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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

A New Jersey draft board has pronounced Crooner F. Sinatra unfit for combat duty.

Heinrich ("The Killer") Himmler, Gestapo chief of the Nazis, demonstrated in a recent statement, honesty and logic.

"As there have been no scandals, no wife beatings, no murders, no run-away teams, or wrecked automobiles in Merlin traffic, news is very scarce."

The valley weeds are coming along fine, and growing like last summer babies, despite the discovery of new and more deadly weed exterminating compounds.

The legislature aims to quit next Saturday, the 62nd day of the session. The state at large devoutly hopes their aim is better than in the other 61 days of the elongated sojourn in Salem.

"Our pretty niece is very particular about selecting husbands. She never marries a man she hasn't known over the weekend."

J. Cochran Robin, who conducts extensive operations from his base on the chise lawn, reports the early worms are late this spring.

Quite a number of valley cows have increased the alleged beef shortage the past week, by having twins calves.

The cream of the state high school basketball squads face a showdown crisis this week, and the victors will have to show something more than their clipplings, woven into the shape of a good-luck horseshoe.

"MODEST VIOLETS" OF '35 "There are in Pendleton several ladies who have contemplated donning bloomers, thus falling in line with a custom now in general vogue through out all the eastern cities and which has slowly gained a place in the larger cities on the coast.

Editorial Correspondence

Brawley, Calif., March 1.—Ah there G.T.—this is another month and how is Lady Luck?

Ever since our arrival in this section of California we have been looking for two things:

- 1. A bald-headed Indian. 2. A movie house that sidelines in pop-corn. No luck yet, but the search will go on,—and on!

Overheard in the lobby: "Well, Bill, alfalfa won't grow this sort of weather." It certainly won't, for look toward the north and "there's snow in them thar hills, neighbor!"

This is a great alfalfa country, they shipped out 15,585 carloads in 1943 and took in a cool \$6,000,000 for same.

Across the Plaza in a feed-store window they had a brooder full of little Rhode Island chicks yesterday,—husky little fellers too. But the brooder is not there today,—"too cold near the window,—put it back near the heater," was the explanation.

This isn't the best grapefruit belt but near it,—and they raise some grapefruit here. Yet the grapefruit served at this hotel are about the size of peaches. It is a story that was once familiar in Medford,—to get a really good pear one had to go to New York.

Either northern Mexico has changed greatly in the past 15 years or this section from Mexicali to Tijuana is a particularly rich portion of the country. In 1929 we traveled to Mexico City from Nogales and a few hours after leaving the border the train was passing through a bleak and primitive area resembling the west when inhabited by the Indians.

Coming over here the train passed through what appeared to be a very rich and prosperous farming section,—that is for Mexico,—with several neat villages and towns, not pretentious but comfortable-looking farm houses. Plows and discs were at work, tractor drawn, and there was a large concrete dam near Tecate apparently the center of a Mexican power and irrigation project.

Mexicali by the way on our former visit was little more than a flag-stop on the SDA & E railroad, and a down-at-the-heel U. S. tourist and bootleg hangout. Today it is a Mexican metropolis of over 40,000 people and a really surprising residence district across the river on the hill. And now of course like all the rest of Mexico a war boom is on as is a war boom,—everybody is getting rich.

In fact, won't another one of the powerful deterrents to a third world war be the experience of the nations that stayed out of this one? Mexico of course did declare war on Germany,—but it was merely a gesture, and to all intents and purposes Mexico is today and has been at peace. When the war ends there is little question that Mexico will be not only a far stronger but far happier nation, than she has ever been before.

And this will be due in large measure to World War No. 2 and its benefits. There is a ready market there for all Mexican raw materials, and in many directions manufacturing has been put upon what may well prove to be a permanent, self-sustaining basis. Then too the larger land holdings have been pretty well cut up, and peon exploitation of the Diaz era, reduced to the vanishing point.

Incidentally the ill-fated Trotsky was not the only European refugee or influential Communist to seek sanctuary in "May-Hee-Ko"—there are thousands of them, and they have brought with them both money and skills.

Yes, keep your eye on Mexico in the next decade,—it is likely to be a most interesting and surprising place.

Still another interesting example of Mexico's war prosperity may be seen in Calexico, just across from Mexicali,—it might be called the American portion of Mexicali. Some years ago a large hotel was built in Calexico called the Del Anza, which was a notorious flop from a business standpoint until the war came along to save it—as the war saved the hotel business throughout the U.S.A. Now it is hard to get a room in that place. Why? Well principally because one can have a nice clean, comfortable place to sleep in the United States,—and yet can eat and drink in Mexico. And thanks to keeping out of the war how one can eat and drink in Mexico!

For in Mexico nothing is rationed except gas. You can have all the butter you want, all the cheese and red meats,—and all the drinks,—everything in fact that was available in the states before Pearl Harbor and when one considers the prevailing rate of exchange, at pretty close to pre-war prices.

Another example. That imposing Jal Alal "Hipodroma" in Tijuana, left half built when the depression of '29 struck, and remaining all these years an eloquent monument to western hemisphere economic catastrophe is now being completed. And of course the Agua Caliente race track has opened also. Yes "May-Hee-Ko" has struck it rich!

Over at Pancho's in Mexicali, if you tip the captain, they say you can get ripe strawberries and thick cream for 25 cents. Half-ripe strawberries on this side are now selling at 50 cents a box.—R.W.R.

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.

Cage Fan Protest

To the editor: There is no doubt that Medford has the best basketball team in the "A" school division, in her district. Past records show that, but she came near getting beaten at the Ashland tournament last week, by Klamath Falls.

Central Point was not so fortunate. I think few people in this district, will not agree with me, when I say Central Point has the best basketball team in "B" school competition in her district.

Central Point has earned that title, having lost only two games this season, before entering the tournament, those games to Medford sophomores. They beat Rogue River twice, Talent once and Grants Pass twice, besides defeating the rest of the teams in her section at least twice.

Rogue River lost two games to Central Point, one to Prospect and one to Eagle Point that I know of. Central Point has beaten both Prospect and Eagle Point by large scores. I am not a resident of southern Oregon, and am acquainted

with only one member of the Central Point subs, and do not have a relative, acquaintance or friend on the first team. I am not at all partial to Central Point, but I understand that the Central Point boys are a swell bunch of kids.

I have seen a great many basketball games in the past twenty years and have witnessed the state tournament at Salem whenever possible.

During my visit here, the past few weeks, I have seen a great many "B" school games and I believe Central Point has the best team, Talent second best and Rogue River third.

During the first few minutes of the tournament game Central Point's high point man was injured and off the floor for the balance of the first quarter, and Rogue River ran the score up to 9-0, ending the quarter 9-2. In the second quarter said player returned, but anyone could see he was in a semi-dazed condition, from the head injury. I am sure that the injury was entirely accidental, but it was a very unfortunate thing for the Central Point team.

We might say Medford just had an off night, when they played Klamath Falls at the tournament. So did Central Point when they played Rogue River. I am not a sorehead and will root for Rogue River if I

happen to be here, but I still think they are not the best "B" team.

Perhaps I have "beat around the bush" to state my point. Why let one game decide the team to represent the district? Why not let the best team, as the records show, do the job? Would it have been fair to have let Klamath Falls represent this district, in "A" school competition if she had, by chance, beaten Medford, the better team? R. F. JONES

Lesson From A Child

To the editor: I feel it would be appropriate at this time (during the Red Cross drive) to relate what I saw and which deeply moved me, during attendance at one of the local picture theaters.

She sat on my left. Not more than 12 years of age. With a heart of love, charity, incomparable to her years on earth.

Responding to the call to give for the cause of humanity, in faintle paralysis; when the usher approached with the collection plate, she opened her little purse and gave her all. I assumed this was her popcorn and candy money, incidental to the pleasure of seeing the picture.

It wasn't the amount, 'twas the sacrifice she made. The gift was immeasurable in dollars and cents; it was the spirit in which it was given.

Her gift was to three—to the little ones, herself and Thee (God).

Let us older folks take a lesson from this little tot. She didn't need any prompting; her act was spontaneous with love and with a song in her heart. This is the stuff we Yanks are made of. There was the joy of giving. And finally when the call comes, and even before, for Red Cross benefit, let's bear in mind the story of the little girl and dig down deep, giving as she gave and in the same spirit. Ralph Eitel

THANKS FOR RUSSIAN AID

To the Editor: Clothing collections from your district have been good, and we thank you most gratefully for your part in making our drive a success. The total amount collected is not yet known but you will be advised later.

As always with patriotic and public spirited efforts the State of Oregon did well in its contribution of serviceable clothing and shoes, and this in spite of the fact that the public has been worked hard for many different campaigns, and everyone is busy and harassed.

The need of the Russian men, women, and children is immediate and acute. A few old clothes is a small enough payment on our debt of gratitude for the heroic Russian war effort.

Through this Port of Portland, alone, they have shipped, direct to Russia, more than eleven million pounds of clothing and shoes, collected in the western part of the United States.

This clothing collection has demonstrated that the entire state is alive to the needs of our ally, Russia, for relief of all kinds. The RWR is a continuing effort. The state committee under instructions from the New York office is about to appoint a field worker to help communities such as yours to continue Russian War Relief efforts.

Three amended bigamy complaints were filed in superior court. The amendments were necessary to correct technical errors in the original complaints.

The 58-year-old defendant has pleaded not guilty and not guilty by reason of insanity.

SEVEN PAY PENALTY FOR NO DOG LICENSE

Seven dog owners, since last Friday, have paid the \$2 penalty tax for failure to procure a license before March 2, final date for purchasing one for \$1 the regular fee. Three of the tardy persons were from this city and the remainder from Prospect, Gold Hill, Jacksonville and Eagle Point.

The number of licenses issued during the regular period totaled 3880.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify, 3:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

RED CROSS WORK IS PRESENTED IN WINDOW DISPLAYS

Miniature scenes of war activities of the Red Cross Volunteer Special Service corps appeared in Main and Central street stores windows last week.

Reproduced with dolls dressed in colorful Red Cross uniforms, the setting of each is in a box built back of large old picture frames brought down from attics and regilded or painted for the occasion.

Each box is a small stage. Staff assistants have pictured a Red Cross chapter office all ready for war fund business.

Motor Corps shows the Camp White hospital, the station ambulance with one of those "hurry up" maternity cases. Surgical Dressing corps shows women hard at work on their millionth dressing.

The window displays will be shown in 21 different retail shops as arranged by William Barker who is in charge of window displays.

Central Pt. Post Will Fete Scouts At Meet March 7

Central Point, March 5.—An important meeting of Myers-Holland Post No. 129 will be held Wednesday, March 7 with Boy Scout Troop No. 40 as special guests and plans for the new American Legion hall to be discussed. The post is to sponsor the Scout troop in the future and the boys will stage a demonstration during the evening.

Ding Dong Daddy Wins Continuance

San Francisco, March 5.—(U.P.)—Francis Van Wie, the street car conductor who married approximately a dozen women without divorcing any of them, today won a continuance of his trial on bigamy charges until March 19.

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THE GRANGE

Griffin Creek Grange will meet in regular session tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock at the hall.

Thursday members of the H.E.C. will meet at the home of Mrs. Guy Harris, Phoenix-Jacksonville Road, at 1:30 p.m. for dessert.

P.-T. A. Activities

City P.T.A. Council City Parent-Teacher association council will meet at the home of Mrs. Albert Puhl, Midway Road, tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. promptly. Lunch will be served for a small charge. Representatives of the Lincoln school unit will be hostesses. Anyone desiring to arrange transportation should call a unit president.

VETOES DISTRICT BILL

Salem, Ore., March 5.—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Snell has vetoed SB98, which would increase from four to six years the term of office of directors of school districts of less than 100,000 population.

FRENCH CURB PRESS

Paris, March 5.—(U.P.)—The French government has decided to order suspension of publication of all Spanish political newspapers published in French territory. It was learned today.

FASCIST LEADER ESCAPES PRISON

Rome, March 5.—(U.P.)—Gen. Mario Roatta, on trial as one of Fascism's leading war criminals, escaped from Regina Coeli jail during the night.

The Interior Ministry offered a 1,000,000-lire (\$10,000) reward for information leading to his arrest.

Roatta, former army chief of staff under Mussolini, was permitted to leave his cell under guard about 10 p. m. last night to visit a friend, Maj. Eugenio Rossi, at the nearby military infirmary. Roatta's wife joined him in Rossi's private room.

An official announcement said Italian Carabinieri were stationed in front of Rossi's room and in the hallway during the visit. At midnight, however, it was discovered that Roatta had escaped.

HUGE PENICILLIN SHIPMENT BY AIR

Chicago, March 5.—(U.P.)—A 6,000 pound shipment of penicillin arrived at the Chicago airport today. It will be released soon for general civilian use.

Valued at \$250,000, the cargo was flown from New York by E. R. Squibb & Sons, drug manufacturers. Two-thousand pounds of penicillin were taken under a special guard to a company warehouse here and Squibb officials said the remainder would arrive in Los Angeles late today.

The shipments will be held in warehouses in the two cities until an order from the office of penicillin distribution of the war production board releases it for general consumption, probably about March 15, a company spokesman said.

OBITUARY EDWARD WALKER

Grange services for Edward Walker, 60, Applegate, who passed away in a local hospital Friday, were held at the graveside Sunday afternoon in Logtown cemetery. Arrangements were in care of the Conger-Morris Chapel.

He was born in England and came to the U. S. in 1903. For the past 15 years he lived on the Applegate. He was a member of the Upper Applegate Grange. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Walker.

NELLIE MCGOWAN Mrs. Nellie McGowan, 15 Mistletoe, widow of the late W. H. McGowan, passed away in a local hospital Saturday. Arrangements are in care of the Conger-Morris Chapel.

BIRTHS

VAN PELT — To Capt. and Mrs. Frank, 614 S. Holly, March 4, 1945, a boy, weighing 8 pounds, at Community hospital.

McMILLEN — To Mr. and Mrs. C. W., Central Point, March 4, 1945, a boy, weighing 7½ pounds, at Community hospital.

HURT — To Mr. and Mrs. E. V., 615 Clark St., March 4, 1945, a girl weighing 9 pounds, at Community hospital.

WEATHER Northern California — Mostly clear today, tonight and Tuesday; but with considerable cloudiness extreme northern portion this afternoon and tonight; slightly warmer afternoons and continued cool at night.

GI'S DO A NICE TURN Falls City, Neb. (U.P.) — Alfred Schuetz, a native of Strasbourg, literally celebrated "old home week" recently. Eight American soldiers, friends of Schuetz wrote him that they had slept in the house in which he was born, and reported that his sister, brother-in-law, and niece and nephew were alive and well. The soldiers reported the house undamaged in the recent Allied bombardment.

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

March 5, 1935 (It was Tuesday) Big gold dredge to start soon in Grave Creek section.

Legion opposes Patman bill for bonus. Pope denounces nudism in Lenten speech.

Frost warnings for valley orchards will start soon. Homeowners of city list 119 improvement jobs in first day of housing act drive.

Hugh S. Johnson, former NRA director lashes at Sen. Huey Long and Father Coughlin. President Roosevelt starts third year to term with firm confidence.

Cloudy with fog. High 47, low 30 degrees. Fuehrer Hitler of Germany in huff calls off conference with British foreign secretary due to a head cold and sore throat.

C. E. (Pop) Gates addresses Rotarian luncheon. TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY March 5, 1925 (It was Thursday)

Gov. Pierce vetoes bill providing for state reforestation plan. Cloudy and unsettled. High 69, low 36 degrees.

Twenty-three new families locate in valley since first of year. Tickets for Elks' minstrels sell like hot cakes.

Italian troops clash with Arabs in Tripoli. Rev. DeYoe of Kansas named associate pastor of First Methodist church, due to illness of Rev. Gilbert.

February was warm, with rainfall above normal. Mail Tribune prints pictures of Coolidge inauguration, that are transmitted by telephone.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS-AGO TODAY March 5, 1911 (It was Sunday) Blizzard rages at Crater Lake.

Rogue River Electric to let contract in few days for construction of power plant on Rogue near Prospect. Medford to ship in 720 cars of lumber for new buildings coming year.

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FISH LAKE HAS 22 INCHES SNOW

Twenty-two inches of snow, greatest depth this winter, was reported today at Fish Lake. No measurement has been taken recently at Four-Mile Lake, but ten days ago the depth was 45 inches. It is believed to have been increased since then by storms over the hills. Both reservoirs are sources of water for the Medford Irrigation district, and the Rogue River district.

Emigrant dam, main supply source for the Talent Irrigation district, now contains 4828 acre feet of water, the headquarters office of the district reported today. It has a capacity of 8000 acre feet. Water has been running into the dam at a fairly lively rate the past fortnight, but has now slackened off.

Ed Judd reports the water last week was running into Fish lake at a higher rate than at any time this season. He visited the lake last Friday. Judd, who resigned March 1, as manager of the Medford district, reports he will be a week or ten days more concluding routine details with the district. He will enter the contracting business and continue to make his home here.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads

DR. H. P. COLEMAN

Has returned to his office in the Medford Center Building — Room 428. Chiropractic and Physiotherapy service as usual. Telephone 3802

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