

# First Glances at New Books

➤ **WAR LEADERS:** Marlborough, Frederick, Napoleon, are told about in a compact, rapidly-moving account, **MASTERS OF MOBILE WARFARE** (*Princeton Univ. Press*, \$2) by Elbridge Colby. It leaves one feeling that any of these masters, if he were to return today, would have little trouble in mastering the implements of Eisenhower and Montgomery, and fitting them into his own basic tactics.

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➤ **A BOOK OF INFORMATION** intended primarily for high school students, many of whom will be inducted before long, or enlisted as WAACs or WAVES is **OUR ARMED FORCES** (*Infantry Journal*, 35c. To students, teachers and schools, 25c). This will interest parents, too. Published jointly by the U. S. Office of Education and the Infantry Association.

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➤ **INTERESTING TESTS** contained in a new book, **TEST YOURSELF FOR A WAR JOB** by S. Vincent Wilking and Dorothy J. Cushman (*Houghton Mifflin*, \$1.50) will give you information about yourself, but you will be wise not to depend upon such self testing in selecting a vocation. A sick man may take his own temperature and learn to read from the thermometer whether he has a fever, but that will not tell him the nature of his illness. Mental tests, like fever thermometers, are only scales by which measurements may be made, but in the case of newly developed tests, it is impossible to be scientifically sure just what is measured or what the results mean in terms of vocational futures. It takes a professionally trained psychologist to interpret test scores, and make a psychological diagnosis.

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➤ **EVERYBODY** and his wife are buying a farm nowadays—or at least are talking about buying a farm. Before you decide where you are going to buy, and what kind of a farm you want to run, it might be a good idea to read at least some of the 1,001 pages of **A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO SUCCESSFUL FARMING**, edited by Wallace S. Moreland, for 15 years extension editor of the New Jersey State College of Agriculture. It embodies the combined experience and

wisdom of 36 men who really know the many phases of farm life and the various special kinds of farming (all the way from Bees to Beef) encompassed in the encyclopedic scope of this thick volume. (*Halcyon House*, \$3.95).

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➤ **ROBERT HEGNER'S** name has meant, to biologists for well over a generation, not only sound research but a sound, solid and dependable textbook. Now he is gone, but his influence in American college teaching goes on. It is fortunate that in **BIOLOGY, THE SCIENCE OF LIFE**, the final textbook into which his work went, he had so able a collaborator as Mary Stuart MacDougall, who could carry on and complete the task. (*McGraw-Hill*, \$4).

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➤ **EVOLUTION BOOKS** are usually either popular treatises or college texts: their multiplicity is sufficiently justified by the evident demand for them. Julian Huxley's **EVOLUTION, THE MODERN SYNTHESIS** (*Harper & Brothers*, \$5), belongs to neither of these categories; it is definitely a scientist's book, and assumes good preparation on the part of the reader. Such a reader, however, may well take it up assured that however learned he may be he will here learn something more.

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➤ **ZOOLOGISTS** who work in the West, or with Western material, will welcome the appearance of **THE MAMMALS OF COLORADO**, by Edward Royal Warren (*Univ. of Oklahoma Press*, \$4). Accurate descriptions and helpful discussion of habits and habitats are interspersed with good halftone illustrations.

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➤ **BATTLESHIPS** were supposed to be passé at the beginning of this war, and indeed even for some time after we got into it. Then one day last fall we heard, scarce believing, how one of our new big ones (name still withheld) had deliberately dared the Jap planes to come on, and had blasted them out of the sky by tens with her secondary batteries. The epic of this and other actions is vividly told by Sidney Shallett in **OLD NAMELESS** (*Appleton Century*, \$2). The case, quite evidently, is still not closed.

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➤ **"ALPHABET SOUP"** was a favorite Washington headache cause during pre-war days. Now many of the old cryptic letter-combinations are gone, but new ones have come with the war: BEW, OSRD, WRA, OES and many others. One of these (OWI) has obligingly issued what will doubtless be hailed as one of the most useful of all government publications: a **HANDBOOK OF EMERGENCY WAR AGENCIES** (*U. S. Gov't Print. Office*, 20c). It tells what the various agencies are, what they do, where they are located (or were, when the booklet was published), and who heads them (again as of publication date).

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## Books of the Week

**EDUCATIONAL PUBLICITY**—Benjamin Fine—*Harper*, 320 p., illus., \$3. Written by the Education Editor of The New York Times; published under the sponsorship of American Council on Public Relations.

**HANDBOOK OF EMERGENCY WAR AGENCIES**—Office of War Information—*Gov. Print. Office*, 143 p., 20c.

**MATHEMATICS FOR THE SHEET METAL WORKER IN GENERAL AND AIRCRAFT SHOPS**—Clayton E. Buell—*Pitman Publishing Corp.*, 199 p., illus., \$2.

**NAVAL ARCHITECTURE AS ART AND SCIENCE**—C. O. Liljegren—*Cornell Maritime Press*, 212 p., illus., \$4. Planned for both beginners and advanced students in ship drafting, design, and naval architecture.

**OUR ARMED FORCES**—A Source Book on the Army and Navy for High-School Students—U. S. Infantry Assn. and U. S. Office of Education—*Infantry Journal*, 128 p., illus., 35c.

**THE POLITICAL MEETING PLACES OF THE GREEKS**—William A. McDonald—*The Johns Hopkins Press*, 308 p., illus., \$5.

**SCIENCE: A Story of Progress and Discovery**—Ira C. Davis—*Holt*, 495 p., illus., \$1.84. Rev. ed. A textbook on science, accompanied by teacher's manual.

**SURVEY AND EXCAVATIONS IN SOUTHERN ECUADOR**—Donald Collier and John V. Murra—*Field Museum of Natural History*, vol. 35, illus., Anthropological series publication 528, \$1.50.

**TEST YOURSELF FOR A WAR JOB**—S. Vincent Wilking and Dorothy J. Cushman—*Houghton Mifflin Co.*, 137 p., illus., \$1.50.

**TUBERCULOSIS AS IT COMES AND GOES**—Edward W. Hayes—Published by the author, Monrovia, Calif., 187 p., illus., \$2. Intended as an explanation of the cause and nature of tuberculosis and a correct idea of its treatment.