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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The shortest days of the year (Tues. & Wed.) come this week, after which it will only be six months to the longest ones.

E. Ulrich, the Prospect Mt. Wm., journeyed to the Big Shasta Valley in Siskiyou Co. Tues., where he saw hundreds of fine, fat steers, impermanent the alleged meat shortage.

Paul (Suspicion Points) Jennings came home Fri. from Newfoundland, where he is with the wavy, on a turlough. He remarked it was cold here.

One power pole and a street sign on the Main Stem were overpowered and flattened by motor vehicles the past week. Fog and icy pavements caused many accidents and Sam Colton had one in a bank.

Peoria Bill Gates came out last week with a puff for Idaho potatoes, while no one from Klamath county was listening.

Five or six of the Older Girls upbraided themselves all week for getting their hair braided up. They regarded the coiffure as a cruel blow from fate, instead of something they ordered themselves.

Flu is rampant in our midst, and most everybody has it, or the equivalent thereof.

A bevy of damsels congregated at Clay's Thurs. and swapped letters to read from boy-friends on the far-flung battlefronts. There would be no giggling if they thought the regiment or the ship's crew read the letters they wrote.

Due to the war no suet was put out for birds during the late cold spell. Anyway, the bluejays would have gobbled the lion's share.

The Dubb Watson boy Edd, who is a naval flier, is back to spend the Yule season with the home team.

The Bates Boys' chin-whackery is the oldest business partnership in this burg. Long before the Munich appeasement, they established the policy of the customer always being wrong.

The first rumor in a long time was in circulation the tall-end of the week and not caring who circulated it.

The first amateur and premature Gauda Claus has ignited his cotton-battling whiskers on a Christmas tree candle.

The public are not buying canned and candied carrots. The OPA reports. They were not worth wasting tin and sugar on in the first place.

The local flaming youth are still singing "Pistol Packing Mama." It is not as bad as a few years back, when they inflicted "The Music Goes In Here, and Comes Out There."

The Les Taylor boy Bob, of Phoenix, is rejoicing in the arrival of a red calf, in mid-week. He is still having arguments with his grandpaw, and losing them.

Fireplaces were fired up the past week and happy groups gathered round, and listened to each other and the crackling of the logs.

The plot to inflict a special session of the legislature, quashed by the governor, still shows signs of life. The idea is to ponder post-war problems, and monkey with the state income tax money.

The sheriff reports the taxpayers pumpled up as never before last Nov. Dog license fees are due after Jan. 1.

Share Your Christmas

THE usual gaiety of the Yuletide season is somewhat quieted this year by the absence of many loved ones, and by the sobering realization that the road to victory will be a long and bitter one. We are, however, heartened by the fact that this Christmas marks another milestone on that road, and peace is one year nearer.

TODAY, the strains of Christmas carols, the heart-warming tinkle of bells at the Salvation Army street corner kettles, the fuss and flurry of shopping, lighted trees and sparkling tinsel—these turn our thoughts to the true spirit of Christmas—the Christmas with the great Yule log, Tiny Tim and "Silent Night." America's sons are gallantly fighting to uphold this spirit of Christmas and to hasten the return of more joyous Yuletides.

THE people of this community are fortunate in having an opportunity to spread a little real Christmas cheer this year—where it is most needed. Next Saturday we will sit down to the traditional Christmas dinner. There is always room for one or two more—and among our Camp White guests are those who long for a real home-cooked dinner and the atmosphere of family life. Let's invite them!

OF COURSE, a fine Christmas dinner will be served at Camp White, but the best of food simply doesn't taste quite right in a mess hall on Christmas day. Mom is not there to baste the turkey and prepare favorite dishes with loving care. Dad is not at the head of the table, wielding the carving knife and serving with kindly care the morsels most enjoyed by each. The faces of loved ones and their homey chatter will be missing.

The people of Medford, by opening their hearts and their homes on Christmas day, can give these men a reasonable facsimile of their own homes on a day when family ties are first in mind. It is a small gesture, indeed, to men who have already sacrificed much and may soon be called to give up a great deal more.

MANY warm friendships have been established between civilians here and the personnel of Camp White. Already pleasant contacts have been made with the men of the 96th Infantry Division, recently assigned to training at this camp—acquaintances made through church gatherings and at various recreation centers.

To those who know service men we offer this friendly suggestion: Invite YOUR soldier friend to share your Christmas dinner and holiday festivities. If you have any difficulty in reaching him the Hospitality committee of the Jackson County Recreation Committee will be glad to offer a helping hand. Just telephone the Riverside USO—7131—and your guest will be contacted for you. Of course, ration points will suffer, but it will be in a good cause. This committee is not arranging "blind dates," but is simply assisting in getting friends together.

WE HOPE that "Share Your Christmas" enthusiasm will spill out into every corner of the Rogue River Valley—that homes will be opened, plates added at the holiday feast, and that the spirit of Christmas will be felt at every fireside.—H.G.

REVENUE BUREAU TO EYE WHISKY 'BLACK MARKETS'

Washington, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—The internal revenue bureau, the only government instrumentality which was able to bring such prohibition era public enemies as Al Capone to justice, declared war tonight on the war-time black market in whisky.

Grand strategy for the campaign was mapped and detailed tactical plans were made at a meeting here of district supervisors of the bureau's alcohol tax unit.

The bureau's campaign, it was learned, calls for closest cooperation with the Office of Price Administration and with the legitimate liquor industry. The supervisors were told to use every facility available to them to detect and prosecute any violation either of revenue laws or price regulations.

Bureau officials said they would help the distilling industry to police itself by supplying it with information about black markets.

Heretofore, the bureau operated on the theory that black market operations were largely the concern of the OPA inasmuch as most black market liquor is tax paid. Today's declaration of war scrapped that theory.

TURKEY—IN JAIL
Cheyenne, Wyo.—(U.P.)—Law-abiding citizens of Cheyenne who had a hard time getting turkey for their traditional Thanksgiving dinner are wondering—after all, is "honesty the best policy"? The jail cook, Charles Leasure, prepared for the jail's Thanksgiving Day feast 60 pounds of turkey with all the trimmings, complete with cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.

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KAISER SAYS NOW IS TIME TO PLAN POST-WAR UNITY

Washington, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Government leaders tonight hailed as "constructive" Henry J. Kaiser's demand for co-operative planning now by labor, management, agriculture and government for the gigantic task of shifting the nation's vast industrial plant, back to peacetime economy.

There was considerable disagreement, however, with other points in the plan presented by Kaiser, in an exclusive interview with the United Press today, for reconversion to a peacetime economy of efficiency in production. He urged that a start be made now on that task.

Several senators disagreed particularly with Kaiser's proposal that questionnaires be sent to all men at the fighting fronts to ascertain what they want to do when the war is over—what they want to do and where they want to go. There also was some disagreement with his assertion that the nation has reached its war production peak in almost every category.

Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, D., Colo., a member of the senate military affairs committee, said "It seems to me we've got to win the war before we can begin to think about doing any reconverting."

"I think the idea of sending questionnaires to servicemen to find out whether they want to work on farms or in machine shops and in setting up local committees to help carry out their wishes is a fine idea," he said.

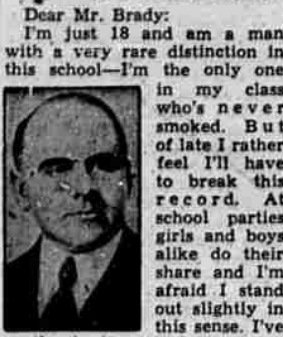
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BY DR. WILLIAM BRADY, M.D.

Readers should address inquiries to Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

A DISTINGUISHED MAN OF EIGHTEEN



Dr. Brady is milder than cigarettes. I'm anxious to know what you have to say concerning the pipe. Have been wondering if I should be a "good fellow" and join the crowd in smoking, but smoking a pipe.

Well, son, you have only three or four years to go before you'll be grown up, practically fully developed, old enough to vote and to have enough sense or judgment if not enough manhood to take care of yourself. You have managed to worry along fairly well so far, evidently. Why weaken now and begin smoking just because nits do it?

After all, it is contemptible for a boy or girl who is still depending on parents or others for his or her support, education and care, to squander good money for such indulgences, especially these days when children in many parts of the world are suffering and dying for want of food.

If you begin smoking now, son, it may not do you any great harm, that is, if your physical and moral development is more advanced than it is with most youths in their teens. But it will be no pleasure getting accustomed to it, and if you can muster enough strength of char-

acter to continue your own way regardless of what some others may do or say, you will find a good deal of satisfaction in saying nothing of health—in coming of age free of such habits. I am not a crank about smoking—I enjoy a smoke after dinner, after the day's work is done. I'm merely giving my honest conviction about the question.

Why not ask your parents, your spiritual adviser, your family doctor, your school principal or head, your physical education instructor for their views on the question?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Cri-Free Home
Thanks to the fine advice and instruction in your column and in your pamphlets we were cri-free all last winter and so far this winter—a health record we had not attained without your help. (R. M. G.)
Answer—A little practical knowledge of the way respiratory infections spread, if applied in everyday life, may prevent many a minor and many a major illness in the family. You may get that knowledge from the booklet "Call It Cri"—for copy send 25c and 3c-stamped envelope bearing your address.

Saccharin
Please comment on clipping inclosed. The health department seems to disapprove of the use of saccharin. (Mrs. J. C.)

Answer—I doubt that the newspaper item reflects the health department opinion or advice. In any case I'd not hesitate to use up to five grains of saccharin a day, as a substitute for sugar, for sweetening beverages, etc.

Outstanding Ears
Please advise whether anything can be done to correct outstanding ears, and if so, what would it cost? (Mrs. J. C.)

Answer—Usually a plastic operation will correct the appearance. I am unable to say what it would cost. Ask the surgeon about that. Any surgeon of standing will take care of it or refer you to a reliable one who does such work. Beware of self-commended "plastic surgeons." (Copyright 1943, John P. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

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S. P. Policy Due to Bus Control

While agreeing with you 100 per cent regarding the Southern Pacific's "public be damned" attitude, and their ancient "Hardy-Coolidge days" old guard" attitude which brought on the so-called social revolution, their cold indifference to public welfare has not been mentioned.

At Camp White near Medford, are stationed thousands of American boys preparing to fight for the right of the Southern Pacific to exist in a system of free enterprise to which that organization owes its existence. The service given to them is shameful to the extreme.

Some time ago the S. P. glorified the stage service from Medford to Dunsmuir in a booklet prepared solely to justify their treatment of the servicemen, which booklet was but an indirect apology and a very poor one. It would have made glorious reading to a man in New York, but to folks who see the servicemen herded like cattle into the Greyhound stages the book failed to register, other than to disgust any reader who lives here and knows how little the S. P. seems to care for the comfort and convenience of servicemen, or anyone else. Some servicemen have given up their furloughs rather than endure the S. P. service.

I happen to have attended all of the meetings incidental to the discontinuance of this train service. The sole reason given before the war was loss of money. The S. P. couldn't afford to lose money while business was so poor, but that if the business warrants the train would run again.

Now that business is greater than in all history the lack of service is quickly attributed to other causes.

It is easy to put your finger on the real reason. Just so long as the S. P. owns or controls the stages and they get the money anyway, we can expect no service. If there is a way to break this strangle monopoly we would get service in a hurry. The old S. P. wouldn't want to see others get the money from that source.

Setting aside all other excuses it would seem that any patriotic American would want to do everything possible to improve the morale of the men who are fighting for us. The first thing to do is to show the boys that our country is really worth fighting for. Big business once nearly convinced the people that it wasn't. Thank God there are but few of such left. Let's hope these few will forget the almighty dollar for the duration, at least, thus contributing to, rather than retarding the war effort.

W. A. Gates,
Medford, Dec. 17.

ALF LONDON RAPS NEW DEAL WASTE IN LATIN LANDS

Lavish Lend-Lease Spending Disapproved by People, Kansas States.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Alf M. London rapped forces tonight with Sen. Hugh Butler, R., Neb., in his attack on the administration's "good neighbor" lend-lease spending in Latin America with a declaration that the Republican party objects to the "new dealish tendency to squander two or three dollars where one would do the job better."

Back in Topeka after an extended eastern trip during which he tapped the sentiments of all classes of men and women, the 1936 Republican presidential candidate, in an interview, said it was an entirely normal reaction for many eyebrows to arch in wonderment at the "lavish expenditures and the extreme reluctance of the administration to discuss, in business-like manner, the bookkeeping on some of those mysterious ventures."

"Plain, extravagant, unbridled waste can help neither us nor the Latin Americans in the long run," London said. "Nobody, with whom I have discussed this matter—regardless of his political interests, or a complete lack of them—has voiced the mildest objection to a good neighbor policy."

London declared that it was the Republican party during the Hoover administration which initiated the policy of treating the great nations of South and Central America with due respect as friends and equals.

"The GOP father has never shown the slightest inclination to disclaim, or disown, that child," London said. "As a matter of fact, President Roosevelt has enjoyed no more consistent support on anything than the Republican support for every move intelligently designed to better permanently our economic, cultural and political relations with our neighbors to the south."

London said the Republican party—and to a large extent the man in the street—questions "the propriety, the good sense, or even the ultimate possibility of success in any program which goes out of its way deliberately to spend twice or three times as much as is necessary."

"They are critical of nothing except the domestic administration of an international undertaking which is of itself—wholly popular among our thinking citizens of every rank and party," he added.

Turning to the upswing in the GOP fortunes in national politics, London said he believed the real source of the new strength of the party was in the total loss of a defeatist attitude which had hung like a millstone about the neck of so many loyal members of the party.

MOROCCOANS AID FRENCH UNIT IN MOUNTAIN FIGHT

With French Forces in Italy, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—French troops, spearheaded by native Moroccan who reluctantly donned steel helmets over their turbans, and supported by Annamites from Indo-China, advanced three-quarters of a mile on the Fifth army front today, capturing two more mountain peaks and a small town.

The Germans had held tenaciously to their half of one saddle-shaped peak and counter-attacked several times, but the French held their positions and during the night stormed forward and dislodged the Germans from the entire hill feature.

At several points the Germans attempted to break contact before the French attacked, and to heavily entrenched positions, including pillboxes and dugouts reinforced with railway ties, and found them undefended.

Native Spahis from Morocco, led by French and Moroccan officers, have borne the brunt of the French action.

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FRANCE FORESAW FASCISM DANGER AS EARLY AS '29

Feared Axis Alliance and War With Italy, Memo to Stimson Shows.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—France as early as 1929 foresaw potential dangers in the existence of Fascism in Italy and anticipated an alliance between Mussolini and German leaders, even though Adolf Hitler had not yet risen to power, newly published state department papers revealed tonight.

France's apprehension was set out in a memorandum handed Henry L. Stimson, then secretary of state, who now is President Roosevelt's secretary of war, in September, 1929, setting forth her position on international relations.

"On the side of Italy," the memorandum said, "France may have serious fears due to the fact that the government of that country is constitutionally irresponsible and depends entirely on the will of a single man."

History shows that an act of madness is always possible when national feelings have been systematically raised to a certain pitch.

"An alliance between Italy and Germany is not inconceivable and in that case France, obliged to fight on two fronts, would be put in a dangerous situation," the memorandum said. The memorandum expressed doubt of the extent to which France could depend on aid from Britain or the United States in such a contingency. It noted that this country, while holding that a nation which causes war is "criminal," still seemed to insist on a right to furnish supplies indiscriminately to either side in a conflict.

INFLUENZA RUNS COURSE IN EAST, GAINS ON COAST

(By United Press)

Schools remained closed and output of war plants continued to be curtailed because of the spread of influenza through the nation this past week, but health authorities indicated generally that the disease has reached its peak.

Colder weather and Christmas holidays will tend to bring about an abatement, doctors reported.

The influenza is of a mild type, they said, and many of them classified it as only a "respiratory infection." However, they warned that everyone should use the utmost precaution to ward off the possibility of pneumonia.

The disease had about run its course in the north central region, where it was most severe, reports indicated, but was spreading westward and south. Los Angeles and San Francisco had sharp increases.

MANY GLAMOR TITLES

Hollywood, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Blond Gloria Dehaven, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer starlet, today could lay claim to 68 glamor titles bestowed upon her by servicemen during the past three months.

The old movie, "Hell Divers," is said to be the source on which the Japs have based all their dive-bombing technique, according to Flying magazine.

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TEN YEARS AGO TODAY December 19, 1933 (It was Tuesday)

Fresh gales pound the north-west coast, and floods threaten.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation is extended for another year.

Unsettled. High 57, low 43 degrees.

State sales tax fight gets underway in state.

Elks' lodge will stage a New Year's party.

City and valley is swept by a high wind.

Christmas cheer whiskey is seized at Salem.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY December 19, 1923 (It was Wednesday)

Henry Ford comes out for President Coolidge for re-election, and will not be a candidate against him under any circumstances.

Fair. High 53, low 36. Precipitation .07 of an inch.

City to lease its auto camp to Merrick's Inn.

Robert Hammond is named councilman from the Fourth ward.

Pavlova, world's greatest dancer, to perform here January 14.

City Christmas tree celebration to be held Monday evening.

Up-valley youths nabbed for fighting at dance.

PAIR CONVICTED OF WAR FRAUDS

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—A federal district court jury late today convicted two of five defendants in a war frauds case growing out of an alleged conspiracy to defraud the government of \$1,000,000 in the handling of contracts for canvas shelters for the army air forces at Wright field.

Those convicted: Cornelius G. Loose, formerly principal administrative officer of the contract section, general procurement center, U. S. army air forces, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

Dahne W. Winebrenner, Gal-lowsay, O., former general sales manager for the Baker-Lockwood Manufacturing company of North Kansas City.

SAFETY RECORD ENDED

Wilmington, Cal., Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—First fatal accident in more than five months of building Liberty cargo ships and tankers at California Shipbuilding Corp. today took the life of Harry Elmer Baker, 57, a hook tender leadman.

California residents, comprising 5.2 per cent of the United States population, received 7.8 per cent of the national income in 1942.

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