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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Tomorrow is the anniversary of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, former president of the nation. He was the possessor of many "homely virtues", more beautiful than the streamlined notions of today.

Stockmen report there will be plenty of hay for the cows, and, will not have to eat any of it themselves, as once feared.

The fishing season comes on apace. C. Ingalls of the Corvallis Gazette-Times wonders if fish go home, and lie to their wives about the size of the bait they stole.

The Dick Chair boy Dick is now equipped with an Indian suit, and is a juvenile aborigine like J. Tannehill (Jaybird) Walker. The latter fooled around in open country Thurs. and barely got back to the parental wigwam in time for supper.

The pull & haul at the Army Thrus. eve was well attended, and the Grey Mask all but got scrunched by the Weed Assassin.

Epicureans report they have gathered the first mushrooms of the season, and none of them turned out to be toadstools.

Gov. Dewey of N.Y., late GOP presidential aspirant, spoke on the air Thurs. eve, and hit the nail on the head, with campaign vigor. He pointed an oratorical finger at Mr. Stalin of Russia, and warned him not to let Mr. Stalin of Russia pull the political wool over his eyes.

The coming week is "Boy Scout" week. It is the first time in a long while, a week had extra duty, as a week.

The B. Tornado scrunched the powerful (at home) Pelicans Fri. eve, but were off form and center, and were unable to hit the bull's eye, or any other part of him in their shooting.

The Russians are driving for Berlin, the main roost of Nazism while Herr Hitler and crew plan to retire to a nice quiet spot where they can hide under the bed and yell "Kings X". Italy, a former paramour of Germany, objects to the allied armistice terms. The Italians no longer yell "We want Tunisia", twist the British lion's tail, or attack Ethiopia.

A speed idiot flew the highway, and rammed into what is believed to be the only picket fence extant in this modern burg.

A threat has been sounded, the men folks of the nation in order to be fashionable must produce whiskers with malice and aforethought. The OPA report no shortage of stuffing for mattresses. With strikes galore, and war rampant, the world is not suffering enough.

The S. Cleveans dog Twirp, remained home most of the week. He doggedly refused comment on poodles with "A" flying priorities, and "Purple Hearts."

The legislature has compromised the truck bill, by meeting the truck situation halfway. The trucks are obliging, and will come on your side of the road, if necessary.

Schools started last week on the last half of their terms. Many kids were vaccinated, at the end of the semester.

Ed Kubli, Applegate cowman, birthdayed Sat., his 43rd.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

The Answer to Ernie Pyle

A bright young man, eager to become a "famous war correspondent," asks this department what Ernie Pyle has got that he hasn't got?

Well the answer to that is Ernie Pyle has what no other war correspondent in the world has,—to an equal degree at least,—the warm, simple, kindly, HUMAN interest and approach.

Ernie Pyle, in fact, has revolutionized the business of war reporting, simply because of that fact. That and the man's uncompromising integrity,—his refusal at all times and under all circumstances to be anything but himself.

UNTIL Ernie Pyle came on the scene the business of war reporting was a highly desirable but rather exclusive profession, occupied largely by well known—and highly paid—writers already established in the writing field.

But the stuff most of them turned out, while often extremely well done from a literary standpoint, had no more of the personal, intimate HUMAN touch, than Caesar's Commentaries, or a play-by-play description of the Big Game.

Now and then perhaps a Colonel's name and heart searchings came into the script, but as a general practice, only those with at least two stars on their shoulder straps were mentioned, and then not as individuals but as actors in the great drama—as remote masters of strategy, tactics and what-not,—pawns in the grim chess game of human conflict.

ERNIE Pyle canned all that. He had nothing against the military big-shots or the dollar-a-word correspondents, particularly; but he did prefer the plain G.I. in the ranks, the slugging and slogging "Non-Coms", or the homesick boy from Westfield Corners, Arkansas, who about to go over the top found it hard work to keep the tears back or his breakfast down! There in the ranks, Pyle not only felt more at home, but felt that the real essence,—the soul—of the war could be found. And needless to add he found it!

THERE are many better writers in the profession than Ernie Pyle, men who know far more about the fine points of military science and syntax, but none who know the plain G.I. as he does, or has a deeper sympathy for him, or more earnest desire, somehow to help him. It is fundamentally a matter of feeling,—it is the HEART this kindly and unassuming newsmen, puts in his correspondence that has placed him at the top of the American war correspondents in this conflict,—and the correspondents of any other country for that matter.

IT is amusing now to see so many of his fellow-correspondents try to imitate him. But somehow they just lack the knack, or the flair, or the feel of the thing,—whatever it is that makes every reader of Pyle's column feel the deep sincerity and simplicity of the man, and the complete authenticity of the picture he draws of this war, and the boys,—most of them just overgrown kids,—who are doing most of the fighting and dying in it.

SO we told our young friend that most of the successful war correspondents haven't got anything he hasn't got except the opportunity,—for he is a smart, literate and enterprising young chap. But Ernie Pyle, we fear has. For Ernie is a genius in his particular line, and like most geniuses, there are many imitators but very few equals.

Why Did Manila Fall?

We have yet to see a convincing explanation of the swift and comparatively bloodless capture of Manila.

How come? The only explanations we have seen to date merely add up to the claim that General MacArthur is a military superman, who by sheer strategic brilliancy, made such monkeys out of the Japs, that he was able to execute practically a dress-parade into the capital of the Philippines.

Mebbe so, mebbe so! BUT even if that is correct it would not explain why the Japanese made no effort to defend Manila, constructed no fortifications, no underground shelters or concrete pill-boxes, laid no mines, quartered no large body of troops there,—but when the Yanks came in, the few Nipponese who were there, walked out.

We have an idea it is true the American campaign was a brilliant one, and General MacArthur may be all his friends say he is as strategist and leader.

Even so, that would not have prevented the Japanese from preparing defenses, distributing forces, and at least making the allies pay dearly for Manila and that portion of the Philippines which is generally admitted to be, not only the key to the island's defense, but extremely important in the defense of the South China coast, the China sea, and therefore Japan itself.

IT is all very mysterious to this department.

The only explanation we can conjure up is, that without either air or sea control Japan decided sometime back no successful defense of the Philippines could be made. So only a holding operation and guerrilla warfare were planned, Japan's real defense lines then being drawn from Singapore to Shanghai.

To sustain the latter hypothesis are reports from Chinese sources that for over a year now Japan has been concentrating upon air fields, improving highways and reconstructing railroads in this area,—the eastern shore of South and Central China.

There the big decisive battle may well be lost,—and won!

DE GAULLE JOINS BIG 3 POLITICAL TALKS SAYS PARIS

London, Feb. 10—(U.P.)—The Paris radio said tonight that Gen. Charles De Gaulle, leader of France, will participate in the political talks of the "big three" allied leaders, President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Marshal Josef Stalin.

Meetings of the big three are proceeding somewhere in the Black sea area, according to last official announcements. Radio Paris said the talks had "exhausted purely military matters," and are going to deal with political problems.

The French broadcast, not confirmed by authoritative sources here, said that with the inclusion of De Gaulle, the big three conference "will become a conference of the big four." Whether De Gaulle already is at the conference was not disclosed.

Confirmation of the De Gaulle report would indicate that France had achieved her demand for recognition as one of the leading allied powers.

Usually well-informed sources said tonight that President Roosevelt was believed to be planning a state visit with King George VI of England sometime in the late summer or early fall. These sources understood that the big three meeting originally was scheduled for London or western Europe.

Then the conference scene was changed to the Black sea area and Mr. Roosevelt's visit with the king was postponed, although preparations already had been started. The president is believed to have informed the king of his intention of accepting the invitation.

Churchill was believed to have carried a verbal message from the king to Roosevelt at the Black sea meeting, suggesting that the president make the visit at his own convenience. The president's reply reportedly said that it was more convenient for him to come to London at a later date.

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CHICKENS LISTED LIVESTOCK NOW

Salem, Ore., Feb. 10—(U.P.)—Chickens are now livestock and dogs, even those with priorities, had better watch out in Oregon.

The house today concurred in senate amendments and sent to the governor the bill (HB61) protecting owners of chickens from the depredations of dogs, the same way in which cattle, sheep and other livestock owners are protected.

P. S. To dog haters (if any)—It's still illegal to shoot a dog on a public road or in a city—even if he is chasing a chicken.

OPA ORDER NO. 31 PROVES A PUZZLE

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 10—(U.P.)—When a man embraces a statistical approach and not an amorous maneuver?

Regional war labor board officials had this question to decide when a southern business man wrote requesting that "you authorize me to embrace all my stenographers at their various locations, under general order 31."

WLB officials, admitting that general order 31 covers a multitude of sins under its wage stabilization program anyway, granted the request.

LADY TO PRISON

San Francisco, Feb. 10—(U.P.)—Marguerite Pritchard, 28, of Glendale, Cal., today was sentenced to three years in federal penitentiary after being convicted of posing as a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent.

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BRITISH PREPARE TO SHIP ARMED POWER TO ORIENT

London, Feb. 10—(U.P.)—Detailed blueprints already have been drawn for a mass transfer of British land, sea and air power to the Far East the moment Germany has been defeated, it was learned tonight.

The transfer of sea power already has reached the point where most of the Royal navy's newest and most powerful striking units—aside from those retained to guard the convoy route to Murmansk—have joined either the East Indies fleet commanded by Adm. Sir A. J. Power or the newly-formed eastern fleet under Adm. Sir Bruce Fraser.

The fall of Germany will be the starting signal for what one informed source called "The biggest removal job in military history."

It was learned that Britain's military planners already have figured the exact number of divisions they will be able to use against Japan, the number of heavy bomber plane squadrons to be sent, and even where the bombers will be based.

The RAF so far has used only Wellington and Liberator heavy bombers in the Burma area but recent reports suggest the famed Lancaster may soon make its debut there. The Lancaster is Britain's best heavy bomber.

Some indication of the RAF plans for the Far East might be drawn from a recent statement that Germany's collapse would release for the Pacific all British planes except those necessary to maintain a "policing" air force in Europe.

MOTHER CERTAIN BOAT HER SON'S

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 10—(U.P.)—Mrs. Wesley Halliburton, mother of World Adventurer Richard Halliburton, today said she "was certain" that the wreckage of 150-foot boat washed ashore at Pacific Beach, Cal., was not the remains of her son's ill-fated Sea Dragon.

Mrs. Halliburton said she had never seen the Dragon but she believed that descriptions of the boat in the adventurer-author's letters did not agree with press reports of the wreckage.

Halliburton was believed to have perished at sea March 24, 1939, in mid-Pacific en route to San Francisco, Cal., from Hongkong.

A possibility that the wreckage which smashed against the Pacific Beach pier last week may have been Halliburton's was sounded by K. M. Walker, marine surveyor and an authority on Halliburton's travels.

Noted Dead

New York, Feb. 10—(U.P.)—Alice Foote MacDougall, 71, who built a \$2,000,000 tea room business from a tiny coffee stand, died today at her home.

Mrs. MacDougall's first tea shop, where she ground and brewed her own coffee, was in the Grand Central terminal in 1919. She built it into a chain of shops but the business fell a victim of the depression of the '30's. One of her specialties was serving waffles free with each cup of coffee.

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TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

February 11, 1935 (It Was Monday)

Gold Hill cement plant to operate Grants Pass railroad.

Black Tornado defeats Grants Pass 34 to 17.

Union labor girls for fight on relief wages.

Townsend Pension meeting at high school draws crowd of 1100, with collection amounting to \$103. President sent telegram.

Gov. Martin tells Linn county democrats no group will dictate his appointments to state officers.

Mann's store closed to clear dust caused by falling wall.

Cloudy with rain. High 54, low 34 degrees.

Defense counsel for Bruno Hauptmann in closing argument says kidnapping of Col. Lindbergh's baby was "an inside job."

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

February 11, 1925 (It Was Wednesday)

Legislature still wrestling with normal school and fish bills, with chances both will pass.

Unsettled with probable rain. High 49, low 37 degrees.

Coyotes menacing Sams Valley sheep bands.

Cigarette smoking among women gains by leaps and bounds, both at home and in public.

Attempt to be made to drive to Crater Lake rim next week, if weather right.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY

February 11, 1911 (It Was Saturday)

California plans three legislative bills against Japanese.

North county resident faces arrest for squirting tobacco juice in eye of neighbor's wife.

Good Roads bill placed before legislature.

PFC. CHAS. CURTIS ACCIDENT VICTIM

Details of the death of their son, Pfc. Charles L. Curtis, in England, have been received by Mr. and Mrs. E. Curtis of Butte Falls. The young man was injured in an automobile accident which occurred during a black-out and he passed away No. 11 in an arm hospital in Bristol, according to information received recently.

Pfc. Curtis came to the county with his parents from Berkeley, Calif., during the construction of Camp White, Mr. Curtis being a civilian employee of the army engineers, and the family purchased a ranch in the Butte Falls district.

The young man enrolled in the Butte Falls high school and was graduated with the class of 1943, leaving school in March before the ceremonies, to enter the service. He was sent overseas in July of that year after training at Camp Claiborne, La., and had been stationed in England since. He held a permanent civil service rating with the army engineers, having been

employed while still in high school.

Pfc. Curtis was born Oct. 25, 1924, in DeQueen, Ark., and was an only child.

ALLIED LANDINGS IN CHINA HUNTED

Chunking, Geb. 10—(U.P.)—War-weary Chinese are fleeing the China coast cities of Shanghai and Nanking, anticipating military operations in those areas in the near future, Chinese reports received here said today.

Chinese city dwellers are moving to the countryside to "escape disaster" which they expect in the form of Japanese resistance.

National Forest Timber for Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Medford, Oregon, up to and not later than 2:00 P. M., February 21, 1945, for all the live timber marked or designated for cutting and all merchantable dead timber located on an area embracing about 40 acres within Section 33, T. 31 S., R. 3 E., and Section 33, T. 32 S., R. 3 E., W. M., Rogue River National Forest, Oregon, estimated to be 400,000 feet B.M. of Douglas-fir, and 100,000 feet B.M. of ponderosa pine, more or less, and an unestimated amount of other species. No bid of less than \$4.25 per M. feet B.M. for Douglas-fir, \$5.80 per M. feet B.M. for ponderosa pine, \$9.80 per M. feet B.M. for sugar pine, \$8.80 per M. feet B.M. for white pine, and \$2.10 per M. feet B.M. for white fir, western hemlock and incense cedar, will be considered.

In determining the rate for highest bidder, the rate for Douglas-fir and ponderosa only will be considered. In addition to the prices bid for the stumpage, a cooperative deposit of \$50 per M. feet B.M. to be used by the Forest Service for paying the cost of slash disposal, and a cooperative deposit of \$0.25 per M. feet B.M. to cover the cost of tree planting, seed sowing and timber stand improvement work on the area cut over, for the total cut of timber under the terms of the agreement, will be required. Bids with rates in excess of those permissible under MPR 460 will be reduced to the allowable maximum in making the award. \$1500.00 must accompany each bid, to be applied on the purchase price, refunded, or retained in part as liquidated damages, according to conditions of sale. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Medford, Oregon.

to an allied landing on the China coast.

The report said Shanghai residents were migrating to Nanking, thinking it a better refuge, while Nanking citizens are evacuating to small villages.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 10—(U.P.)—August J. Strange, president of the Mt. Emily Lumber company of La Grande, has been elected president of the Western Pine Association for 1945, it was announced today.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness during our recent bereavement and for the beautiful flowers. Mrs. P. H. James and Family, Ralph James.

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