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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Sentiment opposed to America mixing in the hates and affairs of Europe, when the cannon stop booming, and the politicians start in doing the same, is arising in the land. Most of the hatreds started before Columbus landed on these shores, and are both chronic and incurable, and beyond soothing. For instance, Russia and Poland started detesting each other in 692. This gives them a 1253 year head start, in combatting any Yankee "big brother" and Santa Claus notions. America's entrance into the family fuss would give them something new and modern to hate. One can well imagine France and German, and Italy and Greece, would enjoy a brief respite, from glaring and throwing blue vitrol, while keeping their haters in tune, by hating Uncle Sam.

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A rural resident towned yesterday looking for a horse collar, and, might as well been hunting a tire in a haystack.

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"The cook has put her foot down. Only 12 pancakes per man at breakfast, until a helper shows up is the new rule."—(Goose Creek Jottings)—Famine stalks the back-country.

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The navy has just reported the sinking of a 45,000 ton Jap battleship last October. What's the rush, at a snail's pace?

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SAME HERE
(Bend Bulletin)

"The procurement division of the treasury department is offering for sale about 400,000 compasses. Also it lists cream pitchers, dessert plates, soup plates, bread and butter plates, saucers, gravy boats, egg cups, custard cups, vegetable dishes and vinegar cruets. We are especially glad to see the end of the gravy boat."

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J. Tannehill Walker, almost 6, and every 1½ inches a sailor came ashore yes, in navy regalia. He informed one and all he did not like the insignia on his left sleeve, causing one and all, to look at it.

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Word has been received from Dr. Eddie Durno, who has chased the foe from the beaches of Normandy to Aachen, and still at it. He is a major in the medical corps.

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The S. Clevens dog "Twirp," while asleep in the shoe shop yesterday woke up barking. He dreamed he had a fight with "Fala," the White House dog, and whipped him.

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FACT VS. FICTION
(Siskiyou (Cal.) News)

"It would be nice if we could start it in the Hollywood manner with one of our staff infallibly getting the story through sheer genius.

"The brutal truth is we got it through dumb luck and hard work."

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The upstate and metropolitan press is now editorially hailing the first Johnny-Jump-up, and the first dandelion of spring Like the first robin, the first dandelion has been here all the time. It is about time somebody hailed the first Jimpson weed on the sunny side of the woodshed.

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Moscow announces Russia will handle the nazi war criminals "in her own way," and there will be no sentimental monkey-business, about shooing the erring lamb back to the fold. "We will judge our torturers and this we will entrust to nobody," it is grimly announced. They do not regard the self-admitted "superrace" as juvenile delinquents, in need of a recreation center to plot World War III.

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

What's In A Name?

The announcement by Japan's Domei News agency of the new Hien fighter plane, which has been sent into action in the South Pacific and over the home islands, brings attention once more to the unique names used by the Japs for everything from airplanes to atolls.

"Hien" in Japanese means "Flying Swallow," a more appropriate and understandable name than those of a few other recent warplanes which have made their appearance in Pacific fighting. Jap flyers are now soaring forth to battle in the new Gekko, for example, which means "Moonlight," and in the Tenzan (Heaven-Mountain); the Ginga (Milky Way) and the Toryu (Dragon Slayer).

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WHEN Britain and America began to pay attention 75 years ago to the Bonins, those small island dots on the blue Pacific now in the path of our drive to Tokyo, the Japs took possession of them and established her policy which later was called the Monroe Doctrine of the Far East. Descendants of the 1830 colonizers of these islands called them by such names as: Goat Island, Peel Island, Stapleton, Buckland and Hillsborough. Nippon quickly changed their names for a family system—and the accidental mind will never know why. Their current Japanese names translate to read Bridegroom Island, Go-Between Island, Bride Island, Younger Brother Island, Elder Brother Island, Father Island (Chichi Jima), Mother Island (Haha Jima—the island now being showered with B-24 and B-29 bombs), Son-in-law Island, Twin Island, Elder Sister Island, Younger Sister and Niece Islands.

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AMERICANS, according to these strange people, are now sticking out their necks in the foray into the China Sea and the invasion of Luzon. It is our "sheer impatience" that has thrown us into this "reckless adventure," the Tokyo radio tells us, and the former commander of the Philippines, General Masaharu Homma, predicts dire consequences for American arms as a result of this "plight."

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WE ARE also facing, according to Lieutenant General Yano, with a veritable "Superman" in the person of General Tonoyuki Yamashita, the Philippines commander. He is known as a man "without a single weakness or deficiency," which certainly makes him unique in the human species.

While we'll never understand the mystic philosophy behind the Japanese language we CAN be amused.—H. G.

Japanese Atrocities

After we lost Bataan, nearly three years ago, the "March of Death" became an all time high in totalitarian cruelty and bestiality. The Japanese have, at least, been consistent in perpetrating their atrocities which strengthens the determination to bar these conscienceless people from military power in generations to come.

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THE latest act which has infuriated the American people was the beating and bayoneting of the crew of a Liberty ship by the sailors of a Japanese submarine. Seventy-seven were thus brutally murdered, before the submarine crash-dived with the remaining 23 sitting on the deck with hands bound behind their backs.

The story is authentic in every detail, secured first hand by veteran United Press writer John Andrews from survivors of the terrible ordeal.

Americans once knew the Japanese as people of pleasant manners and effusive courtesies, living in the quaint land of the cherry blossoms. Now they are stripped of their sheeps' clothing and we must resolve to never trust them again. These proven instances of brutal atrocities should be recorded in the history books of tomorrow. The Japs must not get away this time with a "so sorry, please" and be allowed to start once more a program of long-range planning for world conquest a century from now. — H. G.

JUNIOR CITIZEN SELECTION MADE BY SECRET VOTE

Selection of Medford's outstanding junior citizen for 1944 between the ages of 21 and 35 has been made, according to Harry Watson, vice president of Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce. Senior citizens of Medford voted by secret ballot to elect the man from a list submitted by various civic clubs of the city. Winner will be announced at the Founders Day banquet to be held Saturday at the USO, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

In keeping with United States Junior Chamber policies, a junior citizen award will be made each year to an outstanding man of the community who has rendered the most significent community service during the year.

Vic Milnes, general chairman for Saturday's banquet, announced plans were complete and chamber officials hope all civic organizations will have representatives at the banquet.

Bill Chrysler announced at last night's meeting that advance ticket sales for the banquet were going well and all salesmen are requested to contact him Thursday morning between 7 and 9 o'clock regarding their sales so an estimate of total sales may be given the attendance committee.

Anyone wishing to purchase tickets who has not been contacted may telephone Reg Stagg, 3843, for reservations.

BIRTHS

STRAHM—To Mr. and Mrs. Harve, Brownsboro, January 15, 1945, girl, 8 lbs., at Community hospital.

Daily Weather Report

Forecasts

Medford and vicinity: Rain tonight. Showers Thursday. Little change in temperature.

Oregon: Rain tonight. Occasional showers Thursday. Warmer east portion tonight.

Local Data

Temperature a year ago today: Highest 53 degrees; lowest 31.

Total monthly precipitation 1.15 inches. Deficiency for the month .11 inch.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1944, 7.37 inches. Deficiency for the season .17 inch.

Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 58%; 4:30 today 95%.

Tomorrow

Sunrise 8:35 a. m.; sunset 6:08 p. m.

Past 24 hours:	High	Low	Prec.
Boise	44	30	.58
Boston	33	21	—
Chicago	30	12	—
Denver	38	27	—
Eureka	52	29	.01
Havre	27	24	—
Los Angeles	60	37	—
Medford	48	31	—
New York	31	22	.32
Omaha	27	25	.01
Phoenix	62	40	—
Portland	49	42	.18
Reno	48	19	—
Roseburg	50	41	.02
Salt Lake	39	22	.02
San Francisco	56	40	—
Seattle	49	41	—
Spokane	40	33	Trace
Washington, D. C.	36	29	.07
Yakima	39	33	Trace

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 17 — The government is sponsoring a food scare. New York's Mayor La Guardia has been calling for meatless days. Local rationing boards are putting out to their newspapers around the country alarming predictions of scarcities. Some people are concluding it is just the usual government fright campaign to get a desired popular reaction, but this time it is real.

Hard as this may be for the average maidless housewife in the kitchen to believe, after all the stuff she has been hearing about great food stockpiles in government hoarding to feed the world, and large reserves bought up by the army and navy, the truth is we could lose this war on the food front if we do not have good crop weather this spring.

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BEHIND the tightening conditions is an explanation the government is not telling, namely that it mismanaged its food supplies situation last year and is now reaping the harvest of its mistakes.

Look at poultry. The government last summer thought it was faced with an over-supply, expected the war to be won swiftly in France, and discouraged poultry raisers from hatching eggs. That now proves to have been very bad judgment, and there is a shortage of poultry.

In hogs, the farmers were similarly scared of an oversupply, and reduced their feeder schedule upon government advice. We are now short on pork.

The sheep herders ran into cold weather at lambing time last year and we have a shortage of lamb.

Beef has been handled so sloppily as to discourage production. Last summer both the OPA and WFA (war food administration) promised no ceiling price would be put on cattle, but one is now to be applied.

But in order that the price to the consumer shall not be raised, the government is to pay the packers an additional $1 per 100 pounds subsidy out of the treasury, and the taxpayers' pocketbooks (a secret price increase under which those who pay taxes actually pay a portion of the price on steaks bought by everyone).

All this retracing and self-repudiation by the government officials naturally tended to demoralize the cattle industry and scare off production.

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WORSE than this, the war manpower commission is threatening to draft farm help and the war production board is cutting down or out the allocations for production of new farm machinery. The local draft boards in farm communities, however, have shown some signs of revolting against drafting more farm help, and frankly, I doubt that WMC orders will be obeyed.

Yet it is clear that farm help, new machinery, and parts for repairs will be scarcer than last year. If spring weather is bad, we will be in trouble. As for large reserves, we simply do not have them in any line.

The department of agriculture is now out holding meetings to get the farmers to increase planting, and extension directors are doing good constructive work, but the OPA, WFA, and the other government bureaus are doing nothing to extend production that I can see.

Indeed, there is constant quarreling and bickering on policy between OPA and WFA which is somewhat demoralizing, and Co-ordinator Vinson's office is full of left-wing boys who always have sociology uppermost in mind.

It is evident then that this new food scare has more validity behind it than in former cases, although the wrong reasons are being offered by the administration, naturally enough, in order to cover its old mstakes. "People are eatng more," they say. I doubt that this is true.

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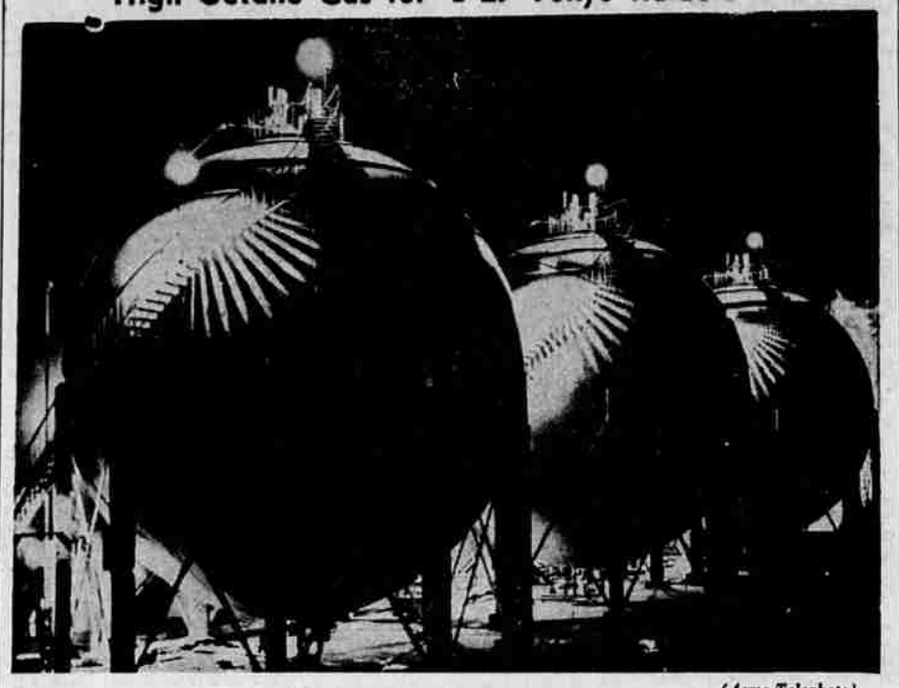
THE Germans seem to have captured a large quantity of our canned goods in the Belgian smash, and there is some black market seepage corruption from army supplies in France, but it is hard to believe the official excuse that a soldier in France eats more than in the United States. Lend lease is taking no more, and, indeed, our own supply situation is preventing us from living up to commitments. I asked food authorities why it is that the government has always proved to be wrong in its food planning activities. The law of averages should make it right once in a while, even if they did not try. The answer I got was this:

"At the start of the war, the best brains in both business and agriculture came in here to help work out our work problems. These men have nearly all returned to private endeavor, some disgusted. Remaining here are the sociology boys, the left leaners without much ability, who yearn for a better world more than they strive to make this one work right."

High Octane Gas for B-29 Tokyo Raiders



(Acme Telephoto)

Reflecting the highlights and shadows of night war production, these Hortonsphere storage tanks, part of the new $20,000,000 Defense Plant Corporation refinery operated by Standard of California near San Francisco, hold huge quantities of 100 octane gas destined for Saipan-based B-29 Tokyo raiders and other Pacific aerial operations. The refinery is one of world's largest high octane producers with capacity of several thousands of barrels daily.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Bond Aid Appreciated

To the Editor: The sixth war loan was the most successful sales promotional program ever known in the history of the world—war bond sales totaled $21,621,000,000.

Your outstanding support with sponsored war bond advertising was a major factor in the success of the drive. All America should give thanks to you, to your newspaper and your sponsoring advertisers. The treasury is most sincerely appreciative of the job you are doing.

These war bond drives continue to demonstrate again and again the powerful force of newspaper advertising. The greater the sale of war bonds in your community, the gerater will be your financial backlog to help absorb any postwar reverses for your people and your local merchants.

Just as the fighting must go on until final victory, so must the war financing program continue.

Secretary Morgenthau, Ted Gamble, Frank Tripp and Tom Lane all join me in expressing the most sincere thanks of the treasury for the excellent support your newspaper and your sponsoring advertisers have given this vital war financing effort.

Sincerely yours,
S. George Little,
Special Consultant,
War Finance Division.

1945 JURY LIST BEING PREPARED

Preparation of the jury list for the coming year consisting of between 250 and 300 names drawn from all sections of the county is now underway by the county clerk's office. It will be ready, and the first selections made from it, for the February term of the circuit court, starting Monday, February 26.

The present petit jury has been ordered to report for duty next Monday for the trial of Fred Marratt and wife, charged with breaking and entering for the purpose of stealing drugs. Circuit Judge James W. Crawford will preside. The case is expected to take the better part of two days.

HIGH NAVAL OFFICERS MEET DEATH IN ACTION

Washington, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—The navy today announced the deaths of Rear Adm. Theodore E. Chandler, veteran of European and Pacific naval action, and Capt. Robert W. Fleming, battleship commander, during the current operation against the island of Luzon in the Philippines.

No details of the action were given. Both of the naval officers lived in Washington.

Piled up bars of bullion were used to construct temporary shelters in the Cerro Gordo mining district in the '70s.

Faces Music

(Acme Telephoto)

Benjamin Franklin Male, 73, arrives in Chicago from St. Helens, Ore., on his way to Hoult, W. Va., to face 50-year-old murder charge. He voluntarily confessed slaying of Walter O. Smith, a teacher, who disciplined Male's son. "It didn't mean to kill," said Male. "I've never thought of it as a sin."

TALENT LOSES IN POLIO HOOP TILT

Eagle Point's basketball team took a 21 to 17 victory from Talent in an infantile paralysis benefit game played at Talent Tuesday night. It was a ragged contest all the way with neither team showing up to early-season calibre. Talent led at the halfway mark 9 to 8.

Principal Roy Parr said $40, net proceeds of the game, will be turned over to country officials to aid the nation-wide poliomyelitis campaign.

Lineups:

Eagle Point	Pos.	Talent
Young 5	f	Harley 2
Walgamont 8	f	Grace 1
Hayman	c	G. Chamber'n 4
Frink 9	g	J. Chamberlin
Hervey 3	g	Osterhart 4
Tolle 2	s	

THE GRANGE

Central Point Grange

A talk on "Accident Prevention" will feature the meeting of the Central Point Grange which will be held Friday at 8 p. m. at the Grange hall. There will be a program of violin music and a "cake walk".

BEATEN TO DEATH

Seattle, Jan. 17—(U.P.)—His body bearing evidence of a terrific beating, 16-year-old John Emberg, picked up Dec. 24 by city police on a delinquency charge, was found dead in the juvenile tank of the King county jail, the sheriff's office said today.

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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 17, 1935
(It was Thursday)

"Stop lying!" yells Bruno Hauptmann at witnesses against him in Lindbergh kidnaping trial at Flemington, N. J.

Ed Hanley home on Ross Lane destroyed by flames.

Roosevelt gives social security plan, with job insurance and old age pensions.

Snow or rain. High 41, low 33 degrees.

Roy Pruitt purchases Barkdull building on North Central avenue.

Medford high five to play Mt. Shasta here over week-end.

County court talks enforcing dog license law.

Price of butter goes up two cents.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
January 17, 1925
(It Was Saturday)

Digger squirrels drowned out by recent high water in Table Rock district.

Flood damage in Willow Springs district repaired.

Heavyweight Champion Jack Dempsey and Estelle Taylor, actress to wed.

Rain. High 37, low 29 degrees. Construction in Ashland last year amounted to $364,954.

Medford high defeats Eugene 22 to 15 in fast game last night. Mervyn Chastain was high point man.

Florida plan of no income or inheritance tax favored by house speaker for Oregon.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY
January 17, 1910
(It Was Tuesday)

Work to be rushed on local trolly line.

More funds asked congress for building of new post office here.

German submarine and crew trapped at bottom of Keil canal.

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MORE DISEASES ON WEEKLY LIST

Communicable disease took an upward trend in the county last week, with 31 new cases reported during the week ending Jan. 12 to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer. Included on the list were seven cases of scarlet fever, including four in Eagle Point, two in Prospect and one in Phoenix, and one case of diphtheria in Medford.

Also listed were one case of measles in Medford; a case of tuberculosis at Camp White; two cases of mumps, one in Talent and one in Gold Hill; one case of chicken pox in Ashland and one in Talent; five cases of Trench mouth, Camp White; 10 cases of recurrent malaria, Camp White; one of septic sore throat, Medford; one case of erysipelas, Jacksonville.

The pirate Blackbeard had great personal courage. It took five pistol wounds and 20 sword wounds for Lt. Maynard to down him in the historic fight off Ocracoke, N. C.

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