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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The "Lndon Poles", as usual, are again spilling the beans...

Under a new state law, soon effective, rowboats 16 feet or longer, will be taxed \$5, and \$1 per foot in excess of 20 feet.

Fair smokers are now using a \$2 an ounce concoction to remove nicotine from their trigger fingers...

A quintet of 1945 fathers met yes, and compared babies. They all are remarkable. None of them ever cry.

BUT ORDERS IS ORDERS (SF. Chronicle)

"General Eisenhower's concession that the soldiers may fraternize with the children begs the whole question. For how is Pfc. Jack Dodds from Iowa to fraternize with little Gretchen and stand icily aloof from Gretchen's mama and lder sister? He can't and he won't; it isn't human nature."

At Red Bluff, Cal., 50,000 pounds of beef—just slaughtered—was destroyed by fire. No doubt the community, like most others, was in the throes of a meat shortage, and no relief in sight.

Prayers for rain by a Georgia farm community got prompt results. Ere the day was done, it poured. Hereabouts, all prayers for rain are answered. January appeals bore fruit in May.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? (Woodlawn, Cal., Democrat)

"Editor—In answer to the editorial, I accept the caustic reprimand for wearing Pop's shirts in these days of scarcity, but with some reservations.

"Give the girls credit for being patriotic. They wear Pop's discards to save for stamps and bonds.—Dorothy."

Republicans in Congress charge high government officials used the war as "a cloak for waste and graft." One of the best tricks was renting a tractor, with no engine in it, at \$775 per month. It may all turn out to be another tempest in a Teapot Dome.

WHEN CHIVALRY SHIVERED

"Two young men of The Dalles wishing to prove that Edmund Burke was mistaken when he wrote his famous words, 'The age of chivalry is gone,' retired to the beach back of the Umatilla House and began to show how much chivalry there was in getting pummeled around about a woman. We have not had opportunity to interview either of the gay Lotharios; but as neither one of them has put in an appearance today, we should judge they must have their heads considerably 'swelled' over the affair."

The flag of Ecuador bears a figure of the great condor of the Andes.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, June 13.—Back again! And what a difference only a few days make. For the climate hereabouts has completely changed...

We skipped the "uncovered wagon" coming down and if possible will always do it hereafter. Not only is time saved and discomfort escaped, but one can make up his—or her,—own schedule...

Picked up a soldier and his wife a mile south of Medford, hitch-hiking to San Diego. They had left Seattle only the day before which indicates a disposition to help the boys in uniform.

The only remarkable thing about them was their silence,—the two of them never had a word to say all the way to Dunsmuir except in answer to our questions. They were tired, no doubt, but they did not sleep.

The wife (merely a girl in her 'teens) was cheerful but silent. The soldier-boy was the latter but not the former.

Both, however, were grateful for the lift. Instead of stopping in Dunsmuir the boy picked up his suitcase, the girl took his arm, and they started to walk south, the latter certain they would be riding soon. It was then after 10 p.m. (Why should a SOLDIER have to hitch-hike?)

Nothing to eat or drink in Dunsmuir. The place deserted, in fact, save for a couple of sailors and one policeman, parked near the corner of the burned-out Weed hotel. The reason?

Two hundred and fifty German prisoners, enroute, had to have solid and liquid (non-alcoholic) nourishment, and cleaned the place out. According to the policeman, who was terribly sore about it, even the S. P. had to send their section train crews down to Redding to be watered and fed.

Why doesn't the army feed its own prisoners and serve them at the SECOND table, not the FIRST?

So all the bond issues carried, some by large majorities!

Well we would much prefer all of them PASSING to ALL of them FAILING, for the sewer and sewage disposal extensions are critically needed, and their defeat would have created a serious situation with no immediate relief in sight.

But as stated, we did not and do not think in the midst of a war, is the time for Medford, or any other city,—just getting out of debt to plunge back into it, to the tune of nearly a million dollars. Far better to have waited, except for the "MUST" improvements, until the war had ended and the skies, financial and otherwise, had cleared.

However "Vox Populi, Vox Dei!"

And the people who voted for these improvements, —all desirable but only two of an emergency character,—will have to pay for them. (At least those of them who are taxpayers!) So-o—

Well that's democracy in action, isn't it? So why squawk?

The train south was more crowded than usual with over an hour's wait to get breakfast. The meal finally served, however, was good and the steward very courteous. He was sorry about the delay but said he was short of help,—only three colored boys and they were kids new to the game,—but the dining car was an old and small one.

Waiting there is line, it was interesting to watch the service men, army and navy file by with baby bottles getting same properly warmed in the diner. They have made marvelous fighters, now perhaps they will make just as marvelous husbands!

Movies here have returned to the all-night schedule after the war blackout. There might be a story in attending a movie at 5 a.m., and perhaps one of these days we may tackle it. (Be sure that is "MAY", Julius.)

One of President Truman's pals is here making arrangements for the President's arrival for the final ceremonies. He reports the President hopes to be here no later than a week hence which would make it June 20. Hope he knows what he is talking about but doubt it.

As predicted two weeks ago, there is no chance of defeating the one-nation veto on any matter of importance, the real reason being Stalin would never sign a charter which deprived Russia of that power, but this is not officially admitted. As a result of Harry Hopkins' visit to Moscow, however, it is claimed Russia has made concessions regarding the Polish problem, and also freedom of discussion in the Assembly. It will be interesting to see precisely what they are.

It is certainly hard to satisfy some people. When it was cold here we longed for summer, and now it is hot we long for one of those brisk cool breezes rushing down Powell street direct from the Golden Gate!—R.W.R.

U.S. Chamber Holds Pessimistic View Washington, June 15.—The U. S. Chamber of Commerce said today it would "like to feel" that the San Francisco conference would pave the way for permanent peace but "all history refutes that happy hope."

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 15.—It can be said the navy is working up a new program for post-war defense power and the authorities from the top down (and I mean the White House as well as the navy department) already have decided there is not to be much economy in their naval planning.



Paul Mallon

Details may well come into the category of secrets and legitimately are subject to voluntary censorship. Yet it is no secret this nation will wind up this war with a navy much stronger than the combined fleets afloat in all other nations.

I published sometime back an estimate that our navy would be 5 to 1 over Britain by the end. Since then the British have gone into warship building, I understand. But the estimate still holds good, at least as a broad numerical picture of our relative perspective power on the high seas.

Ours will be even more than a two-ocean navy, and with its great acceleration in flying power, already is measured by some experts, as a three-ocean force.

TWO good naval bases in the Philippines also are being provided by naval authorities. Maryland's Senator Tydings, who has returned from a Pacific trip, says the Filipinos are anxious for us to have these and any others we want, in view of their disastrous experience from the Japanese invasion.

A good many senators also want to see us get the Jap island bases in the Pacific, and they have their eye especially on Truk (which we have not yet captured).

The hearings of the special house committee on the youth draft proposals of the army also might be classified by some as a classic commentary on how far we have been able to go in the struggle toward peace—but this is an entirely different proposition.

In the first place, Mr. Truman has said nothing about it. Questions at press conferences as to whether he favored the army program to take every boy away from his home for a year in the army, have brought no comment. (Mr. Roosevelt favored the plan).

In the second place, congress is paying but little attention to the Woodrum hearings. They are generally considered as an airing of pent-up steam on a high-running subject. No action is expected anytime soon.

I think there is a reasonable general official viewpoint here on that subject, which does not expect war, sincerely wants a living arrangement which will establish peace, but also wants American defense.

THE Woodrum hearings thus far have developed only two sides to the youth draft question, the army's and the side of those who are against any military training. A third unheard side advocates the best possible military training under democratic methods, without a draft and without removing the boys from their homes.

It would build up the national

guard into a real guard of the nation, give it tanks, planes and money, move military education into the schools, both high schools and colleges; give each section of the country an Annapolis and a West Point of its own, and otherwise promote the democratic methods of raising and maintaining whatever defense force is necessary.

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 June 15, 1935 (It was Saturday) Dr. Frederick M. Hunter, named chancellor for state board of higher education.

Pacific Clipper completes hop to Midway base.

Portland labor resolution flays Gov. Martin for stand against picketing in mill strike.

Autos in state total 263,000, statistics show.

Unsettled with showers. High 72, low 43 degrees.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY June 15, 1925 (It was Monday) State highway commission loses eight million dollar suit to Warren paving company by federal court decision.

Local autoists make first trip of season to Diamond Lake, and find the road rough and slippery, but caught 75 pounds of fish.

Six-ton plane to pass over city tomorrow afternoon enroute to Seattle.

Fair. High 70, low 45 degrees.

Score of speeders rounded up by traffic cop.

War maneuvers start at Camp Jackson.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY June 15, 1911 (It was Thursday) First National bank celebrates its sixth birthday and holds informal reception to public. Deposits grow from \$25,000 to \$1,051,499 in six years.

Robert R. Ebel leaves on business trip to Portland.

Humane society warns teamsters they are overloading wagons, and overworking their horses.

WEATHER Northern California — Clear today, tonight and Saturday; rising daytime temperatures.

DANCE —at— UPPER APPLGATE GRANGE HALL Sat., June 16 9 P. M. to 2 A. M.

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BAIZE ELECTED LEGION LEADER

Richard H. Baize, city police officer, was chosen commander of the American Legion Post 15, Medford, at election held Wednesday night. Leon I. Jacobs was elected first vice commander, Merle Jarmin, second vice commander, Walter P. Dunlap, adjutant and Albert J. Anderson, chaplain.

Those elected to the executive committee were Oliver S. Overmyer, Joe E. Fliegel, Robert F. Kyle, Walter J. Reinking and I. W. Housechild.

GIRL SCOUT DAY CAMP TRANSPORTATION READY

Transportation arrangements for Girl Scout annual day camp have been completed it was stated today, and the busses will leave from Scout headquarters each morning at 9:40 a.m. It was pointed out that this schedule will permit girls who are taking swimming lessons to finish the

lessons and meet the bus at headquarters. Bus fare will be five cents each way. June 18 is the opening day of camp and it is to be held Monday through Friday for two weeks at the day camp site on Bear creek south of Medford. Girls may still register the opening day.

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