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What Conservation Means

Conservation is a word heard very often, but few of us realize exactly what it means and what it should mean. We may, in a sudden burst of patriotism, drop the silver paper from a cigarette package into one of the containers, or we may deposit an empty tube that once had tooth paste in it into one of the tin cans in the corner drug seore. But conservation in the true sense of the word means a great deal more. It means conservation of health, property, natural resources—in fact everything which we know or possess.

During times of war conservation is especially important, for we are shut off from many major sources of materials which previously we thought nothing of and took as a matter of fact. Rubber, sugar and hemp are a few of the best known examples of

We will not have any new tires for civilian use for several years after the war, for the plantations must once again be put into production, and as they are captured back from the Japs in the future it is almost certain that they will apply the "scorchedearth" policy even more effectively than did the British in Malaya.

We must all strive to make everything we own last as long as possible and to get as much use as is practical from it. Speeds must be reduced on the highways because of lack of rubber it is estimated that more than 7,000,000 cars will be out of service at the end of this year and 12,000,-000 more at the end of the coming year. In general we must learn what the word "conserve" means and stands for.

Forget the 40 Hour Week

constituents about their willingness to maintain the famous 40-hour week, about maintaining all of the privileges and social rights that the American workman now enjoys.

At present there are strikes and walkouts in large industrial defense plants by these same American workmen who wish to have either the closed shop or to settle a jurisdictional dispute, one of the worst kinds of strikes, for the jurisdictional strike hurts everyone concerned. Shouldn't a man who is a member of the A. F. of L. be allowed to work alongside a man who belongs to the C. I. O., in building the things which are necessary for national defense? This is a land of democracy. In times like these when everyone of us should be pulling together, why can't a man in a steel factory.

There are several million men in the American Army today who have no 40-hour week and who do not receive time and a half for overtime. In fact, many work 18 and if necessary 24 hours a day for only \$21 a month and their food and clothing.

If the people of Germany ever heard of the 40-hour week, they certainly have forgotten it now. They are working 64 hours a week and are not getting overtime. The same is true in England and in Australia. Russia certainly doesn't have the 40-hour week standard. If we are to be able to lick the Axis, we must not continue to have it

This does not mean that we must permanently discard all of the social gains that labor has achieved during the past decade, but it does mean that we must set aside many of these gains "for the duration" and six months after the end of the war.

The 40-hour week and time and a half for every hour or minute over this must go. The American workman must not be reduced to slavery or anything near it, but the fifty-hour week and time and a half for overtime, with this overtime pay in defense bonds and stamps must come to be, or something similar to it. If he received his overtime pay, and in fact a part of his regular pay in these bonds, he will have the money at a time when he will need it most, a few

years after the war's end. The American workman must buckle down and accept a few hardships so that until too late that they couldn't "eat their he may effectively support those who are cake and have it too.'

Something to Read

By T. F. Mayo **Escape Through Adventure**

Under considerable pressure from the more frivolous element among the College Library staff, I suggest the following to anyone who finds everyday reality too boring and harassing these days:

Buchan, John—"Yitch Wood"—(Witches and blood in 17th Century Scotland.) Clark, Walter Van Tilburg—"Ox Bow Inci-

dent"-(Lynching in Long-ago Montana. Cowboy story plus.)

Kingsley, Charles—"Westward Ho!"—(Elizabeth pirates and/or Seadogs.) Thomason, John William-"Gone to Texas"

(Early lusty days in our own bailiwick.) Stevenson, Robert Louis-"Master of Ballantrae"—(18th Century Shoot-'em-up.) Saint Exupéry, Antoine—"Night Flight"— (Modern classic about the insides of fly-

Page, Marco-"Fast Company"-(Hardboiled detective yarn about a rare-book

Nordhoff, Charles Bernard and Hall, James Norman — "The Hurricane"; "Men Against the Sea"; "Pitcairns Island".

Mansfield, John—"Dead Ned"—(Sea story about a man who was hanged but didn't remain so.)

Melville, Herman—"Moby Dick" (the great : White Whale); "Typee" (The greatest of all American adventure writers.). London, Jack—"The Sea-wolf" (Probably

Household, Geoffrey—"Rogue male"—(The Singing Cadets man who stalked Hitler.)

Hough, Emerson-"The Covered Wagon": 54-40 or Fight"—(if you've missed of favorite entertainers, are the cerning Norma's talents began to these, somehow, don't go on doing so.) Singing Cadets. The organization, flow, ranging from "Mmmmmm"

(Adventure in our Navy, here and now.) ing Aggies, has made many con- opinion that Miss Jahn "puts on" Highet, Helen MacInnes—"Above Suspicion" cert tours over the state, and their too much on the bandstand, others a defense first aid course. -(Thoroughly entertaining in a civil- reception is always the same, liked it, but nearly all agreed she With 35 defense courses costing ized way, and pretty breathless also. In- warm and friendly—the people is lovely and luscious, if not lyri- nearly \$300,000 already completed, side Nazi Germany.)

Hawkins, Anthony Hope-"Rupert of Hent- something more than an ordinary pat the Aggieland Orch on the versity of Texas engineering colzan"—(A good old warhorse about im- glee club. This year, ably directed back for trying to provide us with lege declares the "job for Texas aginary Balkan broils.)

Haines, William Wister—"High Tension"; made two trips—the first to Hous"Slim"—(Hardboiled thriller about tele- ton, where they sang for The First = phone maintenance men.)

Forester, Cecil Scott-"To the Indies"- Houston, A. & M. Mothers Club, (Age of discovery in the Carribean.) and several high schools; and, the Forester, Cecil Scott-"Captain Horatio second, through Conroe, Beau-Hornblower"-(Adventure on the high mont, Orange, and Huntsville seas in Napoleon's time.)

Edmonds, Walter Dumaux—"Drums Along in the prison at Huntsville, enter- Camp figures his occupation has Homer P. Rainey of Texas the Mohawk"—(Indian warfare during tained by inmates). the American Revolution.)

The World Turns On

By Dr. R. W. Steen

The collapse of Allied, or more accurately tending from Illinois down number." Dutch, resistance in Java has brought the through Texas, and including T. U. Pacific war to the door of Australia. The and L. S. U. The preliminaries Pacific war to the door of Austrana. The and L. S. U. The preminates Japanese are now gathering their strength for an invasion of that continent, and the Australians, British and Americans are do-Australians, British and British and British three—one tune of Waring's Joy, Texas, and Comfort.

The importance of Australia to the Allied cause at this time perhaps justifies a few notes on that country which lies "down under"

A recent tabulation reveals there are seven osteopathic fraternities in the United States.

Edwin G. Pike, chemistry graduate of the Wisconsin university, and their seven osteopathic fraternities in the United States.

Edwin G. Pike, chemistry graduate of the Wisconsin university, and comfort.

Australia is the smallest of the continents or the largest of the islands, depending on whether you wish to call it a continent or an island. The country has an area of 2,974,581 square miles, which makes it about 50,000 square miles smaller than conof about 7,000,000, most of whom are British in origin. There are, however, some Asiatics and some persons from non-British European countries. There are, in addition, about 60,000 aborigines.

Australia is a dominion in the British Empire, and has therefore complete control over its own affairs. The government is federal in character and is copied in part after that of the United States. The capital is This one tops last years' gold-Canberra. This is a new city located in a fish eating fad. In Friday's Housfederal district. It was planned completely ton Post under the head "U. of before any construction was begun. It is to- Texas Rats Don't Like Bach": Not suits yearly; sorority women buy day a beautiful, but isolated, city. Its isola- that it makes much difference, 500,000 dresses every year. tion is due to the fact that it was built be- but the rats in an old building yond the settled area so as to be nearer the at the University of Texas ap- seum apprenticeship offered in the center of population in the future. The gov- parently don't like Bach. Music United States is given at the Wisernment buildings in Canberra were opened Professor Peter Hansen reports consin university. in 1927. No person can own land in Can-that rats devoured a volume of berra. Title is retained by the government Beethoven but left Bach strictely and individuals may lease land for specified alone ... my! my! what those boys periods. No lease can be for a longer period won't think of next!

The Australians take an active interest Life Mag hit the newsstand, the in their government, and by American standards a remarkably large percentage of them vote. The number voting in an election usually approximates fifty per cent of the total population. This may be due in part to the fact that a voter who fails to vote without a valid excuse must pay a fine of \$10. The government has been quite liberal in its labor policies, while social legislation of the old age pension variety is an old story in

fighting on the seven seas and five continents. The workman of France did not, and if he were asked now, we all know what his answer would be to the question. He would say "I didn't realize it was too late." If we do not labour to produce and to preserve the "American way of life" in one form or another we, too, may become slaves as have so many other workmen who didn't realize

PRIVATE BUCK ... By Clyde Lewis



You haven't hit the target all morning, Private Buck. I'd suggest you fix your bayonet and CHARGE it!"

Jack Hood

Holmes, Wilfred Jay—"Battle Stations"— comprised of over 100 hard-work- to nose-holding. Some were of the Wisconsin co-eds have enrolled in grounds in search of food on the by Richard W. Jenkins, they have a female vocalist. Methodist Church, University of (they ate one of their best meals

> Recently, the Singing Cadets telephone directory. have again been honored; they It all started with this mysteri- obtain information for a state canhave been chosen in a group of ous telephone call: "Got any cab- cer research project. 140 glee clubs to compete in Fred ins?" inquired a voice over the Of 80 seniors in the Louisiana Waring's Pleasure Time National Wire. Glee Club Contest. In the running with the Cadets are 17 clubs in the central section of the U. S .- excoming up late in May, or the first tional workers in the next few of June. Final prize in the contest months. is a trip to New York with all the Construction is starting on an sota university is a weather sta-

The boys have one more trip tory at Iowa State college. Prior to that they will appear on ly was installed at Wayne univer-Town Hall (they are cooking up a sity. couple of acts for the program). Some 500 students of Louisiana Those two performances and— State university have 'dropped well, they won't make predictions, their studies to enter the nation's but New York is a nice town. armed services.

Back Wash-line

As soon as the latest issue of

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The Alaskan Fur-Seal year its home is the broad Pacific. they are gigantic indeed.

100,000. It was only through an strength of the bulls.

and helpless on land as are all true sea. seals, it has the nimbleness of a By the end of October practicalgoat, often ascending rocky cliffs ly all the seals have left for warm-60 feet high just for the joy of er water and better feeding climbing. In the water, no other grounds farther south. Each year quadruped can surpass this water the fur-seal covers about 8,000

army arrives at the Priblofs a- for they are heavier than water, round the middle of May. The and must necessarily move about, Aggies discovered Norma Jean strongest and largest males are the however slowly, to remain afloat. Jahn's pic on page 8, surrounded masters; each one selects a vant- Until a few years ago Japanese Near the top on the Aggie's list by the Air Corps. Comments con- age point on the rookeries near seal-poachers would make periodic

have come to know the boys as cal. Many wouldn't comment; only Dean W. R. Woolrich of the Uniindustry has just been started."

This Collegiate World

"Cabins?" the professor ex- cine who are eligible for commis-

Texas Tech's Prof. Truman sion in the army, navy or public

"Aain't this 4850—Camp Tru-

The federal government is spend-

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the shore, there to remain for the The producer of the fashionable duration of the season spending seal-skin coat, the Alaskan fur- many sleepless nights, and going seal, is one of the most erratic of without food of any kind for over all warm-blooded animals. From three months! These bulls weigh early May until the first week in in the neighborhood of 500 pounds. September it lives on the Priblof Compared to the female of the Islands off Alaska; the rest of the specie, who weigh about 80 pounds,

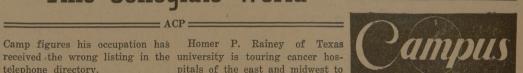
The maltreated fur-seal has in- As the females come in from the directly caused more human blood- sea, each male strives, with coaxshed than any other wild animal- ing, whistling, roaring, and by at one time four great nations sheer strength of his powerful were embroiled in serious argu- jaws, to add as many females to mentation over this animal. In 1875 his "harem" as possible. These 3,000,000 seals inhabited the Pri- harems are composed of from 10 blof Islands, but in 1912 the num- to 100 females, the number being ber was reduced to a little over directly proportional to the

act of Congress that total exter- The "pups" are born 6 to 48 mination of this animal did not hours after the arrival of the mothers, and strange as it sounds, The fur-seal is really not a true the pups have to be taught to swim seal at all; instead of being clumsy or else they would perish in the

miles without once touching land! The fur-seal, from its birth to Often the mothers can be seen its uncertain grave, behaves unlike carrying the sleeping young on any other land-going mammal. The their backs. How the seals manage vanguard of the great aquatic to seep on the water is a mystery,

raids on these islands; as the A total of 457 University of mother seals left their breeding open sea, the poachers would shoot all that came within gun shot. Not only did this kill the mothers but indirectly the pups too, for their very lives were dependent on the mother's milk.

With the Pacific war at such a fever-pitch, there is no telling where the enemy will strike next, and if it is Alaska, the fur-seal will take its place among the evergrowing ranks of extinct animals.



BETTY GRABLE - VICTOR MATURE CAROLE LANDIS - LAIRD CREGAR claimed. "You must have the wrong health service, 65 have applied for "I WAKE UP ian pilot training program for the Dr. Camp looked himself up in current fiscal year is costing

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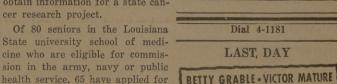
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