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Ye Smudge Pot
 By Arthur Perry

The confab of United Nations foreign ministers at Moscow, Russia, each day finds Messrs. Hull, Molotov and Eden "in friendly harmony," press dispatches agree. It appears to be a diplomatic friendliness rather than the well-known kitchiness variety. It would be news and a change if word came, the distinguished trio, feeling their vodka, engaged in "a friendly tussle." They might even vary the friendly monotony by playfully putting gunpowder in Premier Stalin's pipe, the resultant explosion unfortunately singeing the left handle-bar of his mustache.

The Galshevskis had the wind and the rain in their bandannas and galoshes yes. A number of impromptu lakes formed in the residential areas due to the need of a storm sewer system instead of a road to the top of Roxy Ann.

The latest choice item out of Los Angeles relates how two teen-age maids held a knife duel in the moonlight over the "affections of a married man." One combatant had a cut on her arm and the other lost a handful of hair. The cause of it all was not a movie actor, but a bus driver. To further add to the unusualness neither female duelist had anything to do with Hollywood.

The public is now urged to observe Potato Week and eat spuds cooked 247 different ways or raw to get rid of the surplus. This has nothing at all to do with the great mythical shortage of potatoes last spring when the masses were hoarding seed spuds instead of planting them.

GRANDMAW HAD FUN!
 (Pendleton East Oregonian)
 "Darr Phelps took a severe header last evening while bicycling. Two playful young ladies ran out and grabbed the handles of his wheel, the result being that he took a flying leap into space and collided forcibly with the ground. He is now nursing several bruises."—(50 Yr. Ago col.)

Due to a low ceiling price and the manpower shortage tons and tons of cabbage are rotting in the fields or fed to stock. This means less sauerkraut. On the brighter side, an eating house order of fried oysters will not be accompanied by more cold slaw than oysters.

The German in defeat is meaner than the German in victory, and, in both cases his brutal arrogance is given full play. At Naples every form of criminal meanness the twisted Nazi minds could think of was practiced upon their Italian victims. They love that sort of thing and figure on Allied tenderness keeping their ruthlessness from coming home to roost.

RURAL EXCITEMENT!
 "There was excitement at the Davis service station Sunday morning when a skunk became entangled in some rocks by the wash house, dragging a trap fastened to its front leg. Not seeing the skunk, Mrs. Davis innocently passed by it, when it let fire with its bazoo gun! She said she thought, 'Goodness, there must be a skunk hereabouts some where.' Back she came and repressed the odious critter to receive another blast from the bazoo gun! This time the varmint was discovered. Mr. Graham, the big game hunter from next door was called over with his twenty-two, and with one expert shot put the skunk out of its perfume!"—(Merlin News in Grants Pass Bulletin)

Who Is To Blame?
 Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, returns from a week in Italy to announce in North Africa that this is going to be a long and hard war. He regrets "the people at home" do not appreciate the seriousness of the conflict, or the difficulties that lie before final and complete victory. Well, WHY don't they?
 SECRETARY Morgenthau can find the answer to that question very easily by consulting with his recent high-up associates, who have the final word as to the nature of the daily war reports. How can the people "over here" believe there is a tough up-hill battle going on "over there", when day after day they read nothing but the most sanguine and highly optimistic reports?
 Some people blame the newspapers. But the newspapers are not to blame. Only a few of them have their own war correspondents at the front. If they did have, the war correspondents are usually forced to base their "eye witness" reports on the official communiques.
 And these are, we repeat, invariably MOST encouraging.

LET any fair-minded person review them for the past six months—or the past week for that matter—and what sort of a story do they tell?
 Nazi defenses in Italy break before U. S. pressure, six more German bases seized by British army; Red army smashes on toward Polish border. Crimea cut off, half a million German troops surrounded; 300 Jap planes shot down, 2 U. S. planes fall to return; allied blockbusters ruin German war industries; Russians kill 9000 more Germans, capture 36 more villages.
 Etc., etc., etc.—ad infinitum.
 What does Secretary Morgenthau and others high in authority expect the American people to believe when day after day, in every way, the war reports grow rosier and rosier?
 And also day after day, from no quarter, north, south, east or west, is there any discouraging news of any description?

AND yet every now and then, as the Secretary of the Treasury has just done, some high government official issues a similar bearish report and apparently expects the people to believe it.

IT can't be done Henry. You can't have your cake and eat it too. You can't deal only in sugar-coated pills and expect the people to be prepared for and welcome bitter ones. If there is anything discouraging in the war situation from an allied or a United States standpoint, give the people some evidence of it. Without any, they won't believe it. And why should they?
 Not only are the allied nations marching forward on every front, but they have been now steadily for practically a year. In over a year there has been no Axis victory of any importance—not one.

SO with such a picture painted in glowing colors day after day, why should the people back home expect this to be a long war or a particularly hard one? Like the late Will Rogers, they only know what they read in the newspapers.

No Background
 What is the real answer to the above? Are the official U. S. war reports, army and navy, false and therefore misleading?
 Or are they true, and these efforts like Secretary Morgenthau's, are merely put out as antidotes to excessive optimism? (Far better to have the people think this will be a long war and prepare for it, than to think it will be a short one, and find themselves unprepared.)
 WELL, yes and no—as we see it. The war reports are not false factually. But they do paint a false picture because all favorable news is put in the FOREground, and all unfavorable news either in the BACKground, or not included at all. And it is that "background" that is the fly in this war report ointment. For in every war report there is a background, but in these daily communiques it is never—or almost never—included.
 AND it should be to get a true perspective—a true picture. Take for example the three main campaigns going on today—the Russian campaign, the Italian and the Solomons.
 In all the situation is favorable to the allies; in all the allies are on the offensive, and promise to remain there, for an indefinite length of time. BUT—
 THE German eastern army is still intact and still on Russian soil. It may make a stand on the Odessa-Leningrad line and hold there through the winter. So in Italy. The Germans probably have 20 or 30 well trained and well equipped divisions there—perhaps more. They are being driven steadily back, but barring some allied flank-attack by sea (and that is always a possibility), they may well be still holding the Po river line the first of next year.

IN the Pacific area, no doubt an all-out allied offensive is in the making. But until then, while there has not been a serious allied setback since the fall of the Philippines, progress has been exceedingly slow—only the perimeter of Japanese defense has been touched, and until Germany has been defeated, there is little likelihood of any DECISIVE knock-out victory over Japan.
 So there is your background and with that in the picture there is every reason to believe the war will be both a long and a hard one. But the background is never there as far as the day-by-day war reports are concerned!

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, 258 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE
 For the reason that high blood pressure is not a specific or definite disease, but a sign the medical examination may reveal in numerous ailments and sometimes in persons who have no ailment so far as the physician can determine, we can suggest no medicine, diet or other remedy for high blood pressure.
 A great deal of harm is done by "trying" remedies for high blood pressure on the theory or assumption that the high blood pressure is a specific or definite disease.
 In the first place, the patient, even if he happens to be a physician, should leave the question of blood pressure entirely to his physician's consideration. I am sure it never does a patient any good to know just how many "points" his blood pressure may be above the average or "normal." In the next place, I am equally sure, the doctor who tells the patient how high the blood pressure is in any circumstance is generally an incompetent one who hopes to impress the credulous patient or at least divert the patient's attention from the fact that the doctor really doesn't know what ails the patient and plays up the height of the blood pressure in order to keep the patient from changing doctors.
 I should blush, now, to admit that in some instances the best of physicians, after the most searching examination and whatever tests modern medical gadgetry can devise, is unable to account for high blood pressure, but never fear, my dear children, we doctors are still resourceful enough to put a name to it that will hold patients for a while. We call it "essential hypertension," which is medical double talk meaning we hate to tell you we don't know what it means. I use the editorial plural, not to imply that I'm one of the best of physicians but merely that I know no more about this or other types of high blood pressure than your doctor or any doctor does.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
 Thanks for a Good Doctor
 In order to get a coveted job I had to have a hernia fixed. You recommended Dr. ... who gave me injection treatments over a period of several months. This treatment not only did not interfere with my work but proved a complete success. I got the job, and now, after three years, there is no further trouble. (O. S.)
 Answer—When a competent physician finds that the hernia is of a type suitable for injection treatment (not all hernias can be so treated) his treatment is as simple as replacing an eye from one person and putting it in another. (H. M.)
 Answer—Eyes cannot be transplanted. In some cases bits of cornea (the clear surface covering of eyeball) may be transplanted to replace a portion made opaque by scar formation, but this is a question to discuss with your oculist.
 Insulin for Underweight
 Can't seem to gain any weight. I am 24 years old, 65 inches tall and weigh only 108 pounds. Recently you referred to insulin treatment. Please. (Miss E. L.)
 Answer—Send three-cent stamped envelope bearing your address, for pamphlet "How to Gain Weight." Daily injections of insulin by the physician or nurse under his instruction, beginning with units increasing to twenty or more units daily, bring about a gratifying gain of weight in some obstinate cases. (Copyright, 1933, John F. Diller Co.)
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News Behind The News
 By Paul Mallon
 (Continued from Page One)
 Most people here think Bricker will have the south—perhaps "has" is a better word. A strong Willkie organization exists in New England, but Willkie's story over-estimated it by perhaps 50 per cent. In short, the average republican reaction in this anti-Willkie center of the party was only that he is making himself a formidable force to be reckoned with. The reckoning is apt to come next. Obviously, Mr. Willkie is not now the republican party, although no active opponent has yet appeared on the front pages against him, allowing him to have publicity matters all his own way.
 THE situation is ripe for someone to take issue with him, and the someone is likely to be Governor Bricker of Ohio. Bricker has not yet established himself as a candidate, but might rally the anti-Willkie forces of the party if he undertakes such leadership. His agents say he has not made a political speech as yet, or shown himself. They argue that a man elected governor of Ohio three times must be a good campaigner and have a story to tell. The main effect of the Willkie surge probably will be the drawing of Bricker out into the open, within the next few weeks. Mr. Willkie is right about Dewey and MacArthur. Dewey cannot, or will not, campaign, but he can be drafted for the nomination if "favorite" son and uninducted state delegations demand him in sufficient numbers.
 MACARTHUR is a military genius, probably the only one this country has developed since the Civil war. His unrivaled talents entitle him to a military place far more prominent than he has, or is likely to get under this administration. But he is not apt to be widely considered for the presidency because he has been out of the country for so many years, has not and cannot express views on

political issues, and cannot campaign. His is a popularly movement. Unless our present military leadership fails to end the war by next June, the activities of his friends cannot be formidable. True also, Mr. Willkie's announced new program establishes a strong campaigning basis. He wants employment through expansion of business, wants to do it by trading with Russia and China, social security, accuses the New Deal of incompetence and machine corruption. On foreign affairs, however, he is waiting to see what Mr. Roosevelt proposes, and has not committed himself.

BUT the fault most republicans still find with him is that his voiced support now comes from periodicals and publicists formerly in the left wing of the New Deal and apt to be for Mr. Roosevelt in any Willkie-Roosevelt struggle. They force a repetition of 1940. Before the convention, he was then talked up by all New Dealers as a forthright and liberal big business man, but as soon as he was nominated, he became to all those interests a reactionary tool of Wall Street.

OFFER GUERNSEY BULLS AT 75 CENTS ON DOLLAR
 Peterborough, N. H.—W. A. Johnson and Sons, Rt. 2, Box 250, and E. F. & J. C. Calhoun, Twinkle Star Ranch, Grants Pass, are offering to sell some of their Guernsey bulls and accept series E war bonds at full maturity value in payment. Through this program these Guernsey breeders are offering other breeders and dairymen the opportunity to secure bulls of superior heredity at a cost of only seventy-five cents on the dollar.
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CAN VITAMINS CHANGE GRAY HAIR?
 According to Good Housekeeping tests with Calcium Pantothenate on gray hair:
 Age—did not seem to affect results. The earliest response occurred in a 30 year old; the latest in a 23 year old.
 Color—began to appear near the roots of the hair. The color may not appear all over the head at the same time. Synthetic dandruff cream, soap on the temples or the back of the head, may show traces of color first, after which the color will spread to other parts of the head.
 Time—varied from 1 month to 6 months.
 Results—88% of those tested had positive evidence of a return of some hair color.
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campaign instigated by the American Guernsey Cattle club. A booklet telling about the plan and listing the hundreds of breeders offering bulls on this basis is available from the national office of the Guernsey club at Peterborough, N. H.

Editorial Comment
 (From Klamath Falls Herald and News)

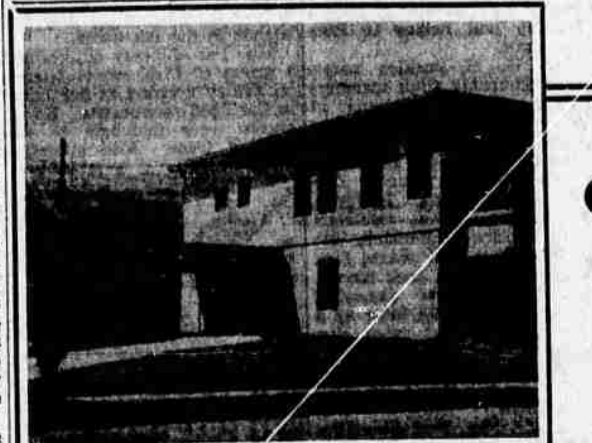
OPA was considerably concerned, if not jittery, over the local reaction to the changes announced for Klamath Falls this week—another move for the ration board location and discontinuance of the field office. It is true that Klamath has had a rather bizarre experience with OPA, but there is not enough public interest in the matter to make any kind of an issue out of the discontinuance of the field office.
 About 10 persons were employed in the field office. The chief, Lee Jacobs, had already resigned. The others can easily find employment here if they don't want to go on with OPA. We hope they remain here.

At the outset, a sensible administrative setup was arranged with headquarters at Klamath Falls for a district covering counties in northern California and southern Oregon. Then politics raised its ugly head (report has it Senator Downey of California was the complainant) and objection was made to permitting OPA administration in a California area from an Oregon headquarters. The California counties were amputated from the district. Per capita administrative costs rose in the smaller district and that, presumably, was a major reason for discontinuing the district office here. OPA officials tell us that many district offices were eliminated over the country for the same reason, and that the theory of "taking OPA to the people" by establishing large numbers of administrative offices was abandoned. So far as this office was concerned, getting OPA close to the people where they could see the elaborate office and personnel set-up aroused criticism. It certainly was not good politics, but it was an education for the people.

Inasmuch as people became economy-conscious over this, it is hardly the thing to object now to changes made actually for economy reasons, and it appears that such is the basis for the recent action. OPA officials tell us that the bureau of the budget howled steadily over the costs of the office set-up here. It should be understood that there was no question but that the rental was fair, but there was too much space per person under the whole set-up was elaborate for a ration board and field office headquarters.
 So the OPA got busy and found quarters back in the other end of town, with merchants there willing to provide the rent for a few months, at least. About that time, price control changes were made that added to the budgetary burden of OPA administration in Oregon, and it was decided to eliminate the field office and put the money into the price control program.
 So the field office has been ordered discontinued, the ration board will move, and that's the end of the OPA "flier" in Klamath Falls. It appears a price control officer will be located here, but otherwise, Klamath will have no special function as a location for OPA administrative activities.

The thing has been somewhat of a disappointment, and OPA will admit several mistakes have been made. We think it would have worked if OPA had not attempted such an elaborate and expensive program at the start and if state line politics had been kept out of the picture.
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 Third and fourth degree obligation will be given.
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Flight o' Time
 Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
 October 23, 1923
 (It was Thursday)
 State seeks funds for straightening of Pacific Highway over Siskiyou.

Valley poultry raisers organize.
 Herman Burgoyne of Medford kills elk in La Grande district.
 Hunter who shot companion in mistake for deer, is arrested for hunting without a license.

Claims filed with county clerk shows 283 sheep killed by dogs past year.
 Property owners start new drive for improvement of Main street.

Unsettled. High 74, low 47 degrees.
 Mussolini informs Italy fashion is "hope of world."

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
 October 25, 1913
 (It was Friday)
 United States offers aid to Germany and allies in settlement of reparations row.

Siskiyou tunnel bandit clue near Yreka turns out to be untrue.
 Continued fair. High 62, low 33 degrees.

Peat shipments from valley to date total 1751 cars.
 T. E. Daniels and Leon Haskins openly weep at sad scenes in "Penrod" at the Page.

Medford high and Roseburg clash at Roseburg today.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Parker of Willow Springs celebrate their 32nd wedding anniversary.

Movement on foot at Butte Falls to start a bakery.

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.

News From Mrs. Nellie Regan
 To the Editor:
 I read the Medford paper and often hear of the doings of former friends there.

I am working in the Richmond shipyard No. 2 as a matron and like it very much. I expect to be here for the duration. I was a former Medford resident for 10 years. I have two boys who went to school in Medford and are now in the army air forces, the oldest, Perry D. Regan, is a medic in the headquarters staff in Hawaii for nearly two years now. The youngest boy, Wally Regan, who is well known there, is training to become an air pilot at Santa Ana, Cal. He has been recently made an instructor in tumbling and swimming. I am very proud of my boys and wish you would insert a paragraph in your paper so their friends back there will know about them.

Mrs. Nellie Regan,
 3223 Alameda Ave.,
 Oakland, Cal.

LITTLE GIRL PERISHES HIDING FROM WHIPPING
 Rock Springs, Wyo., Oct. 25—(U.P.)—County authorities said today that no charges would be filed against the father of seven-year-old Frances Arnaulet, who perished of exposure when, faced with a threatened whipping, she ran out of the house and hid in the sagebrush during a heavy snowstorm.
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