

# New War Poem Up to 'Flanders'

NEW YORK.—(AP)—A sonnet of World War II, ranked by poet Archibald MacLeish, librarian of congress, with Rupert Brooke's "The Soldier" and John McCrae's "In Flanders Fields" of the first world conflict, has been published by the New York Herald Tribune.

The Herald Tribune said the author was John Gillespie Magee, Jr., 19-year-old American fighter killed last December in action with the Royal Canadian air force. His sonnet, "High Flight," has been placed with "The Soldier" and "In Flanders Fields" in a newly-opened exhibition of "Poems of Faith and Freedom" at the library of congress.

## High Flight

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air.  
Up, up the long delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,  
Where never lark, or even eagle, flew;  
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

Magee's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. John G. Magee of Washington, DC, have given permission for their son's poem to be posted in all pilot-training centers of the British empire.

## Family Bookshelf Books on War Are in Salem At Library

BY THE LIBRARY STAFF

A first hand report on how people live in Japanese dominated countries is found in "The Setting Sun of Japan" written by two far eastern correspondents for the newspaper PM, Carl Randau and his wife, Leone Zugsmith. They entered Japan in the early spring of 1941 and returned to the United States last December. During those fateful months they went into the cities and countryside of Japan, the countries Japan had already occupied, and the countries Japan is reaching out for now.

They did not concern themselves with military strategy or power politics, but rather with an investigation of how the common people of Japan and the conquered victims of Japan were faring under the "co-prosperity sphere" plan. This account is therefore packed with human interest and actual observation of daily living, and a reading of this book will help to an understanding of what kind of people we are up against in fighting this war in the orient.

For a clear explanation of just what civilian defense means we recommend "Civilian Defense of the United States" written by Colonel R. Ernest Dupuy and Lt. Hodding Carter. These military men explain just what is expected of every citizen during war; they point out that our part is to protect our homes, our factories, and our industrial areas from destruction by an enemy action, thus leaving our fighting forces free to take the actual offensive against the enemy. If you are bewildered by the flood of new information emanating from the press and radio, we suggest you read this book which should bring order and help you find your place in the program.

Another book which will help one find a place in our all out war program is "Your Career in Defense" by Shelby C. Davis. This book deals with the industrial production problems we face, and discusses the new occupations available in war industries.

A description of jobs and the qualifications of applicants is thoroughly covered by the author.

## Signs Are Eloquent Today; Lexicon Includes 'V,' Heil

RALEIGH, NC.—(Wide World)—You're standing in a stag line on a dance floor. A beautiful blonde floats by, looks at you, winks, and quickly lowers her lashes.

That's right—you'd be a chump if you didn't cut in.

She's shouted at you in the sign language, brother—a language just as eloquent as the spoken word.

The sign language is now about to be dignified by a dictionary. It's being compiled by Dr. Francis C. Hayes of Guilford college, a 37-year-old scholar who maintains that gestures so often replace words that there ought to be a standard work on the subject.

If you need further proof that Indians and savages aren't the only ones who understand the sign language, quiz yourself on these examples:

1. You're driving a car. You pass a man who is standing by the side of the road and pointing his right thumb over his right shoulder. What does he want? That's correct, he wants you to give him a ride.
2. A traffic cop at an intersection puts his left hand indignantly on his hip, glares, waves toward the side of the road with his right hand. If you're smart, you'll pull over to the curb and start tumbling for your driver's license.
3. A fellow puts a cigaret in his

mouth, reaches in all his pockets, looks annoyed, and then starts vaguely patting his pockets. You hand him a match, naturally.

4. A character sticks out his chin, jerks off his coat, and shakes a fist under your nose. You must either take to your heels or punch him in the kisser.

5. The office boy points to you, points to the boss's office, and draws his forefinger horizontally across his windpipe. Better start looking at the wastebasket, buddy.

Dr. Hayes' dictionary will contain all the gestures and all the signs he has collected during two years of study. The sign language of every country will be included—there'll be England's "V" for victory, the dictator's hell salutes; the African savage's inclination of the head, which means something darkly mysterious.

The college professor thinks there's just as much reason for a dictionary of gestures as for a dictionary of words.

For instance, he points out, a moving picture company once had to spend a pile of money to retake scenes containing a gesture which was comic to North Americans but extremely objectionable to Latin Americans. If there had been a dictionary of signs, the mistake probably wouldn't have been made in the first place.

# Features

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## Problems, Attributes Of Petunia Explained

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

The name "petunia" is derived from "petun," a South American aboriginal name said to have been applied to tobacco. There are a number of species of petunias and most of them are natives of Brazil and Argentina, although several are found in Mexico. The petunia is one of the most satisfactory of annuals. It can be grown almost anywhere at small cost—beds, urns, or window boxes. It is therefore particularly suitable for victory gardens. Petunias are especially recommended for difficult conditions such as hot dry places; for light and sandy soils; and for soil that dries out quickly. In an open sunny location they will thrive in almost any soil.

If wanted for early bloom, the seed may be sown indoors in March and seedlings transplanted into the open when the ground warms up. For later flowering the seed may be sown outside in the bed or border where the plants are expected to remain and mature.



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### Not Too Deep

The most difficult phase of growing petunias is in proper sowing of the seed. Almost invariably novices plant the seed too deeply and the tiny seedlings die before they can reach the surface. If sown indoors, March is a good time to start. A seed flat or seed pan should be used. Select a light, loamy soil, which has been sterilized and finely screened. Provide ample drainage material in the bottom of the flat and fill to within a half-inch of the top. Tamp the soil down firmly, smooth the surface evenly, and moisten the soil.

Mix the seed with a small amount of sand, and sprinkle this mixture carefully and thinly over the surface of the seed box. A very fine sprinkling of pure sand, not more than one-sixteenth of an inch, may be used on top of this mixture. A pane of glass or a damp burlap sack or folded newspapers should then be placed over the flat and left there until the seeds begin to sprout. Germination should take place within a week to ten days. Immediately after the first sprout appears, this heavy shading must be removed and a single layer of gauze substituted.

If the soil has been properly moistened when prepared for sowing, it will not have to be watered again until the seedlings have developed their fourth leaves. If the soil appears to be drying out, however, water should be applied with a fine-spray hand bulb, or an even more desirable method of watering is to place the pan or flat in a tray of water to allow moisture to soak upwards from the bottom.

### Metropolitan's Ready If Raiders Come

NEW YORK.—(AP)—The Metropolitan Museum of Art is one of those quiet places but ready for air raids just the same, according to the president, William Church Osborn. You can continue to look at all sorts of specimens of art while a firefighting force of staff volunteers is on full-time duty in three eight-hour shifts, he says.

A special siren system has been installed for air raid signal. Ideas for equipment came from museums of Great Britain.

Besides arrangements are complete for carrying away "the most irreplaceable objects" to a not-too-distant safe spot from New York. Other public institutions probably will share this spot with the museum if there is need to remove relics from the city.

### Huge Garnet Deposit Found in Alaska

FAIRBANKS, Alaska.—(AP)—A huge dice apparently containing millions of garnets, semi-precious stones widely sold in the jewelry trade, has been located near by Louis D. Colbert. His discovery was made by tracing "flood" or broken-off bits of mineral, washed down in a creek bed. In the deposit proper, Colbert reported, the stones often appeared in clusters with some specimens as large as grapes.

### Dwarf Single Bedding Petunias: (8 to 12 inches high)

Salmon Supreme—Blooms are a rich coral-salmon when opening, changing as they mature to a glistening shade of salmon-pink. (1939 all-America selection).

### Velvet Ball—Compact mahogany-red with a violet hue. (1939 all-America selection).

### Glow—Red-rose with lighter throat. (1940 all-America selection).

### Cream Star—Soft creamy white bloom of blunt star shape. (1940 all-America selection).

### First Lady—Delicate blush pink. (1941 all-America selection).

### Improved Rosy Morn—Pale pink with white throat.

### Celestial Rose Improved—Rich deep pink.

### Tall Single Bedding Petunias: (12 to 15 inches).

### Flaming Velvet—An unusually rich shade of velvety crimson. (1936 all-America selection).

### Topaz Rose—Fiery velvety rose, non-fading. Slightly suffused with gold, topaz throat. (1938 all-America selection).

### Hollywood Star—Star-shaped variety. Rich bright rose. Deep yellow throat. (1939 all-America selection).

### Radiance—Rich rose or cerise, with salmon undertone and brown veins in golden throat. Starts blooming very early. (1941 all-America selection).

### Blue Bedder—Royal blue. (1936 all-America selection).

### Miniature Petunias: (5 to 6 inches).

### Individual blossoms about two inches in diameter. Extremely valuable for carpet bedding and window boxes, solid beds and borders.

### Pink Gem—(1934 all-America selection).

### Rose Gem—(1936 all-America selection)—Pleasant rich rose.

### Blue Gem—(1938 all-America selection)—Bright clear blue.

### Violet Gem—(1941 all-America selection)—(1938).

# New Symbols Seen in War

NEW YORK.—(Wide World)—The new war program may give Americans new symbols of success, researchers have decided.

It's taking away the automobile, for two decades the measure of position and wealth; it's expected to reestablish the home as the center of family life.

"The family will be drawn more closely together and the home will reassume its former position of importance," in the opinion of A. W. Selomek, of the International Research Institute. Other analysts agreed with him in these conclusions.

There won't be a return to the horse and buggy days, if for no other reason than a scarcity of such equipment.

But the nation's changing psychology will see decrepit automobiles on slick tires as a sign of patriotism. Walking will become more common, both as a form of recreation and as a means of getting somewhere.

Cross-country vacations will become a thing of the past, and courting will return to the home from the country lanes.

Sewing in the home again will become common as more money goes into bonds and taxes.

Tinkering by the man of the house, also at home, may increase as non-replaceable household appliances become crippled through age or accident.

Bigger food expenditures are indicated, because of abundant supplies and because prices will tend to continue upward, business forecasters said. Spokesmen for grocery organizations have forecast a jump of around 10 per cent in food budgets.

Instead of the silk shirts working men sometimes bought during the first world war, new curtains or draperies and other items for the home are expected to get the call on fatter paychecks.

Economists see big increases in incomes under \$3000 a year. The result, they say, will be a huge accumulation of purchasing power seeking an outlet.

A sizeable chunk will go into taxes, and another big slice into defense bonds as a temporary loan to the government.

The remainder, they believe, to a large extent will go into expansion of simple comforts, since the near-luxuries of the past 20 years will become harder and harder to buy.

# Now You Tell One --- Get a Laugh!

## Fancy, Running Into You Here!

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—(AP)—Joe Konecny left his car in a Little Rock garage.

He went on a motor trip with a friend.

Near Mountain Home, Ark., they struck another machine.

It was Konecny's—the one he left in the garage, and driven by a fellow who stole it.

Everything considered, however, the car handled Konecny gently. It let him off with a couple of cuts and bruises.

## No Time On His Hands

MURFREESBORO, Tenn.—(AP)—Sergeant Hollar Parker of the Murfreesboro police force must like his work for he's been on the job 12 hours a night, seven nights a week, 52 weeks a year for 14 years—all but a couple of nights when he was sick.

Sergeant Parker has been entitled to a week's vacation annually but he preferred to work straight through for that week's double pay. Besides, somebody else might forget to telephone some of those folks he calls every morning to wake up.

## Reformation Comes To Old Offender

CUMBERLAND, Md.—(AP)—After a lifetime of producing illicit alcohol, a 10-gallon copper is going to wind up in the defense program.

The still was seized in a raid on a mountain farm. Realizing its value as a piece of much-needed scrap metal, Deputy US Marshal Howard P. Loughrie turned it over to the Red Cross for sale to a salvage collector.

## Watch That Figure 8

NEW YORK.—(AP)—A hairpin on the ice can do more harm than one might think. It can cause a ballet star traveling on the thin edge of a skate to take a dangerous fall. For that reason none of the girls in ice revues are permitted to wear them while skating.

## They'll Try to Recall How He Did It

GOLDSBORO, NC.—(AP)—The mates of the county jail laughed the loudest when Jailer Jesse Gurley broke the key off in the main cell door just before the prisoners were to appear in court for trials. A locksmith got the door open just in time.

## Today's Soldier Gathers Yesterday's Banner

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md.—(AP)—Regimental insignias that tell of past battle exploits have joined the list of soldiers' hobbies.

Lieut. Thomas V. Dukehart has collected 178 of them. Slogans range from a simple "Yes, Sir," and "We'll Do It," to a chemical warfare regiment's "We Control The Battle By Use of The Elements."

A fleur de lis means fighting in the First World War; a cactus in the Mexican war; Spanish castle the Spanish-American war, and Confederate cross, the Civil war.

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