

MYSTERY AROUND US

'Kinship With Nature' Spirit Is Present Among Romantic Writers

By Jack Perry

"The world is too much with us; late and soon, Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers, Little we see in Nature that is ours: We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon!" So spoke the great Romantic, Wadsworth. In our day it is completely passe to speak of Romanticism in any save deprecatory terms; only college professors and rank sentimentals would read the Romantics now. They were lovers of Nature without a knowledge of history; they were lovers of the individual without a knowledge of psychology; we can have no use today for such non-specialists. They are idle dreamers, consummate egoists, maudlin sentimentals. Give us Sartre, Schonberg, Joyce, Picasso, Cummings—men of today!

I submit that we have had enough of these men of today; where are our men of Tomorrow? Are we sunk in our maze of despair that we can produce no men who will look full in the face of calamity, and yet hope? Is there no genius who can see the faults and errors of mankind, its sins and shortcomings, and yet point upward?

I submit that "today" is no criteria of greatness—today indeed, with its worship of sex, its submission to the machine, its motion-picture love, its adoration of the dollar. Can we say in truth that we live? We see our motion pictures, we read our simple, sybaritic best-sellers, we ride our new automobiles, we have our two children—we hurry through life, and take no time to live. Oh, occasionally the Reader's Digest has a piece about nature-worship, or perhaps we go to a state park on a picnic, or buy Van Gogh reproduction for our room—feeble efforts. No, it is our modern disease; the neon lights have blotted out the stars.

We have lost that spark which was the greatest gift of the Romantics: the appreciation of the mystery of life.

It was this spark, which we need so badly, that imbued the Romantics with their love of life, their feeling of kinship with nature—with all that lives. So it was that Thoreau said: "This is a delicious evening, when the whole body is one sense, and imbibes delight through every pore. I go and come with a strange liberty in Nature, a part of herself." Or so did Victor Hugo write:

"Mes yeux plongeaient plus loin que le monde reel . . ."

Or Keats describe a summer's day in the English countryside as "E'en like the passage of an angel's tear,

That falls through the clear ether silently."

Which of us today can feel a kinship with Nature? For us Lake Lucerne is a tourist haven. Who sees below the surface of the world? A mouse turned up by a plowman is a target, or a nuisance. And who dares be by himself in the sweetness of a summer's day? We go to England for the fox-hunts.

No, let others criticize. I only wish that we could be awake, as were the Romantics, to the mystery all around us, to the wonder of life.

DR. GEZORK

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and again in 1946 as chief of Protestant Affairs Section in U. S. Military Government of Germany.

Subjects of his chapel addresses here will be "Europe At The Crossroads," "Germany, Promise or Peril to Democracy," and "Russia's Bid for World Domination."

Dr. Gezork will speak to the local Rotary Club and to the Merchapel addresses while here. cer Faculty Club in addition to



Marion Hall, Sarah Carstarphen and Jerry Conner greet Miss Gladys Swarhout and Mr. Eugene Bossart before her concert.

PHI ALPHA DELTA HAS RUSH PARTY

Phi Alpha Delta, legal fraternity held a rush party last Thursday night at the V.F.W. home. Brothers, pledges, alumni, and rushees enjoyed the festivities. Light refreshments were served. Howell Ravan is social chairman of the fraternity.

LAW DAY

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and mailed out to alumni of the Walter F. George School of Law and to leading members of legal and governmental circles in the state of Georgia. This year's observance of Law Day promises to be the most successful since its inauguration in 1947.

Final plans for the Law Day

are being drafted at the present time and will be announced shortly. It is tentatively planned to honor several distinguished alumni and students. Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity will present its annual award to the outstanding law freshman at the Law Day exercises, and Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity will present an award annually to the outstanding graduating senior.

Several fraternities are planning luncheons to honor their distinguished alumni. Vice President

Barkley will speak in the afternoon and a barbecue supper will be served on the campus after the formal ceremonies. A reception will be held in the evening.

The student committee is composed of Chairman Davis of Braselton, Student Government President; Howell C. Ravan of Marietta, Walter E. Leggett, George E. Saliba, and Wayne Montgomery, all of Macon, Richard F. Scholz of Quincy, Illinois, Clarence Streetman of Thomasville, and Carlton S. Brown of Lumpkin.

ROTC Rifle Team Planning Meet

The Mercer University R.O.T.C. has ninety-three Cadets as candidates for the rifle team. The rifle team will consist of the fifteen best marksmen. The Cadets schedule is as follows:

Washington & Jefferson College	13 Jan 51
Knox College	13 Jan 51
University of Florida	13 Jan 51
Ripon College (Tentative)	13 Jan 51
Wofford College	20 Jan 51
Union College (Tentative)	27 Jan 51
Gettysburg College	27 Jan 51
University of Georgia	3 Feb 51
Davidson College	10 Feb 51
University of Alabama	17 Feb 51
Baylor University	17 Feb 51
Georgia Institute of Technology	24 Feb 51
North Georgia College	24 Feb 51

SUGGESTION BOX

Starting next week Dean Daughtry and Dean Brown will answer any questions or complaints sent in by students.

Be Happy - Go Lucky!

In learning words and what they mean Semantics is the key How sad that ancient Greeks knew aught of L.S./M.F.T.
By Jo Levy Northwestern University

Enjoy your cigarette! Enjoy truly fine tobacco that combines both perfect mildness and rich taste in one great cigarette - Lucky Strike!

Perfect mildness? You bet. Scientific tests, confirmed by three independent consulting laboratories, prove that Lucky Strike is milder than any other principal brand. Rich taste? Yes, the full, rich taste of truly fine tobacco.

Only fine tobacco gives you both real mildness and rich taste. And Lucky Strike means fine tobacco. So enjoy the happy blending that combines perfect mildness with a rich, true tobacco taste. Be Happy—Go Lucky!

L.S./M.F.T.-Lucky Strike Means Fine Tobacco



A hopeless frosh they call me But this title I dislike. For who can call me stupid When I'm hap to Lucky Strike?
By Gay Swankin Boston University

The "Rah Rah Boys" and "Stodious Joes" Possess a common knowledge - For smoking popularity It's Lucky Strike at college!
By Malcolm McNair Syracuse University

