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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Rain is needed to reduce the forest fire hazard, expedite fall plowing, determine if the roof leaks and the windshield swiper works, and provide farmers and orchardists, with an excuse to go deer hunting.

The pre-Thanksgiving mince pie has showed up in the eateries. In several instances, no words were minced.

Home-made No Trespassing signs now adorn the rustic scene. One reads: "No bird shooting on this place. My kids are too young to be on the firing line. This MEANS YOU!"

Punishment meted Gen. (B. & G.) Patton for likening political factions of Bavaria to Democrats and Republicans, will have no effect on the home political front. The Republicans and Democrats will keep right on saying meaner things about each other.

DAD'S BELITTLING AGAIN (Emporia, Kans., Gazette)

"An Emporia girl asked her father what he thought of her new fall hat, a tall-crowned number with a small brim. 'I think,' he said, 'that you're better dressed than the other chimney sweeps.'"

The states attorney general has ruled "avoidable" noises by an auto are illegal. This covers everything but the screams of the girls in the back-seat, just before the "unavoidable" accident.

A cache of 1,600,000 tons of sugar has been found in Java, since the Japs surrendered. Its too late for this year's home-canning, but will come in handy for the Thanksgiving cranberry sauce.

Denmark is now overflowing with Germans, who are hungry and fear arrest for war crimes. They recognize most of them as enemies, but can do nothing about it. This is aggravating to the Danes, and well they may be. There is always something rotten in Denmark."

LITTLE WOMAN BRAGS (Press Dispatch)

"A 1914 photograph of the physical culturist standing on his head was introduced as evidence. 'This was made when we first met,' she stated. 'He probably would still be standing on his head except for me. I put him on his feet.'"

The five power council of foreign ministers of the United Nations has "ended on a note of strife and futility, in an atmosphere of high hope for shaping a permanent peace; this will be a good trick if they can do it. The French accuse the Russians of blackmail, to get what they want." If anything can produce harmony in a hurry, that should do it.

PLAYING SAFE (Meriden, Conn., Journal)

"Fred M. Hotchkiss, the wholesale grocer, lost a valuable mare last night. Mr. Hotchkiss wants the public to understand his loss has nothing to do with the sale of canned horse meat for which he is the local representative."

"Astoria Chamber of Commerce's board Friday went on record as protesting the Columbia authority bill now in congress and also the Missouri authority bill upon which hearings are now being held. — (Astoria Astorian-Budget)—There should also be an Amazon Valley authority, and one for the Yellow River in China. Thus, the arguments on regulating the rivers, would not be confined exclusively to America.

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No End To Learning

Education ought to be regarded as a continuing process almost from the cradle to the grave. Few men of consequence ever have professed that they had enough of it. Montaigne, when he withdrew from the Parisian scene to escape the political and religious embroilments that preceded the accession of Henry of Navarre, was one of them. He said, probably tongue in cheek, there were many more things he would like to know, but doubted they were worth the effort.

Meanwhile he was writing his essays, the value of which he constantly belittled, but from them Shakespeare got no little inspiration, and they persist to this day as a marvelous commentary on human nature per se and on the mores of the French.

HEREWITH is a quotation from a distinguished man of recent days, who believed that the acquisition of knowledge and understanding should be never ending:

"Education need not stop with the end of schooling. After all, it isn't what we learn at an institution that is of value to us so much as the attitude we develop toward all learning.

"I don't wish to belittle the value of graduate degrees, since I realize they are a necessary part of our entire educational system. But sometimes I wish we could do away with them because they are such fixed symbols of accomplishment. Too often they make a man feel he is finished with learning, whereas the best people are never finished."

THIS realization that too many pundits tend to bog down and cease to be indefatigable students is by a former newspaperman. But geology and the discovery and evaluation of fossils in many lands claimed him for their own. In his acquisition of knowledge he contributed to the world's store.

This man, whose formal schooling ended when he was 15 years old, lived to be, until his retirement in 1942, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Johns Hopkins for 13 years. Edward Wilber Berry practiced what he preached. He proved that the persistent individual can, if need be, acquire for himself without college advantages an appreciation of the best there is in the world. And his words shame the privileged who cease to persist.—R.S.

Westbrook Pegler

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Washington, Oct. 4.—As every child learns in the first year of school, light was invented in approximately 4,000 B. C., by Cimmecularius, the Ephesian fisherman and philosopher, who became exasperated because he was constantly bumping into doors in the dark. For the next 5,000 years further progress was slow, however, and the lantern, burning a wick dipped in mullein, appears to have been the first dependable artificial illumination, although Ollum Ricini, of Genoa, the inventor, was publicly put to death by Pedro, the Paltry, on a charge of heresy for "turning night" into day, against divine intent."

This drastic punishment and popular superstition in support of it deterred further experiment almost until our time. Many men and women still living recall the coal-oil lamp as a novelty and a boon, and their grandparents lived in a day when artificial light was a luxury of seaboard settlements exclusively in which whale-oil was obtainable. Then came the gas light and presently the Welshbach wick which would dissolve into ashes if you so much as looked cock-eyed at the damn thing and, at last, the electric light, described as a burning hair-pin in a bottle, and a crop of rube jokes about hicks in city hotels trying to blow it out.

BUT EVEN as recently as Abraham Lincoln's boyhood only the well-to-do had even candle light in their dwellings and a good thing for Lincoln and a lot of other people, because otherwise he would not have had to study his lessons by the light of the cabin hearth fire, an incident which his campaign manager ballyhooed to show he had a heart of gold.

But for that, Henry Ford would have had to think up some other name for his big de luxe job and thousands of Lincoln warehouse and storage companies, cleaning and dyeing companies, and hotels would be called Ajax or Nonpareil or Ideal, and hundreds of high schools would have to be called something else and not Washington, either, because we already got Washington high schools practically everywhere. And millions of Americans living on Lincoln avenue would live on Elm, Spruce or East Main.

THE FATAL FLAW in Elliott Roosevelt's story of the settlement of the loan, however, is that—

Kill preceding sentence starting: The fatal flaw, etc., type writer left unattended while I went to the window to watch fire engines did that automatically.

ALSO IN OUR TIME, American architects hit upon a rather good idea of making plenty of windows and work was easy on the eyes and people could recognize one another by sight.

Then came the modern decorators and an innovation called "decor" and as to what that means literally your guess is as good as mine but you see it in some of the rather pucker-mouth-

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, D. C., Oct. 4—

The sudden death of the spirit of the full employment bill in the senate was

in a adequately reported, probably because

no one could find out what happened to it.

It was a blithe new-dealing spirit born in

a family of spenders, including Lord

Keynes, Sir William Beveridge and the soviet constitution.

declaring some undefined right of everyone to a job (a right he already has) and requiring the government to spend as much as necessary to provide this right.

The precise papa never proclaimed himself, although I think I could prove it on the

Farmers Union, often called the representative of the C. I. O. among farmers. The bill never

lacked professed authors, having even now the names of 100

attached to it in the house. These could hardly be called

daddies. They are mere sponsors, covering the doubtful parentage. Also both the blithe

spirit of the thing as well as what little substance there was to it, were powerfully promoted

further by Mr. Wallace, who is selling the 60,000,000 job notion in book form and the C. I. O. leaders. It could not be beaten,

everyone said, and for a time most people considered it dangerous to express any doubts

about its utterly heavenly, though unspecific, purposes.

THEN, suddenly on Friday, September 28, without warning the spirit was apparently

killed on the open floor of a public senate session. It expired without a funeral a coroner's certificate or adequate recognition.

It vanished under circumstances so perplexing the chief author of the bill Senator Murray, denied it (this spending

snark) had existed, a remark which so shocked the bill's leading opponent, Senator Taft, he gasped that it was "the first time he had ever heard" that one

Thus without obituary it passed on somewhere, under circumstances as perplexing as precisely where it originated or what it means. Yet there were some undeniable circumstances in connection with the demise, very, very interesting ones I will tell you, to-wit:

THE republican, Taft, had been trying for some weeks to get an amendment killing the spending spirit by making the future pledge of spending dependent upon other government interests and policies (meaning whether money was available, for one thing) at the unforeseeable time when all the spending was to be done. But this is a democratic senate. It would never allow a republican to get away with that. On the day of its extinction, however, democratic Senator Hatch arose with the same proposition. It thereupon developed the authors of the bill had suddenly become willing to accept the amendment when it came from Hatch.

After an unclear a debate as you ever read the amendment was adopted overwhelmingly and the bill was passed, 71 to 10 some senators saying it was now a good bill and others describing it, as did Senator Barkley, as a measure "guaranteeing everyone out of work the right to seek a job if he can find one," with the promise that the government will help him "if convenient." (Barkley, incidentally, voted for the measure he thus described.)

MY investigation, including some evidence of fingerprints on the amendment, indicates that what happened was approximately this:

After a few days of debate the senate concluded the whole idea was a little silly. Here was a declaration of a future policy without any legal meaning, of doubtful need or effect. It was only a political argument to be adopted into law an unsettled argument. It probably could not get through unemasculated. So why not take over the dying thing, make the necessary arrangements under democratic sponsorship and act as if nothing had happened. Hmm? Why not?

The "right to work" having been killed in committee, and the guarantee of unlimited spending having been made subject to budget considerations, the only thing left in the bill was an order for Mr. Truman to propose a "jobs" budget

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 4.—(UPI) A \$10,000 extortion attempt ended abruptly last night for Frederick John Komar, 34-year-old Spokane businessman, when FBI agents captured him at the lonely spot where he had directed his victims to leave the money.

L. V. Boardman of Seattle, special field agent for the FBI, and Police Chief Jerry Swartz-out released the story of Komar's capture after he had been taken into custody.

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Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH

Member of Congress From Oregon

A NUMBER of visitors have flocked around the capitol and the house office buildings lately. Most of them apparently are from New York. They have been calling on members of the ways and means committee of the house in groups, endeavoring to persuade the members of that committee to change their votes and report out the unemployment compensation bill which was pigeon-holed. I heard one estimate that the crowd was 2,000 but I believe that 300 would be a more nearly accurate figure.

At the same time, the committee on Un-American activities has been holding hearings, with leading communists as witnesses. These hearings have attracted large crowds to the office building also. This committee is the successor to the committee formerly known as the Dies committee. Martin Dies did not run for re-election in 1944, so is no longer in the house.

The Un-American activities committee is now headed by Congressman John S. Wood of Georgia. Dies was a showman who loved the spot-light, and was inclined at times to be reckless in his statements. He also was criticized because he ran the committee as a sort of "one man show." Chairman Wood is an utterly different type of individual. He is calm, unpretentious, and judging from the manner in which he presides over the committee during the hearings, is interested only in obtaining facts.

EARL BROWDER, formerly head of the communist party, was on the witness stand before this committee two days. His testimony was not sensational, but his snarling and contemptuous attitude was somewhat eloquent. I believe the committee is endeavoring to find out just how subversive the communists are, but I doubt that this information can be obtained by taking testimony. The communists apparently want political party status in this country, but certainly cannot and should not have it so long as there is any hint of their desire and intent to overthrow this government by force.

THE SO-CALLED full employment bill has been under discussion in the senate. The house has the bill in committee, where hearings on it are being held. This bill is a strange piece of legislation in that it has been advertised to the people of this country as a solution of the unemployment problem, whereas in actual fact, the bill provides nothing at all. In cold, blunt terms, the bill represents an amazing piece of super-demagoguery, which must have been designed for the purpose of winning great public acclaim for its sponsors and supporters who have certainly made the most of their opportunity.

On the other hand, there is nothing actually objectionable in the bill, so it will quite likely be passed by both houses. When and if it is passed and becomes law, it will represent only one thing, and that is a statement by the congress that employment should be provided by the federal government if other jobs are not available. There is not even anything new in that, because we had exactly that policy followed during the WPA days. The bill requires an inventory of employment to be made, and directs the

showing how much spending was needed for how many jobs, which may or may not mean anything.

THUS the unfathomable spirit of the Keynesists, Beveridgers and new dealers died as unfathomable as she had lived. Was she murdered? Did she never live as Murray says, or was she done away with as Barkley claims?

One thing is certain—no one cried, except the ten senators who still thought the unfathomable remaining portion of the bill was silly. The house is likely to think so also as the phalanx of opposition there is much stronger than existed in the senate.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Americans have

a word for it

Bill Larkin's boy, who's back from overseas for good, was telling us about the funny customs and the different languages of European countries.

One thing he noticed is that in so many of those countries there is no word for "home." "House," yes... or "building." But no name that stands for what we mean when we say home.

"In spite of the fact," says Bill, "that it's the most important thing there is... a place where you can take your shoes

off and let down your hair... enjoy a glass of beer before the fire and relax with folks you love!"

From where I sit, that may be an important difference between this country and some others. The conception of home as a place of tolerance and sacred loyalties—where differences of habit and opinion give way before love and understanding! Yes, we Americans have a name for it!

Joe Marsh

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dition to the school will be presented by the chairman of the school board. A guest will be present to discuss playground equipment.

The meeting will be followed by a social hour and refreshments in honor of the teachers, and everyone in the district is urged to attend.

Mrs. Hagberry is the new school principal this year and Mrs. Hickey is teacher of the primary grades. The seventh and eighth grades are being transported to Eagle Point again this year.

Home Chamberlain has continued as bus driver and Mrs. Ed Houston has taken the janitor position.

With the great turnover of property and building in Shady Cove there are quite a number of new children enrolled this year. Newcomers are especially invited to come to the P.T.A. meetings.

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A prospective mother was refused admittance to the local hospitals, because she insisted on the free choice of her physician. Another ill person was removed from a local hospital because she preferred her own doctor. Several hours of detainment allowed an abdominal abscess to break and bathe 32 feet of intestine with free pus. Another patient was operated on in Klamath Falls that she might have the physician she wanted. Other operations have been performed in the office, or on the kitchen table, but they had their doctor. Some patients, in order to get into a hospital, took doctors that they did not prefer.

Harry S. Truman, President of the U. S., in newspaper report, stated that he would correct the above situation, which exists throughout the nation. The nation that prevaileth will be the one with the healthiest people.

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