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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

The Allied sky armadas blast Hitler's France. The "type" writer strategists wonder why there has not been more of the same dropped on Hitler's Germany.

The Secretary of Agriculture has been named "commander-in-chief on the home food front." What is meant is commander-in-chief.

Perhaps you remember "brave little Finland." First she fought Russia. Then joined the foe. But Finland always paid her debts to America. What is more, she is still doing it.

CIVIC PRIDE RUFFLED!
Red Bluff (Cal. News)
"Our own Jess Freitas has been named on the all-coast football team by the United Press. In announcing this fact the sponsor of this splendid honor says: 'Jess Freitas came from nowhere to... Is that so? The indignity the home town has suffered, and the bills we feel bubbling up can't be expressed in printed words.'"

Several farmers are now recalling the dry years when they had to go to the movies to see a good rainstorm.

Your corr. has the flu, and, herewith gives up for this time.

**YOICKS! YOICKS!
DOUGHBOYS JOIN
IN BRITISH HUNT**

London, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Three doughboys who hopped in with a jeep and rifles on a staid English hunt, winding both horses and horses and perhaps affording the stag as much as they did the red-coated hunters, learned today that after all protocol must be observed.

Cries of "yoicks, yoicks" split the air as a strange panorama moved swiftly across a rifle range somewhere in the English countryside. First came the stag, in full flight, with head high and eyes wild.

Close on his heels hurtled a jeep driven by an American sergeant, with two soldiers hilariously standing in the rear seat, trying to bring the animal into the sights of their wayward rifles.

Then came the hounds, trying desperately to keep up to the pace set by the jeep. Far in the rear, came the hunters in formal red coats, on horseback, long since out of the money and somewhat out of sorts and dignity.

Aghast also were the doughboys on the rifle range across which the procession raced; and so was their officer, who took the edge from the sport of the jeepmen with disciplinary measures designed to teach them that in England hunting is by invitation only—and not done, ever, in motor cars.

P. S.—The stag got away.

**CHILDREN MUST KEEP
FULL SCHOOL HOURS**

Washington, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Releasing children from school to fill holiday rush jobs is a violation of federal law, Katharine F. Lenroot, chief of the children's bureau of the labor department, said today.

"Reports coming in from many places indicate a tendency to take increasing numbers of school children for work in overcrowded stores where the strain is particularly heavy in the holiday season," said Miss Lenroot.

Closing time for Classified ads 4 p. m.—To late to classify 12:30 p. m.

Buy Christmas Seals

WHILE America is fighting the Axis aggressors on world fronts, let us not forget the enemy right here on the home front—tuberculosis. This dread disease saps our national strength with the stealth and deadly effectiveness of the most dangerous fifth columnist; strike hardest at persons in the most productive years of life—between the ages of 15 and 45.

Not in this wartime emergency, or for that matter at any time, can we let the germs of tuberculosis undermine America's manpower. Conditions now are especially conducive to its spread. Crowded housing conditions are acute in industrial areas, people are working longer hours and expending surplus energies, human resistance is reduced by worry, work and excitement.

ALREADY, in 1942, we have lost more lives to the enemy tuberculosis than we have lost to our Axis foes. Many thousands of people are incapacitated for vital war work—confined to hospitals instead of working in factories or on farms.

But this manpower saboteur CAN be cured—it is fact that public health CAN BE BOUGHT! Since 1907 the little Christmas seals have led a heroic crusade against "consumption." Through the years, deaths have declined as public enlightenment has spread and seal purchases increased. The money has been wisely spent in public health education. People in the cities and in remote communities have learned that tuberculosis is catching, is preventable, can be cured if discovered in the early stages.

Exhaustive medical research has been carried on in universities and in other scientific laboratories throughout the nation.

Every Christmas seal that is bought will help to "seal the door" against the spread of infection.

HERE at home, the Jackson County Public Health association has received special recognition for its rehabilitation work for those who have won their individual struggle with the disease. Cured patients are given kindly assistance in their effort to return to normal living and are shown new avenues for social usefulness and personal security.

AS WE look at the tragedy of war-ridden countries of the world we will be more grateful this holiday season that America has not been ravaged by war—not shattered by bombs and crushed by starvation and pestilence. The sobering realization of the sorrow and suffering in other lands, the gratitude that, even in wartime, we have food and warmth and shelter, should prompt us to buy generously these Christmas tuberculosis seals.

We can lend little help to those in other lands this year, as America has for so many other years, but we CAN give holiday cheer—and HEALTH—to our own fellow Americans and neighbors here at home.—H.G.

**McNutt's Powers Defined In
Question and Answer Series**

Washington, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Here are some questions and answers in connection with Paul V. McNutt's new powers as chairman of the War Manpower Commission:

Q. What is the WMC's overall function? A. In the language of President Roosevelt's executive order of Saturday, "to promote the most effective mobilization and utilization of the national manpower and to eliminate so far as possible waste of manpower due to disruptive recruitment and undue migration of workers."

Q. Over what does WMC now have supreme authority? A. Over all matters pertaining to procurement of manpower, military and civilian.

Q. Through what agencies will WMC exercise its new powers? A. Chiefly through the selective service system and the U. S. employment service, both of which WMC now operates.

Q. What persons are affected by the new grant of powers? A. Everybody, man or woman. McNutt said he considered the entire population "a national pool" from which military, industrial and agricultural manpower needs will be filled. His guiding principle will be "to enable each man and woman to use his or her best abilities and skills where they will contribute most to the war effort."

Q. How will agriculture be affected? A. The WMC, SSS and department of agriculture already are planning steps to protect farms from loss of necessary labor.

Q. What will happen to private employment services and systems? A. McNutt said all presently approved labor hiring and recruiting methods would continue in operation until further clarification.

Q. Will the U.S.E.S. be expanded? A. Yes, McNutt said machinery was being set up to handle transfers of labor within industry and for direction of farm labor movement and mobilization of local volunteer farm-work groups.

Q. How will the new setup affect procurement of men for the armed services? A. Henceforth all services will obtain the bulk of their new manpower through selective service. Voluntary enlistments are terminated for men 18 to 38. The navy may continue to recruit 17-year-olds and men 38 to 50. The army does not accept men under 18 and, under a recent war department ruling, will not take men 38 or older unless they are urgently needed.

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.

WINDOW SCREENS IN WINTER

We keep windows screened the year around because many of the fool bugs don't seem to know whether it is summer or winter. Someone recently observed that the cricket's chirp is speedier, more chirps per minute, when the weather is hot, slowing down in rate with colder weather. In a way this may be true, but a



Dr. Brady

troupe of crickets outside of my windows gradually slowed down notwithstanding the nights were as warm or balmy as ever and finally quit altogether about the time the Marines reached the shores of Tripoli. Probably their union rules require that they knock off for the winter, whether winter comes or not.

In every part of the country, especially in the north and the east, where artificial heating is necessary, window screens of unbleached muslin are useful for maintaining healthful humidity, in the bedroom, in the schoolroom, in the shop or office.

Many years ago Dr. J. B. Todd of Syracuse, N. Y., introduced the cloth window screen method of ventilating or air conditioning schoolrooms, shops, bedrooms, offices, and the method was employed satisfactorily in schools in many parts of the country, from San Diego, California, to Plymouth, Massachusetts.

One or more window screens made of unbleached muslin, full size of the window or at least half-size size, may be used for each room. The screen does not exclude daylight, but does exclude wind, snow, rain, dust, insects, drafts, yet admits fresh air and adequate moisture to improve the humidity in the heated room. After months of service such screens become soiled, but may be taken out and washed. For making the screens Dr. Todd suggested plain unbleached Plaquet or Black Rock cotton cloth.

Dr. Todd found that there was

a saving in fuel for heating schools so ventilated, and that pupils and teachers felt more comfortable all day, in fresh air containing more nearly the normal amount of moisture although the schoolroom temperature was a few degrees lower than is ordinarily found in heated schoolrooms otherwise ventilated.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

How Embarrassing

Kindly inform the writer which book you consider best on the subject of raising infants and care and feeding of children? (B. G.)

Answer—So far as I know none of recent vintage is better than that quaint old handbook, "Holt's Care and Feeding of Infants." If you're willing to risk the young "un's" happiness, send ten cents and stamped envelope bearing your address, for "The Brady Baby Book." Of course this is wild and woolly, for instance as to feeding we tike bananas and such stuff, but believe it or not I get testimonials those days from people who were raised on the teachings therein.

Formed habit of eating ———'s baking powder ten years ago. Used to eat 3 boxes a week, now much less, but have to take some every two or three days. Doctor said it wouldn't hurt me now if it hadn't hurt me all the time I've been eating it. (M. W. K.)

Answer—I agree with the doctor. Craving for such unnatural things is a common peculiarity called pica—chalk, clay, ashes, etc. Generally harmless, has no special significance. More wholesome to chew on would be a handful of wheat, some oatmeal or rolled oats, raw carrot, turnip, cabbage, potato, etc. I remember when I was a kid I craved peanut shells and preferred 'em to the peanuts.

One Kidney

One kidney removed a year ago. Getting along fine. As a cook I spend long hours in the kitchen, become very thirsty, drink much water, milk and other liquids. Will this injure the remaining kidney? Is it all right to take some beer or a little whiskey occasionally—I find a little pepa me up when I get very tired on the job. (R. S.)

Answer—The spare will carry on as efficiently as pecuniary. If you take care of it. Drink as much milk, water or fresh fruit juice beverage as you like, but taking alcoholic beverage or liquor is a risky sort of abuse of the remaining kidney.

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specifically stated in the bill—and no other suspensions. Leaders of the administration say that the president should be given authority to admit European refugees and afford a haven for aliens for the duration and about five years thereafter. This is one of the fighting points. It is contended by opponents of the measure that once these aliens are admitted for a specified period it will be impossible to eradicate them later, and point to the thousands of refugees who have escaped Hitler and are on the fringe of the United States prepared to move in.

THE bill to permit Administrator Paul Raver of Bonneville to acquire the Puget Sound utility is supposed to have been written by the new general counsel, picked by Raver in New Orleans (lawyers of the northwest were ignored in this selection). It is brief and to the point. The measure has been handed around on capital hill in the search for a sponsor. Harold L. Jakes says that this bill is as he wants; he is not shooting at any other utility in the territory.

Oddly enough, Senator Homer T. Bone, sponsor of the Columbia power authority bill, was not consulted in this new proposal and up to a few days ago had no knowledge of its existence. There have been conversations with Lehman Bros., a financial house, concerning buying revenue bonds. Director Herbert H. Lehman of foreign relief and rehabilitation, was formerly a member of this firm. Quick action is desired on this bill before the new congress comes into being.

WITH the session of the Washington legislature starting next month, James O'Sullivan has been sent to the national capital to arrange for passage of a measure freezing prices in the Grand Coulee reclamation area. The three districts in

Grand Coulee sent O'Sullivan because of his years of lobbying for the project. He is from Ephrata. The measure provides a method of procedure for the disposition of school lands, federal and private lands in Coulee and must be approved by the Washington legislature before it becomes effective, and unless there is immediate action the Washington lawmakers cannot act until 1945. One feature is to break up large holdings and to prevent speculation in the lands. It follows the plan of the reclamation service. In no respect does the bill deal with the hydro-electric power issue.

FROM earliest days when the sheep industry of the northwest had its start, growers have been branding their sheep with tar and it was regarded as a good practice; no complaints were made. Now the government is telling sheepmen to discard this method of branding, saying the pelts thus marked cannot be cleaned as the tar defies all efforts to remove it. Instead of tar the government suggests that a chemical be used.

SECRETARY Wickard will reduce wheat acreage in the inland empire in 1943. Acreage for the nation will be slashed 927,000 acres and Washington and Oregon will have to agree to take their proportion of the cut. The percentage has not yet been worked out.

**FOUR FOUND DEAD
IN WRECKED PLANE**

Victorville, Cal., Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Two officer instructors and two bombardier cadets have been found dead in the wreckage of a training plane which crashed Sunday night on a Mojave desert ridge, army flying school authorities said today.

Dead were: 2nd Lieut. Charles N. Wakefield, 24, Los Angeles, pilot. 2nd Lieut. Richard Radmore, 23, Lincoln, Neb., bombardier instructor.

Cadet William W. Bonner, 23, Butler, Pa.

Cadet Edgar Charles Bersela, Jr., 27, Scarsdale, N. Y.

School authorities said the plane apparently crashed after ice formed on the wings while on a routine training flight.

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**GIVE TEMPORARY
GAS RATION HIKE
WHERE NECESSARY**

**Farmers and Other Commercial Vehicle Operators
Given Relief to January 31**

Action to meet the immediate mileage requirements of farmers and other commercial motor vehicle operators whose ODT certificates of war necessity do not provide for as much gasoline as the operators deem necessary for essential operations was announced today by OPA and ODT.

OPA, at the request of ODT, is instructing its war price and rationing boards to issue temporary transport rations to such operators sufficient to take care of their needs between December 1 and January 31. In such cases, temporary transport rations will be issued by the boards on the basis of the operator's own estimate of his minimum mileage needs, instead of on the gallonage stated on the ODT war certificate.

War price and rationing boards are being urged to limit those gasoline allowances to the applicant's minimum requirements, judging each case on the basis of their knowledge of local conditions and mileage requirements of the applicant.

To Deduct Later

All rations issued under the temporary arrangements will be deducted from the operator's allotment granted by the ODT in the certificate of war necessity for the first period, beginning November 22, and ending March 31, 1943. OPA boards are asked to notify each applicant who claims an insufficient ODT ration to take an immediate appeal to his ODT district office, if he has not already done so. If the applicant is a farmer, he will be referred to the farm transportation committee of his county USDA war board for assistance in making the appeal.

OPA already has authorized the issuance of temporary transport rations for commercial motor vehicles where ODT certificates of war necessity have been applied for but not received or where certificates showed obvious clerical errors.

Today's action was necessary, ODT officials explained, to allow time to issue corrected certificates of war necessity in cases where original ODT allowances prove inadequate.

**Big Christmas Party
Planned by Filmdom
For Boys in Training**

Hollywood, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—The film capital today announced plans for the west's biggest Christmas party, to be held somewhere in the southern California desert.

Film troupeurs, three hundred girl volunteers, and two complete shows boasting Hollywood's top talent will take along a portable dance floor to a spot out in the desert from Indio, Cal., the nearest settlement to several thousand men of the armored forces training center.

The party is scheduled for the Saturday after Christmas. It has the backing of the Screen Actors' Guild, Association of Motion Picture Producers, Screen Writers' Guild, Screen Directors Association and other groups.

Film workers have been asked to provide a baggage car of gifts. Volunteer "enlistments" for the party have already swamped planners of the affair.

**SUBMARINE TOLL
NOW TOTALS 592**

An East Coast Port, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—The toll of merchant shipping by axis submarines in eastern waters of the Western Hemisphere reached an unofficial count of 592 today, with disclosure by the navy of a new torpedoing and the apparent loss of 135 lives.

Three other United Nations' merchant vessels also were reported sunk, but these were not included in the total. The ships, one Panamanian and the others United States vessels, went down off the South African coast.

The greatest loss of life was sustained when a crowded medium-sized United Nations' merchantman was torpedoed and sunk early in November off the coast of South America. Six were known to have died, but 129 others, including survivors of six other torpedoed vessels, were missing and presumed lost. The rescued totaled 164.

CIGAR BOOST OKEH

Washington, Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—The office of price administration today authorized a 10 per cent increase in the price of imported cigars to cover increased taxes and higher costs. About one-half of one per cent of cigars sold in the United States are imported.

Flight 'o Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

December 8, 1932
(It was Thursday)
Icy wind sweeps over state, bringing low temperatures. Meacham led with 15 degrees below zero. It was 28 above here.

Two inches of snow fell in Ashland last night and this morning, and more is expected.

Eagle Ridge Inn on Upper Klamath lake is destroyed by fire.

Great Britain promises to make payment on war debts.

State budget plan to abolish experiment stations would hit Talent station.

Snow at Crater lake lures skiers.

University of Oregon super-varsity basketball team to play high school team.

Charles A. Wing talks to Rotary club about real estate outlook.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

December 8, 1922
(It was Friday)
Entire business district of Astoria destroyed by fire.

President Harding in message to congress urges strict enforcement of the prohibition law.

Fair. High 44, low 30 degrees.

Klamath county courthouse case again reaches supreme court.

Real estate active in Phoenix district.

War savings certificate of the 1918 series to be paid January 1.

**BLACKOUT SAVES
WOULD-BE SUICIDE**

Madison, Wis., Dec. 8.—(U.P.)—Madison's test blackout last night saved the life of La Verne Christensen.

Two 15-year-old air raid messengers, John Rupel and James Koellen, spotted a basement light.

When they investigated they found Christensen had hanged himself from a basement rafter. The young messengers revived him with artificial respiration.

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