



Man About Town: After his conviction in Brooklyn Federal Court, Gestapo agent Carl Reuper (one of the 14 convicted Nazi agents) grunted: "We will be rescued soon by the German army when they take over."

The FBI is now accepting applications from lawyers and expert accountants (between the ages of 23 and 35) to enlarge its field of G-men. Must be physically fit and ready for duty anywhere. Apply by mail to J. Edgar Hoover, the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Bemo Vincent, who weighs 265, told pals at LaMartiniere the other night that he was thinking of joining the navy. "As what?" taunted a wag. "an anchor?"

Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. has been called to the colors. He is specially assigned with the army and is down in the Pacific area. Vanderbilt was a private with the AEF and was gassed. He is a Major in Army Intelligence.

One of New York's more famous playboys was paying his estranged wife \$1,000 weekly not to divorce him—so he could beat the draft. . . She agreed while he paid. . . Last week he stopped paying—and enlisted.

Tommy Manville met an old school chum and his wife strolling along 8th Avenue. Tommy greeted him with: "I'm very glad to see you again—and is this your most charming wife?"

The friend glared, and then, in his most sarcastic tones, squelched: "This is my ONLY wife!"

There'll be no attempt to curtail the sale or manufacture of hooch in the U. S. because of the war. Representatives in the liquor industry were so assured by Washington. . . Don't rate the Doris Duke Cromwell-Errol Flynn romances as another case society silly. . . Hundreds of New York newspaper men have been assigned locations to cover in the event of air raids.

Here is an amazing story. . . The aunt of one of New York's better known girls recently died in California. . . The body was shipped East. . . The family thought they would like to take a last look and had the coffin opened. . . Instead of seeing auntie, they saw an old General in full uniform. . . Frantically, they telephoned the War Dep't. . . After much delay they were informed there had been a mistake—and that the General's body would be picked up. Auntie, it seems, had been buried at Arlington with full military honors.

The Story Tellers: In Reader's Digest, Lieut. Comdr. Gene Tunney burns up about the harm nicotine can do. . . We knew somebody would start a spirited campaign against smoking as soon as someone perfected a lighter that works. . . Life was right on the nose with its piece on General Douglas MacArthur by Clare Boothe. Very interesting blogging. . . Stag is a new mag with a promising future. Many of your old favorites are contributors. . . Raymond Gram Swing's article, "Beware the Palace Revolution," is a tipoff on how the Nazis intend to stay in power even when they lose the war. . . Jim Tully's "Man Without Arms" has already been selected for inclusion in the next O'Brien anthology. . . Maj. George Fielding Elliot is to be Look's military expert. . . In Metropolitan Host, drama editor I. Cahn, in reviewing the new hit, "Angel Street," remarked: "The author didn't shoot the audience's emotions until he saw the whites of their knuckles."

The Front Pages: The Times dug up a reminder that Japan has always specialized in sneak tactics. The Japs "mugged" Russia in 1904, just like Pearl Harbor. . . Dorothy Thompson isn't one to be fooled by the first patriotic squeals of some of the mischief-makers, and pointed out: "Germany wants to continue to use her fifth column in the U. S., and they will all begin yelling now that we take away our interests from Europe and fight our own war." . . . It is laughable to note that some of the people who weren't worried about the safety of the flag—are now trying to hide behind it. The reason they refuse to eat their words is that they know they're poisonous.

Jerry Lewis from H'wood reports: "Aside from the war stuff, everything here is as quiet as the cash register in a Suki-Yaki joint."

Feggy Joyce tells her chums that she will marry again. She won't tell his name. He is said to be an executive of Lloyd's, London.

From "Trial by Fury," Craig Rice's murder novel: "Her voice didn't have a lisp but her wide eyes did." . . . You know, fathoming ereth."

Museum Reviews 1941 Activities

By Major Clifford C. Gregg, Director, Field Museum of Natural History

Expansion and improvement of exhibits continued during 1941, as for some years past, to be the major activity of Field Museum of Natural History. Two entirely new halls, one in the department of zoology, and one jointly installed by the departments of anthropology and geology, were opened, and many additions were made to the exhibits in other halls throughout all departments.

The year was noteworthy also for an attendance in excess of 1,350,000 visitors; for the continuation of collecting and research by expeditions dispatched to various fields in North, Central, and South America, and for the publication on a large scale of the results of these expeditions and other scientific research activities conducted by the staff of the museum.

On of the new exhibition halls is the large new Hall of Fishes, containing elaborate undersea habitat groups, and an extensive series illustrating relationship of the different species. The group include underwater scenes of the Bahama Islands, the Texas Coast, and the shores of Maine. The hall was prepared under the supervision of Alfred C. Weed, curator of fishes; the hundreds of reproductions of fishes were predominantly the work of Staff Taxidermist Leon L. Pray, although other taxidermists and artists also contributed.

The second new hall was H. N. Higinbotham Hall of Gems and Jewels, in which the museum's comprehensive collection of precious stones was reinstalled in a manner that brings out their full beauty of color, luster, and brilliance as never before. The most modern museum techniques and equipment were employed, including new types of exhibition cases and improved fluorescent lighting methods.

A unique exhibit was installed in the Hall of Egyptian Archaeology through the courtesy of the General Electric X-Ray Corporation of Chicago, which contributed the x-ray and mechanical equipment. In this exhibit a mummy in its wrappings is shown alternately with the revelation of its skeleton on a fluoroscopic screen. Among many other additions and improvements to the exhibits are included a habitat group showing the inter-tidal algal vegetation of the rocky north Atlantic shore.

Further investigations were made of the prehistoric Mogollon Indian culture in New Mexico by the Field Museum Archaeological Expedition to the Southwest, Dr. Paul S. Martin, chief curator of anthropology and leader of the expedition, with associated archaeologists, and a "labor force" of twelve for the actual digging, excavated the ruins of an ancient village which had been occupied sometimes between 1,200 and 2,400 years ago.

Notable additions to the museum's zoological collections were made by the Leon Mandel Galapago Expedition. Scientific personnel included Dr. Wilfred H. Osgood, curator of zoology emeritus; Rudyerd Boulton, curator of birds; Loren P. Woods, assistant curator of fishes; Staff Taxidermist Leon L. Walters, and Melvin Traylor, associate in ornithology. Colin C. Sanborn, curator of mammals, sailed to undertake collecting and studies of Peruvian animals.

An expedition which has as one of its objects the determination of the date at which the Isthmus of Panama emerged from the sea was dispatched to Central America in November and will continue its work in 1942. Paul O. McGrew, assistant curator of paleontology, is in charge.

Dr. Sharat K. Roy, curator of geology, collected invertebrate fossils in New York state. Llewelyn Williams, curator of economic botany, sailed in October for a botanical expedition in Venezuela, and will continue collecting and researches for about a year. Donald Collier, assistant curator of ethnology, left in September for five months of archaeological research in Ecuador. Dr. Francis Drouet, curator of cryptogamic botany, made an extensive collection of the cryptogamic plants of California. Dr. Fritz Haas,

curator of lower invertebrates, collected thousands of representative Pacific shore animals in southern California. A botanical expedition to Guatemala, which began work in 1940, was concluded by Paul F. Standley, curator of the herbarium, and followed by a new expedition to the same country conducted by Dr. Julian A. Steyermark, assistant curator. Emmet R. Blake, assistant curator of birds, and Melvin A. Traylor, Jr., associate in ornithology, carried out a successful ornithological expedition in the southwest. Several specimens of one of the earliest large mammals to walk the earth, the rare Coryphodon, and many other fossil animals were collected by a paleontological expedition to the West under Bryan Patterson, assistant curator of paleontology. Mr. Patterson was assisted by James H. Quinn, and others. An important mineral collection was assembled by Bryant Mather, assistant curator of mineralogy, in various eastern states; mammals of the Mount Tancitaro area were collected by Frank C. Wonder on an expedition to Mexico; Mexican insects were obtained by Henry Dybas on a field trip to the Cordoba and Veracruz region; and fossil remains of a ground sloth of the genus *Megalonyx* were collected near London Mills, Illinois, by Assistant Curator Patterson.

Besides the approximately 1,350,000 persons who visited the museum, many additional hundreds of thousands benefited from activities conducted outside of the institution's own building, such as the illustrated lectures and other programs presented by the James Nelson and Anna Louis Raymond Foundation, and the traveling exhibits circulated in the schools by the N. W. Harris Extension.

On May 2, 1941, Field Museum celebrated the twentieth anniversary of its occupation of the present building in Grant Park. Since 1921, more than 25,000,000 persons have entered this structure. More than 5,800,000 others visited the museum during some twenty-five years in its old location in Jackson Park.

For the first time in the history of such institutions as museums in this country, a Federal tax on admission charges became effective October 1. This tax, amounting to three cents each on paid admissions, is now charged to adults, but in the case of children, students, teachers and others to whom the museum is of direct educational importance, the museum itself is paying the cost in order that full benefits to children and to the schools may not be curtailed.

Boardman Conover and Howard W. Fenton were elected to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees. Trustee Albert W. Harris resigned for personal reasons. Two trustee, Brigadier-General Theodore Roosevelt and Ensign Joseph Nash Field, were called to active service in the U. S. armed services. A number of other members of the museum personnel were likewise called to various branches of military service and the museum will hold their positions open for them when they return. Among new appointments to the museum staff were Orr Goodson, assistant to the Director; Donald Collier, assistant curator of ethnology; Melvin A. Taylor, Jr., associate in ornithology; Miss Elizabeth Best, guide-lecturer in the Raymond Foundation; and John Janacek, illustrator.

Editorial On League of Women Voters

The following editorials have been taken from the New York Times and the Christian Science Monitor, and were written about the League of women Voters. They follow: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS New York Times, November 2, 1941. In the twenty-one years since it was organized the League of Women Voters has reached full maturity and become a power for good government. In Federal, State, and local affairs it is a force for better citizenship not only among women but in the entire electorate.

The League operates in thirty-one States through 560 Leagues. As an organization for political education it works consistently to overcome that apathy at the polls which perpetuates machine control. Through many hard-fought campaigns it has established public confidence in the cause it advocates. Endorsement by the League has helped forward-looking movements everywhere. It has no axes to grind and avoids narrow partisanship. At the present time it vigorously supports President Roosevelt's foreign policies and urges outright repeal of the Neutrality Act. In our city election it urges the voters to take full advantage of proportional representation to elect a responsible City Council and to insure county reform by abolishing useless jobs through the passage of Proposition No. 1.

The League of Women Voters is no academic organization, content to endorse a good cause and let it go at that. Its members, trained to prompt political action, get out and work.

SPEAKING FOR WOMEN VOTERS
The Christian Science Monitor, November 4, 1941.

Unkind supposition has it that most women like nothing more than to be vocal. Individually they may. But collectively women are not articulate. One notable exception is the League of Women Voters.

When the United States shuffled in indecision some months ago over the Lend-Lease bill, the League was the first women's organization to find its voice and support the measure.

It has spoken again. This time, in a message from its national president to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. The League urges forth-right repeal of the Neutrality Act, with the exception of Section 12, establishing the National Munitions Control Board.

It is not a large group as women's organizations go. Neither is it richly endowed. City and State Leagues figure closely to keep going. The Massachusetts League, now conducting a campaign to raise \$6,000, heads up 31 city Leagues, yet confines itself to a \$13,000 yearly budget. Others are run on similarly modest budgets. Yet the League is so smoothly organized that its machinery turns swiftly.

Thus, it is prepared to take almost instant position on current legislation, whereas many other organizations, articulate enough in groups, lose their tongues when it comes to expressing collective opinion.

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