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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Steel helmets have been ordered, among other things, as protective equipment for civilians in "target areas." A steel helmet will come in handy while going through the windshield, when a speed idiot is unexpectedly assaulted by a ferocious phone pole.

A number of the Older Girls report they are experiencing trouble getting Friend Husband to spade the backyard. They threaten to hire a man to do it.

Alf M. Landon of Kansas, GOP's 1936 presidential candidate, in a speech at Kansas City, recently observed: "We know that by certain members of the administration Hitler is forgotten as the enemy, and to them the wicked capitalist system still remains the main enemy." In some upstate areas, squeamish souls fear they will be robbed of Bonneville Dam, and be running from Wall St. and the Japs, at the same time, in the near future.

The state is faced with a fuel shortage, and should get busy now filling the woodshed, the Governor advises. Now is the time for all good men to get hot under the collar about it.

"NO USE TO WEAR OUT TIRES TOMORROW; BAND CONCERT IN CORVALLIS."—(Hillside Corvallis Gazette-Times. Hint and a tip.

The bb. team held to Salem today for the state meet, where they have as good a chance as any, and better than several. Take Klamath Falls, for instance. They have everything that goes to make a basketball champion, except, according to long tradition and custom, they make the event, more social than athletic. They are always predicted to go like a house afire, but the house is never afire.

The Tillamook Guerrillas are ready for any and all invaders. The are 1000 citizens, adept in the use of rifles, able to pick off a parachutist, drifting nonchalantly to earth. They have shot too many chicken hawks to miss an enemy with a flask of kerosene, and a box of matches, for cussedness in the forests.

The Japanese general in charge of the Philippine campaign, disgusted with his inability to conquer MacArthur's men, is reported to have committed hari-kari. Even if he did not, it was the best idea he ever had. If he did, others of his ilk should follow suit, with the least possible delay.

We stand corrected, on this Friday the 13th business. There are three of them, not two, as heretofore insisted. The last one comes in November. A lady discovered the error, and suspected for a time, there had been monkeying with the calendar in Washington.

One-way traffic went into effect Sun, and a number of urban and rural motorists imitated "Wrong Way" Corrigan.

"That the Japanese have troops in China, Thailand, the Philippines and elsewhere makes one wonder where they all come from. One sure thing is that they don't do it with mirrors."—(Portland Spectator). Maybe, they yank them out of plug-hats.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

Editorial Correspondence

Portland, Ore., March 8.—Exactly three months ago minus one day, we were in this same Portland hotel, when the news came over the radio of the bombing of Honolulu. That was a Sunday too,—we trust this one won't be as devastating!

But there is no point in kidding ourselves,—this loss of Java will be a REAL loss. Had it not been allied strategy to hold it General Wavell and his staff would not have been sent there. In fact, as previously pointed out in this department, according to all reports (unofficial) in Washington, the Japs were due for a surprise when they hopped from Singapore to Batavia, and General W. was the man to give it to them.

He didn't give it to them.

Instead, he departed for India when it became plain that Java, like all the other Dutch stations in the Far Pacific, could not be successfully defended.

Again the sad refrain is "too LITTLE,—too LATE!" Again the answer is air power.

Alone it can't win battles, but without it each battle is lost. Small wonder President Roosevelt has again called an emergency war council. An emergency for the united nations in the Far East certainly exists.

On the other hand we can't join in some of the woolfing waiting that is being bandied about. For example, this morning at breakfast, a gaudily dressed but somewhat wall-eyed salesman from L. A. speaking:

"Say what you like about Hitler and these little yellow so-and-so's over yonder, but they have outsmarted us from the push-off and are up for a year anyway,—I got that straight from the feed box, no less than Senator Johnson himself. Might as well get ready for it. If the Japs don't take over Alaska and Germany grab Brazil before the year's out your uncle will be mighty lucky,—mighty lucky!"

However, that sort of defeatism jabber isn't half as dangerous as this,—an outspoken and forceful woman, with jet black eyes, white hair and seven pieces of luggage speaking:

"I have three grandsons in the navy,—two in aviation. I wouldn't WILLINGLY give the lives of ONE of them to beat Hitler in Russia or the Japanese in the Indian ocean. Not one of them! I would willingly, gladly give them all to keep Germany or Japan out of this country of mine, I would fight in the front lines myself. The sooner we let Europe run its affairs and Japan run her's the better for us all. I agreed with Mr. Roosevelt the first time when he said we had no business mixing in the wars of Asia or Europe!"

That doctrine, we repeat, is dangerous because there is enough emotional appeal in it to influence many short-sighted and self-centered citizens,—those who fail to appreciate the obvious fact that if and when Hitler controls Europe and his ally, Asia, they will not, and can not stop there,—their next step will be South America and then the United States!

It is even more true today than it was two years ago, that the best way, in fact, the only SATISFACTORY way, to maintain the freedom and independence of this country, is to defeat our enemies before they are strong enough to attempt an invasion of our shores, rather than AFTER. There is nothing of the crusading spirit in this,—it's the plainest sort of self preservation and self interest.

A carload of doughboys were dropped off the train at Boise, Ida., yesterday, husky lads from the Middlewest, but somewhat bleary-eyed and forlorn as they lined up before a snappy first lieutenant from the Boise army post, as he checked off their names, and then remarked:

"This is a nice camp here and a fine town. The climate is great. The people will treat you in grand style, too. But they don't want any rough stuff,—you act right, they will act more than that, and so you are dismissed now until 6:15 to see the town if you wish; break ranks!"

It won't be long now, no doubt, when similar groups of doughboys from other parts of the country will be dropped off at "Camp White."—we trust with equal complimentary and sensible remarks by camp officers.

Have only been in Oregon a few minutes but have already run into two prominent one-time Medfordites,—Moose Muirhead and Bill Bolger! (Pardon Moose, we mean ONE! One time).

The gay bombardier from Massachusetts got off the Portland Rose at Pendleton early this morning, fully expecting to be met by a band of Indians in war paint, but according to his pal who came on to Portland, there wasn't even a policeman or a shavetail in sight. Two navy fliers also got off to catch the train for Spokane,—they just received their wings at Corpus Christi and were given leave to see their "folks."

Let this be said about Uncle Sam's forces, land, air and sea, ON THIS TRIP,—if their morale is characteristic of the forces in general, then on that basis (morale), no army in the world could equal the United States,—these lads simply have never learned even to spell the word defeat! They are as rarin' to go as a flock of steamed-up fighting cocks.

Nice to get back to Oregon, but somewhat nonplussed to find the porter (who got on at Omaha), had put off your correspondent's suit case with the red headed lad at Shoshone, en route to a week or two at Sun Valley. His alibi was the Chicago porter had not told him about it, and the red headed boy claimed it. (Hope he has the decency to get the contents laundered before he sends it back).

It seems like summer here after Rockford, the sun is trying hard to show its face, without however, any conspicuous success as yet.—R.W.R.

Communications

Disgraceful Whitewash

To the editor:

The administration has said that "we the people" will be told what when and why things happen as they do so long as the information will not be of aid to the enemy. We, the people do not ask for or expect more. Hugh Johnson, fire-eating commentator, says, "Under our laws an officer officially accused of a serious dereliction of duty is entitled, at his request, to a court-martial or a court of inquiry. About the only difference is that a court of inquiry has no power to assess a sentence. Information as to whether General Short and Admiral Kimmel, or either of them requested a court is being withheld. It is announced they will be court-martialed when 'the public interest' permit."

"The other more plausible reason for no court-martial now is that the blame didn't rest in Honolulu,—that Kimmel and Short are the goats of this fiasco. Some things here suggest some kind of a bargain with the accused commanders by which they voluntarily retired to save

their hides and the faces of some superiors."

Permit me to add that "when the public interest permits" is one of those "hide behind the truth" or "dodge the issue" drools that come from the mouths of politicians and those "higher ups" afraid to come out in the open. Then too what will the mothers of the American boys who fell at Pearl Harbor think when they see these two officers, proven derelict in their duty by the findings of the court retired on a handsome pension each when pensions paid these same mothers will be niggardly by comparison? What will the millions of poverty-stricken, underfed, underclothed and poorly housed "old folks" of America think when they see a dereliction of duty rewarded by such comfortable pensions when they cannot get congress to bring their Townsend bill out of committee for even a hearing?

Again quoting Hugh Johnson—"There is a nice question of military law as to whether the permission of these two men to retire with the retired pay of their grades and without a court-martial doesn't act as a constructive pardon and that they could not be legally tried by court-martial, now or ever."

When we take all these things

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.

YOUTH AND RIBOFLAVIN

For the past 10 years or more B2 (otherwise known as vitamin G or riboflavin). When the food is poor in vitamin G for a considerable length of time there is general weakness, nervous depression, deterioration of tone, diminished vitality and premature onset of the conditions of old age.

One of those conditions is wrinkles in the skin. Some persons have more wrinkles at 30 or 40 than others have at 60. Wrinkles spell nutritional deficiency, particularly, I believe, deficiency of vitamin G.

There is an old popular belief that people who consume large amounts of milk have fine complexion. Well, fresh milk is probably the best natural food source of vitamin G.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
Boomer

Can you recommend anything that will eradicate roaches from the premises? The house we live in is only two or three years old but it is over-run with the repulsive insects and nothing we have tried seems to discourage them in the least.

Answer.—Send stamped envelope bearing your address, and repeat your request. If you would like copy of booklet (Unbidden Guests) telling how to deal with roaches, lice, bedbugs, ants, mosquitoes, flies, ringworms, pinworms, tapeworms, spiders, rats, mice, hookworms, silverfish, shingles, moths or what have you, inclose 10 cents additional.

Zero and Double Zero
Visitor in our home declares she can take brandy when necessary but that whiskey causes a very unpleasant reaction. Please give your views of the relative medicinal merits of these two liquors. (C. L. G.)

Answer.—In my opinion neither has any medicinal value, altho a wee drop of either may be beneficial for feeble, elderly, peevish, hard-to-live-with individuals, the limited amount of alcohol being oxidized and yielding energy or warmth which such persons do not get from food.

Acid and Vitamins
Taking diluted hydrochloric acid, want to take vitamin B complex. Will the acid interfere with assimilation of the vitamins? (A. F.)

Answer.—No.

Good Doctor
Owe you my thanks for recommending Dr. —. He is certainly capable and kindly. The first two treatments brought more relief than I ever expected. (Mrs. M. J. W.)

Answer.—Thank you. On request, if I happen to know one in the vicinity, I am glad to recommend a physician skilled in the ambulant or injection treatment of hemorrhoids (piles).—Inclose stamped envelope bearing correct address.

Ed. Note: Persons wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letter direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

late consideration and the added elapse of time to "when the public interest" permits the whole scheme resolves itself into what I for one would say is a disgraceful whitewash.

It is taxes paid by the millions of the young folks of yesterday who are the "old folks" of today that has made possible these handsome "retirement pay" pensions. Why not give the old folks a break. They do not resent pensions for the "honorably" retired members of the army or navy. But we must admit there is a long stretch between \$50, \$75 or \$100 a month and \$6,000 a year.

D. D. DAVIS

Brickbat for Barbers

To the editor:

Now that union barbers have hiked prices beyond the reach of most of us, perhaps we will develop a saner attitude toward appearances. A word of encouragement for those who cannot afford a shop haircut and shave might not be amiss. (I'm ready to dodge all verbal missiles).

We used to think that a well-groomed man was the only man who had a chance in business or society. Just what constitutes being well-groomed is a matter of public opinion. We should now change our opinion. The barber shop as an institution has outlived its usefulness.

No man need be ashamed to have his wife, sweetheart or neighbor cut his hair. In these days of high-living costs, no excuse can be found for buying a shave or shampoo.

To express this psychological fact may cause rocks to be heaved in my direction—the man who is too, too immaculate is worthy of suspicion and distrust. Real, valuable men generally have something else on their minds besides their own good looks.

Russell Mitchell

Back Local Authorities

To the editor:

It is observed that certain civic problems connected with the cantonment are attracting some public attention.

I desire to urge that each and every one of them be left for study and settlement with the local authority which should properly have jurisdiction over it. I further recommend and urge that the public uphold and

support the judgment and action of our officials and authorities in these special problems.

I believe this should include traffic regulation, water conservation, auto and trailer accommodations, school needs if any, police and general safety measures, and all other new and unusual situations which the cantonment may present to us.

I doubt the wisdom or ultimate advantage of the general public attempting to influence decisions on such questions and I certainly do not think it is to the best interest of our community to submit them to popular vote.

Let us all encourage and back up our county court, our city council, our water commission, our school board, and any other officials or authorities who may have occasion to represent us in managing these affairs. They are more likely to be right than the rest of us.

W. H. Paine.

Maintenance Men Wanted For Navy Radio Equipment

Lieutenants Wilbur T. Conkling and Arthur P. Matthews will be at the navy recruiting station in Portland on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to interview prospective navy radio maintenance men, says a special bulletin from the recruiting service.

They will examine applicants for their fitness to attend the navy's advanced training school in the operation and maintenance of highly technical radio equipment such as aircraft locators and underwater listening devices.

Needed for the training are 5,000 men who are high school graduates and who hold class A or B amateur operator's licenses or are currently engaged in radio repair work.

Successful applicants will be enlisted in the navy reserve as radiomen, second class, with pay of \$72 monthly plus allowances for lodging, subsistence and dependents.

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justice. In the nation this property total will be enormous; in the northwest the property of Germans, Italians and Japanese will amount to many millions. One thing there is an inside struggle for is the taking over of patents owned by Germans, with the expectation that when the war is over and Germany crushed these patents will have been used to such good advantage that there will be little likelihood of Germany ever recapturing them or recovering the business lost. One such patent is for the manufacture of synthetic rubber, the same patent that Herr Hitler has been using to provide his motorized equipment with rubber tires. Lawyers of Washington and Oregon are now applying for appointment as representatives of the alien property custodian, all being Democrats of long standing and several having held high office in party councils in the past.

HALF a dozen of the aircraft factories busy with bombers, fighting planes and trainers are arranging to move inland from the coast. This is being done under the gentle prodding of the administration which feels uneasy at these vital industries being exposed to a possible enemy raid. The plants to be erected in the hinterland (300 to 500 miles from the coast) are intended to gradually relocate important parts of the coastal industries and, if the war runs long enough, there will be practically a duplication of existing plants. It is planned to be something like the stratagem of Joe Stalin, whose war industries were so arranged that they could be picked up and moved far from attack and continue production without interruption.

The new sites for these factories, if the program is carried through, will require the expenditure of millions of dollars for dwellings for workers, plus water and sewers, streets and transportation. The British, according to Lord Beaverbrook, who explained it when he was in the national capital with Winston Churchill, shifted their aircraft factories as far from the coast as possible into what was considered "safe" areas. Preferred zone is between the Rocky mountains and the Alleghenies, but neither war nor navy is insisting on going beyond the Rockies as yet.

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FIREWORKS BAN SET FOR WAR'S DURATION

Washington, March 10.—(AP)—Add Fourth of July fireworks to the growing list of wartime restrictions.

The bureau of mines today prohibited the sale and manufacture of firecrackers and "torpedoes" and drastically limited the size of other fireworks for the duration.

Under the new regulations, promulgated by Dr. R. R. Sayers, director of the bureau, no person may sell fireworks of any kind, except caps for toy pistols, without a federal license.

Tireless Autos Ruining Highway State Informed

Phoenix, Ariz., March 10.—(AP)—P. E. Woodson, Quartzsite, Ariz., merchant complained to the state highway department today that motorists were driving automobiles without tires on U. S. highway 60.

Woodson said the paved highway through the western Arizona desert town was being damaged by cars running on the wheel rims.

Highway department officials said they hadn't determined what they could do to stop the practice, which was blamed on the rubber shortage.

JEHOVAH WITNESS LOSES APPEAL ON EPITHET HURLING

Court Says Term 'Damn Racketeer' Likely To Cause Breach of Peace.

Washington, March 10.—(AP)—The supreme court asserted today that "argument is unnecessary to demonstrate that the appellations 'damn racketeer' and 'damn fascist' are epithets likely to provoke the average person to retaliation and thereby cause a breach of the peace."

Justice Murphy made this assertion in a unanimous opinion holding constitutional a New Hampshire statute prohibiting language in a public place likely to produce a breach of the peace.

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"It is well understood," he continued, "that the right of free speech is not absolute at all times and under all circumstances, there are certain well defined and narrowly limited classes of speech, the prevention and punishment of which has never been thought to raise any constitutional problem."

Fighting Words
"These include the lewd and obscene, the profane, and libelous, and the insulting or 'fighting' words,—those which by their very utterance inflict injury or tend to incite an immediate breach of the peace."

The opinion applied to the conviction at Rochester of Walter Chaplinsky, a member of an organization called "Jehovah's Witnesses."

State officials said the complaint alleged that Chaplinsky, on a Rochester street, addressed these words to the city marshal: "You are a God-damned racketeer" and "a damned fascist" and the whole government of Rochester are fascists or agents of fascists."

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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
March 10, 1932

Col. Lindbergh believed in contact with kidnappers, and early return of baby believed near. New York gangsters aid in hunt.

Bank bill passed by congress cheers nation's business.

Grand jury asked to probe an incident it has probed four times already.

John Anderson of Central Point resigns as president of the Dairymen's association, and is refused by members.

Shortage of chickens in state due to cold weather and rains.

Medford to meet University high of Eugene in first game of state basketball meet at Salem next Wednesday.

County court extends time for producing of dog licenses without penalty.

Light rain; high 54, low 35 degrees.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
March 10, 1922
(It was Friday)

America sends stern note to allies demanding war debt payments.

Heavy earthquake in California but no serious damage.

Ben C. Sheldon files state senate.

Medford defeats Ashland 36 to 35, in the most exciting basketball game ever played in southern Oregon.

Keith Baughman has installed a home-made radiophone and gets everything.

Butte Falls enjoys a building boom.

Ploughing starts in Sams valley.

An inch of snow falls in city, and melts fast. High 44, low 27 degrees.

HIGHER CEILINGS ON WESTERN PINE, HENDERSON EDICT

Washington, March 10.—(AP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson established new ceilings Monday for western pine lumber, slightly increasing the maximum prices which can be charged.

The order was issued after lumbermen had protested the ceiling levels decreed on February 3.

The new prices, covering species accounting for about 21 per cent of the nation's total lumber production, brings the quotations more closely into line with those prevailing in the period October 1-15, 1941, Henderson said.

Covered by the revision are prices on Ponderosa pine in select, shop, common, box lumber and "moulding or better" grades; Idaho pine, and to some extent sugar pine.

In select grades of Ponderosa pine, prices for specific widths were increased in a majority of cases, but there was virtually no change in random widths.

Box lumber, a small mill product, was increased \$2 a thousand and feet. In the "moulding or better" grade, prices were reduced \$2 a thousand feet.

In the shop grades, used in the manufacture of doors, windows and other industrial products, the revised schedule provides some increases and some decreases, with the general average slightly up.

Belfast, March 10.—(AP)—Earl Perkins of Minnesota was killed Sunday while cleaning a rifle and thus became the first casualty reported among United States troops in northern Ireland. Perkins, about 30, died a few minutes after being admitted to a hospital.

Older folks say it's common sense...
ALL-VEGETABLE LAXATIVE

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