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IDOLATRY

Idolatry is the worship of images, or any created object, an excessive adoration. Idolatry is the putting of an object, a person or a human interest first and before your allegiance to God. Money, or pleasure, or sin, or art, or hobbies, if they eclipse your spiritual life are idols, and if they are given first place in the human heart, you are an idol worshiper. Let us say not to ourselves that idol worship belonged to pagans only, that it was cult of the long ago. Let us not say that we are enlightened and our religion is one of honesty and honorable dealing with our fellowmen; let us not boast of our good deeds and say that they merit particular favor of Heaven. All that is as it should be, but the other; a fervent unquestionable love and devotion to our Lord is an unqualified demand of the Bible. It is the very core of the teaching of Christ, it is the rock on which all churches worthy of the name are built. If this be not the spirit that illuminates the life, and the motive that drives us on, then, let us be serious, for we may be found living in idolatry. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Gen. 20.3. If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become a sounding brass, or a clanging symbol; and if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love it profiteth me nothing. First Cor. 13. And Jesus spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves, that they were righteous and despised others. Two men

went up into the Temple to pray, the one a Pharisee, the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself; God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. But he was not a Christian, he was an idolator, he had abundance of ego, the condemnation of heaven fell upon him, he was on the worldly side of the gate of heaven. See the account in Luke 18.9-12. How often men seek to justify themselves by their good works. I am as good as the church folk, one will say, let us hope so; but the chances are that you are not, you deceive yourself, you are not in the ark of safety, you worship a vain and empty theory, spun by the cunning of a mind that is at variance with God; you are an idolater. I know of no degrees in the worship of God; one is, or one is not. One is a Christian or an idolater. Christianity is a life, therefore if we give a dime to God and a dollar to the dance we are idolaters; if we indulge ourselves in worldly amusements and give God the crumbs, we are idolaters. If we give work and home our strength, our time and have nothing of vital energy for Christ and his church we are idolaters. If we have our minds and our hearts full of business and worldly cares and no room, no warm passion for the soul life, then we are idolaters. Of all worship conceived by man, idol worship is the most repulsive to our Lord. You will remember the great story recorded in 1st Kings, chapter 18, when Elijah commanded Ahab to assemble his

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idolaters, and call upon their Gods while Elijah called upon Jehovah. All day the idolaters called aloud for fire to consume their offering, but none was given. But an altar built unto the Lord, with wood and sacrifice soaked with water was immediately consumed by fire from heaven. This was God's righteous indignation in condemning idolatry. Idolatry was the blackest sin against the Mosaic law and was punishable by death.

Geo. M. Hulme

BIBLE STUDY LESSON

APRIL 2

SAUL BECOMES A NEW MAN

Golden Text—If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature. 2 Cor. 5:17.

This quarter will be devoted to the life and letters of Paul, who did a great work for Christ, usually considered the greatest any

one man has ever done.

Men make mistakes in their choice of leaders; God does not make mistakes. When Saul (later called Paul) was called to testify for Christ there were many things that qualified him for the task. He was born a Jew to convince the stubborn Hebrews; he could speak Greek which enabled him to preach anywhere without an interpreter; his thorough knowledge of the Scripture helped him to answer any questions; his Roman citizenship gave him protection all over the Empire; his trade of tentmaker could be plied in any country and kept him independent. To all these facts must be added his personal characteristics of courage, strength and eloquence.

Paul was not a neutral character. Before conversion he was fanatical in his persecution of Christians, believing them heretics. It was while traveling on such a mission that he was struck with a blinding light and heard a voice say "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" When he saw that it was Jesus to whom he talked, Saul was instantly converted and thereafter worked just as hard for Christianity as he had



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against it.

Saul needed a drastic experience to shake him loose from his established ideas. Some people think that conversion for them should be a similar awakening, not realizing that no two spiritual experiences are exactly the same. Some see the light after an awful calamity, some grow up in the light from infancy, some see the light gradually. How it happened to us should receive much less thought and study than how we live afterwards. Do we love God? Do we follow the teachings of Christ?

Hazel Gillam

STOW FAIRPLAY CLUB TO HOLD EXHIBITION APR. 20

An athletic and gymnastic exhibition will be held by the Stow Fairplay Club, in the High School Auditorium, on Thursday evening, April 20. This announcement was made today by Victor Collins, Director of the club's activities and chairman of the Recreation Committee of the Community Council, sponsors of the Fairplay Club.

Mr. Collins said the club had

made surprisingly rapid progress since its organization early in February and that the boys were anxious to show their parents and the public what they have accomplished. An entertaining and instructive program has been planned, details of which will be announced later. Boys from 13 to 17 will take part in the exhibition and they are already working hard to perfect the various events.

The Fairplay Club has been one of the most successful of community undertakings and Mr. Collins and his committee are to be complimented on their achievements. The enthusiastic support of the Stow Merchants' Association, the Lions Club, the Church of Christ, the Community Church and Parent-Teachers' Association has also been an important factor in assuring the success of the club.

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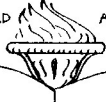
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Sunday night, April 2nd—Service in the church, 7:45 P. M.

Monday, April 3rd—Gillam home, Elm Rd.

Tuesday, April 4th—Cole home, W. Arndale Rd.

Wednesday, April 5th—Norman home, Lillian Rd.

Thursday, April 6th—Chas. Gillam home, Elmwood Ave.

Friday night, April 7th—Service in the church.

All members and friends of the Community Church are urged to lay aside their secular pursuits so far as is possible, during this season of prayer meetings. Plan to attend, and to enter heartily into the spirit and fervor of this Easter Time.

The Minister

The exhibition will be open to the public and the boys are hoping for a capacity crowd.

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

Communion of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at Stow Community Church this coming Sunday morning, April 2nd. All members should attend. And as Rev. Hulme has announced, baptismal services will be held at this time for all who so desire. Also in the evening services will be held in the church auditorium. All are invited to attend and bring their friends. Time 7:30 p. m.

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THE GRASS FIRE

We had a grass fire on our street Saturday. We also had a very high south wind. Now there isn't anything so unusual about a grass fire or a high south wind. We've had plenty of both before. What is so unusual is that we had a grass fire and a high south wind both at the same time. It started in the high grass over south of Hawthorn; and before we knew what was happening, it had jumped right across Hawthorn and was heading full tilt for our lumber piles and the houses on Thorndale. A couple of chicken houses and garages lay right in its path. About the time it crossed Hawthorn someone

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called the fire department, but they were out on another run. So we had to fight it with the manpower and equipment we had. How we did need equipment! It didn't seem as though we could stop it. On it came leaping paths and bare spaces with no trouble at all. In a moment it reached the lumber piles and was burning around, under and between them. By that time help had begun to arrive. Mr. Tenison from the Falls was here buying lumber at the time and stayed to fight it among the stacks of dry lumber. Boys showed up with buckets from away up on Sanford and stayed to the end. Every house turned out its contingent of ladies with brooms, buckets and anything that showed promise of extinguishing a little of the blaze. We fought it separately and in groups. We fought wherever we saw fire to fight. Wherever a tongue of fire appeared, there someone fought it, until little by little the tongues of fire became fewer and feebler. Then we knew that we were going to win the fight. It was all over but watching for telltale patches of smoke. We smothered them with water.

I guess we'll have to confess that we were pretty lucky, but it wasn't all luck. It seems as though we won out by keeping our eyes open and our shovels

swinging. It ran over us pretty generally at first. We couldn't fight it very successfully as long as it was in the tall grass in one huge blaze. We won by attacking the numerous small blazes farther on.

When will we ever see an end to these destructive, senseless grass fires that pester us each spring here in Stow just about the time we get our income taxes paid? Why can't we teach our people to wait for a damp day to burn rubbish and avoid any fires outside when a wind is blowing? How we do miss those huskies that used to show up whenever a fire threatened in the past! I guess they must be away out there on the edge of that world conflagration spraying hot steel on that blaze that was threatening to lick our shores. I guess we'll have to be satisfied with women and boys and such old fogies like me as happen to be around and awake; but believe me, we would surely have enjoyed seeing a dozen or so of you fellows carrying those hand sprayers up on Thorndale about two o'clock Saturday.

JOE A. MITTEN

MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Palmer of River Road, Munroe Falls, Ohio, are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy Louise to Corp. Paul L. Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Carpenter, of Reedy, W. Va., on Friday, March 24 at the St. John Methodist Church parsonage in Spencer, W. Va.

Dorothy will stay in the home of her parents for the duration

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and continue her studies at Kent State. Corp. Carpenter is a gunner in the Air Corps and will report for duty at Springfield, Mass. on March 31.

A reception was given for the young couple at the bride's home Tuesday evening, March 28.

FISH CREEK

Earl J. Brittan, Ph. Mate 3/c USN Hosp. Staff, Great Lakes, Illinois, spent the weekend with the Ivan Brittans.

Mrs. Lida Crabb Homer reports that her brother Jacob "Coe" Van Der Steen, S1/c U. S. Navy is expected home on leave from Camp Endicott, Davisville, R. I.

Mrs. J. E. Shroyer says that Roy Shroyer, CM 2/c USNR, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York, is ill in the station hospital and all are hoping he will be able to be out of the hospital before April 1st, which is his birthday anniversary.

Eddie Phillips, MM2/c expected to leave about March 29 for Norfolk, Va. and last Monday was again at his uncle's home on Darrowville-Fish Creek Road before returning to the Navy.

Heather Harvey was one of several young folks to participate in a piano recital at Kent State Training School auditorium last Monday night, when Mrs. C. J. Alexopoulos presented her pupils. Heather's solos were Elfentanz and Wachterlied by Grieg.

Mr. and Mrs. Schram, and daughters, moved to Kent recently when the Gougler home was sold to Oliver Lindsay, formerly of Alliance, who brought his family here from Pennsylvania as soon as the Schrams moved.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Foltz enjoyed having their daughter and two grandchildren with them for Easter vacation from Lakewood

schools. They are the Chester Zahn family, Mr. Zahn being one of the managers at WTAM in Cleveland.

Wedding bells will be ringing here about the time this edition is being left in some mail boxes.

Also a granddaughter of some of the local finest folks will soon be attending her own wedding.

Other real estate transfers beside the Arthur Gougler home is the house across the street from Gouglers, which was the one the H. B. Steins first occupied when they came here from Akron. It has recently been owned by the Robert Youngs who sold to Leroy Bowen of Streetsboro for rental purposes and was rented immediately.

George Ake, who left here just two or three years ago when he married Lovetie Rinehl formerly of Fish Creek, has purchased the J. H. Myers home at the curve of Kent-Stow Road in Parmelee Heights. The Myers having built that home when they moved eight years ago from the house now occupied by Herman Schuette.

The Valley Sportsmen's Association meet on the third Thursday evening of each month at the Town Hall. Remember the date.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The Senior Hi-Y Varsity S hayride went off with a bang. The weather was wonderful and everyone had a good time.

Plans are now in full swing for the Sub Deb formal to be held April 22. The orchestra has not yet been decided upon.

Tickets are now on sale for the band concert to be held in the auditorium Friday, March 31.

The cast for the Senior Play, "Nine Girls", has been chosen and practices are under way. The play will be given April 14th.

Jean Blackwelder

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C. Shakespeare in Munroe Falls last Monday.

Miss Julia Cowan of Munroe Falls is confined to her bed with an injury she received two weeks ago due to a fall.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lowe recently returned from a ten day visit with their son Ensign Robert Lowe in North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Solberger having been home on a fifteen day furlough returned to Norfolk last Sunday evening.

Mr. Charles Traxler was guest speaker at the Young Peoples Service last Sunday evening. His subject was "Life and Death."

WANTED—School bus drivers. Call Mr. Ganyard at the High School Building. OV-8719. (adv.)
Mrs. Mary E. Vail, mother of Mrs. Patterson, East Arndale Rd., fell on Wednesday of last week breaking her hip. She is in St. Thomas Hospital.

WANTED—Help in cleaning Grade School Building. Call Mr. Kimpton at the office. OV-8511.

Mrs. Clarence Griffin called to Phoenix, Arizona by the death of a grandson, six month old child of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Sprenkle, has returned home. Mrs. Sprenkle and son accompanied her and will visit here a season.

FOR SALE—Heavy hens. J. Etter, 227 Marhofer Ave., Stow. (adv.)

Bob Calhoun was wearing numerous patched up places on his face last Sunday when we saw him. It seems his motorcycle skidded on the wet pavement in front of the Stow Dairy the day before.

Garden plowing and fitting. Good work. Cash. Louis Griggy, Ritchie Road, OV-8407. (adv.)

Birthdays celebrated at Bible School last Sunday were those of Mary Zimmerman, Betty Weyrick, Frances Norris, Mr. Otis Maxwell, Mrs. H. C. Lowe and in ab-

sentia Mrs. Lowe's son, Ensign Robert Lowe.

Mr. Levi Moyer who has been working for a doctor in Akron fell on Monday of last week fracturing three ribs. However, he sends word that it is not his intention that his accident will stop him from attending church Sunday. We will be looking for him.

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Dorothy Sengpiel, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Geo. M. Hulme, fell last Friday dislocating her elbow. This type of an accident the doctor says is more painful than a break and takes longer to heal. A trip to the Peoples Hospital was necessary for Mrs. Sengpiel. She is now at her home.

STUDIO

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Lt. Harry Osman and wife were visitors at church last Sunday morning. Harry received his commission March 12th and looks fine in his new uniform. Home on an eighteen day leave he returns to Oklahoma April 5th where he will be flying instructor in a twin engine plane.

FOR SALE: Bee hives, foundation, smoker, veil, etc. Call OV-8771. (adv.)

Lt. John H. Olson writes home that he is enjoying bathing in the surf and plenty of fresh tropical fruit somewhere in Brazil. He was ordered to bed for a day to recover from a cold contracted in the states, supposing to sleep and drink a large pitcher of fruit juice placed by his bed. He says it seems pretty nice but don't think such things will last long. John or "Jack" as many in Stow know him is a navigator.

ROAD

is in the Memorial Hospital in a serious operation.

Paul is staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Henderson.

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J. Henderson is in the hospital.

They will sell the house.

Mrs. William E. A. Gleason is in the hospital.

attended the funeral of Mr. J. Henderson last Friday.

of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Margaret

Fourteen members of the Stow Patrol of the Auxiliary Highway Patrol have made reservations for the state meeting in Columbus, April 22 and 23.

Rev. Geo. O. Mayer will conduct Holy Week services at Munroe Falls Church each evening of the week at 7:30 o'clock except Saturday evening. Rev. E. M. Lewis and District Superintendent Stanley Smith will preach respectively on Tuesday and Thursday evening, with Communion service on Thursday evening.

To all my friends in Stow:
Please don't be offended if I haven't solicited your business. Your local milkman, Lester C. Garver. (adv.)

J. L. Poulton, MM3/c and wife left last Sunday afternoon for Camp Peary, Virginia after spending an eight day furlough at home in Akron. Before he left, we were pleased to have him phone, giving us his correct address. "Jack" as many of his friends knew him, was a member of the Stow High School class

graduating in 1940.

WANTED: Elderly lady for housework in family of two middle aged people. OV-3286. (adv.)

Jerry Ricketts promises plenty of highgrade entertainment for the April meeting of the Stow Merchants Association. It is Ladies Night, you see. The ladies of the Community Church are going to serve the group a chicken supper old-fashioned family style. "Butch" Arnold was with us at our last meeting. We invite service men on furlough to meet and eat with us, and would appreciate your giving us the names of any such who expect to be in Stow so that they may receive a warm invitation to attend. The auction held at the February meeting was a decided success with Jerry Ricketts as auctioneer.

FOR SALE: Girls Spring Coat, size 10, also rose colored straw hat. \$5 for both. Call WA-2996. (adv.)

D. OF A.

Stow D. of A. will meet in Marhofer Hall at 7:30 p. m. Monday, April 3rd. The sewing circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Florence Harper on Wednesday, April 12th. There will be a covered dish dinner followed by sewing.

LETTER

Camp Stewart, Ga.
March 18, 1944

Dear Mr. Stockman:
Just a few lines to let you know

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that I have a change in address, and please excuse me for not writing before now.

I enjoy reading the news very much, I also get to read the letters from my two uncles, George and Robert Buchanan. George is across sea and Robert is now stationed in Texas.

The weather down here is fine, nice and sunny "the good old sunny south" although it does rain. The camp is about 90 miles sq. made up of A. A. and A. A. A. and of course of M. P.; about all the trees you can find here at camp are pine and palm trees.

I have been home on a seven day furlough and expect to get another the last of May. That is one thing a soldier enjoys. Will close for now.

Sincerely yours,
Pvt. Edward V. Moore
35920109

Advance Det.
Hq. & Hq. Btry.-AARTC
Camp Stewart, Ga.

ED. NOTE: We are like you—we enjoy the letters too. And we

are wondering how long it will be before we get another letter from your uncle George. It has been some time since he sent a letter our way. Maybe when he reads this he will write. He should have quite a bit to write about.

H. J. S.

LETTER

APO 838 c-o Postmaster
New Orleans, La.

March 17, 1944

Dear Mr. Stockman:

Just a few lines to say hello and give you my new address which has changed in the past month unbeknown to me. I was planing on seeing the folks around there this month but run into some tough luck. I was all set on a furlough but before I had a chance to get started I ended up in the hospital with appendicitis, but will be out in a few days. I was taken sick February 22nd. Now the furlough is out being that I have been transferred to another outfit.

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Bob Hope and his troupe was here at the hospital and put a show on. It was very good and I believe it did everyone some good.

The doctor and nurses here are all very nice, they really take good care of the boys and my hat off to the Army nurses (and you can put it in large type) they do not get half the credit that is due them.

I have been receiving the C. C. News; at times I get three or four at once then one a week for a while.

I would like to meet Joe Mitten. I like his way of writing things. I do not think he was at the school when I was going there.

I will close now with thanks to you and your staff for their work on the paper.

Yours truly,
S/Sgt. Ralph O. Kline
6987640
APO 838 c-o P. M.
New Orleans, La.

ED. NOTE: Glad to have you mention the doctors and the nurses. There are one or two who receive this paper who might like to read your compliments. As for Joe Mitten, you are not the only one who has recently expressed a desire to meet him. We hope he stays around until you get back. Write again. H. J. S.

LETTER

March 21, 1944

Dear Mr. Stockman:

I am sorry I haven't written sooner, but I have been so darned busy that I haven't had much time to do anything.

I have been receiving the C. C. News regular and I want to thank you sincerely for sending them. The people of Stow are doing a swell job of keeping the boys in the service in touch with the friends and parents back home.

I read in the last edition the letter from Kenneth L. Meyer and I will get in touch with him as soon as possible.

I am sending you my latest change of address.

Forever a Stowite,
Richard F. Rose, S2/c USN
c-o Fleet Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

ED. NOTE: Thank you for the letter and the address. Write again. H. J. S.

POSTCARD

March 21, 1944

Dear Mr. Stockman:

Just a card to let you know my new address.

I've been receiving the News regularly every week and really missed the last two or three which are probably trying to catch up with me. This address I think will last for a couple of months at least. Still intending to write that letter some day.

Cpl. Rachel L. Schnee
Hqrs. Det. WAC,
Camp Plauche'
New Orleans 12, La.

ED. NOTE: Thanks for the change of address notice. And don't forget that letter. We wonder if that "some day" will ever come. H. J. S.

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of Christ.

LETTER

March 10, 1944

Dear Mr. Stockman:

I have been sitting back waiting until my address decided to quit revolving, to notify you of the change. It has wavered back and forth and around so that it would take a couple persons to keep up with it.

I saw the letter of Charles Miller in the News and decided I had better notify you regardless. I think this one may last a month or more anyway.

Of course I still can't say where I am, but I can give a few descriptions. Again, as every other island I've been on, there are only black people inhabiting it. When we first arrived they were a little afraid of us because of the treatment they received from the enemy. By kind and honest treatment they soon grew to like us very much and even helped round up a few stray Japs that escaped back into the dense jungle and rocks.

My tent is about 75 yards from the beach. I can see all the way out to another island. I some-

times see a beautiful sight or two but it is so far from being as travel posters make it sound that we forget how much beauty there is. The swaying palm trees mean so many more coconuts to come hurtling down at us, the bright moon (not often) makes us seen by enemy attackers more easily (we see him too!), and last but not least the beautiful native girl dressed with grass skirts, etc. is a black, fat person who makes herself very attractive in a flashy red, blue (or what have you) dress that hangs on her like a bag of meal (at least if she thinks she is attractive, we have other ideas in that line).

Well I believe I have taken up enough of your time. Thanks for the C. C. News.

Sincerely,

Pfc. Robert Morrison
15315800

APO 706 Unit 1 c-o P. M.
San Francisco, Cal.

ED. NOTE: What you say about kind and honest treatment of Natives meets with our approval exactly. With average folks honesty and kindness is always appreciated and in the long run is returned in the same coin. As for beauty, it is all a matter of opinion. Some folks like 'em fat, others, tall and willowy. Red and green are good colors and there are times when even a bag of meal can look mighty nice. However with most of the soldiers, we believe it true, no one can look quite so nice as the home folks and the girl back home. Just notice how the boys are grabbing 'em off when they are home on furlough. One would almost think—but we will stop right here—should be on our way to work right now. Write again. H. J. S.

LETTER

Hawaiian Island
March 14, 1944

My Dear Mr. Stockman:

Just a few lines to let you know I was thinking of you and home, as I haven't received the little paper and mail from no one now for quite some time. And Gee, believe me, I sure am hitting mail call awful anxious these days to get some news from home. Mr. Stockman here are the souvenirs I promised you. They

came from Kawajlain Atoll in the Marshalls.

This is some country I am in now, a lot of Japs, but friendly. It rains all the time but at Honolulu it does not rain so much. I go there on pass. Some fellow from Stow wrote to me from Pearl Harbor but as I was moving around quite a bit at the time I lost his address. I went to Pearl Harbor but it is like hunting a needle in a haystack to find anyone when you aren't so sure you know his name, but I believe it's Taylor and I wish he would write or call Co. Div. and I will try and get in touch with him. I am awfully disgusted that I lost his address.

Mr. Stockman if you haven't seen any of the Hawaiian Islands and just imagine how it looks or is, just dismiss that from your mind, as it is nothing like what you think at all, but it is peaceful and you can at least get a good night's rest. However, I will say this much, the flowers are beautiful and some spots, but the movies sure did exaggerate, ha!

Well Mr. Stockman I want to thank you again and whoever is responsible for me getting the paper and believe me I hope it never stops coming. I don't know where I will be when I write again, it might be China, but wherever it is I hope I get the paper and will sure let you know. Well it's getting too dark to write so I'll have to close, so good luck and God bless you. I remain,

As ever,

Your Friend Pvt. Perrin

ED. NOTE: While you say nothing about it we hear that you have been in the hospital. Must be though you are getting better. And was it in the hospital that you met Don Manson. He did not say either why he was in the Hawaiian Islands. Thanks for the souvenirs. Will have to take them to my Chinese laundry man to read though maybe Japanese letters and Chinese are different. Hope you get more mail soon. Let us hear from you again 'ere long. H. J. S.

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BOOK REVIEW**

AUTHOR: EDWARD R. STETTINIUS, JR.

TITLE: LEND-LEASE: WEAPON FOR VICTORY.

In presenting the facts of lend-lease to the American people Edward Stettinius, Jr., former Lend-Lease administrator, has given us a fascinating, highly exciting book—a story of the cooperation of the United Nations to win the war. Mr. Stettinius begins his story in 1940, before the United States had come to the realization that the nations already fighting the Axis were our own first line of defense. At that fateful hour, when the best British troops were trapped in Flanders and France was tottering before the invaders, it at last became apparent that this country might have to stand alone against the Axis. With dramatic intensity Stettinius tells how the critical position of the British forced the issue, how orders were given to rush to their assistance all the arms and ammunition we could spare, and how these orders were carried through in time to help Britain face the threat of invasion. Although this equipment was sold to the British, the act was in essence the beginning of our Lend-Lease activity. Through the “destroyers-for-bases” deal and the foreign purchasing commissions in this country, Stettinius shows how our co-

operation with the Allies grew until the present system of Lend-Lease had to be developed. The British simply did not have the American dollars to pay for the supplies so urgently needed. The author's lucid explanation of this economic situation is supplemented by one of the excellent pictograms which are liberally used, in addition to photographs, throughout the book. Mr. Stettinius vividly pictures the challenge each new demand made upon the administrators of Lend-Lease and how they decided in which theater of war what materials were needed. He brings together the already known facts about Lend-Lease but also tells many aspects not so well known. The establishment of the Trans-African route to get planes into Egypt was a dramatic but little-publicized battle against malaria, ants, and sand, as well as against Axis planes from Libya. Many Americans do not realize that India possesses the largest steel mill in the British Empire and that the industrial equipment we sent there is being used to strengthen a giant munitions industry.

But it is the Reverse Lend-Lease which we know least about, that process by which our soldiers in England, China, and Australia are clothed, fed, and quartered by those countries. The extent of this aid is far more than this, and Stettinius' account of it should be a final answer to those who feel the United States has been too generous with her resources.

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