

SUMMER TRAINING DATES FOR CAMP CUSTER

The dates for the training of the R. O. T. C. and the C. M. T. C. at Camp Custer next summer have been definitely decided by the Corps Area Headquarters, Chicago. The R. O. T. C. will have their training from June 16 to July 27, and the C. M. T. C. will be trained from July 7 to August 5. With these dates announced Colonel Raymond Sheldon, chief of staff, 85th Division, who will command Camp Custer again next summer is already making plans for the training of both the R. O. T. C. and the C. M. T. C. A complete program is being arranged for both organizations that will include athletics of all kinds in addition to target practice and American citizenship and leadership.

Reserve officers of the Sixth Corps Area, composed of the states of Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin will be trained during June 16 and August 5 in two week periods. It is expected that more than 200 reserve officers will be trained within these two dates.

Lieut. Colonel Wade Mills, civilian aid to Secretary of War Davis, for Michigan, is arranging county committees in every county in Michigan who will have charge of getting the quotas in the various counties in Michigan.

Both Colonels Sheldon and Mills are determined to get Michigan's quota for next summer's camp, despite the obstacles being placed in the way of enrolling young men. All young men in Michigan between the ages of 17 and 24 years, of good moral character and physically sound are eligible for this year's camp. The government pays all expenses for the 30 days training, including food, transportation to and from camp and clothing.

WAR RISK LIFE INSURANCE

President Calvin Coolidge has set aside the week of January 31 to February 7 as a time during which every effort should be made to acquaint veterans of the World War their present rights in regard to the war risk insurance. This insurance, first issued when the boys were going overseas, and later by statute converted into special forms of insurance, usually issued by life insurance companies, as the insured might request. Many veterans did not seem to have knowledge of this continuing privilege and permitted their policies to lapse. The law now provides that no reinstatement of insurance shall be made after July 2, 1927. The purpose of the president's proclamation is to call the attention during this special week, of which still exist and urge upon them to have their policies reinstated before the time limit expires. The movement is being sponsored by all patriotic societies, as well as the pulpit, press, and other organizations.

TAX PAYERS TO HOLD STATE CONFERENCE

Representatives of various tax paying interests of Michigan and many individual tax payers will attend a conference at Michigan State College February 9 for the purpose of discussing the tax situation in this state, according to announcement of R. Wayne Newton, research associate in the economics department of the college. John Brown, president of the Indiana State Board of Tax Payers Association, will be present at the local conference. These men will explain some of the accomplishments in Indiana along the line of tax reduction. The Indiana Tax Payers Association was formed to study ways of reducing the tax burden in that state. By educational work, the association has been able to reduce the tax levies for both state and local units.

President Kenyon L. Butterfield of Michigan State College, has called the conference for February 9 in the belief that Michigan tax payers are much interested in tax matters and should have the opportunity of hearing the Indiana plan explained. Mr. Newton, who will be in charge of the meeting, has recently completed studies of the relation between farm taxes and the yield upon investment which is obtained by the owners of rented farms in Michigan.

Ladder: A contrivance invented for men to climb up in order that they might fall down.

Hez Hek says: "A liar can't get much of anywhere without a good workin' knowledge of arithmetic."

Honesty: About the only thing left that can't be produced cheaper by machinery.

Food Made From Fish for Domestic Animals

Flour made from fish or fish refuse has been found in Sweden to be good food for domestic animals. After a series of tests on cows and pigs, Prof. Nils Hansson, former Swedish minister of agriculture and head of the government's experiment station, has asserted that this flour is as valuable for stock animals as other special food-stuffs such as nut or seed cakes. By a special process the oil is extracted until 3 per cent remains and the flour contains not less than 63 per cent protein and from 16 to 17 per cent of mineral substances, useful for bone building. At Gothenburg, the largest fishing center of the country, all refuse and all varieties of fish not suitable for human food are now carefully saved and each day shipped by boat or barge to a special factory about six miles from the city where it is first cooked in vacuum kettles and then tried, poured out and sifted. The screenings are used for chicken feed, while the flour is sold to farmers for fattening pigs or as special fodder for milk cows. For the latter the best daily ration has been found to be from two to three pounds, mixed with grain or other substances.

BORN THAT WAY



Stork—He never tells the truth. Peacock—Of course not, he can't. He's a lyre bird, you know!

New Steel Lining

The United States Steel corporation has acquired from a British concern the American patents to a new process of lining steel pipes in such a way that they will be impervious to moisture, thus placing steel pipes in fair competition with iron ones. The corporation has appropriated money for a small plant for the manufacture of such pipes. This step is important in industrial circles because heretofore iron pipes have been used almost exclusively for underground water and gas mains.

Collegians in High Places

It has been estimated the percentage of college graduates among government officials of the United States has been as follows: Fifty-five per cent of our Presidents, 36 per cent of members of congress, 47 per cent of speakers of the house, 54 per cent of vice presidents, 62 per cent of secretaries of state, 50 per cent of secretaries of the treasury, 65 per cent of attorneys general, and 69 per cent of Supreme court justices.

Queer Telephone Directory

San Francisco's Chinatown is to have its semiannual telephone directory. The list, the first Chinese telephone book to be published in the United States, differs from the customary directory. Listings in the Chinese book are arranged alphabetically under the names of the streets. The streets having the greater number of telephone subscribers are listed first.—The Outlook.

Glass That Is Flexible

"Flexible glass," a material produced in Vienna, Austria, is made by a chemical process of two cheap and common chemicals, formaldehyde and urea. It is as transparent as the best glass. It may be colored any desired shade or left colorless. It breaks much less readily than glass. It can be turned in a lathe, sawed with a saw, filed, punched and scraped with tools.

Has Two Birthdays

When the United States navy transport Chaumont arrived at San Francisco there was a baby on board who will celebrate two birthdays. The Chaumont was crossing the 180th meridian when Harold Chaumont Flynn came into the world. Inasmuch as he was born on a 48-hour day, he will celebrate two days a year as his birthday.

On a Swinging Limb

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WHERE Harmony church gave joined the big woods behind it. It held a cathedral suggestion of columns and arches in the tall black trunks and high-springing branches. In the front, where narrow trails ran in from the main-traveled road, other trees of wider root-hold, and better sunshine, spread so unobtrusively that plenty of their branch-tips were within reach of anybody in saddle. Hence they were ideal for hitching—the trickiest saddler couldn't possible "slip the bridle," and run home leaving a rider aloft. Surge as he might, the boughs gave to his impulse. Men and boys for the most part did the hitching—women got down decorously upon the horse-block certain that even if there was no acquaintance in the masculine group clustered hard by the church door, volunteers would touch hats and say, "You better let us tend to the horses."

Yet—there were outlaws. Witness the whispered ripple running about and inside the log church upon a bright hot Sunday.

"Look! I do wish you would look at that!" Sit' Beveridge ejaculated in a growling whisper, eyes fast to the window. She weighed two hundred, "raised the tune" regularly, and led in prayer music to boot anybody. "No! You won't see that little fool preacher. Like 's not he's off fashin'—and hisself be always wanted to go days like this. But Polly-Ann Huellin, all by herself, has rid in, put at horse-block on to the furthest hitch-tree, slung her bridle over a swingin' limb—an' slid down, 'bout waitin' for any man's helpin'."

"What of it? She's a Huellin—like 's not her ma's sis is half a mile behind her." Sit' Mason, her gossip, returned placidly.

Sit' Beveridge snorted: "You needn't be takin' up fer that gal—she'll never more'n say sent to you fer Joe again—her mind's plum set on that fool little preacher."

"I doubt it—but shore's she wants him, she'll git him—that's her way," the gossip chuckled amiably.

Up went Beveridge's hands—came suddenly from the watcher: "There he comes—the preacher—full-galloppin'—straight to Polly-Ann's tree. Lawdy! He don't more'n nod to her. Her back's to him—makin' out she's waitin' for her ma—I made shore they'd come in together."

The Huellins were distinctly what the blacks called "quality white folks." Also foremost in every good work. The crucial difference in their religious beliefs made no rift in family life. Rather it bred a tolerance as rare as it was beautiful. The squirrel was courteously hospitable to all ministers—it had gone hard with him to say to young Heady: "You'll understand why I say don't show yourself too friendly with us. Your church people will resent it. I'm sorry—you're of our own sort—then, too, you'll be a fine measure of a man for my Polly—after a while."

Only that—but Heady understood. Marian was no more for him than for her humble slave, Joe Mason. Hard! How hard he had not dreamed, until the inner sense constrained him to pause her in silence—unless his eyes spoke.

Did they? He wondered dully, the while he strove manfully to give heart and soul to the work in hand. He loved it—best of anything he tried to do—his conscience, Valin! Yet those listening fell awed. He spoke as through lips touched with holy fire. His words cut deep, stung, stirred, until listeners fell to weeping, praying, at last shouting loudly their joy in the glory, the goodness of God. Madame Huellin led the shouting—she who was normally so shy, so sweetly silent, a very white rose of womanhood. Though her husband never listened to a sermon, he came always to take her home after service. Thus in the height of her ecstasy she saw his face outside the door and darted down the aisle, crying clearly: "Jamie! I'm seeing home—but—if you won't come there—I'll go with you—"

With her last words madame had sunk to her knees—to the floor—lay there breathless, white and still as death.

A week later she was almost herself. Marian had hardly left her throughout the first days. Now she was sleeping the clock round, unheeding that her father sat deep in conclave with Heady. At last the angels asked, with a harsh breath: "Son, how did it happen? You didn't do it—it was possession—something in you beyond the power of mere mortal. Was it, think you, of God—or the devil? You believe in them, I do not."

"Neither, sir." Heady answered, his head low-bowed upon clasped hands: "Nothing more than the outreach, the agony of love—love denied. It was a man choosing between his heart and his soul. I may be vain, but I might win your daughter in spite of you. Her happiness would be the price. She does not love me—yet—only cares for me fanatically because I'm different. But—she won't forget me quite—not even when the true-love comes. You—you—I say good-by for me—I don't dare. I'd like to make her happy—this is harder a lot."

NOT TO MENTION AN ARM



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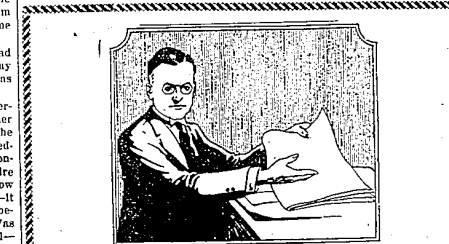
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