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Ye Smudge Pot
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The OPA, by its surprise change in ration point values, is accused of "confounding the housewives". Reports from all over the nation say, the housewives are now "confounding" the OPA—and how!

A Newark, N. J. girl, 19, opening her Christmas presents, found one that caused her to say "Oh!" The young lady's jaws locked, and it took a nurse 15 minutes to unlock them.

THE WILD WOOLY DAYS (Pendleton East Oregonian)
"The Echo Christmas dance was the scene of a bloody quarrel, in which three men were badly cut by a fourth. Several persons had become good natured or quarrelsome, according as whiskey would make them, and a misunderstanding ensued. The man who did the cutting has not yet been arrested, although he is still in Pendleton."—(50 Yrs. Ago col.)

S. Claus brought J. Tannehill Walker, 5, an Indian chief's feathered headdress and a pair of cowboy boots, with which he can create more pandemonium than a high school girl wearing wooden shoes. He called at the wigwam of a neighboring chief, Dick (In-Need-of-a-Spanking) Phair, 4, and ate the candy-bar of peace.

The news from Greece reveals the existence there of the "Greek Populist party." They balked at the peace terms at Athens. Populists formerly roamed this county, with Jacksonville as a hotbed. In this state Populists have long become extinct, even in the Willamette valley. Photos of Greek Populists reveal they have the necessary whiskers. One of the leaders has his parted in the middle.

The metropolis has taken steps to divest itself of its gypsy population by sending them to Texas, the OPA scaring up enough gasoline for the trip. Citizens along the main highways south are warned to look out for their pocketbooks and not talk to dark strangers.

MAN VS. INSECTS
"Because they are enraging force to work for nothing in field and garden, it is the natural and often lethal, and sometimes ural but simple, custom to call insect and arachnid pests 'man's enemies.' There is, too, a gruesome efficiency and discipline about their ineluctable assault that makes the wee brute seem kin to mechanized human foes. It brings one up short, displeases him maybe, to reflect that not one upholstered caterpillar nor well lighted beetle, not a single linsome larva, is even aware that we exist. If they regarded us at all it probably would be benignly, as rather satisfactory providers."—(N.Y. Herald-Tribune.)

Sumner H. Slichter, Harvard economist, estimates that by the end of 1946 the number of families in the United States will be 800,000 higher than it is now.

A Tragic Mistake

If it isn't clear now it will be before the war is over. A serious mistake was made when the government abandoned the idea of UNIVERSAL compulsory service.

Congressman Wadsworth of New York was right in the first place. And it may cost tragically in lives and treasure, that the bill he fathered was thrown into the waste-paper basket, instead of being signed by the President.

For had there been universal service in this country there would never have been a shell shortage or any other shortage on the western front.

Nor would there today be a nurse shortage—so serious a shortage that American boys are needlessly suffering and many dying, not only at the front but behind it.

HAD England followed the American procedure, there is little doubt that Hitler, instead of chewing his Brussels carpet at German G.H.Q., would today be tipping ashes from his perfectos on the rich Persian carpets at Buckingham palace. For the German advance would never have been stopped by some Britishers getting into the fight and others staying out. ALL had to get in it!

At the outset England did not ask the men and women of that country what they would LIKE to do but told them what they had to do—and they did it. And because they did it—ALL of them did it—the people of England are safe and sound in their tight little isle today.

THE powers-that-be in this country, however, decided the war could be won without drafting all able bodied men and women into some sort of vital war service. Labors opposition undoubtedly was a large factor in that decision.

And of course they were right as far as results are concerned—it could and will be. But we fear at a tremendous price and a needless one.

What Betrayal?

Prime Minister Churchill, dodging snipers bullets in Athens yesterday took time out to say that Britain asks no special favors in that unfortunate country neither political nor trade.

But his country does want a stable government, the return of law and order, so that a free election may be held, and the people of Greece themselves decide what they wish and don't wish in the way of a government.

NOW that seems an eminently fair proposition to this department. England has vital interests in the Mediterranean, her troops were responsible for liberating Greece and driving out the Germans, why should there be any objection to such a proposal, provided it is made in good faith.

And we have yet to hear of Winston Churchill's worst enemy charging him with bad faith in any action he has ever taken, or any official statement he has ever made.

But the New York P. M. we note, charges the British Prime Minister with "betraying the Greek people."

Why? Where is the betrayal?

IN THE brief report of P. M.'s reaction, it is impossible to learn, but knowing that paper's pinkish tendencies, it is a pretty safe bet that Churchill's refusal to deal with E.L.A.S. mutineers and insist upon them being disarmed, is the exciting cause.

Revolutionists according to P. M. particularly if they take orders from Moscow, can do no wrong. Russian communists can do no wrong. In the P. M. manual of political action whatever is RED is RIGHT.

WE don't get it. We can't understand all this hulabaloo about the long-suffering and oppressed people of Greece, and the wickedness of Churchill and the British government, if all the latter wants is to hold a plebiscite, and in an atmosphere of peace and quiet, instead of violence and disorder, thus determine what the people of Greece WANT.

What could be fairer or more democratic than that?

OR DO the so-called "liberals" of Manhattan and elsewhere believe such an election would not be a free or fair one, but conducted along Fascist gangster lines?

That however, would be to condemn Prime Minister Churchill as a Fascist at heart as well as a crook. Do the reds, pinks, liberals and what-not, wish to stand back of an indictment like THAT!

Sounds Somewhat Phoney

For students of this war—and particularly war propaganda—it is interesting to note that the moment the Japanese hooked up their communications from Shanghai to Singapore, the Chinese started to win one victory after another, not only in China proper but in Burma.

These victories may be authentic—everyone in this country hopes they are.

But they are decidedly reminiscent of other Chinese victories in this war, won on paper, but nowhere else. And they always were won when the Japanese had attained their objective, started to consolidate their gains, thus giving both sides what might be termed a breathing spell.

A Chinese counter offensive of serious proportions may be on in China, but until these victories are officially confirmed from allied sources, it would be well to take them with several liberal dashes of salt.

Spare Horse Power for Oregon Senator



Senator-elect Wayne Morse of Oregon, former WLB member, pals his saddle horse, "Spice of Life" and "Oregonna Bourbon" after arrival in Washington, D. C. delayed by ice, sleet and snow and lack of gas. Horses rode in trailer but Morse claimed he feared he might have to hitch them to his car to continue his journey cross-country.

Morse Advises Republican Party To Adopt Progressive Policy in Order to Play Full National Role

Washington, Dec. 28.—(U.P.)—Sen.-elect Wayne L. Morse, R., Ore., believes the republican party must adopt a progressive labor policy if it is to play its full role in national life. Morse, former dean of the University of Oregon law school, resigned from the War Labor Board last spring to launch his successful campaign against incumbent Sen. Rufus C. Holman, R., Ore. He led his ticket in the November election. "As a former member of WLB," Morse said, "I am particularly interested in seeing the republican party adopt a progressive labor policy. "It seems to me vital to the party that we win the confidence of labor. And I do sincerely believe that collective bargaining can function better under our party than it can under the sort of policy I've seen in operation here in Washing-

taxes, the cost of living will continue to rise during 1945. 19. Providing jobs for returning soldiers will be the big political football of 1945. I am not now prepared to forecast what will happen in this connection. 20. Through a coalition of Republicans and conservative Democrats, we should have a "do nothing" congress during 1945.

RETAIL SALES 21. The volume retail sales will show a decline during 1945. Prices of ladies' apparel and general luxuries will suffer, while grocery sales should be higher. 22. The total dollar retail sales should be about equal to 1944 with an increased demand for woolen and cotton textiles for civilian use. 23. The best cities for 1945 business should be: Altoona, Pa.; New York, N. Y.; Cleveland, Ohio; Davenport, Iowa; San Jose, Calif., and Wichita, Kansas. 24. There will be a great stampede in 1945 to get rid of the make-shift ersatz goods which have been made to take the place of good merchandise. Thus, 1945 will witness many "mark-down sales" of unrationed merchandise. 25. Wise will be those manufacturers, merchants and consumers who realize that postwar competition will be terrific and, therefore, withhold purchases until 1946.

1945 Business and Finance Previewed By Roger Babson

THUMBNAIL OUTLOOK FOR 1945
Look for these developments: Farmers' cash income will approximate that of 1944, which was \$20 billions. Both bituminous and anthracite mining will run five per cent below a year ago. Petroleum output will be upped five per cent. Iron and steel will decline 10 per cent. A similar drop is in prospect for chemical manufactures. Lumber output will increase five per cent. The paper and shoe industries will run along on the same levels as during 1944. Industrial employment will be seven per cent less and factory payrolls will decline 10 per cent. Greatest single expansion will come in the construction and building group, which will show an increase of 25 per cent from the low levels of 1944's first six months. Look for a sharp drop in retail trade, especially in luxury items. Electric power output will be reduced five per cent as war contracts are cut back. For basically the same reason railroad freight ton mile age will fall 15 per cent.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. A year ago the United States Business Index of the Physical Volume of Business registered 148.6; today it registers 138, justifying my forecast of a year ago. The Canadian Business Index of the Physical Volume of Business registered 206.9 a year ago; today it registers 197. 1945 will show a reduction of more than 10 per cent and both in United States and Canadian business. Furthermore, most of the following comments apply to both countries. 2. War production is already being cut back and this reduction will rapidly continue through 1945. Even those railroads and industries which expect to benefit from a long war with Japan will be disappointed. 3. The re-conversion of industry from war to peace business will increase during every month of 1945. Furthermore, time required for re-conversion will not be as great as most people believe. 4. Inventories quoted at their price values, rather than volumes, will continue, as a whole, during 1945 about as during 1944. Raw material piles will be larger, but manufactured goods will be smaller. 5. Population increases in the United States during 1945 will be about 700,000, but the birth of new babies will fall off somewhat.

RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES

6. Rationing will continue through the most of 1945. During the early part of the year, I expect to see further restrictions especially in connection with meats, canned goods, etc. 7. The retail prices of most necessities and some luxuries will be higher during 1945 than at present. The prices of some of the luxuries, such as furs, have already collapsed. 8. Steel prices of goods needed for peacetime manufacture should be a little higher, but prices of the heavy war goods will decline. This applies also to the heavy chemicals. 9. The wholesale prices of raw materials in general may decline during 1945, but most consumer goods will hold firm or sell at higher prices. For both gasoline and bituminous coal, there may be price concessions. 10. The great question mark of 1945 will be how, to whom and at what price the government will dispose of its billions of dollars worth of unneeded supplies. FARM OUTLOOK 11. The weather will be the greatest factor in farm production and prices during 1945. The weather has been exceptionally good on the whole for the past few years; but sooner or later we will have a severe drought or an early freeze. 12. Pending a weather upset, more bushels of corn and wheat and more bales of cotton will be raised in 1945 than ever before in our history. Although some prices may slide off, the total farm income for the first half of 1945 should hold up. 13. There should be a 15 per cent decline in hog slaughter and a five per cent increase in cattle slaughter. 14. Dairy products will continue to increase both in volume and in price. I am forecasting at least a three per cent rise in volume. 15. Farmers will start in 1945 to work again for legislation on their party program, due to fear of a collapse in all farm prices after the war. TAXES 16. Taxes will not be increased during 1945 and some will be reduced; in fact, some nuisance taxes will be eliminated altogether. 17. The federal debt will continue to increase during 1945. 18. Whatever is done about

FOREIGN TRADE

26. The United States will own over 50 per cent of the world's ships in 1945. 27. There will be an increase in free exports with the "freed countries" but lend-lease exports will decline. 28. We will make England and Russia large postwar loans provided they spend the money in the United States. 29. Both the British Empire and Russia will go into the competitive foreign trade market during 1945; many cartels and government monopolies will be in operation. I therefore, forecast higher prices for coffee, cocoa, sugar and many other articles for which we are absolutely dependent upon foreign countries. 30. No Central Bank will be organized nor will the stabilization of foreign currencies be attempted in 1945. LABOR 31. The Little Steel Formula will be amended during 1945. 32. Industrial employment during 1945 will be off seven per cent in hours and off 10 per cent in payrolls. 33. The building of a few new autos and new houses will be resumed during 1945. 34. Many industries, now operating on a 48-hour week, will return to a 40-hour week during 1945. 35. Wage rates will not decline, but "take-home" income will be less. WAR OUTLOOK 36. The greater part of Germany's army will collapse before the German planting season opens in the spring of 1945. Before surrendering, Germany will try poison gas. 37. Japan will not hold out as long as most people think. Japan will collapse within six or 12 months after Germany collapses. 38. If Stalin's health continues, he will be the world's most powerful man in 1945 and may dictate the peace terms, especially for the Pacific. 39. Sometime after April, 1945, will join (or threaten to) the allies against Japan but only after the promise of territory privileges and a huge loan. 40. The markets may witness a "communist scare" during 1945; but they should soon recover thereafter. STOCK MARKET 41. The rails will show the greatest decline during 1945, be-

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 December 28, 1934 (It Was Friday) Great Britain, France and Italy to cooperate in security program for Europe. Superintendent of Schools E. H. Hedrick returns from south much improved in health. Occasional rain and snow. High 42, low 31 degrees. Contract let for paving of south Ashland unit of Pacific highway. Grocery stores and drugstores in Portland area protest order prohibiting sale of draft beer. Chester Hubbard returns from trip to Diamond lake and reports heavy snow. Roosevelt eyes new plan to give jobs to all.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY December 28, 1924 (It Was Sunday) Cologne area will not be evacuated January 10 per Versailles agreement, due to Germany failing to obey terms. Second cold wave hits southern California citrus crops. Motorists warned to keep off highways of state due to their icy condition. Chicago lawyer charged with poisoning "Millionaire orphan" threatens suit. Rain or snow and warmer. High 37, low 25 degrees. Medford opera to be broadcast over radio tonight.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY December 28, 1910 (It Was Wednesday) Japanese plot to place mines in Manila harbor revealed. Unusual prosperity predicted for next year in nation. Ashland tax levy for next year is 14 mills.

Accident — A bus driven by Wayne H. Whiting of Grants Pass, collided Wednesday on Highway 99 with a passenger car operated by John C. Wright, 710 Holly street, according to a report on file.

Accident—Warren W. Rohrer, 214 West Jackson street, and Neva Samuels, 123 Tripp street, were involved in a minor automobile accident, Tuesday, when the passenger cars they were driving collided on West Jackson street, according to a report on file.

On Leave — First Lt. Frank Rogers, army air corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers, 317 South Orange street, arrived home recently on leave to visit his parents. Lt. Rogers has been stationed in England. He graduated from Medford high school and was employed at United Airlines prior to entering the service.

AILING LLOYD GEORGE TO QUIT PARLIAMENT
London, Dec. 28.—(U.P.)—David Lloyd George, British prime minister in the first World War who has been ailing for several months, will retire from parliament, where he has served 54 years, it was announced today.

GOING MY WAY
New York, Dec. 28.—"Going My Way" was voted the best movie of 1944 by 16 film critics of New York, daily newspapers today. Barry Fitzgerald's acting in the picture was termed the best male acting of 1944 and Leo McCarey received the vote for the best directorial job of the year for his work on the same picture.

ANNIE RILEY HALE
Altadena, Cal., Dec. 28.—(U.P.)—Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Riley Hale, 85, writer, lecturer and once an independent candidate for the U. S. senate, were arranged today. She died Tuesday following a collapse on Christmas Day.

LOCALS
Building Permit—M. R. Wiley made application in the city recorder's office Wednesday for a permit to remodel his residence at 601 West Jackson street at an estimated cost of \$700.
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