

Local Events of 25 Years Ago

(The following four verses are taken from a poem written by Burridge D. Butler, published in the September 18, 1919, issue of THE PRESS.)

THE 8:09 TRAIN

When the breakfast dishes rattle in the kitchen pan,
Every house in town coughs up a man
Who beats it for the station through street and lane,
Watch in hand for the 8:09 train.
There's the predatory rich in his motor car,
Burning up the pike from near and far,
But the law-abiding sucker, with might and main,
Rides Shank's mare for the 8:09 train.
It's funny every morning how the clock runs down,
How they stop and look and listen all over town;
And we hear that all the women are going insane,
Getting hubby ready for the 8:09 train.
They're a bunch of real commuters, and very human, still,
Who gather every morning on the top of the hill,
And when you take a longer trip, the fellows who remain
Are surely going to miss you on the 8:09 train.

Million Dollar Road . . .

The board of supervisors voted to go ahead with plans for mapping out plans for county roads, voting in favor of a \$1,000,000 bond issue, in preference to one of \$700,000 favored some time before.

New School Law . . .

A new school law went into effect providing compulsory school attendance to the age of 16. Thomas R. Quayle was appointed truant officer.

Silent Movies . . .

Vola Dana, Anita Stewart, May Allison and Mildred Harris (Mrs. Charlie Chaplin) were being shown at the local theater.

RIDDLE OF THE "PIKE HOLE"

No, this isn't a story about pike, northern or wall-eye! It's a tale of bass — shy bass in clear water!

How are you going to catch a fish that sees you and heads for the other end of the lake before you are near the water's edge?

This little problem has stumped a good many Illinois anglers inasmuch as the majority are not given to being overly cautious in approaching a lake or stream.

"Why, shucks, the water is so full of silt the fish can't see but a few yards anyway," is their thought and they are usually correct.

But when they are incorrect they have a puzzler to solve and here is how Bill K. did it at a little spring-fed lake near his summer cottage. It is worth remembering just in case you ever find yourself up against a similar situation.

Natural Bass Lake

This little lake has been known as the "Pike Hole" since pioneer times. Legend has it that the place once teemed with great northern and some fishermen swear up and down that the species still exists there, though none have been taken from it within recollection.

Water in the lake is as clear as tap water since the sources are springs, which bubble out of the exceedingly sandy soil of a high bluff sitting back a few hundred feet from the east bank. This sandy soil extends several miles, creating a huge reservoir for the springs.

The place is a natural for bass with its deep holes and shallows so well located one would think the lake had been designed by a bass fisherman. The shallows permit the growth of reeds and lily pads, dear to the hearts of bass, while the holes are excellent retreats when the summer sun heats the shallow spots. Here and there an aged tree has toppled into the water, further improving the lake as a bass natural.

Cast With Leader

In this "heaven" the bass thrive, grow large, and most of them die from old age! So very few are caught that the lake is not popular with anglers, some of whom are convinced there are no bass there.

However, were they to lean against a tree and remain motionless for half an hour, they would see the bronze-backs come out of their holes and frisk around in the crystal-clear shallows near the bank. But so much as lift an arm and the fish are gone! . . . and movement is the very essence of casting, bait or fly!

Well, here is how Bill landed "Pike Hole" bass after observing their comings and goings many times. Using a six foot length of leader between his casting line and plug (he chose one with a frog finish), he dropped the plug far out

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The necessary forms may be secured from the regional director, Seventh U. S. Civil Service Region, New Post Office building, Chicago 7, Ill., or the secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners at any first- or second-class post office.

Applications must be filed with the regional director at the above address, and will be received until further notice.

on a lily pad then retired behind a huge old cottonwood, stretching himself flat on the ground with his rod beside him. There he drowsed and philosophized on many things, including men who fish for bass, for some 30 or 40 minutes.

Scare Other Fish

When he was convinced the bass had returned from their retreats or other sections of the lake, he slowly rolled over on his stomach, being very careful not to expose any part of himself from behind the tree.

Lifting his rod just enough to clear the ground, he popped the plug off the lily pad with a few quick turns of his reel handle, paused a second, started his lure again, and, bingo, there was a four-pounder bouncing around at the other end of his line.

Of course, the instant he felt the strike he set the hooks by lifting the rod tip and was up on his feet giving battle. The thrashing of the hooked fish would be enough to drive the others away, so there was no object in trying to bring in the fish and remain hidden behind the tree — if such a thing could be done.

Works Nearby Sloughs

Bill is frank in stating that if his first attempt had failed he probably would never have tried it again. But one successful effort paves the way for several unsuccessful ones and he ended the day's endeavors with four of the scrappers, though the first was the only one of the lunker size.

No, he didn't go down to the "Pike Hole" very often last year. In fact he only tried his system one more time before he stored his rod and reel and took down his shotgun. A maximum of two casts per hour is not his idea of fishing, not with several river sloughs nearby where the pickin's are much better!

But at least he has the satisfaction of having solved the riddle of the "Pike Hole" and knows where and how he can get enough bass for supper any day he feels like doing more relaxing than fishing!—The Sportsman.

University of Illinois Will Assist Veterans

What's available for war veterans at the University of Illinois now?

Its personnel bureau is giving any veteran, whether or not he is considering college, free vocational and educational aptitude tests and counseling service, and is counselling veterans on problems of psychological adjustment. Appointments must be made in advance.

The university's Division of Special Services for War Veterans is a central agency to study the needs of veterans; inform and advise them; adjust curricula to meet particular needs; and when educational needs are not met by existing curricula to arrange special curricula and confer degrees. Heading the division is Prof. Sidney E. Glenn, a veteran of World War I.

The university will enroll veterans who cannot meet ordinary college entrance requirements but can show the university registrar by examinations, tests, or otherwise that they are capable of doing university work. Credit for training in the services or in colleges other than the University of Illinois also is determined by the registrar.

Educational benefits for ex-service men and women have been set up by the state legislature, the "G. I. Bill of Rights," and disabled veteran legislation.

Veterans' Scholarships

Veterans' scholarships in the university were established by the Illinois state legislature. Anyone is eligible who served in the Army, Navy or Marine corps in World War I or between Sept. 16, 1940, and termination of World War II, who when entering service was a resident of Illinois or a student in the university, and who was honorably discharged. The scholarships provide free matriculation and tuition not to exceed four years.

Under "G. I. Bill"

Greater benefits, and more limitations, are provided under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, or "G. I. Bill of Rights." Anyone is eligible who spent 90 days or more in active military or naval service after Sept. 15, 1940, and prior to the end of the war, who has a discharge or release other than dishonorable, or was discharged or released because of service-incurred injury or disability, and who was under 25 when entering service, or whose education was delayed, interrupted, or interfered with by service.

Time in the Army Specialized Training program if a continuation of the man's civilian course pursued to completion, or as a cadet or midshipman in a service academy is not considered active service. Benefits must start within two years after discharge or end of the war, whichever is later, and will not be in effect more than seven years beyond the end of the war.

All qualifying may receive benefits for one year, and with satisfactory work may continue in college to a total of not more than four years, providing the added time does not exceed that in active service after Sept. 15, 1940, except that a term more than half completed at expiration of time may be completed.

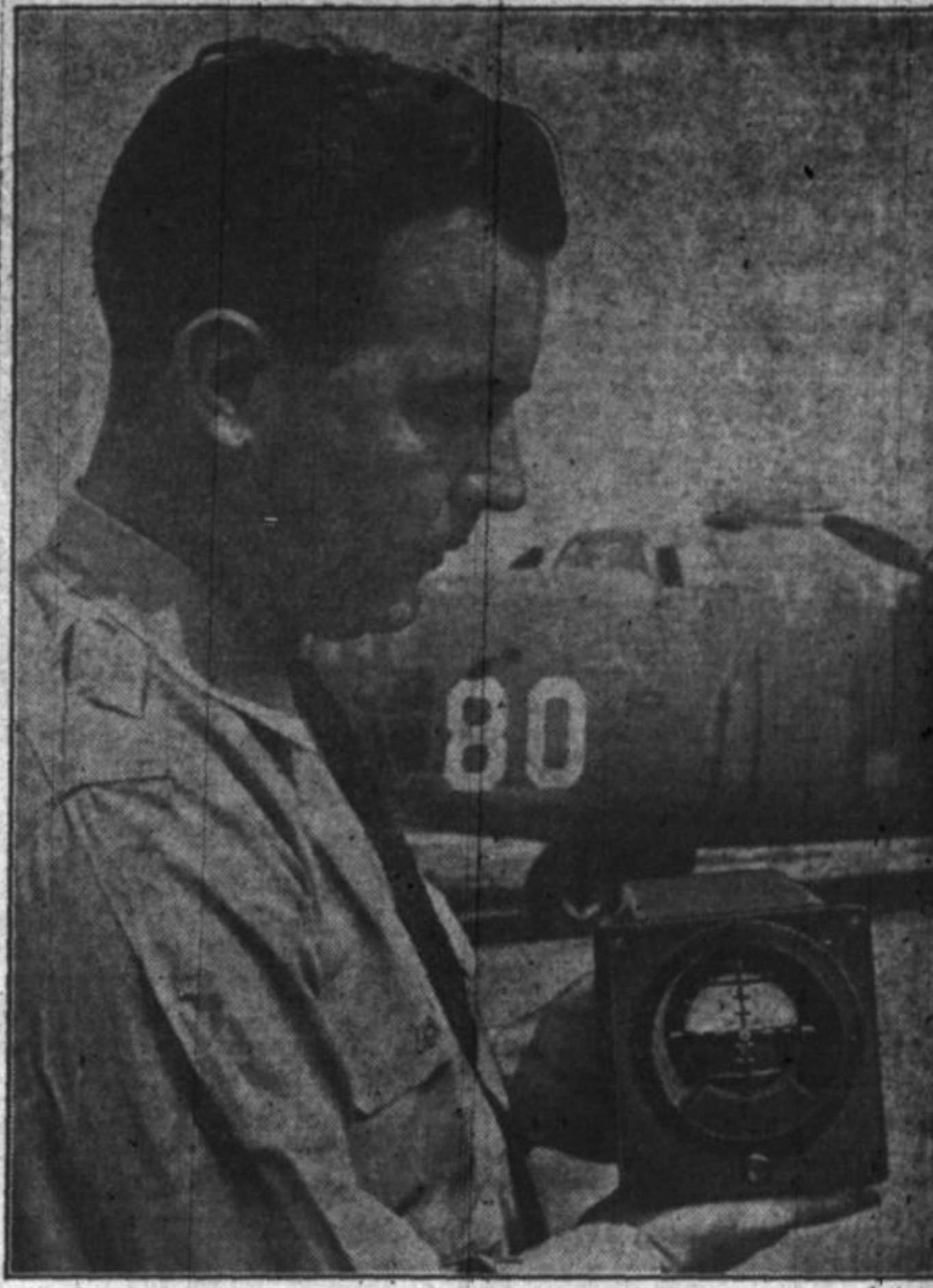
The student may follow any course in any approved institution in any state. All customary tuition, laboratory, health, and other fees, books, supplies, equipment, and other educational expenses will be paid up to \$500 a year, and \$50 a month for maintenance provided to students without dependents or \$75 a month to those with one or more dependents.

For Disabled Veterans

Disabled veterans may choose special educational aid if they have honorable discharges and more than 10 per cent service-connected disability which is the cause of a vocational handicap. Such a veteran must be in need of vocational rehabilitation to overcome the handicap. Eligibility is determined by the Federal Veterans' Administration.

Not over four years of training is allowed. Tuition and other fees and educational expenses are paid as determined by the Veterans' Administration, and additional payments, including disability pension, are \$80 a month for single men, \$90 for married men, and \$5 extra for each

Precisely Controlled Gyroscope Heart of New Flight Instrument



DEVELOPMENT of a new flight instrument capable of providing the pilot with precise attitude indications throughout 360 degrees of roll and pitch is announced by the Sperry Gyroscope Company. For the first time in the history of aviation, the pilot, by means of Sperry's Attitude Gyro, which is being exhibited by Capt. Fred Smith, Sperry's flight operations superintendent, is provided with a visual indication of the position of his aircraft with reference to the earth's surface throughout all possible attitudes through which his airplane can be maneuvered. The Sperry Attitude Gyro is adaptable to all

types of airplanes and is particularly valuable to those aircraft whose mission requires extensive and complicated aerobatics. In the past, it has been impractical to perform all aerobatic maneuvers without visual reference to the earth's surface. Using the new Sperry instrument, however, it is now possible to accomplish under instrument conditions all possible aerobatic maneuvers with precision and a high degree of safety. The new instrument adds to a long line of Sperry flight instruments and, as in other gyro flight instruments, the heart of the Attitude Gyro is a precisely controlled gyroscope.

child; and if parents are dependents, \$10 for each such dependent. If the man's disability pension exceeds the payments indicated, then the full pension is paid.

Applications for disability benefits are through the Veterans' Administration office having jurisdiction over the individual's pension file. Applications under the "G. I. Bill" or for the University Veterans' scholarship can be obtained from the Veterans' Administration or the Registrar, University of Illinois, Urbana.

Indicative of the nationalities of trainees at the special training unit is a sign over the door of Lt. C. T. Showalter, company commander of Company I. The sign in Russian, Spanish, Italian, French and Polish reads, "Company Commander."

Carrots "Spill Beans"

The Marines who recaptured Guam for the United States knew two months ago that they were bound for combat, but they didn't know where.

It is an axiom in the Marine corps that when the cooks start feeding the boys plenty of carrots, they are doing it to sharpen their "shooting eye." Long before the boys left their home base to make this assault, they ate carrots, both raw and cooked, twice a day.

No one had to tell them they were bound for combat. They knew it when carrots appeared on the menus with such regularity.

Now the Japs have something else to blame for their defeat. Carrots are winning the war in the Pacific.

AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE

The value of the role of the American Merchant Marine in the war has been dramatically demonstrated by the armada of 4,000 merchant ships that was assembled to transport the invasion army to Normandy. Millions of men and tremendous quantities of supplies were carried from England in a shuttle service that will continue as long as it is necessary.

But it should not be forgotten that a most essential part of the Merchant Marine's task in the invasion had to be completed before even D-Day could be set. For months the Merchant Marine maintained a never-ending supply line from this country to the British Isles. Convoy after convoy sailed from the United States with soldiers and their equipment. Admiral Royal E. Ingersoll, commander of the Atlantic fleet, stated that had this vital line of supply been broken, the invasion would not have been possible.

While most eyes are on the grim fighting in France, the Merchant Marine is also serving the other theaters of war and bases essential to defense. There are some 55 fighting fronts and military bases scattered about the globe — from lonely Greenland in the Arctic fastness to sun-seared ports on the Persian gulf. All must be supplied regularly and a transportation job of incredible magnitude must be accomplished.

It is only because we finally have a merchant fleet of sufficient size that we are now able to wage simultaneously several full scale campaigns in widely separated areas such as Northern France, Italy, India and the South Pacific. These offensives, all carried on at the same time, help to shorten the war. As one objective is gained it means that more ships are available for the others that remain.

In each successive invasion there has been an increased display of Allied maritime might. North Africa saw 600 merchant ships while some 2,000 took part in the amphibious assault on Sicily. Keeping in mind that 4,000 ships were used in the current invasion, it is gratifying to contemplate the size of the fleet that will sail when D-Day comes for Mr. Tojo and Japan.

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Information can be gained by writing U. S. Civil Service commission Washington 25, D.C., or from the local postoffice. Examinations close April 21.

On D-Day plus one, a Marine juddled in a shell crater as mortar shells whistled overhead.

"You know," he mused, "this is a young man's war. The only trouble is as soon as you're in it, you're not young any more."

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