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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Next Saturday is Ground Hog Day. It is not a national holiday, so the banks and barber shops will not close up, nor a record number of auto accidents occur.

A new era has dawned on the Oregon coast, and people who journey there with a fondness for clams, crabs, etc., can get them. The "Salmon DERBY GROTT" at Astoria will open shortly after March 1, and advertise: "This Grotto will feature sea foods, exclusively. . . . Not even a steak!"

Len Carpenter, of the orchard set, now in Arizona, has a wedding anniversary coming up the first of next week.

News dispatches say people of Naples, Italy, are living in caves, a stone's throw from Mt. Vesuvius, a business-like volcano, that has thrown no stones at them for two years.

T. Fuson has resumed fearing Russia, and another world war. He is a pacifist who runs for an oil-can, instead of a mouse trap when he hears a mouse squeak.

The snow the Older Girls wanted for Christmas, fell copiously Thursday on the low foothills. It filled the local outdoor devotees with a desire to have chilblains, as strong as the mid-summer passion for sunburn.

A young lady of Germany claims to be the daughter of A. Hitler, London reports. She confesses she is fanatical hater of America and Britain, and herself.

Uptate Republican clubs have started holding annual elections. Due to a lack of emotional strain, no Democrat has been elected president, so far.

F. Luy, the Antelope-Phoenix cowman went to Reno a week ago, and laid himself liable to shivaree.

The Rogue Chorus is getting ready for a spring sing. Among the numbers will be a "voluntary," whether they want to, or not.

A man called at the Bates Boys tontorial parlor the first of the week, who knew them when they were little shavers.

E. Newbery of Ashland came out last week for the state senate, a 1 is the first candidate to bloom in Jackson county.

Ice froze Saturday a. m. on mud puddles, and henhouse pans. This cold weather will hold back the sap in the orchards, but not on the highways.

The nation has been pestered with more strikes than dandelions in late April the past week. Mr. and Mrs. John J. Public, who have more votes than the CIO, showing signs of getting weary of former rubber-stamp congressmen, obediently jumping through hoops, during the national crisis.

Lady wrestlers performed at the military base Wednesday eve before a large congregation. The combatants pulled hair, without making the hair-pins fly, and the referee held the hand of the blonde entry in final victory. The Amazons will tussle here again soon.

Mrs. J. Cochran Robin has called a meeting of the nestkeepers league to discuss the threatening shortage of twigs for spring nests.

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What Next?

Neither vegetable nor animal life reacts in distinguishable ways to radar impulses. Anyhow, life on the moon is to the common understanding about as unlikely as that the astrolite is made of green cheese, or that its light influences crop yields, or induces any form of insanity—that is if love is sanity.

—Portland Oregonian.

But of course love isn't sanity—thank the Lord! It is the craziest thing in creation, and may it ever remain so, not an atom of logic, or reason, or solid, sane discriminating sense to it!!

But that is not why we were particularly interested in the above observation.

It is that point concerning radar contact with the moon, providing no evidence of vegetable or animal life thereon.

Of course, it doesn't.

BUT, as we view it, that isn't the significance of this experiment—whether or not there is human life in this universe other than on the earth.

There may or may not be.

But it does indicate that the next big discovery—the biggest since 1492—undoubtedly lies in the regions above—and below for that matter—the stratosphere and beyond it.

There is the 20th century's "terra incognita"—just as the Atlantic ocean was the t. i. of the 15th.

RADAR has reached the moon. Well how long before a rocket will reach it? And where a rocket can go a man can go, though he might be dead before or shortly after his arrival.

But again he might not. Ten years ago no one could live in the stratosphere. Now they can—and apparently enjoy it.

And how about atomic energy as a propulsion force? Ah, there is the vista before us!

Who will be the Christopher Columbus of the air, the discoverer of the New World—rather the new WORLDS—in the uncharted universe above and about us!—R.W.R.

Feeble, But Not Hopeless

Fortunately big oaks from little acorns grow. If this were not one of the immutable laws of nature, there would be little hope for the UNO.

For the present situation at the London conference reveals how small an acorn the United Nations Organization really is at the present time.

IMAGINE this:

It required two days of preparation, and nearly a full day of argument, to persuade Soviet Russia to ALLOW discussion, not at this meeting but the NEXT meeting of the Security Council of the Iran-Russian controversy!

Not action. No ruling of any kind involved.

Merely the right to DISCUSS within the higher and secret circles of the organization, a question which is made to order for UNO consideration and decision, and which under normal conditions, might well threaten another war.

But as the charter now stands, with that one-nation veto clause, any discussion—any consideration of the matter whatever—could have been prevented by Russia, had the Dictator of all the Russias been so disposed.

So imagine what a feeble instrument in the cause of world peace the UNO, as at present constituted, really is, when even the consideration of an important international dispute, can not be allowed, if any one of the Big Five see fit to oppose it.

THIS situation, however absurd, should not result in any great discouragement. For slow progress in any PEACE organization so soon after the close of a world-shattering war, must be expected.

The big thing, as often remarked in this department, was to get such an organization formed and functioning; not at the start crowd it too fast or expect too much.

For as world conditions change, and the war psychology declines, the UNO will change also.

It is a tiny acorn—a mere baby just starting to breathe—but anything of any account in this world, started out that way.

So give it room and give it time. As long as there is LIFE, there is hope!—R.W.R.

Not Too Late

And so with this 30-day cooling-off proposal of President Truman's. That is no cure-all for strikes. It will never become what the country sorely needs, a labor-capital Supreme Court.

But it, too, is a start. It, too, is a little acorn from which an oak of relief and peaceful settlement may grow.

The important thing is to do SOMETHING—not let things drift and year after year, go by default. Give the acorn a chance, in other words.

THE President's proposal should be adopted. Not without the compulsion clause, not without the fact-finding provision—how can any question be intelligently settled without the facts—but as it is with these provisions included.

Several weeks ago the Mail Tribune asked its readers to instruct their representatives in the Congress to do this—to uphold the President in this effort. We repeat the request. For the good of the country in a very critical time, this action should be taken—and should be taken now!—R.W.R.

WAGE CUT NOTED

Sacramento, Jan. 26—(U.P.)—The average California employee in a manufacturing plant is receiving \$11 less a week than he did at the wartime peak in December of 1944, the State De-

partment of Industrial Relations said today.

During the first six months of this year, Wyoming reported a total of 16 forest fires with less than two and one-half acres burned over.

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FOOD FAKER THE STEENTENTH

Quoting a paragraph from a book about eating by a fellow "who claims to be an authority on nutrition,"



Dr. Brady

with starches such as cereal, toast, rolls, etc.

It has been so long since this particular query came up that I had begun to think the fakers were finding poor pickings nowadays and getting into some other racket.

The nation that starch will not digest in the presence of acid is a nineteenth century fancy. The truth is that in the healthy person digestion of starch begins in the mouth during mastication (I said a healthy person, not a toothless one) and continues for half an hour or more after the food has entered the stomach.

Anyway there is only one rule a healthy person or an invalid need follow (if not under medical care) in regard to food combinations. I don't make a particle of difference how strange or unsuitable the combination may seem to Tom or Dick if Harry likes it or vice versa.

Whatever combination or mixture of foods appeals to your taste or appetite is the right combination for you. It will digest as easily and as thoroughly as any of the foods in it.

would if taken alone.

Oddly enough the paragraph the reader quotes from the self-styled "authority on nutrition" makes no mention of "mucus-forming" effects, although the charlatan does get in the usual glib allusion to "colitis". No physiologist knows what food, if any, forms mucus. No physician knows. Only the self-styled "nutrition authority", food specialist or "diet expert" knows that, and of course his glibbie customers.

This is physiology and no one can deny it.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Sealed in the Crypts
 Asked my doctor, leading nose and throat specialist, about diphtheria. He said: "It is no good—seals the germs in the crypts." (C. W.)

Answer—If my tonsils were presumably infected it would be diphtheria (electro-coagulation) or nothing. Main objection to the old Spanish atrocity is it seals so many victims in their crypts.

Thymus
 Would it be dangerous for a three-week-old baby with enlarged thymus gland to have an X-ray treatment? (Mrs. C. E.)

Answer—No. Such treatment is generally used for that condition just how effective it is, I don't know. The question of enlarged thymus and the so-called "thymic lymphatic state" is confused. In many instances the enlargement shrinks spontaneously in weeks or months, whether X-ray treatment is given or not. Many newborn infants have enlarged thymus (shown by X-ray) yet no symptoms attribute thereto.

Fanly Nutrition
 Mother, nearly 80, much bothered with her nails splitting and breaking down to the quick. There are sort of grooves or ripples straight across her nails half way from the tips (B. A.)

Answer—Insufficient intake of vitamins D, thiamin and riboflavin (B1 and B2) accounts for poor condition of nails. Send stamped self-addressed envelope, ask for pamphlet "Young Folks and Old Folks."

A Good Whipping Might Help
 My son gives his three-year-old child wine to drink and laughs when the child behaves in a silly way after it. What is your opinion? (M. W.)

Answer—You might give your son a few lashes with the whip—figuratively if not physically. (Copyright 1946, John F. Dille Co.)

ATHEIST'S SON, 10, AS WITNESS SAYS 'THERE IS NO GOD'

Champaign, Ill., Jan. 26—(U.P.)—A three-judge court ruled today that religious teaching on a voluntary basis in public schools was constitutional and that an avowed woman atheist who had sought to halt such training suffered no infringement on her rights.

The court rejected the petition of Mrs. Vashti McCollum, pretty wife of a University of Illinois horticulture professor, that the Champaign public schools be ordered to halt the half-hour Bible lessons conducted by the city council on religious education during school hours.

The court held there was no infringement of the statutory rights of Mrs. McCollum or her son, James Terry, 10, whom she had refused to let attend the classes. She had charged he suffered embarrassment because of his mother's refusal to let him join the classes.

Her son, who testified for his mother's suit, brought gasps to spectators at the trial when he said "So far as I am concerned there just isn't any God."

NUENER RULES ON BENEFITS TO VETS

Salem, Jan. 26—(U.P.)—Attorney General George Nuener says veterans are entitled to have benefit payments start as soon as application to attend an institution of higher learning has been approved.

Nuener advises the state department of veterans affairs that applications are in no way responsible for administrative delays after formal application has been filed for benefits provided in the GI bill of rights.

San Francisco, Jan. 26—(U.P.)—The medical schools of Stanford and the University of California will provide resident and consultant physicians to the Veterans hospital in San Francisco.

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WOMEN VOTERS DISCUSS WORLD DEVELOPMENTS

Developments in the United Nations' organization, state youth services, federal housing legislation and other topics of current interest were featured at sessions of the League of Women Voters sectional conference held yesterday at the Holland hotel. Sixty-five women attended the luncheon on noon.

Miss Manche Langley, Portland, deputy district attorney for Multnomah county and a vice-president of the state league, and Dr. Edna Landros, faculty member of the University of Oregon, Eugene, left for the north this morning after making the principal talks for the meeting. Dr. Landros addressed the luncheon meeting, speaking on UNO.

Reviewing provisions of the Wagner housing bill, Miss Langley stated that the national League of Women Voters endorsed the bill and would work for its passage. Discussing state housing problems, Miss Langley declared that this tied in with the league's survey of youth services since inadequate housing is considered one of the contributing causes of juvenile delinquency. One of the major projects of the state league this year is a state-wide survey of Oregon services and agencies dealing with youth.

Mrs. Dolph Phipps, organization chairman of the league announced that an orientation meeting for new members and women interested in joining the league will be held Thursday at the Girls' Community club at 2 p. m. and that the history, nature of the league and purpose of the non-partisan political organization would be explained.

Mrs. Justin Smith, president of the Jackson County league, presided over the meetings.

FRENCH CABINET NAMED BY GOUIN

Paris, Jan. 26—(U.P.)—Felix Gouin, modest 62-year-old socialist leader, formed a new three-party coalition cabinet today after six days of political crisis that followed the surprise resignation of Gen. Charles de Gaulle as head of France's provisional government.

The government is composed of six communists, six members of the popular republican movement (MRP), six socialists, and one non-party.

Georges Bidault was retained as foreign minister.

The men named by Gouin face the difficult task of giving France a new constitution before general elections next May, and bringing the country out of acute economic and financial difficulties.

BAY AREA MEAT UNION TO RETURN

San Francisco, Jan. 26—(U.P.)—Approximately 700 AFL meat cutters and butchers voted three to one today to return to work Monday at the government-seized plants of Swift, Armour and other struck packing houses.

They rejected a plea by a representative of the CIO Packing-house workers union to remain out until wage negotiations with the two major companies were completed.

The plea was not viewed as possible defiance of the CIO national order returning 200,000 workers to their jobs since the local rank and file meets tonight to vote on the back-to-work recommendation of their central wage policy committee.

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TEN YEARS AGO

Jan. 27, 1936
 (It was Monday)
 Legality of new farm subsidies attacked in Senate.

Medford beaten for second game in row by Ashland.

Dr. A. R. Hedges opens new offices on Main street.

Al Smith's attack on New Deal rolls democrats. Rep. Woodrum of Virginia addresses House as "My fellow rubber stamps."

Unsettled with rain. High 40, low 41.

Decrease seen for county taxes next year.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Jan. 27, 1916
 (It was Wednesday)
 High school lads caught stealing "hard cider."

Henry Ford sells 12,000 tractors to Russia on installment plan.

Iowa "U" seniors refuse to date girls who smoke.

Unsettled with rain. High 49, low 32.

Many speeders pay fines in justice court.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

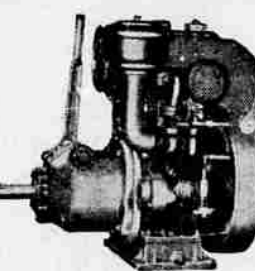
Jan. 27, 1912
 (It was Saturday)
 Espee to move stockyard opposite the depot to new site soon.

William von Der Hellen has put in a gasoline pump and air pressure rig in his yard to supply that part of town with water.—(Eagle Point Eagles).

More than inch of rain falls in present valley storm.

Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., tells reporters "father does all the talking for our family."

Some 200,000,000 board feet of lumber are used annually for boxes by citrus growers in California and Arizona.



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OBITUARY

Mrs. Jasper Turngate
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"A Boy, a Girl and a Dog"

. . . and little Sharon Lynn, who starred in "My Pal, Wolf," shares honors this time with a youngster by the name of Jerry Hunter . . . and a homely mutt they call "Lucky."

If you liked "My Pal, Wolf" you're a cinch to like "A Boy, a Girl and a Dog" . . . Watch for it!

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