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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Along with running out of auto tires, the nation is faced with a shortage of shoe leather. Thus the people are confronted with the rigors of walking and going barefooted to trounce the foe.

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Today is the 17th of Ireland, with all in all, more acting of the green, than wearing it, be gorry!

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Herr Hitler charges the war was caused by "Jewish and capitalist conspirators," and blames President Roosevelt for much of it. Der Fuehrer is now talking out of the other side of his C. Chaplin mustache. He knows how candidates for the legislature feel, formerly chased by Wall St., and hounded by "international bankers" and "power barons."

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Science will make another attempt to split the atom, which will do no particular good. If and when, the atom is split, it will only be nearly as thin, as ham is sliced, at the present price of pork.

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WAR IS WAR, GIRLS!

(Press Dispatch)

"American women will have to sacrifice such extremes as the "parachute skirt," the "dirndl" beloved by the debutantes, and probably expose an inch more of leg and a little more of shape and order to keep the war under wraps."

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A world wide religious revival is forecast for after the war, by eminent church leaders. If the current Gimme and Get trend keeps up, there will be more collection plate passers than sinners.

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Seven Nazi spies convicted by a New York jury, are now behind stone walls, instead of up against one at sunrise.

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"It is a fashion among some in Washington to say the cost of living has not risen importantly. The housewife knows that it has murderously increased.—(Gen. Johnson's col.) Slight difference of opinion.

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Spring is here, approximately and allegedly. The exact time of its arrival is a matter of considerable speculation and conjecture, and some worrying by the Older Girls, who with some of the farmers have started early fretting about the June rains, and no summer. All three will get here when they arrive.

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SUCH BRINGING UP!

"As I took my place in the aisle processional of passengers leaving the train at Third and Townsend the other day, I fixed my eyes covetously on an abandoned magazine somebody had left on a seat, and decided to pick up the copy. But just before I got there, a woman ahead of me beat me to it and snatched it up before my very eyes.

People like that should be taught better than to pick up things that don't belong to them."—(Oakland (Calif.) Tribune).

MOON DREAMS STILL

London—(AP)—The war hasn't stilled dreams of trips to the moon. The British International Interplanetary society has announced a design for a rocket-motored shell-like "space ship" to cover the 238,000 miles to the moon in 45 hours.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

How About Water-Meters?

THE Mail Tribune has had an open mind as far as water meters are concerned. We don't LIKE the idea. (We doubt if ANYONE does.)

And if anyone can show us how we can keep our pledge to the army cantonment, and do our war job, as it should be done,—WITHOUT installing meters, then we will gladly go along with them.

But to date no one has proposed a plan,—as we see it,—whereby that can be done. At least all the "anti" proposals we have seen can be grouped under two main headings:

(1) We can fulfill our water-war obligations without meters.

(2) To a community accustomed to cheap and unlimited water, meters would be irksome.

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NUMBER One is merely a blanket claim without any supporting evidence.

On the other hand the claim that only WITH water meters can Medford properly fulfill its water obligations, to the people of this city AND the cantonment, is not only supported by overwhelming circumstantial evidence, but by every recognized water authority we have been able to consult.

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AS to Number 2 no one denies it.

After these many years of cheap and unlimited water, it WILL be irksome to have the city water metered, particularly to those who have large places to keep green, and have enjoyed the luxury of wasting water all these years.

But what of it?

It may be irksome to have no new tires for the family cars; no open sugar jar for the kiddies; no horse races or week-end football games, and various other irks and inconveniences we don't like.

But are we in a war or aren't we?

And is that a war to the finish, or is it a week-end picnic?

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WITH hundreds of thousands of young men marching off to fight and, if need be, die for their country, it seems to us that whatever those who remain safely at home CAN do, to make their lot a bit easier, or the war they must wage briefer and more successful, should not only be done, but done willingly and with enthusiasm.

And as we see it, the pledge to supply the local army camp with 5 million gallons of water a day, is a definite war obligation, under that general classification.

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EVEN if it were legally possible to welch on that pledge now, to do so would be morally unthinkable. In other words,—

That water to the cantonment must be supplied!

All right.

But the members of the Water Commission, and every water authority we have been able to find, maintain, that the cantonment can't be supplied AND the normal needs of the people of Medford ALSO supplied under the wasteful system that has been maintained.

And we must say this,—the official record of water use in this community sustains the validity of this judgment. So do similar records in other cities facing similar conditions up and down the coast.

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MEDFORD has a wonderful water system. It has an ample supply of pure water for both the city AND the cantonment on a basis of USE; but it hasn't and can not obtain an adequate system on the basis of WASTE!

And say what one will an unmetered water system, on a cheap flat rate, is a system of WASTE, and no amount of exhorting, or pleading, or praying, —yes or policing,—by the authorities, can make it anything else.

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SO-O-

While we started out on this meter issue with an open mind,—and in the abstract don't like the IDEA of water meters any better than anyone else,—

We have come to the conclusion, after investigating all the angles, that in view of the conditions which exist, and the obligations, as well,—

The installation of water meters, at least for the duration, is not only demanded by sound business management, but by proper patriotism and good citizenship.

It isn't a question of what we may like, but what, under the national emergency that exists, and our moral obligations resulting therefrom, SHOULD be and MUST be done!

MacArthur In Command

OUR army friend back in Rockford, Illinois will be delighted with the flight of General MacArthur and family from the Philippines to Australia.

Over six weeks ago, he maintained the retention of MacArthur and his inevitable death or capture in Bataan, came under the heading of criminal negligence, that such a military genius should be removed by plane at once and placed in command of all the allied forces in the Far East.

Well somewhat belatedly, perhaps, that has been done. And we doubt if the absence of the General from the Philippine command, will materially change the effectiveness of the American defense, or in case of ultimate defeat, reflect in any way upon his fidelity.

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BUT just what the general may be able to accomplish in the Far Pacific area, is another matter.

Long a resident in the Philippines and a student of its problems, with two years to perfect an army and a defense, for that particular terrain, no similar advantage will be his in Australia, while the Japanese may still enjoy a naval and air superiority there, which it will be extremely difficult to overcome.

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.

VITAMINS AND CATARACT

This is an explanation, apology and disavowal. In earlier talks about cataract I mentioned that there is some evidence to support the theory that certain vitamin deficiencies may be a contributing cause of cataract in some cases. The vitamin deficiencies to which I refer are deficiency of vitamin G (otherwise called B2 or riboflavin), vitamin C and vitamin A.

I hope no one will misunderstand what I say about this. Certainly I do not know whether vitamins have anything to do with cataract in man. The only reason I mention the matter at all is this: Whether vitamins can do any good or not in such cases it is at least certain that they can do no harm, and if I had cataract or the beginning of cataract myself I would not fail to supplement my diet with optimal daily rations of the three vitamins mentioned. Optimal daily rations means a good deal more of the vitamins than we believe essential to prevent manifestations of deficiency disease. Generally it is advisable to take three or four times the daily amount of each vitamin required to prevent deficiency disease. We'll discuss this important health question in a later article.

All but two of a group of 37 rats in the University of Arkansas laboratory of Dr. Paul L. Day developed cataract on a diet adequate in other respects but containing no riboflavin (vitamin G, vitamin B2). Later Dr. Day observed similar development of cataract in monkeys, mice and chicks kept on such feed, and further found that by adding some riboflavin to the feed it was possible to prevent development of cataract. Just what bearing this may have on cataract in man is, as already explained, unknown. As Dr. Day himself expressed it: "A deficiency that results in such marked and irreparable damage to such a highly specialized tissue as the lens should not be considered lightly." To prevent misunderstanding let me repeat that this experimental evidence indicates merely that riboflavin (vitamin G or B2) may prevent development of cataract. There is no evidence that it will cure cataract.

Individuals with cataract have less vitamin C (cevitamic acid, ascorbic acid) in their blood than normal persons. As one authority (McLester, Nutrition and Diet Saunders) puts it: "Cataract is apparently related to vitamin C deficiency, although the reports of animal experiments are somewhat conflicting. This vitamin is known to be present in the normal lens and in view of the experimental evidence presented ... it seems reasonable to assume that deficiency in this respect may so impair the lens as to facilitate production of cataract by agents which otherwise are harmless"—or perhaps it would be more accurate to say agents or causes which otherwise the eyes might withstand without serious injury.

As for vitamin A—and I mean natural vitamin A, not carotene—nutrition authorities generally recognize that it prevents xerophthalmia (dry eyes), night blindness or difficulty in seeing against glare, and some cases of chronic sore red eyes. There is no particular evidence that it prevents cataract.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Old Gallstone Humbug

Please state whether gallstones can be removed from the body solely by oil or other medicine, or by electric diathermy or by any kind of ray treatment (Mrs. R. C.)

Answer—Occasionally gallstones pass through the gall duct into the intestine and out of the body naturally. No oil, medicine, electrical or ray treatment can remove gall stones. Operation is the only way.

Girdles Gone

While ago some women wrote about exercise which makes a girdle unnecessary. I missed your reply. If you can tell me what exercise to take I'll be grateful. Particularly for Waist, hips and back of hips. (S. A.)

Answer—Send twenty-five cents and stamped envelope bearing your address. Take the exercise described and pictured in booklet "The 7 Keys to Vite".

Fattening or Thinning

Are vitamin B complex capsules taken three times a day fattening? (Mrs. H. W. C.)

Answer—In some cases of underweight they help to increase weight. In most cases of overweight they help to reduce weight. They certainly will not make an overweight person or a person of normal weight, any fatter.

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7 TRUCKERS FINED ON LOG OVERLOAD

Seven logging truck drivers, charged with hauling overloads on the Crater Lake Highway, entered pleas of guilty in justice court yesterday and paid flat fines of $2.50 and costs, plus a ten per cent penalty of the amount of their overload.

They were: Gilman P. Stauffer, Jacksonville, $9; Rolland P. Todd, Prospect, $6.70; Wendell O. Seal, $13.50; Jacob G. Meyers, $10.30; John C. McGrew, Prospect, $8.25; George R. Sikes, Ashland, $8.25.

Since Saturday a score of truck operators have paid fines, as a result of a check up by weight agents of the state highway commission on the Crater Lake highway.

Communications

How About Scrap Paper?

To the editor:

Some few weeks ago there was a nation-wide drive for much needed scrap paper. In this town, Medford, Oregon, only newspapers and magazines were accepted. I tried to contribute cardboard boxes but they were refused.

I was, and still am, interested in what became of the paper collected. How much and did it help where most needed?

Over the radio and in the papers, and magazines, I hear the slogans, "Buy Defense bonds and stamps", "Save your scrap paper, tin cans, and all old unnecessary and discarded metal scraps," your Uncle Sam needs them.

How many citizens of Medford and the nation are doing that?

On the other hand, just what is considered scrap paper?

I have seen the City Sanitary company haul away from our neighborhood grocery store whole truck loads of large packing cases and other waste paper and here in my immediate neighborhood I have seen the drivers load on cardboard boxes, packing cases and all sorts of waste paper. Lots of it! Out of this family of four grown people, ten pounds of scrap paper at least, go into the garbage can each month. Coarse wrapping paper, small cardboard cartons, tissue paper, egg boxes, waxed paper, fine wrapping paper, labels off of package goods, paper bags, large paper bags the cleaning houses return garments in, etc., etc.

What scrap paper is wanted?

What about tin cans? Aren't they needed in the defense program, how long are we supposed to hold them, why aren't they collected about once a month? And metal scrap, what kind is wanted?

In private homes, metal scrap would not pile up so fast.

I imagine paper scrap is by far the largest item of waste in this country at the present time

Can you vision the number of retail stores in these United States that receive their goods wrapped in paper of some kind?

Heretofore it went into the city garbage and was burned.

Is it saved now?

I for one would like to know.

There must be tons and tons of it thrown away every day.

I'd like to help my country in some manner.

Earle N. Leach,
37 Tripp St., City.

ZUCKERMAN NOW FACES $100,000 DAMAGE SUIT

Stockton, Cal., March 17.—(AP)—A $100,000 damage suit was filed against Maurice Zuckerman, wealthy produce merchant, today for fatally shooting Otto Dander, prominent Stockton Legionnaire, in a bar room fight last fall.

The civil action was filed in federal court by Hazel and Margaretha Dander, the slain man's widow and mother, respectively. Their brief complaint said Zuckerman "willfully shot" Dander.

The Grange

Griffin Creek Grange

Griffin Creek Grange will hold a covered dish dinner at the Grange hall tonight at 7 o'clock for members and their families. This will honor all members having birthdays since January 1 and also celebrate the sixth birthday anniversary of the Grange. Members are asked to bring a small kift that can be used either in the Grange hall or kitchen.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

NEWS from the Pacific front today (Saturday) is slack. Either nothing much is happening at the moment or nothing is being told.

Probably a little of both.

THE Japs have won the first round. They have taken the East Indies. They have all the Philippines but Bataan. They have closed the Burma road.

They must either stop and consolidate their gains or GO ON. The only safe assumption is that they will go on.

If they are going on, they are busy now preparing their next blow. Obviously they aren't going to tell us where it will fall. Equally obviously, we aren't going to tell them how we are going to meet it.

In such situations, censorship is justifiably rigid.

ANY good quarterback knows that tipping off his plan of attack (or his plan for defense) to the other team would be fatal.

It works the same way in war.

Hence censorship.

Censorships are ADMINISTERED BY GOVERNMENTS. Governments are not immune to the temptation to tell their people only what the individuals who make up the government think the people OUGHT to know.

Because of this fact, many mistakes are made by the censors.

WE learn by our mistakes.

In the first year of the war, the inclination of the British censors was to tell the public nothing—going on the principle that the less the public knew the less the enemy could find out.

It didn't work.

Knowing NOTHING, the British people became confused. Being confused, they soon BECAME SCARED. Or cynical. Fright and cynicism led to DISTRUST of the government.

Morale began to suffer.

Fortunately the British censorship learned its lesson in time and began to tell people in considerable detail what HAD HAPPENED.

British morale immediately rose.

THIS writer thinks our own government has been leaning too far in the direction of telling us only what the government thinks we OUGHT TO KNOW.

People are beginning to fear they aren't being told the whole truth.

Distrust of the government is spreading.

MORALE IS BEGINNING TO SUFFER.

Just as happened in Britain in the first year of the war.

OUR government isn't deliberately misleading us. It is merely setting itself up as the judge of what we ought to be allowed to know.

This is due in part to inexperience with censorship—to lack of knowledge of what can be told and what can't be told without giving the enemy valuable military information.

It is ALSO due to the natural and human (although unsound) inclination of insiders to tell the public as little as possible for fear that if the public KNOWS TOO MUCH it will get out of hand.

TO the extent that our government is withholding information from us merely because it doesn't yet know by experience what can be told and what can't be told without giving the enemy valuable military information, we should be patient with it.

As it gains experience with censorship, it will become wiser—as the British government did.

But to the extent that the insiders in our government are holding back information of what has already happened for fear of what we might do if we knew the full truth—that is, constituting themselves the judges of what we are FIT to know—we should be both impatient and angry.

EUGENE AIRPORT DEPOT BIDS OPEN WEDNESDAY

Eugene, March 17—(AP)—Bids for construction of the $25,000 United Air Lines terminal at the new Eugene airport will be opened here Wednesday night. Construction officials of the company are expected here from Chicago and San Francisco for the bid opening.

The building, of native woods, will be 106 feet long and 28 feet wide.

Gauze is said to have been first made in Gaza, in Palestine; hence its name.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL WITH John W. Kelly

(Continued From Page One)

ber is manufactured in sufficient quantity to approach the demand.

A thorough investigation of the rubber shortage is under way by the Truman committee of the senate, which specializes in trying to discover what is wrong with the war program. One who will come in for criticism is Jesse H. Jones, head of the federal loan agency. Mr. Jones refused to finance synthetic rubber plants until the natural rubber was being shut off. He was long ago urged to aid in the making of artificial rubber, but his banking mind resisted as synthetic rubber costs more and it did not look like good business. The committee is also curious to know why, with trouble brewing in the Pacific, no greater effort was made to bring cargoes of crude rubber from the Far East.

On docks in the Far East was stacked up sufficient rubber to keep one American factory operating for two years. The rubber was bought and ready for delivery, but shipping space was scarce.

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THE rubber question has shifted sympathy from the automobile dealer to the man who owns a car. The dealer is in a bad spot, but the private car owner sees only that he will be walking when his present tires wear out. The lumber industry is already being hit, according to complaints from the Douglas fir and pine regions. Logging trucks require an extra large size tire. Most of the logging operators carry a stock of old and new tires, but according to word sent back to OPA these reserves are being exhausted and the loggers want to know what they will do for tires, and say if there are no tires there is nothing for them to do but shut down. The greatest industry of the three northwest states is held to be in jeopardy, with one logging camp and sawmill after another squeezed out of business by the rubber shortage.

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ONE of the barbs aimed at Jesse Jones is that his refusal to finance synthetic plants two or three years ago prevented the United States from being at least in part independent of the crude rubber of the Far East. This country lives on rubber tires, and yet every pound of rubber had to be imported. It had been recognized that something should be done to make the United States self-sufficient through synthetic rubber, but Banker Jones could not see it; just as his subsidiary corporations preferred to import copper, chromite and other war materials rather than develop deposits of these ores in the Pacific northwest. Next to President Roosevelt, Jones is the most powerful man in the administration (as he would be, having the purse) but there are demands being heard that he step out.

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ONE of the tasks of the federal maritime commission is to find some 18,000 to 24,000 men to man the merchant ships that are now under contract on Columbia river and Puget sound. Normal crew of one of these vessels—the C-type on Puget sound and the "liberty" fleet ships on ways on Columbia river—is approximately 30 men, plus a gun crew of 10, these latter to be supplied by the navy. The boats under contract on the west coast are only a small part of the 2000 vessels the commission is to produce. In anticipation of finding officers, the commission is training young men in the east and they will be qualified deck officers by the time they go to sea.

Before long, in backwoods postoffices, in grocery stores and elsewhere far from the ports there will be posters appealing to farm boys and others (if they are not already in the draft) to join the merchant marine and help America deliver the goods. In the merchant service, for the duration, crewmen are covered by insurance and receive a bonus if their ship enters certain ports. The merchant marine crews are taking greater chances than the gobs in the navy, as the loss of freighter tonnage demonstrates.

Secretary of the Navy Knox was a member of the Rough Riders in the Spanish-American war.

SKIN SUFFERERS

Free book by twelve authors telling how simple use of a product from the earth quickly released them from the misery of Psoriasis, Eczema, Athlete's Foot, Acne, Varicose Ulcers, Itch, Poison Oak. Address P. O. Box 310 Berkeley, Calif. —(Adv.)

ARMY INCREASES PROHIBITED ZONES FOR COAST ALIENS

934 New Areas Designated —Army Camps, Airports, Utility Plants Among Sites

San Francisco, March 17.—(AP)—The army extended its alien control program to the Rocky mountains, and even beyond today, in a proclamation setting up Utah, Nevada, Idaho and Montana as military areas.

It also designated 934 new prohibited zones in these states and in California, Arizona, Oregon and Washington.

Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, commanding general of the western defense command and fourth army, said military necessity dictated the latest proclamation.

A fortnight ago, in another proclamation, DeWitt demarked the three coastal states and Arizona as military areas.

Military installations, airports, utility plants, dams, highway and railroad tunnels and bridges made up the list of scattered spots designated as prohibited zones, from which enemy aliens were barred.

Actual evacuation of all Japanese and German and Italian aliens from strategic areas of the coast has not yet been ordered, and the army pointed out that the new proclamation is not an evacuation order.

It states merely that "such persons or classes of persons as the situation may require" will be excluded by subsequent proclamation from the military areas.

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 17, 1932
(It was Thursday)

Roosevelt leads in North Dakota presidential primary.

Dr. C. T. Sweeney celebrates 44 years as practicing physician.

Orchardists told to bring in thereonometers for testing, as smudging season is fast approaching.

State bank department warns Oregon has severe law against malicious gossip about condition of banks.

Price of gasoline goes up two cents per gallon.

Cloudy with occasional rain. High 56, low 47.

Clues in Lindbergh kidnaping case lag.

Medford loses 30 to 29 to Astoria in state basketball meet. Jacksonville defeats Gold Beach 22 to 21 at Ashland meet.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
March 17, 1922
(It was Thursday)

Fruitgrowers launch fight for fruit inspection here by government.

Ratification of Pacific four-power treaty assured in senate.

Revised bonus bill presented to the house.

Seizure of Italian vessel by Greek navy brings crisis in Adriatic.

Fire department called out to quelch flue fire at Jack Swem home.

For the fifth time since last October the E. C. Faber store at Central Point is robbed of groceries and clothing. Before departing they ate a lunch.

Fair weather predicted. High 48, low 35 degrees, precipitation .01 of an inch.

PORTLAND LEADS

Portland, March 17—(AP)—The Portland navy recruiting office again led the nation for enlistments during February, Lieut. Glenn F. DeGrave said yesterday. He said the district's record was 95.83 men for each 100,000 population.

U. S. passenger traffic by train in 1941 was greater than in any year since 1929.

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 heartburn due to hyperacidity. Sufferers may now try this at home by obtaining a bottle of Lutin from their druggist. Lutin 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. Lutin for sale by Western Thrift and drug stores everywhere.