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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Pezzy

The public has started to wonder how long the current ration points for food system, will last after Germany has surrendered.

A federal worker in Kansas City, getting \$700 per month, is doing nothing to earn it, though reporting daily at his desk.

Emperor Hirohito inspected the wreckage left in Tokyo by incendiary, bomb-dropping American Superfortresses.

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS
(Kingman (Kan.) Journal)
"The help situation has reached the point where we would consider the hiring of a lady typewriter operator."

Spring is due tomorrow, officially. She will likely come in like a cucumber, and be as cool as one is supposed to be.

Drastic regulations, to quell panic in Berlin, as the Allies approach, from two directions, and citizens denounce war, and long for peace.

A citizen showed up yesterday, with his nose skinned by a flying piece of kindling. As wood, is not used at his house for cooking, a handle must have flew off the electric range.

Washington now reports the nation will have to "eat less to help Europe," and do some plain and fancy belt-tightening.

The Duke of Windsor, former British king, has resigned as governor of Bahamas. His Highness threatens to go most any place but work.

GRANTS PASS V. F. W. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS
Grants Pass, March 20 — James Christian was elected commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the annual election of the organization held recently.

Other officers elected include Carl H. Riblett, senior vice-commander; Fred J. McCabe, junior vice-commander; Frank J. Turner, quartermaster; Floyd K. Dover, judge advocate; Frank Gochanour, chaplain.

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SWEM'S GIFTS

Editorial Correspondence

Palm Springs, March 16: If anyone thinks tuberculosis is a rare or completely conquered disease, let them come here and learn their mistake.

What a strange, shallow, hacking cough accompanies the disease! It takes us far back to the early 90's—but not the gay ones in this instance—when Uncle B. contracted the disease.

They told Uncle B. to go to sunny California where he would have a CHANCE to get well. He did, Aunt F. with him. And they settled on a Miller ranch near San Jose—we remember photographs of the place including an orange grove.

Ran into an old-timer today—Mr. G. from Seattle who has spent from two to four months in Palm Springs every winter for a couple of decades.

But the reason we mentioned the "Old Timer" was to point a couple of morals to wit: Everything is relative and it takes all sorts of people to make a world.

For the "Old Timer" declares he has never seen such a bad year at "The Springs" as far as climate is concerned as this one.

No doubt the O. T. is right as to that, but he is not as far as climate is concerned. He doesn't want to get warm, for it has been warm here for nearly two weeks—he wants to get cooked.

A Colonel is here recuperating after being a prisoner in Bilibid prison in Manila. He happens to be a friend of a friend of ours and the report is not from him but from the friend.

Colonel C declares there was a Jap doctor who was a doctor first and an enemy second—"he saved my life at Davao," is the way the Colonel expressed it.

We would like to meet Colonel C. We wager he is a very fine type of man—a rare type that after fighting the Japs and being imprisoned by them, still looks at them as a whole fairly and objectively.

Perhaps Winston Churchill has given a poor speech—or made a cheap political move—in his long public life. He would probably be more than human if he had not. But we have happened never to have run into "sich"—his speeches especially have maintained a level of quality that in our judgment, no contemporary statesman with the possible exception of Mr. Benes of Czechoslovakia has equalled.

Listen to this—we quote: "Let there be no mistake about it. It is no easy cheap-jack Utopia of airy phrases that lies before us."

"It would be very easy for us all to promise or even to give each other presents, bonuses and gratuities in the most enthusiastic manner but if we woke up in the morning and found that the pound sterling (\$4) bought only five shillings (\$1) worth of goods or services we should have committed the crime of cheating the soldiers and workers of the country."

SUICIDE IS DECISION
Hollywood, March 20 — (U.P.) —Sheriffs' investigators today listed the death of Mrs. Vene Benham, Actress Merle Oberon's personal maid, as suicide. The woman's body was found Friday after a five-day search.

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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
March 20, 1935
(It was Wednesday)
Three to eight inches of snow blanketed valley, with heavy fall in the hills. No damage to fruit.

Unsettled, with occasional rain or snow. High 52, low 33 degrees.

Gov. Martin vetoes 25 major measures passed by last legislature.

Salem defeats LaGrande in first game of state meet 33 to 15.

Nations agree to discuss moves to prevent re-establishment of German army. Experts believe sanity will prevail in Europe.

Jackson county vocational club for youths is organized.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY
March 20, 1911
(It was Friday)
Bill Bryan, "Peerless Leader" of democrats, makes fortune in Florida real estate deals.

Fair. High 66, low 50 degrees.

Mild flu epidemic continues in city.

Post Office force receives first installment of \$300 per year raise.

Mayor Alenderfer proclaims "Paint Up and Clean Up" week, April 1 to 7.

County grader at work in Rogue River district.

Phoenix again wins county basketball title.

Tractors hum and spray rigs bark in Table Rock district.

Building on highway between city and Talent brisk.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY
March 20, 1911
(It was Monday)
Game warden reports many county and city residents are fishing without license.

Fine weather dries out country roads.

Medford defeats Phoenix 12 to 2 in first game of season.

Gov. Oswald is first executive to show any interest in this end of state.

State High School Track Meet To Be Held At Corvallis

Salem, Ore., March 20—(U.P.) The annual state high school track meet will be held at Oregon State College, Corvallis until further notice.

In past years of the annual "Thinclid" classic, it has been alternated between the University of Oregon and Oregon State College.

The board gave as the reason for the move the fact that official sanction had been given the annual Hayward relays as a state prep meet.

All high school district meets must be held not later than May 4-5, the board announced. The state meet is slated for May 11-12.

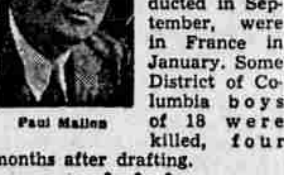
Iraq, or Mesopotamia, has been believed by some Biblical writers to have been the site of the Garden of Eden.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, March 20—The army promised a year of training for soldiers but a Mifflin town, Pa., soldier was killed six months after induction.

Two 18-year old prep school graduates, inducted in September, were in France in January. Some District of Columbia boys of 18 were killed, four months after drafting.



A PROPER explanation of this situation (which has incited bitter comment publicly and privately, through the country) has been given to a congressional committee, but not generally divulged.

The army ran into unexpected shortages in infantry, and not only decided to abandon the year of training for 18 year-olds and some others more than a year ago without announcement, but actually instituted a 15-week training program for battle in some infantry instances.

No one likes this situation, but as the army has put it on the ground of military necessity, interested congressmen have decided to do nothing about it.

INDUSTRY is complaining bitterly but in private against the army policy of holding up reconversion and all other domestic peace or civilian restoration until after Japan is defeated, claiming that by August workers will be without overalls, gloves and other necessities.

The hard-headed army has a hold on the war production board, office of defense transportation and practically every thing except labor, and is giving nothing.

SINCE the prohibition curfew has become unpopular (in New York city at least) and the race track closing has put some of the hoss-players into the stock market and other "invest ment lines," some associates of James F. Byrnes are also blaming the army.

At least in private conversation with congressmen, they attribute these and the whole recent government tendency toward clamping down to the presence of an army officer of high rank, Maj. Gen. Loucius D. Clay, in the Byrnes economic control office.

The ban on conventions is also being thus unofficially accredited to him, because army officers could not get hotel rooms in some instances, particularly at the Stevens hotel, Chicago, during the C. I. O. convention and government international radio conference.

THIS interpretation that "the army is running the Byrnes office" thus has become quite commonly accepted in congress, where there is also prevalent a disinclination to mention the matter on the grounds that,

"you cannot attack the army." Their final observation about the unwisdom of attacking the army in war times is certainly true.

Washington, and Oregon on a par with the rest of the nation, where the higher set-aside went into effect February 11. The extra beef will be canned to meet war requirements.

The order was effective March 18 and affects only federally-inspected packers.

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