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Ye Smudge Pot
 By Arthur Perry

In making contact with the moon, the army radar passed through the "ionsphere" with "ultra-short" waves, and almost hit the cost of a tenderloin steak.

Quite aptly, whiskey now on tap, "colored and flavored with wood chips," is known as "run of the mill stock."

It was so cold yesterday many of the Older Girls unblushingly wished they were back in Minnesota, in the red flannels of their distant girlhood.

President Truman is now being blamed for everything, and is a fair target for everybody, ala Herb Hoover. However, no charming New Deal orator, in the coming election campaign oratory, will make reference, at least 12 times in every speech, to "The dark days of 1945."

THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH
 (Smith River News)
 "While 'Auld Lang Syne' was swelling to the rafters as a close to the inspirational community welcome to Rev. E. C. Hicks and family, old-timers looked toward the kitchen where new faces appeared among the women washing up the dishes after the highly successful pot-luck banquet served to over one hundred and twenty-five adults and children."

At a St. Louis wedding all hands fainted, but the best man, the groom sustained a scalp wound, but was ruthlessly revived, and the ceremony proceeded.

The beautiful snow blanketed the landscape today. It caused no unbounded civic whoops of joy, and brought out galoshes.

"SWEET HOME PROVIDES FRIGHT, BUT SPARTANS WIN" — (Hdline Corvallis Gazette-Times) — They were making faces instead of baskets.

"With Sunday as warm as June the week continued to get cooler until Wednesday afternoon Heppner and vicinity was blanketed with a heavy cold fog, much to the disgust of all and sundry." — (Heppner News) — The same here.

Herb Carlton of the Flounce Rock area flounced into town Saturday en route to Bellview, where he attended a Grange meeting, and ate fried chicken.

YOU STOP TALKING SENSE
 "If you can't get a job. If you belong to a union you can't work on account of a strike. Money saved is now being spent; bonds being cashed and slipping away. Ere long men will look back on the days when they were making ten bucks a day and going to picture shows, as they put in wood for fifty cents per hour — Even now inflation is causing much hardship — A new house that would cost \$3000 before the war, now would cost \$8000. All because men are discontented and too apt to follow instructions from a \$20,000 boss who is, of course, interested above all in his own bill-fold. If the government takes over it puts in that form of government no American wants. The situation is a mess. Better go to work." — (Mill City, Ore., Enterprise).

PIONEER DIES
 Los Angeles, Jan. 28 — (U.P.) — Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Capt. William Banning, 87, member of a pioneer transportation family and former owner of Santa Catalina Island.

Dr. Hunter Should Retire

We see nothing that is good and much that is unfortunate in the State board of Higher Education's action in regard to Dr. Charles D. Byrne. It has been well known in education circles for a long time past that Dr. Byrne desired, and had reason to expect, a clarification of his status. He has been doing triple duty—as secretary to the board, as assistant to Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter, as director of information for the state system. And this has involved considerable of the chancellor's own duties, because of the latter's ill health and for other reasons.

MEANWHILE, Dr. Hunter has reached the age of 67. Since he became 65 he has been eligible for retirement, on an annuity paid up by the state, on the initiative either of himself or the board. However, neither Dr. Hunter nor the board has moved. So the matter has been permitted to drift to the point where Dr. Byrne has asked for and received the right to confine himself to his duties as secretary of the board, and has been given a temporary leave.

THE worst of the situation is that as assistant to the chancellor, Dr. Byrne was handling various crucial postwar problems such as housing and the building program in general. He has been doing well; he should remain on the job. We are appreciative of the fact that Dr. Hunter has seen higher education through critical years and deserves every consideration. But with his retirement imminent in any case, we cannot believe that continued delay has been proper on the part of the board. It has permitted affairs to get out of hand.—Portland Oregonian.

How About G. I. Insurance?

We are indebted to Mr. Paul Talbot of United Business Service of Boston for the following excellent advice: I was "shocked and amazed" last week to learn that a large percentage (reported 75 per cent) of returning "G.I.'s" are letting their government life insurance policies lapse shortly after discharge. They are making a serious mistake.

While some provisions of the government temporary insurance may not be to the liking of every individual, the fact remains that it provides the most economical form of life insurance protection that is available—or is likely to be. It can be carried in its present form for eight years from date of purchase, and on any premium due date can be changed to "ordinary life," 20 pay, or 30 pay, by paying the government only the cash value of the new policy.

Many returning servicemen do not know the value of their government policies, largely because there is no enterprising agent at hand to "sell" them on its merits.

But here are a few facts you might pass along to any veteran you know. On an "ordinary life" basis, the cost of \$10,000 protection at age 25 is \$162 compared with about \$215 in a private company. And this first year premium builds up a cash value of \$86, as compared with zero in most companies. Also the payments to the beneficiary are more liberal, being about \$36 a month instead of about \$31 in a comparable commercial policy. Other provisions are equally advantageous.

While there might be an occasional life insurance agent who would take advantage of a veteran's lack of knowledge of insurance matters to "sell his own wares," I believe that number is negligible. I would therefore strongly urge every returning G.I. to talk over his insurance problems with a qualified life underwriter before making any change in his government insurance.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

When God first made the flowers
 He saved the reddest rose.
 And he placed the blushing color
 On your cheek, where now it
 glows.
 Then some stardust, just a
 sprinkling,
 Which he gathered from the
 skies,
 And now I see it twinkling
 In your limpid laughing eyes.
 —Richard Daring.

(Above is the first verse of a "come-from-the-heart" poem titled "To Stephanie." The author says it was inspired by his dancing teacher, who is currently instructing him in the intricacies of the rumba, conga and samba. In inspiring love on the part of a male customer hospital nurses lead the list. Dancing teachers are second. Waitresses third. Manicurists fourth.)

My girl friend generally features a pleasant smile. But for the past few days her expression has been grim. There is a desperate glint in her eyes. It seems she has been unable to find for sale anywhere a pair of stockings, either nylon or rayon. Yesterday she waited in line an hour to purchase hosiery and was shut out when still a half block from the stocking counter. Now she has a hot tip on two places that may have stockings available tomorrow. She is considering drafting me to stand in one of the two lines. If we are both shut out she is going to give the whole thing up and wear bobby socks.

Asking
 Queries from clients: Q. I question the oft repeated claim New Englanders have pie for breakfast. Have you ever actually been in a New England home where pie was served with the morning meal? A. When a lad I worked on a farm near Andover, Mass. At this place pie was regularly served for breakfast. And

I mean regular pie such as apple, mince, pumpkin pie. Q. One of your female clients complained that San Francisco bachelors were in the habit of buying a girl "a cheap spaghetti dinner." What I want to know is where in San Francisco can you get a cheap spaghetti dinner? A. How about around Telegraph Hill? And the North Beach section, Joe Di Maggio's old neighborhood? Have the spaghetti joints around there gone high hat?

Mules & Men

Asks a young woman born under the sign of Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23): "May I expect a Pisces (Feb. 20-Mar. 21) man to propose within a reasonable time or will I have to stir him to activity in that respect by a few gentle hints?" According to stargazers Piscean males need more than the average urging to be brought to the point of proposal. They are indecisive and are always asking themselves "Am I doing the right thing?" The clinging vine technique is reported very effective with men of this sign. They enjoy being considered sturdy oaks. They are extremely fond of having good looking women ask them for advice. Libra women are very clever at inspiring proposals from men and one born under that sign should have no trouble with a reluctant Piscean. Or so say the stargazers. Incidentally, stargazers claim that insofar as matrimony is concerned Pisces and Libra are incompatible signs.

Passing By

Marion Leonard, Cinema star of yesterday, Marion was the first film star to have her name used on the screen or in advertising. She was the star of the first film in which Mary Pickford appeared. That was a one-

reeler produced by D. W. Griffith in 1908. . . Jim Jeffries. The old heavyweight champion, himself, in person. Appears to be in the pink. I never saw Jim fight. The first heavyweight champion I saw in action was Jack Dempsey.

Says She
 "That woman who said a man who helps with the housework is considered an easy mark and a chump by his wife is far off the beam. I suspect her of being a frustrated frump," writes a New Yorker. "A man who helps even a little endears himself much more to the feminine heart than the boorish oaf who lolls complacently in his easy chair utterly unmoved by the fact his spouse is struggling alone in the kitchen with a mountain of dishes. A wife does not look on a husband who considerably helps her as a chump, but as a bit of a darling."

No Six Footers
 Remember that song "Down On The Farm"? Wasn't the farm featured in this ditty in Michigan? Anyway, I have a letter from a young woman who lives on a farm near Washington, Mich. She encloses a snapshot which reveals her to be a very smart looking girl. However, she is one of those tall girls who worry so much about their height. She is 5 feet 11 inches tall and says she is unable to find a dance partner taller than she is, adding: "There are just no six footers among men in this part of Michigan." A sad state of affairs. Maybe this young woman should move to Texas or Brooklyn where six footers are plentiful.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 28.—Only by three per cent has the cost of living risen in nearly three years, said Mr. Truman to congress, in reaching the remarkable conclusion that "the fight against inflation has been waged successfully." The figure seemed to be a misprint. Most people thought he meant 30 per cent. But no, careful rereading of his message will show he said the cost of living "index" of the government—the statistics—had crept up but three per cent. In this, of course, he was correct.



THE government has waged a much more magnificent fight against letting price statistics rise than against prices. They do this by weighing their index heavily with non-existent and hard-to-get commodities. For instance, they may consider nylon hose prices, but few can get them. The price is purely figurative. The government may brag about holding tenderloin steak prices down, but few can get them. The government may brag about holding tenderloin steak prices down, but few can get them. The government may brag about holding tenderloin steak prices down, but few can get them.

The other commodities beyond price control are available and represent the real cost of living today. Any shopper or housewife can testify these have gone up much more than three per cent, especially when you consider quality depreciation and quantity chiseling. Only a man living beyond personal contact with the workaday world in the White House, where every thing is bought for him, could possibly believe the actual cost of living has been held to a three per cent increase since May, 1943.

BUT the government's self-deception on this base figure, from which its economic policies are deduced, runs far beyond unrealistic statistics. Mr. Truman, himself, disclosed what the public seldom has noticed namely that the treasury is paying out cash to producers to hold many a price list where it is. He asked congress for appropriations to continue subsidies already running over a billion (yes billion) dollars a year. These subsidies he mentioned on sugar, butter, bread, meat, milk and cheese, are actually price increases which do not show in the figures.

Take sugar. The price "line" has been held at the expense of no one being able to get enough sugar. There is plenty of sugar available in the off-shore storages. The government haggled against paying an increase of 1/2 cent a pound and therefore was not able to get the sugar. Now some compromise is being negotiated to pay a fraction of a cent increase, and we may get some sugar, but Mr. Truman

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wants to continue the government subsidy, beyond next July 1 or, he says, sugar will rise one cent a pound, which he considers alarming.

BUTTER? The butter "line" has been held by creating a condition where people cannot get butter. The price of cream was allowed to rise to the point where producers could make more money selling the cream instead of making it into butter on which the price was limited. That is why we have had a butter shortage. Meat? Flour? Cash from the treasury is being paid producers for not increasing prices, and now Mr. Truman says these subsidies must be continued or increased else meats will go up three to five cents and bread one cent a loaf next July 1, when the subsidies expire.

For his proposal to continue the subsidies, Mr. Truman was denounced by one farm organization as advocating "the worst double-cross of the farmers in history." The unanimity of the farm bureau, grange and farmers' union against the subsidies practically assures their discontinuance by the congress, despite Mr. Truman's recommendation. Thus the food price increases forecast by the president are apt to be realized.

SO what? Well, the effect will be disastrous on the government price statistics. But as far as the people are concerned, they will merely be paying the price increase when they buy the sugar or butter, instead of paying it in taxes through the treasury to the producers on the side. People now have money, and the wage increases Mr. Truman is promoting should enable the public to face the increases forecast—one cent a loaf on bread, one to two cents on milk, one cent on sugar and so on. The people are paying it now anyway—and paying more, because the administrative cost of handling the subsidies in many cases runs higher than the subsidy itself and this cost will be wiped out if subsidies are stopped.

The "hold the price line" policy which Mr. Truman thinks has been so successful is then, in reality, not a line but a sieve. On food, it is a fiction maintained by statistics, which are absurdly obsolete, and by more than a billion dollars a year of treasury cash subsidies.

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 permitted. This the Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

Agrees With Senator Morse
 To the editor: I agree most heartily with RWR's editorial in your issue of 21st. I predict that both of the Old Line parties, Democrats and Republicans, are likely to wake up and miss the boat. I believe that most people agree that Senator Morse's answer to Senator Taft should give Congress some idea of how the people are thinking.

Elwood Hussey, Cave City, Ore.

F.D.R. and Polio
 To the editor: In answer to A. L. (name on file) of January 22, I wish to suggest he purchase a copy of Colliers' for Feb. 2, 1946 and read the article on page 21. "Unconquerable Spirit" by Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntyre.

On page 30: "He bought the property from Mr. Peabody and incorporated the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation as a non-profit institution. About 1200 acres were taken over, together with the buildings, and fully two-thirds of F.D.R.'s personal fortune went into the project." This was in the year 1926, and the article should help to keep the record straight.

It's a great institution for a very worthy cause and warrants support from us all.

Harold O. Willis.

Appreciates Editorial Support

To the editor: Both Dr. E. T. Hedlund, state chairman, and myself want to thank you for the splendid cooperation you are giving your County March of Dimes committee in publicizing the work being done and

the need for funds to combat infantile paralysis.

Your cooperative effort and interest in our work are contributing materially toward a successful conclusion of the 1946 March of Dimes.

Eugene W. Hall
 Oregon Representative
 120 Broadway, New York

Question of the Hour

To the editor: Many years ago young girls played the game "button, button, who has the button?" Today this game is being played by old and young alike except the word button has been changed to butter. Right here in Medford and throughout the nation, the burning topic is butter and not the weather, for a change. Right here in the county seat of this ever-green, delightful Rogue valley, that has 18,000 head of dairy cattle, and a half dozen creameries to handle the thousands of gallons of milk these cows produce, butter is nearly off the market; in fact, to use an old term, as scarce as hen's teeth.

This shortage of butter for old and young alike is serious as it ranks tons in calories of all human food. For example one pound of good butter equals six pounds of beef steak and for that reason alone butter should be much higher than it is today. The creamery men butter makers of the nation, can not be charged with the shortage, as it rests squarely on the heads of the OPA. For the low selling price placed on butter fat the creamery operators are not going to operate at a loss. As a usual thing the profit on butter is very small in comparison to other commodities; therefore at present whole milk is being converted into cheese, ice cream, evaporated and canned milk that will show a small profit, rather than a loss if made into butter. Butter making is an expensive operation and has to be handled with great care by carefully trained experts.

This nation is the heaviest consumer of butter. In 1942 we produced two billion pounds and in addition a half million pounds of cheese, a quarter billion of powdered milk and close to two billion of evaporated or condensed milk, with no record of the whole milk consumed. As New York alone consumes a billion quarts of whole milk the total must be enormous for the nation. It takes ten gallons of whole milk to produce one and a third gallons of cream. The average content of a pound of butter, is 82 percent butter fat, the balance being a certain amount of water, salt, albumen sugar and casein.

Therefore when you go to your favorite store and can't get butter, just cuss the OPA, and let it go at that.

G. H. Young

INCORPORATION SOUGHT BY CAVE CITY PETITION

Grants Pass, Jan. 28.—A petition seeking incorporation of Cave City, on the Redwood highway west of here, has been filed before the Josephine county court. Signed by 43 Cave City residents, the petition has been filed with County Clerk Ben W. Coutant. Incorporation of the town has long been discussed but the recent flood gave the move impetus by showing the urgent need for a proper sewage system which can best be affected under a city government.

Gold Hill

Gold Hill, Jan. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shoemaker are making their home here since his discharge from the army Jan. 17. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shoemaker. First Sgt. Joseph L. Shoemaker arrived Jan. 18 to visit his brother whom he had not seen in five years. The sergeant expects to be stationed at Camp White for six months.

Mr. and Mrs. George Large are repairing their house, adding new windows and built-ins. Guests at the Large home are Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Large of Project City, Calif. their son and daughter-in-law.

Mrs. Billie Griffith has been ill with a cold recently.

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

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TEN YEARS AGO
 January 28, 1936
 (It Was Tuesday)
 January rainfall 6.67 inches, a new record.

Senate overrides Roosevelt veto of bonus bill.

Dick Loebe, one of the rich slayers of Chicago youth, slashed in Joliet prison.

Partly cloudy. High 59, low 41.

"Pirate of Penzance" presented by senior high school, with Mary Ann Gates and Harvey Field, Jr., in leading roles is a big success.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
 January 28, 1916
 (It Was Thursday)

People urged to build now, as local labor is plentiful and needs employment.

Two Crescent City rum violators are fined \$1200.

Col. William Mitchell resigns from army, and will take lecture platform.

Cloudy. High 55, low 42.

Three thousand national guardsmen to camp here this summer.

Toggery Bill Isaacs is elected vice president of Oregon clothiers.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
 January 28, 1912
 (It Was Monday)

France getting ready for war with Italy.

Gov. West is considering special session of legislature.

Eden Valley farmers plan to raise tomatoes for the Talent cannery.

The Gold Hill News "The Taxpayers Paper" advertises an article on "Muckraking in Jackson County."

THE GRANGE

Central Point Grange
 Central Point Grange will hold a special meeting for initiation Tuesday at 8 p. m. An evening of recreation has been planned to follow the business meeting and guest Grangers will be present.

Each Central Point Grange lady is asked to bring sandwiches and cookies for her family and a guest family.

Sams Valley Grange
 Sams Valley Grange enjoyed a potluck supper at the meeting Jan. 19. Mrs. Alexander and her all-string orchestra from Medford rendered a Hawaiian musical program which every one enjoyed.

Master John Peffley was in the Master's chair again after several weeks visit with relatives in Washington. Roll called found Mr. and Mrs. George Loflin absent from their posts. They are visiting in California.

Elwood Abbott reported on sales prices of hay, seed, etc. Albert Straus gave a report on the A.A.A. conference at Corvallis which he recently attended. He gave interesting talks on farming, school lunches, and told of the way the conference was conducted and the interest each one there had in the meeting as each delegate was on a committee and each was a part of the conference. Bill Dugan reported on the livestock situation here and in California.

Four new members are ready for the 1st and 2nd degrees which they will take at Central Point.

The Grange grounds have been leveled and newly coated with crushed rock and two outside lights have been installed. Welcome visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Diess from Live Oak Grange and Mrs. Millie Walker and Mrs. Lucy Edgington from Gold Hill Grange.

In the American colonies in 1673, Connecticut adopted branding instead of the death penalty.

SERGEANT JOLTS JAP BLACK MART

Fukuoka, Japan, Jan. 28.—(U.P.) —An American sergeant who spent six weeks fraternizing with Japanese racketeers today was officially credited with smashing a million dollar black market ring.

Sgt. Frank J. Oliver, 23, of Cross City, Fla., a 5th air force member, so successfully received his "colleagues" that U. S. military police were able to arrest six Japanese members of the ring and confiscate two truckloads of Japanese army goods and \$2,000 in currency.

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