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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The Old Year makes its exit, and the New Year makes its debut late today. Vociferous whoopees will mark the departure of 1943, and the arrival of 1944. The latter starts off with a shortage of calendars. The public for some reason did not become aware of the deficit until it was too late for any plain and fancy hoarding of calendars. It is a different kind of shortage than the alleged beef shortage. One may gaze upon a rolling pasture and behold no end the fattened calf and steer. But calendars are scarce, like hen's teeth. It amounts to what Len Carpenter of the ranch set calls a poignant lack. It is no way to wind up a speeding twelvemonth or start a toddling one. Like everything else it is probably due to the war.

Among the local highlights of what will soon be the late 1943 were:

John C. Mann became a Grandpaw. He was the most exuberant Grandpaw ever to roam the valley.

Judge Bill Coleman produced three mustaches and the usual tonnage of pioneer tales. It was on a New Year's eve some 70-odd years ago, he first made the welkin ring on Coleman Creek near Phoenix.

Rum from the "fair islands of the Caribbean" was inflicted upon the thirsty. It was the widespread belief, The Demon (and how?) Rum was distilled by the fellows, who in the late 30's, became enamored of the notion they could make home-brew.

Colds were rampant. Nevertheless, the theory of F. Brown of the E. P. Browns, the first three days of December rule the winter months panned out. They were fair and pleasant. They were afternoons so balmy Older Girls could be seen carrying their coats or the man with them.

Horticulturists were prosperous and some of the more brazen flagrantly admitted it.

Cheering news came from the war fronts of the Allies. The Russians, though be-whiskered, were beloved for their thorough and valiant thumping of the Hitler hordes.

The new-born year, besides the usual high hopes, holds promise of many stemwinding and historic events, viz.:

There will be the usual quota of New Year's resolutions that will be broken forthwith by the parties of the first part.

Everybody will be dreaming of peace and a new auto.

In mid-January the sauerkraut put down by Peoria Bill Gates will be ready for the ultimate consumer and its author. If it tastes as good as described by its producer, it should be called La Sauterkraut, that whispers more.

February 2 will be Ground Hog day with the usual tame dispute whether or not the critter saw his shadow. October has the only Friday the 13th.

The political fur will fly and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey will be the republican nominee for president. The voters will get tough with oddities of John L. von Lewis et al.

So a Happy, Prosperous New Year to all, and as the almanac says:

"And so farewell as we again turn the page to another year. God be good to you and bless you always."

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Circulate, 5:30 Saturday afternoon. Please, remember.

Happy New Year!

YES, Happy New Year, everyone!

And we have a strong conviction it WILL be happier, for this weather-beaten world and all the people on it, than the last one.

It could, or the law of chances and probabilities, hardly be less so.

Moreover, unless practically everyone in the know is mistaken, this year will actually see peace in Europe—and what a grand and glorious feeling that will be! And what a transformed beneficent world we will have, with peace over HALF of it at least, instead of engulfing it all.

NO one in authority seems to think Japan will follow Germany's example within the next 12 months. But there is a limit even to what this fanatical war-minded nation can "take," when the rest of the world really unites and gangs up against her.

So it is hard to visualize war, on anything but a police duty scale, continuing much beyond 1944 at least. For which let us all be thankful!

The S. P. Convicts Itself

A YEAR AGO we hoped Medford and Southern Oregon would have through passenger service to San Francisco restored, to greet the new year 1944.

It looked fairly hopeful then. And for 12 months The Mail Tribune has done everything it could do to bring it about.

But the "best laid plans of mice and men"—it has not worked! The prospects in fact do not look as bright today as they did on December 31st, 1942.

For the last official word The Mail Tribune had from this great "FRIENDLY" railroad was—

That their service to this section of the coast would probably get worse before it would get better,—and we regret to state, there was not the slightest hint of regret in the announcement, in fact, what we took to be a certain note of pleasant satisfaction was discernible.

SO what?

Well, just keep plugging along, fighting on the same line if it takes all summer,—and winter, too.

Who can tell? Perhaps one of these days the O.D.T. will awaken to the fact it was not created to serve the interests of the railroads, but the interests of the country and the people. And when that awakening comes all will be well, for the Office of Defense Transportation is the one agency in the country that can tell the S. P. what to do, and the S. P. can't crawl out of it.

HOWEVER, as the year ends there is one ray of sunshine,—the S. P. stands convicted by its own actions. It never had much of a case, but what little it did have it destroyed in the month of December, 1943.

For as everyone will recall the S. P. official defense, for refusing to give this section of the state even ONE through passenger train south a day, was NOT the greater expense,—no! Expense did not enter into it! It was merely the lack of equipment, the extra cars and particularly the extra "helper" engines required if such a service were established,—they were not available to purchase or rent; they could not be OBTAINED!

THAT was the argument. If anyone doubts it let them look up the record, written and verbal, from the Southern Pacific GHQ in San Francisco. To all critics the answer was:—"Don't you know a war is going on?"

But on December 10th, 1943, the S. P. suddenly discovered it COULD secure such equipment for such a train!

Yes, the cars, the engines ("helper" and otherwise) that were not available suddenly BECAME available! And a DAILY mail-and-express train was made up and run from Medford and Ashland to Dunsmuir, California!

WAS the Southern Pacific's VITAL war effort impaired thereby? If NOT, then why would IDENTICAL service (identical that is with the addition of one Pullman car) impair it NOW, or would have impaired it BEFORE?

The obvious answer,—the only answer,—is IT WOULD NOT!

And the S. P. by its own actions has given absolute proof it would not.

YES, the S. P. stands convicted by its own actions.

Because it cost too much to haul holiday express and mail north to Eugene for a lay-over there, then south to Dunsmuir and a lay-over there (for any northern California destinations) and so on to San Francisco; the engines and cars that could NOT be found,—that were not PROCURABLE, in fact,—WERE found; and the great patriotic war service that was certain to be impaired if any such service were rendered, was NOT impaired.

YES, brethren and sistern, where is the Southern Pacific case now? It is right where it has always been,—in the soup,—it HAS no case!

The S. P. could secure the engines and cars for one through passenger train (or one through Pullman car) to San Francisco ANY DAY IT WISHED TO (as this action proves) and without impairing its essential war service in any way whatever. And this would be done if the S. P. could not make MORE money by not doing so! And if it did not, and has not always followed one consistent principle, that where its service to the PUBLIC conflicts with its own SELF-interest, the latter is scrupulously served, the former "can be damned," as far as the S. P. is concerned!

Your Health and Its Care

BY Dr. WILLIAM BRADY, M.D.

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CHILD SUCCUMBS TO POISONING

Through what may seem an odd association of ideas whenever I hear a radio wheeler dressing the great American moron with the stereotyped "...helps... and see how much better you'll feel..." I am reminded of the child I saw die of poisoning while the parents prevented me from administering the antidote. And when I think of the "doctor" the parents insisted upon calling upon my demand for an umpire, so to speak—the doctor had never had any experience in practice and his obvious uncertainty what to do or not to do confirmed the parents in their attitude—I am reminded of the federal bureau that sanctions the radio wheeler's effective weaseling of the word "helps."

The child did not die of strychnine poisoning from eating "candy" pills left about the house, nor from acetanilide poisoning from swallowing some of the nostrum that the federal bureau permits the radio wheeler to prescribe to "help" whatever ails you. The child died from diphtheria poisoning.

Diphtheria rarely chokes a patient to death. Instead it just subjects the patient to lethal poisoning—with diphtheria toxin. At no time did this child suffer from obstruction or difficulty of breathing. The poison just worked unopposed upon the heart and the vital nerve centers, wherefore the child became weaker and weaker hour after hour until death came in two or three days.

Diphtheria toxin, produced by diphtheria germs, permeates the blood and all the tissues and organs. It is rendered harmless, neutralized, by antitoxin, which nature produces in the patient's body if the patient is not overwhelmed by the severity of the disease. Antitoxin is produced in the blood of a horse if the horse is injected with successfully in-

creasing doses of toxin. The clear blood serum from a horse that has been so treated contains enough antitoxin to neutralize a tremendous amount of diphtheria toxin. That is the source of the antidote for diphtheria poisoning. The child in this instance did receive one small dose of antitoxin—3000 units, all the doctor could obtain when he first saw the patient. The minimum first dose should be 10,000 units, for probably at least 10,000 units of toxin in the blood must be neutralized to prevent serious damage by the poison.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
Refugee Doctors

In our neighborhood there are at least four doctors who have come here in the past two or three years from Europe. Can you tell us anything about their professional qualifications—how they compare with our own doctors, now perhaps in service? (Mrs. L. J. S.)

Answer—Such refugee physicians may take the regular examinations for license in New York state and in Massachusetts; then some of them may get a license to practice (reciprocity or recognition of the European medical school) in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Illinois and one or two other states. Some came to the United States from Europe between 1933 and 1940. In 1941 900 refugee doctors arrived here. From correspondence with doctors I gather that these refugees are everywhere moving in on practices left by doctors who went into service—and I wonder what the situation will be when and if the absent doctors return home after the war.

Horse Serum for Hemophiliacs

Sen. F. is a bleeder, and has had several narrow calls. Neighbor says you recently stated hemophiliacs should be given human or horse serum injections at regular intervals.

Answer—Yes, one with the bleeder state should be given an injection of pure serum (horse or human serum) every two months. This prevents excessive oozing or bleeding from minor wounds, etc.

No Tracts

Kindly send a supply of your tracts on "The Silvery Scale Disease." We often have cases of psoriasis that come in for treatment and I feel these tracts would be of real help to them.

Answer—On request, accompanied with stamped addressed envelope, I'm glad to send any reader the pamphlet, "The Silvery Scale Disease." I cannot supply material for distribution. (Copyright, 1943, John P. Dille Co.)

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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doubtful age, and terms' in the guardhouse were provided, the practice would soon lose its current trend.

THE experts on this subject of juvenile delinquency, even including Mrs. Roosevelt, all think in social grooves apparently, proposing only that more and more money be spent for boys' clubs, playgrounds, social workers, psychiatrists in police courts, etc. After they get all those things, they will still need the answer—discipline.

The home is still the cradle of our culture. Discipline should be re-established there on modern psychiatric lines. If the home is broken up by parental delinquency (which also is widespread) or by the war, or for whatever cause, discipline will have to be exerted somewhere else.

We could start by resorting it to the school. Nowadays teachers are afraid to touch the poor little dears.

I know one school teacher in whose four junior high school classes only 50 per cent are up in their work today, the remaining half being delinquent. She cannot make them work. Her hands are tied by modern misconceptions of science against just punishment in any effective form.

IF THE restoration of home and school discipline is not enough, the churches are the next power that might be able to use some. By all means, use of such power, and in fact all youth leadership, must be kept away from the state, particularly the federal government.

Now is the best time in the world to judge what state discipline will do, with fresh evidence of what Hitler and Mussolini did in brutalizing their little nazis and fascists. We will have none of that here.

Nor can you get discipline by expansion of social work or extra post facto punishment in juvenile courts. The place to start is in the beginning, and someone will have to do it—parents, schools, churches, perhaps all three.

New York, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—The Metropolitan Opera association has gained first performance rights outside of the Soviet Union to a new Russian opera by Sergei Prokofiev, a setting of Leon Tolstoy's "War and Peace."

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.

Housing Thwarted by O.P.A.

To the editor:

A tremendous effort is being made to locate housing facilities in this locality. The good intentions of the local people are offset and in many cases completely obliterated by the rental section of the local O.P.A. There are houses in this town which could be made available if the O.P.A. would permit rents comparable to the price now received for rooms in some of our homes. Owners, in some cases, have been forced to reduce the rents to such a degree that the houses are no longer rented. These places are either vacant or have been sold to people who were forced to buy even though their stay here is temporary. It is a tragedy that the housing in our community should be handled in such an inefficient manner. If we are to be governed by bureaus, we should at least demand that ignorance be discarded and humanity, injected with a certain amount of intelligence, be the guiding motive.

J. C. Collins

Copper Pennies to Start With Year

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—A die stamping press in the Philadelphia mint will clank to a halt at midnight, a circular bit of metal will slide down a metal chute into a big box, and the last white penny for the duration will have been minted.

A few minutes later thin strips of copper will start jolting through the machine, and once more pennies that look like pennies will be made.

More than 700,000,000 of the pennies that look like dimes were minted in the past year, Mint officials said.

Elks Will Enjoy Party Tomorrow

Following a custom of many years, the Elks Lodge will hold the annual "Tom and Jerry" party tomorrow, new year's day. The party will be for Elks and their ladies only.

The traditional Auld Lang Syne gathering is to be between the hours of 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., officers announce.

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Airline Official Explains How "Short Snorters" Began

New York (U.P.)—The "Short Snorters" represent a venerable institution in American flying and are not a product of this war despite war-born publicity, according to William Van Dusen of Pan American Airways.

At least 11 theories on the origin of the ocean-hopping auto-graphers of dollar have been seen print, Van Dusen said, and they're all wrong. He offered no irrefutable theory himself, but told two—and take your choice.

Clyde Panghorn told Van Dusen the order began in 1925 when the Gates Flying Circus, playing in Syracuse, N. Y., extraordinarily took in more cash than it paid out for gasoline. A pilot performer volunteered to fly to a nearby town for a case of champagne for celebration. When he returned "both he and the plane were well loaded."

"He rushed up to me and, in a belligerent tone of voice demanded to know whether or not I was a 'short snorter,'" Panghorn said.

Panghorn produced a dollar bill, which the pilot signed with a flourish and handed back to him.

"From there on it just grew," Panghorn said.

Van Dusen's second "authority," E. W. Cleveland, claims the order began in 1928 at the Los Angeles air races. Bob Garland was happy to have a "short snort" with any of the fliers ordering drinks, but when his turn came round he'd pull out a thousand dollar bill which no bartender could change. To get this "unexpended" out of circulation, the boys started putting their signatures on it—soon they were autographing the dollar bills they had left over after buying Garland's drinks, for one another.

However it started, the order flourished among pilots until the depression came. Van Dusen said, but by 1930 hundreds of the membership bills had found their ways into grocery stores. Old-timers doubt that a dozen members remained in good standing by 1932.

The arrival of Wiley R. Wright (now Lt. Col., USAF) in Alaska in 1930 gave new life to the old order. Wright went to the cleaners at the hands of the territory's tall tale tellers until he discovered he could clean up for himself by way of the short snorter initiation. Old sourdoughs still refer to Wright's haul as the second Alaskan gold rush. Van Dusen said, and Wright can still display his original bill, which bears signatures of nearly all the Arctic's pioneer aviators.

Will Rogers was the first non-pilot member. He paid out \$23 to attending members when he was inducted "by acclamation" during his and Wiley Post's ill-fated trip.

When Pan American lured some of the old Alaskan pilots to the States to learn "new fangled" methods of flying, Van Dusen said, they opened shop in Miami, initiating pilots from the Latin-American routes. Soon a loop-hole was discovered in the by-laws, formally drawn up in Alaska. They said "flier" not "pilot," and in a short time anyone who'd ever set foot in a plane was eligible.

When the airline pioneered its route to the Orient, pilots found the order flourishing in China, where it had been introduced by Russian and Japanese pilots initiated in Alaska. It soon was carried to all Asiatic and East Indian airline stopping points.

"Then came the war," said Van Dusen, and "some impecunious pilot, probably" started taking money off "women and children and diplomats" who took sleeping pills to lull their nerves in exchange for the membership distinction. The short snorters became 200,000 overnight, and Van Dusen said North African veterans claim the campaign would have been over a week sooner if generals hadn't wasted so much time collecting and signing dollar bills.

Limited by tacit consent today to aerial hoppers, the organization's members include heads of state, multi-starred and multi-striped military men, and thousands of Army and Navy aviators. The Alaskan by-laws insist they must be "good guys" all.

SINATRA SAD

Hollywood, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—Swoon-Crooner Frank Sinatra was back in Hollywood today, a sad and dejected man. His train was 45 minutes late in arriving yesterday, reached the station in a driving rain, nobody swooned when he stepped onto the platform, and Sinatra had lost at gin rummy all the way across the country.

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Flight o' Time

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TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
December 31, 1933

(It Was Sunday)
City and nation greet New Year with hopes for return of prosperity.

Autoists must display 1934 plates or temporary license stickers on cars after today.

Red Cross opens campaign for funds for northwest flood victims.

Chicago women may be barred from drinking spots.

Chancellor Hitler of Germany to address people tomorrow on prospects for the coming year.

Columbia coach promises Stanford defeat in Rose Bowl game tomorrow.

Half million pounds of turkey shipped from valley during holiday season.

SNOW predicted. High 41, low 29 degrees. Cold to continue.

ASHLAND plans to move elk from park area.

Freezing weather marks end of year in coast area.

Wages increase and cost of living throughout the land.

New Year will be welcomed in with many home parties and watch meetings.

NEWSPAPER READING

IS BOOMED BY WAR

New York, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—The circulation of American daily newspapers increased 2.6 per cent to record levels in the six months ending Sept. 30 mainly because of war news, a survey by Editor and Publisher, trade journal, disclosed today.

Evening newspapers gained 3 per cent, morning newspapers, 2.18 per cent, and Sunday papers, 5.1 per cent, the survey, based on publishers' reports to the Audit Bureau of Circulation, showed.

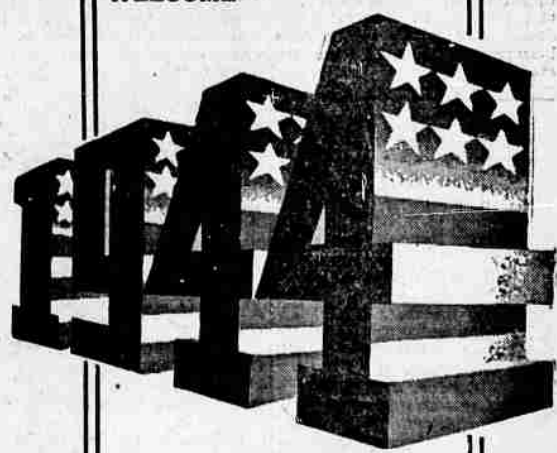
RED CROSS TO SHIP FOOD FOR INDIANS

Washington, Dec. 31.—The American Red Cross is preparing to ship very shortly 500,000 pounds of evaporated milk and almost 2,000,000 multi-vitamin tablets for the victims of the famine in India, it was announced today.

The shipment of milk represents the equivalent of a million quarts, and the vitamin tablets are sufficient for ten thousand children for three months, Red Cross officials said.

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WELCOME—



TO our many customers and friends we extend hearty "New Year Greeting" and a sincere hope that 1944 will be mighty good to you, one and all! We are indeed grateful for your good-will and the generous patronage you have accorded our store throughout 1943... and we pledge to you the finest, the most friendly service we can possibly render during the coming year!

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