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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Fog prevailed all week, causing many derogatory remarks, without anybody doing anything about it. A former resident of London, Eng., said he never saw anything like it at home, and recommended the name of this burg be changed to New London. At times, it was not fit for man or beast, or Axis enemies.

Tomorrow is the shortest day of the year, but barbershops and banks will not use it as an excuse to close up.

G. Neilson, the DA., and Jerry Jerome have the best of colds, that had the best of them.

The Art Hess boy Billy is learning to knock sweet music out of the fiddle and the piano, which is way Paderewski and Rubinoff got their start.

Reports from Europe say B. Mussolini is a victim of several diseases, all malignant.

The Dubb Watson boy Edd, who is in the Navy writes he is enjoying life on the bounding waves in Idaho, and will close because he has to go aft and get a load of wood.

The war is now running better for the Allies, as is Field Marshal Rommel of Germany.

Some of the fastest 35 MPH. on record were negotiated on West Main the past week, long a promise: speedway.

Stockmen have started pitching \$25 per ton hay at steers.

The Younger Juvenile element are getting excited about Santa Claus and the grown-up who tells them there is no such a person will get kicked in the shins in rebuttal.

Atty. G. Newbury turned back the pages of time one day last week and told how he milked ten cows before breakfast, and outworked a big Irishman the rest of the day.

Erne Britt, who was mayor of Jville 24 years, and had to fight to keep from making it 25, towned Thurs.

Yule shopping is all the rage. One of the Older Girls said this is the first year in her memory she was not told to "shop early"—but did anyway.

Jay Tannehill Walker, 4, was snubbed by the Dick Phair girl, Carolyn, 3 plus, when he showed up in civilian bib and tucker, instead of an army or navy uniform.

The HS. BB team made its debut Fri. eve and conquered Weed 28 to 21. The half-time count was 18-3 but no attempt was made to run up an astronomical score, and point with pride.

The nation faces a match shortage. This may cause a run on cigarette lighters.

Schools close four days this week for the holidays. Some of the students will help their Paw file out reports to the govt.

Many of the troops have kicked the mud of Camp White off their boots and left to reconnoiter and bivouac in their home towns during the Yuletide.

Congress has adjourned after two years. The oncoming session of the Legislature will not last that long, it is hoped. Jack, Co. is shy a representative until one can be named to fill F. Van Dyke's spot, who is in the army.

Closing time for Classified ads 9 p.m.—Too late to classify 12:30

What's Wrong With the Reds?

We are asked what has become of the highly-touted Russian offensive?

How about these "prodigious strokes" Mr. Churchill declared Stalin was delivering? If your paper is telling the truth the Russians are still fighting in the streets of Stalingrad. Is this just some more of the carefully cooked-up "freedom propaganda?"

According to Mr. Leland Stowe who has just returned from Russia, where he spent many months studying the Russian army at first hand, the present lull is merely a breathing spell. Almost any day now another big smash against the hard-pressed Germans, he says, can be expected. And it will not surprise him to see Rostov and Smolensk retaken.

So that is the best answer we can give to the above query. Mr. Stowe having just returned from Russia, after frequent talks with Stalin, should know what he is talking about.

It should be evident even to an inquiring layman, that during a Russian winter, for either side, a fast-moving offensive, or sustaining any large offensive at all, are feats of great difficulty. With the best luck in the world no summer-time tempo could be expected.

And while the Russian army is not only better fitted for winter warfare temperamentally and traditionally, but in the matter of winter equipment than the Germans, still when a blizzard rages and the mercury drops down to 50 below, even the Russians can't make much progress.

So it would probably be wise for our communicant to be patient and not jump to conclusions at this early stage of the game.

After all winter in Russia won't be over for five or six months—perhaps in the north not even then.

So Brother Stalin has plenty of time in which to justify the confidence and complimentary remarks of Mr. Winston Churchill!

Gas Shortage In Africa

This is still a war of surprises. In the current news are several minor ones.

This gasoline shortage on the Atlantic coast leads the procession—not the fact so much as the cause.

For most people supposed it was assurance of gas in the European war zone, that necessitated the original gas rationing.

And then not because of a real gasoline shortage so much as a transportation shortage.

That can hardly be the case in this instance however. For depriving the private cars of gas in 17 eastern states would not ease any transportation bottleneck.

So there must have developed a real and surprising gas crisis in North Africa—with an SOS for more. Perhaps the speed and distance of the Axis retreat was a contributing factor.

Certainly nothing like the speed in reverse of Rommel has been seen since Gene Tunney's second fight with Jack Dempsey. Think of it—the German fox has covered a distance over rough and generally uninhabited country, approximately as great as from Omaha, Nebraska, to Medford, Oregon! And he is still going.

Wonder where his gas and tires came from!

"Noblesse Oblige"

Just what that news article was President Roosevelt resented is not known at this writing.

But whatever it was the President's action was, to say the least, PECULIAR—publicly presenting the German Iron Cross to the offending reporter, through some other reporter, at his press conference.

That might be excused at a grid-iron dinner, or a week-end party, but it is very strange indeed in the regular course of the official White House schedule—an incident to be subsequently placed on the news wires and sent all over the country, and all over the world!

If the offense was so reprehensible that it called for a presidential rebuke, then one should have been made in a dignified fashion with names mentioned and details given, in the regular course of the Chief Executive's conference.

If the offense did NOT warrant public action by the President in his OFFICIAL capacity, then nothing should have been done PUBLICLY, but the President should have told the reporter PRIVATELY what he thought of his article and his action and let it go at that.

Two More Surprises

There are two more surprises revealed by the war—this time by the draft.

No. 1: The high percentage of illiteracy and near-illiteracy. No. 2: The large number of young men of draft age who have never learned to swim.

Our educational system has to take the blame for the second, and American parenthood for the first.

Swimming instruction should be compulsory in every public school in the land and every American parent should, of course, see that all the children of the family are at least taught to read and write.

SLAYER TO DIE

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—Walter R. Avery, 33, San Francisco, today was sentenced in the Second District court to die Feb. 5, 1943, before a Utah firing squad, for the murder of an Ogden policeman during an attempted grocery store holdup last year.

ARMY PILOT KILLED

Paine Field, Wash., Dec. 19—(U.P.)—A fighter plane from this army air base crashed south of Lowell, near Everett, at 2:20 p.m. yesterday, instantly killing the pilot, 2nd Lt. Jack R. Kingrey, son of Roy Kingrey, Rochester, Minn.

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.

INFLUENCE OF SUNSHINE AND EXERCISE ON THE CONDITION OF THE TEETH

Due to prejudice and ignorance, which prevails among the people in the Southwest as well as elsewhere, a great many persons living in the Southwest fail to get as much sunlight on naked skin as they might easily enjoy, but on the average it is probable that people in the Southwest absorb more ultra-violet than do people in any other part of the country, simply because more is available more of the time and exposure is more comfortable more of the time.

The invisible ultra-violet rays of direct sunshine or indirect skylight convert a substance in the skin called ergosterol into vitamin D. This sunlight-generated vitamin D is then carried in the circulation to every part of the body where it may be needed. A supply of vitamin D is essential for the normal assimilation and utilization of calcium and phosphorus. Normal assimilation and utilization is a fundamental factor in the development, growth and health of the teeth and in the prevention of caries or decay of teeth.

If this alone does not account for the better teeth of school children in the Southwest, another factor may have something to do with it.

I believe people living in the Southwest get more exercise of teeth, gums and jaws than do people elsewhere, simply because more fresh vegetables and fresh fruits are available more of the time in the Southwest, and these foods require more chewing than do refined, preserved foods.

Aside from the effect of regular exercise of the teeth, gums and jaws in chewing, upon the nutrition of teeth, gums, jaws, palate, face, and on the development, functional efficiency and physical beauty of teeth, jaws, face and the whole body, the whole body, the chewing of greens, fresh vegetables, especially raw vegetables, and fresh fruits is nature's own way of keeping the teeth clean.

Scientific investigation of the cleansing effect of chewing, made by Holmes T. Knighton, D. S. (Jour. A. D. A., Nov. '42) led Dr. Knighton to conclude that the chewing of apples, sliced oranges and paraffin aided the natural cleansing mechanism.

Our druggist in this town does not carry or does not "know" of the 1-grain tablet of copper sulfate you recommend as an ingredient in the plint of home made iron tonic. Would the iron-ammonium-citrate alone be any good? (Mrs. A. M. S.)

Answer—Yes, I specified one grain tablet because such tablets are available—occasionally commonly use them for making solutions for the eyes. But any druggist should be capable of measuring a grain of copper sulfate. By the way, one grain of copper sulfate (blue vitriol) in a spoonful of water, is the most reliable emetic for infant or young child in any poisoning emergency—I recommend that such a solution be kept in every medicine cupboard for just such emergencies, and don't let any half-informed drug clerk put off with the assertion that copper sulfate is "poisonous"—for that matter practically every good medicine in the drugstore is "poisonous" if wrongly used.

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Ed. Note: Persons wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letter direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

"6. From all of these operations four of our aircraft are missing."

Salvation Army To Spread Yule Cheer In Camp And Home

The Salvation Army corps workers under direction of Mrs. Adjutant C. K. Cox, and ladies of the Home league will visit Camp White hospital the afternoon of December 24 and present a little gift to each soldier.

It is also planned to visit the boys on guard duty during the night to serve them hot coffee, doughnuts and cookies. The boys in the stockade will also share the treat.

The camp visitation will be in addition to the usual Christmas efforts of the Salvation Army workers, mainly made possible by the contributions placed in the street kettles and in the Christmas fund cans placed in stores throughout the city.

Salvation Army baskets this Christmas will include milk, corn, beans, tomatoes, peas, celery, bread, fruit, soap, crackers, butter, oatmeal, cornmeal, flour, oranges, lard, potatoes and a nice size chicken.

Adjutant Cox of the local corps said Saturday that more funds are needed to carry out the Yule plans, and the kettles will remain on the streets until Christmas day.

From all these operations four of our aircraft are missing. Six enemy planes were destroyed. Text of army communique No. 271:

"North Africa: '1. Heavy bombers made another attack on Bizerte harbor yesterday. Many bursts were seen on the target, and an enemy warship was also hit. Three enemy fighters were shot down."

"2. At Sousse our bombers scored hits on the railroad station, the engine shed, a freight train and other targets. The railway at Mateur and an enemy airfield were also bombed."

"3. Our fighters continued their sweeps and patrols over the northern forward areas, as well as providing escorts for bombers. One enemy fighter was shot down."

"4. In the southern area our fighters attacked ground targets and destroyed an enemy fighter."

"5. An Italian bomber was shot down by one of our reconnaissance aircraft on Thursday."

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ment stores and no relief can be anticipated by the small dealer, who had hoped to see inventory control compel big establishments to whack-up with the "have nots."

TONS of mail are sent to Alaska, largely airmail, by parents and relatives of enlisted men and officers holding that outpost. It would appear that most, if not all these letters are being opened and read by one of several hundred employees of Byron Price, director of the office of censorship, without authority of law. Senate and house have approved a censorship bill permitting opening of all mail sent from the United States to its possessions, but the first thing congress knew was that Price's crew were busy slitting envelopes, reading letters and making excerpts—and the senate recalled the measure before it could reach the president's desk. It is said that some of the officers in Alaska protested at letters from their wives being opened; certainly Territorial Delegate Diamond and Governor Gruening have denounced the practice.

In all Alaska there is not one Japanese. Such enemies are in that vicinity are at Kiska and other Aleutian islands where no mail from the United States is distributed and where the Japs apparently intend looting for the duration. There are no military secrets these Japanese could get that they do not already have. But the censorship, according to the committee that is making the investigation, apparently aims to keep the troops in Alaska in ignorance of the United States.

Censors have scissored out news items and magazine articles in publications destined for Alaska, and all without one iota of legal authority. Alaskan censorship is so tight it works both ways that very little news of any sort comes out of the territory.

FARM Security Administration is listed as one of the agencies that can be disposed of by the new congress through the simple process of refusing to appropriate money. Farm security is operating in four northwestern states and for several years there has been controversy as to whether this activity should be dropped. It assists tenants to buy farms, furnishes them a cow, horse and various implements and is supposed to watch over them like a mother hen. FSA has clients in half a dozen counties in Washington and as many more in Oregon.

In addition, FSA has a number of mobile camps which have been welcomed by farmers who need labor. There are such camps in the Yakima country, near Walla Walla, near Nyssa and in the Willamette valley which are reservoirs of workers for seasonal crops. To these FSA has furnished money for movie tickets, transportation and, in the southern states, paid the poll tax of these people in order that they may vote.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 19—(U.P.) Industrial sugar users in Multnomah county today were advised by the Office of Price Administration that a "reasonable increase" in their sugar allotment probably would be granted shortly.

The San Francisco OPA office announced the probable increase. For months, Portland bakers, ice cream manufacturers, soft drink makers and others have fought for an increase, pointing to Portland's sharp increase in population which they maintained the OPA had not considered in establishing quotas.

NIPPS SINK OWN CRUISER, CREW OF SAN FRAN TELLS

By Nick Bourne

United Press Staff Correspondent

San Francisco, Dec. 19—(U.P.) The heavy cruiser San Francisco sailed right between two lines of Japanese ships "like a duck in a target gallery" while the Japanese battle fleets shelled each other, three wounded marines related tonight.

"I saw a Japanese battleship blow up one of the Japanese cruisers with a broadside that arched over our own ship as we stood between them," Pvt. 1st Class Forrest F. Poore, of Sacramento, Cal., a marine anti-aircraft gunner aboard the San Francisco, said in a marine corps approved statement.

The San Francisco, hero ship of the Nov. 13 naval slugging match in the Solomons, sank a Japanese destroyer and cruiser and disabled a battleship, but lost Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan in the U. S. victory. It is here for repairs.

Several directors of the party were arrested in the Potosi tin mining area and in La Paz. Announcement of the plot came five days after a strike of thousands of tin miners started with a 100 per cent wage increase demand, causing the government to declare a nationwide state of siege and to establish martial law in five mining districts.

The tin strike occurred at Catavi, belonging to the Patino interests and it has blocked production of tin ore for the war efforts of the United Nations.

A government spokesman said that the tin strike was promoted by the revolutionary party, and the government tonight was seeking to establish documented connection of Nazi agents with the strike.

There still remained the possibility that Henninger died of natural causes, officers said, but until an inquest definitely determines the cause, it was generally believed he died of injuries suffered in the alleged brawl.

Los Angeles (U.P.)—Gilmore VI, an African lion, known to millions of Americans, as the result of 100,000 miles of travel for entertainment purposes and radio performances, has been retired for life to the Griffith Park Zoo by its owner, Earl B. Gilmore, president of the Gilmore Oil Co. Although as a baby Gilmore VI was so delicate that he had to be brought up in a bottle, he now consumes 12 to 15 pounds of meat a day and weighs in at 500 pounds.

The New Orleans fat salvage campaign stresses used fats by telling housewives that waste fat from a half-dozen fried soft shell crabs makes enough glycerine, processed into explosives, to fire one 37mm. anti-tank shell.

Imprisoned war news, but major impetus for the betterment in stock prices came from a dwindling of year-end tax selling and reinvestment of funds by operators who had withdrawn from the market during the past month or so.

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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

December 20, 1932

(It Was Wednesday)

House votes 3.2 per cent beer.

Use of wheat for money held prosperity remedy.

Unsettled with probable rain. High 51, low 30 degrees.

Butte Falls seeks \$4000 government loan for water system.

State in grip of flu epidemic.

Six scarlet fever cases in Central Point.

Deer falls into Ashland reservoir, and is rescued.

Council passes meat purity ordinance.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

December 20, 1912

(It Was Tuesday)

Sen. Norris of Nebraska flays "plutocrats for tax dodging," and warns unless they desist "the land will crumble."

Wallace Reid, screen actor, improves, while breakdown ascribed to drug habit.

Showers predicted. High 40, low 37 degrees.

Italian fascists and communists resume fighting at Turin. Reds forced to take nauseous medicine when caught.

Scott high of Toledo votes to give game to Corvallis high on New Year instead of Medford, and plans for local game to be called off.

Olive Rebekah lodge holds annual homecoming meeting with over 200 in attendance.

Railroad to Blue Ledge down Klamath river scented.

DETAIN EX-MAJOR IN COOS PUZZLE

Coquille, Ore., Dec. 19—(U.P.) Police tonight held George Maynard, 46, retired marine corps major, in connection with the unexplained death of John Kenneth Henninger, 28-year-old Coquille grocer, early today.

Henninger died after an alleged scuffle in the kitchen of Maynard's home as the tragic climax to a meeting of a Coquille bridge club, State Police Sergeant Irving Larson said.

There still remained the possibility that Henninger died of natural causes, officers said, but until an inquest definitely determines the cause, it was generally believed he died of injuries suffered in the alleged brawl.

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