

**POINTS OF INTEREST AT MILITARY SCHOOL**

**FEATURES OF WEST POINT**

Brief and Concise Description of Notable Points About Great Army Academy Is Given

Points of interest at West Point Military academy are best considered under three heads, natural features, buildings, and monuments.

Situated on a rocky plateau, two hundred feet above the river, and surrounded on all sides by the foothills of the Hudson Highlands, West Point itself presents an imposing view. From the plain a visitor can look upstream to Newburgh; from Fort Putnam he can see the countryside for miles and miles.

**Trophy Point**  
Trophy Point is the depository for our older war relics. Along these is a small part of the famous chain that was stretched across the Hudson during the Revolution. World War trophies are gathered together in the Cadet summer camp area. From Trophy Point the visitor can see the remains of old Revolutionary war fortifications—Fort Clinton on the main plain (site of the present Cadet camp); Fort Constitution on the island in the river; Fort Putnam on the hill beyond the Cadet chapel. He can see, also, the more modern sea-coast and mortar batteries. From Trophy Point he can enter Flirtation Walk, that mile-long path along the north and east sides of the reservation. It is cut from the solid rock half-way between the Plain and the river.

**All of Interest**  
Practically all of the buildings are of interest. The old Cadet chapel, built in 1836, is now in the cemetery. The new Cadet chapel, high on the hill to the west, contains one of the finest organs in the world today, and has its walls lined with shot-torn battle flags of earlier days. The museum contains relics and models (military) dating back to the 15th century. The riding hall is world-famous, being the largest of its kind. The gymnasium is most completely equipped. It contains locker rooms, special fencing, boxing and wrestling

rooms, and a spacious swimming pool. The main gymnasium room occupies a whole floor. The library contains 100,000 volumes. The American Military and Historical collection is as complete as any in the country. Cullum Memorial hall, where cadet hops are held, is a building of simple beauty and dignity. Lining its walls are portraits of distinguished graduates, as well as busts and memorial tablets erected by classmates to the memory of those killed in action.

**Worthy Monuments**  
Monuments are few but worthy. A mounted equestrian statue of Washington is most impressive. Those of Colonel Thayer and Kosciuszko are outstanding. There is one to date, who, with his entire command, was massacred by the Seminoles in Florida. Battle monument on Trophy Point, is particularly beautiful and interesting. It was erected to the memory of those officers of the old Regular army who were killed in the Civil war. Their names are inscribed around the base of the monument.

When all is said, however, everything at West Point is of interest, from the first view of the gray-stone towers to the evening parade. A visitor invariably finds that the day is far too short to enjoy all things thoroughly.

**PEANUTS FORMERLY FOOD FOR SLAVES**

Peanuts were introduced into Virginia during the early days of colonization, according to tradition, presumably by the slave traders as food for the slaves. Peanuts were found in ancient mummy graves in Peru by E. G. Squier exploring in 1877, also by W. E. Safford in 1887. This would seem to indicate that the peanut is a native of the New World.

During the early days peanuts were grown largely in gardens and in small patches and a few were roasted and sold on the street in the towns of Virginia and later in New York and other eastern cities. Necessity for some crop that would yield a cash return caused the farmers of Virginia and North Carolina to plant peanuts as a regular farm crop immediately following the Civil war.

The peanut industry of the United States is well distributed over most of the southern states but is carried on intensively in eastern Virginia, North Carolina and southern Georgia.

The crop now occupies about 1,000,000 acres each year, the annual production amounting to approximately 750,000,000 pounds.

**ONE BENEFIT OF TALKING MOVIES**

**Students of Future Generations May See and Hear Great Men of Present**

Suppose that students of the present time could attend lectures on art by Michelangelo; on literature by Shakespeare; on biology by Darwin; on physics by Faraday; and on ethics by Confucius! Suppose that each of these distinguished lectures not only appeared in person before his classes and spoke directly to them in his own words, but that each lecture was illustrated by objects and experiments! These things are not possible, but students of future generations will have the opportunity of hearing and seeing the leaders of the present time through the development of the talking motion picture.

This new method of education was first shown recently to members of the New York Electrical society by Dr. E. B. Craft, vice-president of the Bell Laboratories where the invention was developed. First, in person, Dr. Craft told something of the laboratories, and then relinquished the platform to the talking motion pictures which took the audience on an inspection trip through the plant. Dr. Craft's voice continuing the lecture as he appeared in the pictures.

It is proposed to record the image and voice of many famous men for posterity in this manner.

**BELGIANS CUT FUEL FROM GROWING TREES**

In Belgium one may see trees from which the branches have been trimmed to considerable heights and even the tops cut out, for fuel. So states G. M. Hunt, chief of the Department of Agriculture's Forest Products Laboratory, who has recently returned from a five months' investigation of European wood preservation methods. These trees furnish crops of fuel just

as other trees produce crops of fruit. While such practices, because of labor cost, may be impracticable in the United States, they should nevertheless serve to illustrate the possibilities in utilizing more economically our rapidly shrinking forest resources.

**ROYALTY WOULD LIKE TO RIDE STREET CARS**

One of the weaknesses of royal parsonages, says a dispatch from London, is to confide to intimate friends what they would most like to do if they were in other people's shoes.

King Edward often proposed to ride in Dondon's underground railway.

Queen Victoria always wanted to ride a street car, but never even had a railway ticket in her hand.

King George, incognito, would prefer to attend a horse race and mingle with the crowd.

Queen Mary would ride on top of a London bus all day long.

**ELECTRIC ICE BOX FAVORED IN INDIA**

Modern electricity has begun to tear down the inherited prejudices of the Hindus.

One of their age-old traditions has been an aversion to eating food that has been kept overnight and ordinary refrigeration has never had sufficient lure to change their steadfastness.

The U. S. department of commerce reports, however, that since the improvement of the electric refrigera-

tor reports have been received of their sale in India.

**SELLS RESIDENCE TO CHICAGO PHYSICIAN**

Walter W. Hoops, formerly of the Hoops advertising company, has sold his 14-room resident at 229 Prospect avenue, to Dr. Karl A. Meyer, according to realty transfer reports from county seat sources.

Dr. Meyer is the medical warden of the Cook county hospital. Egbert Robertson of the firm of Church, Haft and Robertson, attorneys, attended to the legal details for the seller.

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