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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The Kharkov killers—three German brutes and a Russian traitor—who pleaded guilty to atrocities that make a Hollywood horror movie seem tame and pale, have been doomed to die on the gallows. They will not die of old age in the death house waiting for Justice to untangle itself from legal technicalities and quibbling lawyers. The three Nazi rats belonged to the Gestapo and the SS. Elite Guards. They were light-hearted murderers of old men, women and children who prided themselves on their efficiency and gloried in their ruthlessness. Their victims were defenseless, so they took no chances. The Russian traitor was just a dim-wit who fell in with bad companions. None were worth the space they will occupy in Hell. (Later: Sunday they were hanged.)

"If the manpower shortage is real, you'd think the air network could get along without an announcer to introduce the announcer." — (Milwaukee Journal). — More monkey-business at the cross-roads.

One reason Gov. Dewey of New York shies at the GOP nomination for president next year is he wants to find out more about "the mechanics of government." The current crop of mechanics only know something is wrong and that it will cost 10 billion dollars.

The coming week will bring the shortest day of the year, the annual reprinting of the famed New York Sun editorial, "Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus!" and Christmas.

WHAT GOES ON HERE? (Albino Tex.) Reporter: "ONE ROOM furnished apartment to soldier's wife whose husband comes in only on week-ends if willing to stay with lady nights, 801 Butternut."

"DOCTORS SAY FLU EPIDEMIC ARRESTED."—(Hillside Del Norte (Cal.) Tripletate).—It's about time.

The thwarting by the Governor of a special session of the legislature is winning wide praise. It was supposed to ponder post-war problems and be the main one themselves.

Some of the horticulturists and farmers have started their 1944 fretting. They fear no rain in June and a shortage of hay-hands.

PIONEER JOURNALISM! (The Dallas Chronicle) "The Harney Times reaches our table with its usual weekly quota of local news, consisting of 24 lines of reading matter in type the size of bricksbats. It is one of the most readable papers in that section, being, we believe, the only one."—(50 Yr. Ago Col.)

There is a social rumor afloat a soldier received a slappe in front of a beauty shoppe by a madde blonde.

The pre-Yule social season was opened on the Applegate yes, with a "marking and branding" at Ed Kubli's, with 59 cowhands, neighbors and kids on hand. The Kubli cats judiciously remained in seclusion under the barn while the Kubli dogs played host to country dogs from miles around, fighting and visiting and showing off. A pleasant time was had by all. Cures for the flu and wisecracks about the alleged beef shortage were exchanged by guests.

Sand dunes are classified as living or dead, according to whether they are in motion or stationary.

The Statehouse Week

Slaughter Reports Show Decrease

Bank Superintendent Job Unfilled

Community Property Filings Grow

By Jerry Hanniffa
(United Press Correspondent)
Salem, Ore. — (U.P.) — The slaughter of Oregon cattle and calves, sheep, goats and hogs has decreased progressively since 1940, a summary of reports of state-licensed grade A meat dealers showed today.

Federal inspection reports were not included in the summary, which comes from State Department of Agriculture reports. Livestock slaughtered in Oregon plants under federal inspection decreased in 1943 only, the 1942 federal report being somewhat above the 1941 total.

Purchases Decline
State licensed slaughtermen purchased 17 per cent fewer cattle and calves in 1943 than in 1940, 30 per cent fewer hogs in 1943 than in 1940 and 33 per

cent fewer sheep. During the first nine months of this year the number of animals marketed for meat showed a greater drop than in 1942. The stiff decline from 1940 to 1943 could be due to failure of the state licensee to file a complete monthly report, or to government quotas and price regulations. But it isn't due to a lack of farm livestock, for federal statistics show the greatest livestock populations of record this year.

A Department of Agriculture summary showed 40 per cent fewer cattle slaughtered in the first nine months of this year than in the same period in 1942. Sheep slaughtering dropped 46 per cent, hogs were down 37 per cent.

The department's monthly record showed:

Period	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
First 9 mts. 1943	35,805	52,239	12,113
Year, 1942	62,835	77,084	15,070
Year, 1941	84,239	90,759	20,092
Year, 1940	75,517	108,777	22,489

The four-year term of State Superintendent of Banks A. A. Rogers expired Dec. 1, and the banking board has neither reappointed him nor named a successor.

The Salem Capital Journal said Rogers would be reappointed. State Senator Frederick K. Lamport of Salem had been mentioned as a possible successor to Rogers, but he says he is not interested in the job.

There has been a steady in-

crease in the number of applications to file under the state's community property law, Elections Division Administrator David O'Hara said today.

Under the 1943 state act, Oregon married couples were permitted to file separate federal income tax returns even though their incomes came from the same source. Separate federal returns had been valid only if wife and husband had incomes from separate sources.

Storekeepers Control Postwar Employment

Babson Urges Them to Wake Up

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 17.—(Special Correspondence)—Committees are being formed by industrialists all over the country to insure employment for returning soldiers and war-plant workers. These committees will be found in Washington and in every state and in many cities. Paul G. Hoffman, president of the Studebaker Corporation; F. C. Crawford, president of the National Association of Manufacturers; and Eric A. Johnston, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, are leaders in this important work. We also read in magazines how the General Electric and other large companies are now drawing blueprints to provide for post-war unemployment. These committees, however, are composed almost wholly of manufacturers.

Merchants Minimize Own Importance

We hear little from storekeepers, big or small, independents or chains. These people seem to feel that their hands are tied and that they must take whatever comes from the manufacturers, in the form of goods to sell, or from the public in the form of goods to buy. This is a very wrong attitude for merchants to take. Storekeepers are really sitting in the driver's seat. They should wake up and realize it.

Manufacturers—after sending out a few samples—make their goods only on orders. Even the great national industries are dependent upon their salesmen, and their advertising campaigns, and finally upon the storekeepers. The future of these big nationally known companies is 100 per cent in the hands of shopkeepers, large and small. I feel so strongly about this that I believe merchants should receive some special tax considerations by cities, states and the federal government in the post-war struggle for employment.

Chain Store Heads Also Have Obligation

In addition to the merchant's responsibility for national employment, chain stores have a special local responsibility. When I was a boy, Gloucester, Mass., had a real Main street where most of the stores are located and it is still known as "Main street." Forty years ago the stores were all "independents" owned by local people who were the leaders in the churches and civic organizations of the community. These former independent stores have since nearly all vanished; both sides of Main street are now lined with "foreign" chains.

Chain stores have come to stay. They are as necessary and as important a part of the distributing system as are department stores, mail order houses and independents. States or cities which are handicapping the chains by special taxes or otherwise are making a huge mistake. The chains are rendering a real service to consumers and producers by providing fresher goods and better styles—and all at lower prices. After World War II, when people may again be obliged to count their pennies, these chains will be a godsend. But I do appeal to the managers of these chain stores to make more friends with the people of their communities by becoming more active in their churches, civic organizations and welfare movements.

Investors Have A Responsibility

In the final analysis, the owners of big department stores, mail

order houses and chains are the stockholders who read my column. Therefore, the final responsibility rests upon us. Let us not be indifferent and rely upon the great advantages which merchandise securities always have had. It is true that the chains have no conversion problem, no troublesome bond issues, and are not tied down on one location. Merchants do not require skilled help and hence will have low post-war labor costs. They are not tied down to one kind of goods, like a manufacturer; but they can purchase the best goods wherever they are manufactured and they can sell them at the lowest prices.

No One Can Profit From Inflation

No one, in the long-run, can profit from inflation; but far-sighted merchants should surely be able to profit by it for a few years. While railroads and public utilities may suffer greatly from inflation, the merchandise in stores is slowly rising in value. Hence, along with good farms, certain oil stocks, etc., merchandise securities ought to be the best inflation hedge. Storekeepers, after the war, should have another great advantage, namely, through the ending of price controls, rationing, etc., which is inevitable. Considering how well the chains and independents have got on during the war, with all these regulations and other handicaps, you may quickly visualize what they can accomplish when these handicaps are removed.

One more thought: The pessimists today claim that America no longer has frontiers of undeveloped land which have taken care of the unemployed after previous wars. This may be true of new land, but it is not true of new discoveries. The end of the war may find your city one of the great frontiers of America due to the development of new products, new methods and new ideas. I hope that every city in which this column is printed will remember the famous story by Dr. Russell H. Conwell, "Acres of Diamonds." This is a story of a man who traveled all over the world seeking diamonds and finally found one of the largest deposits in his own backyard. Every store—whether an independent or member of a chain—can become an acre of diamonds if the owners will keep awake and observe the Golden Rule.

S. S. OTIS SKINNER

Richmond, Cal., Dec. 20.—(U.P.) The S. S. Otis Skinner, named for the famous American actor, rode at anchor today, the 399th Liberty ship launched at the Kaiser shipyards here.

Your Health and Its Care

BY Dr. WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

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NO CREAM TONIG HT, YOUNG LADY

Some medical authorities still advise patients with acne (excessively oily skin, blackheads and pimples) to avoid greasy foods, pastries, sweets and sweet drinks, butter, lard and gravies and I don't know all.

I never have been able to learn why the old-timers are so "agin" such foods for young people with oily skin or acne. I used to think that perhaps my medical education had been neglected or maybe I had been enjoying a brief snooze when the professor of dermatology explained it to our class.

But after I had practiced for six or eight years I conducted extensive research in regard to acne, dermatitis, crabs, gouts, neurasthenia and other fond medical traditions, and arrived at the only conclusion the facts warrant, namely, that there is no scientific basis and no clinical basis for the notion that a person with oily skin or acne cannot thrive as well on fats, oils or sweets as one who has no acne.

No wonder the old-timers were and are so reticent about it. All they knew is that some old-timer away back conceived the notion out of his inner consciousness, and somehow it got into the medical textbooks, as such things will, and all the old-timer away back knew about it was that it seemed a plausible notion and patients seemed to like it, too.

If you are ignorant of physiology it may seem reasonable to suppose that too much fat, oil or grease in the diet would just exude through the "pores," and that's about the size of the notion of the old-time dermatologists. But if you have ever studied physiology you know that (1) the fat, oil or grease taken as food is as different from the oil excreted by the sebaceous (oil) glands of the skin as it is from any other bodily excretion; and (2) that the activity of the sebaceous gland and the

quantity of skin oil they excrete bears no relation whatever to the quantity or character of the oils, fats or greases taken in food or as oil.

Young persons—and you say whether you are young or old—generally have active sebaceous glands and an ample supply of natural skin oil or often an excess of it. So it is unwise for them to apply oils, creams or greases to the skin for cosmetic purposes.

It is only when you begin to grow old—or say older if you prefer—that the sebaceous glands begin to decline in function, your skin becomes dry, scaly, irritable and needs regular applications of oils, creams or greases to keep it reasonably soft, clear and comfortable.

But, old or young, remember this: The amount of oil, fat or grease in your food has nothing to do with the condition of your skin.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Tuberculous Cattle
What effect would it have on a person's health to eat meat from tuberculous cows, or cows with Bang's disease, or is it the same thing?

Answer—The meat is perfectly safe to eat if thoroughly cooked, no matter whether the animal had tuberculosis or brucellosis (Bang's disease, contagious abortion).

Capules
You occasionally speak of "capules"—what is the meaning and derivation of the word? I can find no mention of it in Webster's.

Answer—A capule is a pill resembling a capsule in that it has a hard shell of gelatin, but is more firmly packed and less bulky than it would be in the ordinary form. Let's not be impatient—Webster will have that, and also "Cr" and "vite," I hope, when the next edition is published.

Consult Physician
Terribly worried. Man I am to marry has young daughter who is extremely nervous—will she continue mentally unbalanced throughout life? The grandmother and the man's sister and brother are off at times.

Answer—You will get the best advice by consulting a physician, preferably having the man along with you, for of course he, too, will want to know what is best.

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what the Russian plan may require them to do. Smuts spoke of a counter alliance composed of northwestern European democracies outside the communist influence, meaning Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, and Belgium.

Fundamentally, this is why Hull and the others here are opposed to Stalin's action. Such alliances necessitate counter-alliances, conflict, and eventual war.

Unquestionably they are going to continue to work here toward united post-war action. At any rate, the true size of the problem ahead is at last becoming evident to all.

Foresters Pass, at an elevation of 13,200 feet, is the highest pass on the John Muir trail in the Sierra Nevada.

Daily Meteorological Report

Forecasts
Medford and vicinity: Cloudy with occasional light rains tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy with occasional showers. Little change in temperature.
Oregon: Cloudy with light rain tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy with occasional showers or snow flurries. Little change in temperature.
Local Data
Temperature a year ago today:
Highest, 85; lowest, 32.
Total monthly precipitation, .63 inch. Deficiency for the month, 1.16 inches.
Total precipitation since September 1, 1943, 5.61 inches. Deficiency for the season, .38 inch.
Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday, 62%; 5 a. m. today, 100%.
Tomorrow
Sunrise 8:35 a. m., sunset 5:32 p. m.
Observations taken at 5 a. m., 120 meridian time:

	High Temp.	Lowest Temp.	Precipitation Past 24 Hrs.	Wind
Boise	34	30	—	Foggy
Boston	43	33	—	Clear
Chicago	43	20	—	Clear
Denver	43	14	—	F. cldy.
El Paso	53	—	—	Clear
Helena	34	7	—	Clear
Los Angeles	50	36	—	Rain
Medford	43	39	—	Foggy
New York	44	36	—	Clear
Omaha	43	16	—	F. cldy.
Phoenix	70	48	—	Clear
Portland	40	36	—	Cloudy
Reno	43	28	—	Cloudy
Roseburg	43	37	—	Foggy
Salt Lake	40	32	1.07	Rain
San Francisco	53	33	—	P. cldy.
Seattle	47	33	—	Cloudy
Spokane	37	23	—	P. cldy.
Wash., D. C.	38	28	—	P. cldy.
Yakima	30	23	—	Cloudy

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Rita Is Mascot to Yanks



Tiny Rita is an English lassie orphaned by war. She's been adopted by Yank quartermaster battalion in England. Now she has her own mess kit and is "one of the boys."

COUNTY SHARES BIG ROAD FUND

Salem, Ore., Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—A semi-annual apportionment from the state highway fund to Oregon counties this month totaled \$1,200,000, half again as much as the July payment, figures released by the secretary of state's office showed Friday.

The apportioned amounts were based on the number of motor vehicles registered from each county in 1942. The July payment totaled \$800,000.

December payment by counties included: Jackson, \$45,744.97; Josephine, \$18,246.80; Klamath, \$48,506.98; Lake, \$8,090.17.

Tarawa Invasion Films Rushed To City For Showing

Proving of exceptional interest to Craterian show-goers this week are the outstanding newsreel photos of the American invasion of the Japanese held island, Tarawa. Showing with amazing clarity the initial landings and battle scenes of what has been termed the bloodiest battle in the history of the war in the south Pacific, the film was rushed to this country in record time and released the same week of the spirited battle.

The pictures show the preparatory bombing of the Japanese territory, American soldiers making the first landing from invasion barges and the fight during the height of the battle. Filmed under direct fire during the invasion, the scenes also present a sweeping survey of damage done the island during the heaviest shelling by the Yankee forces.

WELLES HAS FLU
New York, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Orson Welles, actor and producer, was confined to his apartment today with an attack of influenza.

MEN IN SERVICE TAKE INSURANCE

Washington, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Veterans Administrator Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines announced today that servicemen in the present war have applied for nearly \$100,000,000,000 worth of National Service Life insurance.

This sum, he said, is equal to more than 70 per cent of the total amount of life insurance now outstanding in private companies in the United States.

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

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THIS is the season of the year when we welcome the opportunity to renew friendships and to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas.

We are sobered by the sacrifice this Nation is making to achieve the "ultimate triumph" over those who would challenge our right to live as free men.

May Christmas, 1944, find the world again at peace, yet our foes so crushed that they will never again threaten men and women who wish to worship as they please, to say what they want, to assemble whenever they see fit and to live in unity and peace.