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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Horseback riding broke out again last week among the outdoor lovers, after which all were able to tell whether they had been afoot or horseback.

Bill Brown of the E. Pt. Browns, towed in mid-week. He has been a beekeeper of industry for six weeks waiting on his trade. Several from here have driven over and caught him at work.

J. Tannehill Walker celebrated his Paw's birthday Thurs.

The political pot has not started to boil around here, but some of the candidates have.

The first of the week Ripley's "Believe It or Not" told of a man who had been shaved by the same barber for 21 yrs. That's nothing! Bill Bates has been cutting Vintie Beall's hair for more than 30 years.

G. Averill, the ancient mariner of B. Falls, came down Mon. and marched in the Army Day parade. The outpouring was the greatest pouring out of citizens in history.

People are still writing letters to their congressmen containing such phrases as "Now you listening to me!" "Mark well my words!" and "No more of your tomfoolery, understand!"

The flora and fauna of the valley, under a warm sun last week, grew like a weed, as did the weeds themselves.

Dewey Hill, the hired man of Prospect, is building a stone wall. He was not very busy and had to have something to fall back on.

The fishing season opens next Sat., and many piscatorial enthusiasts can hardly wait.

Now is the time to plant pie-plant, alias rhubarb. It will not be time to plant corn until the oak leaves are as big as squirrels' ears, one school of farmers says.

For a while Fri. pm. it was hot enough to make the Older Girls think of electric fans. Thurs. a March wind blew aggressively.

Young humans are having quite a time with the measles and the mumps. Several of the adult fair sex have had the latter, and they were as mad as if they had sneezed in public.

This week is Wildlife Restoration week. It will take longer to restore civilized life, as it is called.

The baseball team has its first game of the season today, and several will go out to see wood meet leather.

The British lost an argument in India, and several warships the past week. The news has been black for the United Nations.

C. Wig Ashpole reports the Shorty Miles boy is up and coming and gives promise of being a better 2nd baseman than his Paw, in 18 or 19 yrs.

Lyle Fisher, 82, has been the cynosure of all eyes the past ten days since he launched the straw hat season.

Hermie Offenbacher of the Applegate towed Sat. He has been busy farming and wrestling a cold.

Will Russia Defeat Germany This Summer?

In the realm of highly romantic fiction S. A. Lozovsky, Soviet vice commissar for foreign affairs, has established a reputation second only to the famed Baron Munchausen.

For nearly a year now M. Lozovsky has been slaughtering the Nazi invasion forces, with a second-hand Corona, in such a wholesale and sanguinary fashion, it has been immensely cheering to all allied sympathizers. And were Lozovsky not confronted now and then by the hard reality of facts, the war would have ended in a Russian victory long ago.

So when the romantic and resourceful propaganda chief of the Red Army announced Friday (we quote):

"The Red Army will liquidate the German army in Russia in 1942. United States supplies are reaching the Russian forces in overwhelming amounts and making Nazi corpses."

The general reaction, we fear, was one of a certain justified skepticism. Only about four months ago M. Lozovsky, in fact declared with equal assurance that the Germans would be driven from the territory of Russia, before winter ended.

Well, winter is nearly over even on the Russian steppes and according to the last report, Hitler still occupies close to 70% of his original conquest, and for nearly two months has shown little disposition to yield any more.

NEVERTHELESS, we wonder if this undeclared candidate for the O. Henry prize, might not be approximately correct this time. (Based solely on the law of chances he should be!)

For why not?

Russia's latest census shows a population of close to 200,000,000. Not only in man power but in raw materials, her resources have scarcely been touched. All she lacks to continue her all-out offensive against Germany through the spring and summer would seem to be planes, bombs and mechanized equipment.

President Roosevelt has repeatedly stated nothing has interfered and nothing will be ALLOWED to interfere, with the constant stream of war materials from the United States to the U.S.S.R.

SO-O-O

What is so out of the way when the Red Commissar predicts that Russia will liquidate the German army this year?

AFTER all, not only the invincibility but the mystery of the German army has been effectively exploded. It was different a year or two ago when Hitler was prepared to fight and his enemies were not.

But today what has Hitler got that Stalin hasn't? Assuming the report of U. S. shipments to Russia is approximately correct, Stalin must not only have everything he needs, but in man power and raw materials more than he needs. In other words can't Stalin lose three men to Hitler's one, and still win?

This isn't a matter of tactics or strategy, but plain arithmetic. For in spite of all the talky-talk of alleged military experts, war is nothing but competitive killing. Even granting a certain superiority to the German army therefore, how can anything but a miracle save Hitler from ultimate defeat, as long as Russia keeps on fighting? And who expects any miracles during the remainder of this war?

Therefore, while M. Lozovsky's reputation for truth and veracity is far from good, and that broadcast of his to the newspaper lads did sound like just more of the old bologna,

PERHAPS the old boy HAD something on the ball this time. At least here's hoping.

For if the latest report from London is true, and any idea of attacking Germany in the west this summer has been abandoned, then Russia is the one hope of preventing a 1942 Axis triumph in Middle Europe!

Is India Going Axis?

Reports from India are still too meagre and conflicting, to make clear the precise cause of Britain's failure to reach an agreement.

This department predicted a week ago, some sort of agreement would SURELY be reached, because Britain, at such a critical time, could not AFFORD to fail.

For the sake of a united front against the advancing yellow hordes, we believed the Churchill government would make practically any concessions, NECESSARY, to bring India into line, depending upon peace negotiations for what adjustments might be essential for a permanent understanding.

BUT if latest reports from Delhi are correct, it is all over but the shouting. Sir Stafford Cripps, a sadly disillusioned man, is preparing to return empty handed to London.

Perhaps this IS the end. But until the Delhi report is confirmed by the Churchill government this department refuses to abandon hope that there will still be a reconsideration, to be followed by a working agreement.

It has been so much "on again off again Finnegan" from the start, this may still prove to be the theme song, and the closing note may be a cheerful rather than such a tragic one!

ASK HITCHING HACKS

Ione, April 11. — (P) — Local residents are asking the city council to erect hitching racks for the benefit of ranchers' wives who have abandoned automobiles for saddle horses, Mayor Bert Mason said today.

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

URGES PLANT POOLS

Portland, April 11. — (P) — John G. Barnett of the war production board contract distribution staff advised small Oregon industries yesterday to form pools to obtain government contracts.

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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.

QUININE HELPS HEARING

Dear Dr. Brady:

It would be most ungrateful of us if we did not write you and express our thanks for the help my husband has had by following your instructions in the use of quinine as an aid to hearing.

He wanted to get rid of the head noises and dizziness, and before the second fifteen day course was finished he found he could hear normally and still does and it is now five months since he started taking the quinine.

This is the first time in many years that he has been able to hear and understand the radio. Before, he always said it was just so much noise. As for his work, we migrated here a year ago because he could no longer carry on any line of work while deaf. Hearing appliances only made him more nervous.

Ever so many are asking him what he did to get his hearing back, and they seem astonished to hear that quinine can hold the ears.

Well, I've said a lot and meant more. Thank you again, so much.

Yours truly,

Mrs. _____

It is odd how the error persists in the popular mind that quinine causes deafness. The truth is that quinine never causes even temporary dulling of hearing except when it is taken in poisonous, either by mistake or by intention (for improper purpose). Certainly I would not freely recommend the use of quinine as a good home remedy if there were evidence that it ever causes deafness.

The "course" of quinine the correspondent mentions were described in this column on one or two occasions in the past year, for the condition called Meniere's disease (vertigo or dizziness or disturbance of balance with head noises and deafness). As recommended by Dr. Charcot, famous French physician of the last century, the quinine treatment of Meniere's disease consists of six grains of quinine twice daily, with meals, for fifteen days, a rest of eight days, then a second course of two six-grain doses daily for another fifteen day period, a second rest of eight days, and then a third course of fifteen days, and so on for four or five courses. In some

cases, the head noises may seem exaggerated at first, but presently marked relief follows, and in favorable cases this relief may be prolonged for months or even prove to be permanent.

Several other correspondents have casually thanked me for benefits received from following suggestions in this column for head-noises and deafness, but unfortunately few laymen can write a brief report of such experience which is clear—generally they seem to think I'll remember what they said in a letter a year ago.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Is Disease Inherited?

Our hygiene class divided on question of hereditary transmission of disease—please give us the present medical view. (Miss R. R.)

Answer—Disease itself not transmitted, but a tendency may be transmitted, for instance type of body build, narrow chest, winged shoulders, that spells "weak lungs" to the popular mind, susceptibility to pulmonary tuberculosis to the medical mind. Formerly there was a common belief that tuberculosis was inherited, but as we know now, it is not, and it is rarely even congenital (that is, present in the child at birth), but that the child is quite likely to become infected if the mother is tuberculous and the child is allowed to remain under the mother's intimate care. If the child born of a tuberculous mother is immediately removed from the mother's care to a tuberculosis-free environment, the child is no more likely to have the disease than any other child. Read the chapter on heredity in Rosenau's "Preventive Medicine and Hygiene"—the book should be in your school library but surely will be in the public library.

Moles

How can moles be removed from the side of chest? (M. F.)

Answer—By electrolysis, electrocoagulation, chemical cauterization, carbon dioxide (dry ice) freezing or surgical excision under local anesthesia—let your physician decide which method would be best for your case.

X-Ray Evidence

X-ray pictures showed I have tuberculosis in upper part of left lung. Army rejected me. My physician finds no tubercle bacilli. I have no cough. Age 25. Can this infection be removed by any special electric or other treatment? (H. W. F.)

Answer—So far as your statement goes, there may be no present disease, merely the scar, as one might say, of some infection (tuberculosis or other) which was active in the past. Your own physician is the best judge of the course you should follow. (Copyright 1942, John F. Dille Co.)

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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make a Jap switch to defense in the west-Pacific area appear most logical. They have unchallenged sea supremacy and not seriously challenged air supremacy in that area. They can protect their merchant shipping. Furthermore they have time.

THE feasible way for us to go in, when we are ready, is back up the same route the Japs took through Malaya. We could carry air supremacy with us as we go from Australia, acquiring land fields first in New Guinea, Timor, then Java, Sumatra, the Philippines, and so on up to recapture our naval base at Manila.

Just as the Japs cannot find land fields for moving eastward across the Pacific toward us, we face the same difficulty in going straight in at them from Hawaii. We must go along where we can find land bases for planes as we go.

Meanwhile, we can whittle down their merchant and war fleets, tactics which we know cannot win the war, but which are fundamental preliminaries for the big attack.

BOMBING Japan is just as difficult for us as Jap bombing of Pearl Harbor. We could move down into the Chishima Islands from Alaska and organize either an invasion of the east coast of Japan or set up land bases for bomber raids upon Tokyo and Osaka. This is the way the Jap militarists have always been expecting us.

But the line of supplies is long and uncertain. A much more solid base for bombing Japan is the nearby Russian territory which might be made available to us when the Japs move toward Vladivostok.

Only other chance we have is to slip a few aircraft carriers up near the Jap coast. This can be ventured anytime, but it

could not have sustaining value.

ALASKA and Vladivostok therefore seem to be points to watch as closely as India and Australia. We have a convenient stretch of air bases through Canada to Dutch Harbor, as everyone knows. We can fly bombers and pursuit ships all the way. If they try Alaska they will have a fight.

What the Reds have around Vladivostok is not so certain. Primarily they will need there plenty of fast fighting pursuit ships to meet a Jap attack. If the break comes there, (it no doubt would be a surprise like Pearl Harbor without a warning declaration of war) a problem of whether we can fly our pursuit ships in from Alaska will become important.

These views at any rate represent a settled effort to look at the Pacific situation realistically, following the fall of Bataan. They suggest that while our acceptance of the inevitable in the Philippines (of which you had been constantly warned) is not palatable, its military significance may easily be overrated.

Undoubtedly it is not the worst news we will get this summer. An assessment of the Russian situation will be carried in this spot Monday.

NIPP EVACUATION OVER BY MAY 20

San Francisco, April 11.—(P)—The 120,000 Japanese on the Pacific coast will be evacuated to reception or assembly centers by May 20, asserted Lieut. General J. L. DeWitt, commanding the western defense command and fourth army. The resettlement program then will get under way promptly.

The movement of Japanese will reach full momentum by April 20, General DeWitt said in an interview yesterday.

Nearly 75,000 persons of Japanese ancestry will be taken from military area one in approximately 30 days. This area includes the western portions of Washington, Oregon and California and southern Arizona.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Stimson Unmoved by Union "Take"

Legume Seed Bags Major Problem

Cattlemen Find Labor Shortage

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., April 11.—So far as Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson is concerned, how much money unions are dragging down is an matter of indifference. If the unions refuse to permit an American citizen to work on a war project unless initiation fees and dues are paid, it is nothing in his life. The secretary is on record to this effect in writing of conditions at one of the large cantonments now under way in the Willamette valley.

People who expected to work on the cantonment at Corvallis (a job to cost approximately \$28,000,000 for the installation) are complaining that good American citizens cannot find employment unless they pay tribute to "some monopoly of labor, up to \$75 per individual." These protesters figure that the unions' "take" will be around \$600,000 which could be devoted to national defense.

The contractors on all government army projects, writes the secretary, are responsible for the procurement and supervision of all labor. Large successful contractors, continues Stimson, have satisfactory arrangements with unions particularly in the building trades. The cost of union fees to individual workmen has no direct effect on the cost of a project. The department of labor determines the minimum wage scale prevailing in the area and wages paid by the contractor are based on this scale. When the wage scale is established no account of union fees is taken.

Secretary Stimson passed the buck to the contractors, ignores the point raised that citizens cannot work for the government without paying tribute to the union. This same attitude of the government applies to certain projects in Idaho and Washington which cannot be mentioned. Subordinates of the secretary admit that the unions are rather high handed in forcing membership but declare there is nothing they can do about it. There is talk in congress of dealing with this situation, but probably nothing will happen as contractors do not wish to be "at outs" with the union.

WHAT to do for sacks for the legume seeds now growing on more than a million acres in the three northwest states is worrying the growers and the bag factories; also the Triple A. The cotton yardage from which the seed bags are made has been going to army and navy on a rating of A-1-J, whereas the priority for Triple A is only A-2. Every bag factory has been applying for the yardage for the past six months (one factory needs 800,000 yards) but has been unable to obtain a solitary yard. At the request of Triple A there was a tremendous expansion of acreage this year for hairy vetch and Austrian peas. It is the largest crop of the kind that has ever been produced in the northwest and that section is the one selected for cultivation as conditions are more adaptable than elsewhere. Arrangements have been made for seeding machinery, an allocation being made to the various districts where there are large operations, but now the real bottleneck is cotton yardage for sacks. There is no burlap available. Western division of Triple A holds out the hope that before the seed must go into bags there may be enough cotton cloth to meet demands, but Triple A does not guarantee this.

ADDING their complaint to that of farmers on the labor situation are the livestock men. Sheepmen and cattlemen are writing from the ranges that unless labor conditions improve they fear it will be necessary for them to dispose of part of their flocks or herds as they cannot keep going with their present dwindling workers. They say the 40-hour week does not bother them personally, as they work from 15 to 20 hours a day with no time and a half overtime for everything over 40 hours a week.

WHAT is to be done with the men from 45 to 65 years who

are called to register on April 27 is food for speculation. This class are beyond the combat stage. One theory is that the men will be classified as to skills and that before the war is over they will be assigned to specific work for which they are capable. This raises the question as to whether, assigned tasks by the government, they must first pay an initiation fee to some union. One school of thought in the national capital is that if the 45-65 registrants are ordered to shipyards (airplane factories have a maximum deadline of 35 years) they must join a union, pay dues or buy a "work permit" from the union.

Because of the increasing disappearance of transportation, local boards are advised to make everything as convenient as possible for the registrants, particularly in rural districts. Hours to register are from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., but the boards will not be hardboiled and, if circumstances warrant, the registration office will be opened a few days ahead of April 27 and again on April 28.

Communications

What Maintains Morale?

To the editor: Morale is vital in this crucial hour. Who or what can produce it? Evidently that responsibility rests mainly on our leaders.

MacArthur, through the years proved himself worthy of confidence and co-operation, hence it was gladly given. He didn't get it by pleading or urging. Loyal American citizens are not "yes-men" like Hitler's trembling subjects. They study national problems, and point out their leaders, to existing errors, and needed improvements. Criticism, merely as pastime, is destructive. But hanging red lanterns at danger points, is constructive. Much of that is needed right now.

Government policies can foster confidence and co-operation, or breed confusion, bewilderment, anger and class conflict. In other words, build morale or undermine it. Applauding governmental folly, for the sake of internal unity, may build political morale for an election, but cannot build the morale we need in this world struggle. No man can improve his health by bragging on the fine growth of his cancer. Neither can a nation. Our limited space permits only suggesting a few matters.

Why weren't the Japs taken beyond the Rockies? Why moved just a few miles and located near the water life-line of Los Angeles? The Japs could parachute machine guns to them there, overnight.

When carefully conserving steel by rationing our razor blades, why didn't they include the hairsprings for watches? (Splendid steel for building battleships). And why remain so indifferent to the millions of tons of iron and steel in the wrecking yards? Japan was not indifferent. Again, are the vast deposits of iron on the Mesaba range being intensively worked?

A soldier fights at \$21 a month. A union man (no other need apply) produces (with overtime) at \$21 a day. Both mutiny. The soldier? Shot. The union man? Pay increased.

Why wasn't the old wheat used for munition alcohol, instead of robbing the family sugar bowl? The farmer, if unbothered, could quickly replace that wheat with fresh stock, relieving us from paying the farmer to not raise wheat; the toiler retaining his sugar.

And why did the government prefer to take the sugar from the family table than to transfer alcohol from the booze trade to munitions? WHY?

The point we stress is, that governmental policies, good or bad, are the main factors in building or destroying national morale. EDWIN DEACON

Talent, Ore., April 9, 1942.

IRISH LASS SAYS 'YES'; GENERAL 'NO'

Belfast, Northern Ireland, April 11.—(P)—The girl said yes but the general didn't, so Private Herbert W. Cooke, 20, of Cleveland, and Thelma Smith, 18, Belfast waitress didn't get married today as planned. Miss Smith said the final decision on permission for the AEF Private to marry rested with his commander, Major General Russell P. Hartle, who has not yet given his consent. "But I'm not worrying," she said. "I'd rather wait until May or June anyway."

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 12, 1932

(It was Tuesday) Gov. W. H. (Alfalfa Bill) Murray, Democratic presidential prospect, after speech in Portland fails to fill scheduled speeches, and action puzzles.

Stylishly dressed woman in Greenwich, Conn., purchases a bakery pie with a \$20 bill, part of Lindbergh ransom money.

Tax collections to date higher than last year.

Unsettled and mild with probable rain. High 78, low 41 degrees.

Hosiery salesman confesses stealing \$2 from Mrs. Juanita Franklin's purse.

High school band under direction of F. Wilson Waite leaves Friday for state band contest.

National league season opens.

Fourteen school teachers are dropped from rolls in economy move.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

April 12, 1922

(It was Wednesday)

Britain to propose pact at Geneva conference prohibiting any European nation from attacking another. Limitations of armaments to be proposed despite French protests.

Baseball starts in the big leagues.

Ireland factions agree on border peace.

Rain or snow predicted. High 40, low 32 degrees.

City schools close for Easter vacation.

Man arrested for selling set of harness twice.

Masked and armed band of men take out third man in three weeks. A boy is warned to go to work, and the second man is charged with chicken stealing, and has a rope placed around his neck.

BAR CANDIDACY

Salem, April 11.—(P)—William H. Rush, one of two candidates for the republican nomination as Marion county recorder, was barred from the ballot today because he was not a registered voter when he filed his declaration of candidacy.

San Francisco, April 11.—(P)—Butter, eggs and cheese unchanged.

Use Mail Tribune watch box.

HOLLY THEATRE

ENDS TONIGHT