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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

A war expert predicts American troops will be in Tokyo early in 1943. They better not yell "Yoo Hoo!" at the Geisha girls, or a general will scold them, as one did in Tennessee last summer.

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"Get off Your Seat, and On Your Feet," is urged by sloganeers as a rally cry, for the tire saving campaign.

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Scatter crumbs for the birdies these chill and frosty mornings. They will eat either Beck's or Fluhrer's bread.

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The first amateur mountaineers have wandered into the Great Outdoors, to be rescued from a snowbank by rangers, deputy sheriffs, and trained woodsmen. There are so many less suicidal ways of getting a hot whiskey drink.

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The myth of invincibility attached to the German army has been sadly punctured by the Russians, but a sister notion, that when the Nazis get through their current running, they will promptly brace themselves, and invade England, Portugal, Africa, Turkey, or some other vital land, persists. Half the military strategists of Jackson county are staying awake nights guessing where the alleged invasion will hit. The Russians announce they intend, in due time, to keep the Teutons so busy warding off an invasion of their own land, they will have no time to invade any other. The present Sprintblitz has already assumed such colossal proportions, Der Fuehrer will go down in history as Adolf (Hurry-up) Hitler.

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"REAL ESTATE MEN OBJECT"—(Siskiyou News Headline). Somebody did them dirt!

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The New York Dress Institute, in a full page advertisement in metropolitan papers, inveighs against gloom in wartime, and placing "dampers . . . on many of the normal joys of living." There is also word baseball and other sports will be curbed. The N.Y.D.I. argues, there must be relaxation, or morale is lost. War is bad enough without the fair sex running around long-faced in somber hued Mother Hubbards and sunbonnets. There should be no movement to erect a wailing post in centerfield, where the people can gather Sunday afternoon and have a good cry.

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There is no mention these days of the former foreign minister of Japan, Matsuoka. A Portland woman befriended him. Afterwards he attended "Old Oregon," and won mention and mild fame for his campus pipe-smoking and poker playing.

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"Mrs. S . . . is not as young as she used to be. While coasting Friday, she came down the hill part of the way on her sled."—(Willow Creek Notes). Guess the rest of the story.

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Reports from the Coast say a Crescent City harbor rock has been wounded several times with .30-.30 bullets when mistaken for an enemy U-boat.

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"If Mussolini were just half a man he would sue Winston Churchill for slander, or something."—(K. C. Star). Half is more than a liberal estimate.

The printing and publishing industries give employment to more than 365,000 persons with salaries and wages totaling nearly a billion dollars.

"Morale"

IN spite of the accepted totalitarian philosophy, this IS a moral world. And the war will be won by those forces determined to keep it so.

Not because the decalogue can silence a machine gun.

But because the genus homo, regardless of the color of his skin, is a moral animal, and will fight to the death to sustain his OWN moral world. He won't fight with the same fanatical desperation to advance the material interests, of a dictatorial government that happens to be in power.

This is particularly true when the individual realizes that that dictatorial government, if victorious, will destroy his moral world,—condemn him to live in a universe, where such things as right, and justice, and fair play are unknown,—unknown for those who come after him.

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WE realize this is a philosophy which is regarded as hopelessly naive and out-of-date, by the Fascist-Nazi propagandists. Yes and by the Kremlin for that matter.

But it is the strong conviction of this department, and we believe the outcome of World War No. 2 will demonstrate the eternal truth of it.

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NOT because there is necessarily any strange mystical force per se in what has come to be accepted as a moral code. But because the moral element,—the sense of being eternally right,—does represent a definite imponderable, which supports the will-to-win, literally to the death,—

And when that factor is absent, and the supreme test comes, the army lacking it, sooner or later does break beneath the strain.

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THERE is nothing accidental therefore in the fact that this imponderable is popularly known as "MORALE".

That is what it is. "A mental state, as of a body of men, an army and the like" according to Webster's unabridged.

Yes, only a mental state, but based upon a spiritual foundation!

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A True Crusade

AS a postcript to the above, it must be gratifying to the various and sundry celestial observers of this crazy planet,—term them theologically as you will,—presumably concerned with the ultimate fate of the human family, to see at long last,—

This sleeping giant known as the United States, finally jump out of bed, hop into a cold shower, and proceed to fit himself out in the unfamiliar role as a valiant son of Mars.

He is off to a late start, and up to date, far from a happy one. But watch his smoke bretheren, watch his smoke!

And all in the cause of a better world,—not for one nation, but eventually for all of them.

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WE realize this is a time-honored phase of the war psychosis,—that form of protective rationalization, which makes the poor suffering warriors of each fighting nation pray to their own particular god, and raise on high the emblem of their RIGHT against the enemy WRONG.

It is never as simple as that,—it is never entirely true.

Only in the realm of the imagination (and the scenario studio) is war a clear-cut morality play,—with ALL the good on one side fighting ALL the evil on the other. The truth is never so conveniently all white or all black, but almost always some type of gray!

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BUT in this PARTICULAR conflict, we DO believe, it comes nearer to being that, than ever before in the history of the human race!

And we believe further that that rationalization will stand up under a pretty searching application of realistic analysis and logic.

For certainly, considering every element of what has accumulated through the ages as moral truth and wisdom, the forces of Nazi Germany and Militaristic Nippon do represent the perfect antithesis of all those ethical values, and the perfect embodiment of all that through the ages has been accepted by common consent as EVIL.

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TRUTH, honor, justice, fair dealing, even the rudiments of human decency have been thrown overboard by the present rulers of these two nations and for one reason, and one alone,—to win by force, control over peoples and lands, that only ask to be free and to be let alone.

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AND this is done deliberately because in their ideology, what are known as moral values, are only artificial and arbitrary obstacles set up by the priesthoods and the "have nations", to protect their sacred power and possessions, and deny a place in the sun for the less fortunate and dispossessed nations of the world. It is the doctrine of pagan force that ruled effectively only in the jungle when the genus homo walked on all fours.

The victory of the allied forces in this struggle will,—and only that victory CAN,—mark the destruction and final interment, of that completely anti-Christian, fallacious and unliveable conception!

TO BE EMBASSIES

Washington, Jan. 6. — (AP) — Diplomatic missions of the United States in Paraguay, Ecuador and Bolivia will be raised from legations to the status of embassies, the state department announced today. Simultaneously the three Latin American governments announced arrangements to change the status of their legations in the United States to embassies.

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 MAGIC SUGAR

From away back, this column has been strong for sugar, candy and other sweets. Within reason, within reason. Pray don't confuse Ol' Doc Brady with Santa Claus. It pains me worse than it does you, children when I say there are times and conditions when it is advisable to take candy away from a baby, pap from a growing child and ice cream and cake from a bouncing belle or a buxom matron. Naturally I'd rather be over on the bowling green when the operation is performed, but still, if you pinned me down, I would not hesitate to say that it must be done—for the sake of the patient's ultimate welfare and happiness.

Dr. Brady

Different kinds or forms of sugar may have slight technical differences, but practically such differences are insignificant so far as the use of sugar as food or medicine is concerned. Dextrose or glucose (two names for the same thing), sucrose (or beet or cane or sorghum sugar), lactose (milk sugar), maltose (glucose or dextrose produced by germination of grain) or levulose (fruit sugar), it doesn't matter which you prefer, one is as good as the other for infant, child or adult. Molasses, cane syrup, corn syrup, sorghum syrup, maple syrup—they're the same in digestibility and nutritive value, with only differences in flavor or taste or appearance.

There is no foundation for the fancy that a person with diabetes can safely take one kind of sugar if the quantity taken exceeds his or her carbohydrate tolerance.

The height of absurdity in reference to the use of sugar by obese persons is attained by this elucidation of the matter recently published:

"Dextrose actually helps burn extra fat. A relatively small amount of it relieves the hunger pangs of those who are dieting. Dextrose, in brief, is a non-fattening sweet because it is absorbed into the blood so quickly and completely that it can't accumulate as fat."

That settles it—dextrose is the magic sugar, all right, only I do wish the prestidigitator would carry on and explain what happens to the dextrose after it has been absorbed into the blood? Trouble with ordinary sugars is they are too likely to be converted into fat after they have been absorbed into the blood. That is the inexorable law of physiology. But dextrose, dear me, if you can absorb it quickly enough you just carry it around in your blood and you need never give a thought to getting fat. All this, like all magic, is of course the bunk.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Epilepsy

Young woman has had epileptic fits, once when I happened to be present, and I was nearly scared to death. Another girl who noticed how scared I was said that if a person is nervous she would develop them herself. (H. N.)

Answer—Fright or "being nervous" has nothing whatever to do with epilepsy, so you need not give it another thought. I have no advice or information on epilepsy—the subject is outside of the province of health, something that demands individual consideration of your own physician.

Mineral Oil in Salad Dressing

Can you tell me of some oil that can be used in salad dressing, low in calories? (Mrs. O. H. T.)

Answer—Mineral oil yields no calories at all. Recipe for preparing mineral oil salad dressing is given in booklet, "Rules for Reducing"—for copy send 25 cents and stamped envelope bearing your address.

Juice Legerdemain

Considering purchase of machine that extracts the juices of vegetables, as I believe this would give my family all the vitamins they need, which cannot be gotten from the fresh vegetables and fruits otherwise. (Mrs.F.A.)

Answer—I assure you your family will get more vitamins if they eat the whole vegetable or fruit than they will if they take only the juice.

Deafness and Head Noises

My sister and I have derived great benefit from your suggestions in the pamphlet "Relief for Allergy". Please send anything you may have on deafness and buzzing or ringing noises in the ears. (Miss M. T.)

Answer—Send stamped envelope bearing your address, and ask for pamphlet on "Deafness and Tinnitus (head noises)".

Horse Energy

What effect would quinine have on the energy of a horse? What would increase a horse's energy? (W.G.)

Answer—I doubt that quinine would increase the energy of man or animal. Oats will increase a horse's energy. At least that's what the farmers, in town for Saturday shopping, always said when Topsy, the sorrel mare, cavorted as we drove down Main Street.

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Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Coast May Aid Rubber Supply

Lack of Rubber Fault of MRC

No Provision for Logging Tires

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—In the search for substitutes for natural rubber to meet the demand of some 33,000,000 motor vehicle owners who will be deprived of new tires, the government is looking to the Pacific northwest as well as the Rocky mountain states. The department of agriculture has commissioned Dr. George Hyslop of Oregon State college (he happens to be conferring with the department on other agrarian matters) to make a study and report on the possibility of cultivating a species of dandelion from which can be extracted a juice, or milk, readily manufactured into rubber.

Offhand and without having time to return to Oregon and Washington, Dr. Hyslop declares he is positive that the dandelion can be grown in the northwest, but he will make the survey in detail in a few weeks.

The dandelion is larger than the kind speckling lawns and which are an eye-sore to householders. The size may be the result of cultivation. However, the dandelions for the rubber experiment can be grown in almost any soil that is reasonably rich. If the department of agriculture proceeds in this direction the next step will be the installation of small industries to collect the dandelion milk and give it primary treatment. Apparently almost any soil (except arid) in the northwest states that can grow vegetation is adaptable to the dandelions.

For the Rocky mountain states the guayule bush may be planted, and this is the nearest approach to natural rubber in the United States. A few hundred acres are grown commercially in California. The guayule meets all requirements and can begin producing in two years. Two synthetic rubber industries are now experimenting (government financed) in southern states and will produce about 20,000 tons of butadiene in 1942. This is the same material that the Germans are using. Its production is expensive and after the war the plants will be abandoned when natural rubber is again available.

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MUCH of this tire trouble can be laid at the door of Metals Reserve corporation, which failed to build up a stockpile of rubber from Malaya when it had the opportunity and when northwestern spokesmen were urging the buildup two years ago. Some rubber was brought in, not much, for assurances were given that there was a year's supply on hand and American freighters were taken off the Pacific and sent to the Red sea, Africa and elsewhere with munitions for the British. Metals Reserve Corp. anticipated no interruption of a steady flow of rubber. Following December 7, last, the corporation discovered only 818,000 tons of crude rubber were imported (costing $313,000,000) and the automotive industry used 650,000 tons, 75 per cent going to inner tubes and casings. There is less than an eight months' supply now.

More than 90 per cent of the motor vehicles in the northwest (approximately 560,000 in Washington, 400,000 in Oregon) will be compelled to look for retreads when the present tires are worn out. It is estimated that small retread establishments can be found in all the larger towns, in many minor communities and they will spread into rural areas to care for the needs of farmers. A good retread tire has about 80 per cent of the mileage of a new tire. Retread business accounted for seven million tires last year, only three million short of capacity of the 4,000 retread plants in the country.

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NO provision is made to supply new tires for the logging trucks which spin along the highways carrying logs to sawmills and plywood plants. These are tires capable of holding up tons of weight. The northwest logging truck has been discovered by the army as just what is needed for mobile cannon, and on the proving grounds at Aberdeen test is being made of a new logging truck devised by a western logger. The logger was offered $500 for engineering; it had cost him $15,000.

Logging trucks cover the roughest ground, carrying the heaviest loads and they appeal to the army for there are no such trucks anywhere except in the backwoods and on the highways of Washington and Oregon. They can take a gun anywhere. If war department decides it needs these logging trucks a plant for their manufacture may be built somewhere in the northwest—but, the army will probably give the order to an eastern firm that never made a truck.

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TIN supplies, cut off by Japanese operations, no longer come from Malaya. This is causing OPM a headache, for something must be done to keep the numerous fish, fruit and vegetable canneries supplied with containers for the approaching season.

In 1941 the canneries reduced the tin coating on cans and this must again be reduced unless other containers, such as glass, are substituted. Glass would require a different treatment to toughen it for cannery purposes. Coast salmon packers are asking the government to convoy their ships to Bristol bay and back again because of the Japanese menace in the Pacific.

Communications

Wants Army To Take Over

To the editor:

We have had too much interference in military matters by the civilian representatives. Congress, up to the declaration of war, had a finger in everything of a military nature, and the "pull-haul" program left us unprepared for the war with Japan, which nearly every person on the Pacific coast, and many in Washington knew was absolutely sure to come.

This morning's papers state that Senator McNary is not in favor of placing defense projects further inland. If the senator will read Raymond Clapper's article in the Oregon Journal for Jan. 3, 1942, he will understand why politics MUST be left out of this matter.

It will be a great deal cheaper in the long run to build inland and move the plant to the original location after the war than it will be to build it at Fairview, have it bombed, and have to rebuild it further inland afterward or to do without it entirely after the machinery is destroyed.

What we need is new blood in Washington—men who read and study from a military defense and offense angle, instead of a "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours" from the political standpoint.

Because things "done in halves are never done right," we have sustained the loss of our stepping stones to the Orient and the lives of many good Americans who because of their special training, can not be replaced at once. The loss of these outposts and the "loss of face" to us in the Orient will cost us dearly.

On the debit page of the Congressional ledger may be written in red ink, the loss of Guam and its personnel; the loss of Wake and its brave defenders; the practically lost Philippines, including Cavite, Manila; the possible loss of Hawaii and Midway.

The attacks on Alaska (to come). The attacks on the Pacific coast cities and we know they could have done this as they flew over San Francisco. The possible attack on the Panama canal.

It is time the military, if we are to profit by our lessons, had full control of the defensive and offensive machinery for the nation, not to be interfered with by these "penny wise, life-foolish" Republicans or Democrats we send to Washington.

The lives of men so far lost in the war with Japan, were given by them to gain time for us to get ready for the war AFTER the war was declared. Who paid for the time congress threw away from 1924 until today?

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Medford, Ore.

STATE VETS AID BOARD TO AID TIRE RATIONING

Salem, Jan. 6.—(AP)—O. L. Price, state tire rationing administrator, announced yesterday after a conference with Governor Charles A. Sprague that five employes of the state veterans' aid administration would be assigned temporarily as field representatives to assist local rationing boards to get started in tire rationing.

They are A. J. Crose, E. B. Hamilton, George W. Averett, E. L. Knight and J. H. Bratton.

FIRST CANDIDATE

Salem, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Mrs. Joe Rogers, Sr., Independence, became the first candidate to file for office for the May primary when she filed her declaration of candidacy in the state department today for the Republican nomination for state representative from Polk county.

TAPS SOUNDS AT LAST RITES FOR VETERAN WOODS

Funeral services were held at 1 p. m. today in the Conger chapel for James C. Woods, 94, one of the few remaining civil war veterans in Oregon, who passed away Saturday at his home in Central Point. The Rev. R. W. Coleman conducted the last rites and services at the interment in Siskiyou Memorial Park were concluded by the blowing of taps.

Mr. Woods resided in Jackson county for 34 years, 30 years of which were spent in Medford and the last four years in Central Point. He was beloved by hosts of friends throughout the county.

He was born at St. Clairsville, Ind., Oct. 20, 1847 and on May 2, 1864, enlisted as a private in Company A, 163d regiment of Ohio national guards and was honorably discharged Sept. 10, 1864.

In 1938, he with his wife, now deceased, went to Gettysburg Pa., to again view the old battlefield which he had known so long ago.

Mr. Woods will be remembered as taking part in all local patriotic parades as long as he was able.

He was married to Mary Fidelia Morrison at York, Neb., in May, 1883 and came west in 1900 and for a time, resided at Ritzville, Wash., before coming to Jackson county. He was a member of the Christian church here.

One daughter, Velma Dooley, resides at Redding, Calif. Four grandchildren also survive, Mrs. Lola Morgan of Fairbanks, Alaska; Donald Dooley, Redding, Calif.; Walter Dooley and Loren McCollom, both in the U. S. army.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

is twice as close as our nearest base, which may prove to be a very important fact when the Philippines fall.

It requires 36 days to send a pursuit plane or tank by boat to Singapore through the Indian ocean.

What of the morale of our troops in the Philippines after they had been yowling for months for planes, saying they were sitting on a powder keg.

Will Turkey fight? Maybe, but they have not said so, and they probably won't if Hitler jumps from Sardinia into Tunisia.

For the winter campaigns in Africa and the near east, Hitler again will enjoy inner lines of supply, whereas the British will have difficulty shifting forces and supplies.

With the British fleet dispersed over the Atlantic and Mediterranean, is Britain well fixed to meet an invasion threat?

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THE word "impregnable" must be abandoned for the duration. Corregidor is merely a well-prepared fortress, open to bombing, capable only of withstanding siege until the last man is gone. The British really only figured to hold Hongkong for six weeks or so, because the million inhabitants (mostly Chinese) had to rely for water upon reservoirs on the open hillside, held only by concrete dams. The Japs got them in half that time.

Singapore is the only really well defended spot in the far east, yet it is open to the air. At least a six-months' supply of oil and gas is supposed to be well cached beyond the reach of bombs, far below surface.

Nothing on the face of this earth is impregnable now unless you have supremacy in the air, at that point. Then practically anything is impregnable.

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WHEN Pravda, one of the official red newspapers (there are no others in Russia), accused General MacArthur of cowardice in declaring Manila an open city to save it from bombing, no one here even looked up. Pravda wanted to know why it was not defended like Leningrad and Moscow. If Pravda had asked anyone who has been to Manila, or looked the city up in the encyclopedia, it would have found out.

The ground of Manila is almost level with the bay. The water table is three feet below the surface. Not only was it impossible to dig air raid shelters down into this water for 600,000 persons, but few of the houses could even have a basement for protection. Wooden houses line streets so narrow two autos cannot pass. About 22,000 persons lived in the 22 acres of the old walled city.

If MacArthur had subjected this indefensible fire trap to bombing he would have been guilty of an inhuman crime.

Pravda, with only the red government as its source of news, continues to be the worst informed paper in the world.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
January 6, 1932
(It was Thursday)

Democratic leaders oppose rum plank in party platform.

Medford defeats Phoenix 27-7 in first basketball game. Eagle Point leads county teams.

December rains above normal in valley. There were only two clear days during month.

Rumor sheriff is shot and killed proves false.

Fair and clear and cold. High 43, low 31 degrees.

Find $1,000 in pocket of unemployed marcher to Washington, D. C. He fainted when arrested.

State highway commission to be prodded to furnish more road relief work.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
January 6, 1922
(It was Friday)

Supreme council of the allies votes for recognition of Russia.

Rabbits, made rabid by rabies attack bulldog at Pasco, Wash.

Disarmament conference takes steps to outlaw submarines as war weapon.

Frank Amy leaves for Union Creek where he will clear land for a hotel and store at that place.

December rainfall lowest in seven years, with only .94 of an inch falling.

Valley is visited by first real snowstorm of year. More snow is predicted. High 45, low 23 degrees.

'RUSTLESS' ENDS CHROMITE BUYING

Grants Pass, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Rustless Mining Corporation, subsidiary of Rustless Iron & Steel Corporation of America, one of the largest consumers of chromite in the United States, announced Monday it is discontinuing ore purchases and mining for the present. It has been a pioneer in development of domestic supplies.

The action highlighted the complaint of Oregon and California chromite prospectors and producers that there are insufficent miners and dealers in this region to finance the war-essential mineral in the quantities and quality asked by the Federal Metals Reserve company. They will meet under state mine department auspices here Wednesday to spur development of their scattered holdings.

SALEM CONTINUES SEARCH FOR SIREN

Salem, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Salem defense officials kept plugging today in an effort to find an air raid signal that could be heard throughout the city.

Last night's attempt, an electric amplifier atop the state library building, could be heard only by a few persons.

Two-horsepower electric sirens now are being considered.

BUY BOMB SHELTERS ONLY WHEN ORDERED

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Civilians were advised by the office of civilian defense today not to buy air raid protection equipment unless directed to do so by their own air raid wardens. Federal defense and production agencies and the war department were reported conferring in Washington to arrange for the distribution of protection equipment where it is most urgently needed.

Milk Mixture For Stomach Ulcers

A recent medical discovery now being used by doctors and hospitals everywhere has proven unusually successful in the treatment of stomach ulcers caused from excess acid. It is a harmless preparation yet so effective that in many cases the pains of stomach ulcers disappear almost immediately after it is used. Also recommended for gas pains, indigestion and heart burn due to hyperacidity. Sufferers may now try this at home by obtaining a bottle of Lurin from their druggist. Lurin contains this new discovery in its purest form. Easy to take. Just mix two teaspoonfuls in a half glass of milk. Costs but little. Try a bottle, it must satisfy or money refunded. Lurin for sale by Western Thrift and drug stores everywhere.