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In the MAIL

Editor, The Tech.
Dear Sir:

I wish to express to your editorial, "Consider the Man," in the January 5 issue, my appreciation of the vigorous defense of true Americanism, of the sincerity of those who believe in Americanism. The writer who said that this is a war of mass deception, and that the American people are being deceived, does not know the meaning of the word "deception." The average American is not being deceived, but is being shown the truth, but not the whole truth.

W. Albert Flett,
Captain, U.S.F.O., 1940.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the excellent editorials that have appeared since the war started.

James Wolf, U.S. Marine Corps.
Dedham, Massachusetts.

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The Woodmen's Home is noted for its genuine "wooden" architecture. The buildings have in common the use of natural materials, and the craftsmanship of the workmen. The interior design is simple and functional, with an emphasis on natural light and ventilation.

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