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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Pictures of the top drawer Nazis on trial as war criminals make most of the lot look like their feet hurt.
Many of the fair sex are scouring the town looking for a house to scour, come spring housecleaning time.

JOURNALISTIC SURGERY
(S. F. Chronicle)
"The Alabama student paper took him apart in four columns on Page One and a two-column editorial inside. We gathered the impression the Crimson Tide was pretty mad at the Hylan filing."

The rains left West Main St. with a greater per second flow of water than Bear Creek, but with no bridges to run under.

America proposes to the British and Russians, that the armed forces of all three nations withdraw from Iran by January 1. Another good resolution would be for all three to get out of China on the same date.

A native, after what he calls "a restful trip by plane to San Francisco" returned by bus and train.

Thanksgiving has come and gone, and was uneventful. No housewife panned \$8 in gold from a gravel and sand filled craw of the turkey.

"He was brought to the Hunn Clinic, and had a hip broken and was otherwise considerably bruised up." — (Koran (N. M.) News.)—Of all places.

Upstate is scheduled to have a special congressional election January 11. The threat there would be more candidates than voters is rapidly disappearing.

MOST EMBARRASSING (Siskiyou News)
"There seemed nothing wrong while she walked dignifiedly back toward the booth — until she turned around and revealed she'd accidentally tucked the back hems of her skirt and slip into the top of her panties.

Criticism is hurled in a current weekly magazine article against some of the advisors of President Truman, one of the lot being accused of the ability to tell a good story. Not a one of them have cooked up a scheme to "remake America," "kill all the little pigs" or provide the Hottentots with a quart of milk per diem, without the bother of keeping a cow of their own. There is also a great lack of political vaudeville.

The wind and the rain have stripped all the summer foliage off the trees. They stand stark and grim, and still shed leaves, though there are none, on the lawns.

The Dock Green boy Sandy has returned after four years in the army and soon will be a Mr. Civilian again.

WEATHER
Northern California: Rain to-day north and central portions reaching south portion late to-night. Showers Thursday. Little temperature change. Fresh southerly wind on north coast becoming occasionally strong from Point Arena northward. Gentle variable wind on south coast becoming moderate southerly.

Editorial Correspondence

Boston, Mass., Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Day: Thanksgiving is much more of a community festival here than on the coast, much more of a DAY all around. Yesterday reminded a bit of Christmas, with so many people shopping, window—and otherwise—such elaborate window displays, and messenger-boys and wagons scurrying about delivering messages, packages and flowers. (More celebrating the day alcoholically also.) In town last night with "the girls," just arrived from New York, to see something in the movies—after much discussion spurned Paul Henreid (one of our aversions anyway) in The Spanish Main and Mme. Crawford in Mildred Pierce to see Charley Chaplin in the immortal Gold Rush and the Marx Brothers in the not immortal, but very excellent slapstick "Horse Feathers."

Didn't regret it. Hollywood can't produce anything in the comedy line these days that can compare with Chaplin and the Marx Brothers—true cinema comedy other than shorts seems to be a lost art.
After writing the above we looked casually over the morning paper and then stopped in our tracks with an empty feeling in the pit of the editorial tummy! Robert Benchley died in Scarsdale, New York, last night! A mere youngster, only 56—and his life gives the lie to that statement about Hollywood comedy. For his The Treasurer's Report, and How to Sleep, will live as long as The Gold Rush and for the same reason, for they were genuine human comedy, typical of the period, original, side-splitting, intelligent.

But Benchley's forte was in the "shorts" medium, like Bergen in the monologue rather than the full length realm. So we hold to the verdict as far as regular full length comedy films are concerned. Take the Ritz Brothers and Abbot and Costello for example—they are no doubt recognized successors to Chaplin and the Marx Brothers—but not fit to clean the boots of the former from any standpoint—cheap, crude, loud, stupid!

Well it IS something to have lived only a little over half a century and to have earned an epitaph such as Benchley has earned—the movie world will be a sadder and a duller place without him!

Our special operative in Washington gives us the low-down on the White House attitude toward the atomic bomb. Both army and navy higher-ups fear war with Russia within five years, and believe the U.S. secret of the bomb can be kept for that length of time.

Now of course if that were true—if there were any earthly reason to fear war with Russia in the NEAR future, it would be foolhardy to give away any of our military or naval secrets. But it ISN'T true—it CAN'T be!

Russia certainly doesn't want more war; this country certainly doesn't either, and what in Heaven's name would we fight for? The vital policies of Great Britain and Russia do clash; the vital policies of this country and Soviet Russia do NOT. Only this sort of irresponsible war talk and continued efforts to keep the atomic bomb secret, could lead to any serious trouble in the near future—a policy of frankness, mutual trust and placing the entire problem in the hands of the United Nations, could NOT.

It is raining again—coming down in buckets—just as if it had never rained before. Well this should surprise no one. Yesterday was a beautiful day, clear, sunny, invigorating. Boston simply refuses to produce more than one nice day a week—it just isn't done in Massachusetts.

No doubt the New York Chamber of Commerce—if there is such a thing—will denounce the undersigned and deny the truth of this statement, but after close study and due deliberation we unhesitatingly declare the most attractive young women in the country live in Greater Boston.

We did not say the smartest, nor the most alluring. We said the most ATTRACTIVE. That they are—not stylishly dressed but becomingly, and simply odies of them without make-up, and for a supremely good reason—they don't NEED it!

Some advocates of universal military training rest under the misapprehension that those who oppose it do not believe in a strong—militarily strong—country. That is not the case. They oppose universal military training because they believe it isn't necessary under modern conditions, and particularly since the invention of atomic weapons, rocket weapons, and similar revolutionary contrivances of wholesale destruction. Why do anything that ISN'T essential?

Take the case of President Conant of Harvard for example. We talked yesterday with an intimate friend of his who lives only a few doors from the president out in Cambridge. Said the friend: "No one could be more devoted to the principle of proper military and naval preparedness, more opposed to national unpreparedness and isolationism and all they involve, than Mr. Conant. Moreover he probably knows as much as any scientist in the country about the potentialities of atomic weapons—But he opposes universal military training and has personally urged the House Military Affairs committee in Washington to postpone action concerning it. And for one single reason and one only:

"Because he sincerely believes this country would be better off without it—and he includes in being 'better off' being as well or better prepared to defend itself in the event of any future conflict."

Years ago Thanksgiving was a great football day in New England but no longer. Only the Boston secondary schools are playing here today, the big attraction being Boston Latin and Boston English schools at the Harvard stadium, in something like their 50th annual encounter. Well, playing in this downpour should keep the boys cool and work up a rugged appetite for turkey. The game started at 10 a. m. and is no doubt over as this is being written.

A member of the family took his first ride on the Boston subway last night and said it reminded him of the old scenic railway at Coney Island. As the dilapidated old street car rolled leisurely along he was expecting to see a skeleton or some south seas bathing beauties appear at any time around almost any of the many illuminated curves.

That is a perfect description of Boston's underground as compared with that of any other American city. Like Boston's streets it abhors a straight line as nature abhors a vacuum, and like a scenic railway it has its populated and furnished bright spots.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling

Oh, surely may I rue the day I fancied first the womankind. For ever since I ne'er can have A quiet thought or peace of mind. They have plagued my heart And please by eye And teased and flattered me at will. But, ay, for all their witchery The pawky things—I love they still.

The Princess Theatre, New York City, had less than 300 seats. Yet it presented regular attractions. As for example, the musical hit "The Night Boat" by Bolton, Wedehouse and Kern. The stage was so small only eight chorus girls could be used. This reminiscent train of thought is inspired by the question: "What was the smallest theatre in New York theatrical history?" I believe it was the Princess.

Passing By
Campbell McGavin. Possibly the oldest active bellhop in the country. Is over seventy years of age but still responding rapidly to call of "Front!" In his youth McGavin was a well-known jockey. He competed with such saddle artists as Henry Spencer (the original "ice man"), Frank O'Neill, Tod Sloan, Winnie O'Connor, "Monk" Coburn, Tommy Burns, Willie Shaw and George Mountain. He also rode in South America.
Dogs Once More
"so you say black and white Springer Spaniels are smarter than Scotties," writes a Baldwin, Long Island, reader. "Hoot Mon! You're plain daft. The exceptional intelligence of the Scotch Terrier is shown by his great dignity and discrimination.

Springer Spaniels no matter how old remain puppyish. I know an eleven-year-old Springer that plays with a shoe. That's like a seventy-seven year old man playing with a rubber doll. Indicates arrested development. A Scottie when a puppy acts like a puppy and when he becomes a grown dog acts like one. This is a sign of intelligence. A Spaniel wags its tail at anybody. A Scottie will not become familiar or permit familiarity until he is properly introduced. Another sign of intelligence."
Mules & Men
"Young Mules & Men experts say if a woman wants to mould a man's character she should get him between the ages of seventeen and twenty-five," writes a Chicagoan. "Thirteen years ago I married my present husband who was then twenty-three. I thought I could make him over to suit myself. What happened? Why he made me over to suit himself."

How to Sleep
San Francisco recommends sleeping flat on your stomach with arms outstretched and using no pillow. Says it promotes longevity. All I know is that "Rabbit" Maranville, famous Major League, once stated that was the way he slept. Maranville was active in Major League ball when in his middle forties and played semi-pro ball when well over fifty. So maybe that is a good way to sleep. That is, if you can do it. I tried it and couldn't.

Triple Wedding
In a recent Portland, Ore., triple wedding the brides were a grandmother, mother and daughter. The groom, Mrs. Anna Haines, is fifty-two. The mother, Mrs. Ruth MacLean, is thirty-five and the daughter, Beverly Hayes, seventeen. "I know California can't top that," writes my informant. "And I doubt even Brooklyn can."

Babies
California boasts that her one-year-old baby weighs thirty pounds. Not being a baby expert I am unable to say how unusual that is. However, I understand the average baby weighs about seven and one half pounds at birth, doubles its weight at six months of age, and triples it at one year. That is, of course, triples its weight at birth. According to that the average baby should at one year of age weigh twenty-two and a half pounds.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Nov. 28.—The diplomacy of the world is falling deeper daily into what might be called a fuddle game. It is a match in which the contestants know very well what is being done, pretend officially they do not. Preposterous pretensions are maintained in the news of the day. The public is left befuddled. The transparency of the deception develops only when you rub the soot of propaganda from the news glass of this amazing world hour and peer inside the furnished facts.

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.

CHICKENS COME HOME TO ROOST

To the Editor: Several years ago Klamath Falls had a fairly good football team. It was good enough to reach the state finals where it was beaten by Grant High School 6-0.

CONSIDER, FOR INSTANCE, THE REVOLUTION IN IRAN.

The revolution in Iran. The revolution was started by a crowd calling itself the democratic party. All the news guff emanating from the revolution is that which the occupying Russians care to let out. And the picture they let out is that great patriots of liberty are fighting, bleeding and dying for the cause of freedom of their province—sort of like our struggle for freedom from Britain.

This is laughable, grotesquely untrue. The democratic party is the old communist party under a new name. They used to call it the party of the masses, but when the Moslems, who monopolize all Iran with their devout ideas of God, worked up a sweeping animus against the agnostic or atheist communists, the communists broke off and called themselves democrats.

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Hull Testifies

The revolution is even funnier than that. The Russians occupied this territory during the war to protect a line of supplies from us so Nazi saboteurs could not destroy it. For a long time, it was the only land route we had through which to help Russia. Americans and British occupied the southern half of the route.

All agreed not only to get out at the war end, but (at the specific insistence of Mr. Roosevelt) composed a treaty guaranteeing the independence of Iran (meaning its protection against Russia, because Russian domination is what the Moslems feared from a United Nations victory).

WE got our combat force out sometime back, leaving only service military, and the British, I hear, also removed their fighting men.

The Russians raised some dispute as to when the end of the war officially would be, but finally agreed to March 2 for their withdrawal, which this government in its new note has attempted to move up to January 1. The world is thus presented with this ludicrous situation:

A communist revolution has been going on in a Russian occupied zone. Presented to the world as a serious revolution, it is actually about the same as if an American revolution broke out in the American occupied zone of Germany, and we pretended aloofness, bottled up the territory from the British and Russians, censored and propagandized the movement to let it succeed.

Flight o' Time

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(Acme Telephoto)
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APPLEGATE BAND OF WILD HORSES ALMOST EXTINCT

All but four or five in the wild horse band of the Applegate have disappeared, according to Ranger Lee Port of the station. There is no official word on what happened to the outlaw band but is generally reported on the Applegate they died of "lead poisoning." Some of them might have reached the horse meat markets which prevailed during the early days of the beef shortage, rumor says. The band in 1936 numbered close to 100 head and destroyed alfalfa patches, kicked calves to death and raised equine "ned" in general. Some staid Applegate nags went native and joined the band.

In April, 1936, a roundup of the wild horses was staged with a band, the Grants Pass Cavemen in their skins, movie news reel cameras, and about 300 people around the specially built corral in a Sterling district canyon. Cowboys spent three days drifting the horses towards the corral and as the herd neared the pen, the cameras started clicking, the band playing, the Cavemen whooping and the crowd cheering. This frightened the wild horses which, led by a beautiful stallion, raced up the side of the canyon and were gone. Ranger Port, in charge of the roundup afterwards announced there would be another one, but without any publicity. For the past three or four years stockmen have reported the wild horses were thinning out.

Ideal Restaurant Customer Doesn't Mark Tablecloth

New Orleans, La. (UP)—Don't smoke on a dance floor. Don't draw caricatures on the tablecloth. Don't whistle or wave a knife at the waiter. Don't write phone numbers on the powder room wall, and don't order a zombie when you should be drinking something with less sting. Don't do any of that if you want to be Maurice Martelle's "ideal restaurant customer." Martelle, a local headwaiter, has been knocking around the world as caterer and maitre d' hotel for years. And now he has pigeonholed neatly in a little black notebook his experiences, impressions, do's and don'ts for diners. "You'd be surprised if you knew what the waiter knows about you by the time you've finished your demi-tasse," said Martelle.

The average cost per year of Veterans' education course under Public Law 346 (G.I. Bill of Rights) is more than \$1,250. Returns from Victory Bonds will have to pay for the continued education of those youngsters who were forced to leave their studies to fight for peace.

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