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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

A scientist discovers the humming bird in its flights, flaps its wings 200 times per second. No Oregon candidate for Congress, defending the New Deal at the peak of its measmerism, has done that well with his arms.

The Older Girls are now complaining about the heat and the flies. Between the twin evils, they are kept swatting and sweating.

Buckwheat patches from which the growers expect to forge pancakes next winter are coming along fine.

Several traditionally rain-soaked sections of the Willamette valley, report a water shortage and a "dust-bowl" is feared.

Hermann Goering, the Nazi war criminal, revealed after capture as an eminent hop-head, is in an army prison camp, suffering from heart failure, word from Europe says. It is not the Hitler type of heart failure, superinduced by lead poisoning.

UNFAIR FAIR SEX
(Davis Creek Item)
"Fourteen of Davis Creek's fairer sex took advantage of Saturday afternoon at a time when we were busy in the hay field, and stole away to the lake for a few hours of delightful bathing."

Old Marshal Petain, the "hero of Verdun" on trial in Paris for treason, claims his hooching with the Nazis was "in order to save France and help the Allies." He took a strange way to do it. It makes sense like the 1937 notion of H. Hopkins, the late deputy president, who argued all the bureau extravagance came under the head of "spending to save."

The situation in Argentine, with considerable diplomatic and censorship monkey-business unfavorable to the United Nations, is described as due "to something rotten in Denmark." The state department is investigating. They may find out something is decomposing in Argentine.

"BIG 3—HUSH, HUSH & HUSH."—(Hillside Oakland (Cal.) Tribune).—Complete size-up of the free flow of information out of the Potsdam conference. The exchange of news between all the nations, and the people thereof, has long been pictured as the favorite roost of the dove of peace.

The results of the late British elections, involving the future of Premier Churchill, as such, will be divulged tomorrow. Interest locally in the results have ebbed so much, nobody will use it as an excuse to go fishing.

FOR BUTTER OR WORSE
"Many years ago one of the citizens of a certain neighboring town cut into a pound of butter which he had purchased at a grocery store whose proprietor did not advertise, and found therein a small tin box which contained a small piece of paper bearing the following written in a neat feminine hand: 'I am a girl of 18, good looking, and an excellent housekeeper. Should this be found by some unmarried Christian gentleman, will he please write to the following address?' The finder being a bachelor, decided to unravel the affair and succeeded only to destroy the romance. The girl who had written the note had died many years before, leaving an aged husband and a grownup family of nine children."—(Altoona (Kan.) Tribune.)

Closing time for Classified Ads 8:30 p. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:15 p. m.

Is Petain Guilty?

Marshal Petain, denying the charge of treason, declares his signing of the armistice with Germany was to save France.

Prosecutor Andre Mornet maintains the hero of Verdun betrayed his country, conspired with the enemy, deserves a traitor's death.

WELL, in a way, both men are right,—it depends upon the point of view.

There is no doubt,—at least we have none,—that Marshal Petain, in dealing with Germany, both as to the armistice and other subsequent matters, did as he did because he BELIEVED a conciliatory attitude toward Germany would be best for France.

Events proved him wrong. But if Germany had won the battle of Europe which Petain undoubtedly expected, the old marshal would have been right.

For then Germany and France would have been allies with a working agreement against England and Russia, instead of England, Russia and France being united against defeated Germany.

IN other words the tragedy of Petain is he backed the wrong horse. He read the future completely wrong, probably one reason being he was—and probably still is,—a Fascist at heart.

But we do not believe,—and we don't believe history will record,—that at any time Petain took any action that he believed was not to the best interests of his own country under the circumstances existing at the time.

BUT Petain was convinced Germany was destined to rule Europe. With geography placing France and Germany as next door neighbors, whether they liked it or not, there is little doubt that when France was unable to resist effectively further, Petain followed the well known political maxim: "If you can't beat 'em, better join 'em!"

And that is what the head of the Vichy government did.

IT was a fatal mistake,—both from the standpoint of France and that of Marshal Petain.

But it was not a mistake as we see it in spirit, so much as in judgment. Like many other professional military men, the French marshal over-estimated the power of Germany and under-estimated the power of the allies, and under their protection, that of France.

YES, Petain backed the wrong horse.

And because he did, and his official record as a collaborationist being what it is, there is no doubt of his technical guilt. For he DID work with the enemy, he did give aid and comfort to Germany and he did not resist the enemy, when the final crises came, as General DeGaulle and his followers did.

But unlike his co-conspirator, Laval, we believe Petain was honest in maintaining he acted thus for what he BELIEVED TO BE for the best interests of France, he had no selfish motives to serve, no dreams of personal power,—his guilt was essentially not that of a traitor, but of a DEFEATIST.

HOWEVER, facts, not motives count in a post-war political trial like this one in Paris. So there is practically no doubt Marshal Petain will be found guilty as the indictment charges but there is considerable doubt, he will be condemned to die.—R.W.R.

Churchill vs. Stalin

That pleasantry in the press report from Berlin that President Truman and Generalissimo Stalin are getting along swimmingly, while the personal relationship between the Dictator-of-all-the-Russias and Prime Minister Churchill is not so well known undoubtedly has a basis in fact.

And there is a reason. For there are no serious differences between the United States and Soviet Russia,—no clash of vital interests at least.

But there are serious conflicts of interest between Great Britain and Russia now that Germany has been eliminated. And in spite of the Archbishop of Canterbury, they can't be laughed off or easily composed.

IN fact to be realistic about the situation, as long as Mr. Churchill heads the British government, and sticks to his guns and the old school-tie, Russia is bound to be in the post-war period in Europe precisely what Germany was before the war,—the chief threat to the continued power, prestige and permanence of the British Empire!

There are innumerable examples of this. But to take just one, observe the present situation in the Balkans, with particular reference to Greece.

GREECE is John Bull's baby, and the present government of Greece is the product of Churchill's own handiwork.

Jugoslavia and Bulgaria, backed by Soviet Russia, are now ganging up against Greece, with Macedonia, that traditional breeding place of trouble, as the immediate bone of contention.

There is no reasonable doubt this problem has occupied an important spot on the Potsdam agenda. But it can only be solved satisfactorily by concessions by BOTH Russia and Britain. With the characters and temperaments of these two men, Stalin and Churchill what they are, how can one expect either of them to yield very MUCH?

SO there is a real war on there—a war of words we mean. And we venture to suggest no punches are pulled when the old British bull dog and the man-of-steel really get down to cases.—R.W.R.

BAZOOKA DEVICE PROVES BOON TO UNIFORM STEEL

Indianapolis, (U.P.)—A six-foot pipe-like instrument is supplanting eyes of highly-experienced steel workers in gauging open hearth furnace temperatures in Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp.'s Gary works. The more uniform quality steel that results has proved a great boon to the nation's war effort.

Scientific name of the instrument is "pyrometer," or fire measurer. Its appearance is similar to a bazooka and it directly measures temperatures of the white-hot, molten steel.

Before Fred L. Collins and Carl Oseland, research experts at the Gary works, invented the device, the eyes of the melters were the most skillful check on furnace temperatures.

Sought For Years
An open hearth melter can make a fairly accurate estimate by observing the activity of the reaction between slag and metal, the brightness of the surface, or the brightness of the metal when poured into a liquid cooling spoon.

But, these methods rely on the talents of a single, highly-trained man. Yet, the quality and composition of poured steel must be uniform, subject to no variations.

Hence, for years, steel research men have tried to perfect a pyrometer. Heretofore, all failed. A pyrometer is used to read temperatures at their peak. A metallic nose, on the end of a long, tubular pipe, is submerged beneath the slag in the bath, measuring the temperature of the mass.

Extreme Heat Problem
Back in 1936, R. B. Soaman, assistant research director at one of the corporation's laboratories, conducted a comparison study of the methods for determining temperatures of molten metal in open hearth furnaces. The system that seemed the most promising, was that of Collins and Oseland.

Of the many mechanical methods tried, few attained any success. They were unable to stand up under the extreme heat or rough usage by the melters. This happened to the first Collins-Oseland invention. Their latest innovation, perfected in 1940, is now in use by the corporation's many steel mills, but its performance is a military secret.

Claims OPA Not at Fault
To the editor: It should be apparent that the Office of Price Administration has been made the "goat" in respect to rationing and price control. It is very probable that it was "planned that way." The attention of the people has been directed to OPA while the stupidities and asininities inherent in the functioning of other departments of the federal government are being overlooked. The truth of this assertion will some day be very clearly indicated.

It is noted that those who are the most critical of OPA, who are most vociferous in their condemnation of OPA activity, rules, regulations, price control, are the patriotic "free enterprisers." If these people could have their way, we would soon realize that price increases, higher rents, greater profit acquisition, would limit the supply of essential commodities beyond anything yet determined by OPA ukase.

The honorable senator from Oregon is "barking up the wrong tree" in his efforts to discredit the Office of Price Administration. It isn't rationing that he and other senators is interested in. It is the price and rent control they want to destroy, in the interests of the patrioteers and profiteers.

We should not be misled by this barrage of vilification against OPA and those who administer the emergency rationing and price control laws of the land. We should individually and collectively support OPA to the fullest extent.

If the profit takers succeed in their program we will all be very sorry indeed. I mean those of us who have nothing to sell but our services.

C. B. WALKER,
509 S. Holly, Medford.

LINE RUNS 119 YEARS
Burlington, Vt. (U.P.)—America's oldest steamboat line has marked its 119th year of operation. The line is the Champlain Transportation Co., which operate a route between Grand Isle, Vt., and Cumberland Head, N. Y. The boats cross the narrow gorge of Lake Champlain in 20 minutes.

DEATH FOR ASSASSIN
Cairo, July 24.—(U.P.)—A supreme military court passed the death sentence today on Mahmud Issawy, who assassinated Premier Maher Pasha.

'Amnesic' Nazi



(Come Telephone)
Karl Horst Max Wacker, 20, arrested by FBI, shown above posing with swastika while claiming to be Pvt. William Walker, USA, amnesia victim. A trained Nazi espionage agent, he gained nationwide publicity when he arrived in Boston June 19 aboard SS Wakefield, returned to this country a "zealot."

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 24, 1935
(It was Wednesday)
Heavy rain and lightning storm hits valley, but the ripening pear crop escaped appalling damage. Corn and alfalfa leveled. Everett Brayton, standing on the porch of his orchard home, was knocked down by bolt that hit nearby pine tree. Nearly inch of rain falls in half hour.

French frontier forts ready for any sudden invasion.
Butter storage highest in history of nation.

Leonard Carpenter is named on the state planning board.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

July 24, 1925
(It was Friday)
President Coolidge opposed to any changes in tariff.
Cloudy and cooler. High 86, low 54 degrees.

Methodist church picnic draws crowd of 200 persons.
Apricot Pic club of Willow Springs holds a meeting.

ASHLAND GOES ON A SUMMER WATER SCHEDULE.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
July 24, 1911
(It was Monday)
Commercial club protests plan to tax autos entering Crater Lake park.

Huge hay crop in valley this year.

Suit to be started against citizens who subscribed to road fund and decline to pay.

Gypsy moths head for valley orchards.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 4:00 Saturday afternoon. Please remember.

Clerk's Monthly Statement
Jackson County, Oregon
June, 1945

The following is a statement of the proceedings of the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, showing a list of claimants for supplies and services which were passed upon during the month of June, 1945.

General County Fund
Wm. W. P. Holt, medical services, \$5.00; Office Stationery & Supply Co., supplies \$8.50; Floyd E. McKee, bounty travel, \$40.00; Lester L. Lewis, bounty travel, \$40.00; George Windeler Co., Ltd., repairs, \$127.40; N. S. Rogers, State Forester, fire patrol, \$308.23; Crystal Springs Packing Co., Wood Control, \$787.50; Medford Fuel Co., weed control supplies, \$247.00; Sam Jennings Tire Co., weed control supplies, \$2.50; Veith Chemical Co., weed control supplies, \$96.00; Roy J. Rogers, frost protection, \$109.30; General Road Fund, Fruit Inspection, \$31.62; Ames Harris Neville Co., rodent supplies, \$18.13; Groceria Super Food Markets, rodent supplies, \$5.20; Western Union, Telegrams \$5.70; Office Stationery & Supply Co., supplies, \$1.75; Robert M. Elder, travel, \$55.72; Western Union, time service, \$5.48; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephone, \$45.80; Office Stationery & Supply Co., supplies, \$1.10; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephone, \$6.65; Pierce Auto Freight Lines, Inc., repairs, \$18.40; Wainwright's supplies, \$28.32; Ashland Creamery, supplies, \$42.92; Anderson's Thrift Market, supplies, \$8.55; James G. Mack, supplies, \$2.19; Economy Seed & Feed Co., supplies, \$1.85; Mann's, \$5.98; Medford Mail Tribune, supplies, \$2.15; Luman Bros., supplies, \$8.90; F. E. Samson, supplies, \$71.54; Groceria Super Food Mkts., \$23.78; Thomas C. Ramsey, herd inspection, \$16.00; Eldon B. Holmes, herd inspection, \$16.00; Wayne G. Carter, herd inspection, \$4.00; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph

Stevens, supplies, \$13.75; Medford Stationery Store, record books, \$7.20; Office Stationery & Supply Co., supplies, \$41.25; City Sanitary Service Co., sanitation, \$5.00; M. A. Beneka, extra help, \$25.00; J. D. Pearson, travel, \$58.05; Wm. Grenbemer, travel, \$96.30; Vern Smith, travel, \$109.15; D. V. Hastings, travel, \$88.75; Howard Gault, travel, \$14.60; Margaret Ingling, travel, \$3.75; Robert M. Elder, travel, \$50.70; Klocker Printery, printing, \$32.75; Gertrude McKay, extra help, \$9.98; Commercial Printing Co., supplies, \$44.84; Don Crutskank Typewriters, repairs, \$2.50; John O. Brown, herd inspection, \$224.55; Claude R. Sneed, herd inspection, \$102.70; Kirby J. Tant, bounty travel, \$40.00; Lester L. Lewis, bounty travel, \$40.00; National Association of County Officials, publicity, \$20.00; Kay Lithographing, Inc., supplies, \$10.15; Snider's Dairy, Inc., supplies, \$25.84; Quality Market, supplies, \$88.11; California Pacific Utilities Co., supplies, \$2.02; Fred W. Kelly, biller, \$18.00; Hubbard Brothers, Inc., supplies, \$23.56; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephone, \$5.25; Brownie's, repairs, \$394.17; Ashland Printing Co., Inc., advertising, \$17.50; Sacred Heart Hospital, care indigent veteran, \$4.90; rank J. Holbrook, care indigent veteran, \$36.40; American Laundry, supplies, \$8.31; Medford Office Equipment Co., supplies, \$264.00; Medford Stationery Store, supplies \$96.90; Dr. A. Erin Merkel, supplies, \$8.86; Medford Office Equipment Co., supplies, \$126.25; Medford Stationery Store, supplies, \$18.90; Morton Milling Co., supplies, \$30.00; Groceria Super Food Markets, supplies, \$2.94; Bruce Bauer Lumber Co., repairs, \$3.78; Aetna Life Insurance Co., Health Insurance, \$11.22; National Hospital Association, hospital fees, \$62.50; G. R. Carter, trustee, war bonds, \$558.15; G. R. Carter, trustee, war tax, \$1303.50; State Industrial Accident Commission, insurance, \$85.59; Hotel Medford, juror, \$8.00; W. H. Long Co., supplies, \$1.20; E. A. Langley, supplies, \$100.00; Faber's, fuel, \$11.00; Groceria Super Food Mkts., supplies, \$1.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., supplies, \$651.10; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephone, \$7.40; Western Oil & Burner Co., fuel, \$75.51; Porter Lumber Co., supplies, \$11.18; Wainwright's, supplies, \$11.48; Hubbard Brothers, Inc., repairs, \$5.95; Ashland Creamery, supplies, \$19.75; Medford Domestic Laundry, supplies, \$1.80; Talent Service Station & Garage, supplies, \$2.04; Medford Greenhouse, supplies, \$1.50; F. E. Samson, supplies, \$73.30; Groceria Super Food Mkts., supplies, \$25.78; Modern Plumbing & Sheet Metal Works, supplies, \$125.00; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephone, \$37.20; Western Union, telephone, \$0.15; Kay Lithographing, Inc., supplies, \$2.00; Medford News Print Shop, supplies, \$5.15; Elizabeth Jane Dawson, wages, \$63.50; Frances Leora Dawson, wages, \$63.50; Marlorie J. Muse, wages, \$89.70; Shirley J. Stewart, wages, \$14.80; Elizabeth Reed, wages, \$44.45; G. R. Carter, trustee, war tax, \$49.05; Wainwright's, supplies \$47.06; Roy M. Spalding, juror, \$2.00; Stella Remine, juror, \$15.00; Lilla Douglas, juror, \$15.00; Elsie Butler, juror, \$15.00; Percy Hardy, juror, \$2.00; Arthur A. Swanson, juror, \$15.00; Louis F. Swanson, juror, \$15.00; Ralph A. Foster, juror, \$2.00; Belle L. Bradley, juror, \$15.00; Betty M. Alfred, juror, \$15.00; Carl Fiechter, juror, \$2.00; Helen Greer, juror, \$15.00; Mildred Bliss, juror, \$15.00; Julia Elliott, juror, \$2.50; Lulu B. Fisk, juror, \$15.00; Ruby Y. Clement, juror, \$15.00; Grace Engle, juror, \$15.00; Bernice E. Clark, juror, \$2.00; Dorothy M. Boyd, juror, \$2.00; Wilma Medford, juror, \$16.20; Medford Stationery Store, supplies, \$5.50; Cupp's Furniture Store, supplies, \$44.50; Western Union, telegrams, \$2.15; Western Union, telegrams, \$5.00; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephone, \$83.33; Northern School Supply Co., supplies, \$37.80; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephone, \$24.40; Western Union, telegrams, \$1.75; Brownie's, repairs, \$183.60; Ashland Lumber Co., repairs, \$2.80; C. A. Myers, supplies, \$3.37.

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