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Ye Smudge Pot
 By Arthur Perry

The New Year starts Tuesday. Many motorists won't, the way they have been driving, the Safety Council forecasts.

Fifty-seven years ago last week, Royal Brown of the E. Pt. Browns, was an actor and played 'Among the Pines' in Frisco. He was a villain and got his in the third act.

The Les Taylor boy Bob of Phoenix got a cowboy suit from S. Claus, and has started walking bow-legged, squatting on his heels, and yelling 'Yip-pee' at Grandpaw.

Rain fell copiously most of last week, reaching its crescendo Friday when the need of an ark, as well as another park was demonstrated. The voters as a result had more places to swim, than sit down.

Len Carpenter of the ranch set headed south Wed. C. Wig Ashpole, who went to Needles and returned, is on pins, and will dig out for Paso Robles soon.

The Dock Hayes boy Bob, after four years in khaki, will be separated and estranged from the army next Tuesday.

Candidates for high office have started showing up. All balk at the idea just enough to be polite but willing.

A Texas liquor dealer in righteous and heroic wrath destroyed \$80,000 worth of rum, wines, and brandies. Imbibers of these fiery, high-priced, low grade fluids throughout the land, have often felt like doing the same thing, but never got a good chance.

Longview aided by the flu, nipped the B. Tornado quint Fri. eve. The visitors were slick artists, and one of them was the boy of Jack Heath, former well-known local oil squirt.

Ed Kubli, the Applegate cowman towned Wed. His boy Norman will be out of the navy in time to do the spring plowing, he hopes.

Dick Applegate is now a sports feature writer in the south. He started his scribbling career on this sheet, in those days he couldn't say "Shucks" in less than 20,000 words.

Peoria Bill Gates rounded up some statistics last week, and reported he had been here 1,435 Fridays. He gave no inkling as to how many of them fell on the 13th.

The Louis Ulrich boy Russ was here recently, and is a lieutenant in the navy. In the joy of the visit, Louis almost went down the street with a hat on.

The tonsorial parlors closed two days last week, and will pull down the blinds twice again the coming week. If this keeps up men without wives, will have to start cutting each other's hair.

This burg is neutral on the Rose Bowl game. The majority don't care who wins it, as long as it isn't Southern Cal.

J. Tannehill Walker's Uncle Bill is now a full-fledged Mister, and unjoined from the military service.

Butter and eggs are getting scarcer than hen's teeth, and rural residents to meet the emergency with pioneer day churns have returned to covered wagon days. Ham however, is becoming less of a memory.

Editorial Correspondence

Mt. Kisco, N. Y., Dec. 24: It was the day before Christmas and all through the house the turmoil was terrific in a last-minute effort to wrap presents, which should have been wrapped and mailed ten days ago.

In fact, this department's unpopular desire to have Christmas reformed is stronger than ever—not the spirit of the day but the wholesale collection and distribution of gifts. Ok for the children, but this frenzied meticulous matching of presents in older boy-and-girl circles strikes this column as, well—fast approaching the status of an abuse. (Ah there, Mr. Scrooge!)

General Patton's number apparently was up and the general, in spite of his gallant fight for life, knew it. When he was first injured he said to his aide "this is a hell of a way to kick the bucket," and later when the bulletins were issued declaring him out of danger he remarked to a nurse: "Yes, I am feeling better, but I will probably be dead tomorrow." He did beat the rap as far as a broken neck was concerned, but when pneumonia struck from ambush—that WAS too much! A great fighter, probably one of the greatest this country has ever known—not so great in other ways.

Human beings accustomed to the mild winters on the Pacific Coast are not the only mechanisms poorly adapted to withstand the rigors of a "Way Down East" winter. The motor-cars hereabouts—at least those for hire—are equally incapable of "taking it." There are two taxi companies in Mt. Kisco, and over half their cars are now laid up for repairs, due to cold and snow. The other half, badly crippled.

Took one last night to visit the grandchildren about four miles out in the country—got there ok, but it took us from nine to midnight to get back—finally on the last hill the car simply quit and bag and baggage the family had to walk. En route we passed two other stalled cars, one of them claimed the gas feed was frozen.

That was a new one, so were frosted ears with the mercury 14 below zero—there was one incorrigible optimist in the party who couldn't get over the beauty of the night—a wreck of a moon in a cloudless sky, the black trees against the pure soft white spreading over hill and dale to the distant horizons.

The Grand Central station in New York is one of the largest and most attractive in the country, the Christmas decorations and choral singing being famous holiday features. But night before last when we finally caught the 4:53 there was no time to take in the station beauties for there was such an incredible mob that it took the quarter-back of the Rockford High School football team of 1898 close to half an hour to get from the 42nd street entrance to track 58, and he was benefitted by the fact a certain distaff member of the family led the interference!

Pretty little choir-girls in the balcony were sweetly singing "Silent Night" and the star of Bethlehem shone clearly in the high-vaulted ceiling—but there was little peace and even less good-will in that trek—it was a fight and had we been a half-second later we would have lost it.

Speaking of peace and good-will—we have peace this year and probably that fact should be in itself sufficient for all us non-combatants to get down on our marrow-bones and praise the good Lord—and the soldiers and sailors—for bringing at such a sacrifice, this priceless boon to us on the day of this great Christian festival. Not only should, but undoubtedly!

However, sufficient that may be unto the day itself, for the days following we can see no particular profit in hiding our battered heads in the sand and failing to realize that while we have peace, we do not have good will—at least not an adequate supply of it. And for any extended period of time, peace can not endure without good will. In fact one of the first resolutions for New Years should be a determination to increase the world supply of good will, and the first step in that direction should be to arouse in this nation more good will toward other nations—ALL other nations.

As usual there is no news—or practically none—from Russia. Russia doesn't believe in news where Russia is concerned. And probably in harmony with the fine sentiments expressed above we should feel no ill-will toward Russia on that account. And WE don't—meaning the editorial "we." But a great many Americans do because they believe in a free press, and free communications between countries and in a free democracy for that matter, and Russia—official Russia that is—believes in none of these things.

Why not? Because official Russia believes that if she had a free press, free speech, free assembly—in short if she had a free democracy, she would have confusion, eventually revolution, and the present leaders of Russia would meet the sad fate their predecessors did over a quarter of a century ago. In other words it is the official belief Russia is not yet ready for democracy, and therefore it must have, not a rule of the people—a majority of them—but, a rule of a well-organized minority in the interests of the people, which is Russia's definition of their present soviet form of government.

Now that has been the alibi for autocratic government since the time of Charlemagne, but in this particular instance we believe it is essentially true. We don't believe democracy, the American form of it at least, would work in Russia at the present time, and any man, or group of men attempting it would fail.

But agreeing with the Soviet claim regarding democracy, and agreeing with its present foreign policy—or its domestic policy for the past 25 years—are two different things. We believe the Kremlin's foreign policy as exemplified in the Baltic states, eastern Germany and Poland, the Balkans, and more recently Iran and Turkey, is entirely wrong, and if persisted in can only lead where uncompromising imperialism and ruthless tyranny always lead—to trouble and eventually to war. Therefore one of the big jobs of 1946 will be to so improve and implement UNO that this "rule or ruin" policy of the Stalin government can be checked and eventually abandoned, WITHOUT war.—R.W.R.

NAVY YARD THEFT ARRESTS LISTED

Martinez, Cal., Dec. 29—(U.P.)—The arrest of five men charged with theft of government property and receipt of stolen goods from the Port Chicago naval depot was announced by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and county officials tonight.

The arrest of the men, and the detention of five sailors by naval authorities at Port Chicago, climaxed a four-month

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Investigation of thefts at the naval base, the FBI reported.

Obituary
MRS. STELLA M. WILLIS
 Funeral services for Mrs. Stella Marie Willis will be conducted from the Perl Funeral Home on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with burial in the Siskiyou Memorial Park.

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



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CHAMBER'S STAND ON FOREIGN LOANS WIDELY PUBLICIZED

Reports At Board Meeting Cover Many Phases of Organization's Activity

Medford and Jackson county received nation-wide attention as a result of the resolution recently passed by the board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce urging congress to force nations wishing to borrow funds to sell their bonds directly to the people of the United States rather than making inter-governmental loans.

According to reports made by Wm. A. Gates at a chamber board meeting Friday noon, three national news commentators, James Crowley, James Abbe and Earl Godwin, mentioned the resolution after it was given nation-wide publicity through press wire news reports. Gates also stated that Senator Johnson of Oklahoma planned to introduce a bill in congress containing virtually the same proposals as the local resolution.

Reporting on a state meeting of chamber of commerce executives, Frank Hull, manager of the local group, stated that the three subjects receiving most attention at the meeting were plans affecting proposed new private construction in Oregon, plans to adequately care for the tourist business in future years and veterans problems, including the housing emergency.

The tourist business is expected to bring between 75 and 100 million dollars a year to Oregon in coming years, Hull reported, and added that the state organization urged each community to make plans for caring for tourists and creating a friendly atmosphere for visitors from other states.

Vet Aid Advocated
 Hull outlined the proposed plan of advisor; boards made up of business men to aid veterans in obtaining employment and orienting themselves to civilian life and stated that the plan, now being successfully used in various parts of the state, would be put into practice here in the near future. He reviewed projects being carried out in various other Oregon cities to solve the housing shortage, mentioning the use of trailer camps and pre-fabricated houses of various types. He warned that many "rackets" were springing up and urged the board members to investigate and report questionable appearing projects.

Frank Rogers, city superintendent, reported on a meeting of the Western Aviation conference at Sacramento, stating that he obtained little information at the meeting which would throw light on the problems facing city officials here in the management of the airport.

Park Progress
 Favorable progress on the proposed new state park on the banks of the Rogue river in the vicinity of Bybee bridge was reported by Frank Rynning, county engineer. He stated surveys were being made by the state park department of strips of land along the river which Judge F. L. TouVelle is giving for the proposed park and that petitions asking the government to set aside the land within Camp White had been presented. The park will be known as TouVelle park in honor of the late Mrs. TouVelle, Rynning said. The TouVelle land, consisting of from 600 to 800 feet below Bybee bridge and one-fourth mile above, on both sides of the river, will probably be made into the park even though the additional land cannot be obtained, Rynning said. The park would be maintained and supervised by the state, he said. Letters from Congressman Harris Ellsworth concerning efforts to secure a Veterans' Administration hospital for Camp

White and from Congressman Lowell Stockman concerning Crater Lake National Park were read.

Flight o' Time
 Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO
 December 30, 1935
 (It was Monday)
 Crime wave in city keeps police busy.

Rep. Pierce wants to bar straw votes from mails.

Blizzard hits east coast with 16 dead, and great property damage.

Col. Lindbergh and family arrive in England.

Autoists warned as snow makes travel hazardous in mountains.

Occasional rains. High 46, low 39.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
 December 30, 1925
 (It was Wednesday)
 Western Europe ravaged by floods. Cold wave continues in east.

State teachers endorse Grange plan for revival of state income tax bill.

Cloudy. High 35, low 27.

Farmers urged to form union like labor and business, by former Illinois governor.

Men six foot tall, or taller to hold 'Long Men's' banquet here.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
 December 30, 1911
 (It was Saturday)
 Attempt made to set fire to West Side Livery stable.

Holland Hotel to open New Year's day.

Butte Falls plans water supply line from Ginger Creek.

JAP PW's TO WORK

Los Angeles, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Destined for use as provisional labor battalions in Hawaii, a contingent of 1120 Japanese prisoners of war embarked today from Los Angeles harbor aboard the Dutch ship Weltevreden, port authorities said.

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

NEW FEDERAL TAX GOES INTO EFFECT MONDAY MIDNIGHT

Applies to 1946 Income—Cuts Withholding Tax And Aids Business

Washington, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—A new federal revenue law which will cut \$5,920,000,000 from the nation's tax bill goes into effect at midnight Monday. The new law affects income earned in 1946. It will not apply to taxes yet to be paid on income earned in 1945. Returns which must be filed by next March 15 will be based on the old law.

Here is what the new law will do:

- 1.—Relieve from all income tax payments about 12,000,000 of the 48,000,000 persons whose income was subject to tax in 1945.
- 2.—Reduce the amount of money withheld for taxes from the salaries of those who must continue to pay taxes.
- 3.—Eliminate the excess profits tax which corporations paid during the war and reduce the regular corporate income tax rate from 40 to 38 per cent.
- 4.—Abolish the \$5 annual use tax on motor vehicles, which otherwise would have been due again next July 1.
- 5.—Allow extra time for veterans to pay back taxes on income earned before they entered service. Forgive taxes which some enlisted men otherwise would have had to pay on service compensation.

These cuts constitute what congress considers limited tax reductions. They were designed to aid both individuals and businesses in "the difficult period of transition from war to peace."

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BOMBER CREW ESCAPES
 Los Angeles, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Crew members of a B-17 army bomber and service station attendants escaped unhurt today when the plane overshoot fog-shrouded Municipal airport, rolled across a boulevard and smashed into the station.

More than half of Florida's 1,150 miles of seacoast is on the Gulf of Mexico.

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