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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The House is agog over the uncovering of evidence an economist employed by the Board of Economic Warfare, is an advocate of world-wide Nudism, and, furthermore has written a book about it. Inasmuch, as many have lost their shirts through taxes, they probably figure they might as well go the rest of the way, of their own free will and accord.

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March went out neither like a lion, nor a lamb, but more like a March day than any other of the month.

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"We can afford to lose Madam Perkins, but we can't afford to lose the war. Let's put a man in a man's job."—(Gov. Ratner of Kansas). So say, we all.

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Today is April 1, and All Fooled Day. Lew Ayres, movie star en route to a conscientious objectors camp, flowered out with a practical joke on himself, that probably cooks his goose as a Hollywood actor. With a surplus of $2,500,000 in the state income tax fund, citizens go forth to pay again, in the usual cheerful way they are supposed to disgorge spondulicks. It is also the birthday of I. Ross Kline, E.Pt district farmer, and engineer of Grange dinners.

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"NOW IS THE TIME to have that suit dyed. Our dying will please you."—(Sand City Times). It wouldn't either.

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Candidates are now in the field, a-hold of the farmers' coat label, instead of his plowhandles.

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NATURE OBSERVATION
(Condon (Ore.) News)

"With robins, kites and marbles pulling a fast one on spring here this year, one lad declares there are three harbingers which never fail—angleworms, ticks and stinkbugs. He found all three recently."

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The rumor epidemic is subsiding hereabouts. Citizens now speak of sums of money in less than 100,000 lots, and 50 men is no longer inflated to 50,000. Three trailers coming over the Siskiyous is no more an "unending caravan."

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The government has decreed the seat of the male pants shall be reduced, and the slack therein, traditionally used by bouncers to cast the britches occupant hence, is to be no more. This edict, a fashion expert reports, "leaves the male in a quandary." That's not the half of it. He'll be afraid to sit down.

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TSK! TSK! TSK!

"Louise Livingston, 27 Wing street, this morning in municipal court charged Fred Feaks, 59 Wallace street, with "larceny of household goods." She told the court the defendant took her bedroom suite without her permission after trying to purchase it. Judge Frank A. Bolton said he would take the case under advisement, and at the same time suggested that both the plaintiff and defendant "get together" in the matter.—(Newark (Ohio) Advance).

Fall River, Mass., April 1.——(AP)—Approximately 3,600 workers in three mills of the Berkshire Fine Spinning company remained idle today because loom fixers and other key workers stayed out in protest against the employment of one worker who belonged to the C.I.O.

Medford To Observe Army Day

Monday, April 6—the day set aside as Army day for national observance—will mark the 25th anniversary of America's entry into the first World war.

That this present struggle IS a new phase in an unfinished fight is clearly indicated by this statement by the late German General von Fritsch, made in a discussion of Germany's great army at the outbreak of hostilities in Europe:

"We have been working on this machine of ours for 20 years. The victories that we will win—and we must win them—will be no miracles. They will be the results of two decades of unceasing work by the best military minds developed by the last war. Hitler didn't start this, you know. General von Seeckt began rebuilding, reforming and planning on the day that the treaty of Versailles was signed."

Yes, it is the same war, only now more violent and terrible than ever before. The armistice of 1918 was exactly what the word means—a temporary cessation of hostilities—a truce.

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AGAIN, America has been plunged into the struggle—and the American army has gone into action.

And again, through the work of appeasers and peace-mongers, some of whom were honest in their convictions, this new crisis found us woefully lacking in trained men and equipment. General von Fritsch also made this statement:

"You Americans are very clever people, probably cleverer than we. But even you cannot learn in two or three years what took us twenty."

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THERE is admittedly a measure of truth in the general's pronouncement.

It will take almost a miracle to build a powerful army, versed in the complex technique of present-day warfare, in a short time. But, with dogged determination, America has set herself to perform this miracle—to show that von Fritsch was sadly mistaken. Again, as in 1918, America's military might will become th. force that will turn the tide.

The heroic defense of Wake island, the courage of Bataan's valiant defenders, the daily deeds of America's fighting men on world fronts—all prove that our soldiers and marines are more than a match for anything "that moves on feet or wheels or wings" if given anywhere near an even break in aerial support and mechanized equipment.

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AND so, upon the occasion of Army day, we salute these men of America's armed forces — these fighting free men. We salute MacArthur, Wainwright and Stilwell and their fellow officers who will lead them to victory. In gaining eternal glory they are giving to America the inspiration for mightier effort and the courage for greater sacrifices.

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ARMY day will also be "Total War" day, for that is the theme of the forthcoming observance.

That is, indeed, fitting for truly this IS a total war. Everyone must have a part to play—in the factories, in the shipyards, in vital civilian defense, in the all-important war financing effort, and in furthering the highly necessary work of war relief and welfare agencies.

Appropriately, Medford will hold an Army day parade next Monday evening; this will be followed by an enlightening demonstration of civilian defense work.

It is high time that every man, woman and child in this community realizes the grim realities of this grave crisis. Observance of Army day should impress upon everyone the present glorious role of America's army and inspire each to greater sacrifice and service.—H.G.

Stalins A Close Second

Last October Herr Hitler, with a huge fanfare of trumpets broadcasted the startling announcement all over Europe that Russia had been defeated,—the Soviet armies knocked out as far as further effective resistance was concerned.

Since then Hitler has done nothing but try to escape annihilation at the hands of these Russian armies he claimed were all washed up and put on the shelf.

This is the outstanding example of official and wholesale lieing since World war No. II. started.

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BUT when the day to day average is considered, we are not sure that Hitler's publicity bureau, materially surpasses Joe Stalin's, in the direction of unabashed mendacity.

A review of the Soviet reports for the past 90 days at least show that the German casualties claimed, if placed end to end, would reach from Riga to the English channel, including every man, woman and child in the Third Reich.

As to the villages retaken by the Red army in these communiques and unnamed, the total during the same period now stands at 569,430, greatly in excess of all the villages in existence, Russian Pole, Polock and what have you from Vladivostok to the North Cape.

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AND now, if London reports are to be believed, Hitler is moving 100 fresh German divisions, or over 1,500,000 men, to blast the Russians out of the Crimea, as the first step in his long-heralded spring offensive.

Where did these fresh troops come from? Moscow claimed last February that Germany had been bled white and had called on Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria for reinforcements.

We still award the Baron Munchausen Double Cross of the First Class to Der Reichsfeuhrer, but think at the same time that in any race for the grand perjury prize, Jumping Joe should at least be given second place!

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.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT FROZEN SHOULDER

Inflammation of a little roller bearing structure or lubricating pad just under the tip of the shoulder, a pad called the subacromial bursa, is one of the commonest causes of painful, stiff or 'frozen' shoulder.

The subacromial bursa is one of several such cushions or pulley roller bearings about the shoulder — between muscle tendons and bony corners or prominences over which the muscle tendons work. A fairly familiar condition commonly known as "housemaid's knee" is prepatellar bursitis—inflammation of a bursa under the tendon attached to kneecap, or sometimes a bursa just under the loose movable skin over the knee-cap. Another is "tennis elbow," bursitis under a tendon gliding over the joint.

First thing to eliminate from the mind is the senseless idea that any such trouble is due to "rheumatism" or can be remedied or helped by medicines purporting to be good for "rheumatism," whatever that may be. It's your shoulder, of course, and this is a free country, so I shall not lose a day on the bowling green even if you insist your trouble is "rheumatism."

A medical work published in 1941 ("Arthritis and Allied Disorders" by Dr. H. M. Margolis) cites a survey of the nation by U. S. Public Health Service in 1935-36, which indicated that no less than 6,850,000 of our population at that time (127,000,000) had "some form of rheumatism." A most unfortunate statement for either the U. S. Public Health Service experts or a textbook purporting to be authoritative to make. After all, neither the U. S. Public Health Service nor Dr. Magolis, nor any one with the slightest pretension to medical knowledge today, can or does describe or define "rheumatism" as a pathological entity. Both the U. S. P. health service experts and Dr. Magolis used the quaint, misleading term "rheumatic" to cover all sorts of joint diseases, the causes of some being known—such as tuberculous arthritis, gonococcal arthritis, the causes of others being not specifically known—such as arthritis deformans, atrophic arthritis. To classify all these diseases as "chronic rheumatism" is as senseless and as misleading as it is to classify all diseases of the respiratory organs as "colds."

This is no quibble about terms. It is a protest against encouraging sufferers from joint disease in the delusion that the trouble is "rheumatic" and that any help can be expected from climate, or from avoiding this and that food which some charlatan or some eminent old time doctor has imagined to make the system "acid" or to cause deposits of "uric acid" in the joints or elsewhere. When a physician tells a patient with chronic joint trouble that the trouble is "rheumatism" the physician is simply stringing the credulous patient along, and that's that. If the doctor goes scientific and calls the trouble "arthritis" that may impress the unsophisticated patient but it actually means no more than calling it "joint trouble."

Now don't go away mad. Eventually we'll get to the treatment of "frozen" shoulder.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

The Germ-Killing Obsession

Please advise me whether daily use of _____ is necessary for feminine hygiene, as suggested in clipping inclosed. (Mrs. G. W.)

Answer—The nostrum is a mixture of carbolic acid and liquid soap. Carbolic acid is unsafe and unnecessary for any personal or household use. Hygiene is the science of preservation of health, has no gender, altho Hygeia was the mythical daughter of Aesculapius, god of medicine. Anyway, it doesn't matter whether a given medicine or chemical "kills germs"—no germ-killer can be taken internally or used locally without risk of injuring or destroying normal tissues.

Trichinosis

Child age three has what looks like trichinosis to me. Please advise what to do for it. (Mrs. L.E.T.)

Answer—It would be regrettable to attempt to treat the child for trichinosis—that is a serious condition, and it is most unlikely that you could recognize it even if the child has it. Trichinosis is infestation with a parasite the larvae of which are taken into the body in underdone pork, ham or sausage—it is extremely painful, too. Thoro cooking of pork, ham, sausage is the best preventive measure against trichinosis.

Protruding Shoulder Blade

What is the cause and is there any help for protruding shoulder blade. The right shoulder blade protrudes and the left is flat as it should be. (Mrs. L. A. O.)

Answer—The individual should be examined by physician for lateral spinal curvature.

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CCC Enrollment Data Sought by Author of Bill for Abolition

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—Senator McKellar (D.-Tenn.) directed James J. McEntee, director of the Civilian Conservation corps, today to check with his field offices and supply the senate education and labor committee with data on how many young men had applied for CCC enrollment since the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

McEntee, testifying against McKellar's bill to abolish the National Youth administration and the CCC, had said he could not supply information on enrollments without checking the field offices after McKellar had brought out that there were 5,498 enrollees in the CCC 21 years old or older.

McEntee said the western camps were situated as follows:

California, 32; Oregon, 23; Washington, 18; Idaho, 19; Montana, 15; Wyoming, 11; Utah, 14; Nevada, 11; Arizona, 9; New Mexico, 16.

Colonel Toppies Into Water

Putting too much weight on one side of his jeep car as it was being hoisted across a stream, Colonel Edgar DeMuth, commanding officer of the 629th anti-tank unit, toppled into the water during recent maneuvers at Fort Meade, Md. Associated Press photo from Paramount News.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

CCC Will Keep Watch in Forests

House Balks Curb On Thimbleriggers

Wheat Farmers Write For Aid

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., April 1.—Into the CCC camps of the Douglas fir and pine region of the northwest, extending from the coast across the mountains into Idaho and western Montana, will soon be thousands of lads whose principal occupation will be guarding against forest fires—incendiary, lightning or campers. Aside from the forest fire work and some labor on military reservations, the once great army of CCC enrollees which was more than a half million a few years ago, is a thing of the past. Throughout the country there are now 600 camps and these will be reduced on July 1 when the new fiscal year begins.

But for the hazard of forest fire practically every camp in the far west would be closed and boards battened over the windows. Timber owners, the forest service and military officials stepped in to save the CCC out in the timber lands. All recognize that the greatest menace to the region is forest fire. This qualifies CCC as doing war work. No new camps will be established, for there are in existence sufficient for the purpose, located where they can do the most good. Approximately 150 camps will be maintained and as each camp has a company of 200 men this makes a force of some 30,000 watching for the red wolf of the forest. In money it will represent $30,000,000 for one year's maintenance, a small sum compared with the damage that could be occasioned by a forest conflagration.

Originally it was the intention to give the enrollees a touch of military training (that was when the camps started) but Harry Woodring, then assistant secretary of war, brought down the wrath of peace loving Americans when he made the announcement and, in view of this overwhelming resentment, the plan was abandoned. Several million young men now in the ranks or to be inducted would have had a modicum of experience had the training taken place.

Young men are now being sought for enrollment for the northwest camps to be ready when the fire season opens.

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BY seven votes the house of representatives, in the committee of the whole house, rejected an amendment which would prevent any funds for Bonneville-Grand Coulee administration from being used directly or indirectly to influence public utility elections. The author was Representative Jones of Ohio, who was opposed by Representatives Leavy and Hill of Washington and Pierce of Oregon. In offering his amendment Jones said: "I am interested in seeing that the federal government does not spend money to thimblerig elections in Washington and Oregon. I believe the figures of the bureau of the budget show some 265 part-time employes of Bonneville power administration for this kind of work.

"It is damnable that money should be spent in that way when it is claimed in behalf of these appropriations that they are all for national defense." Jones said the payroll of the field men was $57,698 and with other expenses made a total of $103,000 "for thimble-rigging elections."

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OFFICE of price administration is writing to the canneries of the northwest asking for information that is not available. OPA wants to know what the canneries will pay for the raw product from the farms this year and what they expect to charge for the finished product. Canners come back with the explanation that no one, at this time, knows what it will cost to harvest the fruit, berries and vegetables, for it is impossible to forecast what wages must be paid. There is a labor shortage and this will play a part in prices. Then there is the matter of tin for containers, etc. The canners are as anxious as OPA to know the answers.

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WHEAT farmers are writing from the three northwestern states for assistance. They require storage for grain. The galvanized iron which was made available to farmers last year is now off the list. Principal difficulty is obtaining adequate priority ratings. Spokane Bank for Cooperatives suggests making warehouses of wood or concrete, but nails, iron, roofing and pipe are in the hard-to-get category. Says A. C. Adams of the Spokane bank, "Wheat stands relatively low on the ladder of necessity for war purposes at the present time, and therefore no matter what the priority rating may be, it must be expected that actual supplies of critical materials will not be enough to go around."

N. E. Dodd, director western division of Triple A, says that bulk facilities are contemplated in Washington, Idaho and Oregon and that he is trying to convince WPB of the importance of these storage bins. If, explains the Triple A man, the WPB can issue a directive requiring manufacturers of nails to divert their facilities to that production the situation will be eased for the wheat man.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

iron ore and some other materials. It is true this limits him to his pre-war share, but that seems to be enough.

Some see military advantage for him in the strengthening of his Finnish and Norwegian positions, if he takes Sweden, but this would not be worth the effort involved. Sweden is just another easy victory lying around loose at a time when nazi victories are getting fewer and harder.

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THE thaw is now on at the Ukrainian front in south Russia. Within a week or two, the roads will be good for tanks. In fact, Hitler could have started before this if he intended to keep his old military pace.

If the weather has not delayed him, what has? Is he holding back the leash on the great forces he has amassed at the southern Russian front in order to time that drive with something else?

Just about this time every year, der fuehrer disgorges what he likes to call a surprise. In 1940 it was Norway; last year, Yugoslavia and Greece. It is inconceivable that he has been consulting the muses all winter without indulging his penchant for surprises.

The south Russian drive might bear more world weight if coupled with occupation of Sweden, but particularly if timed with a Jap attack on Vladivostok.

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THE Japs have not reinforced their south Pacific armies lately No more steaming transports have been discerned moving toward Java or New Guinea. In fact, the New Guinea drive has bogged down in a flood in the jungles halfway to Port Moresby from Lae and Salamaua (on the north shore of the Peninsula).

The Japs there have barely enough forces to take Port Moresby (which they no doubt will do eventually), but not enough to go ahead from there into Australia. It is doubtful also whether they have enough in Java, for further conquests.

Consequently a question is arising as to when or whether the Japs intend to move at Darwin. From bases at Timor and elsewhere they can continue bombing so General MacArthur will be unable to maintain formidable airfields along the north shore for attacks on them. They may figure this is enough and not even attempt landing on Australian soil.

Suspicious Jap troop movements have been noted north of Nanking, indicating reinforcement of the northern front. It is just possible these troops are destined for Manchukuo and spring action against Vladivostok.

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THAWS should start in about two weeks on the Moscow central front, but the muddy period generally last much longer there than in the south. It may be six to eight weeks yet before the fighting terrain is good in that area.

But no one here can see the possibility that Hitler's annual spring sensation will break there. He needs oil. It lies a few miles ahead of him on the Ukrainian front. Unless he gets it this summer, he will have a hard time going through another winter.

Importance of oil to the nazis has been stressed so often, and Hitler has so frequently found a way out, that the subject has lost its vital significance to many people. He seized supplies in Holland, Belgium and France, and then acquired the Rumanian fields, to skip the oily grave which so many experts had dug for him. But there are no more supplies to be confiscated, and the Rumanian fields cannot support indefinitely the extended kind of war he had been forced to in Russia. Therefore, the near east must be his main objective, or he must find a magician who can make oil out of lost hopes.

There are more than 5,000 miles of streets in New York city.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
April 1, 1932
(It was Friday)

City ordinance requiring dogs to be kept during months of April, May and June goes into effect.

Prices of Chevrolets drop from $10 to $55.

First farm loan in Jackson county, amounting to $400, is granted.

Cloudy with rain predicted. High 75, low 39 degrees.

Italian town sinks into ancient caverns dug by the Romans and undermined by water. Thousands flee.

Literary Digest shows Kansas last of the dry states voting wet.

William R. Coleman files for justice of the peace.

Snow crushes nine summer homes at Diamond Lake.

State census shows 2,300 jobless in county.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
April 1, 1922
(It was Saturday)

Charles, former emperor of Austria dies.

Fear another uprising in Ireland tomorrow.

Film folks take stand in manslaughter trial of Fatty Arbuckle, comedian, to tell of gay parties.

Trace of rain. High 61, low 38 degrees.

Ethel Barrymore in 'Declasse' at the Page next Monday night.

Marshall Joffre of France, World war hero of the Marne, to visit city next Wednesday.

Free seed cut from appropriation bill by senate.

W. M. (Moose) Muirhead, manager of the Gold Hill cement plant, instrumental in capture of armed bandit on San Francisco street.

ORDER BOX SHOOK CUPS AND NAILS EARLY IS ADVICE

The attention of all berry growers, vegetable growers and fruit growers who expect to pack all or part of their crop this year, was directed today to the problems involved in obtaining box shook, berry cups and nails by Assistant County Agent C. B. Cordy.

At present box shook can be obtained from local mills only in carload lots, Cordy explained. Small orders will not be accepted. Less than carload lots can be obtained from mills in neighboring districts, but the price is higher, it was further explained. In order to be certain of having needs supplied, growers are advised to see their dealer at once and place a definite order for shook and cups to avoid last minute rushes and possible disappointments.

The nail dealers figure their needs and ordered their supply several weeks ago, Cordy stated. The nails will not be delivered to them until actually needed. Ordering nails now will not affect the supply available, but will assure the supply will not be depleted by some less essential use.

The present information is there will be enough nails for everybody, but as they are defense material growers should order only enough to meet this year's needs.

RED CROSS FUND OVERSUBSCRIBED

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that the $65,000,000 war fund sought by the American Red Cross had been over-subscribed and contributions still were coming in.

He said he had received a letter from Norman Davis, Red Cross chairman, which recalled a presidential proclamation of December 7 asking for a $50,000,000 war fund. This sum was on hand by February 7, Davis said, and the Red Cross then asked that the objective be raised by $15,000,000.

The attainment of this higher goal, Davis said, was proof of the vitality of the Red Cross and the willingness of the American people to sacrifice.

Uneasy Stomach? YOU MAY HAVE WORMS

Learn the truth. Anybody can get round worms! Warning signs may be uneasy stomach, restless nights and real hungry appetite that makes thin people ravenous yet leaves you right weak. Find relief that James Vermifuge right away! James is America's leading preparation with millions used by millions for over a century. Expels worms, pin and round. Demand JAYNE'S VERMIFUGE!