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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Politics started to boil the past week. Gov. Dewey, GOP, standard bearer, flayed New Deal nonsense hip and thigh in a rousing Philadelphia speech. Wendell Willkie, former white-haired boy of republicans, came out mad at both major parties, to prove anew Wisconsin was right in its primary election. A number of valley democrats have had enough, and confess a chance of faith.

One of the Older Girls reports her bread-winner can remember all the opening dates for shooting C. pheasants, ducks and deer, but forgot her birthday last week. She gives thanks a deer is too big to clean in a kitchen sink.

The B. Tornado squad started grid practice Mon. under the arcs, and were fatigued.

Woodpiles have started to show up in the residential areas. As yet no colored gents have been reported in any of them.

Herr Hitler of Germany and cooterie, are nearing the end of their tether, thoroughly licked, by what he once called the "military idiots".

Dick Phair paddled his kids, Carolyn, the titan-haired beauty, and Richard, the middle of the week for disobedience of orders. He claimed it hurt his worse than it did the kids, but they have doubts.

Every morning citizens predict frost will soon be on the pumpkin, and after lunch the territory is terrific.

Grunt and groan soirees will be resumed at armory Thurs. eve.

Royal Brown of the E. Pt. Browns towed the middle of the week. He reports the law of gravity is still in effect, as he found out when he got in a hurry.

Gen. (B. & G.) Patton denies, as reported, he landed in Normandy waving a \$1000 bill and looking for bets. He declares he has never seen a \$1000 bill, even as you and I.

Horticulturists are all as busy as they claim to be. While resting recently two of the lik recalled the stirring days of 1933, when both the depression and the Mediterranean fruit fly was after them.

J. Tannehill (Jay Bird) Walker 5, after his return from Frisco, remains full of juvenile business and is the apple and Cornice of his Grandpaw's eye, the right one.

The Sam Colton boy, Gary, took a girl friend to the movies Thurs. and chaperoned by his charming sister, Jacques, who observes a birthday next Sun. as she will have to go to school Mon.

There will be no revival of the CCC in the post-war period, leaders of the national thought declare. This means there will be no tap dancing classes for rural youths, and the leaves of autumn will have to be removed by the property owners, or the west wind.

The nation is now confronted with a cigarette shortage it is alleged. People are getting tired of running out of things they have too much of. The theoretical beef shortage is still raging with nothing to end it with but more cows in the land than ever before in history. The late whiskey shortage is disappearing rapidly. It seems somebody made a mistake in addition when he counted up the bottles.

The Presbyterian church of Canada was formed on June 15, 1875.

Be Careful

The Medford headquarters of the Rogue river National Forest received this telegram Saturday from the assistant regional forester, chief of the division of fire control:

"Region-wide fire conditions critical. Suggest forces be alerted. Might advise selected forest industrial operators be on alert over week-end to furnish crews."

This warning especially applies to Jackson county right now. The humidity and fuel moisture at the southern end of this county was the lowest Saturday of any day since records were started over twenty years ago. That simply means that the fire hazard right now is greater than it has been in many years. The utmost caution must be exercised by EVERYONE who has cause to enter the woods during the next few days or until existing conditions change.

It was Shakespeare who said "A little fire is quickly trodden out; which, being suffered, rivers cannot quench." The Bard was right. The terrible and destructive Tillamook fire of a decade ago will long be a grim reminder to Oregonians of the devastating results of a small blaze not trodden out in a tinder-dry forest.

WE simply cannot afford to risk a fire now. First of all, lumber is a number-one critical war material, and Jackson county's 49 mills are producing millions of dollars worth for urgently needed war uses. Our present annual lumber payroll exceeds three million dollars; 12,000 persons directly and indirectly receive their livelihood from this industry. A lot of jobs are at stake.

We cannot afford to spare the manpower to fight fire at this time. The fruit season is at its peak. Every available person is employed in this and other important work. To be forced to divert manpower to the non-productive job of fire fighting would be disastrous.

WE cannot endanger our greatest single resource—timber. We cannot stand the loss of watersheds, the source of municipal and irrigation waters. We cannot spare the scenic attractions and the wildlife of our forests.

No, we just cannot risk a forest fire now. If all will take this forest service warning to heart and practice the utmost vigilance and caution, we can weather this danger period. The forests belong to everyone. It is everyone's responsibility to protect it!—H.G.

Orchids To the Red Cross

A check-up on Jackson county's home front war effort reveals a record chalked up by the Surgical Dressing department of the Red Cross that will bring a glow of pride to everyone here. If medals were awarded for outstanding civilian accomplishment the Red Cross bandage makers would certainly deserve them for truly "distinguished service".

BEFORE the invasion of Italy and France America's military forces called for 100 million surgical dressings every month. There was no way of foreseeing the human cost of these gigantic undertakings and the Army and Navy had to be sure of an ample supply of dressings on hand. When it came to the indispensable bandages they simply could not risk having "too little, too late".

JACKSON county's seven Red Cross units pitched in and have produced more than a million surgical dressings during the past 18 months. That's the best record in the entire state, based upon population figures. It represents a lot of hard work on the part of patriotic volunteer workers. Of course, Jackson county is proud of these Red Cross Women!

RIGHT now, the Red Cross surgical dressing department is enjoying a well earned and much needed rest. But these workers will be back on the job September 19th, and volunteers to help them will be welcomed—and needed. Lots of surgical dressings will be used before victory is finally ours.—H.G.

Christmas Mail Month

With the mercury climbing high these days it is a bit difficult to get into the Christmas spirit, and yet that's what sweethearts, wives, mothers and fathers of service men and women overseas must do—very soon! Old Kris Kringle will have to stir his bones early this year if millions of young G.I. Jones and James throughout the world will not be disappointed when December 25th rolls around.

September 15 to October 15 is the period set aside for mailing gifts overseas. Early mailing is the only way to be sure of delivery by Christmas. And that means early shopping! Distances are great and ships are needed to transport troops and supplies, so the sooner gifts are selected and mailed the easier will be the strain on postal and cargo facilities.

WHEN selections are made keep in mind that those in the service generally prefer practical, useable and wearable gifts first of all. They want small gifts that stow away easily.

Before gifts are mailed it is a good idea to check with the postoffice for the "hows" and "whys" of weights, measurements and packing regulations. Millions of holiday packages will be handled during the overseas rush, so great care should be taken to conform with ALL of these regulations. That's the best way to assure prompt and sure delivery.

Time and space cannot separate loved ones in thought and sentiment. It's time now to begin overseas Christmas shopping. And don't forget to pack securely, address carefully, mail early!—H.G.

PETAIN PLANNED SURRENDER WHEN TAKEN PRISONER

Story of Last Vichy Days Told; SS Troops Arrested Leader.

(The following dispatch, the most authoritative and detailed regime in Vichy, was filed by the United Press Press correspondent who was the first American reporter to reach the French war-time capital. He got in ahead of the Allied armies.)

By Dana Adams Schmidt United Press Correspondent Vichy, France, Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—Aged Marshal Henri Philippe Petain wanted to surrender to an agent of Gen. Charles De Gaulle on Aug. 21, just before the fall of Paris. He had a violent quarrel with Adolf Hitler's agent and called his "a liar." But at the last moment he gave in to a German threat to shoot 100 Frenchmen and was carted off to Germany—a prisoner.

This correspondent reached the capital of collaborationist France through the assistance of the French underground—the first American reporter here. Vichy is controlled by French spies have not yet taken over. The regional commissioner of Gen. De Gaulle, Henry Ingrand, told me the story of Petain's last days in Vichy.

After American forces broke out of the Normandy peninsula and began their drive on Paris, Petain opened negotiations with Ingrand with the view of surrendering himself to the French patriots.

"If Petain had not been made a prisoner of the Germans on Aug. 20, I am sure he would have surrendered to me the next day," Ingrand told me. "I was still with the Maquis near Mont Dor when Swiss Minister Walter Stuck came to me with Petain's proposals. It was a question of whether he would surrender unconditionally, be placed under arrest in his house or what."

"I learned that on the night of Aug. 19, German Ambassador Dr. Cecil Von Renne-Fink called on Petain and insisted that he leave for an unnamed city in the east, where he said Pierre Laval wanted him to form a new French government."

"Petain had asked Stuck and me to be present to witness the pressure he was under."

About 6 a. m. the next day SS troops forced the door of Petain's hotel and demanded to see the marshal. Told that he was asleep and could see no one, the troops broke into Petain's room and found him awake and fully dressed. He refused to leave.

"Renne-Fink was called back and he intimidated violent reprisals. Petain finally gave in."

ROSEBURG BLAZE BURN 640 ACRES, HOUSE AND BARN

Portland, Ore., Sept. 9.—(U.P.)—High temperatures and low humidity threatened heavy damage if any of various small blazes got out of control in the northwest over the week.

Smoke jumpers, for the most part conscientious objectors trained in parachute landings to fight fires, were bringing fires near Chelan, Wash., under control Saturday night.

The fire 10 miles south of Roseburg was brought under control today after burning 640 acres and destroying a house, a barn and cold deck of logs amounting to 150,000 board feet. Several sawmills in the vicinity were saved only by the use of bulldozers as the flames spread rapidly through the dry timberland.

In western Lane county fire lines have been thrown around a fire covering 300 acres in the reforestation area of the Sheldahl Lumber company west of Eugene and fire officials reported that it was impossible to tell if the fire was under control because the lines were so distant.

The Fire Protection association near Elkton has stopped two brush fires which threatened several homes. In the Deep Creek section east of Roseburg three fires of incendiary origin have been reported, as well as two at Canyonville.

GAS TICKETS STOLEN

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—(U.P.)—Police today investigated two new burglaries of oil companies in which gasoline ration coupons and cash were taken. It was the third such robbery case reported this week in Sacramento and the Bay area.

GOP NOMINEE TO BE KEPT ADVISED ON QUEBEC TALKS

Dewey Arrives in Michigan; Holds War Strategy Up To Generals.

Los Angeles, Sept. 9.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt should invite his opponent, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, to attend the forthcoming conference with Prime Minister Churchill, expected at Quebec, the Los Angeles Times suggested in an editorial today.

"If the Quebec conference is held before election, Dewey or his representative should be there—not for the personal benefit of Dewey, but for the good of the nation," the Times said.

Lansing, Mich., Sept. 9.—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, carrying his campaign for the presidency into his native Michigan, said tonight that he expected to be kept "fully informed" on conversations between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill as a step toward maintaining a non-partisan approach to international security.

The Republican presidential nominee made the statement at a press conference shortly after he arrived from Louisville, Ky., where last night he called for non-partisan discussion of plans for preventing future wars. His remarks were prompted by a reporter who said his paper was going to suggest that Dewey attend a meeting between the President and Churchill expected to take place soon at Quebec.

"Well," Dewey said, "I never invite myself to private discussions." The New York governor declined to say whether he interpreted an agreement between Secretary of State Cordell Hull and John Foster Dulles, Dewey's foreign affairs advisor, to mean that the GOP candidate would participate in such a conference as the planned Roosevelt Churchill meeting.

"All I can say is the understanding between Hull and Dulles has been stated that Dulles is to be kept fully informed as to the progress of negotiations for the formation of a world organization and for sanctions to be imposed upon the defeated powers," he said.

Another questioner asked, "Assuming the Quebec conference is chiefly in regard to strategy and military operations, do you think in view of a possible change of administration that the possible new administration should be kept informed of such broad strategy as will come up?"

"It is to be hoped the war with Germany will be over long before the next administration takes office January 20," Dewey replied, "and that the progress of the Japanese war will be so far along that any plans made will be well advanced, if not completely executed before January 20th."

The governor declined to be drawn into a discussion of his pledge to demobilize the army as soon as "practicable." He said he believed his opening campaign speech in Philadelphia fully covered the subject, but added "all it requires is good intentions and a competent administration with confidence in the United States. The subject is not even involved until peace comes and the victories have been total."

CHIHUAHUA FLOOD CLAIMS 51 LIVES

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 9.—(U.P.)—A radio broadcast heard in Chihuahua city today said 51 lives had been lost in a flood along the Parral river in the state of Chihuahua in Mexico.

Details of the broadcast were telephoned to El Paso by a newspaperman.

The broadcast said 11 persons were drowned in the swollen river and 40 died in the wreckage of buildings collapsed by the flood.

First sitting of the supreme court of Canada was on June 5, 1876.

The Royal Military college at Kingston was opened on June 1, 1876.

The Grand Trunk Railway in Canada was chartered in 1852.

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Small Investors Beware

Babson Makes Recommendations

Babson Park, Mass., Sept. 8.—We hear a lot of ballyhoo today by brokers, investment advisers and others about the great opportunities in the stock market. These tell us about the big railroad profits, the new uses for plastics and alloys and the other new products "which are going to revolutionize our way of living." Electronic, television and other stocks are being ballyhooed to an unreasonable degree.

Looking Into the Future

If Germany cracks some time between November 7, 1944, and March 7, 1945, it is fair to assume that we will go on a full peace basis in 1946. After a short period of re-adjustment (which will be shorter as the time required to whip Japan is longer) we should enjoy a few years of good business. The pent-up demand for goods, the great surplus of money and other considerations may even lead to a sharp and short boom. There certainly will be great activity in the building of small homes.

Sooner or later, however, the entire world, including our country, must pay for what has happened since 1939. I should not be surprised any time around 1950 to see business go into a tailspin with considerable unemployment. Hence, it is much more important for investors to base their purchases on fundamentals than on the hopes of new inventions, new processes and other possible booms.

Brokers Always Optimistic

Investment dealers make their money by selling or exchanging securities. To get people to buy with cash, or to sell securities now held and re-invest in other securities, requires bullish talk of some kind. Strange to say, investment advertisements headed "Avoid Losses" pull very few inquiries; while advertisements headed "Increase Profits" get big returns. Hence, both investment dealers and brokers feel that they must always be optimistic on something. Just now they are ballyhooing the rails, plastics, electronics, television, etc.

To a certain extent, the above also applies to some professional investment advisers. Too many such talk much about the "op-

portunities ahead" without giving sufficient consideration to the danger signals. They do not remind you of the \$300,000,000 of government debt for fear of the FBI or FRB or some other governmental bureau. They dare not give out bearish talk on the rails, etc., because they—like the brokers—lose subscribers thereby. Hence, they also fall into the common trap of talking of the possibilities of big profits.

People On The March

It is a great mistake to compare conditions today with those of the days of World War I. Under the conditions of 25 years ago the ballyhoo which I am now criticizing might be justified; but investors will find a different postwar world a few years hence than what they found in the "good old 20's." Then the masses had not awakened. Today—whether we like it or not—the people are on the march. Following World War I the government was not in business, but today the situation is very different.

For instance, the government now owns 95% of the synthetic rubber industry, 90% of the magnesium industry, and 85% of the airplane plants. The government probably owns 50% of the shipbuilding, machine tool and aluminum plants of the country; and 10% of the steel foundries, 30% of the metal-working plants and 20% of the high-test gasoline refineries. After the war, the states where these plants are located will put up a terrific fight to keep them running. Is not this a communistic economy made to order for the New Dealers?

In What to Invest

This does not mean that you should put your money in a sock or bury it in the ground. Investments may well be safer than cash in the years to come. Certainly, postwar inflation is inevitable. On the other hand, because I am advising against reaching for quick profits, there is no reason why you should not buy well-seasoned investments. Capital can be conserved today as well as in the past. Those who have their holdings properly diversified and who depend on fundamentals, realizing that "the people are on the march," should have little to fear.

BYRNES OUTLINES SCHEME TO SPEED ALL PRODUCTION

Washington, Sept. 9.—(U.P.)—War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes tonight outlined a program for aiding 40 per cent of U. S. industry to return swiftly to civilian production after the defeat of Germany but warned that "the fear of timid people" may retard the government's effort to put the plan across.

In a reconversion report to President Roosevelt, Byrnes said discussion of peacetime production at this time brought with it danger of diverting attention from the war effort but that he had confidence in "the common sense and sound judgment of the American people."

Byrnes set as the ultimate goal of reconversion maintenance of the present peak national income and the high level of employment that goes with it. Expressed fears of prolonged unemployment for the 4,000,000 people expected to be out of war jobs after a German collapse have been exaggerated, he said.

"We will speedily return to civilian production," Byrnes predicted. "The pent-up demand for goods will come from a people who have the money with which to buy them. The fear of timid people may temporarily retard our return to full production and full employment. But it will be only for a short time."

He revealed that special procurement programs have been prepared and are ready to be put into effect on "V-E" day—the day Germany surrenders. The government, he said, will retain until final victory only the "best qualified" manufacturers. Privately-owned plants, not normally engaged in military production, will be given first priority on release from war work.

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HEAT WAVE HITS ALL CALIFORNIA BUT LOS ANGELES

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—(U.P.)—A record temperature for the year of 91 degrees was set in San Francisco today, as most of California sweltered in a heat wave that gave no promise of abating.

The San Francisco high was reached shortly after noon, eclipsing yesterday's mark of 87. Sea breezes brought the mercury down to the middle 80's during the afternoon.

In Oakland, where a new 1944 mark of 90 was set yesterday, the Chabot observatory registered a 97 degree high today.

Fresno reported 101 degrees, short of yesterday's 107, while Sacramento recorded 102, five degrees below yesterday's mark.

Los Angeles, meanwhile, was "freezing" in 73 degrees weather at midday, a drop of 31 degrees from yesterday's 104, highest of the year.

SAFETY RECORD

Salida, Colo.—(U.P.)—The city of Salida has a new safety record. So far, it has gone through more than 700 days without a fatal traffic accident. Before Aug. 15, 1942, it sailed through 2,112 consecutive days without a traffic death.

Opening of the Grand Trunk Railway from Montreal to Portland was in 1853.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

September 10, 1934 (It was Monday)

Half a dozen reckless drivers given chance to talk to judge.

Luxury Liner Morro Castle set afire at sea, is charge.

Cloudy. High 88, low 44 degrees.

New Chancellor of University of Oregon to be appointed soon.

Open house at Annie Springs CCC camp attended by many local people.

Ron DeVore wins the skeet championship of the Gun club.

First concrete poured by Bonneville dam.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

September 10, 1924 (It was Tuesday)

Maine goes republican by heavy majorities, in state election.

Jackson County Fair opens tomorrow. Gov. Pierce plans to attend.

Civil war halted in Shanghai by heavy rains, that flood streets.

Partly cloudy. High 81, low 58 degrees.

Bertille Mischke leads in "Queen of the County Fair" race.

Local speed cop is arrested for speeding in Klamath Falls.

Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, sons of Chicago millionaires, given life sentences for kidnapping and slaying of Franks boy.

Republicans sweep state elections in Michigan and Washington.

ARGENTINE QUILTS DEFENSE LEAGUE FOR CONTINENT

Buenos Aires, Sept. 9.—(U.P.)—The foreign office announced this afternoon that Argentina has withdrawn from the Montevideo committee for the political defense of the continent, formed at the conference of American ministers in Rio de Janeiro in 1942.

The official announcement said that Argentina withdrew its delegate from the committee because the latter voted and approved a resolution concerning Argentina in the absence of Argentine Delegate Miguel Angel Chiappe.

It explained that when the resolution was first proposed, Sept. 5—Chiappe requested the consideration be postponed until he was able to come Buenos Aires to consult with the foreign office and return to Montevideo. When Chiappe returned to Montevideo he discovered the committee had already approved the resolution which recommended the settlement of "the situation of incomparability existent in the committee because of the fundamental divergencies of policy which separate the Argentine Republic from other countries of the continent in the face of the present conflict."

The foreign office announcement said the committee's action meant "the deliberate elimination of the member designated by Argentina in the final voting on a project which directly concerned him."

MILES TO BERLIN

By United Press

311 miles from the eastern front (measured from Popylaw, Poland).

331 miles from the western front (measured from point 16 miles west of Aachen).

450 miles from the French front (measured from Maiche).

556 miles from the Italian front (measured from point two miles south of Rimini).



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