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Distorted History
A nationwide survey reveals deplorable ignorance on the part of college freshmen of basic fundamentals of United States history, according to the New York Times.

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Educators and officials of various types are recorded as "amazed" and "astounded" by the results of an inquiry covering 7,000 students in thirty-six colleges in every section of the nation.

Undoubtedly, there is much to be learned by a study of the records of the past, but it is essential, if the information is to be valuable, that the record be correct. Obvolve, much of the history being taught in our schools reflects partisanship and prejudice and is of doubt in mossible for any-writer to cover any historical period without reflecting to some extent, personal bias. Moreover, many educators are extremely anxious to avoid controversy and, consequently, books on history are selected along "safe" lines.

Any American who has read the widely varying accounts of a presidential campaign in the United States will have doubt as to the ability of an historian accurately to reflect the present period by a study of contemporary records. Even if our mythical historian, some hundred years from now, maniges to secure the source records of both parties and everything said in Congress, the search for the truth will be difficult in the extreme.

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A similar observation applies to the current discussion about the bills in Congress of a past are saints or villains. Little effort is made to present our forefathers as a group of frail human beings, attempting to work out their destiny in the midst of confusion and mistakes. A writer who attempts to remove some of the "whitewash" is denounced as a de-bunker.

We certainly endorse the effort to encourage schools and colleges to give greater attention to the study of history, but if students are to receive benefit it is necessary for instructors to present hots his des of every question. Such an effort, in our

institutions.
FOUR AMERICAN COAST GUARDSMEN, on duty in Scotland, managed to get into a duke's easile recently, were given food, listened as he same several up in larmonious rendition of some of our description in larmonious tradition of some of our description in the management of the stuff. War produces strange situations; in the dangerous emergencies of international slaughter, red blood becomes thicker than "blue blood."

Only 7 of 4,000
Wounded Die
Australia had fatal results, according to information revealed by the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

This is amazing. When we consider that many of the men were badly awounded it is almost miraculous that only seven died. It is an astounding testimonial of the care given our fightning men and the advances made by medical men in their fight against battle wounds.

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The report came from a group of medical officers on a hospital ship operating in the Solomons war zone. It was based upon treatment of men injured by machine gun and rifle bullets, shell fragments, severe burns, skull fractures, penetrations of the chest and abdonnen and infections.

Speedy removal of the wounded from bat-tle areas and excellent medical care, including the use of the sulfa drugs, explain the results.

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As an example of the recovery of 'men wounded the authors says that a 'patient with a through and through wound of the leg or thigh was usually able to be up and walking four or five days from the time of injury and the wounds were healed in a week to ten days."

Jails for Tax Rebels commenting upon reports that war workers have refused to file income tax returns, the turns are checked, it will not be possible to workers have failed to comply with the law.

Referring to a newspaper report that work-ers in one midwestern town "estimated" that the number of defaulters would be so great that the jails would be unable to accommodate them, the Treasury Department says that it is prepared, if necessary, to "see how far the jails can go in accommodating real recalcitants."

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50 YEARS AGO MAY 18, 1893

Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

When the Axis forces in North Africa quit last week, another, story appeared on the inner pages which told of a victory of equal importance. The United States has all the factories and machine tools now or nearly completed which it needs to defeat the enemy. If a factory can't be finished by October, the project is cancelled.

This is great news, for it wann't so many months ago that machine tools were listed as an important bottleneck. The need for convogence of the greatest problem facing us in the months ahead, and that, too, will be solved.

The Japs and Germans have the fact from anxious wives and sweet-admitted that they can't win a war heart, it might be a long time be for those loved ones come back-stactly what they are unstand

NO OTHER WAY

SALVAGE MEMO

TIN CANS—Rinse after using, remove label, open bottom end and flatten with foot. Place at curb for last City collection day of the month. Keep dry; keep separate from rubbish.

WASTE FATS keep cool. Turn in to your meat market when you have a few pounds. Rancid fats not wanted

SCRAP METALS, GLASS, RUBBER—Leave in bin near Post Office or put lat curb on your last city collection day of the month. Copper engrav-er's plates and old keys may be left at the library.

NEWSPAPERS, MAGA-ZINES—You can donate these to Salvation Army, which will call for them. Phone 4014. Scrap paper not wanted.

What Your

Have You Met . . .

IF THE PRESIDENT WON'T

REP. DONDERO VOTED

City Commission Is Doing . . . May 17, 1943

Bills approved in an amount of \$10,035,12, including transfer to general fund of \$9,330,11.

Public hearing held on 1943,44

William Timm, son of Mr rs. Henry Timm, who has the Navy since April, is the netty officer at Great

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People's Column

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Doesn't Like Service At Liquor Store

BIRMINGHAM RESIDENT.

Why Go All Over Town To Pay Bills? time and trouble by using a Pay-As-You-Go Checking Account. No service charge—only cost is five cents for each check drawn and each item deposited. Ask about it today. WABEEK STATE BANK OF DETROIT

SCHOOLS ALL OVER THE NATION are losing teachers. Some are entering the armed services, some go to higher wages in industry, while others move to better paying school jobs in other cities. Already Birmingham has felt the impact of the war on its teaching staff. Maybe, before long, Supt. Ireland will have to "draft" local housewives who have been teachers.

What's What About Our Men In Service

Arrives in India

To Service Turrets

SIGNAL WORK