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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The New Deal now proposes 'forced savings' for the public to aid the war effort. This is Okay by the public, who feel its about time the New Deal tried its own medicine.

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Wendell Willkie, the GOP. mogul was in Cairo last week, and was quoted in press dispatches, as saying, "Gen. Rommel is in a h-ll of a fix". In a w-r, one must be careful of his language.

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S. Ganton Sherwood of the PO. left for the war Thurs. He will see the world through a porthole, and get out of the Christmas mail rush.

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G. Thorndike of the fiduciary depositary won a tournament golf game last week. It was the first time he ever did this on the lynx, and was delighted with the victory.

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Sen. McNary who last week described the Oregon cowhands, as happy in the saddle "clattering over the prairie, hurling his poems into the wind", should see F. Luy, the Antelope buckaroo this week, dressed up like page 237 of the October 'Esquire', and throwing nothing but a hoof at a rural shindig.

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Money in circulation jumped half a billion dollars last month. Not a single one ever whistled as it jumped by us.

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While sweeping the sidewalk in front of the Leonski Haskins apothecary early Sat. Flech Stout, the pillest got mad at A. Hitler, and hit him a few imaginary licks, between the mythical shoulder blades, with his bona fide broom.

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While discussing general affairs with his Grandpa, Chuck Clay I, his grandson, Chuck Clay, III, who is just learning to talk, had to repeat a question 3 times, and then asked, in his own jargon: "Can't you understand English, Grandpa?"

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A number of country folks had business in town Fri. and accidentally ran into the circus.

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A number of hints and insinuations of fall showed up last week. A noble redskin was over from Klamath, and said he was getting ready to usher in Indian summer.

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The Joe Fliegel boy Joe, ran his folks over to the coast the first of the week, and upon arrival discovered the fishing pole had been lost. When they got home they found the fishing pole right where they left it.

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The B. Tornado spent the past week at Lake o' the Woods getting ready for the pigskin season, and cross footballs next Fri. eve with Yreka in the opening clash.

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A bevy of bouncing babies were downtown Thurs. in new buggies, with rubber tires, and propelled by their maws. All the engineers stated there was no danger of the govt. snatching the rubber to whip the Axis, as it is processed.

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A number of piscatorial enthusiats viewed the new Copco fish ladder Wed. and pronounced it a good job, and enabled a fish to go where they pleased, or stay where they were.

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Nut administrator Bernard Woodpecker warns unless there is more unity in gathering nuts, there will be many empty cupboards, and, not enough for woodpeckers to eat, let alone bluejays to steal. "Work, or eat peanut shells in the gutters with sparrows next winter", he admonished firmly.

Editorial Correspondence

Portland, Sept. 10.—(Delayed)—There is a great crop of nephews this year. And with the arrival of No. 2 our three-weeks sojourn ends. No. 2 weighs over 200 pounds and hails from the real cowboy west,—Buffalo, Wyoming. He came via Seattle where he had his first sight of the Pacific ocean,—of any ocean in fact. Unlike nephew No. 1 he is not a very talkative young man nor particularly curious. He is on the dignified, serious—and we should judge, kindly side. But then, of course, he is four years older than nephew No. 1, and in four years great changes can be expected, in the 'teens.

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It is strange about time. We recall a question in Psychology I many years ago, asking how the genus homo records the passage of time. We also recall we failed to give the correct answer, and for some reason we have never learned the right one. We don't know now, why the past three weeks should seem, in retrospect, more like three months,—but they do. And all in all they have not been boresome weeks, in fact quite the contrary. So the general idea that when time goes slowly the individual is not enjoying himself, can't be true. Our own hunch is the impression of time is produced not by the tick of the clock, but by the number of impressions—of different impressions,—received by the consciousness.

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Nephew No. 2 has been chiefly impressed thus far by the evidences of war consciousness here on the coast. A factor of importance were the many barrage balloons he saw in the Puget Sound area. Then he hears far more war talk than in Wyoming.

Quite natural of course. The Pacific Coast is in the war zone, while the Big Horn mountains of Wyoming are not. Before the young man leaves the coast this impression will be even stronger. War preparations are far more in evidence in California than in Oregon and Washington,—at least in the parts of Washington we have visited since war was declared.

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In fact the outstanding impression of this short trip was the increasing realization on the part of the people here on the coast that they are not only in a war, but in a long war, and by far the most serious one in their country's history. A war WHICH MUST BE, AND WILL BE, WON, but which is going to call for sacrifices both at the front and behind it, which have scarcely been hinted, in the war story as yet. One of the big and obvious jobs of the press as we see it, is to arouse the people of the country to the truth—to WHAT they are REALLY up against.

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Another definite impression.

There is a surprising and rather disquieting rivalry between the various branches of the U. S. service,—army, navy and air. This was particularly noticeable in San Diego, where we talked with representatives of the three main divisions,—and each one had several bunches of asparagus to throw at the other.

Nothing really serious,—but there is an absence of complete unity of morale in our fighting forces, which perhaps has always existed but we never happened to run into it before.

Our own belief is a single command would contribute materially to a betterment in this direction,—perhaps actual combat even more.

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Talking with representatives of U. of O. and O. S. C. here regarding football this year, no one seems to think there will be any football AFTER this season, but barring serious reverses in the Far East, the present schedules will be played off and some close and thrilling contests staged. Dopesters in general believe O. S. C. will repeat its triumphs of last year as far as the conference goes, but that is usually the way with the "wise boys,"—the winner of one year is almost invariably the favorite of the next,—and also almost invariably never comes up to the advance dope. One of the staff whose football judgment we regard highly believes California will be way out in front when the season closes; he thinks it has the best material and will have the best coaching. Well, it is nice to know the "False Friends" will be able to function one more year at any rate!

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This is certainly a unique experience in Portland,—warm, sunny, salubrious for 2½ days, not as yet a drop of rain; whereas in California there were only three days of sunny weather in nearly three weeks. It all goes to prove once more that year in year out, counting all the 360 odd days, Oregon,—and especially Southern Oregon,—has about as perfect a climate as the Weather Man dishes out these days.

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Quite a group of Britishers live in Portland, and a very attractive group of men and women they are. Ran into one of them at luncheon yesterday who had a new slant on the British situation,—at least new to us.

He is in close touch with his family "over there"; mail is censored and delayed, but there has been no real suspension of correspondence since the war began.

He doesn't share the prevailing view in this country that Winston Churchill's position at the head of the British government is as secure as the Rock of Gibraltar. (Perhaps that isn't as secure as it looks in the insurance ads!) He is pretty pessimistic about the Russian situation, in fact, and believes if Stalingrad falls Churchill will also fall, and yield to the English Communist party, probably under Mr. Arthur Bevan. In fact, whether Stalingrad falls or not, he sees nothing to prevent Communist control in England in association with the well established Labor party, EVENTUALLY.

We don't know how reliable the man's information may be, nor even how sound his judgment, but he is, we feel sure, a typical example of the modern educated Britisher, who not only is disposed to face the facts but has no hesitancy in frankly expressing them.

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On the other hand one of the best balanced and informed of the Portland newspapermen, with excellent sources of information, believes the year 1942 will end with Hitler neither possessing Stalingrad, Moscow, Leningrad or Astrakhan. So put up your money—if you have any left—and take your choice!—R.W.R.

GUERRILLA RAIDS KEEP AXIS BUSY

London, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Guerrilla bands in five southeastern European countries have opened a small second front of their own by sabotaging axis lines of communication and supply and raiding isolated outposts, repeatedly, according to reports reaching London tonight.

It was understood that the guerrilla raids in Poland, Greece, Jugoslavia, Albania and Rumania during the past two weeks were the result of pacts which Gen. Draja Mikhailovitch, Jugoslav patriot leader, reached with guerrilla leaders in the other countries.

The aim of the guerrillas, it was said is to harass axis troops on such a scale that at least 1,500,000 soldiers will be pinned down in the occupied territories. The guerrillas also hope to force Hitler to reinforce occupation garrisons with troops from the eastern front, thus relieving some pressure on Russia.

FORTRESS CREWS RECEIVE MEDALS

A. U. S. Flying Fortress Base Somewhere in England, Sept. 12—(U.P.)—Major General Carl A. Spaatz bestowed medals for gallantry on 33 fliers today the first awards to flying fortress crews, who have set records for 'precision bombing' over the continent.

Eight of the men decorated are in hospital because of wounds and four of the awards were posthumous.

The honors included 19 purple hearts, 14 distinguished flying crosses, and three distinguished service crosses. Some crosses went to men who also received other awards.

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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.

A GOOD TRICK IF YOU CAN DO IT

In his textbook Nutrition and Diet in Health & Disease Dr. J. S. McLester, describing subclinical form of pellagra, that is, cases of partial, incomplete or mild pellagra in which the patients keep up and about and perhaps do not know the nature of their trouble, mentions some of the more common symptoms, such as lack of appetite, underweight, red tongue and perhaps sore tongue, sometimes diarrhea, easy exhaustion, nervous irritability, change of personality, lassitude, poor memory, insomnia, etc., and adds that Dr. J. B. McLester found that an appreciable number of pellagrins in a large Birmington hospital gave a history of having been admitted to the hospital in previous years with the diagnosis of "neurasthenia," believe it or not.

Dr. Brady

Having "neurasthenia" is a neat trick if you can get away with it.

Even if the Class A neurotics get away with it for a time, or some of them for life, thanks to the incompetence of the physicians they consult, and the Class B neurotics use their "weak nerves" as a means of evading all responsibility, duty or hard work, that trick is easy compared with the trick of diagnosing "neurasthenia" when you don't know what really ails the victim and had rather not admit it frankly lest the poor galoot change doctors.

No physician can substantiate a diagnosis of "neurasthenia" in any circumstance, because no such state as nerve weakness or nervous exhaustion or lack of nervous energy is recognized by physiology. Vagaries of eminent old-timers to the contrary notwithstanding, whenever a medical prestidigitator perpetrates a diagnosis of "neurasthenia" he should get a hearty Bronx cheer right there and then, just to let him know you appreciate his humor. That is, if you're a Class A neurotic. Of course, if you are a Class B neurotic, the charlatan plays right into your hands, becomes your partner in crime, makes it comparatively easy for you to sit back and leave all your worries, trials and responsibilities on the shoulders of your family, friends or whoever will play the stooge for you.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Never Heard of It

I went to every druggist in town to get "garnet red scales or granules of iron and ammonium citrates", as you described for making the home made iron tonic. Every one of them said "We do not have it and never heard of it." (Mrs. E. M. W.)

Answer—Official U. S. P. description of iron and ammonium citrate is "thin transparent garnet red scales or granules." Every druggist by law has a copy of the U. S. Pharmacopoeia in his store. He ought to have a look at it some time, when things are quiet at the doughnuts and coffee counter.

Tolerance to Pain

Who can stand the greater pain, man or woman? (Mrs. D. L. R.)

Answer—The question has never been settled, so far as I know.

Cough Need Not Be Dangerous

Is there any way to tell if a person has tuberculosis without a test by the doctor? Man in our neighborhood coughs and expectorates a great deal and without the slightest regard . . . I am worried lest our three children catch something from him. (R. F. C.)

Answer—Only physicians' examination will determine whether the man has tuberculosis. Any one with a cough may always protect those about him if he has the common decency to cover mouth and nose with handkerchief, gauze or paper while coughing. Of course no one should expectorate except into paper or cloth or other receptacle which may be disposed of by burning or emptying into sewer. Most towns have ordinances against spitting—you should complain to your health department about the filthy man. Reasonable or adequate punishment for public spitting would be to make the spitter scrub the spot with soap and water—or else rub his nose in it. (Copyright 1942, John F. Dille Co.)

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Communications

A Wondering Farmer Asks Why?

To the edieor: Why is the government of our country ignoring the importance of the farmer, just as Hitler has done, in starving Europe? It makes the farmer laugh grimly to have the blame for inflation put upon his shoulders. Poor farmer, most of us have never made enough to live on, and we work longer and harder hours than any other class of worker, and after the rugged day is over we haven't enough pep left to complain, nor to mix in the muddy stream of politics in order to better our position.

Now we are told what, we can plant and how in some bewildering manner, if we don't plant, the government will pay a few cents a bushel for crops the land would have yielded had the land been planted. Why? with people all over the world starving the answer comes booming back "we must keep the price up." Yes, keep the price up and let our army starve "the best fed army in the world." Haven't we yet learned that we get back good or bad, a double portion of what we give out?

Well, along comes another angle: a farmer has a dangerous, slick tire, he goes to the rationing board, to get a permit for a retread, only a retread mind you, "no I'm sorry," comes the response, "you are not working for the defense." "And why not" we ask? Can there be any defense without food? Can there be any defense without men exempted from the army to work our farms? We old women can't do the heavy labor, and our young women are being tempted with inflationary wages, or commissions, to leave their homes and their natural duties, to take the places of men sent overseas.

Can't the government see how it is cheating the country out of a rational future by its short-sighted policy of kicking the man already down, the farmer? Can't the government see starvation ahead of this country and of our allies, without the farmer? And can't the government see that we the people, of the farms are being awakened to the importance of our donation of the sustenance of life through our crops and volume and prices. We ask that enough farmers are left on the land to keep the earth producing.

"Thanks folks for listenin'"

E. B. A. Medford, Sept. 12

(Name on file).

TAGS FOR CHILDREN

San Francisco, Sept. 12—(U.P.)—San Francisco school children will receive identification tags next week, the parent-teachers association announced today.

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12 DIE, 37 HURT WHEN PLANE HITS AIRCRAFT PLANT

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—The death toll of a flaming army plane that crashed through the roof of a Curtiss-Wright airplane division plant reached 12 today with eight of the 37 other persons injured on "critical" lists at Buffalo hospitals.

The plane, which caught fire in the air, smashed a 10-foot hole in the plant roof and spread flaming destruction inside the plant.

The pilot, J. Bertrand Purnell, 34, of Buffalo, said he was forced to "bail-out" of the ship only a few minutes after he had taken it aloft yesterday.

"The engine caught fire," Purnell said at Meyer Memorial hospital where he was on the "critically sick" list. "I had to jump. The flames kept coming up and hitting me in the face."

The Federal Bureau of Investigation began an inquiry into the mishap.

Kenneth M. Pipep, agent in charge, said today that "the FBI is making an inquiry to determine whether or not there was sabotage involved."

EXTEND TIME FOR FUEL SIGNING UP

Portland, Ore., Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—The voluntary fuel registration in 29 Oregon cities will be continued through Wednesday because of the unusual response being shown, Richard G. Montgomery, Oregon OPA director, said today.

Estimate is that some 20,000 have signed up in the first four days. OPA officials look for a final total of 40,000.

Registration is designed to determine where fuel shortages exist.

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ford had the space, but not enough labor to utilize it.

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JOHN B. BLANDFORD, Jr., administrator of the national housing agency, denies that Oregon and Washington have been discriminated against in the federal housing program for war workers. The reverse is true, he contends, stating that 23,385 family units and dormitory accommodations for 3,950 single persons have been programmed for the Portland and Vancouver area, and that this is the largest program in the country for a region with the pre-war population of that area. Construction has been deferred on 2,972 family dwellings and 1,464 dormitory accommodations due to lack of available funds. Private enterprise has constructed 4,300 family units in the Portland-Vancouver area, Mr. Blandford adds.

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THE Coos and Curry county (Oregon) dairy industry has requested 30 days' extension of time on the recent order freezing spruce logs. They have been using spruce shipping containers, manufactured at Bandon, and contend that it will require at least 30 days to get substitute material, while they have on hand only a week's supply of material. This is another example of the hardship worked on users of lumber in the west when caught by freeze orders. Close to the source of supply, they have carried low inventories.

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LAST May the federal government invited a conference of governors in the 48 states with the purpose of inaugurating a program to eliminate restrictive laws and regulations adopted by the states affecting transportation, building, housing, food products, etc.

Only six of the governors personally attended the conference, but later were more fully represented at the governors' meeting which took place in the southeast. It was intended that each state would endeavor to conform with all reasonable completeness to a federal program which would encourage free and unrestricted movement of freight across state lines, and would recognize the urgent war necessity in many other lines of human accommodation.

It is now announced that many of the restrictive provisions have not been eliminated, and an appeal is again made to the governors for action where it can be accomplished by executive order or legislative mandate. Heading the list of difficulties is that of controlling motor transportation. Affecting the motor carrier is the public utilities or public service commission plates which are not properly recognized at all times in every state. Again, there are certain ports of entry limitations imposed by some states which the federal government feels should be eliminated for the duration.

Compensation taxes which, in fact, are an extra charge imposed by some states is another source of complaint. Travel orders involving payment of a fee is another item. Week-end driving bans imposed in certain states restrict movement of freight, punitive taxes and restrictions, usually levied under the name of road tax, mileage tax, gasoline tax, inspection tax, etc., have become sources of serious complaint.

In general Washington, Oregon and Idaho seem disposed to comply as fully as practical. They with others, however, will be asked to re-study with care the whole situation and to do their part if federal agencies find that all barriers have not been removed.

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PERSHING AT 82 EYES WAR MOVES, RECALL WARNING

Washington, Sept. 12.—(UP)—At Walter Reed hospital tonight Gen. John J. Pershing read the newspapers and, with his mind's eye, watched the fortunes of contending armies the wide world over.

If he gave a thought to tomorrow—when he will be 82 years old — it was to plan an afternoon automobile ride, depending upon the weather, a chat with a friend or two, perhaps, and a further session with his newspapers.

There will be no celebration, according to Col. George Adamson, the aged warrior's aide, and the day in all likelihood "will pass just as usual."

At the end of World War 1 Pershing warned that until the allies continued the conflict on German soil, forcing Germany into unconditional surrender, the bloody conflict would one day have to be fought all over again.

What he thinks and feels now that his prediction has come true, only his most intimate friends know. "Black Jack" Pershing is not the kind to say, "I told you so."

KIN OF ESCAPED SALEM CONVICT GAVE AID, CLAIM

Eugene, Ore., Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Sheriff O. E. Crowe disclosed tonight that Melvin Long, Springfield, Ore., brother of an escaped convict from the state penitentiary at Salem, had been arrested on a charge of aiding and concealing a felon.

Long's wife was similarly charged, both being released on $2,500 bail.

Meanwhile, police pressed the search for Long's brother, Cornelius Long, who escaped from the prison while serving a 20-year sentence for attempted rape.

Earl F. McCoy, Jackson county convict, who escaped with Long, was in the Eugene area with Long soon after the break, Crowe said. Mr. and Mrs. Long were accused of supplying the convicts with money.

The prisoners reportedly were armed and travelling in stolen cars.

SEIZED AUTOS

San Diego, Cal., Sept. 12.—(UP)—Ten automobiles, which have been seized at the Mexican border for having tires purchased in Mexico, will be converted into government use or sold, the office of W. S. George, collector of customs, said tonight.

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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
September 13, 1932
(It was Tuesday)

National American Legion convention at Portland urges immediate payment of bonus.

Coos forest fire still serious.

City Health Officer L. D. Inskeep reports "residents are healthy, despite the 'depression blues.'"

Democrats rejoice over the election of a democratic governor in Maine for the first time in 18 years. Republicans urged to "begin fight to save the nation."

Secretary of War Patrick J. Hurley booed during Legion parade in Portland.

Continued fair and warm. High 91, low 41 degrees.

New York Yankees clinch American league flag.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
September 13, 1922

Dr. R. M. Brumfield, Roseburg dentist, under death sentence for slaying of Russell Dennis, Douglas county hermit in insurance hoax, commits suicide in death house of state prison. Tore up sheet and made rope to hang himself to his bunk. In letter to warden declares his innocence. Crime was state sensation.

Fair and cooler. High 94, low 63 degrees.

Walter M. Pierce, democratic candidate for governor, comes out for anti-Catholic school bill.

Labor leader claims "courts filch rights of laboring men."

School attendance for first two days 1,444, a hundred more than last year.

Young Men Eligible for Enlistment in Reserves at SOCE

Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland (Spl.)—Young men between the ages of 17 and 26 are now eligible for enlistment in one of the many reserve programs at the Southern Oregon College of Education, according to Marshall E. Woodell, Liaison Officer.

Pre-induction training is now available in any of the following programs: United States Army Enlisted Reserve Corps, United States Army Air Corps Enlisted Reserve for both ground and flying duty, United States Navy V-1 and V-7 programs for special service commissions, V-5 for the Naval Aviation Cadets, United States Marine Reserve, and the United States Coast Guard Service.

Young men interested in any of the above programs, which lead to deferment for from one to four years, should contact the Southern Oregon College of Education at once as enrollment in this pre-induction training is on a quota basis.

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