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Flight Officer Robert Barr Receives Wings

Flight Officer Robert Eugene Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie A. Barr, 128 Maxwell, McPherson, who is now home on furlough, received his wings and a commission as an aerial navigator February 23. He graduated in Seiman Field, Monroe, La.
Lt. Barr has completed an intensive course of all kinds of aerial navigation trained directly under AAF Central Flying Training Command direction.



From The Library

What Americans Were Reading In 1944

According to a questionnaire on reading trends sent out by the American Library Association to public libraries of America, the average American in 1944 wanted to read about his own personal problems first, and about the war and state of the world second. The general interest in religion and human relations which took a sharp swing upward when the war began has not slackened, although reading about the war and war heroes, highest in national interest in 1943, dropped slightly in 1944.

The slackening of interest in war reading is most noticeable on the two coasts, where it was most intense in 1943, while many communities in the Middle West report steady and sometimes increasing demand for war books. Interest in personal problems is evident in the steady popularity of books on hobbies, farming, small businesses, hand-craft and the arts.

On the whole more people were reading in 1944 than in other war years. Increased reading is due to many factors. The layoff in several industries has begun. People who were at first too distracted by war to read are now finding in war an incentive to read. Relatives of men in service are reading about the strange lands where our forces are stationed. The war has created new interests in world markets, social services, foreign languages, politics, as well as new ways to fix household appliances and to entertain the baby. There is also a great deal in interest in postwar building of all kinds—homes, schools, and public building.

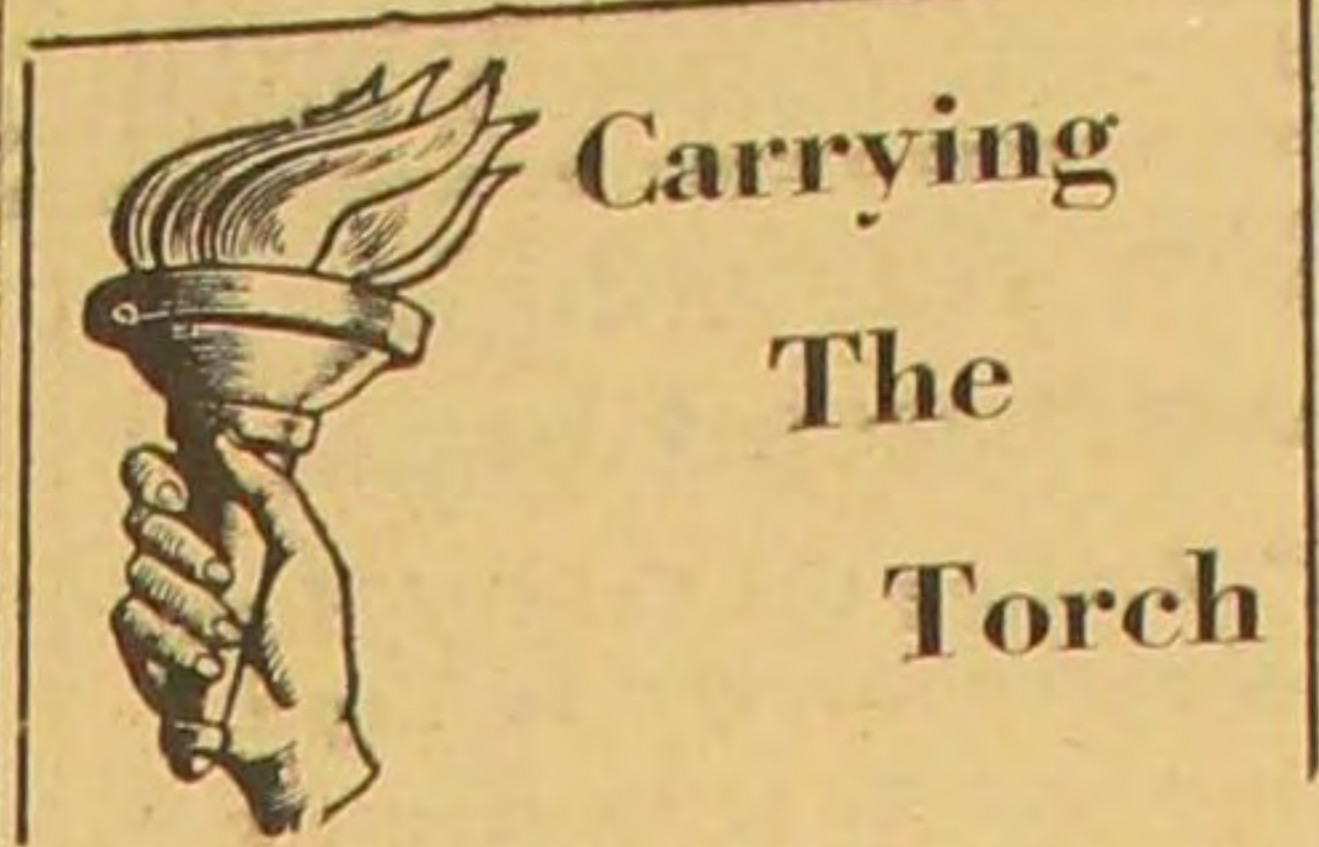
When publishers were asked for the title of one outstanding book of general interest, they voted three to one for Sumner Welles' TIME FOR DECISION.

Arnold Hall Girls Select Their Rooms for Next Year

"Are you coming back next year?" "Who are you going to room with?" and "What room are you going to have next year?" have been quite common questions that have been heard in the last week. The reason for the sudden rush of such questions was the reservation of rooms in Arnold Hall for next year.

It looks as if Miss Neher will have a "full house" again. Already all of the rooms on second and third are full, and a very few remain on first.

The seniors of next year had first choice as to the room they want to live in during their last year at dear old MC. Some of the girls are going to keep their same room and roommate while others are going to get a change of scenery.
Incidentally girls, don't forget to pay your \$3.00 reservation fee before the end of the year.



Student Volunteers

The Student Volunteers Commission met in the S. U. R. Tuesday morning. Marvin Blough was in charge of the worship service, and Doris Coppock and Arlene Miller favored the group with solos.

Dale Brown gave a short talk on the importance of the Student Volunteer Movement, and he passed out literature concerning this subject.

The meeting was brought to a close with a poem, read by Gerry Tharrington.

Propaganda

Dr. Fleming led a round table discussion in the Propaganda Commission Tuesday. The discussion centered around the problem of discovering propaganda.

The most commonly used propaganda devices are: name calling, glittering generalities, transfer, testimonial, plain folks devices, card stacking, band wagon.

Points were brought into focus as to how people are taken in by propaganda. It is to be remembered, however, that propaganda may be uplifting as well as destructive.

Worship

Do you know how to plan effective worship services? If you're in doubt, come to the Worship Commission next Tuesday morning. The group plans to tackle this problem.

In an interesting and enlightening forum conducted by Dr. Burton Metzler, the Worship Commission discussed 'what is worship'. Reaching the conclusion that worship is communion with God, the group felt that a number of emotions such as thanksgiving, praise, confession, confidence, and reverence entered worship.

Trustees Meet

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campus and building improvements, investment of funds, sabbatical leaves for the faculty, the summer session, a Rural Life Foundation, credit and curricula for men and women returning from National Service, and Counseling problems.

It was announced that according to present trends the college will be able to open the 58th year next fall free of any indebtedness.

The board concluded its work at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and the Faculty entertained the Board of Trustees at a dinner Wednesday evening.

Greatest Airport Need

Communities of 25,000 population and less show the greatest lack of airport facilities.

The Superior Race

Sitting at a small table at a restaurant, the patron said to the waiter, "The times have sure changed. It's becoming so that a nigger thinks that he is as good as we white folks. Why, one even is planning to move in next door!"

Two students were talking over old times back in the home town during a vacation. After discussing all of the local gossip and digging up forgotten experiences, they shifted the topic of conversation back to the college and the university that they were attending.

The student from the large university remarked, "I have been serving in one of the houses for men. It is quite a bit of work at times, but we also have a lot of fun. We have a big group of Jews on the campus enrolled in the same studies that I am taking. They are a bunch from the eastern part of the country. At first they tried to mix with us, but we soon showed them that we did not want them with us, 'white boys!'"

"Yes, I know" added the other student; "we even have some Japs on our campus."

A superior race? The statements made by the people in the examples above would lead us to believe that they thought that they were members of one. At least, they were a little better than the rest of the peoples of the earth, and they did not want to mingle or be tainted by them.

This idea is not new, but it is becoming stronger at the present time in many places. Of course, I have not been speaking about the United States? I must mean Japan or Germany? They have long advocated that they are a superior race. But your guess is wrong. I am speaking about the United States, the land of the free. I am speaking about the middle western states. In fact, I am speaking about our fair state of Kansas. Even about our own city of McPherson. Listen when you ride the trains and busses. Listen while you are eating your lunch down town. These deceitful thoughts are taking deeper root in our fair land; they are growing. Soon they will bear their bitter fruit, hate, fear, persecution. They have already gone a long way. Look at our race riots; visit one of our American version of the concentration camps!

Still A Mistake

We recognized the error of these thoughts when they were used in Germany and Japan. Can we not recognize these same mistakes in our own land. In the totalitarian dictatorships they were used as a means to achieve their own selfish ends. The same proved to be true on the West coast. Will we allow selfish people to arouse race tensions for their own selfish means?

The scientist tells us that there is no superior race. All races are equal. One exceeds another only in opportunity. All nations are of one blood. Moredn transfusions have proved that fact to be true.

Modern transportation has made the world so small that we must learn to live with each other. At one time we could separate ourselves, but now that is impossible. It takes no more time now to go to Hong Konk as it did one time to go to Washington. Sixty air hours will take us to any spot on this little world.

Confucious, the famous Chinese sage, had the right idea when he said two thousand five hundred years ago, "Within the four seas all men are brothers." That fact is still true. Let us not forget it.

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The President's Corner

Much is being said and written these days concerning race, national and class prejudices and their accompanying social evils. Anthropology looks at the race problem and concludes the following:

1. All men belong to the same species, that is, the human species.
2. Race is a biological term and can be applied only to very large groups of people with similar anatomical characteristics, which make it possible to assume a very common ancestry.
3. There are no pure races.
4. Neither the mentality nor the personality of peoples is determined by any racial characteristics such as shape of the head, color of skin, texture of hair, etc.
5. All experiments and tests show that no race can be considered inferior or superior to any other race.
6. There is abundant evidence to show that members of any race can take on the culture of any other race.
7. Neither biological nor cultural difference necessarily connotes superiority or inferiority.

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SOCIETY

This week-end things took on a new hue around the campus. The usual expectation that proceeds Regional Conference was transferred to the Regional Youth Retreat this year, and the students were not let down or disappointed. It gave them a general up-lift to be able to meet and talk to people they have heard and read about like Bob Tully, Dr. Hartmann, Don Snyder and others. The other young people of the region brought with them, and the week-end ended with a renewed drive behind those of us who are in school.

This week found us saying goodbye to another young Bulldog who leaves us to answer the call of Uncle Sam. You all know Jimmy Johnson, his friendly smile, and the place he has filled on the campus life of Mac. Coach, the team, and Evelyn aren't the only ones who will miss him, for he has become a familiar figure to all the Canine rooters. We wish you the best in what ever you are headed for, Jimmy . . . from the school to you!

The week-end saw the arrival of several former students back on the campus. Those down for Regional conference included Helen Burkholder, Dayton Rothrock, Barbara and Leona Holdereed, Anna Mae Tinkler, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Licht, Sarah May Vancil, and several others. Helen's brother Donald Burkholder was down, and although he is new to the college kids, the impression he made will put him on the same level with his brothers, Bob and John . . . both well known around these parts. Mary Beth's brother Royce Loshbaugh, and Harley Grone's brother, were also down to visit during the Retreat.

The College Young People were responsible for The Saturday night Banquet held in the church. The theme of the banquet was cleverly captioned 'Eyesless to Color' and was cleverly carried out in the table decorations which consisted of tiny African Huts with thatched roofs. Then a complete village, with stockade and all, was set up on a low table to show the African compounds. This was complete with a jungle and animals.

College Hits

"They Are Wearing"

By Aurell

You had better put on a coat this Spring if you want an entirely new look. It's time to see yourself again (between suits) in a dress-and-coat. You do get an extra scene shift when you go out in a coat (whatever a coat has that a suit hasn't of course, is a suit underneath). There is more design in the new coats; there are more ideas, more prettiness than in seasons. More color and combination of color . . . well used. A more fitted-to-the-occasion quality in coats. Country coats, town coats, day coats, night coats, costume coats. The look of a soft-skirted, fitted high-throated coat, a pretty hat and a figure-sweet dress beneath is refreshing and feminine and right-as-rain-in-the-Spring.

You'd better put on a coat if you want color this Spring. Red? Glimmering red or bright hood-and-ladder red. Or white, fleece-as-white-as-snow coats. Tunic-length strict white coats or big trench coats, gold buttoned. Coats of rust corduroy, pink and navy-blue checks, purple herringbone tweed, good true navy-blues, grey and lemon plaids, and some of the creamiest neutrals ever denied a vat-dye.

Better put on a coat this Spring for line: vertical, horizontal, curving, boxed. Some coats look like coats . . . reefers, trench coats, swag-ger, mandarin, tunic. Some coats look like dresses . . . have contrasting shirt tops, capelets. All have some line in common: high throat line, waists as small as you can take.

Better put on a coat if you are going to a party. Coats are very social. Crepe or satin or faille or al-paca. They have real contour and elegance. Are strictly town. Strictly twilight-into-midnight. The very nicest way to go to a party is in the short, free hanging satin coat with high collar, or the very silhouette cinched-in tunic coat; as the coat that covers you completely like another dress, like a raincoat. These coats welcome a formal hat, protect a revealing décollete. It's a good idea to put on a coat.

and was the expert handiwork of Eunice Swank. Other girls who helped in making the decorations were Cathrine Little, Lois Gauby, and Jane Bell. David Albright and Jane of the program and was toastmaster for the evening. Ruth Shoemaker was in charge of the Banquet, and with her consisted of Eunice Swank, Jane Bell, Lois Gauby, and Susan Ikenberry. The meal was prepared from one of Mrs. Bittinger's recipes, and was a genuine African dish.

Lorraine Ruthrauff was pleased to have her father down for the Retreat. He is the pastor of the Church of the Brethren in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Dorris Coppock was also a lucky girl, as both her parents were down and stayed over Sunday.

Rev. Coppock, pastor of the Church of the Brethren in Plattsburg, Mo., was the guest speaker in the morning services of the local Brethren Church. In the evening, Rev. Glenn Harris, brother of our librarian, Miss Virginia Harris, spoke at the church. They are both graduates of McPherson College.

MAIL CALL

Sgt. Raymond L. Goering, former student of McPherson, and now stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, writes: Some time since I have written and so I thought I had better drop you a line. I often think about you and your work in school.

After I saw you last Christmas I spent five weeks at Camp Ritchie, Maryland. I was as cold as ever all the time I was there. Went to Washington, D. C., and really had an interesting and pleasant time. Sure do like the town.

I suppose you're busy now with the basketball. Congratulations on turning out such a good team. I know where praise is due.

As far as my duties here, I'm still teaching. I am not teaching Army Intelligence and aerial Photography. I like it a little better than that other stuff I used to beat my brains out on. But also I don't know when I'll be sent out to do some fighting. Probably it will be some time as yet. His address is: Sgt. Raymond S. Goering 37211801, Hq. Btry, AARTC, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Joseph E. Hoffert, former student of McPherson College, writes from somewhere in the Pacific. Dear Spec' Fans:

My thoughts have often wandered back to McPherson College. I have been able to receive some news via

Spec clippings, and I have enjoyed reading them very much even though it is about a month before I get them.

I left the States way back in July, 1944 and received extra training before I was assigned to my present job on October 1. I am assigned to a division of Destroyer Escorts in connection with Radar Maintenance. So far I have been on a ship only about a month before being transferred to another one. That has advantages and disadvantages and the main disadvantage is that my mail is always going to the ship I just left. My work is interesting and not too hard, but I manage to keep busy.

I would be interested in finding out the addresses of former McPherson students who are on ships out here in the Pacific.

Along with everyone else out here I am looking forward to the time when I see the Golden Gate and the next stop—the Kansas Plains.

We quote Lt. R. B. Meyer, who graduated in 1942, from a letter to Coach Hayden. He says:

Reckon I'm a bit late on reporting to you all about the RBM's; so I'll try to do that at this time.

I have previously told you of the set up that I had on Oahu, well I have one now that has that beat. I have the good fortune to be in charge of a Transient Housing Project, as you can see by the address. Dottie and I live in one of the apartments, right on the base; or I could describe it all better by saying they are a group of Homoia Huts that have been cut in two to make two apartments. I have my office in one end and we live in the other; so you see I have quite a time assuming my duties. Naturally you're saying 'ole Meyer has been playing a bit of politics or banking ears; to tell the truth my 'ole CO in the islands is now the Provost Marshall here. To top it all off the Post furnishes my quarters free of charge.

I've had a few letters from Jerry Lott, and he's still up in the Bay region, having a few shake down cruises before shoving off again for the Pacific.

We have had the good fortune of seeing some grand football games on the coast this past season. I believe the best was March Field against Randolph Field Flyers, never in my life have I seen such a collection of All-Americans; this Bill Dudley is a great player. Other than

service teams the coast didn't have much to offer for teams. USC definitely had a low grade team; and Tennessee and USC both stunk in the Rose Bowl Game.

I've heard very little from the McPherson crowd since my returning. How is your BB team this year? His address is: Lt. R. B. Meyer USMC, O-I-C Transient Housing, Camp Joseph H. Pendleton, Ocean-side, California.



Up On The Hill

Dick Mohler, most ardent, poetic Romeo that our fair campus can claim manages to keep the dorm parlor in an uproar. Just ask Alice Ruth Bailey if Dick doesn't employ real "he-man" tactics in reaching his objective. The only flaw in this beautiful story is that he didn't reach his objective, because Alice Ruth could run faster than Dick.

By the way, just because Mino topped Glenn's bid for that date with Betty Greig way back when, doesn't mean that Glenn gave up. Last Friday night witnessed that newsome twosome sporting the college car at the Bethany game. Nice Goin'!

"Brother Wamp" is getting in gear again. This time the lucky gal is Jane Bell. Of course they have mutual interests, like watching the sunrise, from the windows of European

History Class

This is "Strickler" between us, but there are several Arnoldites writing to Unruh. Nothing like taking advantage of a man while he's down.

Another roommate deal has sprung up in the names of Wolf, Mease, Kauffman, and Lucore. It looks like the "young man's fancy" has turned a little early.

The glad cry of "Man on Second" sent everyone running, only to find it was Burton. Huh! we thought they called the doctor for Gracie. After Burton's visit, she didn't need one.

Now it can be revealed!

Three Idahoans revealed their culinary skills in the preparations of a scrumptious feed of soup, dill pickles, cheese, and snow ice cream in honor of Bob Keim, visiting Idahoan. Music from Dick Mohler's photograph provided entertainment during the evening.

Well, Friends, (or do we have any friends?) that is all we have this week for you. You see that's all that was turned in on this little column this week. It seems as if it is either 'too large or too small! Do you have any friends? Do you know any information 'worthy' to be used in this column? Hand it in. If it is printable, we will use it. Just drop it off at the SPECTATOR office in Sharp. WE guess you will have to F L Y through the rest of UP ON THE HILL.

Two Cents A Day Lost

Washington — Edward Warner, Civil Aeronautics Board Vice-Chairman, discussing the possibility of

the airplane creating its own cargo business, said "Undoubtedly, for example, there would be a market for a substantial number of copies of New York newspapers in South America at prices as high as 50 cents a copy, if they could be delivered within 48 hours, to people who would not want them at any price if they took two weeks to arrive."

Reversible Propellers

Washington — Reversible propellers, newest innovation for retarding speed on airplanes, do not change their direction of rotation. Instead, the pitch range on variable propeller blades is increased sufficiently so that the blades can assume a negative angle and thus the rotating propeller produces a negative thrust. Investigations indicate that while distance required when no wheel brakes are used, the reversible propeller is capable of decreasing the landing run to less than one third of that distance.



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