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Ye Smudge Pot
 By Arthur Perry
 A Navy submarine sank three Japanese ships off Tokyo Bay, thus enabling the enemy to learn the approximate whereabouts of a portion of the fleet, before the American people. This is bringing the war close to its originators. It means some fine day soon planes will roar over Yokohama and Tokyo dropping bombs marked: WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF MANILA.
 Peoria Bill Gates unearthed the following in the want ad section of this paper causing him to unleash a barrage of guffaws:
FOR RENT—Nicely furnished duplex. Oil heat, electric kitchen, Maytag, over-stuffed Adults.
 He admits it is a thin joke.
 It looks like the little boys and girls would be out of luck when summer comes, for an old tire to use in a swing.
 The Nazis are still in a high trot before the advancing Russian offensives on the Eastern European front. They are doing this, just for the hell of it, to keep warm in the bitter cold, and to lead America into the belief Germany is losing the war. One military expert holds, two months of retreats and defeats has done the Hitler hordes no harm. Neither has it did them any good.
MAGNIFICENT MICKY
 (Time Mag.)
 "Master" Rooney, Metro's No. 1 asset, now 21 and draftable, is given enough rope to hang himself. He does three so-called impersonations. His Harry Lauder and George M. Cohan are scarcely distinguishable; his conception of Carmen Miranda is painful. Apparently there is nothing he cannot do, except behave himself."
 The last turkey gizzard of the fall football season has been eaten by the grid heroes. Friday night the Roosevelt grade school squad, and Saturday night Oregon state college heroes stowed away the edibles.
 Premier U Saw of Burma has been arrested by the British for conspiring with the Japanese, for the delivery of his country to the Mikado. U. Saw is also been seen.
 "The recent blackout might be better termed a washout."—(Lakeview Examiner)—Next comes the hide-out.
 Last week's news hinted there might be a shortage of copper, hard by an item reporting 9 million dollars had been allocated for the building of a power line from Coulee Dam to an Eastern Washington wide-place-in-the-road. Copper wire makes copper jackets for machine gun bullets.
TIMBERS GET SHIVERED
 "Frank Price went out 'en dishabille' into the chilly night to consult his thermometer and see how cold it was, and soon found out without mercurial aid. He had absent-mindedly closed the door and found himself automatically locked out. He previously had turned on the radio, and his better half (or so he says) could not hear his almost tearful pleas for admittance. Local theory has it that outside is exactly where she wanted him to be. In due course, however, his beseeching tones prevailed, and he went back to bed a colder and a wiser man."—(Weston Leader.)

The Von Reichenau Mystery

It is difficult to dismiss the reported death of Field Marshal Walter von Reichenau, as just one of those things.

In the first place if the Field Marshal died of normal causes why didn't the German High Command tell the truth about it?

For certainly an apoplectic stroke, in a man of his years and physical condition, would be most unusual.

VON Reichenau, prided himself on his physical fitness and his athletic ability. In the campaign against France, he swam the Somme, at the head of his troops, to the great amazement and admiration of one U. S. war correspondent who accompanied him. Off duty he would box with his officers, and take some pleasure in landing a haymaker, thus sending some strapping chap, many years his junior, into bye-bye land. The German pugilist Walter Neusel was his intimate friend, and kept the Field Marshal in almost constant training.

We can speak only as a rank layman, of course, but our belief is strokes of apoplexy are seldom suffered by men who keep in A-1 physical condition,—not the arteries, but the heart, usually go back on them.

At any rate, a stroke is about the last ailment, that under the known conditions, one would believe could have caused the death of a comparatively young and very fit individual, like Hitler's favorite Field Marshal.

ANOTHER mystery. Of all his stars in the general staff firmament, the aristocratic Von Reichenau was the most popular with Hitler for unlike most of his fellow officers, he was not only an out-and-out Nazi zealot but he was one of the first of the old school, to go over to the Black Shirt revolution. It is not impossible of course,—nothing in NAZI Germany is,—but it is highly improbable therefore that the Field Marshal was done in, because of treachery or disloyalty to the all-highest Reichsfuehrer.

ELIMINATING this factor, and also death from natural causes, and the mystery deepens. Somehow the explanation from London, that the Field Marshal was not popular with his subordinates, and one of his own staff did him in, doesn't sound convincing.

German Generals of the old school, never have been disposed to cultivate popularity with their subordinates, or enjoy much of a personal following,—it is against the Prussian military tradition.

WELL we don't know, of course. But our guess is that had the Russian winter campaign been a success, instead of a tragic failure, Field Marshal von Reichenau would be alive and well and very much on the job today.

Whether the Field Marshal killed himself, or someone did the job for him, there is little doubt that the Russian check and the German retreat, was responsible for his tragic end.

Carole Lombard

Personality is a rather baffling thing. The skipper of this department only met Carole Lombard once, and then in a most casual fashion, yet her sudden and tragic death comes as a distinct shock,—as if a real and old friend had suddenly been taken.

The cause, we think, was the first impression, rather than the subsequent professional acquaintance, derived impersonally and solely via the silver screen,—the impression made by a very vivid and unusual personality.

IT was on the Paramount lot in Hollywood and we should guess at least eight or ten years ago. One of the well known directors—we believe it was Selznick—had just returned from an extended trip, and he greeted Miss Lombard in the studio-patio.

Or rather the young actress greeted him,—flying from her nearby dressing room and jumping into his outstretched arms, while she planted a resounding smack on both well-upholstered cheeks, and then under the direction of the press department chief, enthusiastically shook hands with the assembled group, and departed almost as quickly as she had come.

THE press chief, Selznick (if it were he) and another studio official then joined in a chorus of praise for Carole Lombard (who if we recall correctly, had just become engaged to William Powell) using various and sundry affectionate superlatives, the precise identity of which we can't recall. But there was no doubt of their complete sincerity, nor of Miss Lombard's sincerity and genuineness either,—in the artificiality, sordidness and hokum of that make-believe Babylon it was all decidedly refreshing.

And that refreshing quality—that genuineness,—through all these years has remained. It was a mere glimpse, but as far as one member of that touring party is concerned, a lasting one, for there was something no escaping the conviction it was the true one.

And this, let us add, was not due to any stage-struck susceptibilities prevailing, but solely to the subtle something that is termed "personality", and Miss Lombard possessed to such an unusual poignant and unforgettable degree, and the precise potency of which, as far as we know has never been explained.

AND ever since that casual meeting the present writer has known—or thought he did, which as far as this comment goes, amounts to the same thing,

—that here was a very fine and unusual person, with an exceptionally wholesome, fresh-air quality about her; a grand sort—the sort who would stick to her friends, till the cows came home, the whole-souled sort who could never do a SMALL or a MEAN thing.

AND as we have seen Miss Lombard in the movies from time to time since then, we have never felt disposed to revise that estimate in the slightest. Just one fleeting glimpse, no real knowledge of the true facts at all, yet that clear and lasting impression has remained.

And now Carole Lombard is dead, the victim of another tragic passenger plane crash—"the graveyard for transcontinental planes",—because she insisted upon leading single-handed a war savings campaign "in the old home town", and regardless of the dangers, giving pause to less gallant souls, insisted upon "FLYING HOME!"

Not a great actress, but certainly a great personality has gone—and an admirable one!

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 SCIENCE OF PEUGENICS

Whenever the question of absorption thru the skin comes up here, and Ol' Doc (Granite) Brady reiterates that no one as yet has proved that anything is or can be absorbed thru unbroken skin (Granite, I said, not Granite), a considerable number and variety of readers go to the trouble of setting the Ol' Doc right or back by citing more or less noted, eminent or famous "authorities" who, it seems, at one time or another have stated or implied that all sorts of medicines and poisons are absorbed thru the unbroken skin. But, Heck, boys, the theories, beliefs or opinions of doctors of the past or present have no weight in a question of science or fact. I still maintain there is no scientific evidence that the unbroken skin absorbs anything, and my own skin is still available for any properly controlled test any physician or physicians of standing may care to make—provided both sides agree to publish the result and accept it as final proof one way or the other. Incidentally, readers who know better will please be advised my files are already over-stuffed with reports of individuals who have themselves unquestionably absorbed dynamite or nitroglycerin, iodine and various other things thru their hands, and statements of doctors that victims of shoe dye poisoning and the like have absorbed the poison thru the skin. That's what they imagine—I do not exclude such substances from the test on my skin.



Dr. Brady

I confess I have an ulterior purpose in repeating from time to time the assertion that nothing is or can be absorbed into the body thru unbroken skin (skin not scratched, cut, blistered or punctured). It is because other doctors, who know no more about it than I do, have so often asserted that this and that is absorbed thru the skin, that the notion persists in the medical and the popular mind. Here is an instance of that sort of propaganda. An article in what purports to be a medical journal tells how the doctor made a diagnosis. Young couple consulted him about their failure to have a child. The doctor examined the husband and could find nothing wrong. Then he examined the wife and still could find nothing wrong. As the wife was leaving the consulting room the doctor suddenly noticed that every few strides there was a curious change in her gait, a sort of shuffle. He called her back and told her he now understood everything. He told her she was a negress! She broke down in sobs, and confessed that there was some negro blood in her family—but if the doctor would only keep the secret she could go on being happy with her husband who, of course, never knew anything about that. She had undergone several abortions rather than take the chance of giving birth to a black child, etc, etc.

All sheer hokum, of course. In the first place, if the woman had had several abortions the doctor would at least have found reason to doubt the story of sterility. In the next place, there is no such thing as a "throwback"—that is, the birth of a black child to white parents one or both of whom happen to have some negro blood. A child may be slightly darker than the lighter colored parent or slightly less negroid in characteristics than the parent with negro blood, but never more

Communications

The Rise and Fall of Rome
To the Editor:
We note this item in the Tribune of January 12th, 1942: "Church worker in New Jersey turns out to be a crook." Anything can happen in New Jersey, and that is what the churches are for. A place for crooks to hide in. In some places the sinners have driven the good people out.

Now that the F. B. I. have found where to look for the crooks we should have more law and order.
The most crooks are to be found where the easy money is and the less chance to get caught.
So right now Washington, D. C., is the place and it seems by reading between the lines there are more crooks in the National Capitol than any place on earth. The reason is they are under the influence of the same drug or dope that caused the Dark Ages and the Decline and Fall of Ancient Rome.

ANDY SIMPSON,
Box 492, Medford.

How to Handle the S. P.
To the Editor:
We, the business men of Medford, have the power to make the Southern Pacific come to its senses, or there is nothing in democracy. All we have to do is to give the S. P. the short haul and route all our freight via some other line for the long haul. They would soon come to their milk.

What we want in Medford is a manufacturers' association, composed of all the manufacturers, no matter what they make.

The Great Northern refused to install a purchasing office in Seattle and the manufacturers' association, through its members, notified the G. N. that they would not get any more freight listings, until the office was established and all purchases for the road in that division made in Seattle.

The office was established in less than a week. Let us try it and see.

We blame the ICC but we should blame our stupid legislators who are intrusted to make our laws, and in many cases have not the slightest experience in business, what we want in our legislature is business men, "Successful Business Men." Our busi-

ness men should get together and select business men, men of vision who can see ahead, and for one I suggest our editor for the office of state senator. Now some one else suggest a man for governor. By all means let us have a Medford governor, and if no one else can suggest one I can, and will.

W. B. CRAUSE,
Medford, Jan. 17.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Fifth Columnists Know Army Moves

Bright Boys Aid Plan of CIO

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—Fifth columnists are aware of the troop movements in the Pacific northwest, but only the few ranking officers of the 9th army corps (the 4th army) and some of the strategy experts in the national capital have any idea of the number and disposition of the land troops. One of the first activities following Dec. 7, 1941, when Pearl Harbor had its baptism of fire, was to look to the defense of the Pacific coast, and particularly Washington and Oregon, where the Japanese have always been expected to attempt an invasion, either by bomber or landing party.

It can be said that today the northwest is ready for the appearance of invaders by sea or sky and the strengthening of this defense is continuing rapidly. In the northwest has been poured an endless stream of troops. In the Rocky mountain and plains states the trains have rushed with now and then a few cars with iron bars on windows, these cars containing aliens destined for unnamed concentration camps—Germans, Italians and Japanese.

No one knows where these soldiers have been distributed, at least no civilian. Last summer there were war games in western Washington and the public knew where the soldiers were. The movement of last August was insignificant compared to the hidden activities of the moment.

Howitzers, machine guns, anti-aircraft weapons, anti-tank guns are scattered at strategic points from Olympia peninsula to points east of the Cascades; all camouflaged so cleverly and concealed so well that neither citizen nor fifth columnist is aware of their existence. But they are there, ready for business.

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In such positions, the superior attacking forces is compelled to make a costly frontal attack. In open country, it can pour around the ends, enveloping and smothering the smaller body of defenders.

mobiles, is giving CIO its moral support, for there are enterprises in which AFL unions would like to have a 50-50 say, such as the aircraft industry and shipbuilding.

Industrialists declare that general adoption of such a policy would mean the death of the American system of individual enterprise—the profit motive—for private capital will not be risked if stockholders are to take all the risk and be denied the right to manager the business.

Out of this mess now brewing can be expected a thorough shake-up of OPM, the members of which have gained the ill-will of CIO, and one of those whose ears will be knocked down is Bill Knudsen, himself a rugged individualist with long training in the General Motors organization.

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

THE Pacific picture today (Saturday) is not so bright.

The Japs, checked yesterday by the hard-hitting Australians, have poured again around the flank of the British on the Malay peninsula, reaching Malacca, on the strait of the same name—about 100 miles from Singapore.

The strait of Malacca separates the Malay peninsula from the Dutch island of Sumatra. It is the main shipping route guarded by Singapore. It is the route by which water-borne reinforcements must reach Singapore.

(Your map will make the situation here much plainer than words can.)

THE Japs claim today that General MacArthur's forces on the Btatan peninsula are in "general retreat toward the coast of Manila bay, presumably in hopes of finding shelter on Corregidor island."

(The U. S. war department in Washington fails to confirm this Jap claim, reporting only that an attack by OVERWHELMING Japanese numbers, well supported by planes and artillery is being stubbornly contested by MacArthur's army.)

AS an American, capable of thinking for yourself, you should read the enemy reports but should CONSIDER THEIR SOURCE.

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faya pass by storm, thus clearing the road along the Mediterranean for supply of the British advanced armies pushing on westward toward Tripoli. In the past, British supply lines have been compelled to detour over a hazardous desert trail 100 miles to the south.

The Russians today are reported to be showering down parachute troops in the rear of the Germans at Mochaisk on the Moscow front. Their hope is to trap the Germans defending that advanced point.

WE must learn to size up each day the WHOLE SITUATION, balancing the bright spots against the dark ones, being not too cast down by the darker places in the news and not too cocksure as a result of the brighter ones.

Only in that way can we maintain national efficiency. National efficiency is all-important.

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 19, 1932
(It was Tuesday)
George A. Coddling to seek another term as district attorney.

Oregon autoists with California licenses face arrest.

Portland teachers have salaries cut.

Crater national forest is hard hit by cut in funds for coming year.

Spectators fight to get glimpse of Ruth Judd, murderer, as trial starts at Phoenix, Ariz.

Cloudy and unsettled weather. High 49, low 38 degrees.

Calvin Coolidge, former president, says "a general lack of judgment" cause of depression.

Additional snow adds to deep drifts in Crater Lake park.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
January 19, 1922
(It was Thursday)

Entire Pacific coast in grip of winter, with mercury dropping to nine degrees above zero here. Many heating plants and auto radiators are frozen up. Plumbers busy night and day. Lower temperatures predicted.

Witnesses in trial of Fatty Arbuckle, film comedian on trial for manslaughter, have failing memories on witness stand.

New French premier insists Germany carry out terms of Versailles treaty.

Secretary of commerce says stage all set for another John L. Lewis coal strike.

Dog licenses are now due in Jackson county.

Legion post to stage a pioneer days celebration soon.

Mercury drops to 11.5 degrees last night, with a high of 30 degrees. Warmer with rain or snow predicted. Citizens still shiver in unusual cold, and there are many inconveniences.

Ye Poets Corner

THE NEW NATIONAL DEBT
You Japanese remember please
We Americans never forget;
Like the elephant we simply can't.

And we always pay a debt.
The debt we owe with a capital "O."

Made on a Sabbath morn;
There'll be no lull 'till it's paid in full.

All America has sworn.
You can bet your yen we'll be seeing you then

Over in Tokyo town;
We won't brag, but it's in the bag.

Your "rising sun" is going down.
Our Pearl Harbor dead, the blood that was shed,
You'll remember 'till your last breath;

We answer the call with our all in all,
America will fight to the death.

Pauline Crocker.

1,335 REALTY LICENSES
Salem, Jan. 19.—(AP)—The state real estate department reported today that in 1941 it issued 1,335 licenses to brokers, 598 to salesmen, 76 to copartnerships, and 73 of other types.

BOWEL WORMS CAN'T HURT ME!

That's what YOU think!
Learn the truth! Nowadays it is easy for you or anybody, anywhere to "catch" roundworms. And these ugly creatures can cause great distress (itchy nose, without your ever knowing what is wrong).
Use Jayer's Vermifuge to drive out roundworms before they can "get set" and make trouble. Jayer's is America's best known veterinary worm medicine used by millions for over a century.
When you notice itching, itchy nose or watery stomach, loss of weight—stop your work—and get Jayer's Vermifuge right away! It expels stubborn worms, yet never hurts you. It kills the worms as they travel through the intestines. It is a mild, pleasant-tasting Jayer's Vermifuge! At all drug stores.