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The Blood Stream of Patriots Injects Vigor in Our Fighters

The need for blood plasma is urgent and will become acute if donors neglect to contribute their full periodical quota. It is the consensus of opinion among our military leaders that the approaching invasion of Fortress Europa will prove hazardous and devastating, entailing much injury to our fighting forces and the need for blood sustenance.

We at home, in our smug environment, distant from the holocaust of hostilities, sufferings, discomforts, hardships, and privations, should succor our Services with every vestige of aid that lies within our power.

So, patriots, to you all, the PSIMAR wishes you Godspeed and thanks, on the occasion of your generous contribution to a noble cause, instilling our Forces with that "touch of nature, that makes the whole world kin," and imbuing them with hope and faith in the salvation of humanity.

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Karker, Earl

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North, Elizabeth

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McGuire, John
Palmer, Charles

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Castle, Richard
Corrigan, Raymond

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Shaffer, Eudora
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Harris, Betty
Collson, Beverly
Caswell, Leona
Lyvers, Martha-Gene
Blodgett, Catherine
Schermerhorn, Louise
Watkins, Muriel
Van Cor, Jane
Daniels, Evelyn

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Shultz, Barbara
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Carrier, Jeanne
Alderman, Lionel

Lionel Alderman

Lionel, a graduate of Mechanics, has been in photographic work in Colorado and Oklahoma. He was given a week's time in which to report to flying school in San Antonio, Texas, and it was while spending this time with his family in Rochester that he went with the Photo Tech department to give blood.

Airport Misnamed

It has been suggested that the Student Council initiate a movement, through the columns of the PSIMAR, that an appropriate name be submitted for the proposed enlarged Municipal Airport.

While the PSIMAR desires to cooperate in any student endeavor, we sense, in this undertaking, a medium of progressive prestige and of student civic-mindedness.

It is our purpose to honor one of our local war heroes, particularly an aviator, by naming the airport after him, in recognition of his sacrifices.

However, any suggestions are welcome and will be considered on their merits, by submitting them to Editor-in-Chief Rosemary Young.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Most men believe that it would benefit them if they could get a little from those who "have" more. How much more would it benefit them if they would learn a little from those who "know" more.—Wm. J. H. Boeteker.

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William Josephson, Ninfa Vitale

Students Vote Formal Dance A Successful Social Triumph

The Dorm Formal, the biggest event of the social season at R. A. M. I., was a most colorful affair. It is estimated that 150 couples were present at this gala dance at the Seneca Hotel. The gay gowns and the uniformed Service men of the U. S. Army Signal Corps, studying at the Institute, and Navy and Marine V-12 members stationed at the University of Rochester, added an impressive and dignified tone to this social triumph.

Miss Jean Marie Glunz, general chairman, delivered a brief address of welcome to the assembled group during intermission, and stated that the profits from the sale of gardenias, which had been voted to replace the usual corsages, would be donated to the Rochester Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Some of the attractive co-eds observed at the Formal were Pat Mulroy, Jean Dennis, Martha Ann Williams, Mary Jane Bird, Tiz Lowell, Betty Church and many others too numerous to mention. Miss Harvey held her own with that tall, dark and handsome. Among some of the alumni and alumni we noticed Jean Adams, Art Hurd and Charlie Dellis. On the whole the dance was a charming success.

Thanks are in order to the following committee responsible for such a delightful evening and the intriguing appointments: Jean Glunz, general chairman; Judy Doty, Rita Shoenthal, date bureau; Betty Eddy, publicity; Jo Wilson, tickets; Ruthie Watkins, orchestra; Wilma Potter, flowers; Marg Miller, invitations; correspondence, Tiz Lowell; posters, Betty Eddy, Wilma Potter, Jody Austin, Barbara Pearson, Maxine Reed, Tiz Lowell, Kathy Reed, Mary Ellen Lundquist, Audrey Pratt and Maxine Frost. Again, a fine job, and God bless you!

Special guests of the occasion were Dr. and Mrs. Mark Ellingson, Mr. and Mrs. Horace W. Koch, the Rev. and Mrs. Murray A. Cayley, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kraker.

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TUNE UP TO ACCORD HARMONY

Humans are akin to a musical instrument. If you will note the stringed instrument player, he usually strikes the low notes first, the bass, for example, and then climbs to the more gentle notes. This appears like a good tip to us mortals in tuning up for the day and as a methodical procedure in our daily relationships.

It is easy to pick out the tuned-up folks who enter their work of the day, or of any endeavor, for that matter. They are marked with a smile of confidence and determination. They don't come to their desks or approach any problem with wry faces or turbulent personalities. Something radiant and vibrant is at once noted. Their very step is an inspiration.

When we are tuned up (or to use ordinary vernacular, "getting in the mood," or "the groove"), happily in mind and heart, no matter what circumstances or emergency of the day, we are sure to face what comes with confidence and courage.

To apply joviality and concord in our daily endeavors, it is well to see that everything has been put in tune before the serious work of the day has started.

Every single day of our lives should be a new adventure. And if we keep in tune with the Infinite, and with all the silent influences of Nature, we will have lived adequately—a credit to ourselves and to our Creator.

So, folks, tune up to acquire the proper pitch, the pleasing tone, and arrange the correct scale of relationships through life's variations.

PHONETIC ENGLISH

Former United States Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma has come forward with a new alphabet which he thinks ought to solve the problem of world intercommunication. It is explained that the phonetic stenographic alphabet he proposes is comprised of sound symbols, instead of letters.

By means of the 18 consonant symbols, six compound consonants and 18 vowel sound symbols, the author of the system thinks the English language could be made understandable to the non-English speaking world, which thereby might be taught English as a universal tongue.

The former Senator's scheme has at least the merit

of seeking to make English a phonetic language. Of all the languages which have come out of Europe, it may be said in all candor that English is the least disciplined and ordered as regards its spelling. In fact many of those born to the imperial tongue of Shakespeare and Noah Webster, never succeed in unsnarling its orthographic tangles.

However, when it comes to teaching all the non-English world English by means of a phonetic symbol system, or by any other mechanical device, the results can be predicted with fair certainty. Most persons prefer to stick to their own language.

Most effective of the means yet found for making English acceptable outside of the United States and the British Commonwealth of Nations is the trade and educational facilities offered all the world by the English speaking peoples. Concrete advantages of the sort make even the weird spellings and pronunciations of English no impossible hurdles.

"DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP"

She was a woman once well-known on the legitimate stage, who had gone to Hollywood to win considerable fame on the screen.

But the advancing years compelled her to stand aside more and more for younger, fresher talent, until at length she found herself almost begging from studio to studio for a chance to stage a come-back.

As her funds ran low, her spirits ran lower until the night when, utterly weary and despairing, she shut the door of her single room and turned on the gas.

Even her passing was not discovered for a day or two, and then in a curious manner.

One director who had remembered the considerable talents of this actress and who had sincerely desired to give her an opening, found himself with a part which called precisely for this woman's age, type and experience.

It was the director's fruitless attempts to reach her by telephone which led to the discovery of her death.

Had this woman been able to endure her agony, spirit and weariness of flesh for another day or two, she again would have had an important part in her life's profession, instead of filling a pauper's grave.

"A hero," said Emerson, "is no braver than the next man; he is only brave five minutes longer."

So, hold on!

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Military Training In Peacetime Gains Favor

A compulsory military training "peacetime insurance" against future wars is winning Congressional attention on the strength of an endorsement by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox. The measure has bipartisan support and is being vigorously supported by Representatives May of Kentucky and Wadsworth of New York, both members of House and Senate Military Committee, now and formerly.

Rep. Wadsworth said that "military training not only would provide a reservoir of manpower which could be drawn upon quickly in the event of another war emergency, but it would also serve the purpose of improving the nation's health generally and develop the individual's self-reliance."

Under Rep. Wadsworth's plan youths just out of high school would be given a year's training and if they demonstrated particular ability, would be encouraged to continue their schooling in military affairs to build up a skilled corps of reserve officers.

Judging by the zip, pep, florid condition, and that "sir" deference displayed by our youth in the Services on recent visitations, it seems to us that this military discipline just fits the bill. It's worth trying!

Right Is Right

Every truth has its opponent. Every error has its defender. Be your arguments ever so strong, you can't make right out of wrong. Be your reasoning ever so sly, you can't get truth out of a lie. For truth is truth, just is just and right is right. Neither majority nor might can make wrong right.

—Wm. J. H. Broecker.

OLD-FASHIONED

It is better to be old-fashioned and right than to be up-to-date and wrong.—Tiorlo.

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Mech. I	7	15	697	573	318
Elec. I	1	19	694	519	050

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

Name Team	G	Av	Hi	G
Van Peursem (Fac.)	18	153	172	20
Fox (Faculty)	20	149	179	21
Tuites (Faculty)	20	147	200	21
Benson (Mech III)	21	147	177	22
Jones (P. & P.)	22	144	205	22
Maue (P. & P.)	22	142	207	22
Dewey (Mech. III)	8	141	202	16
Morehouse (M. III)	16	140	170	7
Graham (Mech. I)	7	139	147	5
Cayley (Faculty)	5	138	149	3
Brennan (Mech. I)	3	138	152	20
Huskey (Mech. III)	20	137	165	14
Knack (P. & P.)	14	137	160	5
Palmer (Elec.)	5	137	150	22
Smith (P. & P.)	22	136	181	21
Brodie (Faculty)	21	133	174	14
Farrell (Mech I)	14	130	150	6
Rost (Mech I)	6	131	173	20
Beckdahl (M. III)	20	128	166	15
Castle (Mech I)	15	126	188	14
Spencer (Mech. III)	6	123	164	10
Hollenbeck (M. I)	14	121	183	16
Morecock (Faculty)	10	121	141	4
Nelson (Elec.)	4	116	130	13
Bergman (Elec.)	4	116	130	14
Karker (Faculty)	13	114	146	6
Moak (Mech. I)	6	114	138	14
Gilland (Elec.)	14	106	143	5
Chatterton (M. I)	5	106	134	2
Copensack (M. I)	2	106	118	10
Less (Elec.)	10	103	126	14
Belson (Elec.)	14	102	154	5
Silverman (P.&P.)	22	101	138	9
Lorraine (Elec.)	5	99	123	4
Hallat (Mech I)	4	97	109	6
Lafontant (Mech. I)	6	96	113	10
Gilpin (Elec.)	10	89	107	8
Maas (Mech. I)	10	87	125	2
March (Elec.)	2	82	103	7
Gonska (Elec.)	2	73	78	

SPIRITUAL EVALUATION

The moment our democracy ceases to respect God it will cease to respect your value as an individual. The moment it ceases to respect your value as an individual it ceases to be a democracy.—Thomas J. Curran

Mental Discipline

From the time of the Greeks, educators have maintained that the mind is composed of a group of distinct faculties or powers, known as memory, reason, attention, judgment, concentration, and so forth.

As those educators saw it, the function of education was to train or discipline these powers. Some of them might be developed through one form of exercise, others through another.

Reason might be developed through logic and mathematics; memory through the learning of names and dates; observation and concentration through the study of Latin and Greek.

Almost down to our own time these concepts have been very generally accepted and adhered to. Educators have continued to advocate certain studies purely and simply for their disciplinary value. Thus, Joseph Pagne assured us that arithmetic provided an opportunity "to form habits of mental attention, argumentative sequence, and absolute accuracy." Calvin Thomas believed that German might be studied as a means of "training the reason, the powers of observation, comparison, and synthesis."

Even so eminent a scholar as Woodrow Wilson contended that through "the disciplinary studies of mathematics and arithmetic, elementary algebra and geometry, the Greek-Latin texts and grammars, the mind takes fibre, facility, strength, and adaptability." By intensive study, learning, and reading, can understanding and mental discipline effectively fulfil the mission of civilization.

SINCERE SERVICE

Happy people are those who give out of themselves, and who distribute their best impulses in deeds of kindness. . . . A character is enriched and a heart made warmer the moment it radiates itself in some way or other. . . . We don't know what life is in its richest meaning, until we begin to distribute ourselves, and become a part of the loom of all life.—G. M. Adams

EXPERIENCES

Life is a series of experiences, each one of which makes us bigger, even though sometimes it is hard to realize this. For the world was built to develop character, and we must learn that the setbacks and griefs which we endure help us in our marching onward.—Henry Ford

BOWLING SCHEDULE

MECHANICAL I
MECHANICAL III
ELECTRICAL
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January 27—7:00 P. M.
Alley 1—Electrical.
" 2—Mechanical I.
" 3—Faculty.
" 4—Publishing and Printing.
January 27—9:00 P. M.
Alley 1—Publishing and Printing.
" 2—Mechanical III.
" 3—Electrical.
" 4—Faculty.

February 3—7:00 P. M.
Alley 1—Electrical.
" 2—Faculty.
" 3—Mechanical I.
" 4—Mechanical III.
February 3—9:00 P. M.
Alley 1—Publishing and Printing.
" 2—Mechanical III.
" 3—Electrical.
" 4—Mechanical I.

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There is a small charge of 5 cents per game per player to assist in paying the pin boys. Please bring change each night.

SINK OR SWIM

Poverty is uncomfortable; but nine times out of ten the best thing that can happen to a young man is to be tossed overboard and compelled to sink or swim.—Garfield

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Learning to Service

In an article recently published in the fall issue of *Yale Review*, William Clyde DeVane, Yale College's Dean, outlines a broad curriculum for high schools and colleges designed "to be at all levels of great and general service to the country."

Dean DeVane roundly criticizes our pre-war educational practices, pointing out that the colleges went from extremes of "individuation," where the studies were adapted completely to the student's desire, to the traditionalists "who would prescribe a rigid medieval curriculum for us."

The high schools "were quick to feel the confusion above," which explains "why students now graduate from our public schools unable to write, read, or speak English; unable to cope with mathematical problems which require algebra and trigonometry in a time when we are in dire need of these commodities" and unable to do many other things necessary for a well-rounded education.

The remedy, the Dean believes, is a broad uniform curriculum, devised by educators, embracing for the high schools such fundamentals as "reading, writing and speaking of English in a thoroughgoing way."

Dean DeVane neglects one point which he does not touch on, is the differences among students which make some better adapted to one subject than to others. The old standard curriculums incited revolt because they did not take account of these individual differences. If we have swung too far the other way now, we should be wary lest we swing too far back again.

"ART AND UNDERSTANDING"

By ELIZABETH NORTH

The test of all the arts, is what it has to say. In our complex modern world, it is necessary that men understand one another if they are to get along. Though the speech of various lands is different, the arts are a universal language. It was the fashion to belittle those who paint, make music, carve, or act, and the like. Today, in a world at war, it is very easy to come to feel that art is futile and that only the tools of war and conflict can bring this world to peace.

Those who give their lives to the arts are more than musicians, painters or sculptors. They convey universal ideas in a language that all can understand. Theirs is as important a mode of communication and understanding as the telegraph or the radio. Only through a real and lasting understanding will there ever be a real and lasting peace.

The ideas that are exchanged are not all great or awe-inspiring. The simple things that cause people to laugh and cry together are often and, in the final analysis, more important than the mighty concepts of economists and historians. The great and the small, the tragedian and comedian, are expressing themselves and their people or they are not artists; they are automatons. Let us hope that through this expression and interchange of expression, we may come to know each other at last.

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MATTHEW 18:3

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By ROSEMARY YOUNG

MARGIONE, JERRE. *Mount Allegro*; illus. by Peggy Bacon. 292 pp. \$2.50. Houghton.

A young American writer of Sicilian descent records the memories of his childhood among his volatile, laughter-loving but hot-headed relatives and friends in Rochester's Little Italy, called Mount Allegro. Then he goes on to describe the years of his young manhood, and his trip to Sicily to visit the land from which his parents came.

"Moun Allegro" is not strictly a novel, but a well-ordered series of collections of Mr. Margione's Sicilian childhood in Rochester—lively, witty, easy in the manner of the New Yorker, a kind of Italian "Life with Father."

—Diana Trilling

Margione's material is so much alive that the only way he can keep it from running together is by imposing the external rank and order of topics; accordingly he follows the adventures of his family and friends in terms of their responses to typical conflict situations. . . . Nevertheless, the overtones which Margione catches are a little disconcerting. His characters, while withdrawn, are insufficiently realized. They appear wishful, eccentric, pathetic or comical, but are known less through themselves than through the author's frequently remote medium."—Isaac Rosenfeld

"This book is in the Institute library and I have read it and recommend it highly."—Mary Havens

PSALMS 23:1

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"RELIGION AS I SEE IT"

By SHIRLEY MANHART

God is life itself; that which we know little about as to how it came and where we go, except in terms of science, but we know nothing beyond those realms. Science can explain atoms and cells but they cannot produce these elements with minds and hands, therefore we are small. At the same time we are a wonderful miracle. In our formed societies we feel our importance, but in the broadest sense concerning the universe we merely resemble an upon a planet.

God is in all of us, though some do not realize it. This God is teleology which is the spirit and soul. This is the God which those who are materialistic are not conscious of its presence because they are too literal and too scientific. At the same time, it is within them, though they know it not and may exercise it fewer times than the teleologist.

It is said Jesus is the son of God. Literally, Jesus is the son of Mary and Joseph, but Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, as all life, are the children of God because He is the creator of Heaven and Earth.

It is thought that God is good but to be good is to know Christianity, this which is another part of religion. We do not question whether life is good or bad. We know only that it is inconsistent because one thing depends upon another. Can a volcano help if it has to erupt? What difference should it make if a tiger were to kill a man? The man would only kill the tiger. So there is always good with the bad and vice versa. If we look out and say, "Oh, it's a rainy day," we can always console ourselves by saying, "But look how good it will be for the crops."

God made Jesus and He taught Christianity; so in religion we learn about the wonders of nature; to do our occupations with spirit, purpose and sincerity; to know the history of Jesus and the people of his time; to do good and to love our fellowmen.

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