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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

A valley expert reports the new spring grass herabouts is the most nutritious since 1937.
Whether he found this out by eating some of the grass himself or a talkative steer told him, is not divulged.

As a new week starts, both Germany and the state legislature are in a mood to quit—but will not.
The report the Johnsons were all in bed with the flu was wrong. They had a flu burn out, and that's how the rumor started.

One of the postwar tasks will be to knock the notion out of Japanese noggin, their Emperor Hirohito, is a "divinity," and, therefore, too "sacred" to be hanged or exiled for the war, though he had, not only a finger, but both fists, in it.

The county officials were caught in a so-called economy and consolidation program in 1940.
Farmers are busy sowing grain crops, on which they will "just break even," come next fall.

The lower house at Salem approves a combination cigaret and property tax levy of bills, to aid higher education building construction.
The Black Tornado quint down a trip to the state basketball meet Fri. by conquering Prineville in two settoes.

LOCAL WOMEN GET THOUSANDS OF EXTRA RED POINTS
Every day, precious red points are being paid to housewives who turn in used fats to their butchers.

Editorial Correspondence

Palm Springs, March 9: With the sun coming out, apparently to stay for some time, the freaks are coming out also, and Palm Springs is herself again.
In the rain—and the cool air when the rain stopped—Palm Springs did not seem like Palm Springs—there was something incongruous and sad about it—like Marlene Dietrich in a deep-diver's outfit, or Bing Crosby suffering from laryngitis.

The butter-and-egg man from Chicago particularly. He wears khaki shorts, sneakers and pith helmet, and his wife, if he has one—is never—or almost never—in evidence. He smokes expensive Corona-Coronas, and usually packs an even more expensive movie camera, but he doesn't feel quite at home as yet.

The girls, old, young and in between, do feel at home, for they have often been here before and are mostly—not entirely—from Hollywood and Los Angeles.
Now they can wear THEIR shorts and THEIR flowered bandanas, and THEIR bras (what is the plural anyway?) And their husbands—if they have any—usually accompany them.

We had a golf game today—the Medford trio—Tomlin, H. Holmes and your humble—very humble where golf is concerned—servant.
The 4th member—3-somes have no standing here—was a Mr. Coffee of Los Angeles, a real giant with a leather golf bag that had everything in it but a bath room and cozy nook.

On the day in question Mr. Coffee topped every tee shot, all 18. There was tremendous power in his swing but it didn't happen to be transmitted to the ball, but almost entirely to the atmospheric space slightly above the ball.
The net result was the Medford trio even including your correspondent, out-drove him. We mean in distance from the tee, not in M.H.P. expended.

Mrs. Bob Hope, William Powell, Jimmy Durante and Eddie Bergen (without Charley) have been observed on the golf course from time to time.
Mrs. Hope and Mr. Coffee are among Hollywood's best. He is also strong for Bing Crosby as all golfers here in Southern Cal seem to be.

We had a terrible blow last night. Went to see a movie and there in the corridor was a pop corn-stand presided over by a young gal in a flowered bra and light blue slacks.
The first we have seen outside of the old home town (we mean pop-corn) and not a bald-headed Indian in sight!

It spoiled the entire evening. In fact we walked haughtily past the pop corn gal, past the ticket girl too, and then turned to the left and exited through the side entrance, thus missing Bill Robinson in "Stormy Weather," and seeing Bette Davis and M. Hopkins in "Old Acquaintance" WITHOUT benefit of pop corn.
However we have yet to find the LEADING theatre in any place other than Medford, side-lining in popcorn (Hey there Walter how is Bet-a-million Gates?) Why doesn't the Craterian quit it?

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon
Washington, March 12—The Japs have shown such dwindling resistance lately that the most trust-worthy authorities here are anticipating an end of the Pacific war much sooner than expected (two to three years).

They cannot possibly have any better defensive positions at home.
In the Luzon and Leyte fights for the Philippines they seemed broken. They were supposed to have a force of 100,000 to 150,000 on Luzon and they had 100,000 or more.
They had plenty of time for preparing defense of both places and plenty of warning. But both fights involved mobility of action primarily and in this factor they seemed completely lost and demoralized.

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The assault naturally is to be a co-operative army-navy venture in accordance with plans long ago formulated.
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ations to be made even during that fight, for the next stage.
A suggestion has been published that the navy is likely to lead the final stages to the exclusion of Gen. MacArthur, and indeed, I have heard some official talk that some of MacArthur's subordinates are likely to handle a subordinate army end of it, while he remains in the Philippines. I do not accept either suggestion.

AS for the supposedly promised Stalin declaration of war on Japan to give us Siberian air bases, some authorities now think they are not needed by us.
We are getting our own air bases, ones we can better supply than those in Siberia; to-wit, Iwo. Certainly the Siberian bases are becoming daily less vital to us (they were most important at the outset of the war, when we had nothing).

State Game Commissioner Kenneth Denman of Medford, erroneously reported in a Portland newspaper article as being from Grants Pass, told the game commission Saturday that all Oregon and northern California are solidly united in opposition to the suggested diversion of Klamath river and lake waters into a gigantic power, irrigation and reclamation project by army engineers.

Denman said the engineers admitted that "schemes" for the \$100,000,000 proposal had been drafted without due consideration of wildlife values.
The United States fish and wildlife service said that it would take five years to make a comprehensive study of fishing and hunting needs if the engineers carry through their schemes.

Denman Reports ON DIVERSION OF KLAMATH RIVER
The commission voted to give Malheur Game league \$50 to buy dynamite to carry on a crow-blasting project along Snake river.

To Get Quail Eggs
The game body voted to send 2,000 pheasant eggs to the Massachusetts game commission, which will later send an equal amount of bob-white quail eggs to Oregon.

Lineup For Mat Card Complete
Promoter Mack Lillard said today he has signed Gust Johnson to face Pete Belcastro in the semi-windup of his weekly wrestling card at Medford Army Thursday night.

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TORNADO LEAVES FOR STATE MEET EARLY TUESDAY

Medford To Play Vernonia Thursday Night; Tribune To Get Final Score
Medford high school basketball team, accompanied by Coach Al Simpson and Trainer Ed Kirtley, will leave at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning for Salem, where they will compete in the state tournament Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

When Prineville district three champions, arrived in town for their recent series with Medford high Black Tornado basketball team, for the finest gesture of sportsmanship to come to our attention during the current season.

Coach Gives Praise
This story did not come from Kirtley, nor from any other person connected with Medford high school, but from Pariseau himself who had nothing but the highest praise for Kirtley's sportsmanship—the sportsmanship of the whole Medford outfit, for that matter.

DECREE, JUDGMENT TO BE FILED AGAINST FEHL
The supreme court mandate in the appeal of the suit of Jackson county against Earl H. Fehl, has been received.
It directs a decree and judgment against Fehl be filed. The case was argued January 17 on appeal at Salem.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT
Forecast
Medford and vicinity: Cloudy with showers tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature.

BIRTHS
HERRIOTT—To Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Applegate, March 9, 1945, girl, 8 pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

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Sport Chips

BY Harry Chipman
Mail Tribune Sports Editor
Our bouquet of March roses goes out to Ed Kirtley, trainer and assistant coach of the Medford high Black Tornado basketball team, for the finest gesture of sportsmanship to come to our attention during the current season.

League of Nations postpones until September taking any action on German question.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY
March 12, 1911
American armed forces mobilize on Mexican border for either war or maneuvers.

PORTLAND WINS
San Jose, March 12—(U.P.)—The Portland Beavers, taking advantage of four costly errors, yesterday defeated the Oakland Oaks 7-2 in the two teams' first

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TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
March 12, 1935
(Roosevelt urges Congress to put curb on holding companies.

Weather continues to delay farm and orchard work.

Local basketball fans amazed at "luck of Salem" again drawing a weak team for first game of state meet.

Attorney General rules its illegal to sell fish caught in Rogue River.

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A "Pin-Up" for a soldier

Among our lads overseas, who do you suppose is the favorite "Pin-Up" of them all? Not Millie Flicker, the screen star, Not Cude Curves, the model. But the true sweetheart of every American—his own, his native land.

"How do we know? Back in peace time, we distributed thousands of color prints of the West—its rocks and hills, its forest-templed hills. Some have found their way overseas, and letters have come back.

"I have not seen my home since I enlisted in December of 1941." (This one comes from a captain in Italy.) "Yet all the fondness I have for its sights and sounds, its people and places, has been nourished by constant remembrance.

"Tonight, a flying officer, new to the squadron, recognized them and asked if somebody wasn't from Washington. It led to an hour's reminiscence. The pictures, as he said, made the past closer and the future brighter!

"Maybe we're punchy or sentimental, but nothing in the world looks quite like the country you have grown up in and hope one day to come back to."

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