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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Gin is now rationed in this state. Addicts report some of it

tasted like the manufacturers never got over the late 1920

trick of making it in a bath tub.

There is some complaint in the Oregon press about Boss Ed

Flynn, a democratic war-horse of New York, taking up space in

a non-official capacity on the trip, to the Big 3 confab. He

seems to have as much business there as a Grants Pass caveman

garbed in a coyote skin and long underwear, insisting Premier

Stalin become a member, by swigging a shot of panther

blood.

It is now admitted the Wagner Act failed to prevent labor

trouble as planned. The nation could not have suffered more of

such, if there had been two Wagner Acts.

"HERE LIES THE BODY..." (Klamath Falls Herald-News)

"The fans were in a dangerous mood after this episode, but the hooded heel

made the trek to the dressing room without incident although several epithets that

were certainly not for small children fell on his ears."

Herr Hitler and co-monsters vow they will never desert Germany in the hour of defeat,

come what may. It looks like the Germanic ship would have to desert the rats.

Roosters have started hailing the dawn of a new-born day with

too much gusto, residential district sleepers report. A lusty-lunged

chantecler assassinated in the cool of the morn, de-feathered and properly whack-

ed-up, is in fine shape to fry for supper.

The legislature, as usual, will be unable to cease, desist, abate, or quit in their allotted time,

and face three more weeks sans per diem pay in Salem. A bill should be passed requiring the

lawgivers to assemble three weeks ahead of time so they can come home when supposed to.

As they have already introduced 614 bills, another one won't make any difference.

SOUNDS FAIR ENOUGH (Coronet)

"When meat rationing first began, a farmer reported to his

board that he had several hundred pounds of beef in storage. To a letter demand-

ing why he had so much on hand he replied: 'It was necessary to kill the whole

steer at one time!'"

The weather turned chilly. This will stop foolhardy fauna

and flora from heralding a premature Spring, and hard-headed

dandelions from growing straight up through cement sidewalks.

Sen. Taft of Ohio declares the proposed program of Henry

Wallace, ex-vice president and annihilator of little pigs, would lead to "national bankruptcy."

The Ohio statesman is very mean and opposed to the "common man." He cannot get it

through his head, as urged in 1934, everybody should go broke and be prosperous.

The OPA report reports the supply of canned string beans

is "practically exhausted." So is the general public. The

canned string bean throughout the current struggle has per-

formed yeoman service, more so than soy-bean "stretchers" and carrots. The canned string bean

Editorial Correspondence

Los Angeles, Feb. 16: Well, we all make mistakes—that's what erasers are for. (First heard that at the Majestic Theatre some 40 years ago!) And the L. A. weatherman we boasted about yesterday proves it. He predicted rain for this week-end. Instead it came night before last and has been working off and on ever since. And thunder and lightning with it—the latter came in

around 4:30 a. m. and we thought the Japs had sprung another surprise before our muddled senses cleared. Wowie—what a SNAP, like the crack of a giant whip, bells-of-fire and then crash, bang! In fact our belief is this corner of the hotel was hit but all the hotel factotums deny it. (In L. A. they WOULD do course.)

Most of the rain in this spell has come at night, however, which is nice of the W. M. and we are sure meets with the ok of the L. A. Chamber of Commerce. Over in the park however "Red Mary" discarded her bed-room slippers—with red pom-poms—and short spangled skirt for storm rubbers—looked like new ones—and a moth-eaten astrakhan coat!

The principle subject for argument today was the President and his alleged plan to visit the Pope. The usual differences of opinion were evident. (If anyone agreed with anyone else in Pershing Square who would ever go there!) And we can say without fear of successful contradiction (Hey there Porter!) that the majority in Pershing Square is anti-Catholic. Not that the Pope did not have his defenders—one was a doughboy with service stripes—but we said the MAJORITY, and that is what we mean. Which also means the majority there are Communists.

One of the majority—the ex-Texas bar-tender with the luxuriant red whiskers slightly streaked with grey and navy plug-cut—declared he didn't believe the report President Roosevelt was to visit the Pope for he happened to KNOW that when Rome fell, "His Holiness" escaped by plane to Ireland and is now hiding out there, waiting for the Germans to defeat the "Roo-shians" as the Poles did toward the end of World War No. 1, so he can return to Rome, and resume his rule of the "Holy Roman Empire," etc., etc., etc.

Before we leave Pershing Square we might add that another one of the burning questions there today was whether Horthy of Hungary was an Admiral or a General.

The chief disputants both claimed to be native Austrians—and perhaps they were—at any rate they couldn't talk English very well.

The one we thought won the argument was the one with a white band on his felt hat who kept following the Socratean technique of interrogation to-wit:

"How COULD the dictator of Hungary be an ADMIRAL when Hungary has no NAVY?"

The only answer of his opponent, who was bareheaded and to compensate for this deficiency sported a greasy stained leather-vest and "cords" said:

"My answer to that is—Horthy is a SKUNK!"

Well they kept going on this line for at least half an hour and—as far as we know—may be going yet. For it looked like an all-night session, and we simply could not wait for the end of it—if there was one.

Well at last we have seen a movie that is worth writing home about—that is worth an 8-cent airmail stamp.

Los Angeles is supposed to be the Mecca for the movie fan, but either the crop this year is a pathetic one, or your correspondent has slipped badly in his judgment. Mickey Rooney as a horse-jockey, Errol Flynn as a commander in the Burma campaign (This is an aside—"Object Burma" the title, should have been OBJECTION Errol Flynn), and well—several others which we have seen but are not worthy of mention. (However we will say this for L. A.—you don't HAVE to take it with pop-corn!)

To resume, ladies and gentlemen, we have seen one movie that is worth the price of admission (fairly close to a dollar in this man's town) and only one—that one is Rita Hayworth in "Tonight and Every Night"—really tops, as we see it, in the musical dramatic and leg-art line (let us say at once by "leg-art" we refer to dancing in all its forms, not to any physiological or anatomical revelations).

Yes "Tonight and Every Night" is good. And the other offerings we have seen here to date AREN'T. That sums up our movie experiences of the week.

Why is "Tonight and Every Night" good? Well for several reasons. No. 1 it is short; when it ends one wishes there were more. So many these days in the musical line drag out. Second, Rita Hayworth is one of the few really beautiful young ladies in the movies. By beauty we do not mean a pretty face, alone, or graceful limbs, but the grand total in which are included intelligence, character and charm. Moreover, Rita has improved amazingly in her acting ability, she shows a genuine grasp of the nuances of this part—she is a show girl and many of the shots are behind the scenes, but the plot has some sense to it and she makes the most of it.

The picture is in color—good color—less garish than most—while a young man by the name of Marc Platt is A-1 and may be crowding Fred Astaire for his terpsichorean honors one of these days. They put thick-lensed glasses on Marc to type him as the non-glamorous male, but had we been in Rita's shoes—or pumps—we would have vastly preferred Marc to Lee Bowman, who as a squadron leader of the R.A.F. took the romantic lead and in our humble opinion was, well—NOT so hot.

But it is a very good show, with (as above stated) a worthwhile plot, attractive tunes, and a touch of genuine tragedy which for a technicolor musical is a new departure and all to the good.

We have learned this as far as L. A. is concerned. If you wish to attend a movie don't go to the night show; if you wish to eat don't eat at the usual hours, for in both cases you will have to stand in line and wait—which the undersigned refuses to do. Los Angeles is not only crowded it is packed. Added to the normal congestion there must be at a conservative estimate at least 100,000 army and navy men—most of them returned veterans—enjoying themselves here—or trying to. The better a play or movie is, the better the restaurant—the more difficult it is to get a seat. Nothing to complain about but it is well to bear in mind if one plans to come to this man's town, for a few days outing.

— R. W. R.

of a joke on the members of the State Game Commission, that pass these laws, from suggestions of a handful of old die-hard sportsmen of this section.

How can the fish get up stream to spawn, when boats on the lower river between Grants Pass and Robinson Bridge, or beyond that to Hells Gate, take over their limits on every trip. It has been told me by anglers, who have made these trips, that they have caught many steelheads, over-limit catches. Just before the season closed a party of three, made a trip and caught, (believe it or not) 48 steelheads. Another party of three anglers made week-end trips, and at times during the week also, for the past several months, and most always caught far over limit catches. Here is another case, which happened just last week. Two fellows were fishing near Gold Hill (and remember the season is closed)—so they caught five large steelheads, and a game warden stopped and watched them for awhile, then drove on. These fellows purchased some bait from me, and were going out Sunday again,

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.

Says Fish Law Broken

To the editor: I read in Sunday's issue the new laws on angling for 1945. The entire article was apparently quoted by our local member of the state game commission, and there is one paragraph there in, which does not make sense to the average angler, fisherman or resident of this community, which I will quote and would like to have explained in this column, by this same party.

It states—"Said he believes it is a mistake for the game commission to bring fish up the river to spawn and then allow them to be caught before they have an opportunity to reach their spawning grounds."

Many old timers and myself, really believe this to be a good change, if it were equally balanced, but here are true facts, that make this change, a sort

saying that fishing was great, but I told them the season in the Rogue River was closed, and they could not believe it, till I showed them the game laws, and were they surprised, not so much regarding the closed season, but that a game warden visited them, without making an arrest.

If the great number of fish are caught from Grants Pass down stream and they are not allowed to get up stream, why pass such a law governing the Rogue River, when the trouble is, that some one, or group, is the cause of this slaughter of fish in the lower river?

Al Fische

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 20—Words and lyrics in praise of Mr. Henry Wallace are blowing over the country from the Washington and New York typewriters and mimeograph machines, furious words and thunderous lyrics. Here they sound like the old wind and rain machines of the 10, 20

30-cent melodramas which made Eliza's crossing of stage ice so perilous and awful—for those who can be easily convinced. The Wallace grinders moan and howl:

"If you're for Roosevelt, you are for Wallace" (signed national business men's committee for Wallace) . . .

"Wallace is a Yankee business man," howls Morgenthau (oblivious of geography which has certified Yankees in New England, where Wallace has never been except on political trips) . . .

"The reactionary senators are trying to defeat the common man," moans a Florida columnist whose opinion is being republished throughout the state as a paid advertisement.

WHY? Mr. Wallace is defeated.

He was defeated within 48 hours after his nomination for secretary of commerce was sent to the senate, defeated for the only important aspect of his appointment, control of the lending agencies.

Without RFC, the commerce secretaryship is the least important cabinet office.

He was defeated not by a few "reactionary" senators, but by complete outraged majorities of the congress recently elected by the people with Mr. Roosevelt for the fourth term. They just would not stand for putting a farmer in to handle the new deal's financial lending empire.

It is not true that if you are for Roosevelt you are for Wallace. Mr. Roosevelt himself had to discard Wallace for the presidential campaign; is being compelled by congress now again to discard him for a financial control job for which few think him suited.

It is not true that he is either a Yankee or a business man. It is not true that the opposition represents reactionarism while he represents the common man. Looking at it only from the Roosevelt liberal or any Democratic viewpoint, the common man would best be served by an efficient management of the banks and lending companies through RFC in the interests of the government.

A man who knows nothing of such hard-boiled, highly technical management could cause the whole RFC empire to fall into a mess within a few months, disrupting the proposed job-lending and ruining the country. Would that help the common man?

In my solemn, sincere opinion, Wallace could be useful in that job only for those who want to ruin the country. You would not hire a physician to do your dentistry or a dentist to take out your appendix, not unless you wanted the patient to die.

Why this campaign? The only possible explanation, it seems to me, is this: Radical leadership in this country has fallen far below par. Now it is trying to stir up just an ill-grounded and foolish campaign to build Wallace up as a front for its activities.

From the way they are going about it, I judge they expect to make the people believe Wallace a tin god from his defeat, a martyr for the "common man," a respectable show-window man for future use.

Mr. Wallace is an honest, decent person and thus suitable for that purpose. He is not acute to the workings of those who have been using him for some time. Human and friendly, he has never been accused of being smart, or gifted with insight for leadership.

The movement is not likely to succeed. True liberalism in the real interests of the people will not gain its day until young new men who are both clever and honest, now unknown, arise to take hold of it and lead it.

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

TOASTMASTERS ADD 4 MEMBERS

Medford Toastmasters club added four new members to their ever-growing roster at the weekly meeting Monday night. They were Glen C. Pendergast, George F. Davis, Dr. H. A. Krause and Captain Martin, who is a transfer from the club at Springfield, Ill.

Due to increased interest in the club the limit on membership has been increased, there still being room for two more members. Associate members will be accepted who will become active as soon as an active member is dropped to the inactive list because of three unexcused absences in succession. The club voted unanimously to retain Frank Honts as professional critic. D. D. Davis was toastmaster and Otto DeJarnett presented the table topics. Vincent Smith spoke on "What's in Store for the Helicopter," Carlos Morris spoke on "Conservation" and Leslie Ternahan spoke on "OPA is Our Battle Line."

Livestock

Portland, Ore., Feb. 20—(UP)—Livestock—Cattle, 150 calves, 38 quality steers \$11.75. Best fed steers Monday \$12.50. Canner-cowboys heifers \$8.00. Canner-cowboys \$6.50. Fat dairy type cows \$8.50 to \$10.50. Good beef cows quotable to \$12. Medium-good bulls \$10 to \$12.50. Good choice vealers \$14 to \$15.

Hogs, 200. Active, fully steady. Good-choice 170-270 lbs. \$13.75. heavier and lighter weights \$15. Good sows \$14.50 to \$14.75. Choice \$10. feeder \$7.50.

South San Francisco, Feb. 20—(UP)—(USA)—Cattle, 150. Past two days steers 25 to 30c lower; load good to choice \$12.50 to \$13.00, five loads good light steers \$15.40 to \$16.25; medium to good steers scarce. Shee-Stock active, fully steady; broad demand; odd good cows \$13, medium \$11.50 to \$12. Calves, none, nominal. Do-e-zen \$12. Hogs, 250. Firm; about two loads good to choice 180-270 barrows and sows \$13.75, odd good sows \$15.

Sheep, none. Good to choice woolled lambs quoted \$16 to \$18.50; medium to good ewes \$7.99.

Portland Produce

Portland, Feb. 20 (UP)—Wholesale Produce market: Apples—Waco, 1c. Roseburg, 2 1/2c. 50-lb. crate. Apples—California 40 to 50c lb. Broccoli—Green, local, \$1.50 lug. Onions—Green, 13 to 16c do-e-zen bunches. Potatoes—Louisiana yams, \$3.90 per 50-lb. crate.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Feb. 20—(UP)—Wheat: Open High Low Close Chicago, Feb. 20 (UP)—Wheat: May 1.58 1/2 1.56 1/2 1.55 1/2 1.56 1/2 July 1.55 1/2 1.53 1/2 1.54 1/2 1.54 1/2 Dec. 1.54 1/2 1.53 1/2 1.54 1/2 1.54 1/2

S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, Feb. 19—(UP)—Dairy market: Butter: 93 score 43, 92 score 42 1/2, 90 score 42 1/4, 89 score 41 3/4. Cheese: Wholesale prices loafs 27.9, triplets 27.2. Eggs: Large grade A 42 1/2, medium grade A 39 1/2, small grade A 36 1/2, large grade B 39 1/2.

Wall Street

New York, Feb. 20.—(UP)—Profit-taking unsettled the stock market after a firm opening today, but strength in steels and selected issues left the main list higher on balance.

The Dow-Jones average of 65 stocks at its best level was at a new high since Aug. 31, 1937, and the industrial average made a new top since Sept. 17, 1937. Rails and utilities, as measured by the Dow-Jones averages, slipped lower.

Preliminary closing Dow-Jones stock averages: Industrial 159.57, up 0.56; railroad 52.07, up 0.13; utility 28.43, up 0.03; 65 stocks 59.85, up 0.18. Sales totaled 1,700,000 shares compared with 1,880,000 shares yesterday.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks: American Tel. & Tel. 163 Anaconda 33 1/2 Chrysler 104 1/2 Curtiss Wright 6 3/4 General Electric 40 1/2 General Motors 68 Montgomery Ward 53 1/2 Penn R. R. 36 1/2 Phillips Petroleum 48 J. C. Penney 111 1/4 Radio 12 1/2 Southern Pacific 43 1/4 Standard Oil of Cal. 41 1/4 Texas Gulf Sulphur 39 1/2 Transamerica 11 1/2 United Aircrafts 31 1/4 U. S. Rubber 59 1/4 U. S. Steel 63

STARS TRAVEL FAR

Hollywood, Feb. 20—(UP)—Hollywood stars have traveled more than 4,000,000 miles, all over the world, in wartime patriotic causes, the Hollywood Victory committee, clearing house for film city personalities' voluntary war-related activities, reported today.

Leads Invasion



(Acme Telephoto) Vice Adm. Richmond Kelly Turner, 59, led amphibious invasion team that brought Marine assault forces to Iwo Jima. Turner holds a dual title—commander of amphibious forces in the Pacific and commander of the Fifth Amphibious Force. He holds latter role now.

TRAGEDY STRIKES FAMILY THRICE

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 20—(UP)—Last Tuesday Mrs. Lizzie Abramson, 72, received word that her son, Lt. David B. Goldin, 37, had been killed in a glider accident at George Field, Lawrenceville, Ill.

Two days later Mrs. Abramson's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Selma Abramson, 22, of Lawrence died after a long illness.

Yesterday Mrs. Abramson collapsed while attending funeral services for her son. One of the pall bearers, Hyman Kimmel, 22, discharged army veteran, fell while carrying the casket from the house and was hospitalized with a fractured nose.

Eight hours after the services Mrs. Abramson died of heart disease.

19 Known Dead In Apartment Blaze

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 20.—(UP)—The number of known dead in the disastrous Maefair apartment house fire rose to 19 today as fire officials announced that two persons whose bodies have not yet been found were known to have been in the building.

Two other bodies, previously found, were identified as Donald C. Schonberg, 7, and Pearl Bailey, age unknown. Of 17 bodies discovered, 12 now were identified.

JUDGE CRAWFORD TO LOCAL BENCH MONDAY

Circuit Judge James W. Crawford, occupying the Jackson and Josephine county benches during the convalescence of Judge Herbert K. Hanna, will not return here until next Monday for opening of the February term of court. Judge Crawford planned to return today but changed his plans, due to matters before his own Multnomah county court, and personal engagements.

The circuit court will open at 10 o'clock on the opening day of the term, and at 9:30 o'clock on other days.

THREE CASES SCARLET FEVER ARE REPORTED

Three new cases of scarlet fever were listed on the weekly report of the Jackson county health officer for the week ending Feb. 16. All three cases are in Prospect, the report shows. Also listed for the week were two cases of mumps, one in Prospect and one in Ashland; one case of chickenpox in Ashland, and one case of tuberculosis in Medford.

News of 4-H CLUBS

Roxy Ann 4-H club will meet at Roxy Ann Grange hall at 8 p. m., Friday, Feb. 23. The club is inviting their parents. All attending are asked to bring sandwiches, the club furnishing coffee and punch.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 9:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

RED CROSS AIDE TALKS TO CLASS

Miss Mary Gray, nursing field representative from San Francisco, gave a talk to the graduating home nursing class at the Medford senior high school Friday at 1:30.

Mrs. Verna Johnson, nurse instructor, presented the 37 girls to Miss Gray who awarded certificates. Miss Helen Bullis, chairman of home nursing, presented their home nursing pins. Attending the talk and ceremony were 26 girls starting the new classes in home nursing.

Miss Gray, who arrived in Medford for the nursing association meeting Wednesday evening, met with the nurse aide committee Thursday afternoon, attending the nurse aide corps meeting Friday evening and both nurse aide classes, one at the Community hospital and the other at the Sacred Heart.

Rothermel Named Leader of Y.M.C.A. Camera Devotees

Ralph Rothermel was named president of the Y. M. C. A. Camera club at a meeting of the club held last Friday at the "Y" club rooms. Barbara Earl was elected secretary and Kathleen Seekatz, treasurer. Plans were made for holding a contest in printing pictures next month and a committee was appointed to sponsor a benefit food sale to raise funds for the club.

A deep sea fishing movie was shown following the business meeting.

The group plans to meet every Friday night, beginning March 2.

Present were Dean Eppinger, Carroll Lantz, Dean DeBerry, Roger Pederson, Barbara Earl, Richard Iyle, Jim Clark, Gene Higgins, Kathleen Seekatz, George Lochet, Elmer Smith, Lee Stothers, Jerry Boucher, Mervain Ball and Ralph Rothermel.

Stettinius Arrives In Mexico City For Inter-America Talk

Mexico City, Feb. 20—(UP)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., arrives today from Brazil for the opening of the Inter-American conference tomorrow on problems of war and peace.

His arrival was awaited eagerly by delegates from other American republics who are anxious to know the United States' latest decision on Argentina. Assistant Secretary of State Nelson A. Rockefeller who arrived Sunday has stepped all questions regarding Argentina, saying that Stettinius will be the spokesman for the United States delegation.

RELOCATION CENTERS TO CLOSE BY JAN. 2

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—(UP)—All Japanese relocation centers probably will be closed by January 2, 1946, the war relocation authority announced today. All but 60,000 evacuees already have been resettled, WRA said. The remaining Japanese-Americans were expected to leave the eight open centers by next year.

JOSEPH DANIEL HENRY PASSES IN KLAMATH