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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Finish the Job!

Seventy per cent of the \$37,500 quota for the Medford Community Chest and National War Fund has been raised. While the progress of the campaign thus far is generally encouraging it is a disturbing fact that MORE than 70 per cent of the people have already been approached. The need for added public generosity—larger contributions—is a matter of simple arithmetic.

To fail in this task of filling the Chest is, of course, unthinkable. The goal of this drive is actually the rock bottom sum needed to keep our own Community Chest agencies in business and to meet the carefully budgeted requirements of the National War Fund organizations.

HERE we have the typically American way of maintaining long established community organizations so vital to health and general welfare of folks at home while, at the same time, extending a sympathetic and neighborly hand to our Allies and cheer to our own fighting men and prisoners in foreign camps. Here we have 36 different "drives" all rolled into one. A single contribution takes care of 36 separate and inescapable wartime calls upon the pocketbook of every good American citizen.

THE local chest campaign has been well organized and executed. Since house-to-house solicitation is essential to a thoroughly comprehensive drive these calls should be made at once. Twenty-six women are now on the job; at least twenty more solicitors for this "clean up" of residential areas are needed at once. Those who can help should call the Community Chest office now. The address is 123 West Main; the telephone 5588.

DOWN town solicitors who have not completed their calls should do so without delay. And another thing: In order to put the campaign "over the top" last year it was necessary to call again upon a few of the larger contributors for increased donations. This is not the best procedure and should not be followed this year. A few of the larger givers have reduced their pledges this year, possibly in anticipation of a return call. We hope that, in these few cases, the great need for a full Chest this year will prompt additional voluntary gifts at least in line with last year's donations.

If all the people are given the opportunity to contribute this year and the Chest quota is not attained it will mean the curtailment of vitally needed community programs at home; the defaulting in our obvious wartime responsibilities to our fighting men and our Allies. The simple, sensible Community Chest plan of a single campaign to raise money for many causes is also at stake.

Of course, we must not fail. The Chest must be filled without delay. Let's roll up our sleeves and finish the job—NOW.—H.G.

Study the Ballot Now!

There is one danger in a presidential election, namely: that the people become so interested in the national contest they fail to study state and local issues.

With the presidential contest between President Roosevelt and Governor Dewey so dramatic and close, this danger is more serious than usual this year.

For there are a number of extremely important tax measures coming up for decision,—if they should all be voted down no serious harm would be done,—and it would be a shame if some of the more destructive measures should pass by default.

That often happens where the proper public interest is not aroused. For the proponents of such crackpot legislation always go to the polls in force while the rank and file are inclined to pass them by.

The Mail Tribune will, as usual, print its recommendations shortly before election, regarding men and measures, but what we urge today is STUDY,—careful examination of the voters' pamphlets, and sample ballots. Don't blindly take anyone else's judgment—including this newspaper's—figure it out with whatever assistance you may need—for YOURSELF!

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer through the use of a pen name as initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and conciseness.

The Experienced Rooster

To the editor: A few days ago I advised on a safe bet. I am sorry I overlooked the importance; besides that, conditions have changed. I am now a four vote Republican. My wife says she will vote my ticket, and she has persuaded a neighbor's wife to vote with her, as she was going to vote the other ticket her vote will count double, when the ballots are counted. Therefore, I say hold everything, until we can see what this experience thing, adds up to.

Our boys have raised a fine gamecock, just like the "Shenley" picture; and have challenged the neighbor boys, winner to take all.

Believing in the good neighbor policy, (like helping the Japs to get gas and old iron) I went over to help neighbor select from his common barnyard flock a specimen that could at least put up a good show (like Pearl Harbor). He had some very fine young roosters hatched early, and well fed, but he kept looking around for something better.

There's one thing China isn't acutely short of: Praise for her heroic holding on in the face of a tragic scarcity of everything else.—(Pendleton East Oregonian).—Soft-soap butters no pancakes.

One of the metropolitan dailies editorially discusses "Our Aging Automobiles". No comment is made on the painful fact none of the drivers of same are getting any younger.

Ryukyu Industrial City Blasted



Planes from Pacific Fleet strike devastating blows at industrial area of Haha City, Okinawa Island, in the Ryukyu chain south of Japan. Burning warehouses and ships prove accuracy of Navy bombers. U. S. Navy photo.

"Meanies" Operate Black Market in Christmas Toys

(Copyright, 1944, by United Press)
"The meanies" men in the world, are operating a lively and growing black market in Christmas toys, a United Press survey showed today.

Though bitterly assailed by the toy industry and reputable retail merchants and prohibited by the Office of Price Administration, there appeared to be no way of halting the commercial exploitation of the Christmas spirit.

Large numbers of second hand dealers, particularly in New York and Chicago, are selling the "big present" toys such as pedal-propelled automobiles, tricycles and roller skates at three and even four times their prices when new.

Spokesmen for the toy industry said they understood the same conditions prevailed generally through the country and feared they would grow worse as Christmas neared.

A manager of the toy department of one of the east's largest and most reputable retail establishments showed his pre-war books. His stock of tricycles was complete and the very best one sold for \$29.94 in the large size, but he had others that also were chain-driven with coaster brakes, pneumatic tires, and electric light and horn for \$27.50. Ordinary tricycles sold for \$4.95 to \$7.95, according to size. Doll buggies averaged around \$10 and he sold a fire truck with head and tail lights for \$3.35.

Prices High
In New York all the metal toys completely absent in the legitimate retail trade were for sale in practically any of the many small cycle shops. There was a chain-driven tricycle in good condition but well used for \$50 in one shop and another had a collection of them in no better condition priced from \$50 to \$75. Direct pedal-drive tricycles ranged from \$22 to \$40 and those priced at less than \$30 were old and wobbly. Doll carriages, "re-built and repainted," were available for \$20 and a red fire truck—the somewhat faded red of the original paint job—was priced at \$35. A pedal-automobile "only three years old" could be had at \$20.

In Chicago, sidewalk bicycles for small children which cost \$25 three years ago were offered for \$42.50 after being "re-built." Others were available at \$55. One second hand store offered a tricycle that cost \$8 when new for \$13 although its wheels were wobbly and its tires worn.

MARY J. BABCOCK PASSES IN SALEM
Mary J. Babcock passed away at a hospital in Salem, Ore., Oct. 18. Mrs. Babcock was born in Missouri, on March 18, 1863. She came to Oregon when she was about two months old, her parents making the trip in a wagon train.

In 1880 she was married to James Gentry. Mr. Gentry passed away about 30 years ago. She later married Hugh Babcock at Bend, Ore.

Mrs. Babcock leaves four sons, George R. Babcock, of Klamath Falls; Reuben Gentry, Pilot Rock, Ore.; Wayne Gentry, Seattle, Wash.; Ben Gentry, Baker, Ore.; and one daughter, Mrs. Edna Sheperdson, Tacoma, Wash., and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Perl Funeral home Wednesday at 2 p. m. The Rev. Louis C. Kirby of the First Methodist church will officiate and interment will be in Siskiyou Memorial Park.

Servicemen Meet — Jack F. Helman, ART 2/c, and Bob Hanlin, SK 1/c, recently met in Pearl Harbor according to word received by Helman's mother, Mrs. J. H. Helman, 420 Pearl street. Helman has been stationed at Pearl Harbor since May and young Hanlin, stationed on an aircraft carrier, was in port for about a month. Hanlin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hanlin, 1016 East Jackson boulevard. Helman wrote that the two were able to meet frequently and enjoyed the meetings very much.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses and beautiful floral offerings in our recent bereavement of our father and husband, Mrs. George Weeks and children.

Closing time for Classified ads 9 p. m. — Too Late to Classify, 12:30 p. m. — Please remember.

The Crossley Poll
4th Term Principal Issue Among Dewey Voters

By Archibald M. Crossley
Dewey voters in the pivotal states give as the greatest single reason for their choice their disapproval of a fourth term. In general, the reasons selected as the most important reflect disapproval of continuing the present administration. At the start of the Republican campaign, a sample of the electorate appeared to be less concerned with post-war jobs and prosperity than with other things.

Table showing % of Total Dewey Voters for various issues: 1. Against fourth term (20.4%), 2. To reduce spending and taxation (19.4%), 3. For better appointments and better management (18.2%), etc.

The issue of the fourth term assumes relatively greater importance when analyzed by 1940 vote. Of those who voted for Roosevelt in 1940 and are shifting to Dewey, the fourth term accounts for 24%, compared with 19% for the Willkie voters for Dewey, who were more concerned with spending and taxation.

Table showing 4th Term Taxation Managm't Spending Appointm't for various groups: Men (19, 23, 17), Women (22, 17, 17), Voters under 30 (22, 21, 15), etc.

Among the lesser reasons, the following comparisons are interesting: Women Dewey voters are more concerned than men with keeping away from foreign problems, and with presidential power. Men Dewey voters, on the other hand, are more concerned with jobs and prosperity and with political rackets.

CAR CLUB WEEK IS ENDORSED BY PRICE DIRECTOR

Portland — Emphasizing the critical situation developing in Oregon's supply of private passenger cars, McDannell Brown, Portland district director of the office of price administration, today enthusiastically endorsed Governor Earl Snell's action in designating the week of October 23 to 30 as "Form a Car Club Week."

"Automobiles aren't like most other rationed commodities," Brown declared. "Even though they're rationed we are constantly growing more sugar and raising more beef, but with automobiles it's different. We started out with a national supply of 500,000 new automobiles in the hands of dealers and manufacturers plus 27 million cars running on the highways. This has now dwindled to a mere 30,000 new automobiles and 24 million cars on the road. And the important thing to remember is that no new cars are being manufactured nor will there be any until the German war, at least is over."

Brown further pointed out that an early end to the German war would still not help out the situation so far as gasoline is concerned.

"Actually," he declared, "an early end to the German war would permit an all-out effort to finish the Pacific war. This would throw the entire allied war effort on the Pacific coast and westward. There is every possibility that gasoline shortages might become even greater in this particular area when that occurs."

MINER FOUND DEAD IN TENT

Frank Risco, about 80, was found dead in his tent in Miller's Gulch, about three miles north of Gold Hill, yesterday by John Angur, his closest neighbor who lives about two miles away. He had lived in the area about 14 years.

Risco, a mining prospector, who died sometime Friday or Saturday, had no known relatives. State police notified the coroner's office who went for the body yesterday afternoon.

Funeral services will be held at Conger-Morris Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon.

Holystone is the soft sandstone block sailors use to scour and scrub wooden decks. It received its name, says Ships magazine, because sailors are always on their knees when using it.

Relief At Last For Your Cough

Cremulson relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Cremulson with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you pay to have your money back.

CREMULSON For Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

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

October 23, 1934 (It Was Tuesday)
British aviators win speed marathon from Melbourne to London. Jean Picard and wife after flight to stratosphere land unhurt on Ohio farm.

Josiah G. Hibbard, Butte Falls, is named foreman of new grand jury.

State convention of WCTU opens here tonight with a banquet.

Unsettled with rain. High 55, low 43 degrees.

Medford to play Klamath Falls here next Saturday.

Census shows attendance at rural schools of county declines 25 pupils over last year.

President Roosevelt asks bankers to loan more liberally.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

October 23, 1924 (It Was Thursday)
President Coolidge in New York address declares "future of nation lies in free enterprise and initiative of the people."

Rainy and cooler. High 69, low 45 degrees. Precip. .64 of an inch.

Pekin is captured by Chinese rebels.

Houdini, famed magician to appear at armory November 1.

New Redwood highway route is opened that eliminates Gasquet hill.

Nearly two-thirds of city debt has been paid.

Medford and Grants Pass clash here Saturday in southern Oregon title game.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

October 23, 1910 (It Was Sunday)
County gains ten millions in taxable valuation.

Dr. Crippen, London doctor, found guilty of murder.

John C. Mann returns from trip to Chicago.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

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