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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Winter laid an icy paw upon the valley Fri. causing a general hugging of stoves. Several wished they had a woodpile for a colored gentleman to hide in.

Tomorrow is the first anniversary of the treacherous attack upon Pearl Harbor, and hopes are high Tokyo and way points gets block busting reminders of the date from the sky.

G. Averill, the Butte Falls seadog came to town Thurs. and had to use 'shanks mare' against a head wind to make it.

Gas rationing caused pedestrianism to increase, and many are getting the hang of walking again. It also put a crimp in the outdoor girls going skiing.

Premier Mussolini whimpered over the air Wed. and he sounded like a vile sinner on the way to the mourner's bench, there to linger until he saw a good chance to backslide. He was scared and hysterical. Nobody here felt sorry.

Deputy Books, the sheriff of the county, is so full of candy all the time, he lacks the gumption to chase a criminal cat, if one showed up. He has no sugar card.

Yule banners were put in place the past week, and look pretty. There will be no colored lights, or lamp-post foliage to hide empty rum bottles in this year.

F. Luy the Antelope vaquero had a cow die on him the first of the week.

It rained so hard and often during the late month of November in these parts even a native son of Salem would feel at home. The precipitation nearly ruined the country roads, and gave rural residents a chance to use the word quagmire, in describing them.

The law announces it will sit down on autoists going more than 35 mph. No matter how important their business. When caught, they will be liable to loss of their A card, and fine and imprisonment or both.

J. Wesley Bates, the tonsorialist has subsided as a military strategist. The United Nations ignored his advice, and every time he predicted Hitler would invade Britain, something would come up in Russia to cause other arrangements to be made.

Hominy making is underway in the country. It is pioneer grub that stuck to the ribs of the eater, that when mixed with hog meat, enabled him to fight Indians or hew the mighty oak, or drive a bull-team all day without tuckering out. Like muslin, hominy comes bleached or unbleached.

Most of the autumn leaves are raked up in neat piles, waiting for the next wind to redistribute them.

There is some excitement among the juvenile element about S. Claus. Chuck Clay III will meet him for the first time. It will be one of the outstanding events of the year, like Mrs. R. the gracious and charming First Lady flying to England to see how the British social gains are gaining.

A military secret known as "the beautiful" and white in color fell Sat. am. in a spirited manner. It arrived 20 days sooner than the Older Girls wanted it. Now is the time for little boys and girls to put out suet and bread crumbs for the birds.

J. Tannehill Walker has real army insignias on his soldier suit, and strutting accordingly.

December 7th Bond Drive

Tomorrow, December 7th, a "day that will live in infamy" as an anniversary of Japan's treacherous attacks upon Pearl Harbor, will mark the opening of an intensive one-week war bond and stamp selling campaign in 16,000 theatres of America. That the motion picture industry will do a good job in this new drive is a foregone conclusion. The cooperation of this industry in the entire war effort has been constant and substantial.

In September, Hollywood stars, producers and exhibitors launched a similar bond campaign. In the language of these bond-selling showmen, the results were nothing short of "colossal, stupendous, mammoth, terrific"—a billion dollars in bonds and stamps were sold.

Medford's four theatres took active part in that drive; they will lend the same generous assistance in this "Avenge December 7th—On to Victory" campaign. The local goal is to double the total already sold in Medford show houses, which now exceeds \$42,000.

THESE theatres are official issuing agents for the treasury department, a fact that should be known by the movie-going public not reached through the payroll deduction plan.

Although the war is becoming more serious day by day—more serious in its demands and more serious in its impact upon the everyday lives of the American people—there are increasing reasons for confidence and optimism. Few people do not now have a sense of personal involvement in this conflict. The willingness on the part of the American public to make every conceivable sacrifice to win is increasingly apparent.

This spirit should be reflected in whole hearted support of the program of Jackson County's energetic war savings staff and in generous response to the "Avenge December 7th" campaign of Medford theatres opening tomorrow.—H.G.

Is Admiral Darlan a Traitor?

To the editor:

I was interested in your recent remarks about Darlan but don't know as I agree with you. Would you care to have an expedition against Germany headed by Col. Lindbergh or Senator Wheeler? Well this man Darlan has been just as pro-Nazi as they ever were. But for him the French fleet would have sailed to Africa and the French government with it, instead of going to Vichy and working hand and glove with Hitler. Now what if the fortunes of war turn against England and the U. S. A. in Africa, which side will Admiral Darlan and his native troops be on? I agree opposing Darlan would have cost some lives, but this war can't be won without that—the Nation may be right when it claims going the line of least resistance in Africa, may bring disaster in the end. The latest news from Africa don't look as though the battle there was over by any means. I wouldn't trust this man as far as I could throw a tank by the starting crank. I can't see how Roosevelt can.

G. D. Stewart, Medford, December 4th.

Nor does this column!

As has been repeatedly stated Admiral Darlan is an opportunist of the worst type, interested first, last and all the time in himself and his own fortunes. His political record is bad—was bad before France fell, has been worse since.

But the fact remains he was in command of the French forces in North Africa when the Americans landed, and for several days put up a stiff resistance. It is also a fact Vichy France broke diplomatic relations with this country, and ordered this resistance against invasion be continued.

Should General Eisenhower have taken on this war, as well as war against the German and Italians, or should he have concentrated upon the latter, and tried in every way to avoid the former?

THAT is the milk in this particular coconut as we see it. And we feel in coming to terms with Darlan at once and proceeding with Darlan's aid immediately, against the Axis forces, Eisenhower did the wise thing and from both the standpoint of political expediency and military necessity the only practical thing.

AS far as Darlan's record is concerned how about Joe Stalin's record? Stalin is certainly pro-totalitarian, and when he signed that non-resistance pact with Hitler was as pro-Nazi as Darlan ever was.

But for Stalin's agreement with Hitler in 1939, it is very doubtful if this war would ever have started—certainly Der Reichsfuehrer would never have marched into Poland, had he not been assured Russia would keep hands off.

Because of Stalin's past record, however, his totalitarian convictions and what have you, would Mr. Stewart refuse his military aid, and if necessary drive him into the Axis camp?

AS before stated the first job before the House, and the only job, is to win this war. And to win it at the minimum sacrifice and the earliest possible moment.

As we see it, eliminating Darlan in North Africa as an enemy and securing not only his personal aid but the aid of his Vichy forces, contributed materially to this end.

To have denounced Darlan, and placed General De Gaulle in command of all French forces, would have done the exact reverse.

FINALLY, while we hold no brief for Darlan, we don't believe he is or ever would be, a traitor to France.

He did collaborate with Hitler when he was convinced the Germans would win, and believed it would be best for himself and for France to be on the winning side.

When the tide turned, and Africa was invaded by U. S. troops as the German offensive in Russia failed, he undoubtedly became convinced the Germans

COULDN'T win, and again decided it would be best for him and for France to be on the WINNING side.

We see no reason why the United Nations should not benefit from this turn of the tide and change in Darlan's viewpoint.

It does no particular credit to the French admiral's character, but it will, as we see it, hasten the defeat of Hitler.

And that after all is the "consummation devoutly to be wished!"

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.

NO LIQUOR, NO COLD, GREAT EXPOSURE

Eight Royal Canadian Mounted policemen recently arrived in Newfoundland from Vancouver via the Northwest Passage.

They made the voyage in an 80-ton schooner, the first west-to-east water voyage ever made thru that passage. The explorer Amundsen made the trip from east to west in three years.

In August, 1941, they anchored in Pasley Bay to save themselves from being driven onto unknown reefs in a storm, and the open water suddenly turned to eight feet of ice and held them for eleven months.

In Franklin Strait they drifted back and forth in the ice for nearly a month before they finally got clear. Several times they gave up hope of ever getting out.

The men took turns on treks to take census of the Eskimo population of the region, and these treks meant as long as one to two months of travel in weather never milder than 48 degrees below zero.

No liquor was used by any of the men on the voyage. With the exception of one man who died of a heart attack no member of the party was ill at any time and nobody had any symptoms or complaint which your Aunt Amelia could call a "cold."

How long the men remained free from cri after they reached Newfoundland and again came within spray range of people

with "a slight head cold" or "touch of the grip" I don't know, but I'd be willing to wager not long.

It does seem funny, to any one but an old fogey medical man or a politician holding a snug berth as health commissioner, how harmless exposure is to Arctic explorers and the like yet how dangerous a vagrant draft, or wet feet or going without a hat or a chest protector is for all of us mollycoddles here at home.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Running Ear

Have you a monograph on running ear? If so, kindly send me a copy. Also the one on Iodine Ration and one on Insomnia. (G. K.)

Answer—I have none on running ear. For either of the other pamphlets send a stamped envelope bearing your address. If you want both, inclose ten cents additional.

Deficiency of Riboflavin

Is glossitis caused by a vitamin or chemical deficiency in the body? The tongue is sore, altho not abnormal in appearance, and small sores come at the corners of the mouth and disappear in a few days, only to break out again. There is also a general debility and nervous weakness. (Mrs. C. P. G.)

Answer—Deficiency in riboflavin intake may account for a ch manifestation. Riboflavin is one of the factors of the natural B-complex. Deficiency in niacin (formerly called nicotinic acid) may contribute to the manifestations. Niacin is another of the B-complex factors. Supplement your diet with a good daily ration of vitamin B-complex in one form or another. Substitute plain wheat for white flour as much as possible in your diet. If you can get fresh wheat germ (millers call it "middlings plus germ") and "scalp of the straws" from a mill, a few pounds every week

or two, it is a fine source of B-complex, used with any cereal, or incorporated in any flour recipe in place of one-third to one-half of the flour. For instructions in the use of plain wheat in the family dietary send a stamped envelope bearing your address, and ask for "Wheat to Eat." Beware of Charlatan

Ben Told a certain eye doctor can remove cataracts from the back of the eyes by the use of leeches. (C. E.)

Answer—Cataracts are not on the back or front of the eyes, but are inside of the eyeball—cataract is a clouding and opacity in the crystalline lens within the eye. Only way cataract can be removed is by operation, removing the lens, after which the patient has fairly comfortable vision by aid of spectacles with thick lenses. This operation is done under local anesthesia and is painless. (Copyright 1924, John F. Dille Co.)

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News Behind The News
by Paul Mallon

(Continued from Page One)

upon investment, risking money for the chance to get more.

When the government says no one can get more than \$25,000 not even to pay 75 to 90 per cent of the excess into the treasury in taxes, how many new ventures will be made to furnish employment and good wages and good working conditions?

Certainly no one hereafter would invest a million in new or old enterprise, and no one who already has an income of \$25,000 net will make any more investments or contribute in any way to national economic welfare.

NO ONE would spend a million dollars to make a "Gone With The Wind" movie, for instance, and that much money would be lost to workers.

Real estate promoters of new areas would have to watch the limit before investing. There might be no more Miami built or Detroit built up.

New inventions that have brought this country to the front would likewise become less attractive. Only small investments would be sensible.

What would it do to the Du-

Pont, Ford and Chrysler enterprises (and that whole type of top U. S. business already established?)

The DuPonts would certainly have to unload General Motors stock, the bulk of which they own. Who would buy it? No one who already had investments returning him \$25,000 net.

And who else is there to buy such large blocks of stock? The price of stocks and bonds would depreciate from such a condition, hurting the little fellow more than the rich.

Certainly there would be no future rayon, cellophane and all that large scale investment development in the future America, because it would not pay. Hundreds of thousands of workers (mostly union labor) would find these opportunities closed.

THERE are ways of getting around everything. Possibly every big existing business enterprise in the country would try selling stock to the small wage earner again—baby stock, perhaps.

Ownership might become far flung and diversified, which would be good, if it did not destroy personal business management and the initiative which alone has made this country successful above all others.

The effect of the \$25,000 limitation on salaries that has been made already can be seen when the movie actors make their one or two pictures a year and quit.

What will happen when investment quits? Who will be helped? What will happen to American productive enterprise, the superior quality of which is enabling us to win the war because other nations cannot match it? Who will build the factories of the future?

Where can the treasury get the bulk of its money hereafter, unless it increases the taxes on all the rest of us who are not rich to replace the taxes lost by

this limitation? Who would be helped?

Does not this well-sounding political move involve the most revolutionary reform ever mentioned by the new deal?

Could anyone possibly get any good out of it, except the communists who originated the idea many years ago—not to help anyone—but to prevent our successfully capitalistic democracy from being successful, so they could get control?

Who else would be helped?

REINDICT LEINER
New York, Dec. 5 — (AP) — Helmut Leiner, 33, who was acquitted by directed verdict Monday of a charge of treason in aiding two of the executed Nazi saboteurs, was re-indicted by a federal grand jury today on charges of trading with the enemy and misprision of treason.

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November 23, 1942

Dear Mr. Hunt:

The Quigley Awards Committee has called to my attention your outstanding promotional campaign on the collection of scrap material. I want to offer my personal congratulations and hope that your winning of this recognition will inspire you to further efforts in the future on behalf of the national scrap drive. The motion picture industry can be a very powerful influence in educating the American public on issues of vital importance to the War Production Board and I know that I can count upon you to give us the utmost in cooperation.

Sincerely,
Donald M. Nelson

Mr. George A. Hunt,
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