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## LETTER FROM A WAVE

The letter printed below was recently received by Dean Bowden. It is from Miss Edna Truitt, of the class of '44. Miss Truitt is in hospital service as a WAVE. We consider her letter to be a stirring and complete editorial in itself, and print it that it may help us all to realize the purpose and necessity of the Sixth War Loan Drive which is now in progress.

Monday.

Dear Dr. "B"

Tonight I feel as if the weight of the whole world were on my shoulders. Last night, as never before, the brutal force of this war was brought home to me. For several days we had been on the alert for 300 casualties from the west coast. They started bringing them in about 7:00. I had been at work since 7:00 Sunday morning, and it was 3:00 Monday morning before I left the ward.

Of the 300, 69 were stretcher cases. We had supposed they were traveling on a hospital train, but found out later that they were put on a regular train. Five days on a dirty train, without a bath or a change of bandages! The ones I bathed were so dirty you couldn't hope to get them clean with one washing. Infection had set in some cases—not many. One boy told me

## Science In The News

By J. W. CLAPP

With the increased demand for food and practically no farm machinery and tools being manufactured, the average farmer is finding his problems increasingly difficult. Before farm machinery manufacture can catch up with demand, perhaps unused army equipment can help pass over the early post war period. Some of the machines designed for warfare in the jungles and on the mountains of the world may prove useful for the farmer when their war need is no longer.

The army has a portable chain-type gasoline-powered crosscut saw that should be ideal for saving time and energy in marketing the farm woodlot. A modification of the army's high pressure flame thrower might even be an improvement over existing weed killers. They would certainly have to be modified; in their present form you might by slight misadjustment burn your neighbors garage instead of that patch of weeds, all by mistake. Smoke generators are suggested for use as smudge pots in orchards. Bulldozers and the Baily bridges will find use on extensive farms. New insecticides and sprays will be available, and the aerosol bomb will be a boon to campers as well as farmers. It is not actually a bomb but a cartridge of insecticide under pressure and can be released in the form of a mist. Vaporized in this manner, the new insecticide will reach into far corners and its effect will last for some time, killing insects at the slightest contact. Of course the versatile jeep, whose accomplishments have been glamorized for some time, should have many uses for light work and be available in considerable quantities.

Sale policies of the government supplies are not as yet completely definite, but used equipment will probably be sold at auction. Already some farm tools have been sold and because of present shortages they brought prices considerably above their value, some selling for more than they cost our government when new.

Radio is a wonderful, changing and quickly advancing field. It is difficult to visualize the complicated system that is behind our 285,000 radio stations. Coming into favor and being widely advertised is the frequency modulation type of radio transmission. FM (as it is called) possesses several advantages: less static, higher fidelity reproduction, and lack of interference from other stations on the same frequency. An interesting fact, not so well publicized, is that ordinary radios will not work on FM signals. Perhaps post war radios will have provision for receiving three different types of radio signals: AM, FM, and television.

The most important sciences right now are those which are being used to rehabilitate wounded veterans of this war. Even as medicine and surgery effect the first stage of wound healing, psychology and therapy prepare to complete the process. Psychology gives the answer to the "whys" of a patients attitudes and temperament, and tries to prescribe a course that will enable patients in a hopeless, disillusioned state to be encouraged and eager to recover. Rest and proper encouragement, with some activity to occupy the mind, cures most mental disturbances.

Physiotherapy is a modern science that is demanding more trained workers than are available. The physiotherapists' chief job is helping patients train injured muscles to work again. Special exercises are used to loosen up particular muscles. Everything from finger-exercising machines to ankle exercises is provided in Halloran General Hospital and other army hospitals of the country. Hot and cold showers and baths (hydrotherapy) provide the stimulation of heat, cold, and movement. The reconditioning hospitals might be called "Therapeutic" hamlets of their sort.



Fred Chandler doesn't get that education from the book store, of which Mary Cox is the chief dispenser.

Marjorie Simpson has claims to daily letters from a male. One could deduce that both parties were literate.

Not that we would be catty, but that Lyons has done a good job of caging Marie Garner.

It has been called to our attention that Lou Kerns is a female Leopold. This is not so. She does not have "curly hair."

Lynna Reitzel has her fangs sunk into a character named Bill these days. Chapel Hill, huh? A Hill Billy, no doubt.

About the only use we can figure out that the culprit could put the lights bulbs to that he usurped from West and North would be to sleep on. You've heard of the light sleeper, haven't you?

Elinor Aurgensbighdright isn't dating with Roy Berry any longer. (Reason—he kept mispronouncing her name. He referred to her as Aurgensbighdumb.)

And Emerson Whitley has been delving into dark subjects lately. Verdalee Norris is the illuminating factor.

Dot Pierce could be accused of singing "That's What I Like About the Souther-erland," as of late.

Seems more like old times with Ed Daniel back to whisper sweet nothings in coral ears. Cherchez (look out) les femmes.

In the dark ages of '37, they say, Dr. Bowden was known as "Socrates." Is he not worthy of the same honored title in this progressive year of '44? "Pistol Packin' Mamma. Yes?" A "forty-four" is a gun—so there ought to be more analogy than mystery in the line. Do we have to explain everything?

Well, Johany, here's your cue to enter... Spike's a "rookie" now you know.

'Tis quite true we've seen Cassanova Durham about Gibsonville lately. 'Tis strange how things happen to some people.

And one little fellow poured out his heart to us—"Gee, I wish Vivian Coble would stay on campus some weekend. There might even be a chance for me."

A new class got under way about three or four weeks ago when Lynn R. began intensive lectures on the art of letter writing. And she should know. Is the Merchant Marine case only a rumor, or shall we mention those letters here and now? And, oh brother, we know.

This growing familiarity between certain upper-class girls and freshmen boys has started a bit of controversy among a number of groups. There's a knack to doing this thing very simply Mary E. says, but sometimes it doesn't work. You might ask her about that, too.

Everyone congregates in P. Reid's room nightly. What's he got in there that interests everybody so much, besides his room mate, Joe Dunn? Mr. Dunn has done



Womankind is defined by Webster as the female of the species. In these days and times, there has been a demand for a more specialized definition, indicating the various types of the fairer sex. By no means is the following list complete, but may serve as a guide which many males may find of use in mapping out their strategy in bringing about closer friendship with their collective item's affection. It is desirable, we might add, to place said friendship on as close a scale as possible.

1. The "Took 'Un"—This type always sports a huge rock on her third finger left, and then goes around with that "I dare you" look. When the poor innocent victim is lured into the snare of the femm's charms, he is confronted with the old band, and either a renewed interest in bigamism develops, or somebody consults the Miss Fairfax's wisdom. It is advisable to be the one involved already in such a coupling instead of the aggressive third party. Remember, the early Boyd gets the worm.



2. The Clinging Vine Type—with eyes as big as Pepsi-Cola bottles, they look up at you and

threaten you with a strangle hold, and quoting stuff that would make Elizabeth Barrett Browning look like a piker all the while. Roy Berry is looking for such a vine to hang on to.

3. "The Studious Type"—One is subjected to hours of words of wisdom such as the merits of taking psychology, and who furnished the guns when the old fellers beggated each other, and why psychology is offered, and the zymotic and sedimentary factors entangled with the felicitous process in the creation of that beverage commonly referred to as cider, and such subjects as intellect. This educated type is quite a nuisance.

4. The "Musically Inclined"—Just about the time one gets his line started, and things appear to be in a favorable position, the musician suddenly remembers that a symphony is on the radio, or that she's almost missed Frankie Remedy. Get accustomed to listening to music such as Rhapsody in Blue. But don't be too particular of what Schadel of blue it is.

5. The "Athletic Fiend"—With this, you drink your cokes out of prize cups, you go through an ob-