind.

Most of these men and women have sons or nephews or other close relatives in the armed forces of the United States. They are secretly GLAD to be SHARING the dangers of war, rather than staying safely behind, as was once the case.

These modern gangsters who seek by dropping hell from the skies upon the non-combatant populations are POOR PSYCHOLOGISTS. Instead of breaking the morale of the people at home by air raids they forge in their minds and hearts the grim purpose to fight on FOREVER if need be, to rid the world of such monsters.

ROSS McIntyre, of Portland, chairman of the state defense council, put the purpose of today's meeting admirably.

"When you go on shipboard," he said, "and are given a life belt and told how to put it on and are assigned to your lifeboat, you don't get panicky and expect the ship to sink. You are merely preparing intelligently for something that MIGHT happen."

"We hope these things we are planning to meet and handle may not come to Oregon and the Pacific coast, but if they do we must be READY to meet them."

THESE Oregon men and women spoke calmly of mass evacuation of towns and cities and what to do with the evacuated people. They listened to plans for designation of MILITARY highways for the movement of troops and talked of ways to keep civilians OFF these highways so that vital troop movements might not be fatally impeded, as happened in France. They talked of blackouts and how to make them complete without loss of time. And all the other grim topics that have been listed here.

In modern war, the job of the civilian is as definite and as necessary as the job of the soldier. And nearly as dangerous.

Every civilian present today accepted that fact without flinching.

EARL RILEY, mayor of Portland, put the immediate need clearly and well.

"Our job right now," he said, "is to get business back into its normal channels and to get people back to living their normal lives with this exception—that they are prepared and ready on ten minutes notice for ANYTHING THAT MAY HAPPEN."

The civilian's job is to see to it that the life of the nation goes on, no matter what happens. Only thus can we give adequate backing to the men of the armed services.

That was the theme of today's meeting, and the quiet, courageous, whole-hearted acceptance of it was a heartening thing to see.

The people of this country have what it takes.

FORMOSA HOMES
RAZED BY QUAKE

Tokyo, Dec. 17.—(Official Radio received by AP)—One hundred and ninety persons were killed and 164 injured this morning in an earthquake in southern Formosa, the overseas affairs ministry announced today.

A total of 612 houses were razed and there was some damage to railways and other communications, the ministry added. It said the principal damage to communications was expected to be repaired during the day.

New York, Dec. 17.—(AP)—"A major earthquake is again reported from eastern Turkey," said the Paris radio in a dispatch heard today by NBC. "Considerable damage is said to have been caused but details are not as yet on hand."

PSYCHOLOGY VETOED
Mount Holly, Pa.—At a board meeting to discuss means of slowing traffic and reducing accidents in Burlington county, Freeholder LeRoy Church tossed off a bit of real, aged-in-the-wood, down-to-earth psychology. Church recommended the posting of signs reading "Free Beer, Stop Here" at dangerous intersections. An unappreciative board settled for the usual "Dangerous Crossing" legend.

GET REPORT CARDS
Fort Dix, N. J.—(UP)—Parents of the 393 enlisted men of the 44th division's new anti-tank battalion are receiving "report cards" concerning the activities of their sons. Lieut.-Col. John Lemp, battalion commander, has disclosed that he dispatches letters to his men's next of kin, reporting on their "promising" or "satisfactory" performances.

HIGH CLASS JALOPPY
Denton, Md.—(AP)—Two high school brothers took an old washing machine motor and turned it into transportation, in style. Daniel and Oscar Wuerstlin built a miniature automobile, seven feet long, and complete even to horn, rear view mirror, and license plates. They say the bus will do 15 miles an hour, and get 60 miles to a quart of gas—the tank's capacity.

MORE PASSENGERS
Washington—Bns companies reporting in 1940 to the interstate commerce commission showed an increase of 27 percent over 1939 in the number of passengers carried.

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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

December 17, 1931
(It Was Thursday)
Financial record of F. R. Roosevelt, Democratic Presidential possibility, as Governor of New York under fire.

Local "big shot" chicken thief is bound over to grand jury.

Charges made in congress Germany is hiding her reserves to get world debt moratorium.

Dry agents seize load of Yule cheer on Pacific highway near Central Point.

Cooler weather is predicted. High 42, Low 32-degrees.

First 1932 auto licenses appear in city. Many declare they are too poor to buy them, due to depression.

Wind and rain sweep upstate.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
December 17, 1921
(It Was Thursday)
Civil war threatened in Ireland.

Four inches of snow fall at Salem.

Special session of the legislature called to consider enactment of a bill to levy \$3,000,000 for world's fair in Portland in 1925.

Probable snow predicted. A trace fell in the city early today.

France will accept America's plan for naval reduction.

Present cold spell not doing the fruit trees any harm orchardists say.

Mayor Gates leaves to attend special session of legislation at Salem.

Communications

Thanks From Community Chest
To the editor: May we extend to you and your valuable paper our sincere thanks for the generous space donated in your paper for publicity purposes during the recent Community Chest campaign. The space given aided greatly in bringing the chest needs to the attention of the public, and again we thank you.

Medford Community Chest,
By R. E. Sweeney, sec.
Dec. 16th.

Denies Reservoir Lights On

To the editor: Mrs. L. S. Lehman, Rt. 4, Box 58B saying the city reservoirs were lit up like Christmas trees during blackouts. That's not true. I happen to be the wife of the caretaker here and if every one was as honest as he is, things would go better. He has been here for over 30 years working for the city and we stayed up 'till 12:30 and turned out the reservoir lights at 11:30 and 12:30 and no lights were turned on after that because we turn them off inside the house and they cannot be tampered with after we turn them out.

Mrs. Lehman, I was good and mad at you.

Mrs. John Peterson,
City Reservoir,
1321 Capital Ave.,
Medford, Ore.

P. S.: She must of saw a Jap mirage.

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