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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry
A rural resident with a smoke-house full of his own, rejoices that on a visit to town yes, he ate "boughten" bacon, for the first time since Pearl Harbor.

Interviews with Mrs. Mussolini are appearing in the press. She regrets she ever let Il Duce crawl out under her thumb when she had him there.

"Tetrachlorethylene". We can't even pronounce it, so from \$1.50 we close 'em out at 30c.—(Albany Democrat-Herald ad.)

Canning demonstrations staged here this week by the OSC have proved popular. So have the canning demonstrations, with more to come, staged in Washington, D. C., by the President.

Annoyed by a squeaking mouse, an Idaho woman homesteader grabbed a shotgun and accidentally shot off a big toe. An oil can would have been safer.

SAME HERE ITEM (Roseburg News-Review) "There is an unshakable conviction that one of the first major items of business on the Big Three agenda at Potsdam is the allotment to the Roseburg armory of a captured cannon to replace the one contributed to the war effort."

It has been so hot here, owners of fashionable "two-toned loafing jackets" peel them off afternoons to loaf, hillbilly style.

Tokyo reports the broadsides from the fleet raking the Japanese coast are not worth opposition, and the results trifling. The lack of opposition is called a "side-stepping operation."

The annual sunrise service at Fort Ness will be held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.—(Connellville Times.)—A fine time of day for Old Sol to get up.

Stockmen are busy distributing rock salt in the high hills. They report they never saw fatter steers, and predict the best looking beef shortage in history.

Since 1940 Oregon has gained 2,439 farms. This will increase crop production and the number of prayers for rain in August.

The mystery of the disappearance of Princess Snow White Robin has been solved. Juvenile D. Blackbird has confessed he fired a shot from a .22 rifle and is very sorry. District Attorney Whereas Whereas Whereas Woodpecker and Assistant I. Object Crow report. The assailant states his Grandmaw permitted him to take a walk with the weapon, when he promised not to shoot it. He took a shot at the woods upon which the victim was seated, and, for some unexplainable reason, hit her. An uncle of the defendant stated to the sheriff the defendant was 13 years old and previously had fired 2,000 rounds of ammunition at various living objects without hitting them, and does not believe it will happen again.

A number of farmers report their tractors are worn out, and they are thinking of getting a new one, or using something that has colts.

Careful checking of all canning equipment before using may prevent death or injury. Even canning is the same as inviting an accident to happen.

A New Russia?

The new Dean of Canterbury, like his predecessor, is strongly pro-Russian. Also like his predecessor, he visited Russia, had a long talk with Commissar Stalin and returned enthusiastic about the Muscovite All-Highest and the progress being made in that rapidly developing country, in the direction of human betterment.

If this were not true, that is, if the English church had not become typed, so to speak, as decidedly "pinkish" the report of the new dean, Dr. Hewlett Johnson, probably would have made the front page. But with the background what it is, the interview was no doubt taken with a grain of salt, particularly in England and the United States.

HOWEVER, biased or not biased, the interview is of genuine importance. For it indicates a complete change of heart as far as Soviet Russia's attitude toward the established church and religion are concerned, as well as an extremely surprising and refreshing spirit of tolerance toward other countries and England in particular on the part of Comrade Stalin.

In fact, this department's skepticism regarding the interview was intensified by the angelic spirit which pervaded it,—a spirit of such sweetness and light, that after observing the Russian technique at San Francisco for over two months, it all adds up to one of those things just too good to be true.

However, Russia is so important in the world today, that the head of all the Russians says is of such vital significance to this country and the peace of the world, that we print it herewith in full,—that is the full text of the story as it came over the wires from the United Press.

Stalin is speaking,—we quote: "Religion cannot be stopped. Conscience cannot be stilled. Religion is a matter of conscience and conscience is free. Worship and religion are free. The church has its history, and we have our history. The patriarch of the Russian Orthodox church pronounced Anathema on the new Soviet government and bade the people refuse to pay taxes. We on our part were obliged to defend ourselves. The state had to act. "The war has now shown the church how essentially patriotic the Soviet government is and also has revealed the patriotism of the church."

To Dr. Johnson's request for suggestions on methods of drawing Britain and Russia closer together and keeping them together in the post-war world, Stalin replied:

"It was easy to keep together when we were fighting side by side against the might of Germany. But the Germans are beaten now, and it is less easy when the tension is gone to avoid friction. "But we want to do it. We want to keep firm our union, not only in words but in deeds. We have no wish whatsoever to hurt England or hinder England. "We want to be friends with England and friends in deeds as well as words. If your politicians will do it, we will do it."

We don't doubt that Stalin made a statement similar to the above, what we do doubt is that he expressed himself as he is quoted, for Stalin just doesn't talk that way. The attitude of the Kremlin toward religion and the church undoubtedly has changed since Lenin's dictum that "religion is the opium of the people," and there is also little doubt that Russia wishes to be friendly with Britain and the rest of the world,—especially the large powers.

BUT it should be realized the new dean does not speak Russian and Stalin does not speak English, so the conversation between the two men had to be conducted by interpreters.

And where interpreters carry the ball, exact quotation is practically impossible.

AS a result, it is our belief that the above was phrased by the dean, expresses the ideas of the dean more accurately than those of the Russian dictator, that while there was no conscious effort to misrepresent under the conditions existing, a strictly exact realistic picture of Stalin's views today regarding religion, the church and Russian relations with Britain was not obtained.

There has undoubtedly been a change for the better along these lines in Russia, but probably nothing as idealistic and poetic as the dean's report would indicate.

Too Much Of A Good Thing

Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security administrator and director of War Manpower on arrival in Manila today declared his intention is to survey the economy of the Philippines and not concern himself with politics.

That is undoubtedly true. But it is also true, that the economy of the islands from this time henceforth will determine the politics.

THERE are already two distinct schools of political thought among the native leaders of the Philippines.

One group, and undoubtedly the larger one, favors immediate and complete independence,—cutting themselves off entirely from the United States this year.

The other group doubts the wisdom of such action and believes that a few years of such absolute independence will show the people and the economy of the islands are in no condition to successfully make their way in this turbulent world alone.

The latter group favors not absolute independence but a modified form of dominion status,—that is complete self government, but a favored nation relationship as far as the United States is concerned, particularly in the economic realm.

THIS department agrees with this minority group, and is confident time will demonstrate the folly of the course insisted upon by the independence zealots.

RUBBER BUREAU HALTS EXPANSION

Washington, July 20—(U.P.)—The War Production board's rubber bureau today cancelled 12 plant expansion projects in its program for large truck tires and announced partial cutback or complete elimination of 25 additional expansions in the program for smaller truck tires.

Five projects for tires to which tank treads are attached also were cancelled.

The 12 large truck tire plants would have cost \$86,000,000 if they had been completed. The reductions announced today, plus cancellation of 21 truck-tire tube plant expansions announced last week bring total cancellations by the bureau of \$110,000,000.

LAMB SUBSIDIES GIVEN APPROVAL

Washington, July 20—(U.P.)—The senate last night approved a bill designed to permit subsidy payments to lamb growers by the Commodity Credit corporation.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney, D., Wyo., now goes to the house.

The bill provides that CCC can pay the subsidies under a program to be approved by the secretary of agriculture. O'Mahoney pointed out that CCC has the authority to pay direct subsidies to producers but lacked the funds. He said RFC had the funds but not the authority. His bill permitted transfer of the necessary funds from RFC to CCC.

PHOENIX PAIR GUILTY DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Mrs. Ona Frick and William Graves of Phoenix, charged with disorderly conduct in a complaint signed by Andrew G. Severson, were found guilty and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and assessed the costs by Justice of the Peace W. P. Tucker yesterday. The jail sentence was suspended for one year.

The suit involved Severson's chickens straying into the yard of the defendants. Words lead to blows, it was testified. Mrs. Frick argued with Severson. Graves then entered the argument and blows were struck. Severson and Mrs. Frick have engaged in several over-the-fence disputes the past several months, testimony showed.

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.

"Thrill of a Lifetime"

To the editor: I wonder how many natives of this vicinity have passed up the thrill of a lifetime? How many have watched the huge lumber trucks that thunder down these highways with nothing more than a brief exclamation of wonder or of annoyance at being caught behind one and having to follow it around a curve or two?

It was this writer's good fortune while visiting in Medford to have been introduced to one of the valley's expert logging truck operators. An invitation to make a round trip to the logging camp between Prospect and Crater Lake was promptly accepted and turned out to be an experience full of thrills and surprises.

First there was the drive up the beautiful Crater Lake highway which really should be seen from the cab of a logging truck to be fully appreciated! From such a vantage point the writer enjoyed and admired every mile of scenery as the highway follows along the course of the turbulent Rogue River, curving, twisting, across meadows, between cliffs, through the forests and finally skirting the edge of a gorge hundreds of feet deep where the river far below looks like a silver thread winding through its green borders.

Turning off the highway onto a trail road cut through a magnificent stand of virgin timber, the writer was impressed by the size of the trees towering 100 feet and more in height and measuring 5 to 8 feet around.

But the greatest amazement and admiration of all was inspired by the ease with which the loggers handle their operations and drive their huge loads back to the mills in Medford in just a few hours. Watching them is like seeing real "supermen" in action. Riding with them is to be convinced that these men of the woods are men of steel—without nerves!

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Newlyweds



(Acme Telephoto) Universal starlet Poni Adams and Lt. Tom Turnage, Houston, Texas, embrace after their surprise marriage at First Methodist Church, Hollywood. The honeymoon will have to wait until the finishes her role in "Night in Paradise."

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 20 and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO July 20, 1935 (It was Monday) Commercial fish interests urge re-opening of Rogue Valley fishermen gird for fight.

Update Democrats abandon plan to recall Gov. Martin. Fair and cooler. High 89, low 52 degrees.

"Constitution vs. New Deal" to be 1936 campaign issue. Portland labor strife ebbs.

Nazi chiefs in Germany tighten rules for Lutherans and Catholics.

TWENTY YEARS AGO July 20, 1925 (It was Monday) New stores open in Lithia Hotel building at Ashland.

Fire Department delayed by freight train, at crossing, and house is destroyed. Cloudy. High 97, low 56 degrees.

Medford put on air mail route from Seattle to Los Angeles. Tennessee school teacher found guilty of teaching evolution.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO July 20, 1911 (It was Thursday) Smoke from six huge forest fires in county shrouds valley.

Champion Jack Johnson to fight in London with Bamardler Wells for million dollar purse.

Bartletts bring \$3.65 per box in East.

BRIDGES ORDERED TO PROVE SALARY STATUS San Francisco, July 20—(U.P.) CIO Labor Leader Harry Bridges today was ordered to appear in superior court tomorrow morning to establish his financial status as the latest move in the Bridges divorce case.

Mrs. Bridges, asking \$450 alimony in a divorce cross-complaint, claimed the Longshoreman leader receives \$1,000 per month. Bridges insisted he receives only \$400.

McNUTT IN MANILA Manila, July 20—(U.P.)—Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security administrator and director of the War Manpower Commission, arrived in Manila with a staff of 10 experts to survey the Philippines' economy, health and education.

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BRITAIN'S FLEET TO FIGHT JAPAN

Washington, July 20—(U.P.)—A British naval spokesman said today that most of Great Britain's mighty battle fleet already has been moved to the Far East to fight Japan.

"No major modern units of the British fleet are left in home waters other than those being refitted," he said.

The spokesman revealed a partial list of British warships now assigned to the British Pacific and East Indies fleets. The Pacific fleet operates as part of the U. S. Third fleet and British units have joined American warships in current operations against Japanese homeland.

Halifax Residents Return to Homes

Halifax, July 20—(U.P.)—Evacuees returned to their explosion-riddled homes today as naval firefighters battled flames at the Burnside naval arsenal in the wake of a series of explosions which killed one person and injured at least 17 others. Military authorities said fires

still burning at the 600-acre arsenal seven miles from here were under control and the possibility of further blasts was "small and remote."

S. P. ENGINEERS BOOST DISFAVORED BY BOARD

Washington, July 20—(U.P.)—A three-man emergency board, reporting to President Truman on its investigation of 27 disputes between the Southern Pacific Co. and its locomotive engineers, today denied an employee's request for an increase in pay rates.

The board held that the request is contrary to stabilization standards.

JAP HANGS SELF

Berkeley, Calif., July 20—(U.P.)—Berkeley police today report-

ed that Ikichi Tomizawa, about 71, hanged himself in a Methodist church here, and blamed the suicide on confusion accompanying Tomizawa's return from the Topaz, Utah, Japanese relocation center.

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