

THE BOOK CORNER

Reading From Left To Right

—With—

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Now that we have the primary behind us, and the war fears assuaged for the time being, we can relax and allow our minds to absorb lighter things. Such as the reading of a good book.

But while we still have the war in mind—it's too soon to entirely pass it into history—we might well read the new book by Ralph Ingersoll, "TOP SECRET." Here we can learn the uncensored, inside story of how the generals planned and ran the invasion of Europe and the battle of Germany. It tells of decisions that saved thousands of lives . . . also decisions that added agonizing months to the war. It is truly a "now-it-can-be-told" story, told with no political axe to grind and no official record to uphold.

Ralph Ingersoll is now back at his old position as editor of the New York newspaper PM, after having been in the American army from 1943, as staff reporter, then staff captain and later rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel. Too, immediately after the invasion, he was an American observer attached to General Montgomery's staff.

Mention the name of W. Somerset Maugham to any of the literati and they will immediately become interested, for there has never been an uninteresting novel come from his pen.

And "THEN AND NOW," his very latest, is no exception. Since our high school days we have heard of the Borgias and Machiavelli and in this novel by Maugham all of the followers of this interesting era are paraded before our mental eyes in fascinating array and garbed in the best literary dress possible. It is a story of the Renaissance, and interestingly set out for our delectation. It is a story that can not be adequately reviewed for so much of its beauty lies in its gifted selection of wordage.

One of the most talked about books of the present popular trend is "PAST ALL DISHONOR" by James M. Cain. The hero is a young Confederate spy in Virginia City, the great mining town, at the

height of its boom period. The woman for whom he conceives a wild and desperate infatuation is one of the camp's sporting girls—in every way a dangerous creature. She is conscienceless, greedy and utterly irresistible.

It is hardly necessary to say more when it is known that two of Mr. Cain's novels have reached heights of best seller class; for instance, everyone knows "THE POSTMAN ALWAYS RINGS TWICE," and then the novel made into a picture that gave Joan Crawford the Oscar award for the best actress in pictures for 1945 . . . "MILDRED PIERCE." There are only 232 pages in this book but every one is crammed full with the most interesting reading you could ask for.

John Williams To Maintain Offices Here

John Williams, former Haywood county service officer, has been named as training officer and will maintain headquarters here in a sub-regional office of the Veterans Administration.

He will have charge of making contacts, supervise and make replacements of veterans in training and other matters pertaining to the rehabilitation and training program of the Veterans Administration.

Mr. Williams will serve in addition to Haywood County, the Jackson county area.

Any veteran wishing to contact the training officer may leave a message for him at the office of James H. Howell, Jr., county service officer of Haywood.

EGYPT

The British have been quietly withdrawing troops from Egypt and it is expected that a new land base will be established in Palestine, at the eastern end of the Mediterranean. Under an existing treaty, the British are permitted to keep 10,000 troops in Egypt, but have probably ten times as many on hand.

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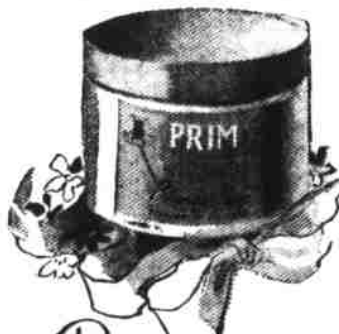
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