

# SECOND THOUGHTS

By javie aiche

Men with passes, particularly newspapermen, long ago became settled in the opinion that no motion picture was ever made to be worth more than twenty-five cents of American money. One among them insisted screen entertainment wasn't even worth a pass. Accordingly, J. E. House of the old New York Post and Public Ledger set a price of one hundred dollars as the value of his own time if producers or theatre operators cared to have him review any offering of the art of Hollywood.

I had waited a long time to find any general tender of support for the unpublished cynicism of the Press. Now that I have found it I hope I am in no wise unfaithful to John Galvin in reporting that throughout all the Middle West the highest price charged for the best of the screen can offer is a quarter, with countless further discountings of even that assessment when two and even three of the first-run features are tossed at the audience for a job-lot price of thirty or forty cents.

Not only that. Along with the double and triple features there is presented a Technicolor cartoon, a news reel and the latest godawful things that Washington calls contributions to the morale of the people. If you have seen "Point Rationing" and "At The Front" you will know what I mean. I am sure that the "Front" feature was taken from the back of an Irish jaunting car smuggled into Africa by our boys out of the Ulster training camps. It is that jumpy. As for its coloring I am certain it represents the hallucinations of a camera operated by the survivor of a too-well celebrated St. Patrick's Day, the one who examined his regurgitations and made comment to this effect: "I must have swallowed a regalia."

In my going-about this past nine weeks I have sat through no less than eight feature films every seven days, which adds up to an amazing tolerance. In recapitulation I discover that of the releases, all of them currently or recently advertised in New York City, exactly five were enjoyable and the remainder only endurable by surffiance because in strange communities where is there to go if one eschews the movies? I am pleased to report that "Shadow Of A Doubt," "Air Force," "Stand By For Action," "Ringside Mazzie," and "Cairo" were either impressive or hilarious. The stinkos include "Star Spangled Rhythm," "Casablanca," "Johnny Comes Marching Home," "Mister V" and . . . well all else the show houses had to offer up to the day of this writing, March 21.

In late winter and early spring in the Middle West, and provided you are safely aboard the water wagon, you have only two alternatives to staying at home nights. One is to be blown apart by the prairie winds and the other is to buy a seat at the movies. If the movies become your choice, then prepare for a session that lasts three and one-half hours. In agreement, of course, with the idea that one picture has no sufficient allure for the customers and that two, even if both are bad, are owed anyone who deposits as much as four dimes at the box office. Get around before six o'clock and the gourmand's dose of Hollywood can be had for even less. Out of it all I have come to a problem that has defied solution.

It involves itself with the sudden incursion of films from England. In all such (and I have seen them all to date) the portrayal of German characters is offered by gentlemen and ladies, especially gentlemen, with either the Cockney or Oxfordian accent, and my problem sums up in trying to get a slant on the mind of the British producer who expects his compatriot American to be able to distinguish which from which in a plot that leaves me asking what is what. Get a whole mess of action into focus in what usually is a military clash of arms and wits between the noble Anglo and the ignoble Saxon and unless the swastikas on the coat sleeves of the Germans are kept within view the tangle is about as deceiving as fish worms in a bowl of spaghetti.

There is no particular point to all this, unless you make it for yourself. I shall continue to go to the movies. If they are bad I shall have the consolation of knowing that I am seeing them for half the price and sometimes less than half the price my erstwhile friends are paying. And who knows? Maybe I shall even meet up with one that is outstanding, sensational, colossal, stupendous, epoch-making . . . or the reasonably fair facsimile of the shadow of its advance advertisements.

### PLAY GOLF?

Take any sport and you'll be more efficient if your eyesight is normal.

**Dr. Abe Finkelstein**  
OPTOMETRIST  
Main Street, Luzerne

## THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

I got a brother in the old Magnolia state. I like to research into things—it is a sitting-down-job—so I wrote and asked if it was the truth about it being so nice and so much fun, like a fiesta, when he ambles down to the office to pay his light bill. Since the Govt. has been running the shebang down there around the TVA diggins we've been hearing how grand everything has become. Every place I have hung out, so far, it has been proper and okay to fume and pop-off about your bill for lights. It is an old custom.

We been reading so much about how Bureaucrats is doing it down there, which is far away, that I figured it would be a good idea to see what it was like if you were there. So I wrote the old Tadpole brother and I says, "Tony, is it so or is it baloney?" I just heard from him. "Slim," he says, on his post-card, "did you ever see anything as grand and gorgeous inside the circus tent as they showed 'em in the pictures on the billboard? I'm too busy now, he says, to write more. I am on my way down to the TVA light office to tell the robbers what is what." Yours with the low down, JO SERRA.

## Health Topics

By F. B. Schooley, M. D.

### Industrial Fatigue

Fatigue is a vital factor in health and efficiency. The usual fatigue or weariness following physical or mental effort is normal and beneficial. It is a defensive mechanism whereby nature warns us that rest is needed. Healthy persons are restored to normal strength and vigor after periods of rest and relaxation. To maintain production at its maximum during the present world conflict, it is essential to preserve the physical and mental health of workers.

Abnormally long hours of work and continued periods of overtime will produce chronic fatigue. This is shown by increased accidents, tardiness, absenteeism, sickness, lack of interest in work and a definite decrease in output. In England, it was found that the time lost from illness among women workers during a sixty-two hour week was twice that of a forty-four hour week. A similar condition was found among men employed sixty-four hours a week compared to those working only fifty-four hours a week. Men working in war plants twelve hours a day had three times more accidents than those employed on a ten hour basis.

Each person has an individual capacity for work. The co-ordination of specific job demands with the physical assets of the worker will conserve man-power and increase industrial output. Successful accomplishment of the huge task imposed on industry depends primarily on the morale and physical fitness of man power. Social and economic conditions outside the factory and office are important. The war cannot be won with work alone. Efficient work demands rest, good food and wholesome recreation. Physical and mental fitness are necessary for sustained effort and output.

The stress and strain of modern life may cause overfatigue in the most sturdy individuals. Fatigue may be induced by emotional aversion to a certain type of work which has been persistently engaged in for long hours or varying periods of time. The emotional state represents an adjustment of the body to meet some condition of importance in the struggle for existence. Some of these conditions are increased responsibility, difficulties in meeting the cost of living, business and financial worries, changes in occupation and habits of life, and restrictions upon personal pleasures.



Released by Keystone Features, Inc.

## THE OUTPOST

Where those at home and the men and women in the armed services from the Back Mountain Region—in camps and on the fighting fronts—keep contact with their fellows throughout the world.

### From Texas

Dear Editor: Just a few lines to let you know how much I appreciate receiving the Dallas Post. It sure is welcome and appreciated. There are quite a few boys here from around the Valley. One boy from Orange is just a few barracks away so I pass it on to him when I finish.

I cannot say very much for the Texas climate, but the school here is very interesting. It is an aircraft mechanics school on the B17 plane, more commonly called the "Flying Fortress". They certainly have proven themselves in this war. The course takes 105 days to complete and is broken down into 13 phases of 8 days each and one day of orientation. It consists of all practical work instead of lectures and theory.

Well, it's almost time for lights out so will close for this time.

Sincerely,  
Pvt. C. H. Bud Davis  
Amarillo Army Air Field  
Amarillo, Texas

Once in a while a fellow writes in that he likes Texas—but it is usually a chap who never lived in Lehman.

### Sage Brush And Mountains

Dear Editor: For the past several weeks I have been receiving the Dallas Post and enjoy reading it very much. It keeps me in touch with my buddies and many of the Back Mountain folk.

I have been in this Army for six months and have seen a great deal of the United States. I am in the Motor Transport Division of the Air Force and, consequently, make frequent trips to other Air Fields.

I have been in Nevada for about two months, but it is sure different than good old Pennsylvania. All there is here is sagebrush and mountains with no trees.

Again I thank you for The Post and hope that all the folks back there are doing fine.

Yours truly,  
Pvt. Alfred R. Roman  
Tonopah, Nevada

All we know about Nevada is that Luzerne County's got a bigger population. These facts are through the courtesy of Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce.

### Buy War Bonds

Dear Editor: Just a line to let you know that I have been transferred again. I don't expect to be transferred again now for some time.

I am now a Military Police and I think I will like my work, but, of course, I will make some enemies. I will also make some new friends. The fellows in the service never did like an M. P., but we have orders

to obey and we can't change them to suit ourselves. If the fellows would only realize this it would save bothering them, and ourselves a lot of trouble.

I sure would like to hear from some of my old friends, both in the service and the ones at home who are helping by working in defense plants and such.

We in the armed forces can't win

### "More than a newspaper, a community institution"

## THE DALLAS POST

ESTABLISHED 1889

A non-partisan liberal progressive newspaper published every Friday morning at its plant on Lehman Avenue, Dallas, Penna., by the Dallas Post.

Entered as second-class matter at the post office at Dallas, Pa., under the Act of March 3, 1879. Subscription rates: \$2.00 a year; \$1.25 six months. No subscriptions accepted for less than six months. Out-of-state subscriptions: \$2.50 a year; \$1.75 six months or less. Back issues, more than one week old, 10c each. Single copies, at a rate of 5c each, can be obtained every Friday morning at the following newsstands: Dallas—Tally Ho Grille; Shavertown, Evans' Drug store; Trucksville—Leonard's Store; Idetown Caves Store.

When requesting a change of address subscribers are asked to give their old as well as new address in order to prevent delay. We will not be responsible for the return of unsolicited manuscripts, photographs and editorial matter unless self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed, and in no case will we be responsible for this material for more than 30 days.

Editor and Publisher  
HOWARD W. RISLEY

Editors  
★ S/Sgt. Howell E. Rees, U.S.A.  
★ Lieut. Warren Hicks, U.S.A.

Associate Editor  
MYRA ZEISER RISLEY  
Contributing Editors  
JOHN V. HEFFERNAN  
FRED M. KIEFER  
MRS. T. M. B. HICKS  
EDITH BLEZ  
DR. F. B. SCHOOLEY  
MARTHA HADSEL

Advertising Department  
★ Harry Lee Smith  
American Red Cross Foreign Ser.

Mechanical Superintendent  
HARRY E. POST

Mechanical Department  
★ S/Sgt. Alan C. Kistler, U.S.A.  
★ Norman Rosnick, U.S.N.  
★ S/Sgt. Alfred Davis, U.S.A.  
★ Pvt. Wm. Helmboldt, U.S.A.

★ In Armed Service.

the war alone and we need all the help that we can get from the people back home. Let's all get on the ball and do our best and don't forget to buy lots of War Bonds.

I will say so long now, hoping to receive The Post again soon and also to receive some mail from back home.

Your friend,  
Bob Dierolf  
Camp Livingston, La.

There are a number of local boys who are in the Military Police. They are apparently picked men for they are all high type and have excellent character records.—Editor.

### In Marine Air Corps

Dear Editor: I noticed that announcement in last week's paper asking all of us who are interested in receiving your paper in the future to send in the clipping, but forgot to send it at once. Since I am definitely interested in getting every copy I can get, I am enclosing the clipping.

Many of the fellows in my outfit get papers from home, but I have yet to see one that can compare with the Dallas Post. They lack the friendly, personal touch that can come only from a community like Dallas, in which nearly everyone is well acquainted with all his neighbors.

I am still in school, learning to become an Aviation Mechanic and am enjoying the nice weather more every time I get a letter from home telling of the zero weather up there. Please keep the papers coming.

Sincerely,  
Pvt. Elwood C. Ide  
U. S. M. C. R.  
Naval Air Station  
Jacksonville, Fla.

Elwood is one of three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Ide now serving their country in the armed forces.

### Army Air Cadet

Dear Editor: How is every one on the Post staff? I hope every one is feeling fine. My mother sent me the Post's blank, but I waited until I got to a permanent place.

I had my basic training at Miami Beach for one month. I have been sent to the University of Akron where I will attend for about five months. All "Air Cadets" have to attend one of these colleges before going to Pre-Flight training. We have almost the same set-up as the Air Cadets at Wilkes-Barre, although we're still privates until we go to Pre-Flight.

It is going to be an intensive course. The purpose, of course, is to prepare Aviation Cadets for intensive training in the Army Air

# THE SENTIMENTAL SIDE

By EDITH BLEZ

My Three Musketeers are still winning the war if their letters are telling the truth. They must be winning the war because they don't say anything about losing it! Pappy sent me a postcard written in Arabic. He insisted that I should read it from right to left—and take it very slowly. He said the Arab who sold it to him told him what it said but Pappy couldn't quite get it!

## SAFETY VALVE

Dear Editor:

Allow me to congratulate you on your editorial of recent date on the "Elephant Never Forgets."

If ever the truth was written it was when you said we've got the stuff, but have never done much about it. In our Republican party we have been ignored time and again when men were to be elected to the county offices.

Yes, we will grant some party workers are given appointments at the Court House, but some of these same men don't even go to the polls and vote, let alone work in behalf of the party and, I dare say, some appointments are made to the Democratic ranks and, furthermore, some of these same men are appointed year after year and clean, honest workers in the Back Mountain districts are left out in the cold. If our good citizens and voters could be educated to let their conscience be their guide when voting, instead of listening to nit-wits and peanut politicians, we possibly could oust these political pirates from the court house and get places. Yes, a few years ago some of the political crackpots among us tried to inject politics in our schools, council and township offices, and are trying to do the same thing again, but from what I learn, are not making any headway as our officials are clamping down on them. I want to congratulate our borough and township officials in the stand they have taken in not letting political crackpots dictate to them their official duties.

Over forty years ago, Albert D. Hay from Lehman was elected to the office of County Commissioner. I think that is a long time for us not to have any representation from the Back Mountain.

A few years later the late Philip Raub ran for County Treasurer, but was defeated by the late Fred C. Kirkendall and, to this day, I believe Mr. Raub was sold out by his own party.

Well, here's hoping Peter D. Clark will aspire for a county office this Fall and that I may have the opportunity to stump the Back Mountain districts in his behalf and put some of these political pirates to rout.

Respectfully,  
Life long resident of Dallas Twp.

Force by physical and academic training. It is very strict here, but it's all part of an Aviation Cadet's training.

I'll appreciate it very much if you send the Post to me because I don't think there is anything a man in the service likes to get more than mail from home.

I would like to write more, but lights are going out. I would appreciate it if you would tell my old friends in Dallas that it's very hard to write as all our time is really taken up.

Your friend,  
Pvt. Harry C. Snyder  
Univ. of Akron  
Akron, Ohio

Harry, we were just wondering whether there should be two or three stars in the service flag at your home. One each for you and Bill, and one for "Nippy," just waiting until he is old enough to be called by "Dogs for Defense." We think it should be three stars.—Editor.

### From The Far North

Dear Editor: Received my first copy of the Post while in Fort Bragg, but didn't

(Continued on Page 3)

Leo's letter was dated February 19 and he said he had received fifty letters in one batch of mail. He said he was receiving his Reader's Digest quite regularly and like all the other boys overseas, Leo insists that there is nothing like mail from home. It builds a soldier's morale 100 percent according to my foreign correspondent!

Bob, the middle one of the three boys, is evidently quite fond of the new young lady in our house and Pappy and Leo enjoy nothing more than taking Bob for a ride. Bob is rather quiet, and because the boys can't get much information out of him, they kid him more than they normally would. When they received their Christmas cards from our new young lady, Pappy and Leo insisted that she had written very personal messages on their cards. They wouldn't let Bob read them but they said they would read them to him if he could take it. You can imagine what "poetry" they invented. Leo insists that Bob does a lot of thinking while the rest of them are talking. He said he was amazed one afternoon to discover "Jane" written on the door of Bob's truck. It seems rather silly to name an Army truck "Jane" but I suppose it brings a familiar something to a boy driving day after day in the mud of Northern Algeria. Leo insists that there is no mud in the world to compare with the ooze of Africa. They seem to think mud, sleep mud, and practically eat it.

Pappy has been having all sorts of trouble. He can't sleep at night. He didn't quite know why he was not sleeping until one evening he discovered that a group of mice were chatting at a great rate under the board floor of his tent. He said he tried sleeping fast but all night long the mice beat him to the draw. He said he spoke to them, explained what a good night's sleep can mean to a soldier, but they did not understand his French. He insists they were French mice.

Finally he could stand it no longer. He tore up the board floor and put an end to his little playmates. He said he explained to them that they were leaving a good home but it was their own fault!

Pappy says he is driving a Jeep most of the time now. He says it gives him the opportunity to see Africa but he would much rather be seeing the good old U. S. A. Pappy says it takes a war to make a fellow realize what a wonderful place this country is—especially Iowa where they grow tall corn!

## QUICK RELIEF FROM Symptoms of Distress Arising from STOMACH ULCERS DUE TO EXCESS ACID

Freebook Tells of Home Treatment that Must Help or it Will Cost You Nothing Over two million bottles of the WILLARD TREATMENT have been sold for relief of symptoms of distress arising from Stomach and Duodenal Ulcers due to Excess Acid—Poor Digestion, Sour or Upset Stomach, Gasiness, Heartburn, Sleeplessness, etc., due to Excess Acid. Sold on 15 days' trial. Ask for "Willard's Message" which fully explains this treatment—free—at

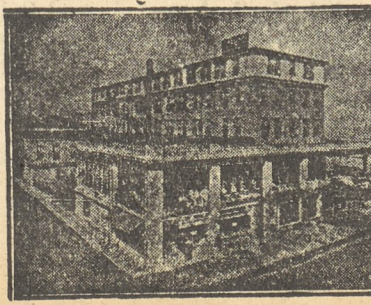
## HALL'S DRUG STORE

Shavertown, Pa.

COMING TO NEW YORK?  
STOP AT  
**King Edward Hotel** 200 UP  
MODERN ACCOMMODATIONS  
FRIENDLY SERVICE  
IDEAL LOCATION  
500 ROOMS - 500 BATHS  
Write for Free Guide Book  
"SEEING NEW YORK"  
K. K. Conroy, Mgr.  
44th St. East of Broadway  
FORMERLY 44th St. Hotel

## NEW RICHMOND HOTEL

Ocean End of Kentucky Avenue  
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.



100 well furnished rooms all with hot and cold running water, showers and tub baths.

### Rates

**\$1.25 Up Per Person**  
Near All Piers, Churches and Amusements.

WILLIAM F. KNELLER  
Owner Management