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## Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

On the Western Front, in the 'Battle of the Bulge', victory rides with the Allies. The conflict at no time had anything to do with the dieting of fat Nazi generals.

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In the annual contest conducted at Burlington, Iowa, a woman won the national title of champion liar of the year, over a large field, that did not include any leading statesmen, bureaucrats, and politicians, or the Radio Tokyo broadcasters.

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The ODT. hints it will take early action to curb train travel. Cynics hold to get any results worth mentioning, it will be necessary to tear up the railroad tracks for five miles each side of the depot.

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A Silverton, Ore., soldier in the Dutch East Indies, writes his folks he recently tasted beefsteak for the first time in many moons. He enjoyed the steak, though it was so tough, a bayonet could not be jabbed in the gravy.

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The Hale Wheeler boy is seven months old today. He reports he feels as young as he ever did, and still likes to hear a watch tick.

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Eastern Oregon (Malheur county) onions, sent to many governors, in sack lots have brought much favorable publicity, the Burns C of C. reports. They would have been smothered with compliments, by sending along a Malheur county steak, for the onions to smother.

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PROGRESS REPORT
(Press Dispatch)

"I knew him when he had no seat to his pants. Now he comes up here with his fine words and sports two butlers."

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London reports that Sweden hears a British Sir and Marshal will be named supreme commander of the seven Allied armies on the Western front, to handle all ground operations. Reason: Gen. Eisenhower has been saddled with too many 'economic and political problems'. Sweden heard nothing of the kind, any first grade propaganda student with one eye can see without looking. If the American chief needs a deputy supreme commander, a fine choice would be Gen. Patton. He leaped from behind the eight ball to a hero's role.

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A Maine high school boy, 17, driving home from a school dance at 11:40 pm. in a snowstorm provided the FBI. with a tip, that lead to the capture of two German trained saboteurs, latter arrested with ample funds in New York City. Two angles have not been discussed. What was the lad doing out after curfew hours, and where did he get the gasoline for driving in a snowstorm?

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STICK OUT YOUR TONGUE!

"A physician at each end of the telephone between Pendleton and Milton and each physician as mad as a hornet. That was the situation, and the reason for those medical gentlemen getting so angry was that during the discussion of a case, the Milton physician applied the term of prevaricator to the Pendleton physician, who replied: 'Any many who calls me a liar when he is 38 miles away is no gentleman, and is a coward.' At this the Milton doctor pulled off his outer garments, jumped up and fell downward, swore in the language of the layman, and promised damage to the optics of the Pendleton physician in the near future. There is now fine opportunity for the 'white dove of peace' to get in its work."—(50 Yrs. Ago Cod. Pendleton East Oregonian.)

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m. — Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

## "Local Boy Makes Good"

Major Roy D. Craft, according to an article in last week's Saturday Evening Post, is "The Army's Screwiest Editor," but to the major's friends in Southern Oregon, the former CCC public relations officer who with his wife Gracie lived in Medford for over three years while he edited the district publication of the Conservation Corps, is a plenty smart operator.

Out of the scores of army and navy publications, some devoted to comparatively small units and some to entire branches of armed service, those guided by Craft have attained nation-wide prominence while most of the others are scarcely known outside of their immediate sphere. And the main reason Craft's newspapers have been repeatedly written up in "Life" and other magazines, is that instead of following the conventional pattern of service papers, he has made his different—"screwey," as Cecil Carnes, the Post's writer terms them—but appealing to both G.I.'s and civilians.

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BESIDES his CCC duties during his tour of duty here, Major Craft found time to promote civic music and ballet programs and he was one of the organizers of the Southern Oregon Press club which flourished for a number of years. Mrs. Craft was a member of the Mail Tribune staff during part of their sojourn here.

On completion of his CCC service, Craft was employed by the San Francisco Examiner, his work for that newspaper giving him many contacts with artists of stage and concert hall. At the outset of the army expansion program in 1940, Craft was recalled to duty and one of his first tasks was the founding of the Fort Ord "Panorama."

From Fort Ord, Roy was ordered to Alaska where he established the "Kodiak Bear." The latter publication, which has done much to maintain morale among the men serving in the bleak northland, gained nation-wide fame because of its "screwy" antics.

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LATER Craft established an army paper on Kiska and saw action in the Marshall Islands, winning a bronze star in the latter operation. He was subsequently transferred to the European theater in March, 1944, serving as aide to Maj. Gen. Charles H. Corlett under whom he had served in Alaska. In addition to the bronze star, Major Craft now holds the legion of merit.

On the Western front, Major Craft published "Le Tomahawk," a mimeographed paper for the 19th corps, until a few weeks ago when he was ordered to the states to prepare for new duties the nature of which has not yet been disclosed.

Major and Mrs. Craft visited in Medford briefly on their return a few days ago, the major joining Mrs. Craft at Carmel, where she is making her home for the duration. Friends here are eagerly awaiting news of the officer's new assignment and they are confident he will be given even greater opportunity to exercise his unique gift for army morale building.

—E. C. F.

## The C. of C. Year

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has just completed another year of real accomplishment.

Of course, the usual opportunity for broadcasting far and wide the praises of southern Oregon's sapphire blue Crater Lake, her majestic mountains, rushing rivers and trout-filled lakes has been lacking these turbulent days. To continue this normal peacetime activity of a chamber of commerce would only create longings that could not be satisfied with wartime ration restrictions.

There are, however, many inquiries from vacationists and sportsmen who have a visit to this section of the state as their post-war "project." Tempting literature is of course, freely provided for them.

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BUT just the same, the local Chamber has had a busy—and useful—year. Hundreds of inquiries have been answered and all point to a record-breaking crop of tourists and a goodly number of permanent settlers after the war. In the latter group, the Chamber is wisely discouraging "shoe-string" homeseekers who might find it difficult to become self-sustaining and would contribute little to the economic upbuilding of Jackson county.

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RECOGNIZING the importance of farsighted planning for veterans after the war, the Chamber's post-war committee has completed a survey of the needs of more than 4,000 service men from this county in regard to jobs and schooling. Careful study of the results will become the basis for intelligently organized and practical assistance to Jackson County's soldier sons when the war is over.

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A SPECIAL committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has been on the job in an effort to secure fuller utilization of facilities at Camp White. There is reason to anticipate the success of this effort during the ensuing year.

The Chamber has further interested itself in legislative matters affecting business and industry in this area, and has acted as liaison agent between the economic life of southern Oregon and the many alphabetical bureaus whose influence is felt here.

Add to this the contribution of the Chamber's help and facilities to countless drives and group meetings and it spells an unusually busy year for this organization.

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IN VIEW of difficult wartime conditions, the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has well justified the support of the 330 members who sustain it. The need for even greater support in the future is apparent in the light of continued war activities and the importance of planning now for immediate expansion of industries and payrolls when the war is over. — H. G.

## News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 3—The Germans may have one more good punch left in their Belgian bulge. They have been trying to organize a counter-attack.

Paul Mallon

Heaviest concentrations of their troops the past few days have been observed on the northern side of the salient. They had two full armies in their spearhead and a third on the two shoulders at the entrance to it. Not even they know yet how much power is left.

If they cannot muster strength to try another break-through, they probably will retire into Germany, announcing they upset our offensive plans and have thus won a victory. At only one point have they indicated any intention so far of trying permanently to hold the ground they gained.

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SOUTH of Bastogne they started digging trenches. On the quiet Dutch front far to the north they have exploded a few violent local attacks, which hint they may try the Russian trick of starting something new on a different front to cover their defeat on this one.

Future operations on their side and ours, however, will depend on what the terrific losses of this great struggle will permit. Both sides put in just about everything they had from every other sector of the line.

The situation demands a counter attack by us, say on the Aachen front to move on to Berlin, but we may not have the power left there.

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OUR game certainly will be to destroy every German and every possible weapon in the salient now, and the size of our victory will be measured by the extent of the damage we do from now on. In fact, the duration of the war depends on this factor.

So far it has been one of the most heroic stands of all American arms in history. The tide turned on Christmas day. Then the Germans reached the farthest point of advance, to Celles, within four miles of the Meuse in the north and to St. Hubejt on their less advanced way to Sedan.

Then their tanks started running short of gas and their air coverage had diminished. Two days earlier the covering rain had cleared and our great air armadas of 2500 and 3000 planes got in great work of destruction. Indeed, five of the eight days thereafter were clear.

What greatly helped (or caused) this shortage of German gas was the valiant stand of our 101st air-borne division at Bastogne, a point covering six highways and a railway. The division was not parachuted in, but was marched to the breach and fought as infantry.

Glorious also was the stand of our 7th armored division at St. Vith, which held like a rock as the German divisions streamed past.

The names of these divisions will live forever. Their stand was vital because they hindered the advancing of gasoline to the German tanks at the westward movement front.

The Germans no doubt intended to strike at Liege, which is the focal point of our supplies behind the Aachen front. They may have told their soldiers they were going to Paris, but their primary objective was to cause our withdrawal from the Aachen front by capturing its supply line.

They were forced southward of their objective by the magnificent defense of our original line on the northern shoulder of the bulge, near Monscheu. This was the work of our 1st infantry division, which had the hard battle of Tunisia, Sicily and Normandy under its belt.

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GEN. Patton did all that has been said and more. On the third day after the German break-through he was called in and ordered to make the attack from the south. Before that night fell he had some troops on the road northward from his front.

His 80th division performed a feat as remarkable as any of Stonewall Jackson's foot cavalry. It was ready to go into the fighting line south of Saarbrucken when orders came to go northward and it went 150 miles swiftly to get into action.

Patton got his orders the 19th; by the 26th his drive had relieved Bastogne, broken the German pressure and saved Luxembourg. His citations no doubt will say he moved "promptly," which word reflects only half the brilliant swiftness of his inspired men.

On the 26th, also, the 1st army bit off the extreme tip of the German drive at Celles, cut off and eliminated the Germans there, then badly mauled two panzer divisions. All that the Germans were able to show thereafter was a counter-attack upon Bastogne.

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BUT, as I have said, the struggle left both sides so greatly weakened (casualties have not been given out) that the final turn of the battle, the decisiveness of our victory and the future trend of the war depend upon what strength now can be mustered from a costly melee.

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## 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
January 3, 1935
(It was Thursday)

Col. Lindberg on stand identifies voice of Bruno Hauptmann as that of man he paid ransom money to in Bronx cemetery for return of son.

Roosevelt urges new and enlarged relief program for jobless of land.

Rain. High 51, low 32 degrees.

President's son, charged with speeding, to stand trial in New Jersey.

December was a mild month with many cloudy days reports show.

Oregon corn-hog campaign to open February 1.

Sheriff Syd I. Brown names new deputies.

Sons frosh defeat Medford high 37 to 21 in first basketball game of season.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
January 3, 1925
(It was Saturday)

Commercial Finance corporation is formed here.

Extension of railroad from Bend to Klamath Falls near agreement.

James J. Crossley of Portland, first entry in senate race, well known here.

Cloudy with probable showers.

Public schools of city to resume Monday after Yule vacation.

Robert and Lawrence Duff return to Santa Clara university to resume studies.

Three men arrested for intoxication during December paid $45 in fines.

Judge McKenna, dean of U. S. supreme court, resigns.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY
January 3, 1911
(It was Tuesday)

University club to have rooms in new Mail Tribune building.

Check artist stings local business men.

Chinese to cut off their queues January 15.

## Funeral For High Mason Official To Be Held Thursday

Portland, Jan. 3 — Funeral services for D. Rufus Cheney, grand secretary of the Masonic lodge of Oregon since 1922, will be held at the Masonic temple at 2:30 p. m. Thursday.

His death closed a long career in Masonic activity. He was a 33d degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of Al Kader temple, Shrine, and was associated with many other branches of the organization.

In 1938 he became the third Mason in Oregon to be honored by the grand lodge by being made an honorary past grand master.

## Journal's Historian Writes Of C. C. Beekman, Expressman, Banker In Booming Days Of Jacksonville

By Fred Lockley
In The Oregon Journal

A few years before World War I—say about 1911 or 1912—I dropped in to visit a long-time friend of mine at Jacksonville, C. C. Beekman. Knowing of my interest in old books and old coins, Mr. Beekman said:

"Did you know that the U. S. mint has recently been coining silver coins three of which equal a dollar?"

"I have three cent silver coins, and a three dollar gold coin, and I have seen fifty dollar gold slugs and also the five and ten dollar Beaver gold pieces coined at Oregon City in 1849, but I believe you are mistaken about the United States ever coining a 33 1/3 cent silver coin," I said.

"As a matter of fact silver coins three of which equal a dollar are quite common," said Mr. Beekman and he produced from his pocket a silver half dollar and two quarters.

"There they are," he said, "a half dollar and two quarters, those three equal a dollar. I ought to know something about coins and gold dust for my bank at Jacksonville was the second bank to be established in Oregon. I didn't pay interest on deposits but instead I charged one per cent per month for the safe keeping of the depositors' money or gold dust.

"My father, Benjamin B. Beekman, was born in 1804 and was married in 1827. I was born January 27, 1828. I came to San Francisco in 1850 and worked at my trade as a carpenter for an ounce of gold a day. For the next two years I prospected or worked at my trade at Scotts Bar and Yreka. In 1852 the Cram-Rogers Express extended its service from Yreka to the newly discovered gold diggings at Jacksonville, Ore., and employed me as a messenger. I also made trips from Yreka to Crescent City.

"In 1855 the Cram-Rogers Express company went out of business so I started the Beekman Express service. I made two trips a week on horseback from Yreka to Jacksonville and from 1855 to 1862 carried millions of dollars in gold dust. At first I was paid 5 per cent for carrying gold dust and I charged a dollar for carrying a letter or a newspaper. No homesick miner or news-hungry prospector ever grudged paying a dollar for a letter or a copy of the Sacramento Union.

"In 1863 the Wells Fargo Express extended its lines to Jacksonville and appointed me local agent. I served as their agent for the next 42 years. In 1865 I opened at Jacksonville an office dealing in gold dust. I hired U. S. Hayden to run this part of my business and almost without any intention of doing so I was operating a private bank. Another profitable part of my business was serving as agent for the Oregon & California stage line. That worn old bench you are sitting on was one of the things I installed when I started booking stage passengers. Thousands of people have sat on that old wooden bench while awaiting the coming of the stage.

"I officially retired from the banking business on my 84th birthday, but while I refused to accept new deposits I continued to take care of my old-time customers. During the Black Friday days of 1873 a lot of banks folded up and others were hard pressed. I helped out a number of these hard pressed banks, just as I did during the depression of 1893. I voted for Lincoln for president, for I was an anti-slavery man. I served as member of the school board and also as mayor of Jacksonville. If you will look up the old-time records you will find that in 1878 I lost out by only 69 votes to W. W. Thayer, when I was running for governor of Oregon.

"I was married January 29, 1861, to Julia Elizabeth Hoffman, whose father, William Hoffman, was for many years one of Jackson county's officials. She came with her parents across the plains in 1853. Our first child named for my father, Benjamin B. Beekman, was born August 3, 1863. Our daughter, Carrie, was next, then Lydia, who died when she was 6 years old.

Mr. Beekman died on Washington's birthday, 1915, and Mrs. Beekman on July 27, 1931.

## Olive Barber's Observations

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On leaving Hillside and coming to the Big City, I actually felt, I really did, that shaking the hayseed out of my hair would be a minor matter. Well, that was before I met an escalator. But more of this anon.

I felt I got rid of quite a lot of hayseed the day I discovered how to get a seat in a full bus. All I had to do was let my poundage be swayed in time to the lurching of the bus. If the bus, on turning a corner, tried to toss me into the laps of the two chaps seated in front of me, way, instead of trying to keep my balance, I went where the bus wanted me to go. I never stand in front of just one passenger. Either standing or sitting, I take territory.

After the second toss, both passengers always urge me to sit and give me room to do it in.

I lost more hayseed when I learned to cross streets with, instead of against, traffic. Something told me right off my bus technique wouldn't work with trucks. Toss yourself at a truck and it's you, not the truck, which is the worse for wear.

Then I met an escalator. An escalator is a stairs which does your climbing for you. That is, if you can stand on it. It will take over your climbing but refuses to do your standing. I've tried to date one several times but so far they've slithered off without me. An escalator is what you might say ruthlessly coy that way. It's like a dancing partner—you don't get anywhere unless you slide when it does.

Children, however, are escalator addicts. They've played hop scotch and regard an escalator as hop scotch with a college education. I've seen them and their unwilling parents ride up and down, up and down, leaping off at each landing but, leaping on again before the less agile parents could drag the children away.

But I'll learn. I'm taking prep school training in escalator activity. This includes not only a review of hop scotch but also tight rope walking, toe dancing and standing up exercises. By the looks of things, I'll enter the escalator riding profession some time late in 1947.

## Singing Cowboy In Washington To Be Solon, Not Yodler

Washington Jan. 3—(U.P.)—Glen H. Taylor, the singing cowboy, formally becomes the senator from Idaho today and he is not going to yodel as he works.

"I didn't come here to play the guitar—I came to be a senator," said Taylor, who brought with him from Pocatello not only his guitar, but a banjo, a saxophone, a trombone, a clarinet and a piano.

"The family likes to sit around after supper and have a jam session," Taylor explained.

The Taylors are a tuneful family. He sings baritone and strums his guitar or banjo. The Mrs., a pin-up brunette, sings contralto and operates saxophone and trumpet. Son Arod, 9, is both clarinetist and pianist.

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## JAYCEES PICK FIRST CITIZEN IN JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce voted to select a first junior citizen at their regular meeting held last night. A committee composed of Vic Milnes, chairman; C. Lyall Fidler, Bill Chrysler, Ray Ish, George Davis and Wallace Brill will contact other organizations and groups for suggestions. When these contacts are completed Paul Selby will appoint a committee to make the final selection.

Selection of a junior first citizen is a nationwide undertaking for the national Junior Chamber. A distinguished service award key will be presented to the person selected at a banquet January 20. The national organization provides the key and the state president will present the award at the banquet. He will also present the charter to the local club at that time. Clarence Schmidt is in charge of banquet plans.

Members of the Medford Chamber received an invitation to attend a meeting at Klamath Falls January 6 at which Mearns T. Gates, president of United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, will speak.

## Navy Spends Much In Klamath Falls

Klamath Falls, Ore., Jan. 3—(U.P.)—The $11,693,000 the U. S. navy spent on two naval projects in Klamath Falls during the past year more than equals the total assessed valuation in the city, according to official reports issued today.

The Klamath naval air station cost the navy $6,353,000, while the marine barracks called for an expenditure of $5,340,000. In addition the naval auxiliary facilities at Lakeview cost $300,000.

WEATHER

Northern California—Fog or low cloudiness interior valleys today, tonight and Thursday and in coastal valleys during mornings. Otherwise clear. Little temperature change.

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