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## A WINDOW TO THE STARS—

On top a mountain the other day men dedicated a new window to the stars. The 200-inch telescope at Mt. Palomar will roll back the limits observable space to eight times its present volume.

We have gone a long way since Galileo. Yet once again, as in his day, men stand solemnly and a little agast before the staggering vision of the universe around them. Again they echo the Psalmist's wondering words: "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy hands . . . what is man that thou art mindful of him?"

Yet this time they ask it with a difference. Speaking at the dedication of the new telescope, Dr. Raymond B. Fosdick, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, pointed out that when the giant cyclotron was built at the University of California years ago no one was thinking of the atomic bomb, to whose development it would contribute. It was an "adventure in pure research an emblem of the unconquerable exploring urge within the mind of man." Who knows, he asked, but that the new telescope in turn may give us "knowledge which, if we choose, we can employ in the insanity of a final war?"

What is man, indeed, when he can thus turn his amazing knowledge against himself?

In the centuries since Galileo, the earth has shrunk, in man's sight, to a mere speck of dust whirling through unimaginable immensity. At the same time, man has grown steadily in his own estimation. As Dr. Fosdick pointed out, the philosopher has said, "Astronomically speaking man is completely negligible," while the psychologist has retorted, "Astronomically speaking man is the astronomer."

Some years ago a British astronomer declared: . . . We do not now study direct creation so much as the 'idols of our own conceiving. . . . The subject-matter of our investigation is not the work of God's fingers but the work of man's imagination.

From Kant's dialectical proof that space and time are not objective realities but merely the way human sensibility arranges its experience down to the most complex modern explorations of "the de Sitter world" or the Lemaitre universe, man has been gradually reestablishing himself at the center of experience, from which the discoveries of Copernicus and Galileo had seemed to push him.

Yet what is the man who has thus exalted himself to the height of the stars? Is it spiritually endowed man, made in the image of his creator?

Too often the answer is no. It is a puny but arrogant little creature who blinks up at the idols of his own conceiving, then turns back to fight blindly over his speck of dust. He must look farther than the stars, deeper than his own willful heart, to find reality. He must be willing if necessary, to step—as the astronomer and physicist do in a measure—beyond the limits of the conventional "common sense" which Einstein defines as no more than a deposit of prejudices laid down in the mind before the age of eight.

In his quest for reality he can still find inspiration in the superb achievement of men who have dedicated themselves to the advancement of human knowledge. He can thrill to the words of Dr. Fosdick on Polomare Mountain: . . . This telescope is the lengthened shadow of man at his best. It is man on tiptoe, reaching for relevancy and meaning, tracing with eager finger the outlines of order and law by which his little life is everywhere surrounded.

Then, combining that scrupulous dedication to "order and law" with the prity of heart which accepts the kingdom of God "as a little child," he will find a new heaven within and a new earth without and reality will break increasingly through appearance.

## OTHER PAPERS SAY:—

EQUALITY GETS A BOOST— (Reprinted from Chicago Sun-Times)

Because its students and alumnae frequently appear in newspapers society pages, Wellesley College, in common with several other Eastern women's schools, has the aura of being purely upper crust.

In actuality, however, it is not a finishing school but a substantial center of learning, endeavoring to bring to its campus young women of serious purpose, whatever their families' station in life. It was the first American women's college, and one of the very first among all colleges, to provide scientific laboratories for its student body.

Wellesley has dropped inquiries about race and religion from all application blanks for admission. Its academic council and board of trustees want to free the college from "even the appearance of unfair discrimination."

Wellesley is not the first college to strike at old patterns of bias. Roosevelt College in Chicago is an outstanding example of collegiate equality. But every school that calls itself American could well follow Wellesley lead.

## COLORED NURSES NO LONGER BARRED

Until this action was taken, colored nurses were automatically barred from the American Nurses Association if they were denied admission to the local nurses groups which are affiliated with the ANA. Negro doctors who cannot get memberships in the Southern chapters of the American Medical Association are still barred from AMA participation on a national level.

The nurses should be congratulated for taking this positive action which will advance the cause of the nation's health and extend the great American principle of equality of opportunity.

We hope that the governing board of the American Medical Association will take notice of this democratic development and be inspired to live up to the idealism which characterizes the medical profession. More than this the health of the nation is affected by barriers which deny full opportunities to colored doctors.

## The Veteran Asks:

Q. Does the fact that I have other income have any bearing on the amount of compensation I get as a veteran with a service-connected disability?

A. No. Since your compensation is for a service-connected disability the amount of your other income will not generally affect the amount of compensation allowed to you.

Q. My first husband was killed in World War II and I remarried. I have divorced my second husband, and I would like to know if my widow's pension can be reinstated?

A. Existing legislation provides that compensation or pension shall not be allowed to a widow of World War II veteran who has remarried. Her status cannot be changed if she is later divorced.

Q. Can a veteran who has lost his original discharge certificate apply for unemployment allowances?

A. If the veteran has lost his original discharge or separation paper, he should secure a "certificate in lieu of discharge," so that he can present it when he calls in person at the public for the allowance. This certificate can be obtained from the branch of service from which the veteran was discharged.

Q. If I convert my National Service Life Insurance term policy to permanent insurance, will the permanent policy have any cash surrender value?

A. Yes. All converted policies have guaranteed cash values, paid-up insurance and automatic extended insurance values, together with policy loan provisions after the policy has been in force one full year. For complete information on National Service Life Insurance, visit or write your nearest office of the Veterans Administration.

## VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Nebraska World War II veterans who receive monthly subsistence checks from the Veterans Administration were urged today to study carefully a printed insert explaining the new "ceiling" law which will be enclosed with their June 1 checks.

Ashley Westmoreland, manager of the Lincoln VA regional office, said the printed instruction will explain which veterans are eligible for increased subsistence benefits under the new law signed May 4th by President Truman. He advised them not to write or contact the VA about the new law, because the higher rates will be paid automatically to GI Bill trainees whose existing records with VA contain the information needed. When additional information is needed the VA will request it. Ceiling provisions of the law provide that earned income plus government subsistence pay shall not exceed \$210 a month for a trainee-veteran without dependents; and \$290 with more than one dependent.

Westmoreland said many of the state's veterans in training will be eligible for the higher pay rates.

Seriously disabled World War II veterans, eligible for automotive vehicles at government expense, have until July 1, 1948 to submit their applications, Ashley Westmoreland, manager of the Veterans Administration regional office in Lincoln, said today.

Westmoreland advises these veterans in Nebraska to apply for their cars at least 15 days before the deadline to allow ample time to process their applications.

The law provides an automobile or other conveyance, at a cost not to exceed \$1,600, for any World War II veteran who lost, or lost the use of, one or both legs at or above the ankle as the result of service-incurred injuries.

## 79th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. G. R. Butler of 2909 on Franklin Street was given a surprise party June 11th by his wife, Mrs. Estella Butler celebrating his 79th birthday. 4 generations were present 3 daughters Mrs. Sarah Washington Mrs. Mary Young and Mrs. Alice Brown, 5 grand children, Dorothy Jenkins, Charlotte Brooks, James Hayes, Joe Brooks, Percy Jenkins, 3 great grand children Larry (Binkey) Brooks, Nara Mae Jenkins and Carol Marie Jenkins. Many gifts were received.

## JOSH WHITE TO APPEAR IN "THE WALKING HILLS"



### Josh White To Appear

In "The Walking Hills" Josh White, the outstanding folk singer, will make his first movie in several years when he appears in Columbia Pictures, "The Walking Hills." The picture will star Randolph Scott and Ella Raines. It's an adventure drama which Harry Joe Brown is producing and John Sturges directing. Josh will portray himself in the picture. He joins the rest of the cast as Josh, the guitar strumming entertainer who joins the treasure hunters. Mr. White states that he has been waiting for a role which will not detract from the dignity of the Negro people. In "The Walking Hills," it is assumed that he has the sort of role for which he has been waiting.

### BOYS AND GIRLS TOGETHER

A Co-Ed Summer Recreation Program. Co-sponsored by the YWCA and YMCA will begin Monday, June 21 and run for 10 weeks. All classes will be for 8 weeks, so you can still take your 2 weeks vacation and not miss any of the sessions. Just pick up where you left off. Swimming, tennis, bicycling, golf, archery and horseback riding will be high-lights of the Summer Activities. There will be classes for the novice in each of these sports.

"Know-Your-Omaha" trips and Sunday out-of-town jaunts will be planned as the summer progresses.

There will also be special activities for Teen-agers. If you'd like more details, phone the YWCA, JA-2748, or drop in at the YW for lunch or dinner and get one of our folders.

### Needed Records—

We Will do the packing—Bring them in the Omaha Guide's office at 2420 Grant Street—What do you say fellows—Let us send 1,000—

Kearney, Nebraska.—A call for old, used or new records was made here this week in behalf of the Nebraska State Hospital for the Tuberculous by Charlotte M. Berg, rehabilitation coordinator of the Hospital.

Miss Berg stated that the hospital recently received a new automatic phonograph for the patients, but does not have funds in its budget for records. "We can use either 10 or 12-inch records," said Miss Berg, "for the recreation of the patients. Old or new records will be equally appreciated by them."

She added that the records may be sent to her attention at the hospital here at Kearney, and emphasized that they should be carefully packed to avoid damage in transit.

**Serious Salvage**  
"Shortages of fats and oils are most serious," says the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Serious and steady salvage of used cooking grease helps ease this critical situation.

### Speed of Red Fox

The red fox is much faster than the grey fox. He has been known to cover a given distance at the rate of 30 miles per hour.

(Continued from Page 1) peace among people throughout the world, apart from political reasons, but as a Christian who stands up for the rights of the Negro people and the Jewish people as well as Protestants and Catholics, hereby commend the Honorable Henry A. Wallace for his contribution to the cause of a living Christianity to which our daily lives are dedicated." The Bishops signing the statement were: S. C. Greene, W. A. Fountain, A. J. Allen, J. H. Clayborn, R. R. Wright, H. G. Tookes, George W. Baber, D. Ward Nichols, and D. Ormande Walker.

## Hail Jewish State



NEW YORK — (Soundphoto) — Cheers and tears and dancing in the streets marked the unfurling of the banner of the new Jewish state in Palestine from the window of the Jewish Agency for Palestine here. As Haim Shertok, 14 year old son of Moshe Shertok, Jewish foreign minister, raised the flag next to the American flag, crowds broke into the native Palestine dance the "Hora." The new state of Israel came into being eight hours before the British mandate terminated.

## Pointed Need



Circus star Unus, the only man in the world who can stand on his finger, performs here on a used fat can to dramatize the desperate world shortage of fats and oils, and remind women to scrape, skim and scoop all used cooking fat.

## New Dark Tones For Your Hosiery



Do you protect your clothes with an apron? Or are you one of those careless ones who allows the dish water or the flying grease to spatter and mar the beauty and texture of the fabrics of your favorite dresses. Most of us get careless sometimes, and a large part of our carelessness is due to the fact that we do not have a complete supply of charming, dainty, and serviceable aprons. Here's a way to save that cleaning bill, as well as your clothing bill. You can stop this unnecessary wear and tear on your wardrobe by learning to make your own aprons. Here is a cute little number made of broadcloth which you can make in the course of a few minutes. Write for free instructions either to the Sewing Department of this paper, or clip this picture and send it to Home Sewing Bureau, 400 Manhattan Ave., Suite 4, New York 26, N. Y.

The new dark shades of dye are *minique*, a lazy tapper; *brass-skin*, a sophisticated brown; *black beauty*, a dramatic off-black, and *gunmetal*, a misty gray-black. You can achieve the transformation for about two cents a pair, including the color remover suggested when changing to markedly different color or when re-matching odd stockings. The dye works on all the usual hosiery fabrics, including nylon and rayon.

**Arabic Tile Makers**  
The knowledge of tile production was taken into North Africa when the Arabic conquerors landed.

**Daily Task**  
A teaspoonful of used kitchen grease saved every day is a sure way to ease the world-wide shortage of fats and oils. Used fat scooped and skimmed day by day adds up; American women salvaged over 670 million pounds of cooking grease by faithfully doing this job.

Cigars may soon have wrappers of paper-thin all-tobacco sheets manufactured by a process recently invented by two New Jersey men.

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