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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Some troops arrived from Texas the past week, with none of them singing, "Deep in the Heart of Texas." Sheriff Brown was so glad to see such a mess of folks from his home state.

E. Ulrich, the Prospect m.w., towed Fri. He quit haying to enjoy the cool of a dentist's chair.

Jim Owen, the ex-timberman, was 77 the 13th. He used to saw wood and whistle, but now he just whistles.

Plums—political and horticultural—are ripening, and Atty. G. Coddling picked one of the former the first of the week.

Members of the Woodpeckers Helpy-Selfy society met Fri. and urged all members to start whetting their beaks for the fall cupboard making. Prof. Marvin Woodpecker, Ph.D.S., warned the young drooping their beaks on cement corners to save time would give them pains in the neck, and urged them to use the oaks of their forefathers, as this is war.

The Democratic candidate for Governor, still charges the Republicans are trying to beat him. He has something there—and how!

The Dick Phair girl wrapped her Paw around her little finger Thurs. and then unwrapped him. She does the same trick with the Jack Walker boy—J. Tannehill.

Andrew Jackson Simpson, of the hills, reports the first roasting ears. Instead of butter he slicks them up with cold bacon grease.

Bill Perl and folks have rid from a trip to California, where he saw his Grandpaw, some movie queens, and the Pacific ocean.

Several peace plans have been hatched locally. One plan would shoot peace into Germany before she can start the next war.

The Older Girls report there are not many flies this summer, and if there were they would get swatted.

Coordinator F. Van Dyke of Ashland has been busier than a combination ant, bee and bird-dog. He sure is "activated," and fears are felt he will be "indocinated." He is still running around with "Cannonball" Jackson, who is old-fashioned and just "dynamic."

Chuck Clay III is learning to walk, but unable to proceed straight. Under his own steam, he veers off to the left and sits down with a resounding thud.

The Joe Fliegel boy is up to Scout camp, and wishes everybody else was there. His expected homesickness failed to materialize.

The local political pot boiled last week, with the news benefits to dependents of soldiers would be paid the day before election. There is no political significance to this, just a happy happenstance. It started the local democracy grunting and growling over the dehorning of the Wilsonian L. of N., a score and more of years ago, as the cause of the current war.

Raymond Fish of Phoenix has a beautiful tan on the top of his head, that is the envy of the fair sex, who wish it was on their forearms.

What's the Big Idea?

Why should the navy delay reporting what happened at Dutch Harbor for six weeks?

Tokyo certainly knew all about it, and reported the news from the Japanese side, at once. So by this long delay no important information was being kept from the enemy.

Moreover casualties from Dutch Harbor, on their arrival in Seattle gave detailed accounts of the hostilities, many weeks ago, and apparently the naval censorship had no objections. The official naval report therefore was rather tame and certainly safe by contrast.

WE can see no rhyme or reason to such dilatory procedure. Nor can we see any point in delaying the reports of U-boat ship-sinkings in the Atlantic anywhere from one to three weeks.

A strict air-tight censorship we could understand. But a censorship which gives out no official reports, until long after unofficial and enemy sources have told the story,—so long in most instances that public interest in the event described has ceased to exist,—simply doesn't make sense.

The U. S. navy is giving an excellent account of itself in action. But in this department's humble opinion its press department is a mess.

No Sense to It

Along the same line as the above why were not the people given the detailed story of General Doolittle's daring air attack on Tokyo, BEFORE the medals were passed around, rather than AFTER?

Unless we are mistaken no account of this courageous exploit in any detail, has ever been given publicly, except by individuals who participated,—the official press bureau throughout maintaining a discreet silence.

This does not make sense either as we see it.

ON Friday last in Seattle, Major Charles Greening, pilot of a plane in that memorable attack speaking before the Young Men's Business Club in that city, gave a vivid and thrilling account of what transpired.

The U. S. planes, he said, flew in from the sea at TEN feet ALTITUDE,—a stunt they had practiced in Florida for more than a month, much to the consternation of home owners!

Two of Japan's main airplane factories, occupying more territory than the huge Boeing properties in Seattle, were destroyed as was a Japanese airplane carrier at a dock, an oil tanker, a huge ammunition dock, a warehouse and an oil refinery.

There is news,—good news, and heartening!

WHY then delay it all this time and instead of broadcasting to the country officially as a whole, with the proper preliminary build-up, allow one member of the squadron unofficially to tell a small club, far-off on the Pacific coast, about it?

You wouldn't catch the Axis fumbling a publicity chance like that. Nor would the new war news chief Elmer Davis, if he had anything to say about it.

But it becomes increasingly apparent, that Mr. Davis HASN'T. Obviously under the present set-up he can only give out what the army and navy will let him have,—which is like putting a man in command of a ship and not letting him enter the pilot-house.

What's Wrong in Egypt?

The above remarks, we admit, proceed from a purely layman source, and newspaper standpoint. We claim no special training in, or knowledge of, military or naval science.

But we do know something about publicity and its importance in all human relations, including war. And as no less an authority than Marshal Foch said there was nothing to military tactics but engineering and common sense the average layman might even be entitled to a few words there.

At any rate, we can't understand British strategy in North Africa, and haven't from the first. Allied air superiority is admitted, heavy allied reinforcements since Tobruk and superior communications are not denied.

Yet from this distance it would appear the British are merely treading water only 70 miles from Alexandria, making no effort whatever at an all-out offensive, thus allowing Rommel invaluable time to reform and reinforce his shattered forces for the inevitable second smash to conquer Egypt.

It again seems to a man up a tree there must be something seriously wrong in North Africa with British military leadership.

Who Isn't a Bit Crazy?

Mrs. Mary Slater, 68 years old,—old enough to know better,—shot and killed Lucien Doyen, who occupied the flat below her, because of the noise made by the Doyen children.

It is a far cry from this grotesque domestic tragedy in peaceful San Francisco to the "bloody triangle" with Voronezh as the apex, in war-torn Russia, yet we have an idea, a competent psychiatrist would find a certain connection.

Few of us may realize it, but we are all emotionally affected by what is going on today in Europe, particularly when, as at present, the reports are far from cheering. All tempers are as a result more or less set on hair-trigger.

MOREOVER, when nations throw down all bars of restraint and go to it with tooth and claw, the

primitive instincts of all individuals within those nations, are to a greater or less extent, affected.

Mrs. Slater will undoubtedly plead insanity in defense. But we doubt if any impartial judge—say from Mars,—would rule her any more insane than the majority of the genus homo, now scattered over the surface of this blood-drenched earth!

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, 262 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

HEALTH INSURANCE AND JOB INSURANCE

A good many people who purport to be fairly well educated and really ought to know better



believe one can enjoy good health in spite of decay or loss of one or more teeth, especially back teeth which do not show. These people have not been well educated at all. Their element is a r y not included physiology and hygiene. If they had an elementary knowledge of physiology and hygiene they would not neglect their teeth as they do. They would not put off necessary dental treatment on any of the familiar pretenses,—fear that it will hurt, unwillingness or inability to pay for it, or most deplorable of all, the idea that loss or decay of back teeth will not show if you are careful in talking, laughing, etc.

One reader described her plight here some time ago. When she suffered caries (cavity, decay) of a tooth the free clinics and dispensaries refused to treat it—she had to wait until the tooth was hopelessly damaged and then the free clinic or dispensary would extract it. This threatened to disqualify her to hold a job that paid her living, for loss of teeth, especially front teeth, made a woman look like an old hag, and employers would not hire them to represent the firm in contact with the public. On the face of it the unfortunate woman might have some justification for complaining about the shortsighted policy of the clinics or dispensaries—if their purpose is to prevent as well as to relieve disability from sickness. They might logically offer the public necessary dental services as well as medical and surgical and social service.

Why couldn't I, with the great influence of my health column, start some agitation which might lead to such reform in the service provided by clinics or dispensaries or hospitals that have charity wards, asked the correspondent?

I thought a good deal about that. I'm afraid my column has little influence with the big shots who control such things. But certainly the correspondent is right in feeling that the services of a dentist should be as

free as possible. It has insufficient resources to acquire by purchase, but it can easily control, manage and even take over business which is sick or weak. This bill edges up to the line of impoverishment, and up against the question of whether individual ambitions to make money can be maintained which of course is the root of the profit system.

But from the standpoint of treasury necessity, the bill is still insufficient. It will make annual tax revenue about \$23,000,000,000 and leave about \$50,000,000,000 a year to be raised by floating bonds.

Of itself, therefore, it will not prevent or greatly hinder inflation. It merely increases to an extreme point the old orthodox methods of new deal taxation, offers no new ones.

It will be necessary to maintain some such scale to carry the huge war debt which will be \$130,000,000,000 at the end of the next fiscal year and perhaps two or three times that much by the time the war is over.

Most peculiar aspect of the situation is that the CIO and other labor groups do not think these corporation taxes are high enough, although their wages must come from corporation income. They can only get wage increases from increased corporate earnings.

It is a prize example of shortsightedness of labor leadership—and a typical sign of the times that labor advocates further government confiscation of the pot from which its earnings are derived.

STRIKERS RETURN
Buffalo, N. Y., July 18.—(P)—Striking employees of the American Magnesium corporation voted today to return to work tomorrow midnight after hearing appeals from workers, union leaders and army officers that the walkout be ended.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Draft Reshuffle

Well Under Way

Radio Stations

Facing Silence

Copper Salvage

Drive Looms Soon

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., July 18.—The selective service is busy taking registrants from "classification" to "categories" in a general reshuffle. They are not shouting it from the housetops, but three of the four categories will be put in uniform before December 31 and the fourth will be sifted over for war material in January. For reasons of policy, not much will be said about the plans until after the election in November. Representatives and senators have nothing to do with the selective service and as this is not a presidential year, so on the surface there appears to be little excuse for waiting until after the election.

Category 1 includes all those who have no dependents and who are able to pass the army doctors. This is a large group, and don't be surprised if lads 18 and 19 of age are included. Category 1 will be in service by December 1. Category 2 comprises men who have dependents other than a wife or children. This group is to be in uniform early in December. Category 3 comprises men with a wife, a regular domestic life, who were married before December 7, 1941. This group can expect to be inducted by Christmas. Group 4 are men with wife and children, and if they are called it will be early in the next year. In this group individual cases will be determined on their merits, such as whether the wife and children can get along on the monthly allowance contributed by the soldier and the government; whether the wife has a job or is qualified for one; whether the children are adopted, etc.

Of course, this order of selection rests with the local board. The board is informed how many men must be produced and fills the order, and if there are not enough in category 1 it will dip into category 2, and so on. Goal of the army for this year is 4,500,000 by December 31. There will be 1,000,000 men in the navy. If, as may be, the army is doubled in 1943 the United States will have 10,000,000 men under arms.

Men up to 44 years will be scarce in the northwest in 1943, other than those engaged in shipbuilding and airplane factories and those physically disqualified for uniformed service. They will begin to disappear rapidly the end of this year.

SOMETIME in the next 12 months the number of radio broadcast stations will be reduced to 336 because of a shortage of tubes for transmitters. There are at present 906 stations and of these 570 will be forced off the air, estimates the FCC. Board of war communications has sent a questionnaire to stations to ascertain how they are situated with respect to tubes and when the answers are returned will be requested to permit the manufacture of tubes temporarily. From the start it was recognized that some stations might be affected and a pooling of spares was suggested. This failed to work, as stations with extra equipment declined to share with stations less equipped.

The tube makers are still doing business but are working on army orders. It is possible that some tubes, which do not come up to army requirements, may be obtained by stations, but this would be only a stop-gap. A tube for a transmitter is very expensive and is guaranteed for a limited number of hours (approximately 1,000) but the stations, by using care and nursing them along, manage to obtain about five times the number of hours guaranteed. Material in one of these tubes requires a little tungsten and a pound of copper (say a few feet of a Bonneville transmission line per tube) and new tubes for all of the 906 stations would take less than a half ton of copper. Chief difficulty is in obtaining authority for the manufacturers to produce tubes for commercial broadcast stations.

AND, speaking of copper, a drive to collect odds and ends of this metal will be launched

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within a short time. More copper can be collected than the drive for aluminum produced, which was a fiasco. The waste-paper drive was so successful that it had to be called off. The rubber drive, successful in the far western states, proved a disappointment in the east, with hints that four junk dealers with coast to coast connections will make a killing. These concerns are reported to receive a commission on all rubber turned in regardless of who collects it and they then sort the rubber and sell it by classification to the plants which do the reclaiming. For example, the crepe rubber soles on shoes is said to be worth more than \$400 a ton. The grease drive, now on, will continue indefinitely. Copper ashtrays, door knobs and knockers, candlesticks, etc., will be invited when the copper drive is inaugurated on a nation-wide scale.

KILLER'S THREATS TOLD BY FATHER OF SLAIN MAID

San Leandro, Calif., July 18.—(P)—A complaint charging murder was filed today against Leslie B. Gireth, 42, wealthy Glendale jewel expert and civic leader accusing him of slaying 20-year-old Miss Dorena Hammer during a tryst in a cottage here.

The girl's father, Ernest G. Hammer of Glendale, signed the complaint, and the district attorney said that Gireth, married and father of two sons, had previously threatened Dorena.

District Attorney Ralph Hoyt said Hammer told him that at Easter time Dorena disclosed she was trying to break off her friendship with Gireth and indicated she feared him. Hoyt said "she said that Gireth told her—the father stated—that if she ever did break off with him there might be serious consequences for her." Dorena and Gireth had been intimate for a year. She was shot to death Thursday.

L. E. Dayton, assistant district attorney, said Gireth freely admitted the killing and confessed "I was afraid that our interest in each other might lead to scandal that would ruin her life."

SOUP PRICE UP
Washington, July 18.—(P)—An increase in the price ceiling on canned soup was ordered by the office of price administration today to compensate canners and dealers for the larger cans and more highly concentrated soup they are now required to sell.

SPANIARDS CELEBRATE
Madrid, July 18.—(P)—Spaniards celebrated in flag-bedecked streets today the nation's annual "day of national rising," which marks the outbreak of the Spanish revolution six years ago.

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

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

July 19, 1932

(It was Tuesday)

Salmon to seek relief funds for new water system.

Jackson county leads state as gold producer.

Bonus marchers plan to move on White House.

Leslie M. Scott resigns as state highway commissioner.

Gasoline thefts continue in this area. Groceries and tires are also stolen.

Slightly warmer. High 81, low 41 degrees.

Dakota farmers plan to hold wheat for \$1 per bushel. Cattle market shows improvement.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

July 19, 1912

(It was Wednesday)

AF of L issues call for all unions to support coal miners strike.

Forest fires rage along Oregon side of Columbia river.

Progressives win in Nebraska primary election.

Ransom Webster leaves for Klamath county, where he will haul lumber the rest of the summer.

Woodmen plan big celebration Labor day.

Local armory is now assured when council acts for sale of city lots.

Injunction sought against sheriff's recall election.

ILL WIND BLOWS

LUCK TO FARMER

Heppner, July 18.—(P)—Frank Anderson insured his farm July 3 and that night a small tornado destroyed his barn, damaged his combine and a hayrack.

But he was blue because he thought he had only taken out fire insurance. Today, however, all was well, for he learned that he had coverage including windstorm and would be reimbursed for his loss.

Now! Thru Thursday!

Records Smashed! Two Grand Stars and What a Picture!!

The most exciting picture you'll ever see... we defy you to keep in your seats!

William POWELL
Hedy LAMARR

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