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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Bunco artists are reaping a financial harvest in the metropolitan areas. It must be a pleasant change after 10 years of being flimflammed in every election by politicians, great and small, to lose something besides a vote. Neither group keep their promise. Both use the same bait—Something for Nothing.

The strategy of the brave but bearded Russians is still a deep, dark military secret. They may plan on running the Nazis into the sea, tending to Nippon, and hitting the Nazis in the rear when not looking.

The old fashioned soda pop bottle is coming back, the kind that had a combination wire-rubber cork, and was opened by snapping same with hand or hammer. It was a job for a fullgrown man. When the drinker finally succeeded he was generally christened by a geyser of red and carbonated water, strong enough to eat the buttons off his vest.

The climate has finally capitulated to a drum-fire of cussing and moderated moderately.

The homeliest wretches on earth, granted here last night and has no competition locally worth mentioning. No wonder Hon. Japs don't want to lose face.

ROMANCE ROUND-UP

(Klamath River News)

"Dan Cupid has been working overtime this week shooting arrows, and the weekend will find three new brides in Klamath, one a very charming blonde who thought she could fool Klamath folks, forgetting that we see Grants Pass licenses in Oregon papers. The other is a popular matron and the other a very young blonde. You guess who and look for news of the weddings next week."

Two of the eight Nazi saboteurs landed in this country from a submarine have challenged the right of the President to deny them the right to access to the civil courts. They want a habeas corpus and a special session of the supreme court has been summoned. This is record breaking legal quibbling and splitting of hairs and no monkey business for war times. There will probably be a big argument over whether the hairs to be split should be yanked from the heads of the defendants, their counsel or innocent bystanders.

The state highway commission has issued an order that motorists, whether or not they feel like it, come to a full halt at all railroad crossings. It is an emergency measure "that should leave a permanent thought with the reckless driver: Nothing is so permanent as death."

Tom (Blackie) Crow has returned from a trip to the Willamette valley where on the way home he was mistaken for an enemy parachute by a hay-hand. A resident of the Coos Bay area by the name of Seagull inadvertently looked like one but also escaped. "I was skeered white," Mrs. Crow quoted her husband as saying.

A British air raid left Hamburg, a leading port and submarine base of Germany a mass of flames and resembling hamburger. The Allied world hopes there is a speedy return of the raiders to make the resemblance more so.

A Welcomed Invitation

THERE are number of reasons why the people of southern Oregon will be generally pleased with the invitation extended to them to attend an "open house" at Camp White August 15th and witness the ceremonies attending the activation of the new 91st infantry division.

First of all, civilians here have a personal interest and pride in Camp White, named in honor of one of Oregon's most distinguished citizens, the late Major General George A. White. This is OUR camp, and the enthusiastic "okay" given to the entire establishment by military men who KNOW has been most gratifying to all of us who have watched the great cantonment grow from the first blue-print and surveyor's peg.

FURTHERMORE, this "open house" will provide local people an opportunity to see the men of the new 91st in action, using the latest weapons of warfare and the newest battle technique. Major General Charles Gerhardt's determination to make this outfit an alert, tough, hard-hitting fighting force has the whole-hearted approval of most citizens here. All "extra-curricular" activities will be out, as far as Camp White is concerned.

That is right! We are at war, and in violent 1942-model warfare there is no place for unnecessary social niceties, no room for panty-waist soldiers.

Under the training plan immediately instituted by Major General Gerhardt and his able staff, the new 91st will be physically and mentally fit to carry on the most cherished and honored traditions of the Pine Tree division of 1918. We look for the same strength, courage and gallantry shown by this "Wild West" division at Meuse-Argonne and Ypres-Lys.

WHEREVER this outfit may see action in the days to come—in the South Seas, on the fields of France and Germany, on the African desert or on the Isle of Japan—it is our confident prediction that the battle cry: "Powder River, Let 'er Buck" will carry the new 91st to glorious achievement.

Yes indeed! Southern Oregon people will pridefully follow the fortunes of the 91st—Now it is OUR division!

DESPITE arduous training at Camp White there has been, and will continue to be, opportunities for pleasant contacts between the soldiers and the people of this valley. Already associations with officers and men have been a delightful experience for many southern Oregon people. These men have taken a friendly interest and active part in the life of this community. There has been a spirit of cooperation between the civilian and military populace which has gone a long way toward solving countless mutual problems.

AND so, we welcome this opportunity to attend the activation ceremonies of the 91st division and renew brief but pleasant contacts with Camp White personnel.

It is a safe bet that few southern Oregon people will overlook Major General Gerhardt's thoughtful and gracious invitation.

COLLEGE FACULTY MAY GET PAY HIKE

Portland, July 28.—(AP)—The State board of Higher Education today considered a proposal to raise the pay of 1,000 State college faculty members and secretaries.

The raises, which would amount from five to 10 per cent for those receiving \$175 a month or less, were recommended yesterday by the board's finance committee after college presidents said they were losing employees to schools offering higher pay.

An allocation of \$34,000 from the state emergency fund would be needed to put the increases into effect. The committee also recommended asking for an additional \$11,670 for war damage insurance on college buildings.

Communications

Chip On Shoulder

To the editor:

The "chip on the shoulder" attitude of Medford toward the influx of new population seems to be growing pains. From the daily complaints in letters to the editor, it appears the upset to a smug, self-satisfied community is too great to be borne with complacency.

Now the good people of Medford don't like California and the editor (from special observation of past editorials) has no special love for California, but as one who resided there a number of years, I must say that California can take it. Growing, I mean, I saw a suburban community of Los Angeles grow from a small group of forty families to a thriving city of four thousand in the space of three years. And brother, they may have looked like the Grapes of Wrath when they came in, but the good citizen spirit displayed was wonderful.

Yes, they lived in tents, tar paper shacks and temporary dwellings for a while—but that little community is now a city of tree lined avenues, flower gardens and neat bungalows.

When our cantonment was started a professional man remarked to me that Medford needed something to wake it up. That something seems to be here and Medford can no longer roll up its sidewalks at eight o'clock and tuck the covers of forgetfulness around its sleepy head.

Let's not be so snooty to the stranger in our midst. He may be the potential leading citizen, providing he isn't shooed away by our inhospitable actions. Our government has designated Medford as a needed unit in the war work to be carried on, so why not keep faith with our democracy.

Are we going to walk up to the cantonment workers, the army personnel, our soldier boys, when this is over and say, "Move on, brother; you've done your stint for Uncle Sam, but Medford doesn't want you hanging around now."

Carma McCarty, Trail, Oregon.

HIGHWAY TO FOIL LURKING U-BOATS

Washington, July 28.—(AP)—To avoid the submarine menace in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean, six central American republics will cooperate with the United States in building an emergency overland route from this country to the Panama canal.

The state department announced last night that Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama have agreed to aid in constructing about 25 miles of pioneer roads connecting segments of the inter-American highway between the Mexican-Guatemalan border and Panama City.

WRONG PLUG

Nahunta, Ga., July 28.—(AP)—C. H. Calhoun, high school vocational teacher, replaced his automobile with a horse which he named "Ration." Making his round of farms in the neighborhood, he pulled up at one during a heavy rainstorm and stopped by the garage. A low hanging light bulb caught the horse's fancy and he bit into it. He was electrocuted.

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, 355 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

IMMUNITY OR RESISTANCE

Recently, a medical colleague informs me, there appeared in this column a statement by me to the effect that "the great majority of these developed sufficient immunity to prevent the tuberculosis from becoming active." Presumably I referred to school children or persons in the "teens who react positively to tuberculin test—albeit I can't for the life of me dig up the article.



Dr. Brady which the correspondent quotes. However I acknowledge authority of that idea, or rather I accept it as the finding and teaching of competent authorities on tuberculosis. When a schoolboy or schoolgirl reacts positively to the skin test (Mantoux reaction) it indicates that the young person has some tuberculosis, perhaps latent or smoldering, in some lymph node or "gland," perhaps even active enough to show some slight symptoms or signs the significance of which is apparent only to the physician who can study and observe the child for a reasonable time. It means that such young person must be more carefully watched lest he or she develop active tuberculosis. It means that his or her general hygiene and nutrition must be more strictly maintained. It means that he or she must undergo periodic health or medical examination (preferably by the same physician) regular at least every three months through youth. It means that the child may have a fair chance to develop enough immunity in the course of youth to protect him or her against the flaring up of that smoldering childhood infection into active pulmonary tuberculosis.

The medical colleague fears my use of the term "immunity" will be misunderstood by laymen. The doctor believes laymen would not misunderstand if I used the term "resistance" instead of the term "immunity." Without saying so the doctor implies that laymen can't comprehend that immunity may be absolute or only relative, complete or only partial. To the

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1st Class Private Peter Plink

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Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.
Aleutian Losses Heavy For U. S.
Loss Of Planes Not Announced
Weather Hampers Ousting Efforts

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., July 28.—Losses in men and material in the fog-wreathed battle of the Aleutians have been heavy and the destruction of some 18 ships of the Japanese has been paid for dearly by American lives and in long-range fighting planes, such as the PBV of the navy and the flying fortress of the army. American soldiers have been machine gunned, bombed and drowned. The Japanese have taken their toll. The Japanese invasion is a genuine menace to the Pacific northwest; they are landing thousands of troops from transports, establishing themselves and bringing with them the Kawanishi flying boats, their version of the PBV; building runways for land-based planes and establishing radio stations.

Communications on the Aleutian situation tell, from time to time, of the destruction of submarines, destroyers, cruisers, carriers and transports, but of American losses there is complete silence.

The first attack by the Japanese was at Dutch Harbor June 3, but the enemy had already "taken" Attu (in the Near island group) and Kiska (Rat island group) before sending planes over Dutch Harbor in Unalaska. Oil reserves, warehouses, etc., at Dutch Harbor were strafed; a PBV was destroyed while trying to take the air, half the crew killed by a machine gun blast from a Zero. The attack was dismissed rather casually in a communiqué. The fog closed down and so did the censor.

A week later American flying boats discovered that Kiska was occupied, the magnificent harbor having a dozen Japanese warships at anchor near the base of the Kiska volcanic mountain. Bombs were dropped, disposing of some of the fleet. July 11 American fliers saw the busy Japanese at Attu, with hundreds of soldiers established and machine gunned a detachment.

Scattered along the Aleutians were a number of weather reporting stations such as at Kango, Atka, Kiska. The fliers evacuated all but those at Kiska. These weather observation points forecast what the weather would be in the Pacific northwest. The cold air coming down from the Arctic and Bering sea, striking the warm Japanese current, results in fog, snow and rain. In August and September the weather is at "its best." At Attu and Kiska the Japanese now have the advantage of knowing the weather first—a fact which is considered serious by the congressional delegations of Washington and Oregon and a number of eastern congressmen who are studying the situation.

UNTIL the high command releases the facts of the battle of the mist it will be impossible to announce the number of PBV and fortress bombers that have been lost by navy and army. It may be a dozen; may be 20 or more. One was shot down at Unimak, east of Dutch Harbor, in the direction of the mainland; another off Egg Island went down in flames; another at Unalaska, with all hands killed; another was blown to nothing when an anti-aircraft shell hits its bomb load; another flew away in the fog and that was the last ever heard of them, probably landing in the icy waters of Bering sea or the north Pacific. Jap fliers machine gunned survivors on life rafts.

The flying fortress bombers and the PBV have returned to base so riddled with bullet holes that they sank on landing or were worthless. Engines have been shot away, wings crippled and crewmen killed at their post. Despite the damage to the Japanese (all their Kawanishi flying boats were destroyed one afternoon at Kiska), the American fliers have taken a terrible beating. Only the army and navy commands in Alaska know how many of the bombers have disappeared in the fog forever or have piled up against some rugged mountain peak in mist or a snow storm.

NORMALLY, in the Aleutians the ceiling is approximately 500 feet, which is very low for aerial operations, and if there is a break in the clouds and the Americans attempt to take advantage of it, they are met with incessant anti-aircraft fire for all the Japanese have to do is to "cover" any break in the clouds and blaze away at any planes that appear in the clear spot. If there appears to be a paucity of flying patrol boats and bombers at the air fields of Washington and Oregon their absence may be accounted for by the reinforcements which have been dispatched to Kodiak and Dutch Harbor to replace the lost planes.

It all sums up that the Japanese are still on American territory, and the way they are increasing their invading manpower it will require real force by the United States to rout them out and destroy them. With all of the preliminaries for a second front in Europe, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox has said that the Japanese can wait until Herr Hitler is disposed of.

SENTENCE ROLAND IN THEFT OF AUTO

Clayton S. Roland, charged with taking and using an auto belonging to another without permission, entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to serve not less than 18 months in state prison by Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna yesterday.

When arraigned in justice court, charged with reckless driving, Roland entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$25 and costs. In the lower court he waived preliminary examination, and went immediately to the higher court to plead and be sentenced. Testimony showed he was driving a stolen car when arrested for reckless driving.

Roland, a former auto salesman, was returned from Coquille Sunday.

HIGHER-UPS BLAMED IN ALASKA FAILURE

San Francisco, July 28.—(AP)—Senator Monrad C. Wallgren (D-Wash.) says that "higher-ups in Washington" are responsible for the failure of American forces to drive the Japanese invaders out of the Aleutian islands.

"I can't especially find any criticism of the army and navy on the coast," Wallgren told newsmen.

Night pasturing of farm horses during the heavy work season enables them to do more work than they otherwise could.

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 28, 1932
(It was Thursday)

Adolf Hitler, fiery socialist leader of Germany, in final speech of presidential campaign declares "democracy near end in Fatherland."

Blood flows as bonus army battles police in Washington. Officers open fire when eviction is resisted.

Medford man fined in justice court for smoking in national forest.

Fruit tonnage of valley estimated at 3,000 cars this season.

Fair and cooler. High 78, low 47 degrees.

Local help for pear picking is fruitmen's plan.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
June 28, 1912
(It was Friday)

Sheriff faces accusers in Ashland meeting and denies charges. Other speakers declare "Ashland ministers being made cats-paw of the Klan." Colored victim of local "hanging" falls to appear before special grand jury when called.

Fair and warmer. High 92.5, low 49.5 degrees.

Mail-Tribune is broken into by night prowler.

Special recall election tomorrow arouses county and interest is high.

Plans started for county fair in September.

Wheat threshing starts in the Willow Springs district.

FINE HOSPITAL CAMP WHITE SOON

Camp White will soon possess one of the largest and best equipped military hospitals in the state, it was revealed today by Colonel C. G. Hunter, chief surgeon of the camp.

The new two story brick structure will house a general hospital completely staffed by competent professional and administrative personnel.

The hospital is expected to be ready for occupancy on or about August 15, according to Colonel Hunter.

A temporary hospital has been set up by the medical department and is already functioning for the enlisted personnel.

VISITOR STAYS

Los Angeles, July 28.—(AP)—Mrs. Hattie Stern visited the county jail to take her brother-in-law a pair of new shoes. But she remained as a resident because, Chief Jailer William J. Bright said today, a pair of hacksaw blades were found concealed between the soles.

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