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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry... Batches of sunshine Thurs. and Fri. made the people feel better...

Coos county had one of the hardest rains in years, and lady wrestlers over the week-end.

Both the Hale Wheeler boy Gail, and the Fletcher fish boy T. David, of Phoenix have teeth, and a start towards a vocabulary.

Water flowed freely all week in Jack, co. streams. Even Lost Creek found itself.

"Peace On Earth!" In China, Java, Iran, and Spain, B. league wars are raging.

C. Pankey, the hort. expert, and other natives have all returned from the jollification at Frisco. Other citizens are hitting out for Arizona. They can't wait until July, and be sunburned at home.

The B. Tornado eked out a win over Salem Fri. Eve. They were flu-ridden and travel weary, and did not blow with any ferocity or velocity.

Feminine owners of Persian lamb coats here were undisturbed by the word last week, the Persian government was about to tumble and out of funds. One lady thought they went broke buying a Persian lamb coat.

The British and Russians have executed about two dozen assorted Nazi war criminals and traitors. Unlike Gen. Yamashita, convicted in Manila for all-around cussedness, the victims were unable to appeal to the high court and have an argument on the re-argument of the argument, (North Dakota, 36; Connecticut, 12.)

A Los Angeles lumberman, caught unawares, shook hands Wed. with Dewey Hill, the Prospect hired man and stemwinder. The gentleman from the south will be able to move all the fingers of his right hand by next Tuesday, the attending physician reports.

Ed Kubli, the Applegate cowman towned Wed. and sized up some bulls at the auction lot. There was quite a congregation of stockmen on hand, exchanging "bum steers" and predicting the hay wouldn't last.

The results of the Rose Bowl game pleased everybody in Alabama, and an overwhelming majority of Jack, co.

The New Year was greeted here without any pandemonium or worse, but with many still short a calendar.

Adm. Halsey, the naval hero, was best man at a movie queen's wedding. He kissed the bride better than he rode the Mikado's white horse last fall.

The Espee is looking for a cold, late spring. Their efficient section crew stowed away a carload of coal the first of the week.

Hog-killing has started in the rural regions. The butter shortage will continue throughout most of 1946, and by next November, there won't be any pancakes to smear it on, many fear.

More interest is manifested hereabouts in a Portland prize-fight next Friday than in an up-state Congressional election in the First district on the same date.

Editorial Correspondence

New York, N. Y., Dec. 29—Another snow-storm, a wet, sticky one this time instead of a blizzard. Wager Mayor LaGuardia is glad he is stepping out for snow is a terrible headache in this Bibulous Babylon, and if it isn't attended to properly the burg-master gets the blame for it. It took an army of 8,000 men to clear up the blizzard, and then in outway districts like upper Harlem the job was never done. Coming down from Mt. Kisco on the NYC one gets an excellent birds-eye view of Harlem—drifts of dirty snow and piles of garbage prominent in practically every side-street. And now more snow is added to the mess!

A friend just back from overseas gives a view of Central Europe that is positively sickening. Imagine walking along a city street and seeing a half-naked child totter out of a mess of rubble and fall over dead from starvation! And this is no exceptional incident. Most of the large cities are—we use his own words: "Merely graveyards with the grave-DIGGERS a month behind in their work!"

And now hop over the ocean and spend this week-end in New York!

What do you see? Everyone—or practically everyone,—well fed, well-clothed preparing for a three-day bust to be climaxed by a New Year's eve celebration that promises to break all records for extravagance, excess and debauchery.

In some of the swankiest night clubs it will cost you \$50 to get a table for two, and if you are not known to the management you won't be able to get that. To get out after midnight without spending another \$50 will be very, very difficult.

But that's not all. For some of our prominent moralists to mull over. There will undoubtedly be enough nourishment not to mention money, wasted in Greater Manhattan alone to save a hundred thousand lives in Europe. But nothing now can stop that holiday whoopee and nothing can save those lives!

Nineteen forty-five will certainly go down in history as the most tragic year of modern times!

We have had time to read over the text of the Moscow communique with special reference to the provision regarding the atomic bomb, and feel very much as we did last June when the final results of the UNO conference were announced. A very imperfect piece of work, as full of holes as a dried out sponge; but a START.

And after so many failures in the field of international co-operation, a START is something,—in fact a great deal. This is especially true as far as the matter of atomic energy is concerned. For now probably the only countries that could in the near future use the atomic-bomb as a war weapon—America, England and Russia,—have agreed to turn the matter of control over to a commission of the United Nations and when that has been done this country will hand over the "know-how" of bomb construction.

That is a big step toward final international control of the bomb and the outlawing of it, as a Destructive force in war, concentration upon the CONSTRUCTIVE use of atomic energy in peace. As has been repeatedly remarked in this department, in this matter of the atomic-bomb time is extremely important. How long it is going to take for example, to get the machinery set up for this atomic control in the United Nations? If it takes such a long time, that Russian scientists have time to discover how to make the bomb, then good night!—only a miracle could then prevent an armaments race in the atomic realm, and a war that would literally mark the end of what has been known as modern civilization.

We realize we have had a great deal to say about the atomic bomb in this column since Hiroshima, and probably there are many who are pretty much fed up with the subject.

For them we would suggest a course of reading starting with Collier's of January 5th and an article by Dr. Harold C. Urey, one of the pioneer atomic scientists, entitled "I Am a Frightened Man." That might be followed up by the "Smythe Report," the official reports of Generals Arnold and Spaatz, concerning air power in the atomic age; reports of the Federation of Atomic Scientists of Washington, D. C., and another Collier's article called "Tomorrow the Moon."

If, after reading these offerings, there remains any feeling that the Mail Tribune, or any other newspaper, CAN say too much about the atomic bomb, the necessity of world control of atomic energy and at the earliest possible moment, then all we can say to such as these is this:

"You are living in a fool's paradise and if your judgment is followed in this crisis, by a majority of your countrymen, the time is coming, and not so very far in the future, when that world will blow up in your face, reducing you and all you possess and all you hold dear, to DUST!"

If that isn't something worth talking, and reading and writing about—in an effort to prevent,—then what IS?—R.W.R.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the editor must bear the name and address of the writer... through the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permitted while the Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

Sugar Needed

To the editor: I am of the opinion that rationing of sugar may cause a lot of trouble with some people should the ration allowance be too little, especially among some people and children.

It is true the pancreas gland gives off insulin and it is often found, especially among older people, that the ratio of insulin causes diabetes. However, kiddies have too much insulin in some cases and not enough in others. I fear in 99 per cent of the cases of children, too little sugar will affect the kidneys.

And now, Mr. Chester Bowles, what has it cost Uncle Sam each day due to inertias of sugar. Sugar is a natural mineral and is not difficult to obtain from certain rocks and in such synthesis, due to chlorophyll, along comes formaldehyde, and the great vitamins, amino acid. Such formaldehyde is a catalyst of zinc, copper, manganese, magnesium and what not.

Now, Mr. Bowles, try to squeeze out enough sugar for the young and afflicted and I assure you mortality among the lot will decline.

I am only an old sourdough with mud-bespattered regalia but along with it I have had 14 years study in geology. ROY G. PATCH, Hornbrook, Calif.

TRAINMEN TO STRIKE

Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 5—(U.P.)—The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen has called a strike of all brakemen, switchmen and trainmen on the Frisco railroad for 6 p. m. Sunday, unless local officials said here today.

NEW CONFESSION BY GIRL SLAYER BELIEVED ASKANCE

San Francisco, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—Police said tonight they were skeptical of the latest confession of Thomas Henry McMonigle, 35-year-old ex-convict held for the kidnap-murder of Thora Chamberlain.

McMonigle, according to San Mateo authorities who said the confession was reported to them by Santa Cruz county officials, said he kidnaped a 20 to 30-year-old negro girl in San Francisco, drove her to Devil's Slide, murdered her and threw her body over the cliff.

It was at Devil's Slide that McMonigle, in his original confession of the kidnaping of Bobby-soxer Thora, placed the disposition of the San Jose high school girl's body. Garments believed to have belonged to 14-year-old Thora were found in the area, including a pair of red bobby-sox clinging to the face of the cliff.

San Francisco police said they had no missing person of the description given by McMonigle in this—his third different—confession. They said they were "highly skeptical" of his statement in view of the fact that he is scheduled for trial for murder in Santa Cruz county on January 30.

PLAN HUGE OUTLAY

Sacramento, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Warren disclosed tonight that he would recommend uses for all but \$8,000,000 or so of the state's reserve funds of \$225,000,000 at the special legislative session opening Monday.

YANKEE ZONE IN GERMANY TO GET 300,000 SOLDIERS

Gen. M'Narney Tells Plans—Three Divisions Needed Unselected

Frankfurt, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, commander of American forces in Europe, today announced his long range plans for policing the American occupation zone.

There will be a task force of 38,000 men equipped with armored cars which will patrol the zone day and night. There will also be three infantry divisions totaling 45,000 men, an air force, 12 light tank battalions, and service and administrative echelons to support them. In all the American long-range occupation force will total 300,000 men.

McNarney expected the 300,000 total to be stabilized by July. There now are 616,000 men in the European theater.

McNarney reiterated the war department policy of returning eligible soldiers home as fast as possible, but said redeployment, henceforth, would be dependent on fulfillment of American responsibilities in Germany rather than on the availability of shipping.

McNarney said the three divisions assigned to permanent occupation duties had not yet been selected. Previous occupation plans called for 367,000 men, including eight divisions.

The American occupation force will be responsible for the control of approximately 60,000 square miles and 16,000,000 people, McNarney said. Troops are required in 55 cities and at airfields, depots and dumps.

McNarney said he personally believed the military government was doing "a good job even though some Germans—Nazis—don't think so."

SOUTHERN BELLE AND GERMAN POW ROMANCE AT END

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 5—(U.P.)—Lt. Helmut von der Aue, who escaped from a prisoner of war camp and ran away with a plantation owner's wife, planned to marry her and live in Washington "where I am sure one of the many good German people would get me a job."

Von der Aue, who was arrested with Mrs. Edith Rogers here, today told the United Press that he fell in love with her while working on their plantation near Beulah, Miss. "Until then I had felt like a second class man," said the son of a Prussian landowner, "but she liked me and she used to invite me in every day for drinks. Her husband was seldom at home. I fell in love with her, and I wanted to marry her. I still do."

Speaking perfect English, the 26-year-old Messerschmitt pilot said that he and Mrs. Rogers decided to run away to Washington last Tuesday night after a party at the plantation home. He is six feet tall, brown haired, mustached and extremely handsome.

The Luftwaffe pilot lost a round with a P-38 Lightning in Italy in September, 1943. He bailed out behind the American lines and had been a prisoner since that time.

While in Nashville, Mrs. Rogers—who is 37 years old and very pretty—and the German flier stopped at a motor court. The \$10 they had when they started out had dwindled to \$3, so Mrs. Rogers "awarded" her watch for \$5 in order to buy food. She then telegraphed relatives in Rosedale for more money.

Von der Aue was first taken to a local guardhouse and later he and Provost Marshal R. M. Falkenstein departed for Camp McCain, Miss. Falkenstein said von der Aue's punishment likely would be 30 days solitary confinement.

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ADM. STARK ENDS TESTIMONY WITH RECORD DEFENSE

Pearl Harbor Commanders Take Stand January 15 When Hearing Renewed

Washington, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—Adm. Harold R. Stark, former chief of naval operations, concluded a five-day defense of his pre-Pearl Harbor record late today with testimony that his wartime assignment in Europe called for "superior judgment."

Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal ruled last August—after the war in Europe had ended—that Stark should be barred from future assignments requiring "superior judgment" because of "faults of omission" before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

Stark gave his defense before the congressional Pearl Harbor investigating committee.

When he finished, the committee recessed until Jan. 15 to allow its new chief counsel, Seth W. Richardson, to familiarize himself with the inquiry. Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, Pacific fleet commander at the time of Pearl Harbor, will be the next witness, and Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, then Hawaiian army commander, will follow.

Stark was questioned about his assignment as wartime commander of U. S. naval forces in Europe by Sen. Scott W. Lucas, D., Ill., and Rep. Frank B. Keefe, R., Wisc. He was assigned to that post after he was relieved as chief of naval operations in March, 1942.

Asked if the European assignment called for the exercise of "superior judgment," Stark replied that he thought it did. He testified that he first learned of Forrestal's ruling from the press last August.

Earlier Stark told the committee that the late President Roosevelt had cautioned the navy before Pearl Harbor not to encourage British hopes for American participation in the war against the axis. He also emphasized that conversations with the British and Dutch did not commit the United States to war against Japan.

ADOPT 3000 BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK

Sacramento, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—More than 3,000 California babies born out of wedlock have been adopted this year, the department of social welfare revealed today, saying the figure is expected to reach 5,000 by 1947.

Reporting on adoptions during the past year, the department stated there was a total of 5,174, of which 3,602 were independent or agency adoptions. A department study in 1944 showed that approximately 95 per cent of babies adopted in these two classifications are illegitimate.

BIRTHS

ATCHLEY—To Mr. and Mrs. John, Brownsboro, Jan. 5, 1946, a girl, four and one-half pounds, at Community hospital.

PETERSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Loretta, Shady Cove, Jan. 5, 1946, a girl, six pounds, at Community hospital.

BRUGMAN—To Capt. and Mrs. Robert, R. 2, Box 211, Jan. 4, 1946, a girl, seven pounds, at Community hospital.

FIELD—To Mr. and Mrs. Melvin, 502 Haven, Jan. 4, 1946, a boy, seven pounds, at Osteopathic Clinic.

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SCIENTISTS FIND NEW METHOD FOR ASSAYING FOODS

May Give Key to Human Growth, Longevity—Army Assists

Los Angeles, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—Three University of California bacteriologists revealed today they have developed a new technique of assaying foodstuffs which may provide the key to human growth, reproduction and longevity.

Merril N. Camien and Drs. A. J. Sallie and Max S. Dunn disclosed that for two years they have been experimenting with the assaying of foods by use of micro-organisms to determine presence, source and proportion of the amino acids necessary to proper human performance.

The new development was kept "under wraps" until today because much of the work was done in developing and testing new army rations. Quartermaster corps assignments still occupy much of the scientists' time.

According to Camien, the process involves:

- 1. Finding the optimal synthetic medium on which lactic acid bacilli (bacillus producing lactic acid) will grow, and by elimination discovering which amino acids are needed to support growth and in what proportions. 2. Adding a lactobacilli culture on an agar slide to a volume of the medium under sterile conditions. In the first test tube, all the 19 amino acids except the one being tested will be present. Then in succeeding tubes, varying proportions of the amino will be added and the growth of the organism watched in each. 3. Plotting the growth of the organism, the amount of amino acid produced by it from each mixture, and forming a "standard curve" index of it. 4. Carrying out much the same process on liquid foodstuffs to determine the amount of acid produced per gram of food and the proficiency or deficiency of that protein, helping determine how quickly the body can produce the acids.

California May Cut Rural Speed Limit

Sacramento, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—A proposal to reduce the state's maximum speed limit to 50 miles per hour in rural areas was overwhelmingly approved by members of the motor vehicle legislative advisory committee and the assembly interim committee on transportation at a joint meeting in Sacramento today.

Assemblyman M. J. Burns of Eureka will report the recommendation to the interim committee, which will decide whether or not a bill should be offered to the legislature to make this change in the state law.

P.-T. A. Activities

P.T.A. Council Interesting plans were made for the January meeting of the Jackson County Parent-Teacher association at a meeting of the executive committee held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. O. Colburn. Details will be announced later. Fourteen attended the meeting.

The Grand Canyon of the Colorado is bordered by Arizona on one side and Utah on the other.

25 DIE, 150 HURT AS TWISTERS HIT IN CENTRAL TEXAS

Hundreds of Homes Wrecked, with Damage High—Timber Levelled

Palestine, Tex., Jan. 5—(U.P.)—A series of mid-winter tornadoes which slashed east Texas last night left at least 23 persons dead and more than 150 injured, some of them so critically they were not expected to live. Rescue crews still were digging for more bodies buried in the wreckage of hundreds of homes over a vast area of east central Texas.

Palestine, Nacogdoches and Lufkin were the three hardest hit areas. Reports from the three fixed the number of injured at upwards of 150.

The raging winds killed 13 in the Palestine vicinity, six at Nacogdoches, three at Lufkin and one in the little Shiloh-St. Paul settlement of Leon county.

Both the death toll and the number of injured were expected to climb when ripped-out telephone and telegraph lines are restored, permitting a full survey of the storm area.

Bill Laurie, owner of radio station KNET at Palestine, said an aerial view of the wind whipped region showed damage far more extensive than had been expected on the basis of earlier reports.

"It is difficult to believe that damage could be spread over so wide an area," he said.

It was impossible to secure a reasonable estimate of the overall property damage done by the tornadoes.

The twisters struck in the heart of a rich timber country and foresters set damage in Angellina county (Lufkin) alone at upwards of \$300,000. Timber damage in Nacogdoches county was fixed tentatively at \$250,000.

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

TEN YEARS AGO January 6, 1936 (It Was Sunday) U. S. Supreme court holds AAA is illegal and invades state rights.

Tax collections in county gain after five years slump. Roosevelt hopes national income will equal regular spending, but predicts deficit in relief funds in budget message.

Occasional rain. High 44, low 34. Former President Hoover in talk charged "New Deal is using fear propaganda" to force experimental legislation.

Constitutionality of Oregon peddler license law upheld. Rain. High 47, low 37, precip. 10 of inch.

High school basketball team to play Alumni Friday, with this lineup: Laing, center; Herriott and Dunn, forwards; Williams and White, guards, and the following reserves: Melvin, McDonald, Archer, Cooksie, and Anderson.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO January 6, 1912 (It Was Friday) Two masked bandits robbed mail car of No. 16 near Redding, Cal., and got much booty.

High school forms basketball team. City streets and sidewalks are a glare of ice, and many citizens take tumble. Coldest day of year with low of 21 and high of 27.

The approximate value of Chicago's public service and elevated transportation lines is \$87,000,000.