

It seems to me that a mariner with-
out a compass is likely to wonder
about one of two things—and a chap
without faith in God is without
spiritual compass.

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GREAT OF 20TH CENTURY APPEAR IN NEW VOLUME

By Linda Moore
Great Contemporaries, by Winston Churchill, War correspondent, author, soldier and statesman, few men are better fitted than Winston Churchill to write of the great ones of the Twentieth Century. Many of them he knew personally; the policies of others profoundly influenced his public life, and he has watched their careers with a critical eye.

The book tells of a varied group of men whose life stories the author has gathered together, ranging from George Bernard Shaw to the Kaiser of Germany. The latter, Churchill dismisses as a man ordinary enough, kindly and well intentioned, called upon to take a place in the 20th stage for which he was entirely unsuited. Leon Trotsky is described as the most "difficult man in the world to please."

The collection includes such well known figures as Sir John French and Douglas Haig; statesmen like Herbert Asquith and Clemenceau; dictators like Hitler and the almost legendary Lawrence of Arabia, who fits into no class. None of these biographical portraits is long, but each covers the facts of the man's life thoroughly. Altogether this is an extremely readable book, and a timely one.

Adventures Among the Immortals, by Percy Burton as told to Lowell Thomas, is the story of Burton, the famous impresario, who first heard the then obscure Lowell Thomas lecturing on Lawrence of Arabia and induced him to take his tale to England. The lecture was a success and Thomas became a famous man. Then it was Percy Burton introducing Lowell Thomas; today the situation is reversed—Lowell Thomas presents Percy Burton.

Let Your Mind Alone, by James Thurber. Mr. Thurber has a way of saying concerning the really important problems of the present day. He rises to speak for the downtrodden male, for instance, in his article, "The Case Against Women." Women, he says, are intuitively always know exactly where things are—that is, things like this and that extra pair of socks. On the other hand, they are always losing one glove. They never have change when they should, and they have a passion for old snapshots, especially those showing their husbands in undignified poses.

These are really minor matters, however, the author believes; Thurber's chief reason for expressing himself, is the recent flood of explaining how to make friends, how to think and urging us to "wake up and live." Mr. Thurber does not want to do any of these things. Let your mind alone he says; our grandfathers managed well enough.

Augustus, by John Buchan. There have been perhaps half a dozen periods in the history of the world which remain of vital interest to succeeding generations. One of these is found in the epoch which saw the murder of Julius Caesar, and the wild turmoil of the following years when Anthony and Cleopatra had their visions of an Egypt-Roman world empire. The finale of that episode is common knowledge. With Caesar, Anthony and Cleopatra all dead, it was Octavian who picked up the pieces of the Roman Empire. It was he, cold, intellectual, statesmanlike, who seized the reins of power and built an empire such as Caesar had begun and Anthony had dreamed.

Winter in April, by Robert Nathan. The story of the romance between a schoolgirl in her teens and a young Doctor of Philosophy. Such a tale might be either sentimental or banal but Robert Nathan achieves considerable distinction for his novel with his clever delineation of character and his gentle irony.

The Embarrassed Murderer, by Gail Stockwell. All the guests at a New Year's party hated the murdered man. Plenty of suspicion all around before the puzzle is solved.

The Judas Window. Murder in a locked room presents a knotty problem, but crusty old Sir Henry Merdle solves it brilliantly.

The Whistling Hangman, by Baynard Kendrick. A mysterious Australian millionaire drops to his death from a sleuth window. It was the blind sleuth Duncan MacIn, with the help of his Seeing Eye dog, who found out why.

Death Steps at the Old Stone Inn, by Shirley Siefert. A storm, a flood and death in a gloomy old inn made the terrified guests wish they had stayed at home that night.

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DR. WYLAND TO BE SPEAKER AT COUNCIL MEETING

Dr. Ray O. Wyland of the national staff of the Boy Scouts of America will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Detroit Area Council to be held at the General Motors Auditorium in Detroit Saturday evening, Jan. 22. Reports for the year 1937 will be given and officers and executive board members for 1938 will be elected. Troop and individual achievements will be recognized by the awards of the Silver Beaver, Scoutmaster's Key, Ten Year Program and the President Jamieson Award.

Charles S. Kimball attended the monthly meeting of the Executive Board in Detroit recently, as the representative of the Birmingham District. The annual meeting this week is for all leaders and their wives. Dinner will be served at 6:30.

Dr. Wyland is one of the outstanding leaders of the national office, in charge of education and relationships. He supervises all leadership training for volunteers and professions. More than 400 colleges, universities and theological seminaries are offering courses for scout work. As Director of Relationships, Dr. Wyland supervises the cooperative contacts with all religious bodies and all relationships with educational institutions, civic groups, service clubs, fraternal bodies and other parent institutions which sponsor Boy Scout Troops. He is a member of the Rotary Club of New York City, National Education Association and Religious Education Association.

EPISCOPALIANS OF STATE PLAN FOR CONVENTION

The Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, Bishop of Virginia, who was recently elected Presiding Bishop, will be the principal speaker at the 105th annual convention dinner of the Michigan Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to be held Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the Detroit Masonic Temple.

The Convention will open the same day at St. Paul's Cathedral in Detroit, with Holy Communion at 10 a. m., and will continue through Thursday. Among the dignitaries of the church expected to attend are Bishop Herman Page, Bishop Coadjutor Creighton and other clergy of the Diocese. Delegates to the Convention from St. James' Episcopal church here, will be John J. Gaff, John B. Howarth, and George T. Hendrie. Acting as alternates will be Edward W. Ilett, Harold H. Shuart, and John E. Horton. Simultaneously, the annual Convention of Churchwomen will be held in the Young Women's Christian Association building. Delegates from Birmingham will be Mrs. H. J. Thompson, Mrs. C. E. Pardee, Mrs. J. J. Roura, Jr., and Mrs. Perry C. Hill. Alternates include Mrs. F. C. Carey, Mrs. Horton, F. M. Morris and Mrs. F. C. Cole.

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'SAFETY CLINIC' IS PLANNED BY MICHIGAN PRESS

The Michigan Press Association Inc., of which The Eccentric is a sustaining member, announced this week that newspapers of Michigan will sponsor a "safety clinic" at their 63rd annual meeting Jan. 27 to 29 at Michigan State College, East Lansing.

Michigan's growing highway accident toll and how it can be reduced will be the theme of talks by Dr. Eugene B. Elliott, superintendent and state department of public instruction; Murray D. Van Wagoner, commissioner, state highway department, and Oscar Olander, commissioner, state police department.

"The safety clinic," as a part of the newspapers' annual convention is a recognition of the public responsibility which the press maintains in Michigan," said William Berkeley, Cassopolis Vigilant, chairman of the program committee. "Feeling that newspapers can best serve the state during 1938 by waging an aggressive campaign against automobile deaths, we have invited these three authorities in engineering, education and state department to advise us how it can be achieved."

The newspaper publishers, during the annual meeting, will also hear George Slocum, president, Advertising Federation of America; W. W. Lewis, president, National Editorial Association; W. H. Conrad, national classified advertising expert; Floyd H. Hucker, president, "Circulation Management" and Dr. M. S. Rice, Detroit Methodist Metropolitan church. Women will have a luncheon Friday, January 28, with Mrs. Stuart Fraser, acting director of the state secretary's bureau, as a speaker.

Radio station WKAR (850 kcycles) will broadcast the program featuring talks by Elliott, Van Wagoner and Olander.

GHIONE TO DIRECT TWO CONCERTS IN COMING WEEK

Franco Ghione, Italian maestro from La Scala, whose present success as conductor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra has won him the sympathy of a host of new friends, will direct the orchestra in its two concerts of the coming week.

He will be in charge of the eighth subscription concert Thursday night, Jan. 27, and the third popular-priced Saturday night program, Jan. 29. The latter concert will mark the first appearance of Ghione at one of the pop programs.

The following compositions will comprise the Thursday program: Beethoven's Third Symphony, in E-flat Major, ("Eroica"), Opus 55; Siegfried's Rhine Journey, from Wagner's music-drama, "Das Rheingold" ("Götterdämmerung"); Barbara Giuranna's Symphonic Poem, "X. Legio," and the Rhapsody Marche, from "The Damnation of Faust," by Berlioz.

The Saturday night concert will be devoted to moderns that have proved exceptionally popular at the subscription concerts already played this season. The program includes Schumann's Overture to the Opera, "Genoveva," Opus 81; the Brahms Variations on a Theme by Haydn, Opus 56 a; Ravel's "Alborada del Gracioso" and the Fifth Symphony, in C Minor, Opus 67, of Beethoven.

Murray G. Paterson, symphony manager, has announced that the second program of the Recital-Concert Series will be played Friday night, Feb. 11, in Orchestra Hall. The guest artist will be Serge Prokofiev, master composer-pianist-conductor, who will be presented in a program made up entirely of his own works. Included will be the Piano Concerto No. 1, Opus 10; "Classical Symphony" and the Second Sonata in D Minor, opus 14.

Mark Was Moving
One day Mark Twain arrived in a Canadian hotel, and glancing at the register, took note of the signature of the last arrival: "Baron—and valet."

"Twain signed, and when the clerk look at the register, this met his eyes:
"Mark Twain and Valet." —Boston Post.

Institute Sponsors Talk On Minerals

The fascinating story of pocket-sized mineral collections will be told in an illustrated lecture Friday evening, at the Cranbrook Institute of Science at 8:15 p. m. The lecture, "Mineral Miniatures" will be given by William B. Colburn, associate mineralogist of the Institute.

The lectures will be illustrated with colored slides. Mr. Colburn will show how collections of micro-mounts, small crystalline forms, may be made for private use.

This lecture is one of a series sponsored by the Institute. On the following Friday evening, Jan. 28, Robert R. McMath, will lecture on "Solar Prominences in Motion." This lecture was recently presented before the National Geographic Society.

RED CROSS TO OFFER COURSE IN FIRST AID

A lay instructor's course in Red Cross First Aid will be given Jan. 31 to February 12 in the Baldwin High School, Birmingham, Mich.

Dr. W. A. Castle, First Aid Representative of the National American Red Cross will instruct the class according to Dr. Ethel B. Cudney, chairman of the First Aid Committee of the Oakland County Chapter.

The Red Cross is engaged in a nationwide program of training people with teaching ability as instructors in accident-prevention and what to do following mishaps, before the doctor arrives. Industry, the building trades and the maintenance of power and telephone lines are among the occupations presenting the daily risk of personal injury. Home accidents are also a serious menace.

Lay instructors are qualified by the Red Cross to organize and conduct classes according to a sound program of community education.

The course will only be open to individuals who have completed the standard course in Red Cross First Aid.

Dr. Castles, a member of the First Aid Staff of the Midwestern Branch Office of the American National Red Cross, St. Louis, received his Liberal Arts education at Albion, Iowa, Junior College and the University of Iowa. He received his Medical Degree from the College of Medicine of the University of Iowa. Since 1925 he has been in the field of industrial surgery.

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