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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Election betting odds are manufactured in St. Louis, stamping grounds and home town of the New Deal national chairman. This has no more to do with the presidential contest than the pampering and parading of Italian prisoners of war in the Boston area, where there is a heavy Italian vote.

Herr Hitler has granted "sweeping powers to Ministers Goebbels and Goering." The Allies, in their peace terms, will have some "sweeping power" to confer on Nazi desperados, including the trio heretofore mentioned. After they have rebuilt them they will sweep the streets of the cities in conquered lands they ordered destroyed. They will be assisted by able-bodied Germans who cheered and gloated over the destruction.

A. Bohnert of the C. P. district has a field of potatoes that look better than any heretofore printed on the cover of a seed catalogue.

Military authorities argue the Japs cannot "afford to surrender." If they are that poor, they can say: "Hon, Quit."

New faces are showing up in the football coaching ranks of Oregon high schools, causing sports scribes to note, "They will bear watching." This is a compliment to their skill and sportsmanship and ethics, instead of victory-at-any-cost shenanigans.

The Corvallis Gazette-Times reports "synthetic furs" are in the offing, and adds they will be "sheep at any price." There is nothing like a pure Russian mink that suddenly starts to shed tom-cat hairs.

Wild blackberries have started to ripen. This means, due to the lack of ration points, threshing crews, now subsisting on country ham and fried chicken, will have to put up with wild blackberry pies.

HOW WONDERFUL! (Chemical News)

"Price of penicillin has reported by Coghill to have dropped from the initial figure of \$20 per hundred thousand Oxford units to a present one of \$3.25. This, he said, will go lower and bring disease within the reach of all."

Gasoline consumption is up three per cent in Oregon over the first six months of last year. There seems to be fewer autos, but more motorcycles.

It finally happened. The international bank created at Bretton Woods, N. H., is more or less correctly resigned by an inspired linotype, as "international bank."

Fall fashions for the fair sex "will actually cover the head," a fashion expert states. But they won't be on straight.

PIONEER BOSSY (The Dallas Chronicle) Chapter II

"About that town cow, now it occurs to us that if a cow wants to run at night, why shouldn't she? Doesn't she chew gum and furnish it herself? Then why shouldn't she chew to do as she pleases? Of course she cud."

The cow does not give milk. She stands still, sometimes, while it is removed from her traveling reticule, being pulled out by the handles.

We still propose to stand neutral on this question. We battled once in the newspaper columns against the cow. An irate Amazonian, champion of the fullest freedom to the cow commensurate with her happiness, maintained the other side of the fight by word of mouth and the presence of a club.

The cow question is too deep for us. We buy our butter. We buy what milk we use, too—frozen."—(50 Yr. Ago Column).

Heroes of the Rubber Stamp

We don't hear as much about Belgium in this war as we did in the last war, when a little corner of it stayed free. None of it was free after 1940. And yet some of it was. To take a single example, there are the eleven hundred Belgian notaries public, concerning whom some facts have recently leaked out.

A Belgian notary isn't as easy and informal in his ways as are his American opposite numbers—male and female. By law there can be just eleven hundred of him. He belongs to a guild. He is appointed for life. Usually he tries to have the appointment pass to his son. He makes wills and draws up marriage contracts. If any land or house is to be transferred he has to sit on the contract. No notary, no contract. No contract, no soap.

WHEN the Nazis came into Belgium they at once started to steal the property of Belgian Jews and all others whom they considered enemies of the new order. This took in quite a hunk of the population—the solid, patriotic hunk. But the notaries wouldn't play ball. They had a rule against transferring stolen property. Not one of them broke that rule. In four years no forced transfer of property in Belgium has been legalized. A certain Herr Doktor Westermayer, installed by the Nazis, goes through the motions, but everybody knows what the Herr Doktor's Nazi stamp is worth.

These Belgian notaries are rather solemn people. Some might consider them dull. But the Gestapo, backed by the German army, couldn't move them. They couldn't be bribed and they couldn't be scared.

LITTLE things like this tell why Hitler was beaten long before D-day. The Belgian notaries stand for the integrity of their country and of civilized Europe. They won their Marne battle and made ours easier.

LT. DON GILLESPIE, DIVE BOMB PILOT, VISITING PARENTS

LT. (jg) Don R. Gillespie, carrier based dive bomber pilot, arrived in Medford this morning from a California port to spend a month's leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gillespie, 1315 East Main street. Climaxing a year of flying during which his unit participated in the campaigns in the Marshall Islands, Gilbert Islands and Marianas, the young officer was shot down during the battle of Saipan. He escaped with burns of a minor nature but his gunner was severely burned and is still a patient on a hospital ship.

LT. Gillespie is of the opinion that the Pacific war, while accelerated, will be of long duration and points out that many of the main islands have received little attention other than bombings to keep landing facilities out of commission. The officer expects to remain in this country for about six months and then return to sea duty.

A graduate of Medford high school, LT. Gillespie was a football star during the coaching days of Bill Bowerman. He has been in the navy three years.

Livestock

Portland, Ore., Aug. 1—(UP)—Livestock—

Cattle, 150. Quality poor. Steady.

Good fed steers, 10-12; 12-14; 14-16; 16-18; 18-20; 20-22; 22-24; 24-26; 26-28; 28-30; 30-32; 32-34; 34-36; 36-38; 38-40; 40-42; 42-44; 44-46; 46-48; 48-50; 50-52; 52-54; 54-56; 56-58; 58-60; 60-62; 62-64; 64-66; 66-68; 68-70; 70-72; 72-74; 74-76; 76-78; 78-80; 80-82; 82-84; 84-86; 86-88; 88-90; 90-92; 92-94; 94-96; 96-98; 98-100; 100-102; 102-104; 104-106; 106-108; 108-110; 110-112; 112-114; 114-116; 116-118; 118-120; 120-122; 122-124; 124-126; 126-128; 128-130; 130-132; 132-134; 134-136; 136-138; 138-140; 140-142; 142-144; 144-146; 146-148; 148-150; 150-152; 152-154; 154-156; 156-158; 158-160; 160-162; 162-164; 164-166; 166-168; 168-170; 170-172; 172-174; 174-176; 176-178; 178-180; 180-182; 182-184; 184-186; 186-188; 188-190; 190-192; 192-194; 194-196; 196-198; 198-200; 200-202; 202-204; 204-206; 206-208; 208-210; 210-212; 212-214; 214-216; 216-218; 218-220; 220-222; 222-224; 224-226; 226-228; 228-230; 230-232; 232-234; 234-236; 236-238; 238-240; 240-242; 242-244; 244-246; 246-248; 248-250; 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