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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

People have started to wish the precipitation would cease with great precipitation.

Friends of Mr. Hoover, former president, urge his appointment as "ration czar." The "friends" forget millions are still mad at Mr. Hoover for putting bran in their bread during the last war.

"SOLDIER DECORATED FOR BRAVERY RETURNING HOME"—(Pendleton East Oregonian headline)—What's courageous about that?

In polite circles, it is regarded as "highly offensive" to Hitler to call him "Mr. Schickelgruber." Impolite circles have a name for him, just as offensive, and accurate besides.

The senator from Nevada calls upon congress "to about face," and "assume the dignity and prerogatives that by law belong to it." This will involve great stiffening of the knees and backbones, and no more acting as one rubber stamp.

"I'm your man," said Margaret Mary Smalley. —(Press dispatch)—So what?

The vegetable shortage coming up will be terrible. It now looks like there will be nothing to put in the carrots and peas, but carrots.

FAIR ENOUGH!
(Newcastle (Eng.) News)
"In the case of theft of blankets, a bed-cover and an alarm clock from a house in Hall street, she was jointly charged with her daughter, who pleaded not guilty."

The "world federation" plan, as announced by Vice-President Wallace, is an attempt to revive the defunct, and when it was trying to operate, pathetic League of Nations. It would also be a "return to the ideals of Woodrow Wilson." The ideals and their author were noble, but they collided with human nature and politics, and, besides, lacked the strength to stand on its own foundation. If its ideals to return to, is what the world is looking for, they have the Golden Rule, and the Ten Commandments. Neither concerns politics or money, and both are within the mental grasp of all the peoples.

Farmers now report they need portfolios, like lawyers tote, to carry the half a mile of governmental questionnaires they have to fill out. They fear they will have to start plowing, before they are through preaching against the additional chores.

The capture of the "Terrible Tommy" Touhy gang of escaped felons by the FBI was a circus affair, with searchlights, loud speakers, cameras, etc. Practically everything but a brass band was on hand.

ALSO, THE LAST DITCH
"For the farmers are fighting mad. Not all of them, it is true, for in that 'out of the hat' drawing some got even more gasoline than they had asked for. But when an Indian woman from Warm Springs is given 14,000 miles for 'personal transportation' while a wheat grower or cherry orchardist was not allotted enough even for the most essential use—well, that's about the last straw."—(The Dallas Chronicle)

ORDER GAS RATE CUT
San Francisco, Dec. 30—(AP)—The California railroad commission today ordered the Pacific Gas and Electric company to reduce natural gas rates by \$1,326,700. The state-wide reductions will apply to 92 cities and will be effective on meter readings on and after February 15, 1944.

How About the Weather?

Speaking of climate which is such a vital factor in war, and so much a subject of conversation in Southern Oregon at the moment—

According to the following summary by the always reliable National Geographical Society, normal weather in Tunisia is almost identical with normal weather here in the Rogue River Valley—but in Africa as over here that does not necessarily mean the weather will be normal either in 1942 or 1943.

We quote:—
"Tunisia, land of sun and sand to the average reader of war news, has a soggy season of rain and mud quite as characteristic as the clear, dry months. In winter, the dusty roads become ribbons of mud slowing the progress of man and beast alike. Current interest in the weather is heightened by reports that air and ground operations in the battle areas have been checked by the mucky condition of the terrain.

Wedge between Algeria and the hot Libian desert, Tunisia is slightly larger than the State of Pennsylvania, has more than 700 miles of coastline exposed to the Mediterranean. Like other lands that face this sea, it has a true Mediterranean climate.

THE summers are hot, dry, and cloudless. Temperatures in the interior soar to 120 degrees, but coastal readings for the year average about 64. The winters, because of the penetrating dampness, are uncomfortably cold. Parching spring winds from the Sahara, singeing vegetation and rolling great clouds of dust in their path, streak across the country toward the Mediterranean. Tunis wilts under the hot breath of this wind, but it also shivers in the winter blasts that sweep down from the snow-chilled heights of the Atlas Mountains. Little snow falls locally, but the railway line linking Algiers with Tunis was once blocked for several days by a snowfall nine feet deep in places.

Most of the fighting has taken place in the northern part of Tunisia. It is in this section, along the winding roads and rolling lands linking such points as Tebourba, Bizerte, and Tunis, that recent rains have halted air and ground action of all forces. Most of the country's cold rainy weather develops in this region. The average rainfall in Tunis is 18 inches a year.



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marine. They will accommodate around 35 fighter planes. These are smaller than the Lexington and similar types of carrier, but they will be faster and more mobile than the larger flat tops. Like other Kaiser boats, these will be pre-fabricated and will not have a rivet in them.

SPONGE iron so pure that, after it is made, it must be kept in vacuum to prevent oxidation is now being manufactured at a pilot plant in the mid-Columbia region. Native iron ore is used, there being deposits on both sides of the Columbia river. The location of the plant is perfect; there is water, rail and highway transportation and an abundance of cheap electric energy from transmission lines from Bonneville generators. This is an industry which starts from scratch; has no government capital in it and is what the northwest has been asking for years—a part industry.

Part of the iron ore comes from Scappoose on the lower Columbia. This deposit, starting from the river in Columbia county, runs up the Willamette valley in the form of a rough horse shoe, through Chehalis hills, Buena Vista, Liberty and Waldo hills. The deposit on the Washington side has not been so carefully traced, but the river cuts through the ore body.

Sponge iron is a simple method of extracting the iron and aluminum from the big steel companies have been trying to block development of sponge iron throughout the country. There is prospect of a sponge iron plant at the mouth of every mine of iron ore in the not too distant future.

JANUARY 12, designated as farm mobilization day, will find farmers meeting with state and federal farm officials to discuss 1943 production. It is understood that many groups of farmers will demand that cost of labor be included in parity prices despite the president's opposition. There will also be resolutions telling the administration what farmers must have if they are to produce what the administration asks. Among these items will be more farm machinery and spare parts; they will ask that local boards do not draft farm boys and that farm labor be provided by the manpower commission. When the meetings have been concluded leaders in the big farm organizations will meet with senate farm leaders to work out a program.

TO keep the record straight, remember that the victory tax

will be levied on all pay checks starting January 1. The rate is five per cent on all incomes above \$12 a week. The victory tax is in addition to the income tax and all other taxes—something new has been added.

Communications

Gifts For Soldiers
To the editor: It has been brought to my attention by a number of the boys in the armed forces, that gifts received are of a type not needed by the boys, such as cookies, cakes, jams, etc. As a whole, the boys are well fed, and the added food is not needed or greatly appreciated.

A package of assorted cookies and jam may cost \$1.50 or \$2, and is not of as much value to a soldier as one pair of hose for 25c. Most people are under the false idea that we get all of our clothing free. We do receive a certain amount, but this falls very short of our actual needs. For example—we are issued four sets of underwear, but this is far short of the amount we can use. I had to buy eight extra sets to do, while waiting for the dirty laundry to be returned from the laundry.

There is a week's wait for laundry. Now do you think that in this week of waiting for laundry, we can get by and be clean on four sets? The same holds true on socks, sewing kits, towels and ties. This is the first time I have ever written any such type of letter, but so many of the boys have expressed the same opinion to me, that I thought I would take the time to inform the public of these facts, through the courtesy of your paper.

SGT. LOUIS SHANFELD
Med Det—SCU 1913, Station Hospital, Camp White, Oregon.

NEVILLE HENDERSON PASSES IN SLEEP

London, Dec. 30—(AP)—Sir Neville Henderson, 60, last British ambassador to Germany, died last night in his sleep at his residence in the fashionable west end, it was announced today.

Henderson went to Berlin as ambassador in 1937 and was the scene during the Neville Chamberlain appeasement and the final dramatic weeks when Britain elected to stand by Poland.

On his return to Britain, when war broke out, Henderson was "Failure of a Mission," his apology for his own ambassadorship in which he discussed the Nazis with uncomplimentary frankness.

In a speech at Oxford two years ago Henderson put Adolf Hitler third on the list of Nazis he would liquidate if he could.

"If I were given a gun and told to take two shots," he said, "I would shoot Himmler, then Ribbentrop, and brain Hitler with the butt of the rifle."

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.

WHEN FOOD SEEMS "QUEER"
Boiling for thirty minutes is necessary to make certain of destruction of any botulinus toxin in food. It is always best to discard any canned food which looks, smells or tastes "queer" when the can is opened. Prevention of botulism demands careful handling of fresh fruits and vegetables to be canned, avoiding any unnecessary handling. As for ground meat, sausage, and the like, it is always best to have meat freshly ground, not to buy any such meat which has stood exposed for any length of time after grinding or cutting.

So many correspondents mention that they are taking "shots" for this or that, and evidently they think I will understand what the "shots" are. That means little more than it would mean to say a doctor gave you something for your trouble. A good many physicians, I fear, exploit the gullibility of patients by administering this, that and the other medicine by injections when the same medicine taken in the ordinary way would be quite as efficacious. For instance, it is rarely necessary or advantageous to give such "shots" of vitamin B₁ (thiamine) except in circumstances which preclude administration by mouth. This holds true in most instances when iron, calcium, iodine, arsenic or one of scores of other medicines is given in "shots." However, the Wisacres are generally much impressed by "shots" and sometimes submit to such medication when they profess to have little or no faith in "pills and potions."

It is evident that people are still more concerned and better informed about good nutrition for their livestock than for themselves. In this country this has been encouraged for many years by the agriculture department of the government. Only in the past few years has the federal government ventured to hand out any information or advice to the people about their own nutrition—and even now the government staff seems pretty carefully censored by the interests, just as the propaganda of commercial interests is, technically speaking, censored by the federal authorities. Thus ignorance and misinformation about nutrition flourish and pre-

judice continues to control the physical welfare of the nation. Samuel Johnson, the Wiseacre of his time, said oats were generally fed to horses in England but supported the people of Scotland, and some canny Scot clinched it by asking where would you find finer horses or finer men.

In regard to human nutrition, the cost of living and general economy one wonders whether there are anywhere else in the world so many Wisacres or so many plain (mustn't say it) fools as in these Benighted States.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
Kleptomania
Son, 13, always looks for something to steal, whether in anybody's home, stores, school. We have been unable to break him of this. No apparent reason—he just seems to like to steal. Please recommend a good place to send him. He is the fourth of seven children. The other six never showed such inclination. (Mrs. W. A.)

Answer—Don't send him anywhere. Take him to a physician who is a specialist in mental ailments. Your family doctor will recommend one, or send stamped envelope bearing your address and I will recommend one for you.

CVD
Thank you for the great help we have received from your CVD booklet. Since reading it we can understand the instructions of our doctor so much better, and he is so busy now taking of his regular practice and much work left by other doctors who have left for military service.

(Mrs. H. M. F.)
Answer—The booklet "CVD" deals with Cardio-Vascular Degeneration (or Diseases of Heart and Arteries). Any reader may have a copy if he sends ten cents and stamped envelope bearing his address.

Report of A Coincidence
In the pamphlet "Relief for Allergy" you say: "If you feel no definite relief from the remedy in a week, it is a failure in your case." I noticed no relief and was much disappointed after suffering for over two years. Then two weeks after I stopped it, I realized my head was clearing up. I no longer sneezed excessively, etc.—so I resumed taking one dose a day, sometimes every alternate day only, and now I am perfectly normal. . . . Certainly grateful.

(Mrs. C. L. G.)
ANSWER—All I know is that the remedy suggested in the pamphlet can do no harm. Whether it had anything to do with your improvement, or whether you should give credit to Old A. Coincidence, who can say? On request I am glad to send any correspondent who provides stamped envelope bearing his address a copy of the pamphlet "Relief for Allergy." (Copyright 1942, John F. Dille Co.)

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.

TOWNSEND URGES ADEQUATE PENSION

Washington, Dec. 30—(AP)—Dr. Francis E. Townsend, leader of the pension movement which bears his name, said today that the United States can afford a social insurance program that will pay \$50 to \$70 a month to retired workers, the physically incapacitated, and widowed mothers.

"One of the greatest gifts we could grant the American people in the new year of 1943 would be a truly adequate system of social insurance," he said. "We can afford such a system without burdening anyone in the nation, and certainly we do not have to take a back seat to the British. Neither should we take the attitude that we have to coddle Americans, or give them something for nothing."

Ship Captain Taken Prisoner on U-boat

A Gulf Coast Port, Dec. 30—(AP)—The captain of a medium-sized British merchantman torpedoed in the Atlantic was made prisoner by the attacking enemy submarine, survivors reported today.

The captain, whose name was not revealed, dumped overboard from a lifeboat all the material he had which might have been of use to the enemy. The sinking occurred in late November off the north coast of South America.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

HEMORRHOIDS?

If you are troubled with HEMORRHOIDS (PILES) get a bottle of SE-LIP today. You must be absolutely satisfied or your money will be refunded.

WESTERN THRIFT

"Sweetheart of Fort Lewis" Also Captivates Camp White

By Jeannette Butler

Two gifted, charming and good looking young women, guests of Chaplain and Mrs. Eldon W. Borrell, are entertaining service men and civilians here this week with a full schedule of concert appearances. The artists, Miss Alice Stockman, violinist, and Miss Mildred Tummonds, are being presented by Chaplain Borrell, who heard them at Fort Lewis and McCord, and persuaded them to visit Camp White. Known at the more northern posts as the "Sweetheart of Fort Lewis," Camp White is welcoming the seventeen-year-old Alice with much enthusiasm.

Beginning with six chapel services last Sunday, a concert was given at Service Club No. 1 Monday evening. On Tuesday they appeared before the Rotary club and last evening in concert at the army post chapel, No. 6. This evening they will entertain members of the Lions club and their guests at a six o'clock banquet, afterward appearing in concert, beginning at 7:30, at Service Club No. 2. Thursday evening they will intermission at the service men's dance at Club 2 and Friday evening again concertize, this time at Service Club No. 1. Saturday evening they appear at the officers' ball. The concluding engagement will be a chapel service at Chapel No. 6. They will leave for the north Sunday, on the evening train.

The artists have appeared before the royalty of Norway and Belgium. Both are excellent musicians and are perfectly at home before an audience. The lovely little violinist expresses musical maturity far beyond her calendar years and Miss Tummonds, an accomplished and highly trained vocalist, also lifts the often unappreciated art of accompanying to an exceptionally high level. It was a delight to hear her as the supporting artist as well as soprano soloist.

This writer recalls a review of a concert by the late James Stevens, when the editor of this paper, Mr. Robert Ruhl, wrote of the event somewhat as follows: "This was not a concert in the usual sense. Jim just sang for his friends." That was the case last evening. These two girls just sang and played for the boys, and what a joy it must have been, on both sides of the chapel platform. They sang and played from the classics, but loved and familiar numbers were heard, too. There were repeats by request and a specially requested encore at the end. (One private was heard to remark, concerning the little violinist, "She could play the 'Irish Washerwoman' and it would suit me, all right.") And her tone and technique would probably have elevated the gay little tune to something not of the ordinary, at that.

Following the formal concert, the service men joined in singing a group of current popular hits, including the phenomenally popular "White Christmas" (650,000 copies sold to date), all about the Spanish girl who married O'Toole, the doughboy who found his rose in Ireland and (this with the most enthusiasm) "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition."

Accompanist, we must certainly not forget to mention, for Miss Tummonds' vocal numbers, was Private First Class Newton H. Pashley. A modest young man, indeed. Not from him we learn later that he had won a master's degree in pipe organ and composition at the Eastman School of Music at Rochester, New York.

City Shows Profit On Crime Ledger

Yuma, Ariz.—(AP)—Crime may not pay for some people, but for the city of Yuma it meant a profit of \$1,726.29 for the first four months of the fiscal year 1942-1943, the recorder's office reported.

The cost of feeding prisoners during the four months amounted to \$1,017.88, while the police courts took in \$2,744.15 in fines, showing a net profit of more than \$1,700.

FIREPLACE DAMPERS

Washington, Dec. 30—(AP)—The War Production Board ruled today that fireplace dampers or grates weighing 30 pounds or less may be sold without preference ratings. Last week WPB permitted production of such grates for a limited period as a means of providing supplemental heat for many homes.

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

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 30, 1932
(It was Friday)

President and Mrs. Hoover in Florida on short vacation.

Democratic congressmen toying with "tinker-with-the-money" plans, including inflation.

Chief deputies in county offices to get wage reductions.

Business failures growing less as old year fades.

President-elect Roosevelt and Democratic leaders to confer next week on plans.

Rain predicted in valley, with snow in the hills.

Fruit men seek immediate reduction in freight rates to east coast.

Marriage licenses issued last year in county total 507. This was 53 less than during the previous year, county clerk records show.

NEW MEXICO senator introduces a bill to loan Germany a billion dollars to buy food.

Storms sweep nation from coast to coast.

Near East peace confab on brink of failure.

Four cases of diphtheria reported in city.

More rain. High 49, low 34 degrees, precipitation .09 of an inch.

Eddie Durno, high school coach is spending the Yule holidays with his folks in Eugene.

Scandinavian society to hold Year's Day.

Legislator Furlough Referred For Study

Washington, Dec. 30—(AP)—President Roosevelt told his press conference today he had referred to the war department for comment and recommendation a suggestion by Gov. Coke Stephenson of Texas that state legislators now in the armed forces be furloughed to attend legislative sessions.

In sending the governor's suggestion to the war department, Mr. Roosevelt said he called attention to the fact that under the federal constitution and some state constitutions a person could not hold a public post and serve in the armed forces at the same time.

Washington, Dec. 30—(AP)—The War Production Board today ordered construction stopped on a theatre building begun last summer in Richmond, Cal. The order charges the owners with beginning the construction of the theatre without WPB authorization.

FIRST STEEL MILL STARTS ON COAST

Fontana, Cal., Dec. 30—(AP)—The Pacific coast's first iron and steel mill starts production today, just eight months after ground was broken for the huge Henry J. Kaiser project.

A 1200-ton blast furnace will be blown in by Mrs. Kaiser, wife of the miracle builder and within 36 hours the first of 432,000 tons of pig iron expected the first year will be drawn off.

Full capacity has been set at 675,000 tons of ingot production yearly, with a rolling mill to handle 300,000 tons of ship plates.

Thus, nine months from the time the Reconstruction Finance Corp. authorized an \$83,000,000 loan for its construction, the first integrated steel mill west of the Rocky mountains began turning out the vital material, all from local sources. Such a construction job normally requires three years.

NORRIS SUSPECTS PLOT BY CAPITAL

New York, Dec. 30—(AP)—Sen. George W. Norris, Ind., Neb., denounced the national association of manufacturers last night and charged that representatives of special interests already were planning to dominate the government when the war is over.

"The representatives of special interests are already attempting to frame the future so that, when the war is won and peace is made, they will be in control of a great part, if not all of our governmental structure," he said.

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START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT!

Monster MIDNIGHT SHOW NEW YEAR'S EVE

We're Going To Give You HATS! HORNS! BALLOONS! CONFETTI! FUN!

fun-frolic for all!

Plus a Special Showing of—

ROB HOPE BING DOROTHY CROSBY LAMOUR Road to Morocco

Doors Open 11:00 p. m. • Show Starts 11:45 p. m.

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE

NOTICE! DANCERS The ORIENTAL GARDENS AMATEUR CONTEST Finals Tonight

WILL BE HELD AT

DREAMLAND

hall while temporary remodeling underway at the Oriental Gardens . . . The same fine party! . . . The same crowd! \$25 War Bond prize in contest.

DANCE and ENJOY THESE FINALS

Weekly contest winners will compete, then a new contest will open with \$5.00 CASH PRIZE each week and monthly finals prize of \$25. ENTER NOW or come to dance and boost for your favorite. Pianist furnished amateur contestants but bring your own instruments.