

Scribner's Announces Amateur Story Contest

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—In a contest which provides an opening for stories from unknown writers, Scribner's Magazine in its February issue offers prizes of \$1,000 and \$500 for the best narratives, 2,500 to 6,000 words, which are concerned with some phase of American life. All persons, regardless of nationality or residence or previous literary experience, are eligible for the contest, which closes June 20, 1931.

The amateur has his chance in this contest, the announcement states. It is an attempt to bring new vigor and life into literature by reaching those people who are living and creating America and not merely writing about it. The narrator may be, says the statement, a worker in an oil field, a business man, a miner, a forest ranger, a stock broker, a housewife, a debutante, a politician, a resident of a deflated boom town, an apple-grower, a bootlegger, an actor, a farmer, a bishop, an office clerk or a longshoreman—anyone who has something significant to tell either about his own life or life as he has observed it.

The manuscripts may be either narratives or sketches. They will be read as quickly as possible and all found suitable will be purchased outright and published. From these the prize winners will be selected. The purpose of the contest, states the announcement, is to break through the literary shell and get to the real America. The editors are hopeful that the majority of the stories will come from non-professional sources, from individuals who are expressing for the first time their thought on paper and will, because of that, bring a strength and vitality and freshness of vision often lacking in conventional writing.

As instances of the type of stories desired, Scribner's points to the cowboy tales of William James, the "Hankie" stories of Owen Francis and the Florida cracker stories of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. Each of these is said to be an accurate and interesting picture of life in a particular American setting.

To Hold Farm Shop Contest This Week

The annual contest of the agricultural engineering department for students specializing in farm shop will be held this week, according to information received from Professor M. F. Thurmond, under whose direction the contest will be held.

Competition will be held in sheet metal work, concrete work, saw filing, identification of hardware, nail driving, and forging. Entrants will compete in all phases of the contest.

The grand prize will be a large loving cup donated by students in the department. Suitable prizes of tools will be awarded to other winners.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS CLUB

The Industrial Arts Club was addressed Monday evening, January 11, by its president, N. B. Read, Waco, who related his experiences on the four thousand mile inspection trip taken last summer. Mr. Read visited many schools and colleges in the north and east and studied the difference between systems of education in industrial arts courses.

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the Spanish American war. He graduated with the class of 1897 from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, at Auburn, one of the land grant colleges.

During the Spanish American war he was promoted to first lieutenant and was commissioned in the Regular Army in 1899 as a second lieutenant of infantry. From 1899 to 1907 he was with the Seventeenth Infantry, from 1907 to 1914 with the Twenty-fourth Infantry and from 1914 to 1919 with the Quartermaster Corps.

During the World War, Col. Nelson was a general staff officer with the Thirty-first and Ninety-Second Divisions, commander of the 80th Pioneer Infantry and colonel of the Sixty-third Infantry. In 1920-21, he was on general recruiting duty, stationed at Denver, Colorado. He was senior instructor for the Illinois National Guard (Thirty-third) from 1921 to 1924. He graduated from the general staff and command school of the Army at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1925, going afterward to the Ninth Infantry.

During his college days, Col. Nelson was a star athlete in football as well as in other sports. He played football in 1898 at the University of Maryland.

The mayor of the city of Lynn, Mass., gives it out that he is going to put a stop to flirting on the streets. Won't Lynn look funny, without any girls!—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The happiest country would be one that practiced socialism, having neighbors addicted to private enterprise.—Bertrand Russell.

Petroleum Dept. Given Miniature Derricks

Two miniature oil derricks have recently been given to the petroleum production department, reports received from professor J. B. Joyce, head of department, disclose. One is of steel construction, a donation of the Carnegie Steel Company of Pittsburg, Pa., and the other of wood, the handwork of students of agricultural engineering.

The steel derrick is equipped with complete miniature model cable tool equipment, and may be operated by an electric motor. The wood derrick stands about nine feet in height, and is built to scale.

Anyone interested may view them in the petroleum production office in the E E building, professor Joyce said.

The earth is a perfect machine, without any conscious impulse of free-will of its own.—Prof. J. W. Gregory.

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Preliminary plans for the Architectural club dance were discussed at a meeting of the club Monday, January 12, according to R. C. Rippstein, San Antonio, president.

General plans are under the direction of E. E. Roberts Jr., San Antonio. R. L. Stripling, San Augustine, is in charge of decorations.

By custom this is one of the most elaborately decorated affairs of the season, because it is the ambition of each class, by displaying its artistic talent, to surpass all preceding classes.

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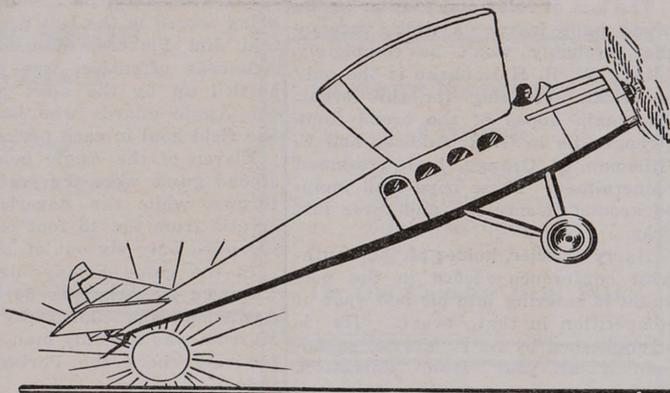
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