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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Recent local advocates of the notion there would be no summer this year, have their electric fans greased and dusted, and ready to turn on.

Ethiopia's future will be discussed at the Frisco security meeting. It would be a good idea to turn the future management of Il Duce Mussolini of Italy over to Emperor H. Selassie, the former Lion of Judah.

SOBER JUDGMENT (Supreme Ct. Review)
"The plaintiff described all three as 'drenched.' She added that it rained that night. We believe that the sailor was drenched both inside and out."
—(Evans V. Evans, p. 442)

Rural residents are now cutting next winter's wood. This is admirable longheadedness, and beats national milliners, who generally have the Older Girls buying next fall's the last week of April.

The announcement is made the post-war period will see an increase in efficiency in all lines of business. This is something to view with alarm, as most everybody has seen the havoc created by an overdose of efficiency. Right after World War I, a barefoot millionaire of the Rogue suddenly became cognizant of the lack of 'efficiency' in his business, and invoked it. All his hired help had desks, and phones. So he installed a bell signal system to quell the hubbub. One ring meant Sam was called, two Bill, and so on, with personal orders not to ignore them. The system was installed and started functioning. The boss was the initial victim. The first call was for the three bell worker. He pompously pressed the button three times, and just as promptly bawled: 'Jakel! You come alive! I want quiet and efficiency in this joint, you hear!'

American troops in Germany have found 70 million dollars in a Reichsbank at Magdeburg, the Nazis forgot to move. The invading Allies have to wade in both mud and money to capture Berlin.

WILD DAY IN 1894
"There was a lively runaway this morning that came darn near getting to be an epidemic. Sandoz' team, the wagon loaded with stable refuse, started the fun on Second street. As they came up the street Keller's horse hitched to a light hack, sniffed danger and struck out ahead of them. Turning up Third street at the courthouse corner they startled Bob Hood, who was driving up that thoroughfare, and he fearing a smash-up put the buckskin to his nags and tried to run ahead of the storm. Up Third street they came at break-neck speed, and it was hard to tell for awhile which was going to come in ahead, but Hood managed to sidetrack himself, the Keller horse got all he wanted and was easily caught, but the Sandoz' team were still headed toward Dufur and going faster than a flying-machine when last seen."
—(The Dalles Chronicle, 50 Yrs. ago col.)

The city of Santo Domingo (now Ciudad Trujillo), founded by Bartholomew, brother of Christopher Columbus, in 1496, was long the center of Spanish power in America.

Thirty For Ernie Pyle

This war has taken a high toll from the heroic little army of war correspondents which brings this war to the front pages of American newspapers. The last to fall, and probably the best known of them all, is the quiet little man with baggy trousers and thinning gray hair—Ernie Pyle. This Scripps-Howard columnist seemed to have the knack of letting his readers see and sense and feel the war with him as he traveled from front to front.

HE had a way of passing on to others the humor as well as the horror of warfare. His first laurels were won during the days of the London blitz; then he went along with the fighting GI's from Africa up through Sicily to Italy. When D-Day came on the shores of Normandy, Ernie Pyle was there, living in foxholes with the infantrymen, seeing them die, hearing them pray, swear, laugh and gripe.

THE doughboys and gobs, the marines and the Seabees—the men who do most of the fighting and get less of the glory—loved this peaceful little guy who gave THEIR side of this war. He could do with a typewriter what the boyish sergeant with the jug-handle ears, Bill Mauldin, can do with pencil. Pyle was unquestionably the greatest correspondent of this war, Mauldin the greatest cartoonist—the work of both has been down-to-earth, common as an old shoe, realistic, colorful and vivid!

ERNIE Pyle left France before the 1st Army suffered the "bloody nose" at Bastogne. In San Francisco, just before leaving for the Pacific front and Iwo Jima, he expressed the hope that this would be his last trip. A whistling machine gun bullet from a Jap pillbox on a little island off Okinawa fulfilled that hope.

While millions of Americans feel today a genuine personal loss in the untimely death of Ernie Pyle, to him it will become an escape from fame which destroyed his personal life and deprived him of normal living. He had never aspired to be famous but it just happened, he told fellow reporters before taking off for the Pacific war front. He considered this fame in the category of an Act of God, like a blizzard or slipping on a banana peel.

THIS simple little man did not like fame because it gave to him the big things of life, and took away the little things. It put him on easy terms with the great, but forbid the privilege of sitting alone with old true friends. So, it was a sad and philosophical Ernie who left San Francisco three months ago for the Pacific battle front—and his death.

AND the name of Ernie Pyle is added to the list of gallant new men enrolled upon a placque on the walls of the M. T. office. Above this honor role are these words:

"Soldiers of the Press in a war that never ends, these men have given their lives in the performance of duty essential to civilized living... the gathering and transmission of word and picture News from the battle fronts of a war between the forces of decency and barbarism. By their living deeds and their heroic deaths, they inspire those who survive them to carry on their glorious heritage."

What a fitting epitaph for Ernie Pyle—one of the greatest of them all!—H.G.

Letter From Washington
By HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress From Oregon

NO COMPULSORY LABOR BILL. The overwhelming rejection by the senate to the conference committee version of the manpower bill apparently wrote an end to the consideration of that subject by this congress. Chairman May of the House Military Affairs Committee says members of his committee will not even continue in conference sessions. The bill is dead and it is just as well. Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, says there is a positive betterment in the employment situation. Production continues at a high level. Victory in Europe seems but a short time away. In spite of the loud talking on the subject, there is no need of labor draft legislation.

Actually the question of how much war production will be cut back following V-E Day is much more serious. It is pretty certain that no one has any positive answer as to how much the cut-back should be. Figures ranging from 10% up as high as 60% have been kicked around rather carelessly during the last six weeks. The Byrnes report on reconversion planning revealed that there has been very little accomplished. The two top authorities on this subject have disappeared from the scene—Justice Byrnes resigned and Major General Lucius Clay, who represented the army in War Production Board and reconversion planning, has been sent overseas. The name heard most

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Scrivner's suggestion is adopted. The Congressional committee will not attempt, of course, to re-write directives, but will merely call attention to faults in them and ask that such faults be corrected. Such a procedure is not necessary, but it is. Acts of Congress are being man-handled and misinterpreted, and even circumvented by the executive department. People blame Congress for the troubles which ensue. Congress must therefore protect itself and the people from such mal-administration by exercising a check upon the executive department suggested by Congressman Scrivner.

SPRINGTIME IN WASHINGTON. In spite of everything that is said about Washington, this is a very beautiful city, especially at this time of year. Although much is said about the famous "Oriental" cherry trees. I think their beauty is vastly over-rated. During the three or four days when they are at their best, the scene is lovely, but the magnificent pink dogwood trees and other flowering shrubs found in all parts of the city are far more beautiful and make a more gorgeous and charming picture. The shrubbery on the capitol grounds is in full bloom now.

Speaking of spring and wild flowers, etc., reminds me that I have received several letters recently mentioning that salmon are running in the coastal streams in Oregon now. I hope people will have pity on me and say nothing more about it.

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon

Washington, April 19 — Mr. Truman has more of an executive than a legislative type of mind. It is not creative, but it is decisive. In ten years in the senate he was not identified much with legislation. His colleagues on the military affairs committee, for example, noted that he rarely sponsored laws, but his habit, in the analysis of the proposals of others, was to ask a few questions here and there, and then almost immediately express a decisive conclusion.

The general expectation in congress, therefore, is that if he can get through the reconversion period safely, he will do unexpectedly well in the White House, and better than he did in the senate. MR. TRUMAN makes no pretense to superior intellect. In heart and mind he is a genuine midwestern small-towner, not in any sense bewildered by current great events, but apt to bring to their solution his native qualities. He is genuinely humble, yet not self-effacing. He is cooperative, not weakly principled. He was opposed to Mr. Roosevelt on manpower, and he was against compulsory work legislation. He got along with the army chiefs, but was distinctly opposed to their waste.

While personally friendly to Wallace he opposed his vice-presidential candidacy. He talks freely. In the senate he had no economic adviser, or ghost writer, or some cabinet members and senators have, and he thinks for himself. In view of these intimate considerations, the expectations of congress for success of his administration rest on rather sound grounds.

I THINK the apparent difficulties of the country in understanding this situation at the outset are more the fault of the country than of Mr. Truman. I have been a reporter here 25 years, and in earlier days lived and traveled with President Harding, Coolidge, Hoover and Roosevelt. The common tendency of the country is to make

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a great man out of anyone who happens to be president at that time, if this is at all possible. Something elemental in human nature inspires romantic exaggeration of leadership. Yet few men are heroes to their valets, or the reporters who cover them. As far as measuring the intellectual capacity of men, I venture to suggest that this very day, wherever you may be, there are probably several men, known or unknown within a few miles of you, whose intellect, knowledge, temperament and mentality are the equal of any man who has ever been president.

THE greatness of Mr. Roosevelt will be measured by history, not by us. Perhaps, as in the case of Lincoln, his simple beauty of soul and purpose will verbalize his mistakes, and thus judge him greater than we know. Or, in the case of Washington, his indestructible devotion to a cause in the face of continuing disaster may make him the superior of men he will meet in history. I believe in the living, not the dead. If by extolling the virtues of one who is gone we may inspire the living, then and then only are tributes justified. If mourning is carried to the extremity of hurt to the living—whether it be the case of a mother mourning her son to the detriment of the health of her children still alive under her care or a group mourning a leader to the detriment of progress—this is wrong, and those who are gone would be the first to expose its wrongness if they could. This is the heaviest, invisible burden Mr. Truman is carrying.

Hyatt Lake Located To the Editor: I noted with interest the story regarding the opening date of the fishing season in the Rogue river basin, and the communication from Al Piche on the same subject, in last night's paper, in both of which Hyatt lake was listed along with Squaw, Fish and Emigrant lakes, as tributary to the Rogue river. Far be it from me to question the wisdom of the fish and game commission, but I must still maintain that at last report Hyatt lake was still in the Klamath basin, being at the head of Keene creek, a tributary of the Klamath river.

R. M. Kent, Secretary - Manager Talent Irrigation District.

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News of 4-H CLUBS

By Shirley Smith
Webfoot 4-H club met at the Van Duesen home on April 4 with 14 members present. James Barrett gave a demonstration on making breaking halters without rivets. After the meeting refreshments were served.

NEWSMAN DIES
Denver, April 19 — (U.P.)—Funeral arrangements were being made today for Albert De Bernardi, Jr., 51, widely known newspaperman, who died last night, following a heart attack. De Bernardi was stricken while working at his desk at the Denver Post, where he was drama editor.

WEATHER
Northern California: Clear today, tonight and Friday, but some fog on coast. Not much change in temperature.

POLICE ARREST FOUR JUVENILES IN AUTO CHASE

State police Saturday night arrested three juveniles who made an effort to elude the officers seeking to stop them for investigation, it was revealed today by Juvenile Officer Robert M. Elder. In their car officers found a case of beer which was placed in the police car and the juveniles ordered to proceed the officer to the county court house, Elder reported.

It was necessary to push the juveniles' car to start it, during which time a fourth youth escaped. As police were booking the others at the county jail, the fourth youth broke into the officer's car, stole the case of beer and fled in the youths' auto, the report stated. He was apprehended by police Sunday but the car was not found until Tuesday.

Three of those involved have been placed on probation while the fourth one is being held for grand jury action. Three of the group have juvenile records while two of them are parolees from Oregon State Training school, Elder said.

THE GRANGE

Pomona Grange Regular meeting of Jackson County Pomona Grange will open at Jacksonville, April 28, promptly at 10 a. m. Ladies of Jacksonville Grange will serve the noon meal; those attending to bring salad or dessert. All Pomona officers are asked to be at Jacksonville Sunday afternoon, April 22, for a practice meeting. This is especially for the new officers and those taking part in the annual Memorial service April 25. NORA N. WAIT, Secretary.

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Lake Creek Grange met in regular session April 13 with Worthy Master Loyd George presiding with 32 members attending. A donation to the National Grange fund was voted upon favorably. Grange members hope that Sgt. Keith Argraves will speak at the Grange hall when he returns from Portland. Worthy Lecturer Ozie Burnett had a very enjoyable lecture program.

A dance is to be held at the Grange hall Saturday, April 21. Everyone is invited. Next meeting of Lake Creek Grange will be May 11 at 8:30 p. m.

Central Point Grange Central Point Grange will meet in regular session Friday at 8 p. m. First and second degrees will be conferred and any neighboring granges wishing to bring candidates may do so. At program time John Day will briefly discuss the history of corn culture and Leo Pottor and his committee will present a humorous surprise number.

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 April 19, 1935 (It was Friday) House passes Social Security bill, for 'more abundant life.'

Louisiana legislature votes defiance of Sec'y. Ickes.

Ben E. Harder addresses 20-30 club on value of service clubs. He praised them.

Cloudy. High 72, low 37 degrees.

Reichfuhrer Hitler on 46th birthday tomorrow worried about L. of N. protest to German defiance.

Auto buying on Coast close to good year marks.

Valley fruitmen to hold meeting Monday to hear outlook report.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY April 19, 1925 (It was Sunday) Marines landed in Honduras to protect American lives and property during revolution.

Storm in Illinois takes high toll.

Rain. Frost in the morning. High 55, low 36 degrees.

Snow falls in the foothills. Seventeen feet reported at Crater Lake rim.

Pictures of Crater Lake in winter to be shown for first time at Craterian Sunday.

County asked by Ashland and south valley residents to improve road to Lake O' The Woods.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY April 19, 1911 (It was Wednesday) President Taft puts invasion of Mexico up to Congress. Taft intervention in Mexico near.

San Francisco in ruins from earthquake and fire five years ago, now a bigger and better city. Local wool sold at .35 cents per pound.

ROSSMAN NAMED Salem, Ore., April 19—(U.P.)—Associate Justice George Rossman of the Oregon supreme court has been appointed chairman of a nationwide criminal procedure study committee, he was informed today. The judicial section of the American Bar Association made the appointment.

Missionary Speaks At Baptist Friday

Rev. Henry D. Brown, Missionary to the Belgian Congo, will speak in the First Baptist Church, Friday at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Brown has been in the Congo since 1928. He has traveled over a great bit of territory doing evangelistic work. His travel was accomplished by walking, wading, cycling, canoeing and by truck. Many were the experiences on such trips. This field has been of special interest to the First Baptist Church of this city in as much as it has maintained a native worker there for nearly forty years. A special invitation is extended to all to hear Rev. Brown.

TOO MANY WIVES Lenoir, N. C., April 19—(U.P.)—Ex-Sailor Ernest Raymond Setzer today faced two years in a prison road gang after his conviction of being married to six women at the same time. The 28-year-old Fort Smith, Ark., bus driver was charged with going his mates one better—having a wife in nearly every port. He was sentenced yesterday.

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