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Ye Smudge Pot
 By Arthur Perry

Army authorities report enlistments in the WACs are declining "because women dislike the regulation hat." First and foremost, they look like a hat and can be readily identified as such.

The pre-school auto driving over the week-end was the most hectic of the season and full of youthful freshness.

Summer comes to an official finish next Thursday. After which old timers confidently predict there will be some.

RED HOT ROMANCE!
 (Exchange)

"Hollywood" (AP)—Celia Villa, 28, daughter of the late Pancho Villa, Mexican revolutionary leader, and Fred Datis, 45, movie casting director, were married Monday, his studio said. Temperatures range as high as 180 degrees.

A voice allegedly that of B. Mussolini, the late Il Duce, delivered a 15-minute talk over an Axis radio set. There are suspicious Benito was present only in the spirit, but not the flesh, and listened intently to himself in Allied custody many miles away.

"A. A. Brooks paid a fine of \$2 in municipal court today for failure to observe a stop sign. \$2—0% % 1/4 Hand-It." (Corvallis Gazette-Times.)—So say we all

Two of the Older Girls had a political falling-out last week, and are not speaking when they pass by. In the course of a discussion of New Deal nonsense, the party of the first party revealed a heretofore well hidden infatuation for it. She thought it wonderful if anything happened to the President, the gracious, but gadding First Lady would be available to complete his term. This caused the feminine party of the second part to laugh loud and long at such logic, and comment vitriolically upon it. The combatants should get together and smoke a cigarette of peace.

HIGHER MATHEMATICS!
 (Red Bluff (Cal.) News)
 "We have just read in the hometown paper the almost perfect explanation of why a country school was abandoned. No teacher and no pupils. Add to this no parents and no school house and we have 100 per cent perfect."

A Pennsylvanian, 103 years old attributes his longevity to daily doses of hard boiled eggs, beer, whiskey and 15 cigars. As usual, no credit is given to an inexhaustible supply of air and the strength to inhale and exhale it.

The sting of the alleged beef shortage in these parts has been softened the past week in many homes by wild pigeon pot pie. In getting the wild pigeons the alleged shortages of gasoline and shotguns are overcome.

BEANS!
 "There are pole beans and bush beans, green beans and dry beans. They cover the color spectrum: white beans, black beans, red beans, mottled beans. There are navy beans and kidney beans and lima beans. A new variety on the American scene is the soybean, as versatile as Dr. Carver's peanut. Finally there is the jumping bean, indispensable to politicians and public relations men. Any reflection on the string-bean invites the wrath of a tribe as numerous as they are popular." (Salem Statesman.)—All the varieties can be spilled. The bean is also used as a term to describe the human head, along with the Hubbard squash, pumpkin and coconut. Ignorance is described with "he don't know beans." A person hit in the head has been "beaned."

Stalin Is Smart

Stalin is smart. Instead of telling Germany there is no hope, he is constantly telling them there is hope if Hitler and his gangsters are kicked out, Russian territory returned, trustworthy government (pro-Soviet) put in charge. These overtures are being made through German prisoners, but Stalin is the voice behind them of course.

And we repeat it is SMART. It is following the Wilson technique of the First World War, instead of the Roosevelt technique of this one.

And while it may not cause an absolute break between the Hitler gang and the German people, it can't help but weaken the bond.

The unconditional surrender technique on the other hand constantly strengthens it. When it comes to shrewd, far-seeing diplomacy we believe Washington can learn a great deal from Moscow!

Why Unite Germany Thru Fear?

Stalin's latest stunt is to have a group of German officers captured at Stalingrad, appeal to the German army to throw over Hitler and make peace before it is too late. We quote:

"Defeat is certain, every thinking German officer understands that Germany has lost the war. The people feel that as well as the ruling circles who are responsible for all our misfortunes.
 "We appeal to military leaders, army generals and officers. Germany expects you to face the truth squarely and act immediately. Do all that is necessary, otherwise it will be done without you and possibly against you. The Nazi regime is incapable of taking the sole path leading to peace. Demand Hitler's abdication. Long live a free peaceful and independent Germany!"

This is in sharp contrast to the Anglo-American appeal which declares not only Hitler and the Nazis must be crushed but the German militarists. Stalin, through these prisoners, even promises the retention of a German army.

The truth happens to be that for the past decade at least 99 per cent of the German people—males at least—have been in the army, that is have been and are "militarists."

Stalin's technique is to drive a wedge between Hitler and the German army—the allied technique is to drive them closer together.

For the third time we maintain Stalin's smart.

Does Stalin Mean It?

Does Stalin mean what he says? If Hitler were kicked out tomorrow, as Mussolini was kicked out of Italy, and some pro-Russian German general were to take charge as the pro-allied General Badoglio has done, would Stalin agree to make peace?
 If so, in those peace terms would Stalin allow Germany to retain the German army—or what is left of it?

IT is hard to say. Like all dictators—successful ones, at least—Stalin is a supreme realist and a shrewd opportunist.
 At any given time he does what appears at THAT PARTICULAR time, to best serve his personal interests—his personal interests being in his judgment synonymous, of course, with those of Greater Russia!

STALIN today undoubtedly regards it as decidedly to his and to Soviet Russia's interest to have peace at the EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. He wants destruction in Russia to stop, he wants reconstruction to start again.

That is the real reason behind his constant demand for a "second front"—not from any fear of a German "come-back" but from fear of a DELAYED German defeat.

A real "second front" in his judgment might very well, as he recently pointed out, bring an allied victory not next year but THIS.

BUT there is very little if any chance of Stalin getting the kind of 1943 second front he wants, so always an opportunist, he does the next best thing, concentrates upon breaking down German resistance, behind the front, as well as at it. When that is done and not until then will the Red Army Commander-in-Chief consider in any detail or seriousness, the steps and promises he found necessary to secure it.

Will Germany Follow Italy?

Is there any chance of Germany breaking in the face of this Russian peace offensive?

Well ANYTHING can happen in Germany when the German people once become convinced defeat is CERTAIN.

But we doubt if that conviction is at all widespread in the Third Reich at the present moment.

And as long as that is the condition, there is, as we see it, little likelihood Nazi Germany will follow Fascist Italy—in the near future at least.

MORE than that. The German people fear and hate Russian Bolshevism far more than they do the allies. They would therefore have far less sales resistance to an Anglo-American peace offensive than a Russian one.
 So, our guess is—and it is only a guess. Stalin will not get the peace he wants this year, either by his second front or by his smart anti-Hitler propaganda—although both should contribute materially to peace in Europe, NEXT!

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.

CRIME IN THE KITCHEN

Coffee and morale. Somehow the mention of coffee suggests morale. But what kind of morale, good or bad?
 That depends on the coffee. Not only the temperature, but the health and well being of millions of Americans may be better or worse under the influence of good or bad coffee.
 For instance, a man who leaves home in the morning with that sense of good cheer and well being one gets from a cup or two of good coffee is less likely to resort to a quick one on his way to work or to have a nip from a pocket flask after the day's work is under way, than is the poor geek who gets only a cup or two of hell broth which is served under the name of coffee.

One under the beneficent influence of good coffee can hardly feel the need of alcoholic liquor of any kind to "cheer him up" or "make him feel better."
 By "good" and "bad" coffee, I mean, not the brand of coffee, but the way the coffee is brewed.
 Well made coffee promotes good cheer, well being and contentment, makes people less ornery to live with.
 Poorly made coffee is boiled coffee—enough to drive a good man to beating his wife.
 Here's how to make good coffee and keep your man purring.

1. Purchase coffee in small quantities so that it will be consumed soon after roasting.
2. If it is in the bean, grind only enough for the brew each time; if it is ready ground, keep it in tightly sealed container.
3. See that pot, percolator or whatever gadget you use to make coffee is thoroughly clean. A mere trace of previous brew tends to impair the flavor of the present brew.
4. Add a little cold water to the quantity of coffee you use for the brew. Let it stand at least fifteen minutes cold—no harm if it stands cold overnight. The cold water extracts and holds the aroma or flavor well.
5. When you are nearly ready to serve, heat the coffee up near-

away they're told there's a labor shortage. The manpower of the family has other and more important things to tend to. So I tell you it's pretty disillusioning to see the fuss our men make once they have to face the labor shortage we've had to contend with for years.

Then every so often our men have upped our production quota without altering their own in the least. Suddenly we find ourselves with an extra batch of baby clothes to wash, and another bed to make. And while the proud father still goes to work at the same time, Mother finds she can no longer keep union hours. We women see no injustice in this, and have even been known to name the little dear after the man who's at least partly responsible for our increased work; and this without increased pay, too.

So it's no wonder women look amazed when their men complain at demands for increased production and longer work hours. It seems they aren't as tough as they've led us to believe they were.

NEWCOMERS GET LICENSE PLATES
 Salem, Ore., Sept. 20.—(AP)—About 40,000 new 1942 Oregon vehicle license plates have been issued to new car owners and because all other car owners have retained their 1942 license plates, license issuers estimate that almost all of the 40,000 new plates were recorded for cars formerly registered in other states.
 The highest number of any license plate issued in Oregon in 1942 was 389-142. Oregon car owners now hold plates with numbers as high as 417-001.
 A new shipment of license plates to the office of the secretary of state had numbers from 417-001 to 435-000.
 Because only a few thousand license plates have been issued to new car owners and because all other car owners have retained their 1942 license plates, license issuers estimate that almost all of the 40,000 new plates were recorded for cars formerly registered in other states.
 The "Savannah" was the first steamship to cross the Atlantic—requiring 30 days from Savannah to Liverpool in 1819.
 Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

BRAKES BLAMED IN BUS MISHAP
 Johnston City, Ill., Sept. 20.—(UP)—Officials believed today that faulty brakes may have caused a crowded Greyhound bus to strike a two-coach train at a grade crossing near here, killing seven persons and injuring more than 50.
 All the dead and most of the injured were passengers on the bus which was en route from Memphis, Tenn., to Chicago.
 The brakes of the bus apparently failed on a down-grade and it coasted into the crossing and struck the train, which was carrying three passengers and its crew. The train's gasoline-powered engine was overturned and the front of the bus was demolished.
 Denver, Colo., houses more federal government offices than any city in the United States except Washington, D. C., and hence is known as the "western capitol."

Asthma Mucus Loosened While You Sleep
 Say Thousands of Sufferers
 Coughing, sneezing, wheezing, recurring attacks of bronchitis, asthma, runny nose and red, itchy eyes are annoying because you can't get air in and out of your lungs properly. But now it is no longer necessary to suffer from these terrible attacks without relief. You may receive from a physician's prescription called Mendaco. Within a very short time after the first dose, Mendaco ingredients start circulating thru the blood, thus reaching the smallest as well as the largest bronchial tubes where they usually quickly help liquefy mucus and remove thick strapping mucus (phlegm), thereby promoting free breathing and more restful sleep. In fact, Mendaco has proved so successful in relieving thousands of sufferers from recurring attacks of bronchitis and asthma that it is sold under a guarantee of money back unless completely satisfactory. So get Mendaco today! For only 50c.

U. S. NAVY POWER NOW GREATEST IN WORLD'S HISTORY

14,172 Vessels and 18,269 Planes Make Strategy of Attack Feasible, is Boast.

By Sander S. Klein
 United Press Staff Correspondent
 Washington, Sept. 20.—(UP)—The navy department, announcing with unconcealed pride that the U. S. navy has expanded into the greatest sea and air power in history, served notice on the Axis today that American naval strategy is now a "strategy of attack."
 American naval strength, as revealed in the navy's announcement, now stands at the all-time high of 14,172 vessels—813 of them fighting ships—and 18,269 planes.

Power Shown
 Ability to build this huge force and to keep building at the present rate, the navy said, underlies all American military strategy and "makes feasible a strategy of attack with all the risk it implies."
 The navy's tremendous hitting power and present attack strategy were demonstrated in the week end attacks on Nauru and Tarawa islands in the Gilbert group and on Marcus island September 1, attacks which showed that the navy is now able to strike deep into enemy territory and is willing to do so.
 However, the navy made no bones about the size of the job ahead. While describing its fleet as "the mightiest in history," its air force as "the most powerful air force in the world," it added pointedly:

Face Huge Task
 "Its size is dwarfed only by the size of the task which confronts it."

The impressive force was built largely in three years of growth since June, 1940, when the naval expansion program began—and is still growing at a tremendous rate.
 In July, 1943, there were \$3,200,000,000 worth of new ships still in the construction stage, foreshadowing a vast new addition to the already unprecedented naval force, the navy said.

The greatest bulk of this huge fleet and air force, the navy pointed out, was built during the past three years "in the midst of war."

It described the acceleration of ship and plane building as "without parallel."
 The number of ships delivered in June, 1943, was almost 240 times the number completed in July, 1940.

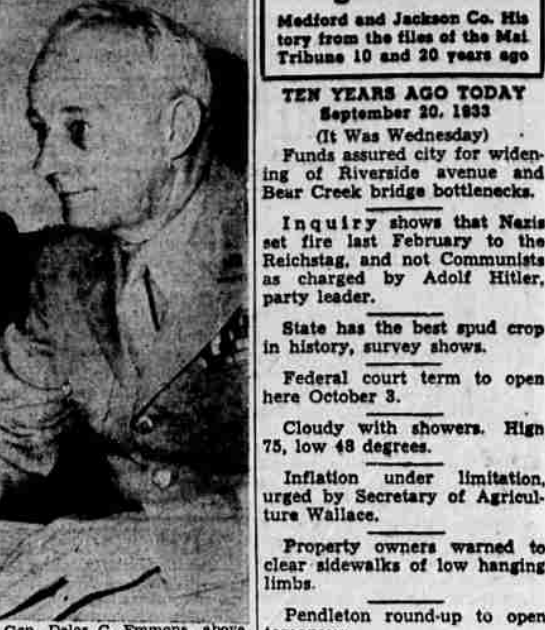
The number of planes delivered was 80 times the earlier figure.
 The navy described how the building program swung into high gear under the pressing need of post-Pearl Harbor days. Battleships were the first big need, it said, and enough of them were rushed to completion to play "a decisive part" in holding Guadalcanal on the nights of November 15-16, 1942.

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STAR ON HONEYMOON
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BUY WAR BONDS

At New Post



Lt. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, above, new commanding general of the Western Defense Command, is shown at his first San Francisco press conference following departure of his predecessor, Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, for Washington to assume his new post as head of the Army and Navy Staff College.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although the use of a pen-name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.
Soldier Okes S. P. Editorials
 To the editor:
 I've been in Medford for a year and two months and now I'm leaving, but before I go I'd like to register a couple of complaints.
 First of all is KMED. Let's just call it the "Gospel Center" and stop there. They have done enough praying in the last year to gain Medford the title of "Second Heaven." I really can't recall having heard much else worth while.
 Second is the water department. They are making more from Camp White than they ever took in from Medford, and yet the flat rate continues the same even though you can't spray the lawn every day in the summer.
 Now the good side. Let's see you hit the S. P. a little harder. I certainly admire your editorials on this subject, and hope you can wake them up.
 Excuse me now. Another preacher just came on the radio and I have to turn it off.
 L. D. Marlowe, Jr.,
 Corp. Infantry,
 Camp White, Ore.

LANDLORDS IN NEW EFFORT TO THAW SEATTLE RENTALS

Seattle, Sept. 20.—(UP)—Eight of Seattle's largest apartment house owners today began a suit in the emergency court of appeals in their second attempt to force the Office of Price Administration to change the rent-freeze date of April, 1941, to a later date.
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 The chief justice of the supreme court appointed three nationally prominent jurists—Chief Judge Albert Maris, Philadelphia; Judge Calvert MacGruder, Boston, and Judge Bolling Laws, Washington, D. C.—to act on the case, together with the OPA counsel.
 The landlords claim that Seattle rents were lower than normal until May 1942, making the rent-level date unfair.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
 September 20, 1933
 (It Was Wednesday)
 Funds assured city for widening of Riverside avenue and Bear Creek bridge bottlenecks.

Inquiry shows that Nazis set fire last February to the Reichstag, and not Communists as charged by Adolf Hitler, party leader.

State has the best spud crop in history, survey shows.

Federal court term to open here October 3.

Cloudy with showers. High 75, low 48 degrees.

Inflation under limitation, urged by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

Property owners warned to clear sidewalks of low hanging limbs.

Pendleton round-up to open tomorrow.

Four county farmers would accept appointment by Governor as representative in legislature.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
 September 20, 1923
 (It Was Thursday)
 Oklahoma plans to ban Klan memberships.

All coast forest fires brought under control.

Henry Ford announced he will not run for presidency.

Nebraska launches boom.

Cloudy. High 86, low 49 degrees.

Pacific Coast states subscribe three times their quota for Japan quake relief.

Lost hunter is found alive but hungry in the Mt. Pitt area.

Miss Lillian Roberts is named secretary of local Red Cross chapter.

Grade teachers of local schools to be assigned at school board meeting tomorrow.

President Coolidge hopes to solve problem of relief to farmers soon.

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No Steps To Climb

So many things contribute to making Conger's preferred by southern Oregon folks . . . for example, there are no steps to climb at Conger's—a fact that especially appeals to elderly people who avail themselves of our kindly, experienced service as well as those who attend memorial services here.

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 Office of County Coroner