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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

Spring, slow in showing up this year, has finally arrived. There are two kinds of Spring: The Rogue River valley variety, and what the rest of the world, and California, thinks is Spring.

The best military opinion now agrees, the war in Germany won't end, until Germany is ended. All the Teutons will get out of the war, will be the booby prize for bullheadedness.

"Three cows at the Rockford city farm gave birth to litters of 8, 11 and 13 pigs, respectively.—(Pampas, Tex., News). Nature does some nifty faking.

Today is the birthday of Herr Hitler, the Nazi war lord. His once mighty armies have been cut up like a birthday cake, if he had one. The world wishes him a happy assassination. May he suffer all the horrors his henchmen have perpetrated, and, an eternity spent listening to phonograph records of his own speeches.

IS THIS CRICKET? (London Daily Mail) "Outfitters say men are buying feminine panties—for themselves. Women's panties demand only two rationing coupons instead of the three needed for men's and they often have elastic, which is not allowed for men's shorts."

The warm weather this week, has made the valley wheat grow almost as much as the record stand of yellow mustard in the rural areas, and dandelions on city lawns.

"YOUTHS SET FIRE TO FOOL POLICE"—(Hillside Redding Searchlight) No way to talk about the law, who need asbestos coat-tails.

A federal survey shows the meat warehouses of the land practically empty, with many states reporting increases in stock waiting to be slaughtered, while an alleged meat shortage still rages. The situation is so confused, if beefsteaks were plentiful, the country would start running out of frying pans.

UPLIFT WON'T LIFT UP (Topeka, Kan., Journal) "Why not send to punishment the school teachers, the Boy and Girl Scout leaders, members of police departments, juvenile officials, social workers, Y.M. and Y.W.C.A. heads and others who raise the children. Why pick on parents? All they have to do about children is bear (or adopt) and support them."

The girl in the C. Chaplin paternity case, is shocked, and allowed \$75 per week for the support of the child. She does not believe she will be able to do it, on this sum. Millions of mothers make it on less.

Observers report the highway driving is the most reckless since 1928. This was the year Californians left Frisco Friday noon for British Columbia, and planned to get back in time to go to work Monday morning, with a case of Canadian fire-water.

Sheep shearing classes will be started next week in the Willamette valley to relieve the lack of shearers. The sympathy of all males who have been shaved by a graduate of a barber college go out to the sheep.

Editorial Correspondence

Mexico City, April 12.—This day which started out here (and elsewhere, no doubt) like any other day has now taken an important place in human history. For on April 12, 1945, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt died!

We had lunched with the distaff member of the family at Bordas and were returning from another squint at Diego Rivera painting more murals on the walls of the Presidential Palace, when somewhere in the dust, dirt and bustle of Avenue Madero we heard our name called.

There were no preliminaries. "Did you know the President is dead?" he cried—"just got it over the radio!" Well in the short time since that verbal blow to the editorial solar plexus we have met at least half a dozen fellow countrymen of the "I-told-you-so class".

As your correspondent admits he was not one of them. As the M. T. files in the recent campaign will show, we recognized the POSSIBILITY, and at the time of the Chicago convention and the defeat of Wallace we did foresee probable dangers in the event of Harry Truman becoming President of the United States.

But it was not to be! Only a few days ago we saw the President in a news reel at one of the Mexican film palaces here and we both spoke of his haggard appearance—he seemed to look 20 years older than when we last saw him, only a year ago. But he had looked badly so often before, and we had not only the report of his chief physician but of some of the Washington correspondents, that while he had his ups and downs physically and had of late become particularly subject to colds, for a man of his years, he was still far above the average in all the essentials of health and longevity.

It was a tremendous shock—in that brief moment the world it seemed STOOD STILL! We walked back to the hotel slowly, trying to become mentally adjusted to it and were amazed to see life in Mexico City go on its usual, confused, speedy (there appears to be no speed limit as far as motor traffic is concerned) way.

And that pretty well represents the popular reaction here. After all it was not their President but the "Gringos" and as far as the masses here are concerned,—the rank and file,—what happens or doesn't happen to the President of the United States is of no concern to them.

Well, on arrival at our hotel we wrote a short wire for the M.T. though realizing it would probably be delayed by censorship and crowded wires. As far as that goes, it will probably not affect the course of this crazy planet one way or the other, but we naturally preferred to have what we felt about this sad and tragic happening expressed in timely fashion rather than weeks later!

We do,—as stated in the wire,—have a strong conviction the sudden death of the President, so tragic in its impact, and regrettable from every standpoint, will not however, impair the war effort in any ESSENTIAL way. The war machine has been built, it is in action, it is bound to go on under the direction of highly competent men like General Marshall and Eisenhower and Admiral King, working with the allied command, to the inevitable, victorious end.

Regarding it, the loss of America's Commander-in-Chief, will prove—we believe,—far more serious. Senator Truman in this direction is not only an unknown quantity, but we doubt very much if he has ever been taken into the President's confidence as far as foreign affairs are concerned.

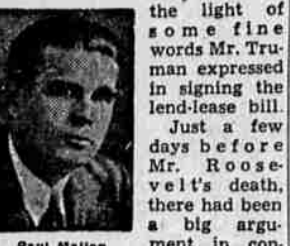
As stated in our wire we do believe there is a very close analogy between the sudden deaths of Lincoln and Roosevelt, as far as the political consequences are concerned. Two men more dissimilar could hardly be imagined, as far as environments, training or natures go. But both were war presidents, and both will go down in history as great contributors to the cause of human betterment and human freedom.

High School Boy Finds Course In Sewing Not Easy Cleveland—(U.P.)—Seventeen year-old Andrew Paizes is no sissy, but he admits it's "plenty tough" to be the only boy in Collinwood high school's sewing classes here.

Admiral Nimitz has a small tree he intends to plant in Tokyo soon. A Brooklyn man who stole a tree was charged with petty larceny in sewing, which includes cery

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, April 20.—The world WPA idea and the post-war world spending notion have evaporated in the light of some fine words Mr. Truman expressed in signing the lend-lease bill.



Just a few days before Mr. Roosevelt's death, there had been a big argument in congress, which had delayed this extension of lend-lease authority until a year from next June 30 (not the end of the war). Frankly, a majority in both houses was suspicious that the administration spenders intended to use this blanket lend-lease authorization for relief and rehabilitation in Europe.

THEY had heard the French, for instance, were already rehabilitating their railroads and putting their money into factories from our lend-lease kitty. Supposedly this government felt the rehabilitation of French railroads was essential to hauling our war supplies to the front, and looked at the installation of our machinery in French factories the same way.

But this war has cost us \$238,000,000,000 already (Morgenthau's last figure) and lend-lease already had amounted to \$35,400,000,000 last December 31. Our financial position is not improving. Lend-lease should be about over as far as big figures are concerned, because no new contract could now be made in time to do any good in Europe and the far eastern war is largely our own effort except for lend-lease to China, whose ports are still closed.

AN official British statement estimated she would need \$5,500,000,000, the year beginning next July 1, mostly for civilian relief. The French want \$2,500,000,000 now and more after German resistance ceases. No one knows Russia's needs but she has asked \$6,000,000,000 of credits.

British contracts already will run to \$7,500,000,000 for this year. UNRRA is supposedly planning an increase in its \$1,200,000,000. The Export Import bank is said to want \$1,300,000,000—outside of lend-lease.

NO one in this government has yet said anything about cutting down, so the house tacked a mild amendment on the lend-lease extension expressing the idea (no more) that lend-lease should not be used for postwar. The Taft direct restriction against such use failed there by a tight vote, Mr. Truman, then vice-president, himself voting against it. This bare—if not invisible—margin of success for the government gave full warning that international postwar spending policies probably cannot get through congress, at least that no such loose policy would be allowed.

MR. Truman signed the bill with great praise of the Roosevelt policy, but he wound up with this promise: "Lend-lease will be carried on until unconditional surrender or complete defeat of Germany and Japan."

Somehow congressmen believe Mr. Truman has more regard for money than Mr. Roosevelt had. They look on him as less of a spender. His promise was, therefore, interpreted as being what congress wanted. However, it is all up to him. The law will let him do practically anything (the extension bill being merely a continuance of authority, without mention of any sum of money.)

The postwar spending policy is still running open-ended, although congress is rearing warningly already against looseness, and Mr. Truman has promised lend-lease will still stop at the end of the war.

FAT STILL NEEDED The government needs every drop of fat you can save,—needs it to make medicines, munitions, special lubricants and scores of vital war needs. So keep on saving fats.

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HEALTH EDUCATION BEING NEGLECTED P. T. A. MEET TOLD

"Our schools are falling in health education, because the program has been so concentrated on producing winning teams in various competitive sports that the majority of the student body are neglected," warned Mrs. O. C. Ufford, regional vice-president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers when she spoke at the regional meeting of the Oregon congress held in Ashland Tuesday. Local, state and regional executives attended the meeting and 196 delegates registered from Josephine, Klamath and Jackson counties.

Highway appropriations so highly overshadow those for schools that it is a disgrace to our nation," the speaker declared. "Highways can get by as they are for some time, but no child can wait for the proper education to be given to him. What a child will be tomorrow he is becoming today." Unit representatives applauded as Mrs. Ufford brought the picture of what national P. T. A. congress is doing for the good of the nations' children. The congress is now four million strong and has been recognized by state and federal law making bodies and the American Medical Association, the speaker stated, these groups having come to depend on it's aid in promoting the welfare of children.

Timely Message Mrs. Katherine Read of the Oregon State college staff brought a timely message dealing with the changing family in this changing world. Pointing out the anxieties and responsibilities of today's children, she stressed the need for understanding their emotions and putting forth real effort to make the entire family a harmonious group.

Mrs. M. N. Hogan, Medford, member of the Jackson County League of Women Voters, explained the Dumbarton Oaks conference proposals for a United Nations' Organization and the Bretton Woods monetary conference program. Delegates were asked to conduct discussion on the proposals and to inform their congressmen of any suggestions. Such measures as proposed at Dumbarton Oaks can only be successful when the people of the world understand and support them, the speaker declared and added that it is necessary for all Americans to be informed and interested for other countries look to the United States for leadership.

Plans Outlined During luncheon Mrs. H. H. George of Portland, president of the Oregon Congress, outlined accomplishments the past year and plans for the future. She asked members to get behind the proposed cigarette tax, which will be the means of raising extra funds for school support. It was the only method offered by the legislators for such a fund, Mrs. George said.

Mrs. Herschel Obye of Grants Pass led community singing and the Rev. Earl Downing of Ashland gave the invocation. Two solos were sung by Mrs. Lucille McKay of Ashland, Mrs. C. L. Wolff of the Ashland City Council introduced the committees which had made arrangements for the conference and they were given a vote of thanks.

K. F. JAYCEES ELECT Klamath Falls, April 20—John Sandmeyer, winner of the 1944 award as outstanding young man in civic work here, Thursday was the new president of the Klamath County Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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TEN YEARS AGO TODAY April 20, 1935 (It was Saturday)

Special session of legislature to revise state old age pension law to conform to federal law.

Dime chain letter racket sweeps nation.

Diionne quintuplets all have head colds.

Active club and merchants back May day fiesta and auto show here.

Cloudy with occasional showers. High 67, low 41 degrees.

Fishing improves in valley streams.

President and first lady to lead nation in Easter observance tomorrow.

Twenty years ago today April 20, 1925 (It was Monday)

Rainfall since last September now amounts to 17.11 inches, and year promises to be a record breaking wet one.

Dozen autoists pay fines in justice court for speeding on Pacific and Crater Lake highways.

Choir of First Baptist church presents cantata at Ashland.

Mausoleum to be erected here.

European embargo on Pacific coast apples laid to political meddling.

Prince of Wales reaches Nigeria and is greeted by 20,000 Negroes.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY April 20, 1911 (It was Thursday)

Clouds kept frost at bay during night.

Council accepts Clark & Henery bid for new paving.

Gov. West pays short visit to valley.

News of 4-H CLUBS

By Charlotte Kent Antelope 4-H club met at Antelope school house April 13. We had a box social at which we made \$164.90. Boxes were auctioned by Henry Owens from Valley View club. We also had visitors from Eagle Point club. Antelope Cooking club will

meet April 21 at the home of W. E. Davies. Next livestock meeting will be at the Antelope school house May 11.

More air-express matter measured by ton-miles was handled by the Railway Express over domestic airlines in prewar days than in Europe, Central or South America.

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