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Something to Read

By Dr. 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 Incident"—(Lynching in Long-ago Montana. Cowboy story plus.)
- Kingsley, Charles**—"Westward Ho!"—(Elizabethan pirates and/or Seadogs.)
- Thomson, 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 flyers.)
- Page, Marco**—"Fast Company"—(Hard-boiled detective yarn about a rare-book dealer.)
- 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 his best.)
- Household, Geoffrey**—"Rogue male"—(The man who stalked Hitler.)
- Hough, Emerson**—"The Covered Wagon"; "54-40 or Fight"—(if you've missed these, somehow, don't go on doing so.)
- Holmes, Wilfred Jay**—"Battle Stations"—(Adventure in our Navy, here and now.)
- Hight, Helen MacInnes**—"Above Suspicion"—(Thoroughly entertaining in a civilized way, and pretty breathless also. Inside Nazi Germany.)
- Hawkins, Anthony Hope**—"Rupert of Hentzau"—(A good old warhorse about imaginary Balkan broils.)
- Haines, William Wister**—"High Tension"; "Slim"—(Hardboiled thriller about telephone maintenance men.)
- Forester, Cecil Scott**—"To the Indies"—(Age of discovery in the Caribbean.)
- Forester, Cecil Scott**—"Captain Horatio Hornblower"—(Adventure on the high seas in Napoleon's time.)
- Edmonds, Walter Dumaux**—"Drums Along the Mohawk"—(Indian warfare during the American Revolution.)

PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



SUGGESTED BY PVT. STEVE KOLITA, 58 BATT. CO. B., FORT WOLTERS, TEX.
 "You haven't hit the target all morning, Private Buck. I'd suggest you fix your bayonet and CHARGE it!"

BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

"Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence."—Webster

Singing Cadets

Near the top on the Aggie's list of favorite entertainers, are the Singing Cadets. The organization, comprised of over 100 hard-working Aggies, has made many concert tours over the state, and their reception is always the same, warm and friendly—the people have come to know the boys as something more than an ordinary glee club. This year, ably directed by Richard W. Jenkins, they have made two trips—the first to Houston, where they sang for The First Methodist Church, University of Houston, A. & M. Mothers Club, and several high schools; and, the second, through Conroe, Beaumont, Orange, and Huntsville (they ate one of their best meals in the prison at Huntsville, entertained by inmates).

Aggies discovered Norma Jean Jahn's pic on page 8, surrounded by the Air Corps. Comments concerning Norma's talents began to flow, ranging from "Mmmmm" to nose-holding. Some were of the opinion that Miss Jahn "puts on" too much on the bandstand, others liked it, but nearly all agreed she is lovely and luscious, if not lyrical. Many wouldn't comment; only pat the Aggie land orch on the back for trying to provide us with a female vocalist.

This Collegiate World

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Camp figures his occupation has received the wrong listing in the telephone directory.

It all started with this mysterious telephone call: "Got any cabins?" inquired a voice over the wire.

"Cabins?" the professor ex-Texas Tech's Prof. Truman claimed. "You must have the wrong number."

"Ain't this 4850—Camp Truman?"

Dr. Camp looked himself up in the phone book, where he was listed right along with Camps Dixie, Joy, Texas, and Comfort.

Dean W. R. Woolrich of the Texas university college of engineering estimates Texas defense industries will need 55,000 additional workers in the next few months.

Construction is starting on an agricultural engineering laboratory at Iowa State college.

A chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha, honor medical society, recently was installed at Wayne university.

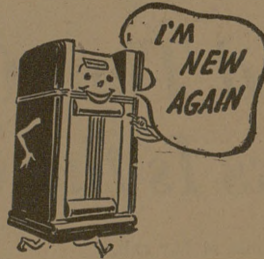
Some 500 students of Louisiana State university have 'dropped their studies to enter the nation's armed services.

The federal government is spending \$5,800,000 on college ROTC for the year ending June 30, 1942.

State appropriations provide 23.1 per cent of the income of the University of Pittsburgh.

Fraternity men buy 1,000,000 suits yearly; sorority women buy 500,000 dresses every year.

One of the few courses in museum apprenticeship offered in the United States is given at the Wisconsin university.



DON'T MISS IMPORTANT NEWS Because Your Radio Isn't Working Well. For Radio Repair Service THE RADIO SHOP Front of Post Office BRYAN

The World Turns On

By Dr. R. W. Steen

The collapse of Allied, or more accurately Dutch, resistance in Java has brought the Pacific war to the door of Australia. The Japanese are now gathering their strength for an invasion of that continent, and the Australians, British and Americans are doing all possible to prevent such an invasion. The importance of Australia to the Allied cause at this time perhaps justifies a few notes on that country which lies "down under."

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 continental United States. It has a population of 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 Canberra. This is a new city located in a federal district. It was planned completely before any construction was begun. It is today a beautiful, but isolated, city. Its isolation is due to the fact that it was built beyond the settled area so as to be nearer the center of population in the future. The government buildings in Canberra were opened in 1927. No person can own land in Canberra. Title is retained by the government and individuals may lease land for specified periods. No lease can be for a longer period than 99 years.

The Australians take an active interest 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 Australia.

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 until too late that they couldn't "eat their cake and have it too."

Announcing the Arrival of New SPRING SHOES at Lewis Shoe Store Bryan and Lauterstein's North Gate

ANIMAL ODDITIES

By Tex Lynn

The Alaskan Fur-Seal
 The producer of the fashionable seal-skin coat, the Alaskan fur-seal, is one of the most erratic of all warm-blooded animals. From early May until the first week in September it lives on the Pribilof Islands off Alaska; the rest of the year its home is the broad Pacific.

The maltreated fur-seal has indirectly caused more human bloodshed than any other wild animal—at one time four great nations were embroiled in serious argumentation over this animal. In 1875 3,000,000 seals inhabited the Pribilof Islands, but in 1912 the number was reduced to a little over 100,000. It was only through an act of Congress that total extermination of this animal did not occur.

The fur-seal is really not a true seal at all; instead of being clumsy and helpless on land as are all true seals, it has the nimbleness of a goat, often ascending rocky cliffs 60 feet high just for the joy of climbing. In the water, no other quadruped can surpass this water acrobat.

The fur-seal, from its birth to its uncertain grave, behaves unlike any other land-going mammal. The vanguard of the great aquatic army arrives at the Pribilofs around the middle of May. The strongest and largest males are the masters; each one selects a vantage point on the rookeries near

A total of 457 University of Wisconsin co-eds have enrolled in a defense first aid course.

With 35 defense courses costing nearly \$300,000 already completed, Dean W. R. Woolrich of the University of Texas engineering college declares the "job for Texas industry has just been started."

Homer P. Rainey of Texas university is touring cancer hospitals of the east and midwest to obtain information for a state cancer research project.

Of 80 seniors in the Louisiana State university school of medicine who are eligible for commission in the army, navy or public health service, 65 have applied for their commissions.

The federal government's civilian pilot training program for the current fiscal year is costing \$25,000,000.

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

Edwin G. Pike, chemistry graduate of the Wisconsin university, is the sixth member of his family to attend Wisconsin.

Farthest outpost of the Minnesota university is a weather station in Tucson, Ariz.

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LAST DAY

BETTY GRABLE-VICTOR MATURE CAROLE LANDIS-LAIRD CREGAR

"I WAKE UP SCREAMING"

Also NEWS—MUSICAL—CARTOON

PREVIEW TONIGHT SUNDAY - MONDAY

TYRONE POWER SON OF FURY The Story of Benjamin Blake GENE TIERNEY SANDERS - FARMER - McDOWALL

Also Porky Pig Cartoon News - Sport

MOVIE

GUION HALL

SATURDAY

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William Powell — Jean Arthur

in

"THE EX MRS. BRADFORD"

COMEDY

Also

MARCH OF TIME "WHEN AIR RAIDS STRIKE"

COMING

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

"DESIGN FOR SCANDAL"