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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

"Defeatists" hereabouts have

entered a moaning, "You can't beat Roosevelt." They felt the same

way about the Nipp and Hun, two years ago.

Ted Fish of Tule Lake, who

tenored with his brother Fletch in Phoenix during the boom-

days, spent Fri. in the city. He is now engaged in potato culture

and doing right smart at it. As vocalists both should have gone far.

The ex-Mayor of K. Falls, Democratic candidate for senator,

popped up as a military expert last week. He predicts the Mikado's forces will not be

crushed until the 1946 congressional elections are cooking.

Picking and packing of the Bartlett pear starts the coming

high, and horticulturists are in high.

Ration stamps will not be necessary for the utility species

of steaks after today. Consumers are fed up on steaks so tough,

it takes a strong man to jab a fork in the gravy.

Many burps have taken steps to curb whiskey hilarity when

peace comes, by closing up the grog shops and gin mills for a

day. No steps have yet been taken to save shoe leather, by

going barefooted in the Victory parades.

Dewey Hill, the ace hired man of Prospect, towed Fri. and

submitted to some tonsorial whacking.

Secy. Ickes, the old self-admitted curmudgeon, wasted no

time describing the recent New Deal convention in Chicago. He

called it "Hannegan's shenanigans".

Cowmen have been busy all week distributing rock salt in

the hills for the alleged beef shortage. Dick Phair amazed his

titian-haired daughter, Karolyn, and his lively son Dick, by show-

ing up in overalls, boots, and a sombrero, and otherwise ac-

countered for the range.

The advance of the American troops on Paris the past week,

caused any number of 1918 veterans to let fly with their own

French language. If the addressed veteran did not understand

the French of his comrade, he always retaliated with some

French the comrade did not compre-

hend.

The sun beamed tropically Thurs. & Fri., ending the rumor

there would be no summer this summer.

The Les Taylor boy Bob, of Phoenix is going to take a train

ride, and next to Santa Claus, what he has been waiting for.

The GOP in New England has this campaign slogan: "Let's

change horses in the middle of the stream, and get across."

Smokers of the nation are now confronted with an alleged

cigarette shortage, and during same, New York reports, there

will be plenty of cigarettes, but not your favorite brand. No

shortage of chewing tobacco is in sight.

Wild blackberries are ripe, and the huckleberries are get-

ting that way. Several citizens have rounded up enough for

pies and jelly.

Pre-war speedsters lived up to 6th st. by mistaking it for a

speedway several evenings last week. When caught, one of the

offenders claimed the gas pedal caught—well remembered as a

pre-war alibi.

German war prisoners at Stockton-Cal., staged a sit-down

strike. When they get back home they can try that trick, and see

what happens, if they dare.

The Non-Political F. D. R.

President Roosevelt has invited Wendell Willkie to confer with him on questions of foreign policy, and the former Republican candidate has accepted according to an I.N.S. dispatch from Washington.

Assuming the report is correct,—and it sounds plausible,—the statement by the President that because of the war and its tragedy, he will make no political campaign in the usual sense, becomes even more hypocritical and insincere than when it was first enunciated.

FOR here is a move that can be nothing BUT political!

It is an obvious slick maneuver, to win, if possible, the support of the Willkie faction in the Republican party,—a perfect example of F.D.R.'s subtle smoothness and shrewdness when it comes to capitalizing his high position to get votes.

IT is no secret that President Roosevelt does not like Mr. Willkie personally, and never has. Following the latter's "mission to Moscow" their personal relationship in fact became so strained, that an open break was imminent.

But the President recognizes the fact that Wendell Willkie resents the treatment he has received from the Republican leaders, before and after the Dewey convention, and that the G.O.P. candidate of 1940, still has a large following in the Republican party particularly among the younger Progressives. So if he can get these votes,—or a considerable proportion of them,—his re-election for a 4th term will not only be certain, but probably by a record breaking plurality.

F.D.R. invites Wendell therefore to come to the White House as soon as he returns from his Pacific sojourn,—where he travelled not as a presidential candidate, OF COURSE, but solely as Commander-in-Chief, on official business bent!—so the bitter political rivals of four years ago can talk things over.

THE move is somewhat similar to the masterly "finesse" of 1940, when President Roosevelt named two prominent Republicans, Stimson and Knox, to his cabinet just before the campaign opened, although with far less justification from the standpoint of sound policy and legitimate statesmanship.

No here is nothing but a smart but transparent political trick,—were it not for the presidential campaign, the President would no more call in Wendell Willkie for a talk on foreign policy at this time, than he would call in Ham Fish or Senator Taft!

Depends on Hitler

John Gunther, well known student of foreign affairs and war correspondent, sees serious trouble ahead if the Germans are not beaten this year.

Should the Germans be able to somehow stave off defeat, and extend the struggle into the spring of 1945, he fears Hitler's threat to do the Samson act and pull the temple of Europe down as he falls, may be carried out.

So he makes a strong plea for no let-up in the all-out offensive either at the front or behind it, so that no later than the coming New Year's Eve, the epitaph of the Axis in Europe may be formally engraved on the stones of time.

WELL General Eisenhower, last New Year's Day, solemnly promised that victory over Germany would be consummated this year, and at the rate the allied armies are going it would appear to be as certain as anything in war can be.

In fact from this distance it is difficult to figure out how the Nazis, surrounded on three sides, and their defenses crumbling on the fourth, can hold out much longer.

ON the other hand, if Hitler should not be rubbed out (our belief is he will be) and should retain control of the German armies,—or what is left of them,—we believe he will never capitulate. That is what he said the other day and for once we have an idea he spoke the truth.

For with such control why should he? As long as he can save his own life by sacrificing the lives of others, what will stop him? And this war has demonstrated that underground and guerrilla warfare can be carried on pretty effectively, when formal surface warfare can't be.

SO it all depends, as we see it, on Der Reichsfuehrer. He is the keystone of the German arch. If he should be liquidated the war might end tomorrow. If he should not be and the Reichswehr should continue to stand by him, through thick and thin, then in all likelihood the Nazis would resist, until there is literally no fight left in them.

And to reach this point in a little over four months,—well it COULD be done no doubt; but we fear the allies would have to work overtime to clean up such a mess by January One!

EVEN so we fail to see the vital importance of the precise date, and in the article in question no convincing evidence to support the calendar feature is presented.

The eventual defeat of Germany is certain and has been for a long time. Whether the end comes late this year or early next, we fail to see how the net result in a comparatively few months, can materially alter the post-war situation.

And surely if Germany can, by superhuman effort escape defeat this year, defeat can't long be delayed next,—not long enough, as we view it, for Hitler to pull much more of the European temple down than he and his gangsters have already.

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HOLD CRATER SESSION

Report on Lake by Dr. Ralph W. Leighton Will Be Published Soon.

Crater Lake, Aug. 12—(Spl.)—The Advisory Committee on educational problems of parks in Oregon held its annual meeting in Crater Lake National park on August 7 to 9, inclusive.

Dr. Ralph W. Leighton, dean of the School of Physical Education at the University of Oregon, and chairman of the committee, presided at all the meetings. The following members were present: Dr. John C. Merriam, honorary president of the committee and President Emeritus of the Carnegie Institution, Washington, D. C., and consultant of values of science and nature at the University of Oregon; Dr. Frederick M. Hunter, chancellor of the Oregon State System of Higher Education; Dr. L. S. Cressman, secretary of the committee and head of the Anthropology Department, University of Oregon; Dr. E. L. Packard, head of the Geology Department, Oregon State College; Dr. Ira S. Allison, professor of geology, Oregon State College.

Dr. Ralph W. Leighton, professor of paleontology, University of California; Dr. Howell Williams, professor of geology at the University of California; Dr. John P. Buwalda, head of the Department of Geology at the California Institute of Technology; and Dr. Chester Stock, professor of paleontology and historical geology at the California Institute of Technology were unable to attend the meeting because of inability to get transportation. Dr. George C. Ruhle, naturalist at Crater Lake National park, who is now an officer in the U. S. Navy, was unable to be present and was represented by Superintendent E. P. Leavitt.

At Crater Lake National park the beauty of the lake and the awe-inspiring power of the volcano are in marked contrast; but their combined values make this park one of the outstanding parks of the world. In the opinion of the committee the program at Crater Lake should provide for giving visitors the best opportunity to see the things that are most important in the picture. This involves the visual perspective of the lake in its surroundings with the aesthetic appreciation of these values contrasted with the intellectual vision of the volcano as it can be shown to have expressed itself.

The study of appreciation of nature at Crater Lake, as a stabilizing and developing influence for the American people has long been a matter of primary interest to Dr. Merriam; also the social values were of primary interest to Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, formerly president of the University of Oregon. These cooperative interests resulted in a study of the educational program at Crater Lake, which was begun by the university in 1931.

As report under the title "The Study of Appreciation of Nature at Crater Lake," compiled by Dr. Ralph W. Leighton, has been prepared and is about ready for publication. The ways and means of having important material published on Crater Lake and the John Day region received the special attention of the committee, as well as the addition of members to the John Day Association.

ADM. GATCH WILL GET SALEM HONOR

Portland, Ore., Aug. 12—(U.P.) Rear Admiral Thomas L. Gatch of Salem, who commanded the battleship South Dakota when it shot down 33 Jap planes and destroyed three Jap cruisers during the battle of Savo, arrived in Portland today.

Monday he will go to Salem to receive an honorary degree from Willamette university. Gatch also commanded the U. S. S. Percival and the U. S. S. Wickes. In 1943 he was appointed judge advocate general of the navy.

Among decorations he holds the navy cross and the gold star for action in World War II.

FIRE HITS LUNA PARK New York, Aug. 12—(U.P.) While thousands of pleasure seekers moved quietly to safety today, Coney Island's famed Luna Park was destroyed by a mass of flames that shot 400 feet in the air and, fanned by an ocean breeze, threatened the entire area.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to thank our friends for their expressions of sympathy, beautiful floral offerings and kindness at the time of our bereavement. Mr. R. R. Patrick and family.

GOVERNORS FAVOR FEDERAL POSTWAR FINANCING BILL

Portland, Ore., Aug. 12—(U.P.) Northwest governors meeting here tonight announced that they would ask congress to enact the post-war financing bill which would give the five states \$750,000,000 for highway construction.

The action was made public after a late afternoon meeting of the five governors from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana.

Passage of the bill now before congress would provide an annual sum for each of the states of \$33,600,000 of federal funds for secondary and urban highway and \$10,800,000 for forest road construction. The federal allotment would require \$23,700,000 annual state funds to match it.

Gov. Sam Ford of Montana was elected chairman and Gov. Earl Snell of Oregon vice-chairman of the group.

Recommendation for a state-wide committee of trade experts to meet from time to time to work out a coordinated program for the advancement of trade between the northwest area, Alaska and the Orient was sent by the governors to the drafting committee.

LEGION ASKS BAN ON JAPS RETURN, JOB RACKETEERS

Portland, Ore., Aug. 12—(U.P.) The Oregon Department of the American Legion today went on record in favor of state legislation that would penalize anyone trying to coerce veterans into joining an organization as a prerequisite to employment on a government-financed job.

The resolution also requested preference for veterans on jobs involving public works. The convention adopted a resolution in support of the Mott bill, declaring all Japanese undesirable aliens and asking further state and federal legislation to prevent Japanese encroachment upon "our farming, business and educational life."

Com. Charles J. Frisbie of Seattle, civil readjustment officer for the 13th naval district, told the delegates that the navy will assist its veterans in getting their old jobs back or securing ones just as good.

An adjustment officer will advise the returning sailor, explaining his rights and the benefits he is entitled, Frisbie said.

Each man will be followed by the navy for at least 90 days to see that those rights are maintained. The three-day convention closed tonight.

CONG. ELLSWORTH CUTS STAY SHORT

Roseburg, Ore., Aug. 12—(U.P.) In order to return for sessions in the house on time, Rep. Harrison Ellsworth of Roseburg will leave for Washington, D. C., by plane Monday, thus cutting short his scheduled stay in Oregon.

Ellsworth had planned a speaking tour extending until Labor day, but has cancelled all arrangements following a hurried call from the nation's capital.

Truck Lines Plan Aids Conservation

Consolidated Freightways, Inc., and Pierce Auto Freight Lines, Inc., operating out of Medford and Portland have organized a joint operations plan to better service their patrons under wartime limitations of fuel, equipment and manpower. The Office of Defense Transportation has announced.

To effect an estimated savings of 20,000 miles annually the two companies propose to divert shipments, when practical, from one company to the other and have designated routes to be serviced by each carrier thus eliminating paralleling of services and partially loaded trucks.

Get Fuel Oil Now Is Plea From ODT

Pacific coast householders, apartment and business building owners and all others needing fuel oil for coming fall and winter months should lay in a supply now "while deliveries can still be made," the Office of Defense Transportation warns.

"The storage of tank cars, scarcity of tank trucks and almost total lack of heavy-duty tires have combined to create a national crisis in petroleum transportation," ODT officials say. "Meanwhile military demands for aviation gasoline and other petroleum products are mounting."

LUMBER LEADERS DEDICATE SWEET HOME TREE FARM

Sweet Home, Ore., Aug. 12—(U.P.)—Three thousand acres of Oregon timber land were added to the privately owned forests under tree-farm management at a ceremony Friday evening when more than 100 leaders of Oregon's lumbering industry heard Representative Harris Ellsworth of Roseburg dedicate the new tree farm.

Owners of the land are the Lebanon Lumber company and the Powers-Davis Lumber company and Santiam Lumber company of Sweet Home.

Ellsworth told lumbermen that it was only two years ago that progressive operators founded this scientific method of perpetuating their forests and stressed the importance of lumbering in Oregon.

Other speakers at the dedication were Ray Buckert, Eugene, supervisor of the Willamette National Forest; Nelson Rogers, Salem, Oregon state forester; Paul Bunn, Corvallis, dean of the school of forestry at Oregon State college; Walker Tilley, forester for the West Coast Lumbermen's association; David Mason, consulting forester, Portland; Wayne L. Morse, Eugene, candidate for U. S. senate; Arthur McMahon, Albany attorney, master of ceremonies, and the hosts, Fred Powers and Carl Davis of the Powers Davis company and Charles McCready of the Santiam company.

NAZI TARGETS ON MEDITERRANEAN IN FRANCE RAKED

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, Aug. 12—(U.P.)—More than 3500 Italian and British-based Allied bombers and fighters smashed at German targets in France today climaxing their offensive with a powerful shuttle sweep against the invasion-jittery enemy along a 320-mile Mediterranean front.

While the Americans' Eighth and Ninth air forces and the RAF throttled Nazi communications, airdromes, oil supplies and U-boat shelters in northern France, more than 1500 shuttle Eight and 15th air force heavy bombers and fighters roared up from Italy to slash German airfields, transport and strong points from Toulouse to the Italian Riviera where Berlin broadcasts hinted a possible new Allied landing.

The double assault along the Mediterranean sector followed attacks by some 500 Italian-based medium bombers and fighter-bombers yesterday on German gun positions, ammunition dumps, pill boxes and radio stations from east of Toulon to the Italian Riviera between Savona and Imperia, at a cost of one plane. Except for the Toulouse airdrome, hit by Eighth air force Fortresses en route to Britain on the final leg of their week-long mission which carried them over eight countries, the locations of today's southern targets were not immediately specified.

ALLIES PUSH FOE TO BURMA BORDER

Southeast Asia Headquarters, Kandy, Ceylon, Aug. 12—(U.P.) Allied troops smashing their way from southern Manipur into the China hills have blasted the Japanese from Hengam, a Tiddim road village nearly 65 miles south of Imphal and but seven miles from the Burma border, it was reported today.

Other 14th army units which knifed through the Kabaw valley in northwest Burma are pushing their way across the last range of mountains barring their path to the upper Chindwin river and are within ten miles of the strategic waterway at some points.

Women Urged To Remain At Home

Medford women have been asked by their government many times, and in many ways, to "fight waste" on the home front. Homemakers of the nation have been asked to save tin cans, kitchen fats, waste paper, food, fuel and many other vital civilian services and commodities... which they have done with stimulating success.

The Office of Defense Transportation is now appealing to American women to "fight waste" of transportation... to stay home and discover the nearby sources of amusement and entertainment that the "old home town" and vicinity have to offer during the summer vacation.

MID-WEST TRUCKS TO ROLL MONDAY, BUREAU REPORTS

Chicago, Aug. 12—(U.P.)—The Office of Defense Transportation, carrying out federal seizure of strike-bound motor freight lines of the Midwest Operators association, sought tonight to sponsor a back-to-work movement among independent trucking firms, which were not affected by the presidential intervention order.

Limited operations were resumed today, after the ODT assumed control of the association companies at 12:01 a. m. (CWT), and officials hoped to have the trucks rolling on a full scale by Monday.

President Roosevelt ordered seizure of 103 lines yesterday, after a five-day strike of an estimated 50,000 truckers and freight handlers had tied up shipments, including some vital war material. The workers were protesting the failure of the companies to meet a seven-cent hourly wage increase, as ordered by the War Labor board.

Meanwhile, according to reports gathered here from United Press bureaus throughout the nation, other strike threats to the nation's war production were eased somewhat by back-to-work movements at Detroit, where two major strikes have been in progress. However, a new dispute cropped up and spread rapidly among wood-working firms of the Midwest Millmen's conference.

Under federal control, truckers will receive an additional seven cents an hour pay and three-tenths of a cent for mileage, with benefits retroactive for 10 months. No effort will be made by the ODT to direct traffic operations, but under orders from J. Monroe Johnson, ODT highway director, members of the Midwest Operators association will be held responsible for expediting government instructions.

PRESIDENT ASKS QUARANTINE FOR POST-WAR JAPAN

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well with us in the winning of the war will, I am confident, be glad to join with us in protection against aggression and in machinery to prevent aggression.

"With them and with their help I am sure that we can agree completely so that Central and South America will be as safe against attack from the South Pacific as North America is going to be from the North Pacific itself."

Mr. Roosevelt looked tanned from his ocean voyage through the Pacific. He spoke directly under the upraised forward gun of a sleek destroyer. Surrounding him were members of his personal military and naval staff who accompanied him on his journey which began when he left Washington on July 13.

Impossible to Trust He was bitter about the acquisition of Japan, saying the record made Japan and her people impossible of trust without years of proof.

It was the president's first address since he accepted the fourth term nomination on July 20, and he carefully avoided inclusion of anything in his remarks but a description of his trip and the outlook of the war.

TOO MUCH

Akron, O.—(U.P.)—Temptation, it seems, is the root of the Akron public schools' broken window problem. Some 535 school windows have been broken since vacation began. Many of the school playgrounds are covered with stones which Akron youths can't resist hurling through the school windows now that teachers aren't there to punish them.

EATING HOURS RESTRICTED

Chicago—(U.P.)—A curfew on eating is now in effect at Waynesboro, Va., the Public Administration Clearing House reports. A new law closes all restaurants, cafes, lunch rooms, lunch counters and all public eating places from 11:30 p. m. to 5 a. m. Action was taken as a measure to get young people off the streets earlier.

Worcester, Mass.—(U.P.)—Chaplain Frederick Gallagher, S. J., former Holy Cross college professor, tells of two unmarried marines in the southwest Pacific who are called "Papi" by 140 native children. The marines served as godfathers at a mass baptismal ceremony.

POISON OAK?

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Flight o' Time

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TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

August 13, 1934 (It was Monday)

Portland dock tie-up feared, as longshoremen strike for \$1 per hour wage boost.

Explorer Byrd rescued from solitary observation post in Arctic, after being five months alone.

Gen. Martin, democratic candidate for governor, to be guest of honor at non-partisan banquet here.

Fifteen Murphy and Provolt families forced to move as forest fire threatens homes.

Fair with increasing cloudiness. High 98, low 51 degrees.

All relief work in county suspended until harvest of fruit completed.

President Roosevelt bans all politics in drought belt relief. Heavy rains soak area.

Medford postoffice receipts ebb past year.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

August 13, 1914 (It was Wednesday)