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Something to Read

By Dr. T. F. Mayo

The Ground We Stand On, by John Dos Passos.

"It was a commonplace of our fathers' and grandfathers' thought that men of Anglo-Saxon training and tradition knew how to govern themselves better than other men. Even though the shames and hypocrisies of the age of money rule which is now coming to an end it was not entirely an empty boast. Today our lives depend on it."

Frontiers of Science, by Carl T. Chase.

Sections on "Frontiers of Time and Space," "The Quest for the Ultimate," "The New Age of Chemistry," "The Frontiers of Health," "The Secret of Life."

Battle for the World, by Max Werner.

"The strategy and diplomacy of the second world war" analyzed by the only authority who, before Hitler's invasion, realized the fighting power of the Russian army.

The Strength of Nations, by George Soule.

A most interesting attempt to show how, if the desperate needs of modern life are to be met, the sciences that deal with human affairs (psychology, economics, sociology, etc.) must be coordinated and made aware of their common purpose.

War by Revolution, by Francis Williams.

Presenting the idea that we can finally win the war only by setting free in the Axis countries the oppressed classes, and that we can do this only if we do justice to our own country to all classes.

A History of Sea Power, by Stevens and Westcott.

Beginning with the Battle of Salamis, in which sea power saved the West from the East, the authors show to what extent history has been determined by the control of the blue water.

Strategic Materials and National Strength, by H. N. Holmes.

A professor of chemistry, in 95 pages, tells us what we want to know about this timely question

From Capital to Campus

ACP's Jay Richter Reports from Washington

COLLEGE AIR POWER . . .

Tens of thousands of men are learning to fly at some 600 of the nation's colleges this year, preparing to serve in Army and Navy aviation.

However, not all the pilot trainees are regular students—college facilities have been opened to all who can meet requirements of the Civil Aeronautics Administration. Any man who can pass the mental and physical examinations is eligible, although all trainees must enlist in the reserve of the Army or Navy air forces.

Most Navy reservists are slated to be combat pilots and must meet the standard requirements of Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Boards. They must be college students taking training under the V-1 or V-5 plans.

All Army reservists in the CAA program take their training on a full-time basis and must be men who are ineligible as combat pilots because of their age or minor physical defects. Age limits are 18 through 36. If he's under 27 an applicant must have been rejected for combat pilot training.

In the CAA-Army program five types of pilots are being trained:

- Glider;
- Liaison—spotter for field artillery and other similar jobs;
- Instructor—transport co-pilot either for Army Air Transport Command, or on one of the airlines working with it;
- Service pilot—towing targets or gliders, short hauls of men and materials.

CAA trainees progress through elementary, secondary, cross-country, link-instrument and flight officer or instructor courses. Each course lasts 8 weeks. Trainees may be called by the Army or Navy for further training or active duty at any stage of the

Man, Your Manners

By L. Sherwood

The following may concern those cadets who expect to send Christmas packages to any of our Armed Forces overseas.

Time of Mailing—Christmas parcels and Christmas cards should be mailed before November 1. Endorse each gift package with "Christmas parcel." Special effort will be made to deliver it before Christmas.

Size and Weight—The maximum amount for Christmas parcels is 11 pounds, 18 inches in length or 42 inches in length and girth combined, but you are strongly urged to cooperate by limiting your packages to six pounds and of ordinary shoe box size. Not more than one package will be accepted in any one week on behalf of the same person to the same addressee.

Preparation—Owing to great distance, substantial boxes or containers should be used with wrappers of sufficient strength not only to resist pressure but to permit opening for inspection. Sharp-pointed or sharp-edged gifts should be covered so they cannot cut through package.

Prohibited Articles—Intoxicants, inflammable materials (including matches of all kinds and lighter fluids) and poisons, or compositions which may kill or injure another, or damage the mails, may not be mailed.

Permissible Inscriptions—"Merry Christmas," "Please do not open until Christmas," "Happy New Year" may be placed on the covering of the parcel or on a card enclosed.

How to address—Addresses must be plain. Each branch of the service has a different form for the addressee so it would be well to get your instructions from your Post Office.

Open Forum

Now don't get me wrong—I'm not bleeding or criticising where the freshmen sit at the games, but there are some things that I can't understand. What I want to know is why the Aggies, who in most cases have saved their money for several years in order to come to A.&M. (I did), have to pay \$12.40 to see our team play. Whereas, the boys in white are permitted to enter the games free and to have seats compared to the senior section, with everyone knowing that their intentions are to yell for the opposing team regardless of whom they may be.

I don't contend that the sailors should be kept from our games, but I do believe they should pay the regular admission price; and then, let them yell for whoever they want to. There may be some who contend that the navy boys are doing their part for Uncle Sam, and should be admitted free; but aren't we all?

I believe I can venture to say more of the Aggies will be in active combat duties before the majority of the navy boys are, so why?? Ole Army! is this permitted?
Frog Mayes, '46

Quotable Quotes

"In general, the news writing in college newspapers has been improved constantly. Sentence structure is tighter, the thought is more concisely set down, excess wordage has been eliminated. Paragraphs have been made shorter to sustain reader interest. And still the writing isn't of sufficiently high quality. Here, perhaps, is the greatest single opportunity for improvement. Only by the painful drudgery of learning words and their uses, only by mastering spelling and grammar and syntax, only by writing and rewriting and then rewriting, can the student learn to write. There is no short-cut." Fred L. Kilbow, assistant professor of journalism, University of Minnesota, underscores the point that writers are made, not born.

"If the present struggle between force and reason has any lesson for educators, it is that the development of personal freedom must be accompanied by the development of a sense of responsibility and for those democratic ideals and institutions which alone can give meaning to freedom." Dr. I. L. Kandel of Columbia Teachers College urges greater emphasis on moral values.

courses.
After call by the services they may qualify for a commission.

JOBS . . .
Both Army and Navy aviation technical branches are after instructors in airplane mechanics, radio operating, engineering and general shop work.

To get a "student instructor" job, which pays \$1620 a year, you must have completed one year of college—although a CAA ground instructor's certificate or satisfactory practical experience may be substituted for the college training.

For a "junior instructor" job, which pays \$2,000 annually, a bit more experience—or college work—is required. No written test. There's a catch, though, for many undergraduates—you must be 20 years old.

Application must be made through the Civil Service Commission. Get blanks at your post office or by writing the commission in Washington—301 E. Street, N. W.

If you've taken some engineering courses and have some practical electrical, mechanical or shipbuilding experience you may qualify for a job in the Navy Department as a ship inspector. They're badly needed. Pay ranges from \$2,000 to \$2,600. Apply to Civil Service Commission.

PRIVATE BUCK . . . By Clyde Lewis



"I guess it's hero worship, Sarge. Th' gals keep pulling my buttons off for souvenirs!"

BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

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

Deah Bull . . .

"Posey" Alford, captain of D Company, Infantry, was on the receiving end of a letter addressed to "Commandant of Infantry, D Company, A. & M. College." The letter asked Commandant Alford to let Frog So-and-So, the writer's son, have a pass to come home . . . the frog is in the Signal Corps, living in Mitchell Hall.

"Posey" has no idea how things got so messed up . . . but he'll be glad to let the frog go home anytime—just drop by to see him in room 268, Dorm 22.

Aggies, Class of 1975 . . .

The Battalion exchanges papers with schools all over the country, but we were somewhat shocked Tuesday when we got an unexpected one—The Texas Prison Echo, published at Huntsville (at the pea patch) . . .

And someone chimed in, "With Aggies all over the world, could it be that there are some over there too?" Well, well, and well . . . someone had to put us on the mailing list. At any rate, we'll send them the Batt in case we have a friend over there who wants to know what's happening at his old school.

The paper also carried a story about a homecoming football game . . . again we scratched our

head. Who would want to do a homecoming at that place (regardless of how many old friends one might see). But on closer reading the homecoming game proved to be the Sam Houston-Denton Teachers game which was moved up an hour to allow fans to see the prison rodeo later the same afternoon . . .

In A Poetic Way . . .

All black and blue
Is Sailor Grady.
He tried to read
A tattooed lady.

Sweeping . . .

Buster Keaton, former Aggie yell leader, will take a bride, Miss Florence Forehand of Fort Worth, at Camp Hood, October 29 . . . Evelyn Culbertson, secretary in the office of Dean Gilchrist, is so sorry Baylor is going to beat us Saturday . . . now, Eve, you know better than that . . . Next month's Battalion may be dedicated to Anne Gwynne, who was to have the femme lead in the Aggie flikker. But the movie moguls, after a visit to Aggieland, have decided to recast the whole pic . . . they feel that there are actors more suited to the parts than the ones originally picked. A lot of work had already been done on the Anne Gwynne issue, so Editor John

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"Musical Magic Out of This World"

Jeanette MacDonald - Nelson Eddy

in

I MARRIED AN ANGEL

Cartoon Late News Comedy

campus distractions

by Jack Keith

LOWDOWN

Along the general lines of past Jeannette MacDonald-Nelson Eddy musicals that MGM has produced is "I Married an Angel". This time the production does not quite live up to the standards which the studios have made for themselves in producing this type of picture. The scenes, costumes and music are sumptuous and show that lots of money was spent for them, but the threadbare story does not bring out the full abilities of the MacDonald and Eddy duo. It seems that Miss Mac Donald is not exactly the type for a cinderella, the part she plays in half the script as a character of Eddy's dream. Then this "angel" of his dreams turns out to be real in a not to good scene in which she in-

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Three Stooges

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Short News

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