

• First Glances at New Books •

➤ "THE USES of the useless" is a subtitle that might very well be appended to H. Albert Hochbaum's *THE CANVASBACK ON A PRAIRIE MARSH* (*American Wildlife Institute*, \$3). For to many, perhaps most, people the word "marsh" means merely a lot of flat mud and sloppy water filled with uninteresting weeds, to be ditched, tiled and plowed as soon as possible. The author, centering his story around one species of duck and working outward into the whole ecology of the place, shows how a typical Canadian marsh can be made the source of scientific knowledge, legitimate sport and esthetic enjoyment. This book should be required reading for legislators and land-use planners.

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➤ LONG AWAITED by botanists, Volume II of Leroy Abrams' *ILLUSTRATED FLORA OF THE PACIFIC STATES* (*Stanford Univ. Press*, \$7.50) will be greeted with enthusiasm because of its solid usefulness in taxonomic work. The present volume carries through from the buckwheat family to the legumes: 35 plant families in all. Two more volumes are still in preparation.

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➤ TARAWA: Toughest Battle in Marine Corps History, by S/Sgt. Dick Hannah, Marine Corps Combat Correspondent (*Duell, Sloan and Pearce*, \$1) tells vividly, in words and pictures, the story of the big fight on the little island, where the Leathernecks proved all over again that they could take it—and then dish it out again, hotter than they got it.

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➤ FARMERS nowadays are as a rule not "men of one book," but if they were, the *MODERN FARMERS' CYCLOPEDIA OF AGRICULTURE*, by Earley Vernon Wilcox (*Orange, Judd*, \$4.50), might well make a strong bid to be that book, for it does manage to pack essential information about all important crops, fertilizers, farm operations, into just under 500 pages of forthrightly written, well-illustrated text.

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➤ WILLY LEY is not only an excellent master of written words and an experienced popularizer of sometimes difficult technical subjects; he has himself conducted research on rockets. So when he

appends to the title of his new book, *ROCKETS* (*Viking*, \$3), the subtitle, "The Future of Travel Beyond the Stratosphere," it may safely be assumed that he is tempering his dreams, however, fiery, with the solid facts of physics and the cold restraint of mathematics.

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➤ THE GERMAN SOLDIER (*Infantry Jour.*, 25c) is a pocket-size, paper-covered book, half its pages filled with pictures of German soldiers from German sources, the other half with text in good, colloquial G.I. language, telling what kind of a guy Jerry is and what can be done about him. An excellent book for indoctrination purposes.

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➤ QUESTION-AND-ANSWER has always been a highly successful method of instruction. It is employed to the full in what might well be called the Longer Catechism of Gardening, a fat volume (nearly 1,500 pages) crammed with questions that plague gardeners, and their answers by 15 experienced gardeners, under the editorship of F. F. Rockwell, titled *10,000 GARDEN QUESTIONS* (*Doubleday Doran*, \$3.95).

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➤ POST-WAR PROBLEMS are given primary attention in the 1943 *AMERICAN PLANNING AND CIVIC ANNUAL* (*American Planning and Civic Assoc.*, \$3), edited by Harlean James, just off the press. Spokesmen for private industry as well as federal, state and municipal organizations present problems, point out possible roads towards solutions.

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Just Off the Press

THE ABORIGINAL CULTURE OF THE CAHITA INDIANS—Ralph L. Beals—*Univ. of Calif. Press*, 93 p., illus., paper, \$1.25.

AMERICA UNLIMITED—Eric Johnston—*Doubleday, Doran*, 254 p., \$2.50 The aggressive young president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce sizes up the contemporary scene, with a wealth of pithy phrases, and forcefully presents his case for what he calls "a people's capitalism."

AN ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF VENEZUELA—Cornelius Osgood and George D. Howard, EXCAVATIONS AT RONQUIN, VENEZUELA—George D. Howard, EXCAVATIONS AT TOCORON, VENEZUELA—Cornelius Osgood—*Yale Univ. Press*, 354 p., illus., paper, \$3.50, Yale Univ. Publications in Anthropology, Nos. 27, 28 and 29.

COOPERATION FOR WHAT? United States and British Commonwealth—F. R. Scott—*Am. Council Inst. of Pacific Relations*, 64 p., illus., paper, 25c., I.P.R. Pamphlets No. 11.

FIRST PRINCIPLES OF RADIO—Thomas J. W. O'Neil, ed. by William L. Schaaf—*Oxford Book Co.*, 250 p., illus., paper, 60c.

HOW ZINC SAVES STEEL FROM RUSTING—*N. J. Zinc Company*, 24 p., illus., paper, free.

JOINT STATEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY—*Natl. Planning Assoc.*, 36 p., paper, 25c., Planning Pamphlets No. 33.

A LIST OF MARINE BACTERIA INCLUDING DESCRIPTIONS OF SIXTY NEW SPECIES—Claude E. Zobell and Harvey C. Upham—*Univ. of Calif. Press*, 53 p., paper, 50c., Bulletin of Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Vol. 5, No. 2.

THE MAYO CLINIC—Lucy Wilder—*Harcourt, Brace*, 93 p., illus., \$1.75.

MEET MR. GRIZZLY—Montague Stevens—*Univ. of New Mexico Press*, 281 p., illus., \$3.50. Reminiscences of an old-time hunter, about days when the West had more wilderness areas with more big-game animals in them.

NAVAL LEADERSHIP AND THE AMERICAN BLUEJACKET—Arthur A. Ageton—*Whitelsey House*, 91 p., illus., \$1.25. Helpful advice on the handling of men, for junior officers in the Navy, persuasively presented.

ON LIVING IN A REVOLUTION—Julian Huxley—*Harper*, 242 p., \$2.50. A collection of essays.

A PRACTICAL COURSE IN HOROLOGY—Harold C. Kelly—*Manual Arts Press*, 102 p., illus., \$2.75.

PRACTICAL MALARIA CONTROL, A Handbook for Field Workers—Carl E. M. Gunther—*Philosophical Library*, 91 p., \$2.50.

SOMETHING NEW ABOUT HEALTH AND HEALING—P. F. Van Den Daele—*Christopher*, 288 p., \$3.

THE STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISTICS AND NUCLEAR PARASITES OF SOME SPECIES OF TRICHONYMPHA IN TERMITES—Harold Kirby—*Univ. of Calif. Press*, 97 p., illus., paper, \$1.25, Univ. of California Publication in Zoology, Vol. 49, No. 8.

SUMERIAN MYTHOLOGY, A Study of Spiritual and Literary Achievement in the Third Millennium B. C.—S. N. Kramer—*Am. Philosophical Society*, 125 p., illus., \$2, Memoirs Vol. 21.

SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF THE CHIPMUNKS (GENUS EUTAMIAS) OF CALIFORNIA—David H. Johnson—*Univ. of Calif. Press*, 85 p., illus., paper, \$1, Univ. of California Publication in Zoology, Vol. 48, No. 2.

TALK ABOUT WILDLIFE for Hunters, Fishermen and Nature Lovers—Ross O. Stevens—*Bynum Printing Co.*, 229 p., illus., paper, \$1.75; cloth, \$2.50.

WHAT ABOUT OUR JAPANESE-AMERICANS?—Carey McWilliams—*Am. Council, Inst. of Pacific Relations*, 31 p., illus., paper, 10c., Public Affairs Pamphlet, No. 91.

WHO SHALL BE EDUCATED? The Challenge of Unequal Opportunities—W. Lloyd Warner, Robert J. Havighurst, and Martin B. Loeb—*Harper*, 190 p., \$2.50.

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