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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Due to tire rationing, motorists will not hurt merry gypsies next summer at the old gentleman, who rides around in a horse and buggy. He can tell them it's better than walking.

Military experts report Hitler "is now at the crossroads." He should be from the cross-arms.

A former upstate colon calls upon the Governor for a special session of the legislature, for the revision of speed limits downward, to 45 miles by day, and 35 by night. Forty-five plus 35 are 80, the number of days it would take a special session of the legislature to do it.

IT'S A GOOD TRICK! (Corvallis Gazette-Times)

"The way the damned Japs are mistreating whites in Manila should make every red blooded American mad enough to want to swim the Pacific with a gun in one hand and a bomb in the other."

The city has ordered two \$400 air raid sirens. It is guaranteed either one or both can be heard farther, than the sinner who had a 50-lb. Bible with a cast-iron clasp dropped on his foot, at a courthouse lawn indignation meeting a few years back.

Finland, whose bravery even when wrong, is admirable, has maneuvered herself into a colossal jackpot, of no mean dimensions. Twice the little nation has gone to war against Russia. The last time America, her best friend, frowned upon, and Britain declared war against her, for so doing, and becoming a German ally. The Soviet offensive has left the Finns, out on a military limb, apt to be shot down any day, by either the Nazis, or the Reds, or both. They can't pick a winner, or be one themselves.

A letter-writer to a Portland paper urges the people to refrain from hating during the war. It will be a neat job to knock the hell out of the foes, without a little of it.

SUCH IS FAME (Siskiyou News)

"She made such a reputation dancing around in a colored spotlight without any clothes on that she was invited to address Rotary clubs and other uplift organizations. She always prefaced these little talks with a gag about not knowing whether the boys would recognize her with her clothes on, and this always drew a big laugh, making Sally and the Rotarians pals immediately."

Reports say pussywillsows have started to bud, and the robins have returned from where they have not been. It would be news if a butterfly showed up, with ice on its speckled wings.

Conditions are improving. A rumor showed up yesterday that wasn't one.

A proposed federal law would make stealing a tire a felony. Take the Virginia thief who did, and left a poem about it. He got a year for stealing the tire, and nothing for writing the poem.

Nylon is news in the insulation of wires for electric refrigerators, vacuum sweepers and other household equipment. That means metal conservation, according to nylon makers.

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How About Peace?

IF there is no reasonable doubt,—and we believe there is none,—that eventually the Axis powers will be DECISIVELY beaten, then the kind of peace that should follow such a victory ceases to be purely an academic question. It becomes a matter of vital and practical importance.

FOR many years,—in fact ever since the defeat in this country of the League of Nations,—this department has urged the revival of such an organization, with American adherence, and with teeth in it. By "teeth" we have meant an international police force, not only with the power but the strength, to enforce the covenant's provisions.

AS we have also stated many times in the past,—this is easy to say but all-fired hard to do, for it means a definite limitation of national sovereignty. And that is the rock on which the League split before, and unless the worship of this sacred white elephant ceases, or is materially modified, will split again.

YES, we can't have our cake and eat it too. We can't maintain peace and order between nations, always at liberty to do whatever they wish, and have the power to do; anymore than we can maintain peace and order between individuals WITHIN a nation, enjoying the same complete freedom of action.

How long WOULD this country have endured, for example, if such rugged individualists (and isolationists!) as Al Capone, Dillinger and Baby-Faced Nelson, had been allowed freedom to do whatever THEY wished to do, while the police sat on the side lines, and made notes on the progress of the colorful conflict?

Yet that is precisely what the enforcement department of the European League of Nations did, when Japan marched into Manchuria, and Italy invaded Ethiopia.

THE best thing we have seen along this line is an article in a recent Atlantic by Harry Scherman, founder of the "Book of the Month" club entitled the "Last Best Hope of Earth."

We quote its conclusion:

Since Hitlerism in its final essence is an avowed attempt to control the economic world union for the prime benefit of Germans, this attempt must be defeated so utterly that it will never be tried again—just as the idea of "secession" has gone forever in the United States. Perhaps the peculiar quality of the German mind cannot be changed, but the ideas in that mind regarding what other peoples will stand for can certainly be changed.

NEITHER Mr. Churchill nor Mr. Roosevelt has tried to make an exact blueprint of the peace. That peace will be the hardest governmental job that ever faced the world. While its details cannot now be foreseen, the basic principle upon which it has to be set up is plain: economic and cultural world union is in existence. That great fact must determine the nature of the peace. This unification is growing closer and more intricate with every year and it must be matched by a world political organization which, by some agreed limitation of sovereignty, will allow that union to function and progress without the deep conflicts of interest that end in war.

PERHAPS it is too much to expect that modern statesmen will be as farseeing and audacious as our own Founding Fathers. These great men were not so fearful of "limitation of sovereignty" when necessity clearly imposed it. They adopted it as their key principle, and the most powerful nation in history was the result. Many Americans blanch at the mere words today. Yet they will agree that our own future progress requires that world war must end, and that therefore there has to be what is often called a "peace-enforcement union." Enforce peace—how? Order is maintained within every boundary by police. That is the first function of "sovereignty." When we talk of "international policing," then, to maintain a world-wide peace, it makes no sense without a higher control that in this one respect at least must limit the sovereignty of each people.

UNTIL this is done economic world union can never realize those benefits which human achievement in other fields so bountifully promises. Until this is done the universally guaranteed "freedom" of Mr. Roosevelt are pure delusion. And until this is done there can be no end to periodic world wars—into every one of which we shall be sucked.

IS it not clear that a peace based soundly upon this necessity is, as Lincoln put it, "the last best hope of earth?" The men and women of this generation will "nobly save or meanly lose it." To think that it will be meanly lost by no effort to achieve it is to grade the modern human being lower than all his forebears.

Who but the cheapest cynic will subscribe to that appraisal?

Naming The Navy

Are you one of those many persons who do not know how Uncle Sam's ships are named? If you are, here's the answer, freshly clipped from the United States Naval Institute Proceedings:

Battleships—States.
Cruisers—Cities.
Aircraft carriers—Historic naval vessels or battles.
Destroyers—Officers and enlisted men of the navy or marine corps, former secretaries of the navy, members of congress or inventors.
Submarines—Fish.
Minesweepers—Birds.
Gunboats—Smaller cities.
Seaplane tenders—Sounds or bays.
Submarine tenders—Pioneers in submarine development.
Oilers—Rivers.
Ocean-going tugs—Indian tribes.

HISTORIC OAR
Ithaca, N. Y. (UP)—An oar pulled by the late Lewis L. Tatum of Milwaukee in the first intercollegiate races at Poughkeepsie will soon be added to Cornell trophies. Tatum was a member of the varsity crew in 1893 and 1896. The oar will be the gift of Mrs. Tatum.

MASTODON MOLAR FOUND
Sandusky, Ohio. (UP)—A prehistoric tooth found by a party of engineers on the site of the army's new Plumbrock Ordnance works near here is as large as a man's two fists and is between 20,000 and 25,000 years old, according to Dr. F. J. Wright of Denison university.

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.

VITE IS THE WORD

In building and maintaining morale, which plays a decisive part in the prosecution of the war, the least a citizen who cannot engage in active military or productive service can do is to discipline himself or herself with a suitable routine calculated to improve or maintain physical fitness.

Physical fitness is as essential for good morale in civilian life as it is in military service. Not that every one regardless of age or other handicap can or should vie with the trained athlete or the trained soldier in physical efficiency. On the other hand any one who is not totally crippled or paralyzed or not critically ill in bed can and should get a fair amount of daily exercise even though it be only systematic contraction of various muscles without movement—such as the exercise of muscles of a leg immobilized by a plaster cast, to prevent atrophy or wasting during the weeks of non-use and the consequent prolonged disability after the cast is removed.

People who have not had the advantage of a fair physical education are likely to harbor some strange notions about the purpose and effects of physical training, notions imparted by instructors who, often enough, have not had the advantage of physical education. The chesty complex that formerly characterized the physical training of army recruits is an instance of this, and so is the common misconception of deep breathing or slow to breathe.

The main fault with most popular notions of deep breathing, a fault too frequently found in the breath control taught by vocal and wind instrument instructors, is want of elementary knowledge of the anatomy and physiology of the chief breathing muscle, the diaphragm. We shall revert to this in a later article.

Important the daily exercise is for keeping fit, it is by no means all that is necessary. To be fit means to be in fine physical condition or training, hence in good health, says Webster. Fit is an adjective; fitness is the

name of the state of being fit. A better word for it is vite (rhymes with kite), which is not in Webster but is well known to many thousands of people.

Vite means preservation of the characteristics of youth, better-than-average nutritional condition, better growth and development, extension of the prime of life in both directions, improvement in the life expectancy of adults, higher average level of positive health throughout the life cycle, greater pep, more vitality, the highest degree of natural immunity, an adequate fund of reserve power to tide over emergencies and strains, the resiliency of the untamed animal or the primitive savage.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Quinine in Modern Medicine

Have you any printed material in any form containing the directions for the use of quinine for preventing malaria and for stage fright and examination jitters? If so, we would like to have a few hundred copies to distribute to our employees. (J. P. A.)

Answer—Send stamped envelope bearing your address, for pamphlet "Quinine in Modern Medicine." If it seems suitable for your purpose, tell me how many copies you want and I'll try to provide them at cost.

Anesthesia

Informed injection of novocaine for painless dentistry could prove fatal. Would appreciate your advice about this. (Mrs. B. T.)

Answer—Use of any anesthetic, local or general, may prove fatal. But it is not wise to have novocaine or whatever other local anesthetic my dentist might use, if I were the patient. Of course I'd be careful to have a reliable dentist.

Delayed Development

Son, 13, physically well developed, mentally infantile. Our physician recommends only letting nature take its course. Is there anything we should do about it? (E. K.)

Answer—I believe it would do no harm, might bring about normal development, if the doctor gave the boy a few injections of the necessary sex hormone, before the boy passes the age of 14.

Home Sanitation

Dresser used by person who had Hodgkin's disease. How can it be sterilized or disinfected so that it would be safe to use? (Mrs. C. S. J.)

Answer—Hodgkin's disease is not contagious or infectious. No matter what disease the former user may have had, ordinary soap and water washing is sufficient disinfection to make the furniture perfectly safe for any one to use.

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should send letter direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

PRESIDENT Roosevelt, addressing congress and the nation on the state of the union, says the war program for the next fiscal year (beginning July 1, 1942) will require \$6 billion dollars—more than half of our estimated national income.

That, he added, "means taxes and bonds and bonds and taxes. It means cutting luxuries and other non-essentials. In a word, it means an ALL-OUT war by individual effort and family effort in a united country."

HERE is our answer:

"If our sons and our brothers and our nephews and our cousins can take it on the fighting fronts, WE CAN TAKE IT AT HOME."

THEY can take it.

They proved that spectacularly at Wake. They're proving it over and over, day after day, in the unequal, last-stand fighting at Corregidor and the Bataan peninsula.

We can take it, too.

THE time is here to laugh off the \$6 billions—and all the other billions that may be needed.

Dollars no longer count, they're now only devices for measuring productive effort.

The things that count are planes, tanks, ships and guns. Our job at home is to produce these things in greater volume than such things were ever produced before since the world began.

AFTER all, our task here at home is a simple one.

In the past, we've produced the things that go to make living fuller and richer and more pleasant. Things such as automobiles and radios and mechanical refrigerators and electrical appliances of all kinds. All the things that have kept

our standard of living rising steadily. We have produced these things in vast abundance.

Now, suddenly, our need is for weapons of war with which to defend this American way of life we have been so happily building up.

All we have to do to meet this need is to turn our productive energy into producing weapons instead of devices for making living richer and fuller and pleasanter.

IN order to do that, we shall have to DO WITHOUT (temporarily) the things that have made our American way of life so pleasant—for we haven't the capacity to produce both kinds of things at once.

And if we don't produce the weapons we need we may LOSE our pleasant American way of living.

CEASE worrying about taxes.

Cease worrying about DOLLARS. Dollars are only COUNTERS in this game we are called upon to play.

If we work loyally and efficiently, if we produce to the extent of our great capacity the things we must have to win the war and learn intelligently to do without (temporarily) the things we don't HAVE to have, if each of us does his job in the best way he knows how, the dollars will be forthcoming to pay whatever taxes have to be paid.

When we stop thinking in terms of dollars and begin to think in terms of THINGS, we will have begun to make real progress.

DON'T get excited. Don't hoard. Don't try to do without the things that are present in abundance—such as food and clothing and shelter. (After all, metals and rubber, certain chemicals, etc., are about all we're short of.)

Just go ahead and do your job the best you can, accept what deprivations are necessary without complaining, buy what there is to be had (and there will be plenty of a lot of things). Do your share to keep the useful life of the nation going at full speed. Take whatever comes without letting it get you down.

If you will do these simple things, you will be doing your part in the battle of the home front.

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Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Safety Belt For War Industries

Floating Drydock Effort Revived

Plane Carriers Pacific Need

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—

Things on the Pacific coast are different since the Pearl harbor debacle; army and navy officers are viewing that territory through different glasses than prior to Dec. 7, 1941. The high command is opposed to any more new war industries being located along the beach; views with apparent alarm a suggestion that an industry be located 200 miles from the shore (the original safety belt which has been ignored almost everywhere by army and navy), and wants to plunge inland—far inland, say about 400 miles.

The issue was brought up by the proposal to locate two fabricating plants to handle aluminum, one at Los Angeles and the other somewhere on the Columbia river, presumably near Troutdale. Jesse H. Jones favored a single plant because he had been told millions of dollars could be saved by having one large plant instead of two small ones several hundred miles apart. Mr. Jones is the last word in RFC, the agency that is to provide the money.

Comes now the navy and army, for once sharing the same view, and they are not friendly to locating a fabricating plant at Los Angeles. It is regarded as too great a risk, and army and navy do not want a vital industry damaged, destroyed or captured by the Japanese. Nor do the admirals and generals feel that a fabricating plant on the Columbia is the best place, and as for Puget sound, that is out.

Various military men have been saying that the fabricating plant or plants should be situated at least 400 miles in the interior. On an airline from the coast 400 miles would be somewhere in Idaho east of Boise, on the south, or almost anywhere in the panhandle, the Coeur d'Alene mountains or Bitterroot mountains.

Spokane was mentioned in these conversations, for there is to be an aluminum plant (government owned) at or near Grand Coulee and a fabricating plant could be located nearby. But Spokane is not 400 miles from the coast. It is about 250 miles from Puget sound, air line, and about 340 miles from the ocean. Again, the war strategy board, when it is established, theoretically, a safety belt 200 miles from the shore also wanted that line 200 miles from any border (being too delicate to mention Canada or Mexico). Spokane is scarcely a jump from British Columbia. However, on this point the officials say "we are all one country now." The ammunition depot at Hermiston barely made the grade under the original 200 mile zone.

ANTICIPATING the need of repairing naval vessels or merchant marine ships, Senator McNary last April introduced a bill authorizing a floating drydock at Astoria and calling for \$5,000,000. Back from the navy pronto came the bill with disapproval written in large red letters. The assistant secretary of the navy wrote that there was no need for a floating drydock in the Columbia river; Bremerton navy yard has the equipment for repairing navy vessels; there is other equipment in San Francisco bay. Of course, the assistant added, the navy would not oppose a drydock at Astoria if local interests wished to build one.

One of the American freighters, with a cargo of lumber, torpedoed by a Japanese submarine after leaving Puget sound and Columbia river ports for California, might have been saved if it had put back to Astoria and there had been a drydock available. This information reached the assistant secretary of the navy. He telephoned McNary for details. The latter reminded him that the assistant secretary had disapproved a drydock bill in April. "Well conditions have changed," said the assistant. "Put in your bill again." The senator suggested that the navy see the budget director, obtain his consent that the money would be forthcoming. Navy now realizes that there must be some facilities provided between Puget sound and San Francisco bay to take care of damaged vessels.

PRESSING need now in the Pacific are airplane carriers and transports and these will be the next to receive attention from Tacoma-Seattle and Columbia river shipyards. Maritime commission can be expected to have some of the cargo ships now on the ways convert-

ed into airplane carriers. These C-type freighters can be changed by making a flight deck about 960 feet long, moving stacks to one side, installing elevators to hoist planes from the hold, and providing machine shop equipment. A C-boat could accommodate about 16 planes.

Already seven of these boats have been changed to carriers or are under change. One has been completed on the east coast and another is said to have been finished in the Atlantic. It requires only 45 days to make the alterations, providing the contracting yard is notified before construction is too nearly completed.

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 8, 1932

(It was Friday)

Walter M. Pierce announces he will run for congress from eastern Oregon.

Three slayers of Ashland policeman, with only Albert W. Reed in custody, are indicted by grand jury.

Deepest snows in Cascades since 1917, assuring plenty of irrigation water.

Additional night policeman is placed on duty by city.

Report on Crescent City harbor project due soon.

Adolf Hitler, militant leader of the German nationalist socialist party, stirs new turmoil.

Television may be completed coming year, with radio attachments.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

January 8, 1922

(It was Sunday)

Scenic tourist map of southern Oregon in course of drawing.

Nine deacons drink wood stain instead of sacramental wine and are poisoned at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mercury drops to 20 degrees, with a high of 31 to provide the coldest day of the year. Rain forecast.

Ashland library circulated 45,000 books last year.

High school basketball season to open next Thursday with a game against the alumni. Members of the team are Prescott, Beene, Rudy Singler, Dick Singler, Jimmy Allen, Bob Johnston, J. V. Watson, Gil Hill, George Jackson, Richard Payne, Cliff Dally, and Allan Perry.

BASKETS FOR BASKET

Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 8.—(P)—

One Arizona lad hit the basket for 20 points last night as the Frosh defeated Gila Junior college, 59 to 47. His name was Ralph Baskett.

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