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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Mobilization Director Byrnes announces the time has come to "devote more attention to economy in government." This is the first time the word "economy" has been officially mentioned, in the memory of veteran juveniles, who intend to vote for the New Deal, when old enough.

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The mouths of epicureans hereabouts have started to water in anticipation of frog-legs. They are fine eating, when the amateur gourmet thinks they are chicken-legs.

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"Peace has been celebrated by such a great throng of Greeks in Athens that the world may hope there are enough of them to keep it."—(Kansas City Star). Noble hope.

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Post-par education of the German people, is still a red hot topic among the "do-gooders" in the allied ranks. The dose of defeat they are now swallowing, will make them apt pupils. Later, it will be up to the victors to taffy-up the late self-admitted super-race, to give their morale "a lift" with organized kindness. The conquering armies however, will not wash and iron the sheets, the good Frau hung out the windows, in many a town, as a sign of surrender.

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MAMA LAYS IT DOWN
(Merlin News)

"Our local "Pistol Totin' Mama,' forgot and actually pointed her pistol at one of the neighbors with a threat of pressing the trigger. Considering the days of Annie Oakley are a thing of the past, our court relieved the mama in question of her pistol, last week."

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Washington has discovered the American public is allergic to regimentation of their breadbaskets, and apt to vote accordingly in the next congressional election. People who thought they would have to go to Europe to get a square meal, when Peace rages, will have to make other arrangements.

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A self-lighting cigarette is a promised blessing of the not too distant future. The weary smoker, however, will have to get it out of his pocket, and into his mouth under his own steam, fatiguing though it will be.

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Mike Hemmila, 6, recently returned from Nevada, journeyed to G. Pass Wed. on biz. He may move there, and grow up to be a Caveman.

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The last legislature passed 461 new laws, which does not seem like enough, considering there are already too many. What the state needs is legislators who will not go to Salem if elected.

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UDDERMOST IN POETRY

I live on a farm full of labor and charm
Where the fruit trees are unpruned and mossy.

With a sheep and a sow, a horse and a cow
—A ruminant bovine called "Flossie."
I gladly endorse the worth of a horse
And all animals wooly and furry,
But when hunger comes round and troubles abound,
I've a cure for all famine and worry.
I hie myself out where a stanchion impounds
The occeous neck of my bossy
And I sit myself down and manipulate on
The flexible faucets of Flossie
(Salem Capital Journal)

Real Estate Outlook

Babson Continues Optimistic

By Roger W. Babson

Babson Park, Mass., March 23 (Special Correspondence) — A real estate boom appears in the making,—in fact, it has been going on for some time in certain sections. Therefore, a few rules may well be remembered. **In a general article like this I should not comment upon farm lands as location, soil and improvements vary so much with different properties.**

WAY TO MAKE MONEY

Perhaps the simplest and surest way to make money in real estate is to select a growing, well-located city with diversifed industries and surrounded by good soil. Most mid-western cities, which are situated on a navigable lake or river, fulfill such requirements.

After selecting your city ascertain the best residential street leading out from the center of the city. Go out that street in **the right direction** for a few miles until you come to vacant land. Then stop and inquire the price. So long as the price is quoted per "front foot" or per "square foot" go along further until someone quotes you a price "per acre." Everything else being equal, buy at this location.

WATCH YOUR STEP

Although real estate prices in many sections have risen considerably, there is now no sign — except in war-inflated areas — of a turn downward. In fact, I now foresee no general decline for a few years.

On the other hand, one should buy much more carefully now. For instance, a few years ago almost any property, relatively well located, could be purchased for speculation with reasonable certainty that the transaction would return a profit. Now that is no longer true. This is well borne out by noting that the rate of transfers has slowed up.

LOCAL CONDITIONS RULE

Certain areas will experience sharp drops in values when war contracts expire and transition unemployment occurs. A marked cessation of employment or redistribution of industry and people in some sections could spell drastic local deflation, post-war.

Construction activity in other localities will increase sharply after the ending of the European phase of the war. The WPB has made preparations for a speedy resumption of new building, once men and materials are available. The construction industry has always been one of the mainsprings of full employment and prosperity. An administration searching so avidly for economic health will not overlook the job-creating possibilities of a building boom.

CITY VS. SUBURBAN

Residential houses property—urban, suburban and rural—has staged the most spectacular price advance during the war. Office and factory property has also moved up, but not to the same degree. City retail store space and land suitable for subdivision in suburban areas has moved up the least. However, after peace, the reverse may happen.

On the basis of the economic prospects for different sections of the country, I feel that the best areas will be in the Southeast, Far West and Southwest. Prospects appear only fair in the Middle East, Central States and Northwest. The least favorable section from the standpoint of future prospects is the New England States.

LABOR CONDITIONS

Factory rehabilitation will be extensive but relatively few new factory units will be needed. The general outlook for retail property is favorable because of the expected upswing in consumer goods. Suburban land for subdivision will increase most in value.

Although there is much talk about local manpower shortages, yet the severance problem will become paramount as 1945 moves along. This is destined to have an important bearing on the demand for real estate. In the last analysis, real estate prices fluctuate with payrolls, profits, commodity prices and the stock market.

Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress From Oregon

TENSION ON THE FLOOR. Even favorable war news and unusually fine spring weather have not had a soothing effect on the general temper of the House. There seems to be a tension, the likes of which I have not seen before in my time here. During the past two weeks, heated clashes have occurred on the Floor nearly every day. Such verbal conflicts are as often between members on the Democratic side of the aisle as between members on opposite sides of the aisle. This condition has had no serious bearing on the work of the House as yet, but in my opinion, a brief recess should be taken. It would be unfortunate to have such extremely important matters as the Bretton Woods Agreement considered by a tired and irritable Congress. The general talk "on the Hill" is that legislative business will be suspended for a couple of weeks near Easter.

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FOOD STUDY. The Republican Congressional Food Study Committee, of which I am secretary, has just about completed its organization for this term of Congress, and is planning to dig deeply into several immediately critical food problems. During the 78th Congress, this committee contributed some valuable suggestions regarding the handling of the nation's food problem. One outstanding value of our work was that we called attention in advance to certain dangers with the result that remedial steps were taken before crises developed. One such case was the poultry distribution problem in the New England states. Data gathered by our committee was also useful in averting a more serious potato famine than occurred. We also called attention to the fact that while the live animal inventory of the country was unusually large, meat was short in the markets. Slaughtering quotas were subsequently removed.

The studies of our food committee clearly pointed to one fundamental weakness in the national handling of the food problem. This weakness is the multiplicity of agencies, departments and executives having direct or indirect control over food production, distribution and transportation. For a year and a half, we have been urging that food be placed under the control of a single administrator. A bill was introduced by Tom Jenkins, chairman of the Food Study Committee, in 1943. Later, the chairman of the Committee on Agriculture introduced a similar bill which was reported favorably to the house, but it was never acted upon.

As soon as the Food Study Committee staff organization is complete, and our data is brought up to date, the committee will doubtless again urge the passage of legislation to place food under one single control.

There has been considerable debate on the floor of the house recently on the subject of the present food situation. Apparently some badly needed food items are scarce because ceiling prices are lower than the present cost of production. Congressman Frank Barrett of Wyoming pointed out recently that prices can be held down and even rolled back, or that food production can be increased, but it will be impossible to do both. The Food Study Committee will endeavor to search out the facts on this point.

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The Department of Agriculture appropriation bill is up for passage in the house this week. I was disappointed that the Approporiatings Committee did not increase the regular appropriation for forest products research. In its report, the committee justifies its action by expressing the belief that such research funds will be available from the various war appropriations during the next fiscal year. I hope their assumption is correct, but I am inclined to doubt it. However, it still may be possible to have additional research funds included when the bill is considered by the Senate, or needed appropriations can be made in a deficiency bill later.

Editorial Comment

From Klamath Falls Herald and News

It is to be hoped that the forthcoming session of the U. S district court here, called for trial of a number of Marine Barracks land condemnation cases, will be the precedent for other sessions of federal court in Klamath Falls.

For a long time, all such sessions in southern Oregon have been held at Medford. Many of these have involved Klamath cases, necessitating wasteful trips over the mountains for principals, witnesses, attorneys and others.

Congressman Lowell Stockman, shortly after his election for the first time, undertook to bring about a change in this situation, and took the matter up with Judge Fee, who will preside at the sessions to be held here soon.

His efforts are bearing fruit.

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CHINESE WINNING LOCAL SUCCESSES IN HARD FIGHTING

Chungking, April 2.—(U.P.)—The Chinese army has attacked strong Japanese positions along a section of the Hankow-Ganton corridor and is winning local successes in severe fighting, Central News Agency reported today.

Front dispatches said fighting raged in southern Hunan and northern Kwangtung provinces.

Chinese opened ground assaults against enemy strong points at Yungsin, Chenghsien and Ichang in Hunan province; and at Pingshek and Lokchong in northern Kwangtung.

The dispatches said Chinese attacking Lokchong were making rapid progress. They have reached the outskirts of the city.

All the towns under attack guard the enemy line bisecting China, and are important links in the Hengchow-Canton route.

Chinese mobile units were reported active along the Changsha-Yengyang road, where they inflicted heavy casualties on Japanese troops and captured large quantities of munitions.

A communique said Chinese forces in Laohokow killed 1200 Japanese in throwing back three enemy attempts to break through the defenses.

Belated reports from Shansi province charged that Japanese retreating from an area being mopped up by liberating communist troops, violated virtually all the women of one occupied village.

The newspaper Kanghchangjihpao of Heinghsien said the enemy commander gave an order to assemble all people of the village. The newspaper claimed all the men were locked in a temple and all the women forced to go to their homes, where they were raped systematically.

Allied Blitz Picks Up Speed

(Acme Telephoto)

Meeting only trifling resistance except at a few small spots, American Armies race for Berlin and consolidate positions already overrun. U. S First Army, after racing 55 air miles in day, is nearing juncture with British Second and Canadian First Armies to close Ruhr off completely. At Paderborn, the Yanks were only 180 miles from Berlin. The U. S. Third continues its rampaging advance, nearing Eisenach. American Ninth Army hammers directly into Ruhr while U. S. Seventh to the south swept ahead after capturing Mannheim.

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.

Equality, Peace Recipe

To the editor: Because of marvelous inventions, the world is now smaller in time and space than the thirteen colonies in 1776. The four corners of the earth are only sixty hours apart. The great powers will soon be reduced to three: a statesman, a politician, and a realist, with their following.

The meeting at San Francisco, April 25 to arrange details of their plans made at Dumberton Oaks, has great potential possibilities if thinking is done in a board up-to-date atmosphere—"one world, one human race, one humanity—like the Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Rotary and other service clubs, (built on the plan of service before self).

Man has four primary necessities to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Strife and confusion in operating these four services cause most wars.

There is no reason why these four services could not be operated universally under one management, to the benefit of all. In war we have learned the value of cooperation and streamlined big business. Why not use it in peace, if we can see great economy and utility, especially if we know it could by proper and honest planning, make destructive war impossible?

Properly organized it would be the biggest business in the world, and the strongest power on earth, equitably participated in by all people without interfering with their personal liberty, mode of life, freedom of religion, or state sovereignty.

The four services to be pooled and operated as one unit for the benefit of all peoples are, commercial public transportation, a universal monetary system, or medium of exchange, a primary education in business ethics, and aid in selection of fitting occupations according to best scientific information, a world supreme court, with power to apply sanctions or force to protect the rights of the individual anywhere on earth, according to rules agreed upon, and included in a program provided by the board of directors to the service company for their guidance in all matters.

The three big powers at the end of this war will own 85% of all equipment necessary to install this plan. The question is will they be broad-minded and generous enough to put it in operation for the benefit of their less fortunate brothers.

Everybody knows we cannot have peace without a powerful force to maintain it. This would be the strongest force on earth employed in useful occupation rather than a standing army in idleness.

When a day's labor in India, for instance, is the same value as any other place, their wealth will be as great as ours in purchasing power, giving ground on which to do business, the only possible condition for peace.

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Livestock

Portland, April 2—(UP)—Livestock: Cattle, 1,550; calves, 150. Rather slow, mostly steady. Good fed steers $15.50 @16; two choice loads $17; common-medium $11@14.50. Heifers $10@14. Good light heifers to $15. Canner-cutter cows $7@9.50. Fat dairy-type cows $10@10.50. Medium-good beef cows $11@12.50. Young cows to $13@13.25. Medium-good bulls $11@13.50. Good-choice vealers $15@16.

Hogs 400. Steady. Weights above 160 lbs. $15.75. Good sows $15. Feeder pigs $16.50@17.50.

Sheep, 1,000. Lambs steady. Ewes strong to 25c higher. Good-choice wooled lambs $16; common-medium $12@14. Good ewes $8.50@8.75; one load few ewes $9.

Portland Produce

Portland, April 2—(UP)—Wholesale produce market:

Asparagus—California $7@8 pyramid 32-35 lbs.

Peas—Imperial $4 per bushed.

Potatoes—Deschutes culls $3; Klamath Falls culls, $3.50 cental.

Spinach—Local $3.40 orange box; Bingen $2.40@2.50 box.

Squash — California Zucchini $4.50 lug.

Tomatoes—Mexican as is $5@5.35 lug.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, April 2—(UP)—Wheat:

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	$1.71⅛	$1.73	$1.71	$1.72⅜
July	1.57⅞	1.60⅛	1.57⅝	1.59½
Sept.	1.53⅛	1.55	1.53	1.54⅜
Dec.	1.52⅞	1.54⅜	1.52⅞	1.53⅝
April	1.77⅜	1.77⅜	1.77⅜	1.77⅜

S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, April 2.—(U.P.)—Dairy market:

Butter—93 score 43, 92 score 42½, 90 score 42¼, 89 score 41¾.

Cheese—Loafs 27.9, triplets 27.2.

Eggs—Large grade A 40½, medium grade A 37½, small grade A 35½, large grade B 37½.

Wall Street

New York, April 2.—(U.P.)—Stocks advanced fractions to a point today in the lightest trading of the year.

Railroad issues made the best showing. Industrials also had fair-sized advances, while utilities firmed.

Traders were cautious in commitments because of the highly favorable war news which to Wall Street reflected approach of V-E Day and difficulties of the industrial transition period. However, there was as much reticence in selling as in buying.

Preliminary closing Dow-Jones stock averages: Industrial 155.86, up 1.45; railroad 51.27, up 0.56; utility 27.75, up 0.11; 65 stocks 57.71, up 0.52.

Sales totaled 650,000 shares compared with 660,000 shares Thursday.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks:

American Tel. & Tel.	162½
Anaconda	31½
Chrysler	97⅞
Curtiss Wright	5¾
General Electric	40⅝
General Motors	64⅜
Montgomery Ward	54⅜
Penn. R. R.	35⅛
Phillips Petroleum	49⅝
J. C. Penney	109
Radio	11
Southern Pacific	41⅝
Standard Oil of Cal.	41½
Texas Gulf Sulphur	39¼
Transamerica	10⅝
United Aircrafts	29⅜
U. S. Rubber	56¼
U. S. Steel	62⅞

EAGER CAGER SHEDS TRUNKS

Craftsbury, Vt., (U.P.) — Anxious to get into the game, a Barton Academy basketball player, in divesting himself of his sweat paints, pulled off his trunks unnoticed. He was on the floor in full view of the spectators before teammates came to his rescue.

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TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
April 2, 1935
(It was Tuesday)

Heavy frost damages some pears early today. Yakima area hit by record cold with snow and sleet at Hood River.

Conservation of irrigation again needed in this section.

Fair, with unsettled conditions approaching. Rain, snow, or freezing conditions predicted. High 61, low 49 degrees.

Work of opening Crater Lake roads started.

Capitalizing of region's lure for tourists urged at C. of C. session.

Frank DeSouza named commodore of Southern Oregon Boat club.

City to collect fee for pinball machines.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
April 2, 1925
(It was Thursday)

Six special trains to bring troops here for National Guard encampment in June.

Dry agents raid special car of Geraldine Farrar, opera star, and seize 40 cases of champagne and whiskey.

Unsettled. High 59, low 41 degrees.

Dorothy Ellingson, San Francisco girl on trial for murder of mother, pleads insanity.

Brisk wind sweeps over valley

Marsh Garrett of Eagle Point, injures thumb severely while rounding up cows.

"Pinafore" is presented by the high school before large audience. Gordon Kershaw is "Dick Deadeye". Other roles were played by Ruth Newman, Lester Lawrentz, Adiel Neff, and Francis Neff.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY
April 2, 1911
(It was Friday)

Magic growth of city proven by giant strides made past month. Postal and water receipts gain, spring trade brisk, and fruit prospects best in years.

Paving contracts to be finished July 1. Payroll $65,000 per month, with 200 horses at work.

WEATHER REACHES 75 DEGREES FOR MONTH MAXIMUM

Mean maximum temperature for the month of March was 54.4 degrees and the mean minimum was 34.2 making the monthly mean temperature 44.3, according to U. S. weather bureau officials here. Compared with normal mean temperature of 46.9 it makes an average daily departure from the mean temperature of minus 2.6.

Maximum temperature for the month was 75 degrees which occurred March 30. The coldest day was March 5 with 23 degrees. March, 1945 was slightly cooler than normal. The highest recorded for the month of March since 1911 is 86 degrees and the lowest, 14 degrees.

Total precipitation for the month was 1.98 inches which was .48 inches above normal.

Largest amount of rainfall .62 inches, was on March 17. During March there were six days in which there was a trace of snow fall. The average fall is one-half inch.

There was one clear day, six partly cloudy days, and 24 cloudy days. Measurable precipitation was recorded 18 days. On 13 days frost was recorded.

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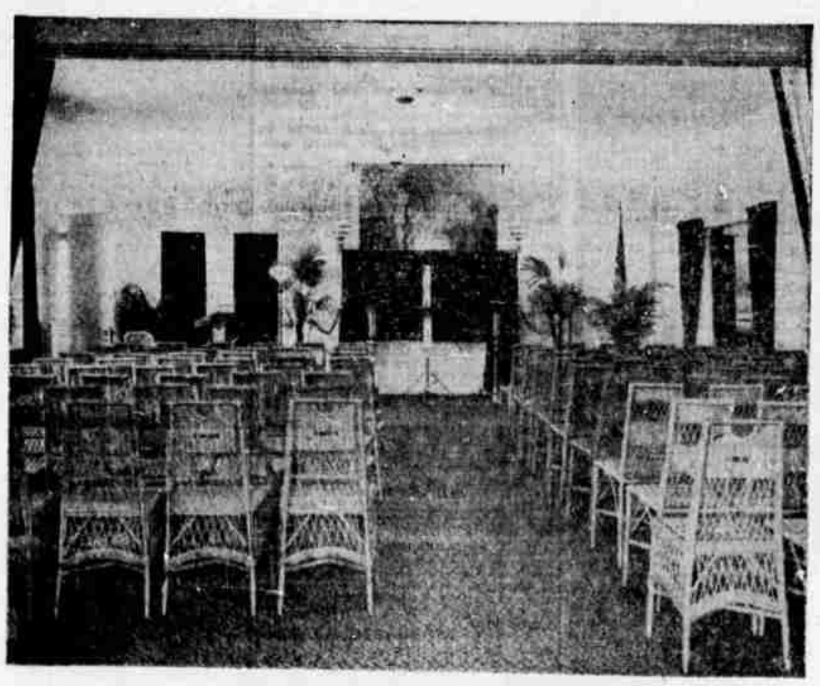

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