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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The first Dewey-Bricker campaign button showed up locally in mid-week. It was on the coat lapel of a 12-Y.I.E.D. (12 years is enough, democrat.)

Autumn was ushered in at 9:02 P.M. eve. The name of the usher was not revealed by the weatherman.

G. Averill, the former B. Falls sea-dog, armed with the trusty sapling, he thinks is a cane, came in from the suburbs to get his clock. He averred he could make a new one in the time it takes to fix an old one.

New autos are due next year. They will have a lot of fancy dodads. Like the pre-war cars, they will pay for themselves in six months, but never do it.

The government as yet has no plan cooked up for the control of Germany when victory and surrender comes. One way would be to turn the persecuted peoples of conquered lands, and the kin of massacred thousands loose on the "sacred soil," and have the MPs look the other way.

Though the woods were full of hunters, including a few from here, not a movement behind a California bush was shot the first week of the deer season.

The mornings have been quite chilly causing a decided drift of the sockless feminine set to the sunny side of the street.

The Vice-President, fully recovered from the Chicago convention, where he was accidentally stabbed in the back, in his first stump speech Thurs. feared a "Hoover panic." Others fear all the little pigs will be killed and every third row plowed under.

Skunks are reported quite plentiful in some rural regions. They are kittens, gentlemen, and law-abiding, until mentioned in the same breath with Herr Hitler. It irks them to have Adolf called a skunk.

Grade kids started to school last Mon. One little girl reported she had not had her fashionable pig-tail hair-do pulled, and was disappointed. Teen-age girls are wearing rolled up overalls, and cowboys shirts with the tail unfurled. Hollywood stuff!

Leaves have started to fall. It will not be long until they cluster up the lawns faster than the Old Girls can make their men-folks rake them up.

The pear season is now at its peak. Not a one of the dire would happen to them, have things horticulturists feared would happen to them, have come to pass.

E. Kubli of the Applegate townied in mid-week. He had a great hustle and bustle on—practically all hustle.

The B. Tornado scrunched weed Fri. eve in the first grid tussle of the season, and all did noble.

Unslightly woodpiles adorn the residential areas. Many are faced with the war time problem of getting the fuel into the woodshed.

H. Dunn, the former qb. and ss. now of Central P. finished harvesting his onions last week, and had a good crop. He hears there is a shortage of same.

This week John Mann has been at his store 34 years. When he opened up the Nash Grill orchestra played from 3 to 5.

Salinas, Cal. Sept. 23—(U.P.)—Testimony in the murder trial of Mrs. Frances Andrews, charged with slaying 19-year-old farmboy Jay Lovett, will begin Monday as the prosecution presents its case in an attempt to prove that the defendant shot and killed the boy because of jealousy.

Local Extension Service

As far as the local Experiment Stations are concerned, and the work the county agents are doing, we can't here in southern Oregon, see the forest because of the trees.

In other words most of us,—including the present writer,—are so close to the extension work and so accustomed to it, that we fail to realize how important it all is, and how essential to our material well being. It is probably not much of an exaggeration to maintain that had these stations never been established and this horticultural and agricultural research and experimentation never been done, instead of the products of our soil being worth \$20,000,000 the total would not exceed \$2,000,000.

TWO weeks ago representatives of the Extension Service at Corvallis, accompanied by members of the Extension committee of the State Board of Higher Education, visited Medford, and spent two days inspecting the County Agent's and Experiment station's work in this section of the state.

Here is the official report of this visit written by Mr. Mack Hoke, of Pendleton, chairman of the committee, which we believe will be of genuine interest to the people particularly showing how a student of agricultural problems, from a distant section of the state, views the local work:

The Medford Branch Station

The committee visited the Medford branch station for several hours September 7 and saw how the problems of the pear growers are being solved there. This station is working on the reduction of cost of production through improved irrigation and fertility practices. It has obtained remarkable results through lighter pruning of Bosc pears, greatly increasing yields and thus reducing production costs.

The pear industry transcends other enterprises in Jackson county, with more than 400 growers engaged in it on some 10,000 acres of orchard. The estimated income this year is from 8 to 10 million dollars, which certainly justifies all the attention being given the industry by the Experiment station and Extension service. Pear growers follow the results at the station closely.

Southern Oregon Branch Station at Talent

At the Southern Oregon Branch Station which we visited September 8 we found Dr. Reimer working successfully to eliminate pear tree fire blight through the use of Chinese resistant root stocks. He is improving pear color through spraying and eliminating russeting by using a new material, formate, as a scab spray. Dr. Reimer also appears to have developed a blight resistant tomato which yields excellent fruit for canning at the proper season. This is an outstanding accomplishment following years of research.

This station is also conducting field crop research on a new tract nearby, testing different varieties and cultural practices with alfalfa, corn, soy beans and other crops, and trying out fertilizers designed to overcome the effects of excess spray residue in soils.

Jackson County Extension Work

In Jackson County we had opportunity to see principal phases of the Emergency Farm Labor program as conducted by the Extension service for the second season. Service observed included local recruitment and placement, Mexican mobile camps, placement of transient workers, and training pear packers.

We were advised that, for the state as a whole, 176,000 placements were made in 1943, and that the numbers placed this year will be much greater. We found enthusiastic acceptance of this Extension activity by the fruit growers, livestock men and farmers generally.

In Jackson county we also heard of the excellent work of the county agent in promoting the dairy industry which has grown with the introduction of ladino clover as an irrigated pasture plant. The county now has 13,000 dairy cows. Here too, 3000 acres of Bartlett pears were pruned by methods determined best by the Medford branch station with an estimated increase in production of 30 per cent. The Extension men also demonstrated better methods of pruning peaches, resulting in an average expansion from 300 to 1000 acres returning \$600,000 this year.

Work Is Appreciated

The committee had an opportunity to meet and converse with farmers and homemakers in all the counties visited. Their attitude toward the experiment station and Extension activities is highly pleasing. They speak in enthusiastic terms of their local leaders and they point to the great accomplishments of greater production at lower costs as justification for the expenditure being made for all such activities.

Staff members are devoting long hours to carry on their normal activities and to make the large contribution to the emergency war food program. It is estimated that the war emergency programs have added about 35 per cent more work to the county extension staffs.

The committee commends highly the fine spirit of helpfulness and cooperation between those in the field of research and those in Extension. With the excellent leadership and cooperation so evident at the college, we feel that the future of these activities is well assured.

The Yellow Streak

The bully always has a yellow streak or he wouldn't be a bully. For a bully is one who hurts or browbeats smaller and weaker people, but never mixes with those of his own size, if it can be helped.

When it can't be helped, and the bully is forced to tackle someone his own size he invariably quits and squawks,—he can dish it out, he can't take it.

THE essential spirit of both the Nazi and Nippon armies has been this bully spirit. Against weaker or even defenseless foes, as during the first invasion of France and the conquest of the Philippines, the soldiers of Hitler and Hirohito were very brave and tough. But now that the tide has turned, there are innumerable reports of varied and assorted yellow streaks developing.

In Europe it is reliably reported Nazis are surrendering voluntarily at the rate of 2000 a day. In the South Pacific, the Japs still prefer suicide to surrender, but the hardy, fearless, conquering spirit of the early days of Bataan, is said to be declining steadily, and in some of the smaller engagements has been completely absent.

THE end of the war is still far in the distance. But this lack of spiritual stamina in the enemy forces,—which is really a product of the complete absence of moral stamina,—is cheering in one direction: when the final break does come the end will follow soon thereafter.

When the going gets tough the bully quits quick!

RECONVERSION TO PEACE, WAR'S END HELD MAIN NEED

Claims 'Falsehoods' Against Hun — Says Dictator's Technique Used.

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Mr. Roosevelt said, "a formal plan for the method of speedy discharge from the army had already been announced by the war department—a plan based upon the wishes of the soldiers themselves."

The president accused the Republicans of using "the propaganda technique invented by the dictators" according to which "you should never use a small falsehood; always a big one."

Mr. Roosevelt listed a number of tasks facing the country:

1. "There is the task of finishing victoriously this most terrible of all wars as speedily as possible and with the least cost of lives.

2. "And there is the task which we face here at home—the task of reconverting our economy from the purposes of war to the purposes of peace."

"These peace-building tasks were faced once before, nearly a generation ago," he told the Teamsters and a nation-wide radio audience. "They were botched by a Republican administration. This must not happen this time. We will not let it happen this time."

Mr. Roosevelt made a strong defense of his wartime economic policy, pointing particularly to the post-war situation in which he said "the keynote of all that we propose to do in reconversion can be found in the one word—'jobs.'"

Mr. Roosevelt assailed as "ridiculous" . . . campaign falsifications on the part of the Republicans, a charge that "this administration failed to prepare for the war which was coming."

Mentions Goebbels

"I doubt whether even Goebbels would have dared think one," he went on to say, adding a counterfactual against the Republican party, charging that "many of the Republican leaders in the congress and outside the congress tried to thwart and block nearly every attempt which this administration made to warn our people and to arm this nation."

Republican attacks had descended to "my little dog, Fala," he continued, accusing "Republican leaders" of spreading "worm-eaten" . . . malicious falsehoods" about him.

"But we all recognize the old technique," he said to the audience of about 900 AFL Teamsters union representatives at a Statler hotel dinner.

"The people of this country know the past too well to be deceived into forgetting. Too much is at stake to forget. There are tasks ahead of us which we must now complete with the same will and skill and intelligence and devotion which have already led us so far on the road to victory."

Mr. Roosevelt started in at the outset with an attack on the Republican campaign which had thus far been outlined primarily by Dewey, remarking that the fact that he was "four years older" seemed "to annoy some people."

He said that people who have deprecated the accomplishments of labor as "unpatriotic" for three years and six months have "suddenly discovered" now that "votes are at stake" that "they really love labor and are eager to protect it from its old friends."

Gets Laugh

"I got quite a laugh," the president said, over a plank in the Republican platform accepting the "purposes" of the national labor relations act, the wage and hour act and the social security act.

He went on to characterize Republican opposition to these statutes as "a fair example of their insincerity and of their inconsistency."

He derided the Republican party for attempting to "persuade" the American people that the Democratic party was responsible for the 1929 depression and that "the Republican party was responsible for all social progress under the New Deal."

"Imitation may be the sincerest form of flattery—but I am afraid that in this case it is the most obvious common or garden variety form of fraud," the president observed.

Mr. Roosevelt accused his "opponents" of having "imported" into the campaign the propaganda technique invented by the dictators abroad.

"You should never use a small falsehood," he said in describing that technique, "always a big one, for its very fantastic nature will make it more credible—if only you keep repeating it over and over again."

"Hitler Pattern"

He attributed to the Republicans two propaganda lines demonstrating the Hitler pattern:

1. That the nation was saved not from a Republican depres-

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sion, but from a Democratic depression.

2. That the administration policy was to keep men in the army when the war is over because there might be no civilian jobs for them.

In the first place, the president said, "if he were a Republican leader 'the last word in the whole dictionary that I think I would use is the word 'depression.'"

Of the second charge—which he called a "callous and brazen falsehood about demobilization" in "an effort to stimulate fear among American mothers, wives and sweethearts,"—the president said:

"The very day that this fantastic charge was first made, a formal plan for the method of speedy discharge from the army had already been announced by the war department—a plan based upon the wishes of the soldiers themselves."

CHINA WILL AID STATE INDUSTRY

Salem, Ore., Sept. 23—(U.P.)—One of the greatest opportunities ever afforded Oregon industries will be the demands of China for goods after the war is over, a report released today by Gov. Earl Snell's post-war readjustment commission, indicated today.

Quoting "Chinese sources," the report said that 2,300,000,000 feet of lumber will be needed for shelters in China with 100,000 tons of hardware and an unestimable amount of cement.

China will need 1,200,000 tons of white wheat flour immediately after the war. The report said it cost more to transport wheat from one end of the country to the other than it did from the Columbia river to Shanghai.

ROLE OF SOLOMON FACED BY JUDGE

Hollywood, Sept. 23—(U.P.)—Blonde Toni St. John tonight made up a shopping list of \$100 worth of booties and blankets and other such things for her unborn baby with Cowboy Actor Rod Cameron ordered to foot the bill.

Whether Cameron is the father is another thing to be decided at a later date, however, Judge Goodwin J. Knight ruled.

"I'd have to be another King Solomon to decide this case," Judge Knight said after hearing testimony that many male visitors were seen in Miss St. John's exclusive Sunset Towers apartment.

Communications

Mercury, Saturn and Jupiter To the Editor:

In regard to the planets that the astronomer tells us will be near together now, I do not think Mercury can be seen from this valley, when Morning Star, at any time, as it is beyond the mountains.

But as Evening Star, Mercury can be seen most any time when the almanac says Mercury is "full" at dusk in the evening.

Over along the east edge of the valley, east of Medford, at the east end of Spring street and the "Red Top" school—north and south from there Mercury can be seen most any time when it is "full."

As Mercury "sets" before the "dark" does, it is not very bright, but is plainly visible and is flame color.

Also the great planet Saturn is now plainly visible as Morning Star in the east, and quite bright. In six or eight weeks it will get around to be Evening Star.

And at that time the "Big God" of the Ancients will be Morning Star again. The ancient Greeks called Jupiter the "Big God."

Edwin Shipley, Sardine Creek.

DEWEY EXPECTED TO REPLY TO F.R. IN TALK MONDAY

GOP Nominee Hopeful After Western Tour; Real Talks In October.

Aboard Dewey Special Campaign Train, Sept. 23—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey sped east tonight after a whirlwind campaign through 11 politically important states whose combined electoral votes will be a major factor in his bid for the presidency.

As the GOP nominee boarded his special train for the return trip home from Los Angeles, he appeared confident of victory in November and was reported "more than optimistic" at results of his drive through the western and Pacific Coast states.

Dewey will deliver only one major speech on the trip east—in Oklahoma City Monday night—but his associates say it will be "full of fight." He may take the opportunity to reply to President Roosevelt, who formally opens his campaign tonight.

The New York governor spent 22 days consulting with republican leaders and representatives of labor, farmers, cattlemen and businessmen in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Michigan, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California. His purpose was to organize the groups behind his campaign and at the same time gather material for future speeches. The states have a total of 131 electoral votes and many are considered "doubtful".

Dewey's major argument in six nationwide speeches and numerous back platform appearances have been "it's time for a change." He argued the Roosevelt administration had failed to solve the nation's problems despite more power and more money than any previous administration in history.

At Philadelphia the governor charged the democratic administration planned to keep men in the army because they had no program for providing postwar jobs. He discussed foreign policy at Louisville, labor at Seattle, challenged the "indispensable man" issue at Portland, discussed the relationship between the government and the people at San Francisco and last night, at Los Angeles, he offered a five point social program.

Dewey's associates said he has been saving more potent arguments for October and will throw everything he has into the campaign. While he intends to wage a bitter campaign, he says it will in no way interfere with the war effort but will serve notice on Germany and Japan that "readily free men can fight even harder."

ALL 3 FIGHTNER SONS IN SERVICE

All three sons of Carl Fichtner of 613 South Holly street are now in the armed forces, the last to enter the service being Earl, a 1939 graduate of Medford high who was inducted into the army on August 15. He had been employed in the Swan Island shipyards in Portland.

T-4 Warren Fichtner is in the army and stationed in the Southwest Pacific, and Clyde Fichtner, gunner's mate third class, is stationed at Treasure Island where he is an instructor in chemical warfare.

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 24, 1934 (It Was Tuesday)

Verne Van Dyke lost on hunting trip on Upper Elk Creek is found by searchers.

Sunday was coldest September day here in history, with a low of 46 degrees.

Snow falls in southern Oregon hills.

Grand jury told Bernard R. Hauptmann, Lindbergh kidnap suspect, given ransom money.

Partly cloudy and cool. High 50, low 46 degrees.

Sturdy tomato plant will be produced here, following studies by Prof. Reimer.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY September 24, 1924 (It Was Wednesday)

Fans of land excited by close races in both the American and National leagues, with both New York teams battling it out with Brooklyn and Cleveland for the honors.

Electric power breaks down and Mail Tribune is late.

Unsettled, probable rain. High 69, low 38 degrees.

Salem is hit by cloudburst and hail storm.

Scarlet fever now prevalent in county.

Attendance as senior high school gains, and new teacher hired.

Emigrant Dam now ready for the winter rains.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY September 24, 1910 (It Was Sunday)

Pioneers of county hold reunion at Jacksonville and C. C. Beckman, banker, gave the address of welcome.

Fifty per cent of vote in Jackson county is cast at primary election Friday.

Cong. Hawley defeats Atty. B. F. Mulkey of Medford for congress. Mulkey was endorsed by Sen. Bob LaFollette of Wisconsin.

Gasoline famine in city ends when carload arrives from Portland.

Large crowd sees Buffalo Bill Wild West show yesterday.

BIG BRUSH FIRE

Ventura Cal., Sept. 23—(U.P.)—An uncontrolled brush fire tonight had burned 1000 acres in the Foster Park area nine miles north of here and temporarily threatened 50 homes at Casitas Springs.

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