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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

There is some question what

the public will do fastest: Be-

lieve a rumor without thinking,

or sign a petition without read-

ing.

Bull Head City is the name of

a town located near a \$77,000-

000 reclamation project in Ari-

zona. It could be just the place

for the UNO capitol now experi-

encing difficulty finding a site.

The Older Girls are having

more trouble getting Nylons

than their husbands had getting

shotgun shells during the war

time shortage.

SOUNDS PLAUSIBLE

(Canyon City News)

"The local rationing board

ceased to exist as such Feb. 1.

An urgent need of such an or-

ganization at certain times,

goes without question, but the

trall to its door was fraught

with disappointment and

many cuss words."

Uruguay might some day re-

gret the recommended life terms,

instead of death, for the Nazi

war criminals. If by some wild

whirl of the wheel of fate, they

should be meted what Uruguay

asks, Uruguay would be the top

choice as their land of exile.

People are growing impatient

over the delay in the arrival of

Spring. In many Februarys of

the past, the John Perle almond

tree has been killed by frost

three times before Lincoln's

birthday.

Many veterans, home from

the war, have less hair on their

heads than when they marched

away. This is considered quite

a joke by civilians, who have

less hair than when the veteran

marched away, though the veter-

eran does not mention it.

HOLD THE PRESS!

(Astoria Astorian-Budget)

The Astorian-Budget's sports

editor, who is also court house

reporter, photographer, print de-

veloper, farm news editor, veter-

ans editor and proof reader,

was out of action on all fronts at

7:22 a. m. today. It's a boy."

Along with all his other woes,

President Truman is now afoul

of Secretary Ickes, who charges

the presidential choice for under-

secretary of navy offered a large

political contribution to avert a

federal oil suit. The secretary,

who said many mean things

about republicans, has been say-

ing meaner things about New

Deal shennanigans at a Senate

hearing. The secretary is re-

portedly on his way out. Be-

fore he gets out, he may reveal

other fancy diodes of his clique

to "keep the social gains" and

themselves in power.

El Had AbryanzmukIntropil-

asus, a Syrian military leader

sustained a broken jaw in an

auto accident. As the cause is

known, it eliminates any suspi-

cion it was caused by trying

to tell somebody who he was.

CHINESE CURRENCY

"He rickshawed all over the

place, visited temples, bought

souvenirs, dined in the swanky

restaurants. But when the day

was over he still had a little of

that \$7,000,000 (worth about \$50

here) left. Last week Sgt. Cutch-

in returned with the change—

bills for \$10,000, \$5,000 and

\$200. The Press hasn't yet de-

ecided what to do with its \$15-

200."—(Press Dispatch.)

A new process developed at

the University of Wisconsin for

converting nitrogen in the air in-

to nitrates promises more econ-

omical fertilizers for farmers.

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News of the Week Condensed

(Clip and Mail to Those in Service or Distant Friends)

Dear.....

Date.....

The groundhog's prediction of six weeks additional winter weather has been true of the past week, with blustery, cold winds and rain. The January weather review shows that month to have been somewhat cooler and wetter than usual, with an excess of .69 inches of rainfall, including a little snow. This week's "people are funny" story centers around a rumor which had the town on its ear for about 24 hours. The rumor was \$3 for Virginia Long, one-time Medfordite now living in San Francisco, who bet her friend, Barbara Stone, that she could prove Medford still fell for gossip. They told three people that "Virginia Long" had been killed in an automobile accident, with the result that the family of Virginia Long, high school student, received a score of telephone calls from sympathetic friends while police, the coroner and reporters tried to find the "corpus delicti." The two perpetrators confessed Wednesday morning and gave the \$3 to the infantile paralysis fund.

In the "believe it or not" department we have a story about six horses on the Claud Hoover farm wrecking 18 hives of bees and eating the honey, along with any bees that happened to be in the way.

The Rogue River country broke into print in this week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post, an article by Jean Muir of Portland telling how the nesters, miners and old-timers of the middle and lower Rogue district resent the intrusion of Hollywood stars and other outsiders into their territory, where the bears outnumber the people 40 to one. Pictures of fishermen, boatmen and beautiful river scenes illustrate the article.

School patrons and officials are beginning to mull over tentative plans for remodeling and enlarging the Junior high school, which has an enrollment of about 250 more pupils than it was built to handle. Schoolrooms are so crowded students can't pass from one side of the room to the other without the teacher standing against the wall, so it is said.

Finding a place to live remains the number one problem of scores of people in spite of the dozens of new homes being erected in all parts of the city and valley. January was the largest month for building permits on record, with 84 permits issued by the city. Parking meters are to be installed this month and in Central Point final plans are being made for installing new water mains and for remodeling the fire hall to accommodate a new fire engine. The Fluhrer building is being remodeled to provide more space for Barker's store, and a boys' clothing department is to be set up in the basement.

Reorganization of the Rogue River National Forest is under way and the present four ranger districts will be made into six, with new stations at Ashland and Prospect. Unusually heavy recreational use of the forest is anticipated for the coming next few years.

At a farm planning conference the horticultural committee suggested limited apple increase, maintenance of pear varieties, careful peach expansion and operating of housing facilities for permanent workers. The crops committee advised growing of subterranean clover or vetch on low production lands, use of larger tracts by the experiment station, production of small seed crops, limited acreage of sugar beet seed crops and maintenance of corn production as feed. Reduction of herds was advised, and expansion of chicken flocks with reduction of turkey flocks. A 16 per cent increase in the rural population was noted. A profit sharing plan was discussed at a meeting of producers with the slagley Canning company of Ashland.

A favorable picture of the local lumber industry was painted at a meeting of Jackson and Josephine county lumbermen held here this week.

Medford high's cagers continued at the top of the Southern Oregon conference ladder this week with four straight wins. They meet Klamath Falls here tonight and Ashland here Feb. 15 in the only remaining conference games. Annual district four tournament for a berth in the state play-offs at Salem March 13, 14, 15 and 16, will be held at Ashland March 1 and 2.

First place tie in the Southern Oregon independent basketball league was broken this week when the Ashland Elks edged the Camp White Navy 52 to 42 to take command of first place. Medford junior high, under Norm Worthley, former chief petty officer, clinched the South-

ern Oregon junior high crown by stopping Ashland 26 to 18 this week.

County Judge J. B. Coleman will be a candidate for re-election and George Carter, county clerk, has also filed for the nomination. Vern Smith and Howard Gault have both stated they will run for sheriff while Frank Van Dyke and O. H. Bengston have both indicated they will run for another term in the legislature. Also seeking re-election are Commissioner William Perry and Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna.

The war department has declared Lt. David S. Williams officially dead, a year having passed since he was reported missing in action after a flight to Cologne Jan. 10, 1945. He was co-pilot of a B-17.

Newest discharges are Ray Childress, former corporal with the transportation corps in Manila; Lewis A. (Bud) Rose, last stationed on Korea after leaving Okinawa; Clyde Rolland Varner, former technical sergeant with the signal corps who served in the Pacific; Edgar M. Clevon, who spent 10 months overseas with a hospital unit and Bill J. Gitzon, veteran of three years service with the engineer corps, including several months in Italy.

Home for the first time in four years is Paul Chesnut, FC 1/c in the navy and now serving on the USS Portsmouth. Richard Stout, who spent 15 months in Germany with the 70th division, was recently discharged and William Gaines, AOM 3/c, has also been discharged. Ardo Stocks has been discharged from the army medical corps after serving with the 84th division and Paul Parson, Plr 2/c who spent 27 months in the Pacific, has been released. Cpl. Harris Jones is at Camp Atterbury, Ind., for discharge and plans then to enter Hanover college, Ind. Ensign McDonald Devaney is on terminal leave from the navy after three years in the Pacific.

William C. Bryant has been discharged after service in Ireland and England and will work in Los Angeles while George Bryant, at Ft. Riley for the past two and one-half years, was released last week. Recently inducted into the army were William Patton, Lawrence Scheigh, Charles H. Smith, Alfred C. O'ford, Richard L. Shafer, Henry R. Dunham and Calvin O'Neale. William Cushman, Ralph Fowler, Warren Wright and Merle Harper, all of Prospect, have enlisted in the air corps.

When the cable attached to the hydrophone in Crater lake broke last week, the geologist abandoned his watch at the lake and returned to Medford from where he left for Washington. The attempt to record a return of volcanic activity to the lake was abandoned when a snowslide broke the cable connecting the hydrophone with the recording instrument in the lodge.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer. Although the use of a pen name or initials in publication is permitted, the Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

TRUTH NEEDED

To the editor: The President is right, what labor and capital need is someone to find facts for them. In fact we all need to be told the truth, especially the laboring class and our legislators. An atom of common sense, put to use, is better than one to explode. Expanding production and distribution, getting a surplus to a place of need, is better than restraint of trade, and killing little pigs. The world is full of needy. Free transportation to the needy would be better than tariff measures or subsidies. We must now get a world vision and supervision. Any unrestrained power is dangerous. The most hopeful sign of today is the trials now going on to punish war criminals and higher-ups, never before attempted. There can be no veto of justice.

Unionists now comprise about one-tenth of our population, about 25% of the laboring class. It is unseemly for the tail to wag the dog. The clique now forcing up the price of steel, and virtually devaluing the dollar for all

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of us, comprises about one per cent of our population. Labor is basis of all our wealth and wages paid govern all prices, including the cost of living.

You might as well try to hold down the lid of a boiling kettle as to hold prices down when wages are raised. The ultimate result of labor's present demonstrations will be to show democracy's weakness in government. Passing a law by legislators does not make it right, neither can a biased supreme court's ruling.

Laws now passed do not represent the intelligence of the legislators but usually the will of organized pressure groups.

A preferred class has no place in democracy. Asking special privileges is admission of inferiority, in the same class as with infants and insane.

The greatest aid to commerce that could be devised, would be a universal currency and standard scale of wages.

It would also be the greatest step in progress of world peace and equal opportunity that could be taken.

We might as well have the baby vote on more candy, as to have laborers vote on more pay; they are no better qualified to decide the matter as it affects the entire world. We sure need a fact-finding body to give us a rational world policy for the best interests of all instead of leaving it to the scramble of selfish greed.

Our present democracy is a shame instead of a model.

I. C. JONES.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 20 and 34 years ago

TEN YEARS AGO
February 8, 1936
(It Was Saturday)

California maintains ban on transients in Siskiyou.

Congress moves to pass neutrality bill at once.

Unsettled with rain. High 53, low 32 degrees.

Medford high quint defeats Chemawa in two games.

Building boom seen here in spring.

Next week National Defense week to be observed here.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
February 8, 1926
(It Was Monday)

Germany is rolled by fiery speech of Duce Mussolini of Italy.

Threat to invade Austria, and block L of N seen.

Lincoln banquet to be main civic event of this week.

Medford high five defeats Roseburg 31 to 9.

President Coolidge still firm government shall not interfere in coal strike.

Former Senator Chamberlain of Oregon sustains stroke in Washington, D. C.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
February 8, 1912
(It Was Thursday)

New Carnegie library to be opened tonight.

Frank Brown of Eagle Point to be named county commissioner to fill vacancy due to resignation of George L. Davis.

Applegate "Vigilante committee" catch two cattle thieves red-handed, and force them to depart.

The Texas jack rabbit has been clocked at a speed in excess of 45 miles an hour.

VETERANS ENJOY \$3,000 EXEMPTION ON STATE TAXES

Although a \$3000 deduction for any part of each year in service will exempt the majority from paying an income tax, Oregon's returning servicemen were reminded today that they must file a state income tax return, the same as civilians, by the April 15 deadline.

Details of income tax obligations and exemptions pertaining to Oregon veterans as passed by the 1943 legislature were simplified by state income tax commission officials at the request of Hugh E. Rosson, state veterans' affairs director, and were released today as follows:

The veteran must file a report on his 1945 earnings.

He is allowed a deduction of \$3000 from his net income for any part of each year in active service, for the years 1942 through 1945. This means that veterans who served as enlisted personnel or in the lower ranks of commissioned officers, and who had little or no income other than service pay, will have no tax liability in most cases for the years of service.

He may save money by filing a joint income tax return with his wife. By so doing, if his \$3000 deduction was not used up, the remainder of this deduction can be applied to his wife's deductible income. What this does, in effect, is to give his wife a greater reduction than she would otherwise have.

Assistance in preparing returns may be obtained at the offices of the Tax Commission in Salem, Room 100, State Office Building, or in Portland, Room 709, Oregon Building. For information and forms, write the State Tax Commission, Salem.

DAMAGED SEQUIN CLUB UNDERGOING REPAIRS

Announcement was made today that the attractive Sequin club dining room in the Del Rogue hotel, Grants Pass, is being rebuilt following the fire which damaged the hotel on February 1. Eighteen rooms and the coffee shop, also severely damaged by fire, are being rehabilitated. Temporary dining

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service is being provided in the Rose room at the Del Rogue with Paul Bulkin, well known chef, former operator of Portland's Russian Village, charge of the kitchen.

The Sequin club was considered one of Oregon's finest night clubs before the fire and assurance is given that the reconstruction will provide even more handsome clubrooms. Improvements will also be made in the Del Rogue's coffee shop, it was announced. Rebuilding will be completed within 30 days.

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