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Something to Read

A Treasury of the World's Great Letters, 2 vols., Edited by M. Lincoln Schuster, Simon and Schuster, New York, 1942, \$3.75.

Letters make the most interesting reading in the world—especially other people's. This Inner Sanctum anthology, representing many years of intensive collecting and research by M. Lincoln Schuster, are assembled the most interesting letters of all time—the crucial and characteristic private communications of the foremost people of world history—ranging from Alexander the Great and Saint Paul to George Bernard Shaw and Thomas Mann.

These intimate letters—many of them here made available to the general public for the first time—are selected, edited, and integrated to shed light—as only private and secret letters can—on the great men, the great events, the great ideas of history.

Each letter is prefaced by a biographical prelude giving the significant and dramatic facts about the person who wrote it the person to whom it was written, and the circumstances surrounding its composition.

In these two volumes are the letters of Napoleon, Abraham Lincoln, Beethoven, Ben Franklin, Voltaire, and many other greats. These are not the great things of their life, but the little intimate, private things—their love letters to secret lovers, their damnation of national and international events and figures—everything that makes life livable.

The reading of these letters makes history more enjoyable, and in these pages life and letters meet. Here biography and history converge to form perhaps the most fascinating form of literature—the private correspondence of the mighty, and their contemporaries.

Fightin' Aggie Exes

From the AAF Advance Flying School in Altus, Oklahoma comes word that Captain Harry G. Seeligson, '34, has been appointed Post Exchange officer at that post. He majored in Ag Administration, was in E Field and has been manager of the Household Furniture Company in San Antonio.

He has, since 1941, served as post exchange director at Goodfellow Field and San Angelo Field.

Lloyd W. Terry, '40, of San Saba, (a former M Infantry boy) has been promoted to the rank of Captain at Fort Bliss. The promotion comes in recognition of his meritorious application to duty.

At Camp Warner Robins, Georgia, ex-Aggie Gilbert W. Glenn, of College Station and 3rd Hq'd Field, who would have graduated next Friday had he stayed here, has just been commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army medical corps.

This Collegiate World

WOMEN WITH COLLEGE DEGREES WANTED AS JUNIOR ENGINEERS

Women with a college degree in any field are invited to qualify as junior engineers in the government service by taking a short training course in recognized engineering schools.

Candidates may take a ten-week, full-time course or go to school in the evenings for 27 weeks, with their tuition paid. The entrance salary will be \$2,000 and appointments be made anywhere in the country. Further information may be had at the Civil Service Information Office, 801 E. St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Students who are interested in earning part of their expenses while attending classes are given the opportunity of working part-time for the government under a new Commission ruling. Part-time employees are especially needed as stenographers and typists, at the rate of \$1,440 a year; tabulating machine operators, \$1,260 and \$1,440 a year, telephone operators, \$1,260 and \$1,440, and messengers, \$1,200 and \$1,320. However, applications will be accepted for any type of position on a part-time basis.

Los Angeles. These scholarships are open only to coeds with private air pilots' licenses and college work in mathematics and physics.

But there is a second group of scholarships, offering free tuition at the same institutions, but no further allowances, for women not licensed as pilots.

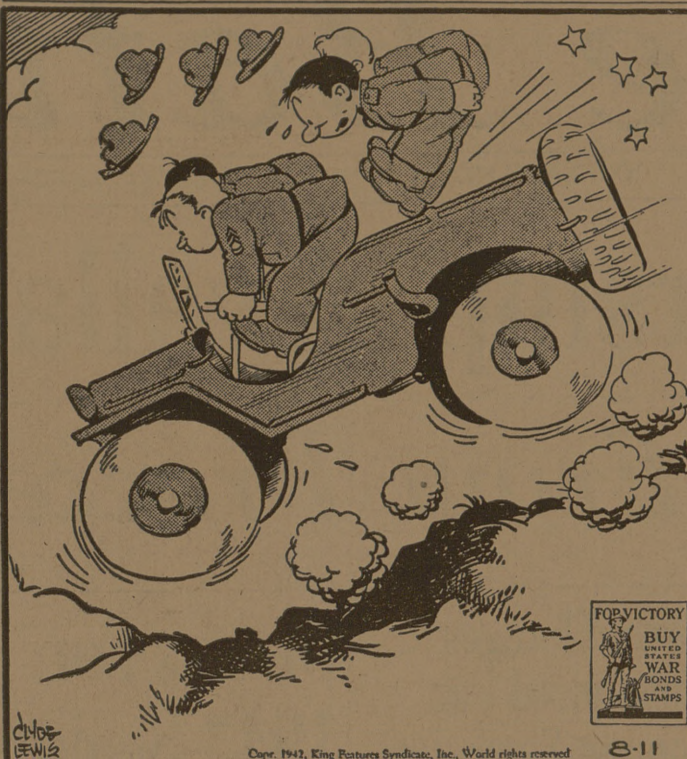
Graduates from these courses might be employed by either CAA or the Weather Bureau, with beginning salaries ranging from \$1,800 to \$2,000 annually. Applications should be made to the Weather Bureau office in Washington, Research and Training Section, or to any of the five universities.

Aggie Cryptogram

(The following cryptogram was enciphered by taking a plain-text quotation dealing with Aggie and dividing it into groups of five letters, then arranging each of these groups alphabetically.)

Today's Aggie Cryptogram
AEHRT EEMNY ADGGS EFFIO
CEIRS—W. E. Scott, D-SC.
Saturday's solution
The juniors are taking command today.

PRIVATE BUCK . . . By Clyde Lewis



"Couldn't we save gas if we didn't use ALL the horsepower, Sarge?"

BACKWASH

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

By John Holman This Newspaper Hitler's Promise . . . World . . .

The Office of War Information tell this story similar to hundreds which the people of Occupied Europe are telling in ridicule of their tyrannical masters. It seems that an old Dutch woman was arrested for listening to British Broadcasting System broadcasts from London. She was taken before a Nazi "court".

"Why did you do this?" asked the judge.
"Oh, but your honor," she replied innocently, "Hitler told us he would be in London in October, 1940. I've been listening every day since then. I would not want to miss der Fuehrer!"

Speaking of Hitler . . .

OWI also warns collegians to be careful and don't play the Axis game of "Bits and Pieces"—a game in which the careless pass along bits of gossip about military movements or war production, and the enemy pieces them into a pattern which may cost American lives and material.

Without trying to stifle sensible discussion of the war, they offer the following simple rules to follow when discussing the war:

1. If you HEAR it—don't repeat it.
2. If you SEE it—don't talk about it.
3. If you READ it in a reputable publication or hear it on the radio, then it's official and there's no reason to keep it to yourself.
4. The most important rule is, STOP and THINK, BEFORE you TALK!

Barney Rapp . . .

Surprised everyone by turning out to be a dog-gone good outfit. Some juniors went to Houston to hear him last week, thinking they might want him for the Junior Prom and Final Ball, but thought he was lousy. Now he turns out to be swell. Only complaint was that the senior, and these girls who were at the ring dance, had to sit through another showing of Rapp's "stage-show". Admittedly, it was good, and up-perclassmen enjoyed it.

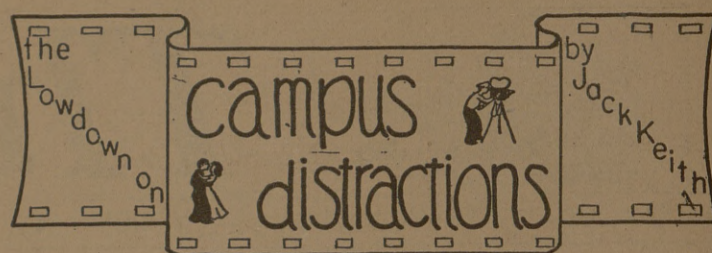
Incidentally, Charley Fisk, the guy who blew two trumpets at once, until just recently headed out of the most promising young bands on the horizon. For unknown reasons, the outfit went on the rocks about three months ago.

Lt. Robert Baird, '39, Assigned to Sub-Depot

Second Lieut. Robert E. Baird, of Dallas, Texas, a graduate of A. and M. College, has reported to the new Army Air Forces Navigation School at San Marcos, Texas, where he is assigned as engineering officer at the sub-depot, Air Corps Supply.

Lt. Baird graduated from A. and M. in 1939 with a degree of bachelor of science. He majored in architectural engineering.

In civilian life Lt. Baird was a draftsman and estimator for the Wyatt Metal and Roller Works at Houston and an engineer for the Lubbock Steel Works at Lubbock. He was commissioned Sept. 19, 1942, and attended the Air Forces Technical School at Chanute, Ill. His previous stations include Duncan and Randolph Fields.



By Tom Journey
Today's distractions cover both types of shows. If you're looking for comedy, definitely trek northward and attend the Campus twin bill. We promise you'll not regret it. Then on the other hand, if you are the type that enjoys drama, Guion's top billing will fill your needs. Of course for those that still get a thrill out of "shoot-em-ups" you'll like at least half of the Guion billing.

MEET THE STEWARTS, starring William Holden and Frances Dee, turns out to be a bright comedy, due to smart scripting, clever dialogue, competent performances, and skillful directing by Al Green.

On the comedy side of the fence, SING FOR YOUR SUPPER with Jinx Falkenburg, the famous beautiful model that recently hit Hollywood, and Charles "Buddy" Rogers fill half the bill. Jinx plays an heiress that doesn't fancy marrying a playboy so her business manager can retire; instead she looks for a struggling chap who happens along to be Buddy, band leader and dance hall operator.

Working incognito into his band, business and heart—well, see it and find out how the situation works out when an enterprising press agent discovers Jinx's identity.

The Lowdown—Good for plenty of laughs.

At Guion Hall, BULLET SCARS, with Regis Toomey takes care of that "shoot-em-up" angle we were telling you about, and THE LITTLE FOXES, starring Bette Davis and Herbert Marshall supplies a good portion of superbly put on drama.

It's about the ruthless greed of a family set against itself. Davis as the cruel Regina holds her own with the members of the New York stage cast that originally produced this play, as she permits her sick husband, Marshall, to die rather than lift a hand to help. In all departments the film is perfection itself, Samuel Goldwyn making it even more effective than the stage presentation.

The Lowdown—A good dramatic thunderbolt.

WHAT'S SHOWING
At Guion Hall
Today and Wednesday, The Little Foxes with Bette Davis and Herbert Marshall. Also Bullet Scars with Regis Toomey.
At the Campus
Today and Wednesday, Sing for Your Supper with Jinx Falkenburg and Buddy Rogers. Also Meet the Stewarts with William Holden and Frances Dee.

Lee Cargile to Enter Naval Air Training

Lee Lane Cargile has been selected for training as a Naval Aviation Cadet and will be ordered to active duty shortly.

He attended Texas A & M for one and one-half years. When ordered to active duty, he will report to the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, for three months of physical conditioning, instruction in naval essentials, military drill and ground school subjects. After completing this course, he will be sent to one of the Navy's numerous reserve bases for primary flight training.

A LOUPOT TRADE IS MONEY MADE

ASK THE FLYING TIGER FROM CHINA

"OUT THERE WE'D GIVE A BUCK FOR A COKE"

"THEY'RE STILL A NICKEL HERE"

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BETTE DAVIS
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Directed by WILLIAM WYLER
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Distributed by RKO RADIO PICTURES

Show Time:
2:10 - 5:29 - 8:48

Cartoon - News

Poor Old Guion!

Poor old Guion Hall! Bless her heart, she has housed everything from church meetings of several denominations to a regular motion picture theater.

And now, uncomplaining as she is, she has had to refuse admittance to the graduation exercises to the faculty because she just isn't big enough to take care of them. One of these days, and we could hardly blame her, she will fold her tired walls and sink to the ground—down to a well deserved rest.

It is true that we rarely have an assembly that cannot be seated in Guion, but could not the reason for that be because the College knows it doesn't have the auditorium to house it.

One of the buildings projected into the Former Students Association's student activities center plan is a large auditorium. It really doesn't matter where it comes from or how, but one of the first things Aggie should have after the war is an auditorium with a seat for every cadet, man, woman, and child in College Station.

The Former Student Association has foreseen this need, and through donations from Exes all over the world is laying aside funds for a real student activities center.

Plan to help them yourself when you take your place on the world's battlefields—the fighting front, the farm front, or the home front. Your donations, no matter how small, will be appreciated.

Guion Hall will then be able to resume her place of respect which she enjoyed during the life of the Assembly Hall, but until then, alas, poor old Guion!

From Capital to Campus

ACP's Jay Richter Reports from Washington

Selective Service Note

Men in good standing who have had a year of almost any sort of engineering course—including sanitary, industrial, radio, transportation, mining and metallurgy—have a basis for requesting occupational deferment, according to a recent amendment to Selective Service's Occupational Bulletin, No. 10.

The same goes for men who have no more than two years remaining in certain other specialized courses—bacteriology, physics, astronomy, chemistry, mathematics, meteorology, naval architecture and psychology.

If you are interested, you might check at your local Selective Service Board, which probably has a copy of the amendment.

All Quiet or Fairly So

Three men each from the Army, the Navy and the Manpower Commission in Washington are studying procedures by which men are to be selected to attend college under the recently-announced Army-Navy college training program.

They're working like beavers on the testing procedures, but have nothing to announce to date. Meanwhile, male college students are asked to keep their seats—which, no doubt, is easier said than done.

Incidentally, an Army man selected for college work may get any one of five assignments when he has completed his studying—he may go to an Officer Candidate School, be recommended for a job as a technical non-commissioned officer, returned to troops, in some "few cases" be tagged for advanced technical training, and in "very exceptional cases" made available for work outside the army, if that work is "deemed highly important to the war effort."

More Women Wanted

As more and more men advance to battle lines, more and more women join production lines. And government agencies are in full cry after them to fill vacated positions, both in Washington and the states.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration is offering scholarships to women—free tuition, plus \$50 for books and \$75 a month living expenses at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, New York University, Chicago University, California Institute of Technology and the University of California at