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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

No efforts have been made by either major party, a political writer observes, to corral the middle-aged woman vote. In a snowless region like this, a smart candidate would promise the Older Girls a "White Christmas". They spend most of the long, winter evenings hoping for one and never getting it.

Jno. Wilkinson, the Ins. agt. observed his 31st wedding anniversary yes. His boy John, in the army, looked a preacher in the eye on the same date five years ago. Before going to war he lived in Ashland.

"Governor Dewey fared well while he refrained from speech making but he is talking now." (Pendleton East Oregonian).

—In 1940, this was what ailed Mr. Willkie, though just why the vocal efforts of GOP candidates for the presidency should be regarded as a felonious breach of campaign manner has never been convincingly explained. It would be a fine how-do-it if the birds all sang the same song.

A post-war international problem, it is claimed, will be the SS Elite troops of Germany, who from the cradle have been indoctrinated with Nazism, and show signs of never getting over it. Hitler's brats taken prisoners by Russia are now rebuilding some of the destruction they wrought and are not receiving pay for their labors. Russians are a realistic lot, and do not pamper former foes. Moscow reports daily employment with wheelbarrow and shovel is slowly clearing their systems of world conquering notions. Sob-sisters complain such rugged treatment "stunts their future." All the SS Elite troops wanted to do was stunt everybody's future and enslave the world.

HURLED OF 57 WORDS (Astoria Astorian-Budget)

"Our great, good friend Elmer A. 'The Duke' Swazey, whose family tree reportedly takes in both Roget and Webster, hove to in front of the Owl this week with the comment that the Columbia river is certainly revealing a 'paucity of piscatorial denizens.' Freely interpreted (which is essential if one is to avoid mental bankruptcy when talking to the Duke) this means: 'No fish.'"

Pre-school shodding and shearing of kids, is the order of the day. This annual refurbishing of both ends of juveniles is a long established custom. Getting a shirt on junior after running around all summer without one, promises to be a next Monday problem in many homes.

Gen. (B&G) Patton, whose activities are of more public interest than the slick tricks of ace-high politicians, has opened a new offensive. He in person and his tanks are scuffling up the "sacred soil" of Germany.

"FIRE SET TO FOOL POLICE." (Hdline Siskiyon News)

No way to treat the limb of the law.

A team of horses on the Main Stem early today caused some excitement by threatening to stage a runaway, of which there has been none hereabouts since the spring of 1894.

The state defense administrator has come out for whole-souled whooping by the populace, when the war with Germany ends. He also favors the release of joy from confinement and be allowed to run at large, unrestricted. This is in direct opposition to the theory a wet and official blanket should smother any celebrations. The general idea has been for the people to show no gleeful emotions on the historic occasion, but instead retire to their backyards and drink a glass of spring water, roisterously.

Going Good, But—

The blackout in London will be abolished September 17th, thus ending five years of darkness and horror for Britons. They are rolling up the barbed wire on English beaches and the children can play on them again.

The first real break in America's wartime rationing was announced on the same day last week when War Mobilization Director Byrnes revealed that 17 food items will be permanently removed from the ration list. The "D" day for this removal is, like the "lights up" date in London, on September 17th.

The pattern for the demobilization of America's armed forces has been laid, and the G.I. "Bill of Rights" is being studied by the new crop of war veterans with an eye to post-war planning.

THESE are but a few of the recent encouraging indications that happier days will soon be here again. But, lest we start the victory celebration too soon, we have the sobering reminder of Secretary of the Navy Forrestal that our successes in the Pacific have given the Japanese a narrower theater of action and greater concentration of air power. The Japs have improved airplanes, too, and seem to be producing them at a fast clip.

THE favorable trend of the war in recent weeks should spur the home front to greater effort than ever. Certainly, complacency at this stage of the war would only prolong it. The Japanese are banking a lot on the belief that the people of America will become bored with the war when the conflict is won in Europe and will be unwilling to see the Pacific war through.

The Japs will know how very wrong they are when everything but the kitchen sink showers down on the Mikado's little island from the bomb-bay of B-29s.

—H. G.

More Tin Needed

August was the record month for waste paper collection in Oregon since the inception of the paper salvage program nearly a year ago, according to word from the State Salvage committee of the W.P.B. The highly successful drive in Portland and Multnomah County last month was responsible for the fine showing.

Although the war is going well these days, the critical shortage of paper still exists. It is encouraging, however, to see Oregonians increase their effort in this necessary wartime salvage program. While the current paper drive, here in Jackson County, is progressing nicely, more and more waste paper is still needed. The per capita average of the people of this county is still less than half the state's average.

We can't let that kind of a record stand on the books!

AND, despite current rumor to the contrary, there WILL be another tin collection—and soon.

The Japs captured about 70 per cent of the world's production of tin in the early stages of the war, and from that amount the U.S. received about 90 per cent of its supply. A little comes from Bolivia, Africa, Wales and other remote points but much more is needed for war necessities. That is why our recoverable tin must be salvaged from used tin cans. That is why every housewife must save every single tin can for early collection.

TIN is used for everything from containers for small individual morphine hypodermic syringes and covering for foods to torpedoes, airplanes and battle-ships. Every battleship contains 76 tons of it, every bomber 48 pounds. The new Radar "magic eye" detector for enemy airplanes and submarines must have tin.

Moreover, ninety-nine per cent of every tin can is STEEL—and that, too, is salvaged for the making of war weapons.

Yes, there will be a lot of fighting before this war is finally won. Tin is a fighting metal, and every pound we can reclaim is going to count!—H. G.

Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH

Member of Congress From Oregon

Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—Special Correspondence—It is obvious now that there will be no further business transacted by congress until after the November 7th election. Immediately after election, however, active work in congress will be resumed in order to wind up the pending business for the year. Two important and necessary bills are yet to be enacted—the Rivers and Harbors bill and the Post-War Highway bill. In addition to these two major pieces of legislation are a number of bills on which long and extensive hearings have been held and which are now ready for consideration on the floor. These bills will be acted upon in November also. Pending legislation not completed by the end of this session automatically dies with the end of the 78th congress. All of the work done on such legislation during this year would have to be reviewed next year by newly organized committees. It is far better to finish such jobs before adjournment.

I AM leaving this week for a short trip to the British Isles. I am hopeful of being able to make a trip into France also. Although my visit to the United Kingdom is an unofficial one in the sense that I am not a mem-

ber of a formal committee making such a visit, I am nevertheless making the trip for the purpose of conversing with members of the British parliament in order to become more familiar with the operation of the British government and to acquaint them with our procedure.

A number of members of congress have made visits of this kind during this year. Such visits are regarded as beneficial to both governments simply because they tend to promote a better understanding between the two countries. These informal visits to England by members of congress are in lieu of a proposal discussed early this year to send a delegation from the congress to visit parliament and to receive a delegation from the parliament to visit the congress. Such a plan was considered too formal and unwieldy and apparently was abandoned for that reason.

It would be a good thing if a similar exchange of visits could be made with Russia and with China for the reason that the more we understand our allies and the better understanding they have of us, the better possibility there is of perfecting a genuine lasting peace. This does not mean, of course,

that we have to try to be like other peoples nor does it mean that we expect them to follow our example. It is simply good sense to have as much knowledge as possible about both our friends and our enemies.

I AM going to attempt to send a newsletter from England, but this may not be possible. I will, however, make a report to you on my trip through the medium of this newsletter as soon as I arrive back in the United States. I expect to be gone about three weeks, which means that I shall be out in Oregon again shortly after the first of October.



Olive Barber's Observations

As this is being written, members of the family are getting ready to go to the county fair. I've been ready for some time. It's the one event which retains the power to beguile in me the same high excitement year after year. I have to make the rounds of the fair alone unless I can find someone who has never accompanied me before. "Mother will just stand and moon at a squash by the hour, while one good look at a squash is all I want. Of course, baked and still hot and with a big gob of butter melting in it, well that would be different." This from the son whose mind still has a tendency to dwell on his stomach.

Displays of canned goods always arouse my lower emotions. I know this but I always make for that department just the same and am envious, chagrined and mad; mad at myself that I can't get string beans geometrically arranged in jars in the manner of those on display. The knowledge that they'll be jumbled up before serving is no comfort to me. Unless taken to the fair, no one would see them except myself. But I'd know how they had looked and that's enough to upset me. So when I go to the fair, I just reach out my neck for a bout with my own ego.

Toward the needlework department, I have a vast indifference. If women want to sit up nights and ruin their eyes making silly little stitches, that's all right by me. But they have a nerve when they grow a better squash or line up string beans in jars with military precision I find impossible to attain.

What I should do is to go to fairs where I don't know the people putting on the exhibits. But in my home county I know the woman who grew the squash and canned the regimented vegetables. What's she got that I haven't? I'd like to know, that she can outwit me year after year in these matters!

The family can't understand why I don't look at something which pleases me instead of spending my time at enraging myself. They go to the horse races and give themselves some sort of mental anesthesia which makes them blind to the accomplishments of other men's horses so that they say, "Now if we'd brought Jerry! Not a horse here would have had a chance!" They know better but that's how men can delude themselves.

Well, they're ready and so I'm off for my annual dose of gloom. Love isn't the only thing which can be both pain and pleasure. The same is true of county fairs.

Madame Chiang In New York Hospital

New York, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, wife of the Chinese generalissimo, arrived here early today and entered Columbia Presbyterian medical center for treatment.

Madame Chiang has been under a doctor's care in Rio de Janeiro since arriving there July 13 by plane from China. At the time she left China it was reported she was suffering from nervous exhaustion, insomnia and chronic urticaria, an inflammation of the skin.

HUGE SUM CONTRIBUTED FOR WAR AGAINST POLIO

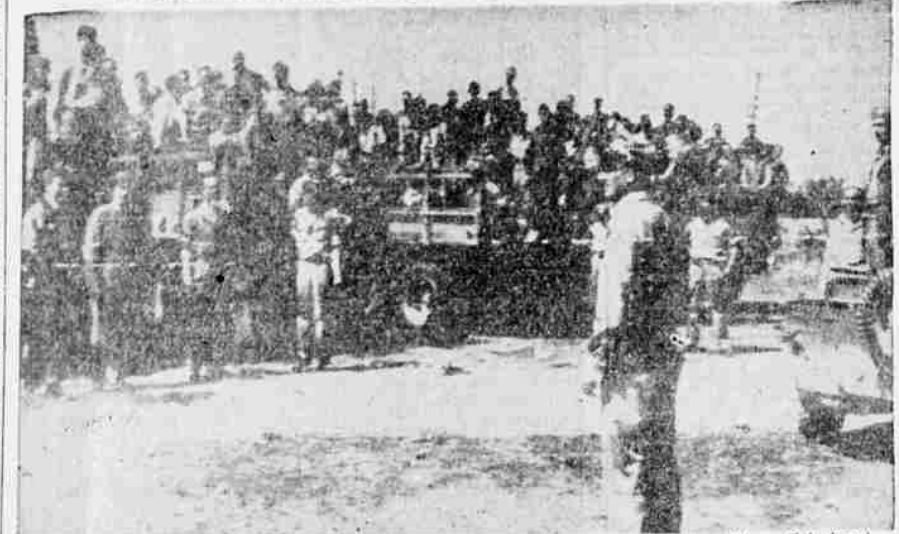
New York, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Americans have contributed \$29,562,742 to the fight against infantile paralysis during the past 11 years, Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, announced today.

O'Connor made the announcement at the annual meeting here of the medical advisory committees of the foundation. The nearly \$30,000,000 has been raised through celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday and through the march of dimes, held each January since 1934.

REFINING READY

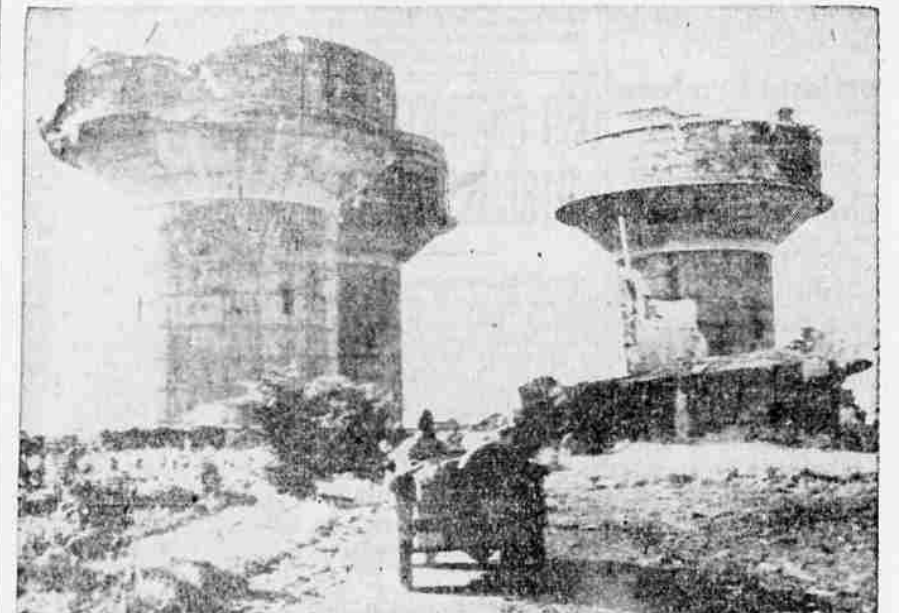
New York, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—The Petro-Chemical Engineering firm of M. W. Kellogg company today completed installation of refinery equipment at Wilmington, Calif., for the Texas company, to bring to \$300,000,000 its three-year total of such construction for the oil industry.

Mass Evacuation Returns 1126 Allied Flyers



Gen. Nathan F. Twining (right), commanding general of U. S. 15th Air Force, welcomes first of 1126 American and British flyers at Italy base after fleets of Flying Fortresses made spectacular mass evacuation of the airmen, who had been shot down and interned in Romania during the last year. Most of the men survivors of the 3000 Allied airmen shot down over the Ploesti oilfields.

Flack Towers Guarded German Marine Barracks



These are two of the huge flack towers which guarded the German Marine barracks outside of French village at Angers. Allied aerial attacks blasted most of the towers which guarded the base, headquarters for Nazi Marines of the entire Atlantic coast, before its capture by Allied troops. Photo by NEA-Acme staff photographer Bert Brand for War Picture Pool.

POLICE QUIZ TWO NEW SUSPECTS IN JITTERY MATTOON

Mattoon, Ill., Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Police turned up two new suspects today in their search for the "madman of Mattoon" while other authorities sought to cure the severe case of mass jitters the phantom prowler has spread among nearly all the city's 15,000 residents.

Coles County State's Attorney W. K. Kidwell said he was making a "thorough investigation" to determine if either of the suspects is the ambulatory anarchist who sprays his victims with "gardenia gas," leaving them nauseated and partially paralyzed. He declined to elaborate on who the suspects might be or how they got to be suspects.

Hysteria Worries

Authorities were as worried by the mass hysteria that has gripped the community as they were by the boogie man, who may be real or perhaps the product of overworked imaginations.

Police Commissioner Thomas Wright appealed to the city's men and boys to lay down their arms "before someone gets shot." State police moved into town to help with the search, and Kidwell said they had given "substantial aid" in the search. The phantom, however, was still at large—perhaps in his weird home laboratory concocting a new supply of the gas to spray on sleeping women and children.

JAP LOSSES 3 TO 1 OVER ALLIES, SHOWN

Chungking, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—A recapitulation of casualties on the north Burma and Salween fronts up to Aug. 15 showed today that more than three Japanese were killed for every allied soldier lost. The total Japanese killed was 21,140, while the allied dead was placed at 6,147, including 4,980 Chinese, and the remainder British and American.

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Embezzler Facing Prison Sentence

Chicago, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Andrew K. Johnson, 31, charged with embezzling \$11,000 from a Chicago clothing store, will be sentenced to a penitentiary term, Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan said today after he heard Johnson confess and promise to make restitution. Johnson and Mrs. Mary Jeanette Wassenger, 29, who was a cashier at the store, and who accompanied him on a cross-country tour while he spent the stolen money, were arrested this summer at Oakland, Calif., where Johnson was working as manager of a night club.

TEXAS DEMOCRATS IN UNCOMPROMISING MOOD

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—Texas democrats favoring a fourth term for President Roosevelt announced late today they would accept no compromise in their battle to force democratic presidential electors to vote for the Roosevelt-Truman ticket.

Herman Jones of Austin, lead-

er of the pro-Roosevelt Texas delegation to the national convention in Chicago, said his group would not accept proposals that two states of democratic electors be listed on the Texas ballot in November.

MEDFORD OFFICE CLOSED BY U. S. CIVIL SERVICE

Eugene Liljenquist, civil service representative formerly stationed in Medford, has been transferred to Klamath Falls and the commission office in Medford has been closed. The office had been maintained here by the Eleventh U. S. Civil Service Region for the past two years. Mr. Liljenquist states that he may be contacted in Klamath Falls at the U. S. Employment Service office.

TAMMANYITE PAROLED

Ossining, N. Y., Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—James J. (Jimmy) Hines, one-time Tammany district leader, was paroled from Sing Sing prison today after serving almost four years for his part in protecting the policy racket of the New York underworld.

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 12, 1934 (It was Wednesday)

Huey Long candidates win New Orleans election and Kingfish is now virtual dictator of Louisiana.

Three new CCC camps assigned this area.

Mining congress to meet here September 22.

Gov. Meier decides not to run as independent.

Unsettled with rain. High 74, low 44 degrees.

Parade to open Gold Hill fair Saturday.

Tourist travel increase noted here.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

September 12, 1914 (It was Friday)

"Hell n' Maria" Dawes, GOP vice-presidential nominee, in Milwaukee speech flays Sen. La Follette, third party nominee, as "master demagogue."

Jackie Coogan, boy movie actor, arrives in France and Paris is thrilled.

Seventy-four Oregon towns celebrate National Defense day.

Fire nearly destroys Sisters, Ore.

Fair, High 84, low 44 degrees.

Fast races thrill crowd of 3500 at county fair.

Harry Wills, colored pugilist, defeats Luis Firpo of Argentina in New York city bout.

Los Angeles Area Slowly Sinking, Is Geologist's Claim

Los Angeles, Sept. 12.—(U.P.)—The Los Angeles harbor area, Beverly Hills, Westwood, Playa Del Rey and the southern region of Watts are slowly sinking according to Dr. U. S. Grant, professor of geology at the University of California at Los Angeles.

But it's nothing to become alarmed about, Dr. Grant said today in an article in science and the university, which explained the sinking of part of Terminal Island in 1941, though for a different reason.

Gradual settling of the earth has resulted in the sinking of the harbor area, he said, explaining that an area west of Inglewood and parts of Verdugo were rising.

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