

## Men in Service

Elder's Men—Men in the armed forces, and parents, are invited to send us news of the boys' whereabouts and activities. Service men, scattered throughout the country, are hungry for news of their friends. Even the address of a newly-placed industrial man is of interest.

### Arrives Home In Time To Graduate

William E. Gibbs, EM2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Gibbs of Beechwood road, received his discharge from the Navy just in time to arrive home and graduate with the class of 1946 from Baldwin High School.

William entered the service two years ago and was stationed first at Great Lakes and then at an electrical school in St. Louis. From St. Louis he was sent over to

Samar in the Philippines where he served for a year and then returned to the United States and received his discharge.

### William Waterbury Stationed in Texas

Pvt. William C. Waterbury, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Waterbury of Williamsburg road, arrived at Amarillo Army Air Field, Amarillo, Texas, May 3, to begin his first phase of army training.



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They've found out what makes it do the errand things it does, and they've learned when and where to expect the elements to kick up their heels.

They can, in fact, actually see a storm coming as far as several days, and their observations, relayed to U. S. weather bureau stations below, have proved valuable aids in the important business of forecasting storms.

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### Clear Thinking Is Needed by World, Rotarians Told

"The entire population of this earth, and especially we in the United States, need to do some straight thinking; we are the victims of a confusion of values; we have too much self-complacency and an erroneous sense of what real patriotism is."

This was the theme of a short address before Birmingham Rotarians recently by Rev. Harold E. Tawney, pastor of St. James Episcopal church. Rotarian Charles M. Holland introduced the speaker.

"It seems to me," declared Rev. Tawney, "that the average person is unwilling to demand from life those qualities of integrity and consistency that he may pay tribute to as a member of the whole group of society. As individuals, we know something of the real values of life; but from our newspapers, magazines, radio, and the movies, do we demand that we measure up to the best? I think we do not."

"We Are Confused"

"We are, as groups, confused about local, national, and international problems. We don't want another war, and yet we don't want peace enough to exemplify in our daily lives those qualities that will assure a peaceful world. We may read about some evil situation, a famine, a fire, etc., in some other section of our nation or on this earth—but do we relate these problems with our own individual lives, and seek to do what we can to remedy them?"

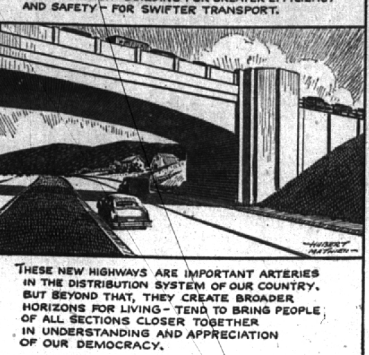
The speaker mentioned the general problem of sex, and held that, as a real phase of life, intelligent discussion of it has been tabooed.

Courage Is Needed

"Perhaps," he went on, "our individual lives are not swayed enough to demand more widespread evidence of the best that life can afford. Some may say that religion today doesn't measure up to its opportunities; but I can tell you that if today's religious values are not accepted and applied there will come along fanatics recruited from the lower levels of life."

Rev. Tawney concluded his talk by pleading for "temperance in all things, the necessity of each person possessing integrity of motive and conscience, and courage enough to demand the best of everything from life."

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A pilot flying at 10,000 feet, for example, can see as far as 150 miles ahead of his plane or to either side on clear days. J. F. Woodhead, system chief pilot of Northern Airlines, and a seasoned pilot, says the weather is visible at half that distance on a clear night.

Where do storms originate? A storm that sweeps over the north central states probably started on the eastern slope of the Rockies. New Yorkers could blame the Gulf of Mexico regions for storms that whip through their city. Air winds which strike the west coast blow down from the North Pacific. The meteorologist studies the flow of air currents, and where warm and cold air collide, that's where storms begin assembling.

Storms don't always represent an annoyance to pilots. Captain Joseph McKeown, veteran Northwest pilot, purposely flew into the outer edge of a hurricane on an Army flight from Florida to California last October, and the lift of the winds "blew" him to a new east-to-west transcontinental record of seven hours, 53 minutes, 30 seconds. The record still stands.

Airline pilots avoid such practices, because they are flying on schedule and time is not that important.

### Must Pass Tests

They're required to pass a stiff meteorology test, before being hired. Once in the air they're under weather conditions about twice an hour, and meteorologists pass their information along to U. S. weather bureau stations if those conditions vary from what has been forecast. That there's not much margin of error in the forecasts supplied to pilots, before leaving the ground, is attested to by meteorologists on the clock, not only along the around-the-world route, but throughout the continent. So accurate is the meteorologists' report, that the pilots know what weather to expect at virtually every minute of their flights.

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The constitution and by-laws drawn up by a 10-man steering committee elected by a group of local World War II vets at a meeting 10 days ago, a spokesman for the committee, said a spokesman for the committee will meet again tomorrow night to iron out the minor items before presenting the proposed constitution to a meeting of Birmingham veterans at the Community House next Tuesday night, June 25.

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