THE PATH OF PREDICTION
St. Matt. 5:29

The Bible teaches beyond a doubt the idea of future punishment, a place where just retribution will be meted out. Some people say, I don't believe the whole Bible, but I do believe the sermon on the Mount. Please note the text of this treatise is taken from that chapter.

Common sense teaches us there is a place of perdition. Just reason—If Hitler got to Heaven, he would expel the Jew. If adulterers were admitted into heaven, they would insult angels. If Heaven were open to misers they would rip up the streets of gold. If gossips got into heaven they would set one brother against another.

Perdition will be peopled by characters suited for no other place. Characters go to Hell because they can go nowhere else.

The character of perdition is well known. Cities and communities are often well known by their character. We say that is a wicked city—that is one of the worst cities in the country. So we are not ignorant of the character of this place. Evil, and only evil, continually abounds; it abounds in every nook and corner. There is not one good thing, or one good impulse, or desire, in that lost realm. There are no redeeming features in hell.

No way to escape the evil.

Hell is and will be an expression of God's mercy. You say: "How horrible—what a travesty of the loving Father, to so charge Him." Does it not appear the very opposite of mercy? By no means. Sinful, depraved men and women, would be more miserable in Heaven than in Hell; in Hell they have congenial associations. We read of a picture in the Bible where the great men of the world—at the coming of Jesus called for the rocks and mountains to hide them from the face of Him who sat on the throne and from the wrath of the lamb. Rev. 6:15-17.

Perdition, or Hell is not only an expression of His mercy, but of His justice. Justice is an attribute of God, as pronounced and sure as His love or mercy. When we are reasoning away the realities of hell, we forget the justice of God. But we face this: He must be just, as well as loving. Without His justice He would be impotent to rule a great universe like this. It will be well for us not to forget His justice.

What did Jesus entitle the Path to Perdition? Here are His words: "Broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat." He added another message—here it is: "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

He classified it as a broadway. Not the Broadway of New York. He meant that it was a worldly way; a way of careless living. I was ill last month, but I'm alright now. I was in a terrible accident last year, but better luck this year. Jesus meant that it was a way of careless selfish thinking: Thinking about breakfast, lunch and dinner, about payday, a new suit of clothes, a vacation, but never about eternity. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. To one such man Jesus said: "Thou thoughtless one, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." To a great King, traveling the Broadway, he said: "Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting."

A noted preacher points out: Inside that wide gate is destruction, predication, the loss of the soul, the casting away of the man himself: not brightness, but dim darkness; not happiness, not contentment, not honor nor rest nor peace; but rather misery and suffering; shame too, as the prophet writes, shame and everlasting contempt.

The path to perdition is the path of procrastination. In answer to a mother's tears, daughter will say, "Some other time". In answer to a daddy's prayer, son will say: "Some other time." They expect to live for Jesus, but they put it off. Like Lot of old, they linger, they halt between two opinions. Satan's supreme scheme to blind men and
women and mislead them, and seduce them from the right path, and utterly defeat them and destroy them, is stated in that one little word, “linger.”

The pathway to perdition is the way to sin and death. To those who are traveling on this pathway, the Bible speaks, “Ye shall die in your sins.”

Here is the testimony of some who traveled this road to the end. “Until now I thought there was no God or Hell, now I know there is both, and I am doomed.” Sir Thomas Scott. “I'm in the flames”, cried Hame, the infidel. His despair was an awful scene. “I suffer the pangs of the damned.” Talleyrand.

Voltaire, the infidel, died a horrible death. His nurse said “For all the wealth of Europe, I would not see another infidel die.”

“Alas, I die unprepared” Caesar Borgia.

Contrast these testimonies with a few from those who traveled the straight and narrow road to the end:

“Happy in Jesus, all is well. Precious, precious Jesus,” Thornton the philanthropist.

“It is all right, my home is over there and my till is clear.” Bishop Glößnrenner.

“I'm going home to die no more.” Mary Whitaker.

“I die happy. Soul, take thy flight.” Addie Asbury.

Would you leave the path to perdition and travel the highway to heaven? Take Jesus at His word. Repent of all your sins, receive Christ and let him be your Lord and Master. Seek His help. Take him at His word.

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

— Paul L. Beck

BIBLE STUDY LESSON
Sept. 30
The Israelites in a Foreign Land
Golden Text—Lord, Thou hast been our Dwelling Place in all generations. Ps. 90:1.

In appreciation of Joseph’s service to his nation, Pharaoh allowed Jacob and his entire family to dwell and pasture their flocks in the fertile land of Goshen.

This was a good arrangement in many ways. It kept them from mingling too much with the Egyptians whose manners and religion were different. They gave less of-
defense to the Egyptians who despised shepherds, and worshiped the very animals the Israelites ate, for they were by religion vegetarians and worshiped everything from a cat to a crocodile. God's hand is seen in the fact that Goshen was near the Isthmus of Suez which made it much easier for the Israelites to escape when Joseph and Pharaoh had passed away and other rulers had arisen to enslave and persecute them.

Egypt is always a symbol of the world or the things a true believer should avoid. Joseph was carried to Egypt against his will which he later realized was by God's direction. He made an excellent witness. In the midst of idolatry and lower standards he remained true to his boyhood ideals. Jacob and his family went to Egypt by the permissive will of God. However, although He allowed them to go at this time, it became apparent that in Egypt they were not at their best. We hear of no altar, no religious life, no sacrifice; so it is when a Christian gets entangled in the pleasures of the world. He no longer has fellowship with God and no longer is able to witness for Him. "When Israel was out of the land the clock stopped for her. When she turned her eyes in faith and obedience to God, time began to be counted in her favor."

Israel's best blessing is connected with the land because God had commanded them to go in and occupy it. Occupation meant obedience to God. The time a Christian gives to the world is lost time. He is at his best when he gets back to prayer, obedience to the Word, and when God is his Dwelling Place.

Hazel Gillam

**DEATH**

Edward T. Mehlmann, age fifty-seven, of 162 Marhofer Ave., passed away suddenly Sunday, Sept. 16th. He is survived by his wife Emma and two sons Nelson of Wyanandott, Michigan and John C. at home. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Wheeling, W. Va., of which place Mr. Mehlmann was a native. A resident of Stow for eleven years, up until the time of an auto accident last year, he had been an employee of the Twin Coach at Kent.

**DEATH**

John H. McDonough, age fifty-six of 144 Kent Road, Stow passed away Thursday, Sept. 20th at Lakewood hospital, Cleveland. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. this last Monday at St. Joseph's Church, Cuyahoga Falls. Burial was in Oakwood cemetery.

Mr. McDonough had been employed at the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. for thirty-five years where he was a tire sales analyst. He is survived by his widow Helen, daughter Kathleen; sons Thomas and Lieut. John H. in the U. S. Army Air Corps; brother, Cecil; five sisters Loretta, Coletta, Laura, Isabelle and Mrs. R. E. Perrot; and two grandchildren.

**COMING!**

The Ladies Guild of the Community Church have planned a bazaar for December 7th at the church parlors. More about this later.

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**ISALYS In Stow**

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DEATH

Funeral services for Scott E. Nickerson, 63, a sales engineer of B. F. Goodrich Co. for 40 years, were conducted by his son, Rev. Donald E. Nickerson on Wednesday of this week at the S. C. Bissler Funeral home in Kent.

Mr. Nickerson, a life resident of Stow, died Sunday at his home, 176 Hudson rd. He was a member of Stow Church of Christ and had been elected to the Stow board of Education for nine years. He was active in plans for the school's building program between 1920 and 1929.

As a young man Mr. Nickerson had attended Buchtel college, now the University of Akron, and belonged to the Lone Star fraternity. While in college he served as student manager of athletics for three years.

Mr. Nickerson leaves his widow, Grace; five sons, W. Douglas of Stow; Dudley of Glendale, Ariz.; Lieut. J. Roger at marine hospital, Boston; Lieut. Hugh R., with the navy in the Philippines, and Lieut. Neil D., at Camp Butner, N. C.; one daughter, Mary at home; two brothers, S. Cary of Stow, and William A., of Los Angeles, Cal.; two sisters, Mrs. Alice Williamson of Kent, and Miss Hallie of Stow, and 17 grandchildren.

Burial was in Stow cemetery.

As a personal note by the editor of this paper it might be added that we consider Mr. Nickerson one of Stow's finest Christians. It was our privilege some few years back to be associated with him in a prayer meeting group which met at his home and elsewhere.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our neighbors and friends for their kindness, sympathy and rememberances upon the occasion of our recent bereavement.

The Mehlmann Family

WAR MOTHERS NOTICE

Next Sunday September 30th has been declared national Gold Star Mother's Day. In observance of the day the American War Mothers of Stow will meet at 9 a.m., Sunday morning at the American Legion Hall and march in a body to the Church of Christ where services will be held at 9:30. All War Mothers are urged to be present.

NOTICE

MOTHER SINGERS

The Mother Singers group announce their first meeting of the new year Thursday, October 4th, at 1 p.m. in the town hall. Mrs. Ritz will direct the group. This is a real opportunity for all mothers who enjoy singing to avail themselves of this training under the capable direction of Mrs. Ritz.

SCOUT MOTHERS NOTICE

Scout Mothers of Troop 167 will hold their first meeting this Fall on Tuesday, October 2nd at 2 p.m. in the town hall. All mothers of boys in this group and all wives of scout officers are urgently requeste
d to be present.

GRASS FIRES

With one fire truck out of commission residents of Stow are warned to be very careful in regard to grass fires this fall. Do not start any fire you cannot keep under control for with the limited equipment at present available it is possible that you would be unable to secure assistance from the Stow Fire Department.
MARRIED
Miss Eva Erwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Erwin, 177 N. Sanford av., Stow, was married on Sept. 16 to Robert E. Clifford, son of Mrs. Mildred Clifford, 425 Broad blvd. The bride was graduated from Stow High School and Mr. Clifford is a Falls High graduate and attended Ohio State university before enlisting in the U.S.C.G. He was recently honorably discharged.

MARRIED
The wedding of Miss Ella Louise Becker, Hudson rd., Stow and T/Sgt. Leon John Oliver of Cleveland was solemnized in the Portage Hotel ballroom on Wednesday, Sept. 12th. Paratroopers from the 17th airborne division of the army served as ushers. Mrs. Beatrice Arnold, sister of the bride was matron of honor, the Misses Jean and Martha Oliver, sisters of the bridegroom were bridesmaids. Little Patty and Nancy Arnold, daughters of the matron of honor were flower girls. Mrs. Frank M. Becker, jr., of St. Joseph, Mo., acted as maid of honor.

A reception followed the ceremony and the couple left for a trip to Ocean City, Philadelphia and Washington. They expect to make their home in Cleveland.

STOW BUSINESS MEN FAVOR 5 MILL SCHOOL LEVY
The excellent reputation of our Stow Schools is not only a matter of local pride but a subject widely recognized by informed outsiders. The reasons for this established fact are to be found in the able management of our schools, the careful selection of the faculty, the painstaking arrangement of a well balanced curriculum and, last but not least, the funds provided for maximum education.

According to tradition, Stow as a community in the past has been keenly aware of its responsibilities toward the school children and will
not fail them in the future.

The renewal of a 4 mill School Levy, however, increased to 5 mill, will be submitted to the voters of Stow at the election in November.

The members of the Stow Business & Professional Men's Association approve and endorse the 5 mill School Levy.

D. OF A.

Stow D. of A. will meet in Marhofer Hall for a regular business session on Monday, October 1st.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The Stow Bulldogs opened their football season at Kent Roosevelt Friday, Sept. 14. They were defeated on Roosevelt's field by a score of 20-0.

The following Friday, Sept. 21 they marched to Greensburg and trounced their opponents with a score of 7-0. George Hooper is captain of the team with Harold Sloop coaching them.

The band is once again under the direction of Russell Gray. The majorettes for this year have been selected. They are Jackie Greenleaf, Peggy Calhoun, Patty Procknow and Toni Cummins. Dawson Simmons has been chosen drum major.

This year's cheerleaders are Maxine Simison, Marianne Church and Doree Ernst.

The Sub Deb Club has chosen nine new members. Among the Juniors are Millie Matthews, Mary Ann Yeager, Marilyn Orr, Shirley Thomas, Joan Janes and Patty Procknow. Those seniors selected were Jackie Langsdon and Phyllis Reese.

The National Honor Society at Stow had a club picnic at Virginia Kendall Park Sunday, Sept. 23.

The Girl Reserves will inaugurate their membership drive with an open meeting Tuesday, Sept. 25.

The Debbies are planning a party for last year's alumni Sept. 28.

PERSONALS

Corp. Robert Bienz is now in British Guiana.

Mrs. C. L. Foote has gone to Phoenix, Arizona for a few months stay.

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Mrs. Lester North of River Road has been ill this past week.
S/Sgt. Howard A. Liskey is reported on his way home from the Pacific Area.

ALL KINDS OF CEMENT WORK. Sam Gentile, Ritchie Road. Tel. OV-3202.—(adv.)

Mrs. Nannie Bee of Cuyahoga Falls has been ill the past two weeks.

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The Joseph Roberts family of Rattle Rd., Munroe Falls are vacationing in North Carolina.

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Mrs. R. K. Palmer will entertain the River Road Club on Thursday, October 4th.

RELIABLE PARTY will trade one drawer and one cabinet Food Locker at Hibbard's Storage, Meadowbrook Lake for same at Perfection Dairy. Kent, O. Telephone Kent 5306. (adv.)

Wilbert Zimmerman and Bud Monteith spent sometime together on Okinawa about Sept. 6th.

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Harry N. Ruggles of East Call Rd., has been promoted to Sergeant at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Now is the time to order Christmas Cards. Twenty-five in a box, 5c to 25c each. Name imprinted on each card $1.00 extra per box. Holt's Drug Store.—(adv.)

Miss Barbara Lee Weldon is attending Syracuse University in New York. This is her Junior year.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Neiswanger a baby boy on August 23rd. Mrs. Neiswanger is the former Pansy Fry.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dalcher and family, and Phyllis Davies motored to Westerville, Ohio, Sunday, Sept. 16th. Roselyn Dalcher and Phyllis Davies took up their studies at Otterbein College, Sept. 20th. They like their work so far.

For Sale: One cow, Guernsey and Jersey—3 1/2 gallons milk per day. Will be fresh in February. H. E. McCoy, Echo Rd. First house on right. (adv.)

Pvt. Edward Call of the Infantry and Camp Blanding, Florida is home on a furlough now. He leaves soon for Fort Riley, Kansas.

For Sale: Brown Overcoat size 40; blue gabardine suit; blue wool suit; two pair blue serge pants; ladies tan sport coat. All in good condition. Call OV-8485.

Born to Phar. Mate 3/c and Mrs. William Shaffer of Memphis, Tenn., on Friday, Sept. 21st, a baby girl Faith Diane.

John Olson arrived home Saturday morning Sept. 22 with the right to wear civilian clothes again. His brother Roy, GM 2/c

BOOSTER NIGHT
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Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. J. J. Lawson's mother, is now able to be about some, after being confined to the bed since early in December, 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Reed of McCauley Road and Hudson Drive recently sold their property there and are moving this week to Cuyahoga Falls to live with their daughter.

Miss Katherine Durbrow recently returned from a week's stay in New York City. While there she visited a former college classmate, as well as seeing the sights of the city.

S/Sgt. Dallas Coleman of Johnson Field Camp, Seymour, N. C., has been visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Coleman of East Kent Road during a fifteen day furlough.

Miss Betty Louise Woods and Mr. Vaughn B. May both of Cuyahoga Falls and the Graham Road Baptist Church were married at high noon last Saturday at the home of Dr. Beck on Hudson Drive.

Dr. Beck will hold a two-weeks revival service in the Lakemore Methodist Church (Rev. C. D. Martin, Pastor) starting Sunday, September 7th. Folks from Stow are invited to attend.

Mearle Patterson spent a few days in the hospital where he underwent an operation on his nose. He missed coming home by one point and will stay in Germany with the army of occupation.

A note from Lt. Wm. Bloor dated Sept. 15th says he is having "quite a time trying to get on one of these homegoing quotas"—but not much luck. However, he states, he has "moved south for the winter from Kassel to Munich Germany" and expected to soon "embark on a sightseeing trip to Hitler's former favorite hangout.

The need for scrap tin now being past, Mr. Oakley Spaght informs us that anyone who will clean up the scrap can have the lumber used for the box.

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Same is situated on the lot just east of the Stow Hardware. This lumber cost $18.00 and should go quite aways toward building a small chicken house. See Mr. Spaght.

Miss Alma Lang of Barberton and Miss Lilabelle Leach of Kenmore spent the last week end with the latter’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Leach, R. 3, Kent. Visitors at the Leach home Sunday afternoon were Miss Carolyn Leach of Akron, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Wetmore, and Mr. and Mrs. John Hebruck of North Hampton.

In a closely contested Bible Quiz conducted on the lat five chapters of Matthew held at the Young People’s services last Sunday evening, Miss Sunya Thayer and Miss Donna Rae Davis won the New Testaments offered as prizes to those standing up the longest. Jimmy Cox won the $10.50 Scofield Bible for bringing in the most visitors during the post two months. In spite of the rain those present at this meeting numbered ninety-six. No evening service will be held in the church this next Sunday.

A letter received this week from Mrs. Esta Oyler, now at Albuquerque, New Mexico tells of her work there with daughter Corrine and husband who manage the Greyhound Bus Restaurant at that point. About a month ago with Mrs. Retzler of Cuyahoga Falls she made the 1776 mile auto trip to the Southwest practically without incident. Mrs. Oyler reports that the weather here is fine, warm days—cool nights—mountains all around. She sends her regards to friends at Stow.

Sgt. O. Clive Lukens has just arrived in the States having been in Europe since October, 1943. He received a citation for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy. Chief publication Clerk 178 ordnance depot company in France, Belgium and Germany. Sgt. Lukens skillfully trained personnel of his unit and ably supervised the receipt, storage and distribution to the first Army nearly two million ordnance publications. He is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Lukens of Sunny Dell Farms. His wife and little son Jan will meet him as he leaves Indiantown Gap this week.

STOW PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOOK REVIEW

Ullman—The White Tower

It has been predicted that “The White Tower” will be one of the successes of the season. “The White Tower,” or Weissturm, is a mountain in Switzerland, and it
dominates the story. As in "Grand Hotel" and "The Bridge of San Luis Rey" a group of widely assorted characters is brought together under very unusual circumstances. There is an American air pilot, who parachutes from his burning plane into an Alpine valley; a young Nazi, climbing the mountain for "the glory of the Fatherland", a middle-aged, teadrinking geologist; a Sorbonne graduate, addicted to wine and women; a Viennese girl in love with the American flyer; and a local guide of unquestionable integrity. They all set out to climb the mountain one day—each one with a different problem in mind. There are many beautiful descriptive passages, so well done that you won't want to skip them. There is a sustained excitement throughout the story, climaxxed by the final struggle toward the summit. Clifton Fadiman calls it "a yarn not apt to be surpassed for authority mingled with thrills and permeated by a rare exaltation of feeling."

LETTER

Tuesday Evening: Not more than two hours after receiving a letter written eight days previous in Tripoli and telling of a visit to Caira, Egypt the day before, son Marc of the Air Transport Command thrilled his folks (Ma and Pa Stockman) by a telephone call from Miami, Florida, U. S. A. Having only a 48 hour pass and presumably returning to Casablanca, North Africa at the end of that time he could not come home but had high hopes of so doing by Christmas. The letter describing his trip follows:

Sept. 16, 8 P. M.
Tripoli North Africa

Dear Folks:

Just a line to let you know I am OK and still kicking. Sorry I haven't written sooner, but I have been quite busy trying to see the sights. Right now I am in Tripoli for a day or two. I left Casablanca last Thursday, arrived in Tripili

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and stayed for one day, and then went on to Cairo. Stayed there for a day and then came back here. I will remain here until tomorrow night or possibly the next night and then back to Casablanca. After I get there, I am hoping to get a run (new schedule) to Miami, Florida. If I do, I will call you on the phone. Hope the number is still OV-8771. If I do, I will call you on the phone. Would like to run up and see you, but unless I get a plane ride, it will be impossible. We can only get 3 days there at the most.

Went to town here my last time thru. Saw the old Marine Fort on the bay. Also several Italian vessels that were scuttled during earlier days. In general, the town is much cleaner than Casa although it is still pretty much of a mess. All the way between Binghazi and Cairo there are old tanks, trucks, etc. strewn out all over the desert. Especially around El Adem. Cairo itself I didn't venture into although I did go into the suburb of Heliopolis and enjoyed their fresh water swimming pool. What a place! Better than the average in the states. All white tile and just the right temperature. All the houses are very impressive. Tall, stately and English—or European I should say. If I ever get down this way again, I am going to try and stay longer with possible a trip to Palestine. Was talking to a Jewish boy (I went to school with in Colorado) who came back with us and he thought it was the best spot he had seen over here. The Radio Operator and I met two little Jewish girls who were in the WAAF (English of WACS). They were from Palestine. We had quite a long talk on the oppression of the Jewish people. Also Russian relations with the U.S. (One of them originally came from Odessa). They were very well educated and evidently read quite a bit. They were the first persons over here that I have met whom I was able to discuss such things. It is surprising how their trend of thought runs along the same lines as ours. The Russian girl was more or less our escort. She showed us a place called "The Catholic House" where we were able to secure steak and French fried potatoes. It was really a delicious meal—had all the trimmings for 78 piastres or about $3.20 or $3.30 for four of us. The place was like one of the old mansions in the states. It was originally a civilian home and it was sponsored by the Catholic Churches of the U.S. and England. I think the best part of the day was spent at the pool. It was really something. They had ice cream, coke, tea, cakes and everything else.

Guess I have blown enough for now so will close.

Love to all,

Marc

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LETTER

Sept. 2, 1945
Philippine Islands

Dear Mr. Stockman:

Here we go with another letter and another new address. As you see by the heading I'm in the Philippine Islands but the censor says I can't tell which one. The people here are quite friendly and hospitable but like every other place the Americans go, the prices of souvenirs, etc. go skyrocketing to unimaginable heights. I have seen many times that the proverb saying "A fool and his money are soon parted" is wrong. The Americans cares not how much an article costs but how bad he wants it. They pay tremendous prices for things they want and are broke half the time. I'd hardly call the most religious and militarily ranking nation in the world fools.

About fifty percent of the Philippines here are very religious, twenty-five percent are mediocre, the other twenty-five percent definitely not religious at all. Their religion is of our own two major branches — Catholic and Protestant. They do not have many breakdowns in the denominations of Protestants as we do. They accept and believe in whichever was first introduced into their uncivilized life some years ago.

You probably know, but some readers probably won't that it was one of these islands (not this one) that caused the introduction of the 45 automatic to the Army. The slug from a 38 revolver would hit a native and they'd keep coming on like some wounded animal so
they had to use the .45 which knocks a man down to the ground when it hits.

It's strange how man as he becomes more civilized (?) he actually makes something more brutal and inhuman than before. Instead of people thinking of how to make a better world for God, it seems as if they are trying to build a solid world of vice and murder, a world of sin working against the Lord and for Satan. Each new branch of religion that springs up seems to be there for the collection plate and easier rules. I've always been taught that there is no shortcut to heaven. Perhaps all this time I've been wrong or maybe there's been one discovered in the 2½ years I've been in the S. Pacific, that I haven't been told about yet, but it still seems to me that the straight and narrow road is the only way. As an illustration of what I mean I'll take the natives of the various islands I've been on in the past 2½ yrs. With American and English missionaries they were happy, participating in some religious activities, some good Christians, They kept their old habits of nature, tattooing certain tribe marks etc. and were (of highest importance) peaceful among themselves. Even the headhunters never bothered each other. Since the Nips took over and we had to chase them out the natives have learned such vices as professional jealousy, greed for money and luxuries of sin, and even hatred of other men for being in the good graces of Americans. We the Americans are partly responsible for this change of attitude but those slant-eyes Nips are the most dangerous influence.

The war is over so far as fighting is concerned for which I thank God. We the soldiers, sailors, and marines from Stow are just waiting now to thank you personally for the wonderful way the C. C. News has come through, in combat, hospital, or service units and the cheer and morale uplift it has given us during hard, bitter times. I'm sure I speak for all Stowites when I say that a better job couldn't have been done and that we owe you more thanks (and the people who helped and sponsored pages) than words can say. All we can do is say you've helped us do our job well by doing yours well and thanks a million. No matter how many times you multiply the verbal thanks, you will never come close to the heartfelt ones.

Sincerely,
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Ed. Note: We thought the days of the censor were passed but here your letter comes in with a censor stamp on. Yes it is strange how so called civilized people become brutal and inhuman seeking to eliminate their enemies at every opportunity. But since the beginning of recorded history it has been that way. "Wars and rumors of wars." Through some of our modern religious sects do not admit it, the world is filled with sin and the forces of good and evil are at war. These forces find expression in the hearts of men who proceed to carry out the dictates of their ruler be it God or the Devil. Many, many times Satan, who is apt to appear upon the scene as an angel of light (good) seems to gain the upper hand in the conflict. However the Good Book tells us that one day this "Prince of the Power of Darkness" will be cast into the bottomless pit—or chained for a thousand years during which time there will be peace on earth and good will among all men. When we pray the Lord's Prayer and come to the "Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven" we are asking the Lord for just such a world as we will have during the Millenial period. May it not be too long until that time comes. Write again—H. J. S.
much of a writer I have put it off.

I'm still the same guy that I was when I left almost four years ago, but I don't think there are too many people that know me back there, but to them that do, I wish to say hello.

Just to give you an idea of where I have been since I left — on the east coast I have been from Boston to Key West - Cuba - Panama - San Diego - Pearl Harbor - Eniwetok - Guam - Ulithia - Hollandia Dutch New Guinea - Bougainville - Manus Island - Leyte - Lingayen Gulf - Russell Island - Florida Island - Guadalcanal - Okinawa - Saipan - and Iheya China and now we are again at Pearl Harbor. To some of these islands we made more than one trip. You can see we have been on the go. We were on the invasion of Lingayen Gulf, Jan. 9, 1945 — Okinawa Shima April 1, 1945 and Iheya China on June 3, 1945 and now we are in dry docks at Pearl Harbor. When we get out we may go to Japan, but we are hoping they will send us to the states.

Well I guess that will have to do for this time. So,

As ever

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P. S. I hope to be back for a short stay sometime between now and next Easter.

Ed. Note: From the list of towns, islands and other points you name we would say that you have certainly been places. Now if you would only tell us something about each one. Did you get ashore each time? And do sailors, the same as some soldiers we know, collect souvenirs every chance they get? Write again.—H. J. S.
our losses, too, but I assure you, they were in the minority by a large margin.

Manila is not at all as I had imagined it. It is not unlike some of our cities in the States. They have sections of town that are on the ultra modern side. Their buildings are of very good taste, like some of those you see in the modern science magazine.

The town is full of statues of their famous men and is a honeycomb of circles, much like Washington, D. C., that is as far as the circles are concerned.

The civilians have set up all manners of shops and stores throughout the town selling all kinds of merchandise, much to the G.I.’s benefit but tough on the pocketbook. Inflation is something terrific, but then that is only natural in an occupied city. To give you an idea of what prices are like, a single scoop of ice cream (?) that costs but $.05 in the States, costs two pesos ($1.00) there, and that is inflation.

The main street is a continuous stream of service personnel. You cannot walk in the usual forward position, but you have to kind of slide sideways. Well, so much for Manila.

The other sizeable towns are much the same as Manila, but the rural towns or barrios as they are better known as, are of an altogether different texture. They are composed of grass shacks with shed palm leaves for a roof. They are built on stilts and set about five feet off the ground. The only reason for this, that I can see, is to allow room for their pigs, chickens, ponies, and carabou. The floors of these “shacks” are made of split bamboo and so is their meager furniture.

In the northern mountainous regions are a clan of natives known as negretos. They are a pigmy like people and the color their name implies. They are about four foot three inches in average height. Very primitive in their ways of living. They live in either grass huts, caves or what have you. They carry a bow and arrow and are experts to the nth degree with them. They clothe themselves with: The men, a small loin cloth draped around their hips, and the women with a sack or some sort of cloth around their hips. The women carry their young in a strap affair that runs from their forehead to the back.

Well Mr. Stockman and readers, that just about covers my promise so I shall stop and give room to someone else.

I promise that my next letter shall be more concise and definitely more interesting. Until then, I shall be as always, an ardent and anxious reader of your wonderful paper.

Now that complete Victory is ours, may all your sons, daughters, husbands and sweethearts soon be with you.

Your friend always
Don Geo. Lauersdorf

Ed. Note: Since you mention it, laziness is a common affliction. However, it has its advantages. On thinking it over, there may be some truth in the statement that the laziness of man has led to the accomplishment of much. For instance—much of our labor saving machinery has been invented because men were lazy and wanted an easier way of doing something.

Your description of Manila and the happenings there make us thankful that this our land was spared the horrors of war, though it seems now that very soon—here at home we are about to endure the horrors of peace—i.e. labor quarrels, strikes and other difficulties.

Inflation may be on the way, but we hope that there will be no necessity of paying a dollar for a scoop of ice cream. But that sort of thing is liable to happen if everybody insists on getting all the raises they are requesting. People as a whole do not seem to realize it but selfishness often defeats its own end.

You did not say, but we are wondering, if, along with the general cleanup at Manila and rebuilding of the city, they are doing anything about salvaging the vessels lying on their sides in the harbor? Did you ever take any pictures of this destruction—or the pigmy people you describe.

We are awaiting that next letter—with interest. —H. J. S.
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