Mary McAndrew says:

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?

Andover, N. Y.—It seems so easy to forget the one thing we should remember the most. But of course there are many of us who don't know, nor can we comprehend how terrible were the things America's sons and daughters saw when they went forth to fight, unafraid to die.

Even today, almost three years after the battle's end, many of them dread life. Dread pity and fear. And, why, you ask yourself, does this fear exist? Just because of people like you and me. People who failed to understand the pain and hunger, the fatigue and filth they went through.

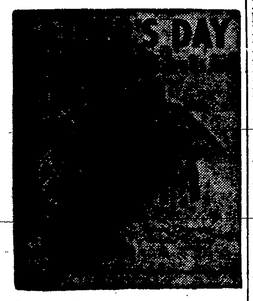
During the battle the soldier sought refuge in a dark, unreal world because the brain and the heart had already taken more than either could stand. Always the constant fear of "maybe I'll be next; they'll get me sometime anyway" nagged at them. The thought of cities and towns and human lives being needlessly lost racked the brain. Their ears were filled with the sound of exploding shells, the groans of their buddies as they lay either wounded or dying and too tired to care; the sound of soldiers crying before and after battle because they couldn't be certain of a future for themselves and their families, not even daring to hope or dream.

At home, we read with great satisfaction the headlines and brief news stories telling us that our boys were gradually winning. It gave us new courage and new hope to go on from day to day. It eased the loneliness just a little to know that it wouldn't be long now before they would be back. We didn't realize all the pain and suffering they courageously endured to gain those few miles for us that would bring them nearer home.

While we at home were complaining about the rationing and the shortages of various commodities and bickering for even higher wages they were crazed by the fatigue after the battle. Many of them were holding dying buddies in their arms whose warm blood washed over their bodies, and the smell of burning flesh was still coming from the tank that had been hit and was still burning. All around them America's dying sons were screaming and flinching with pain.

They are home now . . . . but to what did they come? Housing shortages, labor unrest, overcrowded military hospitals and the lack of proper education facilities caused by the crowded colleges and the talk of a third World War.

So please, Mr. and Mrs. America, sit down and think it over. Kindle each thought individually until they are all alive and blazing in your mind. Then ask yourself: "have I done all I could do for them and am I still trying to help?" Can you honestly say YES to these questions?



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Farmers Expected to Maintain Conservation

Farmers of Allegany county should understand that, when they carry out conservation practices under the Agricultural Conservation Program, they are expected to maintain, or keep up, these practices. That is part of the responsibility accepted when assistance is received to help carry out the practice.

In explaining this provision of the ACP, Leland Kreidler, chairman of the county agricultural conservation committee, said that sometimes farmers get the idea that, after the work is done one year and the payment received, there is no further responsibility.

Mr. Kreidler pointed out that under the provisions of the program, if the county committee finds that any conservation practice carried out under a previous year's program has not been maintained in accordance with good farming practices, or if it's effectiveness has been destroyed by neglect or failure to keep up the practice, deductions may be made from the current year's assistance earned under the program.

The purpose of the Agricultural Conservation Program is to conserve soil and water and not to make payments to farmers, the county committeeman emphatically stated. And while all farmers have a responsibility to the nation to conserve their farmland, farmers cooperating in the ACP have the additional responsibility of safegurding the investment the nation has made in conservation through the program assistance.

Most farmers do maintain these practices, the chairman said, but for those few farmers who do not the provision for deductions was set up.

Dr. M. Ellis Drake Acting Alfred President

Dr. M. Ellis Drake, dean of the Liberal Arts College at Alfred University was named acting university president effective September 1 to succeed Dr. J. Edward Walters, who has resigned to accept the appointment of professor of management and industrial relations at Dartmouth College's Tuck School of Business Administration.

Paul Davis of Wellsville and John W. Jacox of Alfred were among the new members named to the board of trustees and Attorney William C. Cannon of New York City was re-elected chairman of the board.

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"Gas service will not be supplied for NEW OR ADDITIONAL SPACE HEATING PURPOSES to premises having facilities for the utilization of other types of fuel or to newly constructed premises except where the customer had purchased and had commenced the installation of heating equipment designed exclusively for gas fuel prior to July 17, 1947.

The prohibitions herein directed shall not apply where, because of special or unusual conditions or circumstances, the failure to receive gas for space heating WILL ENDANGER LIFE or RESULT IN SERIOUS IMPAIRMENT OF HEALTH, provided satisfactory proof of these facts shall have been filed in writing with the Empire Gas and Fuel Company, Ltd., and written approval thereof obtained.

Whenever the facts establish with reasonable certainty that a customer hereafter has connected new or additional gas heating equipment, the Company will discontinue all service to such customer upon such notice as is or may be required by law until the new or additional gas heating equipment has been disconnected.

This restriction shall remain in effect until May 1, 1949 unless such date is changed prior thereto."

PLEASE NOTE: THE SAME RESTRICTIONS ARE CONTINUED THROUGH THE COMING WINTER SEASON AS HAVE BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE JULY 17, 1947, WITH ONLY

ONE CHANGE—Where failure to receive gas for space heating WILL ENDANGER LIFE or RESULT IN SERIOUS IMPAIRMENT OF HEALTH, the Company may grant an exception upon the filing with it of satisfactory proof. If you feel that you might be eligible for gas service under this exception, please apply at our nearest office for full particulars. YOU MUST HAVE WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE COMPANY to be entitled to service under this exception.

These restrictions, as heretofore, apply to NEW OR ADDITIONAL SPACE HEATING by natural gas, but do not effect the use of gas for cooking, refrigeration, hot water or other non-space heating purposes.

The present restrictive rules carry an expiration date of May 1, 1949, and we regret that we can not predict what the situation may be at that time.

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Behind the Movie Sets

with Buddy Mason

Should you drop in any cafe around the "waterhole" (corner of Sunset and Gower) where the movie cowboys hang out, and mention the fact that the booted men gathered there look as though they could ride anything with hair on it, don't be surprised if your remark is greeted with a hushed silence.

Husky ex-cowhands and battle-scarred veterans of countless rodeos will bang their glasses on the counter in disgust and vanish shamefaced into the California night. Being able to "ride anything with hair on it" is no longer the stock boast of many of the hardier western types of Gower Gulch, and thereby hangs a tale.

In the ranks of Hollywood's better horsemen are ex-Cossacks, ex-cavalrymen, ex-rodeo stars and even a few cow-pokes who once indulged in a bit of moonlight horseback riding with a Mexican gentleman named Pancho Villa. Few of them are addicted to ice cream sodas, none of them are partial to ping-pong, and all of them look forward to jobs that require being shot off horses in the local horse operas with the attendant raises to stunt men's pay.

They have ridden camels, elephants, donkeys and what have you. The hills of Hollywood and Chatsworth have beheld them in Arab burnooses, cavalry uniforms, gauche pantaloons and suits of tin armor, arriving always in the nick of time to turn the tide of battle, or save a leading lady from a fate worse than death.

They have spent years desperately trying to elude posses, only to change to posse men's clothes the next day and heroically chase themselves for another reel.

Until recently the ill-tempered camel has been the pet hate of the movie cowboy, but a new importation to Hollywood has usurped the camel's claim to priority on the cow-poke's nightmares. It all started when an independent studio bought three Yaks from a zoo to match up scenes with some film shot in China that they had intended to incorporate in a picture.

Billy McCune of Independent Casting was filling the usual run of calls one day when the call came in for three man to wear Oriental costumes and ride Yaks. Playing safe, Billy called an even dozen of his best cowhands to try out for the job. Surprisingly, they failed to qualify.

Now the Yak is commonly known as a Chinese beast of burden, but it seemed these Yaks had reserved the right to refuse human burdens. An excited assistant director rushed to the nearest phone and contacted Billy. "Better get out here, McCune," he shouted over the phone "It's raining cowboys!"

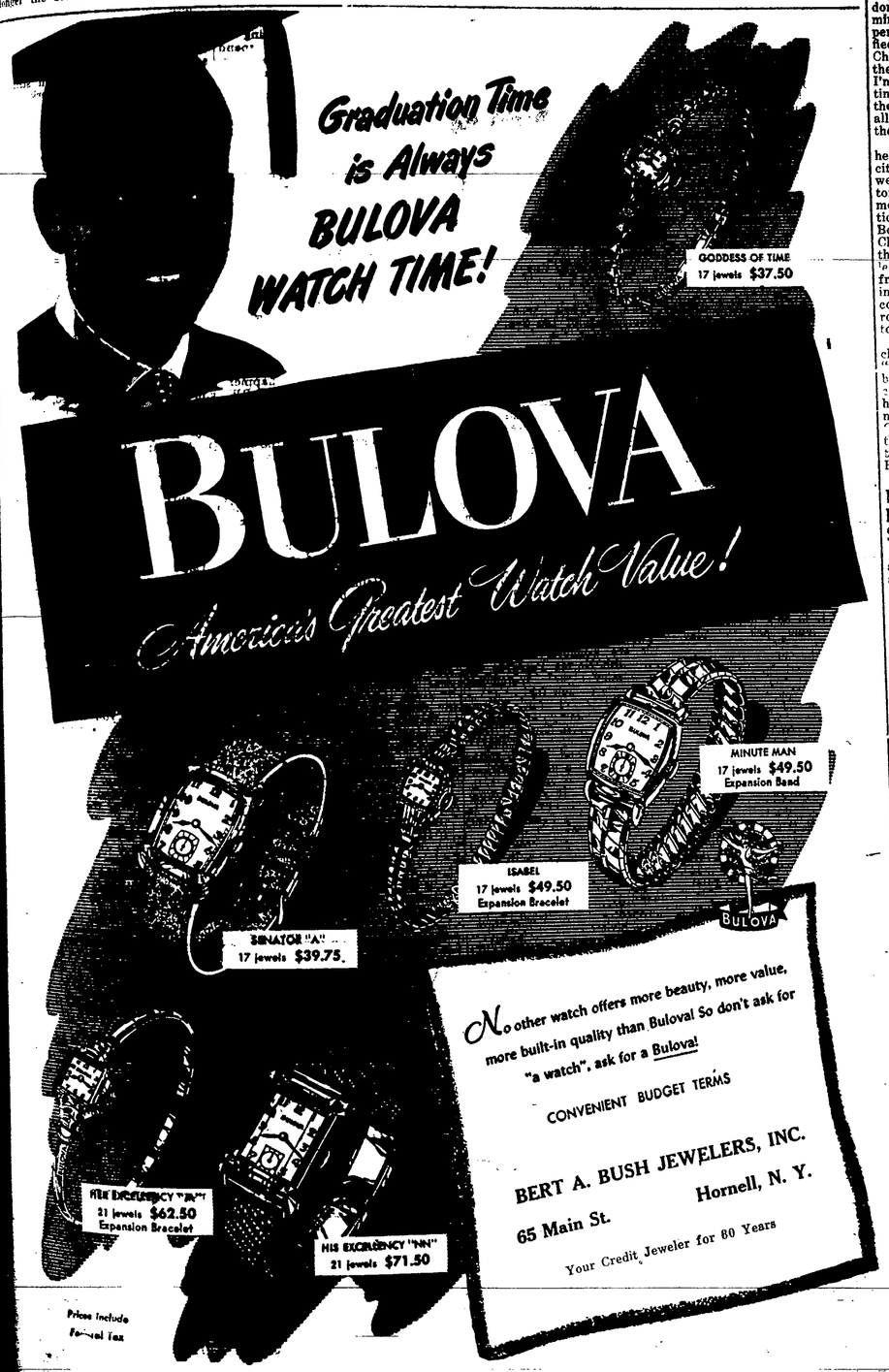
Billy assured him that he would be there [illegible] Cockran, in one direction and [illegible] speed off in another.

They arrived at the corral of the temperamental Yaks simultaneously. Each had picked up two Chinamen on their way, one extra man for safety. Pushing their way past the spectators, or rather Yak-fallen, riders they assigned a Chinaman to the handler of each animal. The boys opened the corral gates and with Oriental lead his Yak down the road a ways; then, wonder of wonders, they all came back astride the animals.

On a picture company no one ever asks how the impossible is done. They merely order the miracles and expect them to be performed. Everyone was satisfied, including the Yaks. The Chinamen were hired. That was the end of the Yak incident. But I'm a curious cuss. It took some time to unravel the mystery of the recalcitrant Yaks, but I finally coaxed an explanation out of the resourceful Billy.

"Simple once I figured it out," he said. "Those Yaks were excited and scared. Strange men were yelling at them in a foreign tongue and only getting them more skittish. I should have anticipated that in the first place. Bobby and I just picked up some Chinese extras and hurried out there. The Chinese boys simply led the Yaks down the road away from the crowd, and gentled them in soothing voices with their most convincing Chinese; then they rode those homesick Yaks back to the corral. That's all!"

But that isn't all. When glasses clink and spurs jingle around the "waterhole" at night, everything but Yaks are ridden into the conversation. For who in this hard-bitten gang wants to remember that three meek little Chinamen easily rode the beasts that filled the California air with the bodies of the best riders in Hollywood?



Notice of Competitive Examination for United States Naval Academy

Representative Daniel A. Reed announces that competitive examinations will be held in Jamestown, Olean and Dunkirk on Monday, July 12th at 8:30 a. m. (local time) to fill two vacancies at the United States Naval Academy in 1949.

The examinations will be open to all young men who are residents of the 45th Congressional District. All candidates are required to be citizens of the United States and must be not less than 17 years of age nor more than 21 years of age on April 1 of the calendar year in which they enter the Naval Academy. The age limit is 17 to 23 for any candidates who served honorably one year or more in the armed services of the United States during the past war.

Following the custom in the district, the appointments will be given to the young men who make the highest grades in the examinations.

Those desiring to take this competitive examination should notify Mr. Reed immediately, giving name, address and birth date, in order that this information may be submitted as soon as possible to the Civil Service Commission, who is conducting the examination.

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