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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Old Sol made a valiant effort to shine several times the past week, but was foiled by clouds. For several weeks it has rained like everybody had hay down, and there were cherries to pick. Farmers hope nothing precipitates more precipitation.

Royal, Frank and Bill of the Eagle Pt. Browns, A-carded to town Thurs.

The Joe Fliegel, Joe, got 100 in spelling Wed., and won the right to go to a movie on a school night. Good work, Josephus!

Only 12 more days as the crow flies, until Christmas.

The government advised the people during the week, nobody would miss any meals the coming year, but hinted several might be a couple of days late.

Colds are the order of the day, and are being enjoyed by many.

Dock Dippel and Tom Reinking, the law limb, each won half a hog at the Elks party, and feel like a subsidiary of Swift & Co. The plutocrats!

The F. Perl boy, Bill, and 27 other kids are in training for the execution of Yule carols. They all sing like the larks think they sing.

Horses are cavorting over the East Side lawns, with no equestrians aboard.

Teen-age boys in New York City have made teaching school a dangerous occupation, and several teachers have had their eyes blacked by the rowdies. They should be in the army, where they won't whip any sergeants.

Farmers are all busy working questionnaires, and cussing them more and worse than they ever did the taxes.

"The reputation of a thousand years may be determined by the conduct of one hour."—(Japanese proverb)—Proven by the Pearl Harbor treachery.

Eme Britt of Jville towed Wed.

Side pork and hominy, country sausage, and pig backbones comprise some of the frugal fare rural residents dine upon these days.

The silence of E. Pt. was broken by a charivari last week.

American army leaders in Africa hobnobbing with Adm. Darlan of France was vocally protested locally by home-grown diplomats. Even if Darlan is 57 different kinds of scallawag, the results justified the expediency, and, incidentally, the admiral is only saving his hide. There are more ways than one to win a war, but fooling around with social etiquette is not one of them. The generals in charge might even take a drink with P. Laval, if it offered a chance to catch A. Hitler.

Due to gas rationing and distance to skiing, the Outdoor Girls are not outdoors as much as in former years.

An old-fashioned 4d with an old-fashioned Christmas tree lashed to its fenders flitted down the main stem Fri.

The Republicans named a new national chairman last week. The choice failed to please the Democrats, and was too bad.

The Utah U. S. Ordnance Depot has posted a large map with push pins showing homes of workers who have car-sharing space available.

What Does Khaki Mean?

Khaki comes into its own as hundreds of thousands of soldiers fight in the deserts and on the dry plateaus of north Africa.

What is khaki?

It's a color, says a National Geographic Society bulletin. The name comes from the Hindustani and Persian word khak, meaning earth, or dust.

British soldiers in India during the wars with the Sikhs, 1845-49, felt too conspicuous for comfort in their campaign whites. They needed camouflage. By dipping their uniforms in muddy water they changed from white to—the Sikhs had a word for it—khaki.

THEREAFTER khaki promptly became standard for East Indian campaigning. The name attached itself to the closely twilled cotton cloth of the uniforms and stuck without regard for the shade. Since 1900, however, it has gradually regained its correct meaning and has been applied to drab shades of grey, brown and green, regardless of the material.

The various nations employing khaki shades have their individual standards for the color. The United States quartermaster general, now buying scores of millions of yards of khaki cloth, specifies a khaki dye that results from blending many dye shades, including brilliant orange and blue. Britain's wool industry achieves khaki color in wool not by dyeing the cloth but by blending together threads of blue, yellow, brown, red and mauve in making the cloth. The gay-colored threads in the fabric add up to khaki.

In the South African (Boer) War, 1899-1902, the word khaki was applied to the British administration responsible for the outfitting its army in khaki. There were khaki bonds to finance the war, khaki loans, khaki elections and khaki policies.

Can't Produce Too Much

Much has been happening both nationally and locally on the farm front in the past week. Nationally perhaps the biggest news has been the designation of Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard as the so-called food czar for the country. The selection of a single man to direct the food production and distribution activities of the government has been forecast for many weeks and has been widely advocated as a means of bringing greater order into the nationwide effort to keep food production at a maximum level.

No announcements of new policies have been received since Wickard's appointment, but some idea of his general views may be had from his address at the recent western regional meeting on 1943 food goals, held at Denver, Colorado. Oregon was represented at that regional meeting by delegates from the state war board, the O.S.C. Extension Service, the state department of agriculture, the Farm Security administration, and several other agencies.

IN that address Secretary Wickard pointed out that, in this war, food is as necessary as bullets. He added that most Americans are becoming as interested in food production schedules as in production schedules for munitions. Farm production, he said, is war production. Here are a few more quotes from Secretary Wickard's speech:

"Next year, and in the years that follow, we just can't produce too much of the essential farm products. In fact, we can't produce enough to meet all of the demands for American food. On the credit side we have our reserves in the ever-normal granary. We have fertility, which has been stored in the land through several years of soil conservation. On the liability side we have the growing shortages of farm manpower, of equipment, and materials, and shortage of transportation and of processing facilities. Next year's farm production goals take shortages of resources into account, but they also assume that farmers will be given help in getting enough labor and materials to produce enough of the essential products."

Still quoting Secretary Wickard: "Last year we went a long way in converting agricultural to a war basis. This year we are completing that conversion. Every acre of land, every hour of labor, every ton of fertilizer, and every piece of equipment must be used to turn out the products we must have."

AMERICA TOLD OF FRENCH MISTAKES

Washington, Dec. 12—(U.P.)—Former French Aviation Minister Pierre Cot today warned the United States not to repeat France's fatal mistake of draining war plants of manpower in order to build up an ill-equipped and unwieldy mass army.

Cot, who held the air portfolio in Leon Blum's popular front government from 1936 to 1938, told a joint meeting of congressional committees studying problems of technological mobilization that France's fall could be attributed chiefly to "general industrial weakness" and an "archaic" concept of war.

California Guayule Acreage Increased

Sacramento, Dec. 11—(U.P.)—Plans for participation in the nation's \$50,000,000 emergency rubber program by planting guayule on 500 acres of land owned by the California Institution for men at Chino were revealed here today.

George A. Briggs, Los Angeles

member of the state board of prison directors, and Kenyon Scudder, executive superintendent of the institution, said a lease of the property to the U. S. department of agriculture may be executed within a week or 10 days.

GRANDMOTHER, BABE DIE IN FIRE

Portland, Ore., Dec. 12—(U.P.)—Two persons died here today from burns suffered when fire converted their two-story home into a flaming pyre.

Mrs. Katherine Stodola, 52, and her six-months-old granddaughter, Katherine Ann Merriam, were trapped in the dwelling when fire broke out in the basement and quickly burst through to the first and second floors.

Jerry Stodola, 13, son of Mrs. Stodola, escaped serious injury by leaping from a second-story window.

San Francisco, Dec. 12—(U.P.)—Lengthening America's work week "to a basis equivalent to those of our allies" was urged tonight by the California Cattlemen's association.

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, 205 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

THEY STILL FIGHT DRAFTS

From a quaint newspaper of large circulation published in a great Metropolis, I learn that a professor of pediatrics and head of a hospital still believes that:



Dr. Brady sense of streptococcal, pneumococcal or other pathogens (anything that stimulates disease). In a household one member of a family after another may develop a cold. But there must be some other factor than the mere presence of these organisms to explain 'catching cold'. Actually, the cause is a sudden change of body temperature. The common cold is probably the rarest type of infection encountered in infectious disease hospitals where the patients are guarded from sudden changes in temperatures."

In the same article another doctor on the faculty of a medical school gently dashes cold water on the observations of his competitor—colleague, I mean—by observing:

"Most doctors and medical scientists"—there's the subtle distinction here—"agree that common colds are caused by a virus. They are spread by contact between the sick and the well. The most common way of spreading a cold is a sneeze or a cough. The disease laden droplets of saliva can be blown 30 feet by a healthy cough or sneeze. Some of the droplets dry and ride for several days on minute particles of dust. Those who breathe that dust may catch cold—depending on their resistance."

The professor of pediatrics is warm when he talks about cough or sneeze spray. But he shies away from the unpleasant truth about the common way of spreading respiratory infections, call 'em what you will. The droplet or moisture spray given off with a polite conversation, invisibly and impalpably fine, perhaps, but demonstrable in any circumstance, has a range of only two or three feet, never more than five feet, and that's

just far enough to get the unwary dupe who takes professors of pediatrics too seriously.

But when the building-up-to-be-eminent specialist conjectures that "chilling" is responsible for a "cold" (whatever he means by that) and that "there must be some other factor than the mere presence of these organisms" ("organisms" being a professor's way of saying germs) he is not thinking of diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles or any other specific disease, but of some hypothetical, unidentified, unknown ailment, and therefore nobody can take issue with him. The professor himself doesn't know or will not define what he is talking about.

Resistance? Nobody knows what that means, either.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

7-Year Itch Cured in 7 Hours

Some eighteen persons in my mining camp suffered badly with what we called the "seven year itch." We had some medicines from the doctor, but these gave no relief. I found a set of your "Little Lessons" in the library and came across the article on it. We followed the advice therein, and overnight every affected person got relief and the trouble cleared up completely in a few days. (J. V.)

Answer—Thank you, sir. Scabies (pronounced ska-bi-tee) is an itch due to a mite burrowing in the skin. Highly contagious. Every one in the family or group must undergo treatment at the same time and all clothing, bedclothes and toilet articles likely to harbor the mites must be sterilized or laundered at the same time.

The Fizzikin Sounds Off

Druggist clerk tells me that the bitter taste in grapefruit is due to the presence of quinine and that grapefruit put up, rind and all, and steeped to extract the quinine is a good remedy for the common cold. (W. C. G.)

Answer—All of which is nonsense. I regret I know of no substitute for quinine.

Constant Reader

As a constant reader please send me your pamphlet "It Is Stupid to Suffer from Piles." (A. L. C.)

Answer—But I am not a constant reader—I sometimes take time out to do a little housework, wash the dishes and the like and catch up on my bowling. But I am glad to send the pamphlet on request if you provide a stamped envelope bearing your address. (Copyright 1942, John F. Dille Co.)

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"I had been given to understand there was little hope of my escaping death and I was convinced I had the narrowest escape," she said.

"However, I resigned myself to death and prayed to God; not so much to prevent their killing me as to give me the courage to face death."

BRITISH WARNED OF TESTS AHEAD

Birmingham, Eng., Dec. 12—(U.P.)—Hugh Dalton, president of the British Board of Trade, said tonight that England faced an even greater withdrawal of manpower from civilian industries to further expand the armed forces and war industries.

In a prepared speech, Dalton warned that there were "great sacrifices ahead, much heavy labor, much suffering before the end."

"But," he added, "there are great things at stake."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their beautiful floral offerings and their many kind expressions of sympathy during the loss of our brother and father, Mr. J. Wesley Kelsoe.

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1500 cows at Caldwell, Ida. The sale continued all day and far into the night and out of the herd all but one cow and three calves went to the butchers. Similar sales, but smaller, are being held all over Oregon and Washington. From nearer points groups of dairymen have come to the national capital and asked that they be permitted a higher price for their milk; the fixed price being lower than the cost of production. These delegations have been told that the matter will be studied. Meanwhile, everywhere, dairy cattle are being sold off, dairymen have thrown up their hands and quit; they could not obtain workers. Recently, OPA announced that the state director can set the price of milk in all towns of less than 100,000.

INCLUDING the cost of labor (and that of the farmer and members of his family) as part of parity has been agreed to by the house without a dissenting vote, although the president objected strongly to such inclusion a few months ago. The farm wage is now higher than ever before and may go higher.

Now the farmers, not the so-called "farm bloc", are voicing objection to giving the president power to suspend tariff laws. Administration leaders assert that abolition of these customs duties will not cause competition, but farmers, dairymen and cattlemen do not believe in these assurances. There are, say the administration spokesmen, no refrigerator ships available to bring beef to the United States from Argentina and consequently the cattlemen need not be alarmed.

Senator McNary says he will ask for a full and complete hearing when the bill is in the senate, and Senator George of Oregon senator a hearing which will permit interested groups to come to the federal city from any part of the country; there will be no lick-and-promise hearing.

Another concession has been made Washington, Oregon and California by OPA. A new price on potatoes has been established, as previous prices were so unprofitable that potato growers said they would not plant in 1943. The netted gem variety is grown in Oregon and Washington but someone in OPA did not know it, imagined that Idaho was the only netted gem state. Potatoes of the Klamath basin were selling for \$3 per 100 pounds in September; the OPA net ceiling is \$2.05, and after cost of sacks is deducted the Klamath grower receives \$1.85 for No. 1 potatoes.

RACING

New Orleans, La., Dec. 12—(U.P.)—Warren Wright's Whirlaway, closer to the pace than usual for the first six furlongs, moved up with a rush on the stretch turn today and drove to a length and one-half victory in the initial running of the \$15,000 Louisiana handicap before a crowd of 15,000 at the fair grounds.

TO HEAD ATLANTA

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 12—(U.P.)—Al Leita, for four years manager of the Waycross team of the Georgia-Florida league, tonight was named manager of the Atlanta Club, southern association.

Boston, Dec. 12—(U.P.)—Boston's Bruins took over the National Hockey league leadership late today by halting the Montreal Les Canadiens 3-2 before 4860 spectators on Boston's Garden's soft ice.

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 13, 1932

(It Was Tuesday)

High wind routs cold spell over valley, and the mercury goes to 39 degrees. Four days of freezing weather ends.

Stores of city to close at regular closing hours, Christmas shoppers warned.

Move launched to re-open Blue Ledge Mine.

Resolution to impeach President Hoover overwhelmingly defeated in Congress. Attack opened on Secretary of Treasury Mellon.

Special session of the legislature to consider sales tax and jobless aid.

Flue fires keep the fire department busy.

Ludo Grieve of Prospect who slipped on an icy pavement, and fell down a 12-foot embankment improving.

Five bicycles stolen last night, police report.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

December 13, 1912

(It Was Wednesday)

Fifteen safes dug out of ruins of Astoria fire.

France decides to go it alone in Germany, and asks for free hand in compelling war debt payments.

Fair. High 40 degrees, low 37.

New York ministers score "Klan as a passing graft."

Snow in Greensprings fail to halt daily stage to Klamath Falls.

City advised to better its fire equipment following visit of state fire marshal.

Phoenix high school to hold another Dad and Son banquet.

Cold snap in state slowly breaking up.

Communications

A Very Indignant Landlord

To the editor: I am reading with much interest the various articles on what landlords in other places are doing about rent control.

You need not think for one moment that the Medford landlords are any less mad, indignant or angry than they—in fact those terms do not adequately express the local feeling; One landlord said, "George, I am so mad I could kill somebody." I think he had it about right.

I have been trying to find out and determine what we could do about it and the general opinion is that the only place we can do any good is to write and petition our congressmen for an investigation and relief.

To those who do not know the facts let me state that the rent control fixed a large share of our rentals at the same price as three or four years ago when we had to take what we could get and all repairs or replacements were dirt cheap. They have also taken away our right of eviction which was a club we had to hold undesirable tenants in place.

What we landlords want is for modification of rent control so that they could be adjusted from both ends, where rents are too high, they should be lowered, and if found to be too low we could get them raised; we must also have our eviction rights to bargain with the tenants.

ant, not all tenants wanting the same service on the same house. So I am appealing to the landlords to write all our own senators and congressmen in their own handwriting and their own words whatever they wish—these are Senators Chas. L. McNary and Rufus Holman, and Congressmen James W. Mott, and Harris Ellsworth—just address Washington, D. C., and they will get them.

Those landlords I have talked to feel that the time is now ripe for us to call a meeting for the purpose of discussion the situation and to collectively petition Congress for relief, so I am going to find a place to meet and arrange for some short talks, so watch for an announcement of a meeting very soon.

Thank you,
GEO. IVERSON, a very indignant Medford landlord.
Medford, Dec. 12.

MISSOURI STARS IN EAST-WEST EVENT

San Francisco, Dec. 12—(U.P.)—Three University of Missouri players tonight were added to the western team for the Shrine's collegiate all-star East-West football classic here New Year's Day.

Coach Babe Hollingbery announced Halfback Bob Steuber, Fullback Don Reese and Guard Mike Fitzgerald of Missouri had accepted invitations to play in the annual charity contest.

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



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