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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Threshing of oats is well underway in the rural regions. The nation is getting ready "to come to its oats," but doesn't want to do it.

The Joe Fliegel boy reached 6 ft. with his shoes on last week. In another year he will be tossing foes of the Black Tornado around in the left tackle area.

A. Moore Hamilton of the esteemed weekly contemporary has come out for world peace, and peace in the Democratic party of Oregon. He hints in the past webfoot Democrats have been fighting each other harder than Republicans.

Former residents of Kansas, due to the war, no gasoline, and other reasons have called off their annual picnic. With things the way they are, they figured just being out of Kansas, was enough of a picnic.

Peace is beginning to see daylight in Europe, due to so much of it being kicked out of Germany recently.

F. Luy, the Phoenix-Antelope cowhand, sends a postcard from the Rio Nido resort on the Russian river where he is rusticing.

Bob Strang is here from Reno visiting.

The corn-on-the-cob season opened last week. The ration point value of butter jumped up also, so the heaviest consumption is in the country, where people do their own churning.

Lightning prevailed over the hills twice the past week, and was of both the chained and unchained. Everything was fast enough to get out of the way but a few trees.

The cthse lawn is once again returning as a residential section for Mr. and Mrs. J. Cochran Robin and numerous kin. Fish Worm Demonstration Agent Eloise Robin is conducting a series of talks, on the nutritional value of fish worm as a steady diet for pre-school robins.

Andrew Jackson Simpson of Griffin Creek is girding for a hunt for the "Lost Cabin" mine. The trouble heretofore has been the mine knew where it was at, but he didn't.

Lyle (Old Codger) Fisher, 83, peeled off his coat and vest in mid-week, and said the best hot weather drink was spring water from a wooden bucket, with an inch of oatmeal in the bottom.

People have started to line up in the presidential embrolio. It looks like the issues would be Experience vs. Horse Sense, and four more years of Madame Perkins.

Sen. Guy Cordon is back from Washington to feel the pulse of Oregonians. He will be down here feeling pulses ere long.

"Thunderation!" said the masses Thurs. and Fri. eves, as thunder shook them to their foundations.

Viceroy Wavell has refused to meet Mahatma Gandhi of India. This probably means Gandhi will wrap himself in a sheet and refuse to eat until after the election.

The Thursday night entanglement at the Armory was quite orderly outside the ring. The juvenile element in the galleries heeded admonitions not to bounce green apples off the heads of the gladiators.

The Older Girls have started fretting about where and how they will get a new fur coat, to keep off the wintry blasts. Male circles are worrying about procuring shotgun shells for upland shooting.

Editorial Correspondence

Chicago, July 26.—This time we have stayed at the Hotel Stevens on the lake front.

Taking its cue from the Chicago Tribune which officially claims to be "the greatest newspaper in the world," the Stevens claims to be the greatest hotel in the world,—or the largest at least. We don't doubt it.—It has 3500 rooms and we can't imagine anyone building a hotel with more rooms than that.

Chicago is a great place for conventions and the Stevens is a great hotel for them. We have a pious idea the people who built the Stevens conceived the idea during one of these conventions, for certainly the place must be a white elephant where there isn't one.

There is a convention on here now,—it came in the day after the Democrats moved out. It is called the N.B.C. convention. Answer that right and get \$64. It stands for National Baby Chicks.

We haven't been able to find anyone with a badge on who raises baby chicks as yet,—we thought we might get some hot tips and pass same on to our grandson who can't figure out why his bantam rooster doesn't grow, and why the White Leghorn rooster doesn't CROW. The ones we have approached have been salesmen for brooders, chick-feed, pest eradicators and what have you,—not one baby chick RAISER in the lot.

The N.B.C.s have one advantage over the Democrats,—and Republicans too. They hold their convention right here in the hotel and don't have to taxi out to the hot and unfragrant west side every time they want to make a motion.

Speaking of fragrance we can't recall such a pungent stockyard smell pervading the lake front since the gay nineties, as has been the case this trip whenever the wind blows.

The Republicans made jokes about it when the Democrats were here and vice versa. We had an idea Sam Greeley had utilized the smell as well as the squeal many years ago,—but obviously not.

In spite of its size however the Stevens wasn't large enough for any of these conventions. There are seven dining rooms, 20 elevators,—14 passenger and six service,—yet time and again your correspondent walked down 13 flights rather than wait half an hour for an elevator, and the coffee shop at breakfast time, always had a waiting line. Guests were allowed to use the service elevators too, and it wasn't so bad going up, but going down with 12 floors above the 13th to serve, the elevators were packed before our floor was ever reached,—and away they went in spite of the red lights.

Another thing,—the Stevens is not alone in this, it is true of all hotels and no doubt will be for the duration. There is not only inadequate help but what help there is, is terrible,—untrained, inefficient, impudent.

It is all right for Mr. Wallace to talk about equal pay for colored labor, but justice does NOT call for it. The Sherman had white chamber maids, the Stevens colored; and the former were at least 50 percent more efficient,—cleaner, faster, more obliging, worth more money in every way, and until the F.E.B. comes in they get it. Well they EARN it.

The first time we stopped at a lake-front hotel was at the Tremont. (Perhaps Mrs. B. remembers that hotel but we doubt if anyone else in Medford does.) We can still envision the roccoco tile floor, the crystal chandeliers (gas), the giant gold spittoons,—and the smoke and cinders! We held Dad by one finger and had to dog-trot to keep up with him but what romance, what mystery and adventure. The bell-boys were colored and togged out like a minstrel show and as a great concession we were allowed to sit on the bench with them,—and were they funny. (Looking back on it now we suspect they thought Little Lord Fauntleroy was).

And that lake front! Boats sailing far off on the horizon, steaming along almost to the curb, and between the curb and the lake,—a mass of twisting grim railroad tracks, ash cans, dead cats and bundle-stiffs,—more dirt and filth to the square inch next to the old Chicago river, than anything this side of the Fairbanks rendering works!

If old Rip Van Winkle had gone to sleep then and awakened today how he would have rubbed those unbelieving eyes,—for here is one of the most beautiful layouts in any city in the world,—nothing short of a de luxe summer resort set in the center of a metropolitan BUSINESS district!

From the 12th Street station to the Art Institute today and far beyond both,—mile after mile of green grass and trees, gravel walks and shady nooks, swimming, boating, fishing and what have you,—and not a railroad or a puff of smoke or a cinder to be seen. Old Rip would probably have decided he was already in Heaven and cancelled the call for a J. Perl bus!

It is really a superb job Chicago has done,—one of the great municipal achievements of all time.

And that suggestion of a summer resort is not a fanciful one. For it is for many. During the last few weeks we have seen scores of families,—Dad, Mother and the children, often including the dog,—father and mother take sun baths (protected by shrubbery), the children strip to reveal bathing suits for underwear, and down near the Aquarium they swim, there is fishing for perch also, and sailing and motor boats (at a small fee per head) for all.

And instead of the old Tremont there are the Stevens and the Blackstone. It is not merely booster talk,—no idle boast,—that Chicago slogan: "I WILL!"

When the National Baby Chick delegates move out the Elks convention moves in! As we told our floor "hostesses" she ain't seen nothing yet!—R.W.R.

ONE DEAD, 6 HURT, CAPT. HEDGEPTH RICHMOND BLAST NOW RECOVERING

Richmond, Cal., July 29.—(U.P.) An explosion at the Chemurgic corporation plant, manufacturers of army ordinance, shook this city today and killed one person and injured six others.

Mrs. Dorothy Helen Schmidt, 20, Richmond, was killed when the explosion occurred in a small shed where she was handling powder compounds used in the manufacture of fuses, flash bombs and signal flares, officials announced. She was alone at the time of the blast.

Lt. O. J. Niles of the San Francisco ordinance district, said the shed was destroyed in the explosion, but other buildings in the area were seriously damaged.

LOST BOYS RETURN

Big Bear, Calif., July 29.—(U.P.) Twenty teenage Los Angeles boys, footsore and hungry after being lost for 48 hours in the deep canyon south of Big Bear lake, were returned safely to their camp today by search patrols.

BALLERINA TO WED

Hollywood, July 29.—(U.P.) Tamara Toumanova, Russian-born ballerina, and Writer-Producer Casey Robinson today obtained a marriage license and said they would wed tomorrow at the Russian Orthodox church.

GOV. DEWEY WILL MEET LEADERS 3 CRUCIAL STATES ARMY TRANSPORT WITH 26 WOUNDED ABOARD IS LOST

GOP Nominee Off On Trip To Mid-West Sections Coming Week.

Pawling, N. Y., July 29.—(U.P.) Gov. Thomas E. Dewey leaves New York city tomorrow night on a 2350-mile trip during which he will confer with labor, business and agricultural leaders in Pennsylvania, Illinois and Missouri—states which his advisers say he must carry in November if he is to win the presidency.

He also will confer with Republican governors from 25 other states at St. Louis to map campaign strategy and policy.

The governor emphasized that the tour is to be "a working trip" an dthar there will be no speeches en route.

On the trip, the Republican nominee will be accompanied by Mrs. Dewey, Lieut. Gov. Hugh A. Drum, commanding officer of the New York state guard; Paul C. Lockwood, his secretary; James C. Hagerly, his press secretary, and three police officers and clerical workers. Representative Charles A. Halleck, chairman of the national Republican congressional committee, will join the party at Pittsburgh.

Dewey will meet with labor leaders, business representatives and agricultural experts, and with servicemen's and war veterans' organizations. He has allotted a half hour to each group. In the afternoon the governor will talk with Pennsylvania congressmen and various political groups.

The governors' meeting, at which Dewey's 15-point program to settle "the area of responsibility" between the states and the federal government will be discussed, is closed to the press. The progress of the day is expected to be disclosed at press conferences following each session.

YANK SUBS SINK 48 JAP VESSELS SO FAR IN JULY

Washington, July 29.—(U.P.) American submarines, which have been knocking the props from under Japanese supply lines, have sent 17 more enemy vessels, including one combatant ship, to the bottom of the Pacific, the navy reported today.

This brings to 48 the number of Japanese vessels sunk by American undersea craft announced during July. Including today's bag, the Japanese have lost 671 vessels sunk, 37 probably sunk and at least 115 damaged, for a total of 823 enemy craft hit by American subs.

In view of recent navy policy of announcing only vessels definitely sunk of U. S. submarines, the American undersea fleet probably has hit more than 1,000 enemy vessels since the beginning of the war. Only 27 American undersea craft have been announced as lost.

The Japanese vessels announced sunk today included one escort, vessel, five transports, 10 cargo vessels and one medium tanker. So far in the war, American submarines have sunk 53 enemy warships, probably sunk another 11 and damaged 14 for a total of 78, and are also credited with 618 non-combatant vessels sunk, 26 probably sunk and 101 damaged, totaling 745 vessels.

The British yesterday reported that another 21 Japanese vessels had been sunk by their submarines, thus swelling even further the depredation being wrought by the Allies on the enemy's sorely-pressed supply fleet.

Teamsters Send Smokes Overseas

Phil Brady, president of the Joint Council of Drivers No. 37, which covers Oregon, reports that the organization has sent overseas to soldiers, sailors, marines and coast guardsmen in the Pacific area and on the invasion fronts in Europe, 660,000 packages of union made Raleigh cigarettes for free distribution to the fighting forces. On each package is a special sticker wishing the recipients good luck and expressing the appreciation of the Joint Council of Drivers of Oregon.

The above mentioned quantity represents an expenditure of \$3,000 and this is just one of several shipments sent to the armed forces in the past 18 months," Brady said. All members of the Medford Teamsters Union Local No. 962 contribute each month to the cigarette fund.

More vegetables were salted commercially during 1943 than in any year since canning became an industry.

Washington, July 29.—(U.P.) An army transport plane carrying 26 persons, including 18 litter patients, was lost at sea somewhere between Iceland and Newfoundland on Wednesday morning, the war department announced today.

The plane was en route from Scotland to Mitchell Field, N. Y. It disappeared after reporting about 1 a. m. Wednesday that its fuel would be exhausted that morning.

More than 150 planes of the U. S. air transport command and Royal Canadian air force searched unsuccessfully for the lost C-54 army plane. U. S. navy, coast guard and other surface craft also combed the area, the war department said.

(The United States 9th army air force announced in London yesterday that an evacuation plane carrying American soldiers to Scotland for transfer to the United States crashed into a Scottish cliff on Thursday night, killing 23 persons.)

In addition to the 18 litter patients, there were eight other persons aboard the missing plane including a civilian crew of five and an army nurse. Fifteen of the patients were soldiers and three were navy personnel.

Since the U. S. entered the war, 250,000 sick and wounded men have been transported by air. In 1943 alone more than 173,000 such cases were handled by the medical air evacuation transport service, which recently reported only .006 per cent of them died in flight.

The four-engine transport lost at sea was flown by a Transcontinental & Western air crew under war department contract.

Ashland Riders Buy Rodeo Site And Equipment

Ashland, July 29.—The Ashland Riders association made a deal this week whereby they took over the rodeo grounds on Willow street. Frank Beck, builder of the corral, sold the grounds and all of the equipment and has given possession to the association which will start improvements at once. A big horse and stock show is planned for the first part of September, probably Labor Day.

Walter Hamby will head a committee to take charge of repairs and improvements on the grounds and to have charge of the show and all arrangements. Hamby has had long experience in producing horse shows and rodeos in southern California and feels that Ashland and vicinity will welcome such entertainment.

Irving Haight of Eagle Pt. Wounded in Saipan Action

Irving Haight, a former resident of Eagle Point, has been wounded overseas and is being returned to a navy base hospital, according to word received by his parents, now living in Eureka, Calif., and his sister, Mrs. Marjorie Reynolds, also of Eureka.

A graduate of Eagle Point high school with the class of 1942, Haight enlisted in the marine corps in Medford, in May, 1943, and has been overseas seven months.

His sister reports that he saw action with his division when they invaded Namul in the Marshall Islands, and she understands his wounds resulted from the attack on Saipan.

TRAVELERS MAY BE PUT OFF CARS

Portland, Ore., July 29.—(U.P.) Future railroad travelers may find themselves put off the train to make way for war casualties and other essential travelers, Frank H. Hocken, district ODT rail director, predicted today.

Hocken's prediction came after it was revealed that every railroad operating out of Portland in recent days had cancelled the Pullman space of non-essential travelers to get space for war casualties.

So far no travelers have been put off the train as conductors were able to find seats in other parts of the train for those who were asked to yield their Pullman space.

PARATROOPER IN NORMANDY DRIVE TELLS OF JUMP

Husband of Former Medford Girl Among First to Land On Peninsula, June 5.

A most interesting account of the experiences of Lt. Ed Allworth of Corvallis, who was with the first wave of paratroopers to land on Normandy on D-day, is contained in letters written by the officer to his wife, the former Jackie Flynn of Medford. Mrs. Allworth is now in Corvallis with her parents-in-law, Major and Mrs. E. C. Allworth, and the following article concerning the paratrooper was published in a recent issue of the Corvallis Times-Gazette.

"Lt. Allworth was with the first wave of paratroopers who jumped on the Norman peninsula on the night of June 5, a few hours before the actual invasion of the beaches. First word received by his wife, Jackie Flynn Allworth, and his parents, came on July 4 in a letter written after 11 days of heavy fighting.

Wounded In Arm
"Lt. Allworth reported that he had received a wound in his left arm which the doctor said would heal without any appreciable scar, although he did not mention how serious the wound was. One of his later letters contained a copy of the special order showing a 'battlefield promotion' to the rank of first lieutenant.

"The Corvallis paratrooper broke the middle finger on his left hand in the behind-lines parachute jump and lost a camera which he had given to a fellow paratrooper just before the jump. His buddy was killed, and the camera wasn't found. He related that he landed in a swamp in the dark and lost all of his personal belongings and equipment except his carbine, held above water in his right hand, a grenade, held in his left hand, and his commando knife, held in his teeth.

Supplies Captured
During the early days of fighting his unit captured a car of German condensed milk and also found some German coffee. He said they found local food in France quite abundant, being able to obtain French butter and many more eggs than in England. From the constant fighting in fox-holes, the once agile paratroopers have become stiff, sore and short of breath, he added. Most of the towns and villages in this sector, he said, seem to be buried under about 10 feet of debris.

"In his letter written on July 4, Lt. Allworth told of getting some athletic equipment, getting the kinks out of his joints and limbering up generally, indicating that he might now be out of the front lines for a time.

"His unit received the war department distinguished service citation which entitles each individual to wear a special ribbon on the right breast of the service coat or blouse."

Lt. Allworth is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Diamond Flynn, 1324 Queen Anne avenue, and the camera mentioned was one which Mrs. Flynn had given him to use.

The lieutenant, a former student at Oregon State college, has many friends in this district. Mrs. Allworth is now attending summer session at the college but will come down to Medford later in the summer for a visit here.

The officer had been in England since the first of February.

Medford Corporal Helps In Keeping Bombers in Action

An Air Service Command Station, (Somewhere in England):—Everybody talks about "Keeping 'em flying," but Cpl. Robert E. Wetherell, the son of Mrs. Iva B. Wetherell of 720 N. Oak St., Medford, Oregon is really in the business. A flight mechanic at an air service command depot "Somewhere in England," he plays a vital part in keeping America's aerial might on the wing.

It takes 13 specially trained groundlings to keep each of our Flying Fortresses and Liberators in the skies. Working long hours these unsung heroes of the battle of production and repair assemble newly arrived ships, add the most up-to-date modifications made necessary by America's ever-increasing aerial offensive, and nurse battle-damaged planes back into flying condition.

He has been overseas 10 months. Before entering the army in July, 1943, he worked for Boeing Aircraft Co. of Seattle as a journeyman mechanic.

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Try a bottle of ZEMACOL. You must be satisfied or your money cheerfully refunded. Get a bottle today at WESTERN THRIFT.

ASHLAND PARENTS GET NEW WORD OF SON IN JAP HANDS

Mr. and Mrs. Emil L. Stauffer of 65 Fourth St., Ashland, received further word last week of their son, Pfc. Weiden Stauffer who was taken prisoner by the Japanese when the Philippine Islands fell, in the form of telegrams and letters quoting an intercepted enemy broadcast on which he spoke last Monday night. Last word from the army man came March 18 of this year.

Telegraphed word from the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service, Federal Communication Commission, July 25 was to the effect that:

"The name of Pfc. Weiden M. Stauffer has been mentioned in an enemy broadcast as a Japanese prisoner. These enemy broadcasts aim at getting listeners for their propaganda. However, the army is checking for accuracy and will advise you soon as possible."

Following that message came word from Provost Marshal General, as follows:

"Following unofficial short wave broadcast from Japan has been intercepted. 'Dear folks, sending love and best wishes to all. Ever pray for a reunion. My health is good. Where has dad been working? Hope you are all in the best of health and spirits. Regards to friends. Love, Weiden.' This broadcast supplements previous official report received from International Red Cross."

Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer had been informed first by the Red Cross that their son was a prisoner of war.

Besides the two official telegrams, the parents received four letters from civilians in this country who had heard the broadcast on which young Stauffer spoke. One person made and forwarded a recording of his message.

SACRAMENTO WILL ENFORCE CURFEW FOR TEEN-AGERS

Sacramento, July 29.—(U.P.) Chief of Police Aleck K. McAllister today announced he had detailed Assistant Chief Fritz Kaminsky to take full charge of enforcement of the new curfew for boys and girls 17 or under, established yesterday by the city council in an emergency duration ordinance.

Kaminsky said the department would enforce the law beginning tonight and that an "educational program" would be put into effect at the same time. He said that for a brief time officers would make no arrests "unless necessary."

The entire city police department, instead of just the juvenile detail, will be put on enforcement of the curfew, Kaminsky said. "We hope it can be worked out without too much inconvenience," he added.

The ordinance was adopted as the result of a street brawl Wednesday night between young civilians and servicemen, culminating in the accidental shooting of Charles Redifer, a sailor, by a military policeman.

OREGON "E" BOND QUOTA REALIZED

Portland Ore., July 29.—(U.P.) Officials of the Fifth War Loan drive announced today that Oregon had gone "over the top" in its E bond quota, with sales totaling \$38,626,000, or 101.6 per cent of quota.

The state has sold \$179,243,000 worth of bonds in all series, which is 143.4 per cent of quota. The Fifth War Loan drive ends at 3 p. m. Monday.

Pomona, Calif., July 29.—(U.P.) George H. Davis, 75, was killed today when he was struck by a Union Pacific freight train when he was crossing the tracks at a downtown intersection.

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TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

July 30, 1934

Portland dock strike ends. Longshoremen to return to work tomorrow.

Daughter of president is granted divorce.

Six arrested on traffic charges over week-end.

Acting prime minister of Britain sees no European war soon as result of Austrian turmoil.

Fair, High 92, Low 54 degrees.

Mrs. Roosevelt may visit Crater Lake park on auto trip north to Portland, where she will meet president, August 2.

Mrs. A. S. V. Carpenter slips and breaks leg in fall.

First peaches and Howell pears start to market.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

July 30, 1914

Army world flyers land on Orkney Islands to complete first leg of flight across Atlantic.

Scores injured in Klan riots in Pennsylvania.

Fair, High 92, low 47 degrees.

Governor Pierce of Oregon comes out firmly for National Defense Day, Sept. 12.

Rogue River cannery ships first carload of canned beans to Chicago.

Fire on top of Roxy Ann is brought under control.

LABOR SHORTAGES HITS BEAN, FISH OUTPUT IN STATE

By United Press

Cannery officials and Linn County bean farmers today were faced with an acute labor shortage as tons of Albacore tuna awaited processing at Astoria and bean growers stood to lose heavily because of the lack of harvest help.

Packers appealed to "every available man and woman" in Astoria to assist in packing operations of the tuna which has been dumped upon them this week and predicted that the fall salmon take would exceed that of 1942, when the entire city turned out to help with history's largest pack.

Meanwhile, Linn County farmers were making house-to-house calls in an effort to recruit bean pickers to harvest their crops. County farm labor officials said the current hot weather had hastened the maturity of the crop and immediate harvesting would be necessary to save it.

ELK GRAND LODGE TO OPEN MONDAY

Chicago, July 29.—(U.P.)—The 80th grand lodge session and national war conference of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will open here Monday and continue through Thursday. This year there will be no delegates from Guam and the Philippine Islands as members of those lodges are presumed to be prisoners of the Japanese.

Frank J.