

Review Writ Granted To Safeway Stores

Portland, Ore., Mar. 17.—(U.P.) Safeway Stores, Inc., today had a writ of review of recent proceedings that resulted in the firm being denied an application to sell Portland-processed milk in its Salem stores.

Circuit Judge James W. Crawford granted the writ, after the firm filed a petition aimed against a ruling by Thomas L. Ohlsen, milk marketing administrator. The writ means that the court will review records of Ohlsen's proceedings.

Safeway asked for permission last November to sell milk and cream processed and paper-packaged in its Lucerne plant here for sale in Salem stores. The milk and cream would be purchased from producers already

holding a Salem market quota. Ohlsen ordered a hearing on the request because he considered it to be an attempt by Safeway to get an extension of the firm's processor-distributor license to cover the Salem sales area.

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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago

10 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 17, 1924
(It Was Sunday)

L. C. Offenbacher ranch home on Big Apple road destroyed by fire.

Jackson county D. A. V. chapter elects Carol J. Parker commander and auxiliary names Mrs. Edward Neff commander.

Medford to receive plaque for having best 1933 traffic safety record for cities 10,000 in population class.

Richard L. Sabin named manager of Oregon Caves resort.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 17, 1914
(It Was Sunday)

City wins superior court decision in Big Butte springs water dispute.

Arthur M. Geary, formerly of Medford and now Portland attorney, asked to oppose Sen. Charles McNary in primary.

Fred Colvig reported to have best grades in high school.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 17, 1900
(It Was Friday)

C. M. Thomas announces candidacy for representative on republican ticket.

Earl Woodshed and Clarence Lovern negotiate Siskiyou in automobile despite ice, snow and mud.

Mesdames A. J. Vance, F. W. Thorne, T. W. Williamson and Roger S. Bennett will be hostesses for St. Patrick's day dance.

Salem Aluminum Firm To Make Fertilizer

Salem, Ore., Mar. 17.—Three Salem men have taken a lease on the war-born Salem Alumina plant, and indicated today they plan to manufacture fertilizer.

The men are Charles Strickfaden, head of the Capital Lumber company; George A. Rhoten, Salem attorney; and Arch W. Metzger, who has been identified with the Alumina plant for several years.

The government built the plant in World War II at a cost of several million dollars to develop the manufacture of Alumina from clay. The process was in an experimental stage when the war ended.

Communists Plentiful In Clatsop County

Astoria, Ore., Mar. 17.—(U.P.) An army reserve intelligence officer said today that Clatsop county had more than five times its share of known communists.

Charles Wood, who spoke recently to the Astoria Lions club, said that on the national average Clatsop could expect to have only four communists. He said, however, the county had 22 known members of the party divided into two cells in Astoria.

Wood promised that local clubs would be given more information on measures to be taken against communists and fellow travelers.

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Smudging Time Again

Spring is in the air, pear buds are burgeoning and most any day now Medford housewives will be forced to start undergoing their trial by fire—smudge pot fire, that is—as orchardists engage in the annual battle with Jack Frost.

IN the citrus growing region of California opposition to the smudge scourge has crystallized into initiative petitions seeking a law to outlaw smudge pots. Householders and store keepers there are torn between regard for the revenue producing fruit growers and impatience with the all-pervading soot which damages home furnishings and store merchandise.

California municipalities find, however, that they can do little to outlaw or control the nuisance. Ontario, for instance, passed an ordinance banning smudging within the city limits but it was demonstrated that smoke once in the air doesn't respect city limits when the breezes are in the right direction.

ASIDE from inconvenience of the heavy, sooty smoke, there is some question as to the amount of actual damage done by smudging compared with what fruit or profits from fruit are saved. Growers point out that they have smudged for years and never suffered much home or other damage. They claim, undoubtedly with good reason, that the loss of fruit would be heavy if orchard heating were abandoned.

THAT the practice of smudging is an expensive business for the growers and one which they would be glad to discontinue if it were possible, is shown by figures from Los Angeles county, California, where registration of smudge pots is required and where figures are consequently easy to obtain. About 900,000 pots are used in the county, an estimated one-third of which are old and in bad condition and in need of replacement.

Modern pots cost \$5 or more each and in the more dangerous frost areas at least one pot to a tree is required. Three to five gallons of oil is burned nightly in each pot, at a cost of 8 to 10 cents a gallon.

When it is considered that to burn all the pots in California for one hour would cost \$500,000, to say nothing of expense involved in pot tending, hauling oil and other incidentals, the burden which smudging puts on the growers can be better realized.

NUMEROUS inventions have been brought forth in more recent years in efforts to overcome the smoke nuisance attendant upon use of smudge pots but to date nothing has been developed that will do the job as well or as cheaply as the dirty, smelly, but simple and reliable pot.

Most recent development in the search for a new method of orchard heating is a turbojet unit which, its makers claim, will also serve to dry rugs and perform other related tasks.

THE turbojet, invented by 34-year-old Edward West Jr., a graduate Stanford engineer, will revolutionize current methods of orchard heating, it is asserted, one unit being sufficient to do the work of 500 smudge pots.

Fuel oil to operate 500 smudge pots costs around \$500 per hour, while the turbojet, fueled with diesel oil costs only \$2. One turbojet will heat 10 acres.

MOUNTED on a portable, rubber-tired outfit, the turbojets may be transported into orchards, placed conveniently, started and up to 1000 degrees of heat generated in a matter of only three seconds. The hot air, however, is mixed with cold as it leaves the machine and it would be possible for a person to stand within three feet of the jet's exhaust without being burned, so the invention's backers claim.

—E.C.F.

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 permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 300 words.

The Last Straw

To the Editor: Editor Ruhl's allegation that Chambers "persuaded" Hiss to betray his country is the last straw. R.W.R.'s singular bias in favor of Hiss has almost driven me to "take my pen in hand" before. Now I must.

Having followed this case closely in the press and news magazines, I recall nowhere encountering testimony corroborating such an allegation. Nor can I go along with R.W.R. in claiming that Gubitchev led Coplon to her downfall. These contacts are almost certainly arranged by commie higher-ups. Coplon was ready and willing to do her bit for Russia before she ever saw Gubitchev. Getting back to Chambers, I do recall that he testified he begged and pleaded with Hiss to leave the party at the same time Chambers did.

R.W.R.'s education on the devious doing of communism, while advancing, is still far from complete. It began with the softness characteristic of the Roosevelt era—the attitude that communism is just a cute phase of growing up, the radical phase, daring and rather smart. Many youngsters have been gulled into the party as a result of this attitude, but if they had brains at all comparable with Hiss', they would have seen through it as to how "cute" communism really is. If they stayed on after that, it was because of hatred for democracy, lust for power or similar motives. Such softness toward communism on the part of Roosevelt led to Teheran and other such debacles.

Early in the trial R.W.R. first sought to apologize for Hiss on such grounds of youthful indiscretion. Then when Hiss' greater guilt became more and more obvious—even to R.W.R.—he reluctantly censured Hiss; but

sought a Judas—Chambers—to explain the downfall of such a shining young man. R.W.R. should know better than to judge character by appearances. Chambers has not gone unpunished, as R.W.R. contends. He has lost his excellent job with Time, and has suffered the bitterest torments which Hiss' lawyers could devise. His past, admittedly unsavory, has been exposed in minute and often irrelevant detail. The most unkind cut of all was the gratuitous testimony of the psychiatric "expert" that Chambers had a psychopathic mind. This "expert" apparently had formed an even greater aversion toward Chambers than R.W.R. According to the accounts I read, however, the "expert" succeeded only in hurting himself far more than Chambers.

Chambers has erred grievously in the past, it's true, but to my mind he has made amends and deserves a vote of thanks. The F.B.I. and the house un-American committee have great confidence in him. Read the March 13 Newsweek.

Almus Pruitt.

The Sister Flag

To the Editor: America has two flags. One, known to all nations, symbolizes liberty, justice, truth. The other symbolizes mercy and humanity. It is the latter we wish to enlarge on.

We, the disabled veterans who witnessed the hell of three wars, know the value of peace on earth, good will toward men.

Through the years overseas and at home, wherever we found Old Glory we also found its sister flag—a red cross on a white background; the only flag recognized, respected, and honored by all nations.

We veterans have witnessed our wounded comrades and our enemy prisoners of war under the merciful protection of this flag of humanity.

This is a troubled world of confusion and unrest. Its weary peoples are haunted by the constant threat of war.

The responsibilities and needs of all Red Cross organizations are greater than ever, for the threat of the atomic and hydrogen bombs is a challenge to those



Those are about the last snowballs we'll get until next winter, and I'm afraid they're gonna melt before we can use 'em on somebody!

free men; but the work must go on in the name of humanity.

The success of the American Red Cross is due to its thousands of volunteer workers and the generosity of the American people. Among these workers are found the Gray Ladies of the American Red Cross. Their innumerable kindnesses impel us to feel the greatness of the country it was our privilege to serve in time of war.

We, the disabled veterans, respect those gray uniforms as we respect our flag and the uniforms of the young comrades who have taken over the defense of our country—an honor that was once ours.

The great responsibility of the American flag is supported by us, the people. Its sister flag is supported by its thousands of volunteer workers and the great-heartedness of the American public.

To the veteran, the red cross, whenever it is found, symbolizes the hearts of our comrades who gave their all that America might live. The white background of that flag symbolizes humanity and mercy.

May we, the people of America, count our blessings and keep our flag of humanity flying proudly in its proper place at the side of Old Glory.

And may this Red Cross drive be dedicated to the memory of those little white crosses scattered throughout the world. They mark the resting places of our comrades, who gave their all that Old Glory and its sister flag might continue flying over a great and good-hearted nation.

Speaking on behalf of my comrades, God bless the volunteer workers of America for their devotion and loyalty to the cause of the American Red Cross and humanity.

RICHARD REEVES
Los Angeles.

To the Editor: March is Aquarium month. Children explore roadside ponds, creeks. The net brings up waterbugs, backswimmers, whirligig beetles, dragonfly larvae. These water creatures may be easily raised indoors. They are as interesting as a three-ringed circus.

When a hungry waterbug makes a meal, overnight, on the others of the aquarium happy family. An aquarium is easily made. A fruit jar will answer as a container, although one of colorless glass is to be preferred. There should be sand at the bottom.

Water should be clear to see what is happening. Duckweed and spirogyra are necessary to give the vegetable balance. Snails should be obtained for scavenger work. Either the round-shelled or the taper-shelled species are to be had in almost any creek, often even in an old horse trough.

Books with information about making an aquarium may be had from most county libraries.

N. Goethe.
Sacramento, Cal.

McMinnville, Ore., Mar. 17.—(U.P.)—Clarence Delp, 67, Bellevue, died in the McMinnville hospital today of injuries suffered when he was struck by an automobile on highway No. 18.

San Bernardino, Cal., Mar. 17.—(U.P.)—Physical Culturist Bernarr MacFadden has bought the "operating rights" to the swank Arrowhead Springs hotel here.

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Accidents In Woods Subject Of Warning

Salem, Mar. 17.—A warning concerning winter damage to forests causing overhead hazards in the woods, has been issued by the accident prevention division of the state industrial accident commission to all persons employed in the forests of Oregon.

Men who work in the woods—timber cruisers, road construction crews, fallers, buckers and those who have responsibility for assignment of men to woods work areas, were specifically warned to examine every tree under which they work or pass.

Especially in areas where there is evidence of damage. Limbs and tops of trees, whether deciduous or coniferous, were badly damaged or broken by the 1930 "silver thaw," sub-zero weather, and heavy snows.

Despite all the protection which hard hats afford, the precaution of specific observation and general awareness must be added to secure safety, the department said. A hard hat is without question the greatest protection to the woodsmen ever devised, but like other protective devices, its protection is limited.

Astoria Man Unaware Of Son's Fatality

Astoria, Ore., Mar. 17.—(U.P.)—News of his son's death is being kept from Thomas Hopkins Sr., because the father is spending a bright St. Patrick's day somewhere between Southampton, England, and Ireland.

The rural postmaster from Astoria planned for years to make the trip to his parents' native land. Yesterday he debarked from the Queen Elizabeth in Southampton.

At about the same time, his son, Thomas Hopkins Jr., 32, was killed when a log fell onto his back while he was working as a "choker setter" in a lumber camp.

WILLAMETTE TEACHER
Salem, Ore., Mar. 17.—(U.P.)—John A. Meyers Jr., now completing his doctorate at University of Iowa has been named associate professor of psychology at Willamette university beginning next fall. President G. Herbert Smith announced today.

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