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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Cussing of the Krauts, Nipps, and the weather were widely indulged in by citizens all week, and something was done about first two aforementioned.

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Lyle (Old Codger) Fisher, 83, and John Mann had a visit Fri. They first ran into each other 50 years ago in St. Paul.

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Wild lilacs, wild bleckberries, wild strawberries and wild roses are in bloom in the rural regions.

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Mother Nature scored a victory over Thomas (Hungry) Higgins, city park manicurist. A bush he declared would never grow, did.

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A survey shows there is a decrease of Young Democrats in this state. This is due to the war, and getting old enough to know better.

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Wednesday, some say Thursday, is the longest day in the year. Many complain the long twilights would be fine for motoring, if they had gasoline.

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J. Tannehill Walker, 4, and the Older Girl he is fueding with, have resumed hostilities. She alleges he makes more noise than the King Sisters singing "San Fernando Valley."

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The Vice President in China advises the Chinese "to be brave." They have been nothing else but, for more than seven years.

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The Hale Wheeler boy, a recent addition to the local population, is coming along fine, and is now ensconed under the parental roof.

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Vern Brophy and farmers generally are busy beating the rain to the barn with the hay.

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Jesse James Sparrow pecked too deep in a car radiator after a well done bug, and broke his neck trying to get loose. He is survived by a half-finished nest in an awning.

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Hobias Deuel is back from a trip to the Middle West, and resumed the job of keeping the home fires burning.

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C. Pankey, the authority on pears, the bugs that infest them and the things that ail them, showed up Wed. in a pair of puttees, a relic of War 1, or the gentleman farmer era hereabouts.

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The republican national convention opens in Chicago a week from Monday. They are expected to do anything that will meet with the wholesouled approval of the opposite (in more ways than one) party.

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H. Flewher, the wk. demon baker, is now trodding the sands of North Africa. Gordon Warner writes he met up with Col. Benny Harrell in Italy, and talked over old times.

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The first roasting ears (imported) showed up in mid-week, and were purchased with avidity by gourmets and plutocrats.

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Today is Father's Day. He is also known as Paw, Pop, Pappy, Papa, Dad, Governor, and the Old Man.

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E. Ulrich, the Prospect area mt-wm. towned Sat. and talked cow with John Cupp.

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The Dick Phair boy Dick showed up over the week-end in a pr. of barber pole striped trousers.

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Hermy Offenbacher of the Applegate and Dub Watson have birthdays coming up in the next fortnight.

TO OPEN

Yellowstone Park, Wyo.—(U.P.) Nationally-famous Yellowstone park will be open to tourists this summer although many of the services of the past years will be discontinued.

Germany's Secret Weapon

Shades of Jules Verne and H. G. Wells!

Now the Nazis are bombarding England with pilotless planes,—fantastic contraptions guided presumably by radio and exploding on contact.

It is too early to draw any definite conclusions regarding the seriousness of this "secret weapon" threat. Its destructive power is certain. But it is also certain that this robot bomber can only be used once; must not only cost considerable but take some time to make.

Therefore the question naturally arises as to how long Germany can maintain sufficient production to render the new weapon a serious and continuous offensive force?

And how long will it take the allies to develop a counter weapon,—one is sure to be developed eventually, but the length of the defenseless interval will be important.

One of the most puzzling features of all is why this weapon was not used against the allied invasion,—sending these robot planes over the surface of the channel instead of above it, might have had devastating results.

It only adds to the belief that in spite of the months of warning, for some strange reason when the invasion really started, Germany was not ready for it.

The Old, Old Story

The present war really started when Japan invaded China. This action was actively opposed by only one world power,—the United States.

Although not a member of the League of Nations, the United States through Secretary of State Stimson,—the present Secretary of War,—not only protested that invasion, but requested the aid of Great Britain and France who were League members, in opposing Japan.

Both nations refused.

The Japanese attack upon China was a direct violation of the provisions of the League of Nations, but except for sanctioning a few meaningless resolutions the League also refused to take action.

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SO that war went on. Profiting by that example Mussolini declared war on Ethiopia.

England, with her vital interests in Africa, took leadership this time in opposition.

Economic sanctions against Italy were proposed, but England alone took the proposal seriously. And the effort to check Italy therefore failed. In due course, Mussolini conquered Ethiopia.

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THESE two examples of League impotence and world indifference as far as wars not directly affecting the vital interests of an individual nation are concerned, was too much for Adolf Hitler.

History will no doubt record that then and there Der Reichsfuehrer decided that if Japan and Italy could get away with murder, he could.

So the Axis was formed, and plans for the Nazi conquest of Europe perfected. Everyone now knows what followed.

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THERE were only three nations in the world then that wanted war. Then why did the effort through the League and elsewhere to prevent war, fail?

Simply because there was no available force to prevent war,—and only organized and UNITED FORCE COULD prevent it.

No one liked the idea of such armed aggression against weaker nations but no one disliked it enough to fight against it,—particularly without material and organized support.

So World War No. 2 developed, one of the most devastating and appalling tragedies in human history resulted.

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PRESIDENT Roosevelt outlining last Thursday the "Big Three" conception of some international organization to prevent future wars declared:

> "We are not thinking of a super-state, with its own police forces and other paraphernalia of coercive power. We are seeking effective agreements and arrangements through which the nations would maintain, according to their capacities, adequate forces to meet the needs of preventing war and of making impossible the preparations for war, and to have such forces available for joint action when necessary."

But who would decide "when necessary?"

Each sovereign nation, presumably none willing to extend any "coercive power" to any international organization—or super state.

In which case this new League of Nations, will be precisely as effective in halting any future wars, as the old League was in halting Japan, Italy and Germany. Yes, just as effective,—which means that unless the vital interests of a majority of the world powers happen to be directly affected at one and the same time,—(not a likely coincidence)—the new League will be of no practical value at all, as far as preventing future wars is concerned!

It is the same old story. Everyone wants peace but no nation is willing to make the sacrifice that peace DEMANDS!

WRITE-IN TOTAL FOR DEWEY, 50,001

Salem, June 17—The official canvass of votes in Oregon's May 19 primary election showed Friday that 50,001 Republicans went to the trouble to write in the name of Thomas E. Dewey for the presidential nomination, while 79,833 Democrats placed an "X" after the name of Franklin D. Roosevelt, which appeared on the ballot.

BIRTHS

CORNELL—To Mr. and Mrs. G. G., Eagle Point, June 16, 1944, a boy, 6½ pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

GRAJKAWSKE—To Mr. and Mrs. William M., Prospect, June 15, 1944, a girl, 6 pounds, at Community hospital.

JAHNKE—To Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy, Central Point, June 17, 1944, a girl, 7 pounds, at Community hospital.

YOUNGER—To Mr. and Mrs. Millard, Rt. 1, Box 46, Medford, June 17, 1944, a boy, 8 pounds, at Community hospital.

CONGRESS SPEEDS DRIVE TO CLEAR DECK FOR RECESS

Dozen Appropriation Bills Pending, Price Control Act Agreement Head List.

Washington, June 17—(U.P.)—Congress today accelerated its drive to clear its docket of all necessary major legislation by the end of next week in order to recess for the republican and democratic conventions.

To get the job done to quit the capital in time for the republican convention which starts June 26 the senate and house must:

1. Complete action on a dozen pending appropriation bills for sundry departments and agencies for the fiscal year starting July 1.

2. Reach an agreement on provisions of the bill to extend the price control act, the present law expiring July 1. Conferences started today.

3. Complete legislation on war contract termination settlement procedure which the administration wants quickly because cutbacks in war industries already are under way.

Rayburn Hopeful

Speaker Sam Rayburn said he hoped all these "must" items could be cleared up in the remaining legislative days of this and next week. Rep. Hamilton Fish., R., N. Y., a member of the republican steering committee, voiced similar sentiments.

In the senate, Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., chairman of republicans, said he would agree to a short recess for the political conventions but would oppose any lengthy vacations until reconversion legislation is completed. Chairman Kenneth McKellar, D., Tenn., of the senate appropriations committee said he would do everything humanly possible to clear up appropriations bills by next weekend. Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley, D., Ky., predicted it would be done.

The drive was stepped up yesterday with both houses working hard and stopping only to cheer the news that Japan had been bombed by B-29 Superfortresses and that American troops had landed on Saipan in the Marianas.

Navy Coin Approved

Other progress:

The senate completed work on the $27,569,798,301 navy appropriation and sent it to the White House. The house approved a $49,109,022,795 army supply bill and sent to the senate where hearings began at once.

The house approved a conference report on the war department's $95,000,000 civil functions appropriation bill. Senate concurrence was expected today. The senate and house concurred on the conference report on the $8,577,933,987 independent offices appropriation bill to put the measure on President Roosevelt's desk.

Contract termination legislation already has been approved by the senate, but amendments recommended by the house judiciary committee and further amendments expected to be included when the house acts on the bill today will send it to conference.

VOORHEIS TROPHY GOES TO TUGMAN

Eugene, Ore., June 17—(U.P.)—William Tugman managing editor of the Eugene Register-Guard for 17 years, was today presented with the Amos E. Voorhies award, granted for outstanding journalistic achievement in the public interest or in the interest of the welfare and honor of the journalistic profession.

The award was made at the concluding session of the 37th annual convention of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers' association here.

Tugman, a graduate of Harvard in 1914, came to Eugene in 1927 and immediately began a critical study of tax and debt structures of city, county and schools. This study led directly to the presentation of the Voorhies award today, for largely due to his efforts the tax structures of Eugene and Lane county, which were in debt more than five million dollars when he arrived here, will be virtually free of debt in 1948.

HELD FOR GAMBLING

Berkeley, Cal., June 17—(U.P.) Fifteen men were in the Berkeley jail tonight after police of three bay area cities had stopped the Emeryville to Richmond train at the Berkeley station and arrested the group on charges of violating the state gambling laws.

The Guasti vineyard south of Los Angeles is the largest in the world.

PUBLISHERS TOLD UNIFIED AMERICA WORLD NECESSITY

Eugene, Ore., June 17—(U.P.)—Senator Harold H. Burton, Rep., Ohio, today called for a stable and unified postwar world for the solution of the many, varied and pressing problems which will face us after the defeat of the Axis powers, and emphasized that America's recovery, progress and cooperation is an international necessity.

Burton, speaking at the 37th annual convention of the Oregon Newspapers Publishers' association here.

"America will face postwar recovery under the greatest handicap of taxation in her history," Burton said. "This debt of three hundred billion dollars will be evidenced by bonds of the United States held by every church, trustee, insurance company and practically every family in America. Defaults on them or their interest are unthinkable. Such defaults would mean an economic collapse in America that would make the last depression look like prosperity."

"Our own domestic recovery," he said, "calls for vigorous American leadership in helping to establish international stability."

The "championship team" which is winning the war must be kept together, Sen. Burton said. But this does not mean that any super-state must be organized.

"It does mean, however, that our minimum degree of postwar unity should at least equal that which shall have won the war," he emphasized.

Calling for the establishment of a minimum "police force" by the Allied nations, he said that in some fields the postwar world will need the order of an international court, Board of arbitration or policy-forming body to put plans into action.

Communications

Nebraskan Opposes Sales Tax

To the editor:

I'll attempt to answer the $64 question, regarding sales tax.

The basis of your able editorial is what benefits Washington and California have received in cash. Has the money received lessened to any appreciable amount the taxes on real estate, state income tax etc.? That must be the basis of sales tax arguments.

A tax bill in any form passed by a state or federal assembly is very very hard to discontinue—remember in 1913 the income tax, a vicious form of tax imposed on the middle and lower class whose every dollar is earned by actual labor.

Until I was discharged from the army last fall I was a resident of Nebraska—a unique state. Nebraska has no sales tax, no inheritance tax, no state income tax and no bonded indebtedness. In 1942 a cash balance of 20 million dollars was in the treasury. The state has only one law-making group—being the second state to adopt the unicameral setup and the only state now using it. Consists of 33 members. One of the oldest laws in the Nebraska statutes quotes no bonded indebtedness. It's strictly pay-as-you-go, regarding roads, public buildings etc. It took several long years to build the 11 million dollar state capitol but when it was finished it was paid for.

I believe the state of Oregon gets new businesses established and new citizens because it has no sales tax.

More tax money, more state employees for the split-up. Let the citizens buy more goods, enjoy more of the "abundant life," on the money saved by no sales tax.

I commend the Grange on their decision.

Robert E. Stewart,
821½ Oak St.

BUFFALO HERD SOLD

Barnesville, (U.P.)—One of the last buffalo herds in the Middle West has been sold to a New York concern by its owner, Clem Peters of near Barnesville. The seven buffalo and three elk—which also were sent—had caused the Peters' farm to become a show place for southeastern Ohio. Several smaller shipments also were made in past years.

FIRST MISSION JITTERS

A Seventh AAF Central Pacific Base (U.P.) — A Liberator crew flying its first mission became a little excited recently when it ran into a hornet's nest of fighter opposition. The ball turret gunner yelled over the interphone: "Ball turret to pilot, ball turret to pilot. Zeros at — uh —uh — Zeros at—uh —Hell! They are gone now!"

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PROMOTION LIST OF 83 GENERALS EYED BY SENATE

Washington, June 17—(U.P.)—The Senate Military Affairs committee on nominations today called on the War Department to explain the manner in which it decides upon wartime promotions to general ranks.

Confronted with a promotion list which would create 20 new major generals and 63 brigadier generals, the committee asked that Under-secretary of War Robert P. Patterson or Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarny, deputy chief of staff, appear at a closed meeting next Tuesday to explain how the list was drawn up.

"It may be all right," one committee member said, "but we want more information if we are going to accept the responsibility of endorsing the high rank of general for any individual."

The pending list, submitted June 8, provides temporary appointments. Among the nominees, are men whose permanent rank is as far down the list as first lieutenant.

The list includes two men in that category both in the air forces and both recommended for the rank of brigadier general. If approved by the senate it would make Richard C. Sanders, at 28, the youngest general officer in the army of the United States.

Sanders, a graduate of Kelly Field, Texas, and first in a class of 125 candidates for officer rating at Mitchell Field, became a bomber group leader after serving as a Liberator pilot in North Africa in 1942. He now holds temporary rank of lieutenant colonel.

The other regular first lieutenant, Clinton Dermott Vincent, is a 29-year-old ex-fighter pilot with the Flying Tigers in China who is credited with destroying six Japanese planes. A 1936 candidate of West Point, he became deputy chief of staff to Maj. Gen. George C. Chennault and now holds temporary rank of colonel.

ABSENTEEISM IN PORTLAND YARDS SHOWS INCREASE

Portland, Ore., June 17—(U.P.) Absenteeism in the Portland area shipyards increased around 2 per cent in the 10-day period after D-day in comparison with the 10 days previous to the invasion of the yards' personnel offices showed today.

Reasons suggested for this advancement were the slackening that always accompanies announcement of battle gains and the fact that the current allotment of gas ration coupons is running out and some don't go to work when they cannot drive.

The invasion did send many persons looking for jobs in the shipyards, however. Between June 6 and June 15, an increase of 777 were employed at one shipyards in comparison with minus figures for previous weeks.

COL. OLSON NAMED ACTING ADJUTANT

Salem, Ore., June 17—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Snell today appointed Col. Ray F. Olson, Salem, to fill the post of acting adjutant general left vacant when Col. Elmer V. Wooton asked to be relieved of his duties.

Wooton will continue as state director of selective service. Col. Olson will take over his duties July 1 and serve until Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Rilea, now overseas, returns. Serving one year overseas in the present war, Col. Olson was returned to the United States for hospitalization more than a year ago. Since his release from the hospital he served as fiscal officer at Fort Bragg, N. C., and as an instructor at the Duke university army specialist school.

Raphael Weill, one of the founders of San Francisco's White House Department Store, ran the first full-page newspaper advertisements in the United States.

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432 SHIPS OUT OF 2,993 DEFECTIVE IS BOARD REPORT

Washington, June 17—(U.P.)—A special inquiry board which investigated defects in welded merchant ships disclosed today in an interim report that 432 vessels out of 2,993 studied suffered breaks of varying degrees.

The board, convened by the late Secretary of Navy Frank Knox after recurrent reports that Liberty ships were cracking apart, made its report to Knox's successor, James V. Forrestal.

It said that there were 577 occasions in all on which fractures occurred among the affected ships but a large proportion of these were of a minor nature. It added that contrary to popular impression "hull fractures are not confined to Liberty ships but are shared by other types of vessels."

It said that cracks in about 95 ships were "potentially serious," 20 vessels suffered complete fractures of the strength deck and of those five broke completely in two. Two of the complete breaks occurred while vessels were still in builders' yards.

The report emphasized that no lives had been lost as a result of the break-up of ships with the sole exception of the John P. Gaines, from which 10 persons are missing after successfully getting away in a lifeboat.

It said extensive research was underway to find ways to improve welded ships.

USE FOR ALLOYS

Berkeley, Cal. (U.P.)—Dr. John E. Dorn, assistant professor of mechanical engineering at University of California, announced that new lightweight metal alloys developed for war will be used after the war for many civilian projects. The magnesium alloys may be too expensive for small private automobiles, but will undoubtedly be utilized in trucks, trailers and streamlined trains, he said.

HEAVEN PLUS FIDDLE

Lawrence, Kan.—(U.P.)—It was a story of "Play, Fiddle Play" when Mariette Bennett, student at the University of Kansas here, walked by the Chemistry building recently with her violin under her arm. A member of the army specialized training program standing at a laboratory window sighed deeply and said, "Gee—all that, and she plays the fiddle, too!"

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
June 18, 1934
(It was Monday)

President's daughter and two children arrive at Lake Tahoe to establish residence for a Nevada divorce.

All but five state liquor stores show profit since May 1.

Continued fair. High 84, low 57 degrees.

Cuban political riots result in death of 12 paraders and more trouble feared.

Franz Von Papen, premier of Prussia, in speech attacks Nazi regime and Chancellor Hitler for attitude on religion and press.

Peach and apricot growers to meet and fix market prices.

New dock union plans to erase radical control.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
June 18, 1924
(It was Wednesday)

General rain over state comes as boon to wheat and other crops.

Tourists report bad weather prevails at Crater Lake.

Gov. Pierce in speech in Newberg church calls cigarettes "beastly" and promises all members of his official family will be "teetotalers."

Cloudy. High 68, low 51 degrees.

Medford named for 1925 DeMolay convention of state organization.

Summer school in Ashland normal set for July 21-26, under auspices of University of Oregon.

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