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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

June is about over and was June in name only. It caused old timers to recall the year it snowed on the 4th of July in these parts.

One of the local beauties was apprehended early last week, talking to a promising young man in civilian clothes.

The sugar rationing business has caused many of the Older Girls to stomp their feet in high dudgeon and flounce out of the room.

Dewey Hill, the ace hired man of Prospect is getting ready to join the army, where he will have to keep his shirt-tail tucked in and the collar of same buttoned. He once packed a young wildcat, by the nose of its neck, at arm's length, for half a mile. Any Nipponese he captures will know it.

The city park, under the manicuring of "Hungry" Higgins, caretaker, is now at its prettiest, and is what the poets call a sylvan recess. Good work, "Hungry!"

An autoist tried to knock an Espee mogul off the crossing Wed. eve but thought better of it, in the nick of time.

Elm Childers, the nailist, ran around without his hat the first of the week and sustained a fashionable but painful sunburn on his bald spot.

Democrats of the valley named G. Coddington county chairman recently and he plans to make the fur and republicans fly in the fall.

The Hermy Offenbacher dog, who never had his day, is now where he will never get it. He has departed for a fairer land than the Applegate.

The local supply of rumors has been exhausted. This is the same shape people who believed all of them were in.

Piscatorial enthusiasts report the fish are not biting as they should, hampering them in relaxing from the war effort.

London reports Germany's General Rommel, had he started as a private in the British army, as he did with the Germans, he might possibly have worked up to the rank of sergeant, instead of field marshal. One school of military thought hereabouts holds some of the British field marshals should be worked down to sergeants.

The city stretched itself to the limit the past week rounding up scrap rubber.

Lt. MacArthur P. Robin has been awarded the tail feather of a Bluejay for rescuing his uncle, Col. Pershing Robin, who valiantly fought his own reflection in a window-pane when shell shocked.

Statistics show there are 3,283 horses in the county not yet displaced by the auto. There are 20,416 cows on the range and the highways.

Peoria Bill Gates reports his pipe has been "stigmatized" by the womenfolks. It didn't help any.

The eagle will scream next Sat. in honor of the nation's 166th birthday but without the customary fireworks and frills.

Portland, Ore., June 27—(P)—All Portland produce prices steady, unchanged.

Airplane Spotters Needed

There is some difficulty in securing plane-spotters here in Medford particularly during working hours. Naturally those who have to earn a living, can't leave their jobs, and of course aren't expected to.

But there are many people who have no definitely FIXED working hours either because they have retired from active business, or have extremely easy and elastic working schedules. These could help out in this emergency, and by calling their attention to the situation, we feel sure WILL.

AS has been previously stressed in this department, while since Midway, the danger of all-out Japanese invasion is far LESS likely, the danger of a token-bombing raid along this coast is far more so. Japan simply CAN'T lose face—it is the cardinal and unforgivable sin in Nippon military and naval tradition. With any recovery of face in a naval direction now too hot to handle, it is highly probable a hit-and-run bombing attack will sooner or later be staged, and if it is, Medford as an important cantonment area may well get a share of it.

In which case an alert and fully-staffed spotting unit, might well mean the saving of many lives!

SO this is a word to those who can spend a few hours each day looking for enemy planes, without sacrificing anything but time, of which they have a plentiful supply.

Under the circumstances, instead of there being any shortage of applicants in this direction there should be an ample waiting list.

Even War Money Talks

To those who believe "we the people" have to be kidded along with sugar-coated war news to maintain the proper fighting pitch, the statement by Secretary Morgenthau might be noted.

Said the head of the U. S. Treasury day before yesterday:

"Over optimistic statements about the war are chiefly responsible for the present lag in war bond sales. The tougher the war looks the more disposed the people are to get busy and give to the limit."

This does not mean "Gloomy Gus" should be in control, or the war reports should be doctored in any pessimistic way; it merely means there is not only no need to assume an optimism that isn't justified, such a practice reduces rather than improves the national morale.

AS an example, the Treasury department called attention to the fact that while the national bond sale quota for June of \$800,000,000 will in all likelihood not be reached, Alaska has already surpassed her quota,—in fact the allowance was reached in three weeks.

The reason? The war and real danger are nearer Alaska than any other section of the United States.

THE above only confirms what has been repeatedly stated in this column since the war started.

The great difficulty in arousing the proper fighting spirit here at home is the extreme remoteness of the front on one hand, and the disposition of the powers that be to play down the bad news and play up the good on the other.

Give Uncle Sam the FACTS, and the tougher they look the harder he will FIGHT!

The Army's Leaders

Praise of American army officers by Maj. Gen. Hanson E. Ely, retired, is high praise indeed. "The Old Man of Cantigny" is a soldiers' soldier, one of the truly great military leaders of the World War. He is also the father of four sons who are officers in the army and one in the navy and the father-in-law of a young major who is missing on Bataan.

As a commander of men in hot fighting and head of the General Staff school and the Army War College, General Ely must be recognized as a competent judge of men. Accordingly, when he says that the army of the United States now has the finest leadership, the best-equipped and trained officers in its history, there is reason for public pride and confidence.

THIS is a creditable reflection upon the officers themselves and also upon the war department, which has proceeded carefully and conscientiously with its task of making selections of thousands of men necessary to train soldiers and to command them in battle—also to perform the innumerable administrative functions essential to the development and direction of an army.

There is no more important or more difficult responsibility in connection with the war effort than this task of choosing qualified officers or men who have possibilities of development into competent leaders of men.

MOST of the early reverses experienced by the Union armies in the Civil war, notably that of Bull Run, a dark page in American military history, are traceable to incompetent leaders—politicians, men of wealth and others who were transformed from civilians into majors, colonels and even brigadier generals over night and who were wholly unfitted for control of the destinies of men in battle.

Ultimately qualified officers—Grant, Sheridan, Sherman and others—appeared upon the scene and achieved victory. Now, as in the First World War, when such leaders as Pershing, Bullard, Liggett, General Martin of Oregon, and others functioned so brilliantly from the very start, the army of the United States has the benefit of able men in posts of command.

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.

WATCH OUT FOR THE BIRD WHO IS UNDER THE WEATHER

A radio announcer explains to the audience why Jimmy or somebody is singing only one song today—

Jimmy is a bit under the weather, has a bad head cold and a slight sore throat but we all hope he will be better soon and back on his regular . . .

One wonders how many of Dr. Brady's associates on the program will be peppered with whatever Jimmy has, and one hopes that if anybody gets it it will be the patronizing announcer, nothing serious, of course, but just enough to silence him for 10 years or so.

Thanks to the fine moral support given by many eminent physicians and by our health authorities, Jimmy can get away with murder almost any time he pleases to explain his illness as just a bit of bad weather.

Jimmy's name is legion. He is the teacher who remains on her job in school despite the fact that she is coming down with a respiratory infection, and so shares whatever she is developing with any pupils or other teachers who happen to come within her conversational spray range. Wear a mask? No, indeed, the average teacher doing a Jimmy would indignantly resent the very suggestion that she should wear a mask if she must keep about when she has a communicable disease. Until it becomes evident that the disease is diphtheria, infantile paralysis, influenza or whatnot the teacher is entitled to pass it around as freely as she wishes, and in this she is backed up by eminent health and medical authorities.

Jimmy is the executive or employer who persists in coming to work or staying on the job when obviously coming down with or affected with well developed cri (any common respiratory infection), and so criminally subjecting every employee or other person who may be compelled to come within conversational spray range. In this the executive or employer

is upheld by the teachings of eminent medical and health authorities everywhere.

Watch out for the bird who purports to be "under the weather." And watch out for the physician or the health authority who acts as the bird's accomplice.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Forty Years of It

After forty years of constant slavery to medicine I am enjoying life for the first time without physic. It is great to be free from that habit. I owe it all to your fine booklet. It was a hard fight, as you no doubt realize—I gave up twice and resumed taking physic, but the third time I stuck out and everything became normal just as you said it would. Have not used any sort of aid for over six months now and reckon I'll never want to. (J. P.)

Answer—The first five days are the hardest, but then, think how hard the vendors of physic have worked for five generations to keep people enslaved to the habit.

Lemon Juice

What benefits are there in lemon juice. I was told it is very good. Is this so? Have been taking egg and lemon juice as an egg nog. Is this good? What vitamins does lemon juice contain? (Mrs. A. C.)

Answer—Lemon or lemon juice is good if you like it. Even mixed with egg it is good if you like it. Lemon juice contains vitamin C, as does tomato juice and other fresh fruits or their juices. It is silly to ascribe any extraordinary remedial values to lemon juice other than its value, due to vitamin C, in preventing or curing scurvy, and of course, its value, as for orange, grapefruit, lime and other acid fruits, in preventing "acidosis" or maintaining alkalinity of blood and tissues and urine, or rather preventing excessive acidity of urine.

Know Your Food

Seems to me you might give us more of the essentials of proper food or nutrition in these times when correct eating is so important. (W. M. McP.)

Answer—It is extremely difficult to do so in the limited space available. Send twenty-five cents and stamped envelope bearing your address, for copy of the red book "Feeder's Digest"—a guide to right eating, vitamins and life. (Copyright 1934, John P. Dille Co.)

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gon and not essential to the war effort, should be deferred at least until after a public hearing in the northwest. Walla Walla, chamber of commerce, notwithstanding, Bone's "the people want this" sent word no one had appeared for southwestern Washington and the committee should visit the northwest. Medford, through its city attorney, F. P. Farrell, sent its objection. Mayor Earl Riley of Portland wired that the people should be given a chance to vote on whether they wish public or private ownership and suggested public hearings in the area affected. Mayor W. E. Moore of Grants Pass wired to drop the matter until after the war. The city commissioners of Port Angeles, Wash., favor the Bone-Smith bill if it provides for a three-man board. (The new CPA bill makes no provision for a board, as did the Bone bill of a year ago when Bone was at war with Secretary Ickes.)

According to Bone, 32 of the 39 counties in Washington have voted PUDs and they are waiting to take part of the various private systems when this bill is enacted, but the PUDs are not of one mind on that, either. R. H. Hendricks of the PUD commissioners association, Seattle, testified that the eight private companies must be taken over to prevent confusion, to which a committee member inquired how 39 PUDs would be less confusing (and each in its own county) than only eight private companies. B. R. Lean of the Northwest Public Power association, which includes Tacoma and Seattle, opposes the bill and wants a local board, not a one-man dictator. Gray Harbor PUD wants the bill; Councilman David Levine of Seattle reported that city wants the measure. William Sufert, a PUD commissioner of Wasco county, Ore., testified for the bill, and Bill Tugman, editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, exposed the political activities of the Bonneville organization in the Eugene area, opposed the measure and said it is unnecessary now.

THE Bone-Smith bill, observed a committee member dryly, was drafted with Washington and not Oregon in view. All representatives in the Washington delegation backed up Bone's assertion that "the people want this," but not all agreed on the operation of the bill. Representative Jackson said the CPA would have authority to build new generating plants, but could not point out such a provision in the measure when requested by the committee. He said the war effort required co-

Text of Joint Statement
By F. D. R. and Churchill

Washington, June 27—(P)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain today issued the following joint statement:

On the safe return of the prime minister to England, the following statement has been issued simultaneously in London and in Washington:

The week of conferences between the president and the prime minister covered very fully all of the major problems of the war which is conducted by the United Nations on every continent and in every sea.

We have taken full cognizance of our disadvantages as well as our advantages. We do not underestimate the task.

We have conducted our conferences with the full knowledge of the power and resourcefulness of our enemies.

In the matter of the production of munitions of all kinds, the survey gives on the whole an optimistic picture. The previously planned monthly output has not reached the maximum but is fast approaching it on schedule.

BECAUSE OF THE WIDE EXTENSION OF THE WAR TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD, TRANSPORTATION OF THE FIGHTING FORCES, TOGETHER WITH THE TRANSPORTATION OF MUNITIONS OF WAR AND SUPPLIES, STILL CONSTITUTES THE MAJOR PROBLEM.

ordination of all the power facilities, and a Bonneville staff witness testified this integration is already in effect.

FOR days proponents had everything their own way and asserted they would get the bill passed by July 19, but they began slipping when Representative Walter M. Pierce of Oregon, an old-time public ownership advocate, said he favored the bill and then began ripping it to pieces; he would not stand for this or that and especially not for Secretary Ickes as the Big Tyee; would not stand for using power revenue to subsidize settlers on the Grand Coulee reclamation project.

Kimsey Robinson, manager of Washington Water Power Co., was the only power magnate to appear and his showing was such that Chairman Overton said it should go in the record that W. W. P. was an outstanding, efficiency managed company. Robinson showed that his customers used more power than the domestic consumers of Tacoma. Spokane people liked his company and service, which, he said, was the reason why they have twice rejected attempts to create PUDs or have municipal ownership.

COMING WEEK TO
BE CRUCIAL ONE
FOR ALLIED ARMSBy DE WITT MACKENZIE
WIDE WORLD ANALYST

One can't quarrel with the prediction by London military experts that the next week bids fair to be one of the most critical of the war for the allies, though personally I should go further and say that it also will be one of the most fateful for the axis.

The consensus of military observers is that Hitler must win this year or not at all. His correlated offensives against the British in Egypt and the Reds at the gate way to the Caucasus represent the beginning of a mighty effort to drive a wedge which will give him victory before winter again brings his icy terrors to the Soviet front.

Another week won't see the end of the great battles which now are swelling, but the speeding events of the immediate future are likely to silhouette the climax of Hitler's attempt to dominate the world. The Nazi fuhrer right now either is building himself a pyramid of triumph, or he is digging his own grave which about the time the first snows sweep the Russian steppes will be ready and waiting for the allies to push him in. He may still play hamlet for a bit after that, but his number will be up.

But here it is important to note that while we can see the meaning of this historic moment, there is no assurance (or so it seems to me) that the present offensives will continue to be the channels through which our destiny will flow. The allies must be prepared for a lightning change of tactics by Hitler if things don't go well with his scheme of clamping a great pair of pincers on Egypt from the east and from the west.

That is to say, if Field Marshal Rommel's sensational invasion of Egypt should bog down, or if Field Marshal Von Bock should find the going too hard

LEM OF THE UNITED NATIONS

While submarine warfare on the part of the Axis continues to take heavy toll of cargo ships, the actual production of new tonnage is greatly increasing month by month. It is hoped that as a result of the steps planned at this conference the respective navies will further reduce the toll of merchant shipping.

The United Nations have never been in such hearty and detailed agreement on plans for winning the war as they are today.

We recognize and applaud the Russian resistance to the main attack being made by Germany and we rejoice in the magnificent resistance of the Chinese army. Detailed discussion were held with our military advisors on methods to be adopted against Japan and the relief of China.

While exact plans, for obvious reasons, can not be disclosed, it can be said that the coming operations which were discussed in detail at our Washington conferences, between ourselves and our respected military advisors, will divert German strength from the attack on Russia.

The prime minister and the president have met twice before, first in August, 1941, and again in December, 1941. There is no doubt in their minds that the over-all picture is more favorable to victory than it was either in August or December of last year.

In his efforts to smash through the Red line in the Kharkov sector, we may expect Hitler to shift to a different field.

Even if things go well for the Germans on the Russian front, it should cause no surprise if Hitler suddenly lashed out at Syria with an attempt to invade that country by air and thus secure a base from which to strike at the allies both in Egypt and in the countries to the east. There also still remains one other possibility which would represent an act of sheer desperation on the part of the nazi chief—an attempt to invade England.

PRODUCTION PEAK

Washington, June 27—(P)—American production lines definitely have hit the stride needed to achieve President Roosevelt's "blue-print for victory" goals, war production board officials said today.

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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

June 28, 1932

(It was Tuesday)
Gov. Roosevelt scores major victory in fight for democratic nomination at Chicago convention.

Ashland nudists, all in their teens, are arrested.

Medford citizens wire democratic convention to nominate Will Rogers for president, as proposed in Mail-Tribune editorial.

Fair and slightly cooler. High 83, low 47 degrees.

Crater Lake lodge opens for season.

Spider mites in pear orchards, call for control oil.

Jackson Springs resort leveled by fire.

Guardsmen home tomorrow from Camp Clatsop.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

June 28, 1912

Crater Lake lodge is now open and all roads in Crater Lake park cleared.

Civil war breaks out in Dublin, Ireland.

Famous sporting resort at Mexicali, Lower California, destroyed by fire.

Settlement of coal strike in sight.

Fair and warm. High 96, low 53 degrees.

"Medford—Gateway to Crater Lake" sign on top of City Hall to be illuminated at night.

Good progress being made on county fair buildings.

Fire department hampered by crowd at residential blaze, finally conquers both.