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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

All week the weather matched the most plentiful cigarette brand—Kool.

Thanksgiving comes Thurs. Some declare they will be thankful, if the oncoming session of the legislature quits when it is supposed to.

Everybody is guessing about Herr Hitler. He is either in hiding, a hospital, or Hell.

The sunshine has revived golfing, and daily many are at the links getting ozone on the hoof, as Lyle (Old Codger) Fisher, 83, says. He gets his exercise by plain walking, without golfing.

Hog-killing is the order of the day in many rural regions. Several epicureans boast they have eaten pig-backbones, from which the meat had not been sandpapered.

The Aubrey Norris boy John, has a new cousin.

Ed Kubli, the Applegate cowman towned Thurs. and right off jaywalked across the street contrary to the city ordinance, without getting caught.

The Spatz boys shipped 20 bars of apples last week, the first in many moons from this vicinity. They blossomed overnight into up & coming Apple Kings.

The police report some of the small fry around here are due for some more frying, if they don't watch out.

The President is alleged to have used a naughty word on election day, when a voting machine wouldn't work, and protests and denials have been filed. Other Americans also cussed when they saw pictures in a weekly magazine (Newsweek), of vote buying in a Chicago precinct, that went 4 to 1 Democratic. The camera has not yet been called a liar.

Frosts the past week put a kibosh on many pastures, and some stockmen have started feeding their hay shortage to their beef shortage.

The duck hunting season is about a month old, and as yet no hunter has been shot for one.

Travel by auto is at a low ebb. A rural resident whose oldest boy piled a cord of fireplace wood three feet from a road, reports not a stick is missing.

Snow fell during the week in the high hills. Older Girls have started demanding some in the valley for a "white Christmas."

The Grey Mask, before a large congregation at the Armory Thurs. eve, scrunched his foe again, and is still a mystery. The noggin-cracking will be held again this week, and search for a human billy-goat to conquer him continues.

Colds are the order of the day, and many of the populace have them.

Tom Fuson got a letter from his boy Tom in France last week, who stated he had run across Dr. Eddie Durno, also of here, in the same area.

Now that the shooting has subsided, the C. Pheasants have regained their nerve and are again eating with the farmers' chickens, after eating up his crops all last summer.

The master-race now threatens to bomb America with rockets, Stockholm reports, and Washington fears. As yet this has not scared the daylight out of any great number.

The electric motor was invented by Thomas Davenport, born in Williamstown, Vt., in 1802. He also created the first model of an electrically-driven car.

Thanksgiving for Soldiers

Thursday will be Thanksgiving Day—a real day for giving thanks this year with eventual victory certain and the threat to our homes thrown back across the seas. True, many firesides will lack the usual cheer of this day, with more than 5,000 Jackson county sons and fathers on distant battle-fronts fighting to preserve such American traditions as Thanksgiving Day for years to come.

There are, however, guests among us—soldiers at Camp White—who will not be home to see Mom baste the roasted turkey and prepare tasty tid-bits, and watch Dad wielding the carving knife and serving with kindly care the particular morsels most enjoyed by every member of the family. They will miss the friendly faces of loved ones; the homey chatter of brothers and sisters.

TRUE, a special Thanksgiving Day dinner will be served at Camp White but the mess hall is a far cry from home and fireside. The U.S.O. has thoughtfully planned to give these boys the next thing—a chance to enter Medford and Rogue River Valley homes and share the holiday with families here. Of course, upon this day when home ties are first in mind, we must open our hearts and homes to these service men—let them taste a real home-cooked Thanksgiving dinner and enjoy the pleasant atmosphere of our homes.

ENTHUSIASM for this plan should spill out into every corner of the Rogue River Valley. An invitation to our homes is a small gesture, indeed, but will mean much to homesick men and boys a long way from their own firesides. An evening Thanksgiving dance at the U.S.O. will top off a pleasant day for your guest so entertainment later in the evening will not be expected.

A telephone call to the U.S.O. and your invitation will be extended to a service man.—H.G.

6th Bond Drive Starts

Victory is still a long way off. Those who might question this statement should read Under-Secretary of War Robert Patterson's sobering article in the current issue of Collier's. Even after we beat Germany—and that is proving no easy task—we will have the Japs to conquer. This highly qualified writer finds nothing to support the notion that Japan will be a pushover, despite our successful landing in the Philippines and our brilliant naval victories.

THOSE who do not believe that Japan will be a "tough nut" to crack after V-Day in Europe and feel that we can soon blast the Nipponese off the map should consider these facts:

The Japanese fleet is still formidable and a menace to large scale amphibious operations. At the present time, Japan is producing aircraft at a rate far greater than the allied destruction of her planes.

The Japanese army is bigger and stronger today than it was when the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor. The Japanese industrial machine, backed by accumulated stock piles of strategic raw materials and bolstered by millions of slave laborers, is still formidable.

Geography serves this enemy as a powerful ally, curbing the effectiveness of our aerial superiority and rendering the supply job of a full-scale assault extremely difficult. It is the age-old military problem of logistics. Japan's shipping lanes become shorter as we attempt to penetrate her inner defenses.

YES, to expect victory soon is to count our chickens before they are hatched. To assure and hasten this victory we must build more and more ships, tanks and guns—and it will cost money to foot the bills. That is why the Sixth War Loan Drive, which opens here and throughout the nation tomorrow, should receive the immediate and generous support of every loyal and enlightened citizen.

FOURTEEN billion dollars must be raised during this drive. It sounds like a lot of money, but American income and bank deposits can nicely meet this urgent call. Our response to this War Loan campaign should measure up to the gallantry and sacrifice of our fighting men. They are called upon to GIVE their lives; We are asked only to LOAN our money—put every cent we can in the safest, surest investment in the world. Along with this request goes the opportunity to bolster our individual finances against possible economic crisis in post-war years.

JACKSON county's quota will be \$2,309,000, of which \$600,000 is in the "E" series, the "people's bonds". We can—and must—maintain our record and go "over the top" in this Sixth War Loan campaign. And each individual should be ready to buy at least one extra \$100 bond when the drive opens tomorrow.—H.G.

No Redemption Change

To answer the rumor that the Treasury is contemplating the abandonment of the present redemption procedure, the Secretary of the Treasury has just informed the War Finance Committee that this story and conclusions are entirely false. The Treasury has no plans which call for revision of redemption machinery which went into operation October 2nd.

This authoritative statement should put a stop to bond cashing except in cases of real emergency on the part of individual investors. War Bonds should, by all means, be held but it is comforting to know that they CAN be quickly converted into cash should the need arise.—H.G.

PRESIDENT TOLD LIVING COSTS UP, BUT PAY BETTER

WLB Chairman Report Hits Labor Demand—Refutes Union Claims

Washington, Nov. 18.—(U.P.)—Chairman William H. Davis of the War Labor Board told President Roosevelt tonight that the cost of living in urban centers increased 29 to 30 per cent between Jan. 1, 1941, and Sept. 15, 1944, but that American wage earners and low skilled workers nevertheless "have improved their financial position notably since 1941."

Davis transmitted this information as chairman of a special cost of living committee, appointed by the president in a report which appeared to throw cold water on labor's demands for new general wage increases. The report is expected to form the basis of a WLB review of the Little Steel Formula being completed by public members. This review will go to Mr. Roosevelt without recommendations after it is considered by the full board.

Davis indicated that he considered any excess in the rise of living costs over wage increases as part of labor's "fair share of the many sacrifices involved" in the American people's decision "to subordinate their diverse individual aims to a single national aim until victory should be won." He deflated labor union claims that the living cost increase amounted to 43 per cent from 1941 to 1944, and said that some of the rise would disappear with resumption of civilian production. The labor department's bureau of labor statistics previously had estimated the rise at 25.5 per cent.

The committee's industry members concurred "in the main" with the report submitted by Davis, but labor members sharply disagreed.

LATIN AMERICAN GROUP DUE TODAY FOR TALKS HERE

Arriving in the county today will be a group of four speakers, headed by Dr. Hermanes Tovares, Brazilian physician, to conduct forums and speak for the Institute of Inter-American Affairs under the sponsorship of the State System of Higher Education. The group appears tomorrow noon and afternoon in Ashland and tomorrow night in Medford Dr. Tovares will speak at the high school auditorium on "Is the Good Neighbor Policy a Failure?"

Dr. Tovares, also sponsored by the Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, Washington, D. C., came to Oregon directly from Brazil where he has completed a study of conditions and relations to the United States. With the Brazilian on the tour of several Oregon cities are Dr. Warren D. Smith, Philippine authority and head of the geology and geography department of the University of Oregon; Dr. Victor P. Morris, dean of the university's business administration school, and Dr. Guido Jorquera, Chilean engineer now doing research at Oregon State college.

Questions and discussion will follow Dr. Tovares' talk and a film "The Bridge" will be shown. The doctor's appearance here is under the sponsorship of the Jackson County League of Women's Voters, of which Mrs. Justin Smith is president. The lecture is scheduled for 8 p. m. and there is no charge.

Flu Epidemic Ups Disease Rate 750 Percent Over 1943

Last winter's influenza epidemic is, statistically speaking, responsible for the increase in the incidence of communicable disease occurring in Oregon during 1944.

A recent survey of the uncorrected weekly communicable disease morbidity tables which are published regularly in Oregon Health Bulletin has brought to light the fact that communicable disease was, in first 45 weeks of 1944, 4.25 per cent higher than in corresponding weeks of 1943, an article in the bulletin states. During the first half of the present year there was a 750 per cent increase in the indicated evidence of influenza over the same period in 1943, the article continues.

Parties interested in Christmas Offer of Encyclopedia Britannica or Britannica Jr., can obtain complete information by writing the Oregon representative, Mr. W. P. Dickson, 1723 N. E. Multnomah St., Portland 12, Oregon.

HITLER, HIS MIND FADING, STRIPPED OF NAZI POWERS

Party Chiefs Keep Bad News From Dictator In His Hideaway

By Robert Dowson
United Press Correspondent
London, Nov. 18.—(U.P.)—Persistent but unconfirmed reports from the continent said today that Adolf Hitler, stripped of his dictatorial powers, is living under close supervision in a Berchtesgaden "dream world," surrounded by high-pressure nazi propagandists who feed him sugar-coated war and home front news to preserve his failing sanity.

Speculation over the meaning of the Fuehrer's sudden and prolonged disappearance from public life mounted rapidly, even inside Germany where the nazis were reported to have clamped a rigid censorship on all domestic mail to prevent the spread of further rumors. German prisoners taken on the western front in the past 24 hours admitted freely that they believed something was radically wrong with Hitler and that Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler had brushed aside the Fuehrer's hand-picked "crown prince," Reichsmarschal Hermann Goering, and seized the supreme power for himself.

(Swedish newspaper dispatches reporting to the U. S. office of war information said Himmler had issued a decree forbidding Germans even to discuss the state of Hitler's health.)

The London Exchange Telegraph, quoting advices from a neutral capital, said Hitler was known to have been alive as recently as five days ago, although nazi party leaders were said to be gravely alarmed over his mental and physical condition.

The dispatch said Hitler had been confined to his Berchtesgaden hideaway since the attempt on his life last July 20 and that Himmler, fearing that disclosure of the full extent of the disasters suffered by Germany since that time might completely unbalance him, had ordered all adverse news withheld from the Fuehrer.

Any disturbing reports, according to this account, caused a severe nervous reaction that might send Hitler off into a fit of manic rage.

As a result, the nazis were reported to have created an elaborate news service in Berchtesgaden under the direct supervision of Ernst Kaltenbrunner, Himmler's chief aide and head of the reich security office. This propaganda machine, the Exchange Telegraph said, prints a daily "Good News" edition of the Volkischer Beobachter containing faked reports of military victories and of imaginary popular demonstrations of loyalty to Hitler throughout Germany.

TALENT CORPORAL KILLED ACTION

Col. Clarence W. Mathes, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Mathes of Talent, was killed November 9 while on duty with the army in India, a wire from the war department to the young man's parents stated Friday morning. Cpl. Mathes was serving with the Army Air Transport command. The young man had been in the army since August 11, 1942, and had been in India since July of this year. He was 23 years old. Survivors are his parents and two sisters, Dorothy Weitman of Prospect, and Margo Strahan, at home.

Cpl. Mathes was a graduate of Talent high school and later attended Medford business college. He worked for nearly two years at the Civilian Conservation Corps headquarters at Medford and then was transferred to the Vancouver headquarters and was inducted into the army through the Portland station.

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Evangelist



The Rev. E. E. Patsch (above) opens a three-Sunday evangelistic campaign today at the Church of the Nazarene, Holly and First streets. He will speak nightly, except on Saturday, during the campaign.

GENERAL EASLEY OF 96TH DIVISION INJURED ON LEYTE

Brig. Gen. Claudius M. Easley, assistant division commander of the Oregon-trained 96th infantry division, has been wounded on Leyte island, according to reports received here. Extent of his injuries was not told. Gen. Easley is said to have been the first United States army general wounded in the Philippine islands since Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces invaded the islands October 20.

Gen. Easley is well known in Medford through his duty here with the 96th division which trained at Camp White from November, 1943, to April, 1944.

Born in Texas in 1891 and a former resident of Waco, Gen. Easley was graduated from Texas A. & M. college and was a member of the Texas national guard from 1913 to 1917 when he joined the regular army. His long service has included a former tour of duty in the Philippines.

Gen. Easley is rated in army circles as a small arms expert. He was a member of the army infantry rifle teams which won the national championships at Camp Perry, O., in 1920 and 1927 and was officer in charge of the infantry pistol team which won national honors in 1938 and 1939.

Gen. Easley has been with the 96th division since it was activated August 15, 1942, at Camp Adair by Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley, the present division commander on Leyte. Easley was promoted to brigadier-general August 18, 1942.

NEED 13,000 FOR PORTLAND YARDS

Portland, Ore., Nov. 18.—(U.P.)—There is a need for 13,000 more shipyard workers in the Portland-Vancouver area, according to L. C. Stoil, Oregon manpower director.

The call is based upon contracts for the building of transports, carriers and cargo ships, some of which will be the biggest ships ever built on the Columbia.

Rumors that the shipbuilding program in the Portland area would be through by the first of the year have influenced many activities, including the proposal to convert the housing project, Vanport City, into a postwar industrial development, and many shipyard workers have left their jobs.

MORE SURPLUS SALES
Modesto, Cal., Nov. 18.—(U.P.)—The State Agricultural adjustment agency today announced that auctions of surplus government property will be held in various parts of California.

EMARDS MEET AGAIN
Long Beach, Nov. 18.—(U.P.)—The Emard boys—all 10 of them—are going to hold a reunion tomorrow in Long Beach—the first time the brothers have been together in 27 years.

LOCKHEED PLANS NEW SHORT HAUL TRANSPORT PLANE

Burbank, Calif., Nov. 19.—(U.P.)—Lockheed Aircraft Corp. tonight announced plans for production—as soon as military plane commitments will permit—of the Saturn 75, a high-wing, twin-motored transport especially designed for short-haul service.

Making use of aerodynamic, structural and mechanical experience gained in making war planes, Lockheed officials said the Saturn 75 would be able to carry 14 passengers, a crew of two, baggage and cargo at a cruising speed of 200 miles per hour at a service ceiling of 28,000 feet for a maximum of 1600 miles.

A high wing is planned to permit greater passenger visibility. Wide doors would aid cargo loading, while quickly removable seats would permit the transport to handle bulky freight. The two 525-horsepower motors and other essential parts were designed for easy access by mechanics which engineers said would "spell economy for the interurban operator."

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD READY TO BUY EXTRA WINE

Portland, Ore., Nov. 18.—(U.P.)—The Oregon Liquor Control commission today offered to purchase from wineries all salable unbroken cases of domestic and imported sweet wines they have on hand after December 7, provided the dealers are willing to sell at prices listed with the commission.

The action was taken in accordance with the request of wine representatives as expressed at a meeting called November 10 by State Liquor Administrator Ray Conway.

At that time, retailers promised to dispose of as much wine as possible before the Burke bill became effective. The bill, which provides that the sale of fortified wines shall be confined to state liquor stores, was passed by the voters in the November 7 election, and goes into effect not later than December 7.

LUMBER INDUSTRY PROBE UNDERWAY

Portland, Ore., Nov. 18.—(U.P.)—John D. Galey, acting chairman of the West Coast Lumber commission, announced today that an investigation is being made of Oregon logging and lumber operators to determine whether they are complying with the wage stabilization program.

Galey warned that "any logging or lumber operators found paying illegal wage rates will be subject to hearings and subsequent penalties up to 100 per cent of the total illegal payroll involved."

WAC TO TALK
Portland, Ore., Nov. 18.—(U.P.)—Pvt. Betty Jones, Wac, whose husband is a Jap prisoner of war, will be the guest speaker tomorrow at the launching of the USS Bollinger, an armored attack transport.

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
November 19, 1934
(That was Monday)
Stores urged to close next Saturday during Medford-Hood River state title football game.

President arrives at Warm Springs, Ga., for vacation and reports "nation is on its way back."

France claims Germany now has five million men under arms.

Unsettled with light rain. High 50, low 38 degrees. Snow in the hills.

Turkeys rise to 21 cents per pound on Portland market.

Christmas seal sale to start November 30.

Bonus bill to be first business of next session of congress.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
November 19, 1924
(That was Wednesday)
Conditions in Los Angeles over city water supply serious and bloodshed feared unless troops are sent.

Early action by congress for farm relief doubtful.

President Coolidge in address warns nation is using timber faster than grown and urges conservation.

Unsettled with showers. High 44, low 30 degrees.

Legion golf course is now ready for use.

Medford high to play Roseburg here Saturday.

Many auto accidents in Siskiyou due to icy highway.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
November 19, 1910
(That was Friday)
Shortage of potatoes in city and valley.

English suffragettes attack police.

Thanksgiving turkey will cost 25 cents per pound.

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