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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

We point with pride to veteran subscribers who admit in writing, for 10, 15 and 20 years, they have been reading this column of the time on purpose.

"My wife and I had some words, but I never got a chance to use mine."—(Salinas, Kan., Journal)—Ye squelched breadwinner.

The national chairman of the Democratic party reports workers will go into the kitchens after voters, who have not registered. Here is a chance for Republican housewives to get the dishes washed, while they run down to the courthouse and change their registrations.

STORM AND STRESS ITEM (SF. Chronicle Want Ad) "WANTED—A DOGHOUSE preferably small and in bad repair; to be occupied by me indefinitely if I don't find small turn house or apt. before my wife gets here. Marin county or Marina district or equally sunny section. Couple only; probably both employed; no child nor pet."

After Hoover, Landon, and Willkie, the GOP faithful rejoice in the larynx of Gov. Dewey. Here is a candidate who barks charges in a business-like manner, without the use of charming soft-soap. He promises no happy tomorrows, government financed. When the other illustrious trio were on the air, they often felt like crawling under the radio with their hats on.

Miss Joan Robin, is working in the fruit, and has started the style of rolling up her feathers.

The army seems a little sheepish on this point. Slyly, it shies away from the title "compulsory military training" to describe the plan, and calls it "universal military training." It is not to be universal. But it is compulsory. (Klamath Falls News-Herald)—A neatly split hair.

State highways are in good shape in eastern Oregon despite the heavy traffic and lack of repairs during war time, the commission reports. No move has been made to make them perfect, by importing a battalion of western Oregon logging trucks.

MAYBE, TOO BOSSY! (Farm Journal) "PUREBRED MAN wants perm. connections Holstein (preferred) Guernsey herd; progressive breeder, testing, showing, test cows, known purebred business; new herd or old, world's best, but fairly good. Would discuss plans with you, P. O. Box 1136, Tulare, Calif."

The Nazi leaders of Germany now plan to "go underground," when their armies are defeated. The Allies have the same general idea, but with the cooperation of the undertaker.

Most of the juveniles have come home from the first day at school, enamored of a school-ma'am, and on the verge of becoming estranged from their Maws.

FLAPPER FASHIONS "The teen-ager in this era of war and Sinatra is following the pattern of yesterday's flapper. Each had her ugly unfeminine 'uniform,' a 'must' for the girl, a mystery to her mother. Each suddenly condemned her badge of belonging to a sudden death. The sloppy-joe sweater, bought six sizes too big, droopy socks, shuffler-shoe moccasins, have gone the way of all fads. Teen-agers, ready for a change, discovered that 'sloppy joes' don't do much for the figure," decided they liked prettier, tidier, more feminine clothes. The reign of the potato sack was over."—(Look Mag.)

See Mail Tribune Want Ads

Keep Your Shirt On

It is well to keep the sense of humor pretty well oiled in a presidential campaign. Otherwise the wear and tear may become a serious health impairer.

One of our subscribers, for example, who has been a reader of the Oregon Journal for many years (although he is a Willkie-Republican) nearly had a stroke yesterday when he read to us the Journal's recent endorsement of President Roosevelt.

He had cancelled his subscription, written a profane letter to the editor, and vowed he would never open the "dirty sheet" again.

He called it "journalistic prostitution" and wanted the Mail Tribune to do something about it.

"WHAT could we do?" we inquired, "this is a free country, one of our proudest boasts is a free press, the Oregon Journal, like any other newspaper, has a perfect right to support or oppose any candidate for public office it wishes."

"BUT" rejoined our apoplectic friend, "four years ago the Journal opposed Roosevelt because it claimed 12 years were TOO much, and now it is asking its readers to vote for 4 years MORE—or 16 years for that—THAT!—THAT!"

(The censor stepped in here and our irate subscriber stepped out and we trust took a cold shower and a couple of aspirin tablets before he tackled the subject again.)

BUT it just shows how allergic we all—or most all—become, during an important political campaign, to those forces, who disagree with us.

The war is a good counter-irritant this year, for it absorbs most of our emotions before we get down to the political news. But even so, there is plenty of political dynamite under the epidermis of old vox-pop and it is well to start now and build up a resistance to it.

Otherwise, as above stated, some of our most respected and estimable citizens, with the war on one side and a hot political campaign on the other, and nothing in between to hold down their choler or reduce their blood pressure, are going to explode.

And no one wants that—least of all the citizens concerned!

F. D. R. Is Endorsed-and How!

However, after our irate visitor had departed, we read the Journal indorsement of President Roosevelt for the second time, and we can see how it might well get under the skin of a reader who opposes the present administration and has not forgotten the Journal opposed it four years ago.

For it is, all in all, the weakest and flimsiest endorsement of a party or a candidate we have ever read, and we have read some extremely feeble ones.

In fact eliminating two or three sentences and any reader would conclude the Journal is really for Governor Dewey and the Republican party at heart, and giving the Democratic ticket only a perfunctory lip-service endorsement, for reasons best known to itself.

For example—we quote:

"The Journal has followed the career of Mr. Dewey with interest and frequent appreciation. He is sincere and able and as a prosecutor his record is outstanding. As Governor of New York he has cut costs and red tape and has achieved results through a harmonious and loyal organization."

Here one has, in different words Governor Dewey's own argument for his election, that if elected he will cut red-tape, replace the bickering and contentious New Deal administration with a "harmonious and loyal" one.

And again, from the same Journal plea for Roosevelt votes:

"There is much merit in charges against the New Deal, such as over centralization of administration, entrenched bureaucracy and excessive expenditures. However, an increased Republican membership in the congress should have a salutary effect upon administration of domestic affairs in the EVENT of Mr. Roosevelt's re-election!" (The exclamation point is ours).

And yet the Journal pleads for a return of this "New Deal" for four more years, and justifies it on the ground that President Roosevelt will "obviously" be handcuffed and hog-tied by a Republican and hostile congress!

NOW if our choleric visitor had suffered an apoplectic stroke over THAT extraordinary statement, instead of over the fact the Journal has changed horses in the middle of the political stream, we could better have understood it.

For there is something to get a bit excited about—it is, all in all, the most damning admission of weakness, we have ever seen in the pro-Roosevelt press—and there have been quite a variety of them since the Chicago convention.

FOR what is the Journal really maintaining? Just this:

It opposes the New Deal, it opposes Roosevelt's domestic policies, it admits the extravagance, waste, red-tape and lack of efficiency of the past 12 years and the superiority of Governor Dewey and the Republican party in these directions—yet because of the war—and ONLY because of the war—it urges its readers to saddle the country with four years more, of a program in which it does not believe, when it is apparent to everyone that its sole excuse for such a plea—the war—can't last in Europe more than a few weeks longer and probably will be over in the Far East early in the new administration! Match that if you can!

BUT here we are at the end of our column which is fortunate, for a few more cracks like that and we ourselves might forget to smile, and take such editorial mutilation, with the prescribed sense of humor!

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Sept. 20 — The sure springboards which Gen. MacArthur's men are seizing now, from which to jump into the Philippines and the simultaneous Quebec conference which was wreathed with victory smiles has made the front pages look like we can make short work of Japan.

The various routine military planning announcements here are generally based on expectations of another year. A few paragraphs from Kunming telling of our withdrawal from the huge central China front at Kweilin, due to ineffective handling of the Chinese troops, shows the difficulties involved in clearing a half-hemisphere of Japs.

Without making any pretense of special information from the Quebec meeting, it is evident that this final victory involves what the military experts are already calling a "strategic nightmare." In general it looks easy, in detail it will be hard.

THE Quebec meeting itself developed no news from admirals and generals who occupied the 700 hotel rooms and the 130 newsmen wrote nothing important. But an earlier war department statement on plans for demobilization laid out a program obviously designed to move vast quantities of our troops from Europe and this country into east Asia. This report indicated rather clearly that we intend to do the job of defeating Japan ourselves, and not rely heavily on arming the Chinese.

One negative step taken at Quebec indicated also we are not planning a single overwhelming operation as in Europe. Messrs. Roosevelt and Churchill said they did not consider combining the operations of Mountbatten in Burma, MacArthur toward the Philippines and Nimitz in the central Pacific under a single head.

Mountbatten's campaign has not been satisfactory to many military observers, and much talk of his differences in strategic thinking with Gen. Stilwell has been heard. Quebec, by avoiding action, seemed to confirm his leadership.

There are some who think Mountbatten should already have rallied a sufficient British force in India for a large scale invasion of southern China and Burma, saying this should primarily be a British undertaking because they have the base from which to launch and supply it. Such a prospective campaign might have been expected from a change of commanders, but nothing less; from Quebec has given it credence.

NOW MacArthur is bent on conquest of the Philippines, which is a gigantic undertaking in itself, but the Japanese officials publicly are expecting on their radio a direct, earlier invasion of Japan itself.

We think commonly of MacArthur and Nimitz coming up from the south to take Japan, but there are several ways in, one from our Aleutian outposts in the north or from Russia. Speculations that Russia will declare war on our side immediately after Germany has fallen are gaining wide publicity. But the Russians have only a guard force facing Manchukuo, which might not wish to undertake a winter campaign. Also the bulk of the red army will be nearly a third of the way around the globe in Germany at the end of the European war. Immediately available, even if Russia joined in, would only be bases, air and naval, from which we might operate.

SO the plain inner facts indicate we will have to do the job ourselves. Churchill, with characteristic factual humor, insisted Britain would not be deprived of the honor of killing Japs, but he mentioned his fleet and air force before land troops. The air force will be of great benefit because the fleet is reputed to be on a 1-to-3 ratio with us, a decided departure from the old 5-5 days in which our popular thinking is still grooved.

The known facts also seem to say clearly we do not intend to go chasing Japs all over east Asia. MacArthur's announced next jump into the Philippines (announced by Mr. Roosevelt) will be short, but the steps from there to the China bases, Formosa and the southern Japan islands will require another separate operation and should not await the conclusion of the Philippine seizure.

We can go any place within reach of our air force, because what is left of the Jap force is

Hurricane Survivor Rescued



Survivors of Coast Guard cutter Jackson, which sunk in last week's hurricane off Virginia coast, are transferred from wing of Coast Guard plane into rescue vessel which rushed them ashore for hospitalization. A destroyer and another Coast Guard cutter were lost in the storm with heavy loss of life.

subject to destruction by our superior power.

MY guess, therefore, is that we are heading straight for Japan as well as the Philippines and Burma; that the reinforcements released from Europe will take a couple of months to get around to Asia; that Russia cannot be of much help before spring, but particularly this—the extinction of the bulk of the Jap army strewn through northern, central and southern China must take at least a year from conclusion of the European hostilities, even if Jap power is definitely broken earlier by occupation of Japan.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer (although the use of a pen name is tolerated for publication in our miscellany). The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and conciseness.

War Powers of President

To the editor: Did you ever consider how neatly, completely and secretly the American people and Congress can be placed on a toboggan slide for a ride and be made to like it? About one year since the Soviet, British and American governments signed a treaty making a formal peace with the Italian government which made it a neutral, but in effect also an ally, as the Italian government actively cooperates by having its military forces engaged against the German forces.

The terms of the treaty mentioned are still secret as also are the terms of an alliance by which Italy actively cooperates in fighting Germany.

By using the term Armistice our Chief Executive by-passed the Senate even while according to the U. S. Constitution the Senate must give its "advice and consent" to foreign treaties.

As yet the Senate has not been asked for advice and has not given its consent to the agreements which made peace with Italy and made a working and effective alliance with the Italian government.

America, officially, is at war with Italy. Congress declared war on Italy in December 1941 in response to the President's message and as long as the U. S. is officially at war with Italy our Commander-in-Chief has vast power, for actually having entered into agreements for peace and even alliance with an "enemy" government he can, because of the declaration of war on Italy by Congress; and Congress not having given its advice nor its consent to the ending of that war the Commander-in-Chief could resume hostilities against Italy at any time he desired without asking Congress for a second or new declaration of war against Italy, in which, no doubt, Josef Stalin would agree and cooperate.

No dictator anywhere has greater power than has our American Commander-in-Chief. For this condition of national affairs I have no remedy. Have you?

W. W. TRUAX.
Medford, Sept. 19, 1944.

One of the few burying grounds only for animals is the Proctor animal cemetery in Nashua, N. H. It was established in 1929 and contains the first "Marker to an Unknown Dog," the victim of an automobile. Requests for burial in the cemetery have come from all over the nation.



Olive Barber's Observations

Now back at Hillside, I've milked my first cow. That is, if getting one quart of a two gallon supply can be rated as a milking. Of course, that's not counting the possible quart which drenched the pup, squirt by squirt. I think the pup figured his chance for getting a drink of warm milk were better if he hovered under the cow's udder than if he waited for his dish to be filled at the house. If he had no prophetic sense which told him the direction the next squirt was coming from, well he could lick himself and get a fair return. He looked cute, his black eyewinkers tipped with milk drops.

I discovered the tests of a cow's udder are like the children in a family—each needs to be handled differently. The two nearest me could be counted on to dribble a little at every other pull, though the back one had to be sort of stroked while the front one responded better to a good hard jerk. Our sons were the same way, Donald responding to a little verbal stroking while Mack needed more energetic treatment. Oh, I saw through this milking business all right; all one had to do was apply a little child psychology.

The off tests were something else again. The front one was stubborn and never did give much; just stuck out stiff and full and sort of brooded. I made a note to have it psychoanalyzed; probably got neglected during adolescence and so became introvert.

At first the back off test showed the same stubborn symptoms but snapped out of it and eventually gave almost a cup full. It might have done even better but the cow got restless so I quit milking for a time and used the fly spray gun and sprayed the cow from stem to stern. I sprayed her tail and dressed the curl on the end of it with the curry comb. I sprayed the hollow place back of her horns and the two hollow places at the base of her tail, flies favoring both these locations for their conventions and such.

I must have got some of the spray in her eyes, poor thing, for she became increasingly restless and when I went back to work on the reluctant test, it was in a sulky mood so I just walked out on it; let it suffer and see if I cared. But I'd broken a life long record—at last I'd milked a cow. Or had I?

Production of photographic film in 1943 totaled 546,000,000 square feet, an increase of 30 per cent over the 1941 total, said the War Production Board.

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OLD-AGE PENSION PLAN WILL HAVE PLACE ON BALLOT

Salem, Sept. 20—The so-called little Townsend constitutional amendment, for which completed petitions were filed in the state department here several weeks ago, will go on the ballot at the November election, the state supreme court decreed in an opinion here Tuesday.

The opinion, by Justice Hall Lusk, upheld a previous decision by Circuit Judges E. M. Page and George R. Duncan, Marion county, dismissing a suit brought by T. Lester Johnson, Sherman county district attorney, in which he sought to enjoin the secretary of state from certifying the proposed amendment to the county clerks for a place on the ballot.

Jurisdiction Denied
Lusk ruled that the court was without jurisdiction in the case and that Johnson had no right to come into Marion county to launch the suit.

Attorneys for Johnson charged that the amendment was illegal because it embraced more than one subject in violation of the state constitution. The court ruled that this constitutional provision applies only to legislative bills and not to initiatives. The supreme court opinion was handed down only three days before the deadline to certify the official ballot to the county clerks.

The amendment directs a gross income tax of from 3 to 5 per cent annually to pay a minimum annuity of \$60 a month to all qualified citizens of Oregon who have reached the age of 60 years. Persons over 18 years old who are permanently disabled or blind also are beneficiaries under the amendment.

ANTELOPE SEASON TO OPEN SEPT. 24

Oregon's first big game season of this year opens for antelope on September 24 and will extend through October 7. Plenty of antelope tags are still available for sale at the Portland office of the game commission the fees being \$2.50 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. In making application for a tag, a person should forward the correct fee and information as to the number and kind of hunting license held.

All of the antelope range is open to hunting with certain exceptions. The Drakes Flat area and the Millican Fort Rock-Wagon area are closed. Descriptions and maps of these areas are included in the 1944 synopsis of hunting regulations. The Hart Mountain antelope refuge also remains closed to antelope hunting.

In 1943 the disabling accident rate in the explosives and ammunition plants in the central states area was 77 per cent lower than the nationwide industry rate.

Daily Weather Report

Forecast
Medford and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness tonight and showers Thursday. Little change in temperature. Oregon: Showers extreme north portion today and tonight with showers spreading into southwest portion Thursday. Little change in temperature.

Local Data	High	Low	Prev.
Temperature a year ago today:			
Highest 94, lowest 49.			
Total monthly precipitation, T. Deficiency for the month, 33 inch.			
Total precipitation since September 1, 1944, 1. Deficiency for the season, 33 inch.			
Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday, 13%; 4:30 a. m. today, 67%.			
Tomorrow			
Sunrise 6:37 a. m., sunset 7:11 p. m.			
Past 24 hours	High	Low	Prev.
Boise	66	47	—
Boston	65	63	70
Chicago	68	66	73
Denver	74	48	—
Eureka	77	46	—
Havre	66	52	61
Los Angeles	75	50	—
Medford	69	59	—
New York	70	—	—
Omaha	80	64	—
Phoenix	88	66	—
Portland	62	78	—
Reno	73	35	—
Roseburg	69	48	—
Salt Lake	69	48	—
San Francisco	66	49	—
Seattle	69	59	—
Spokane	63	49	62
Washington, D. C.	72	70	96
Yakima	66	52	69

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
September 20, 1934
(It was Thursday)
Bernard Richard Hauptmann, 35, unemployed Bronx carpenter, arrested as Lindbergh kidnaper suspect. Part of ransom money recovered after passed by Hauptmann. Police say mystery is solved.

Three incendiary fires in Sterling district controlled.

Hornbrook, Cal., hit by costly blaze.

Fair, High 87, low 45 degrees.

Barletts sell on eastern markets for \$3.04 per box, highest price of season.

Crater Lake Park concessions closed for season; park still open.

Dolph and Dwight Phipps first local hunters to kill deer.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
September 20, 1924
(It was Saturday)

William A. White noted Kansas editor, opens fight on Ku Klux Klan.

O. O. Alenderfer agrees to run for mayor.

Army world girdlers arrive at El Paso.

Cloudy, probable rain. High 60, low 37 degrees.

Chamber of Commerce caravan attends Josephine county fair.

Delegation of Massachusetts business men traveling on train to be entertained here Tuesday.

First snow of year fell at Crater Lake Thursday night, but is now melted.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
September 20, 1910
(It was Saturday)

President Taft following an interview with Col. Teddy Roosevelt, shows open opposition to Teddy's request for say in administration policies.

Salary of Prof. P. J. O'Garra hired as orchard inspector by county held up.

Jackson county indebtedness has increased \$50,000 in past two years.

Wilton Lackaye at Medford theater soon in "The Battle."

WRITES 35-FOOT LETTER
Kansas City, Mo.—(U.P.)—Miss Dorothy Gaddis of Kansas City recently wrote a letter 36 feet long and containing 7200 words to a friend overseas. The letter to Pvt. Sam Guercio required five days to write.

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