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LIBRARY ADDS 11 NEW BOOKS

Light Fiction, Novels On Adventure And Mystery, Are Included

Eleven new books, ranging in appeal from light summer fiction to deep Oriental mysteries, have been added to the shelves of the Baldwin Public Library, according to Miss Helen Norman, acting librarian.

A sparkling love story is unfolded in Emile Loring's latest work, "Give Me Another Summer." The author "It's a Great World," relates the heart-aches, doubts and eventual complete understanding of a young couple, thrown together on a Maine farm. William Mercer has written "Molitor of the Bride," a story of the hilarious doings of Major Berry Plydell and a group of young English people gathered at a beautiful old country estate. The work is romantic, full of action with ludicrous situations.

A story of two young people who open the eyes of the bride's parents is told in Alice G. Rossman's book, "Molitor of the Bride." The youthful lovers reveal the true meaning of marriage to the elders in this delightful fiction story.

Max Saltmarsh, who, after writing his first book, has been named as successor to Phillips Oppenheim because his writing is comparable to the latter's style, dealing with international intrigue, has published, "Highly Inflammable," a high-powered intrigue story dealing with a plot by Russians to conquer the world oil market.

Detective mystery lovers will be glad to learn that Sax Rohmer, author of hair-raising, blood-curdling plots, written, "President Fu Manchu," another book dealing with the daring and mysterious adventures of the elusive Chinaman.

"Advice, Ltd.," edited by the redoubtable O. Phillips Oppenheim, is a well written mystery adventure. It is a story of well-known London society coming to the beautiful and mysterious Baroness Clara Lintz for advice and action on important subjects, including amusing and mysterious incidents and threatened lives.

John P. Marquand has authored his second book dealing with the interesting character, Mr. Moto. His new work, "Thank You, Mr. Moto," is a story of two Americans swept into intrigues which run throughout the shadowed streets of ancient Peking.

Combining three splendid detective stories under one cover, Publishing House of America has produced, "38 Star Omnibus." It is a collection of a trio of great murder mysteries, first being "Trent's Last Case," by E. C. Bentley. The second is "Green Eyes" by Russell W. Higgins and the last is J. S. Fletcher's, "The Middle Temple Murder." All of the authors are recognized as outstanding writers in their field.

A Western romance is found in Helen Haycox's new book "The Smoke." It is a thundering novel of gun-fighting days of the eighties in the far West.

Two books among the better fiction class are offered to local readers, Mary Roberts Rinehart has written, "The Doctor." It is not a sequel to "K," but, instead, relates the life progress of today's doctor, his internship struggle to build up a practice and the trials and decisions that he faces.

Ethel Boileau, author of, "A Gay Family," has written, "Clanmen," a story bringing to life the enchanting Scottish country, marching Highlanders, and the Alan of the last of line of the House of Stewart of Ardbreck.

RFC DISBURSES OVER 8 MILLION IN COUNTY

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has made and disbursed loans as of February 29, 1936, in the amount of \$8,325,881.28 in Oakland County, according to a report published this week by The National Emergency Council. The amount authorized for this County was \$11,390,407.16, in the report states.

This is the first time a County tabulation of loans authorized and disbursed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has been made. The report does not include R. F. C. funds that were made available for relief under the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932.

Weekly Business Survey Shows Retail Trade Up

Although record drought conditions over the Snows have taken a toll of hundreds of million of dollars from the farmers, the weather was a factor in sustaining gains in retail trade to a substantially higher level than last year, according to nationwide reports to the Department of Commerce last week. In some areas, retail business gained sharply over the previous good week as Summer caused a flurry of department store buying, particularly in Eastern cities. There was some seasonal recession on the West Coast.

NEW HITCHCOCK RESIDENCE



Pictured above is one of Bloomfield's most charming homes in Brookwood, facing a stream and series of falls. The estate was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hitchcock through Walsh, James and Wasey Co. exclusive sales agents for the property.

BASIS FOR MILK GRADING GIVEN

Cleanliness And Bacterial Count Are Factors In Classifying Product

Considerable discussion has arisen over the action on milk grading, printed in The Eccentric last week. As mentioned in the article that no milk dealer serving this community offered Grade A milk according to a strict interpretation of the new ordinance passed by the city commission, a local dealer complained to us on the grounds that we failed to discriminate between the quality of Grade A and B milk. In view of this fact, we herewith offer an explanation of the differences between the two.

The new ordinance calls for the proper labeling of all milk whether certified Grade A or Grade B. The determining points in classifying milk are, cleanliness and the average bacterial count. As mentioned last week, three dairies supplying milk to this city meet all the requirements for sanitary conditions but fail to show an average bacteria count under the total allowed by the new ordinance—2,500,000 per cubic centimeter.

Milk that is now selling here under the title of Pasteurized Milk will have to be labeled Grade B after July 1 if the bacterial count is 50,000 per cubic centimeter or over and if the factor of cleanliness at the producing point is not up to the standard required for Grade A milk.

Cooperation Urged On Fireworks Law

Chief Vernon W. Griffith of the local Fire Dept., now that the Fourth of July is approaching, has asked the cooperation of the businessmen and residents of the city in helping him to enforce the State Law of 1929 concerning the sale and use of fireworks.

"We aren't trying to be harsh," said Griffith, "but our police force intend, to enforce the law to the letter."

According to the Fireworks Law of March 29, 1929, it is unlawful to sell or use or explode any pyrotechnics of any kind, organizations or associations may have the use of fireworks with the proper permit granted by the City Commission. Any person or firm disregarding this law shall be judged guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or ninety days in jail or both.

Party Is Held By Local Decorators

Attended by a large gathering, local painters and decorators held a party at the American Legion Home on South Woodward Monday night, the activities starting at 8:00 and concluding at 10:20 o'clock.

The gathering heard a guest speaker, Mr. J. L. Sappington, a representative of the Detroit office of the Du Pont Paint Company. Mr. Sappington gave an interesting and beneficial talk on the modern scientific changes in the manufacture of paints and their results. Afterward he held an open discussion with the group.

After the talk, refreshments were served to the painters and decorators.

THE INQUIRING REPORTER

Question: Do you favor the annexation by Birmingham of the 36 acre tract of land which is now a part of Bloomfield Township?

Miss Corrie E. Bassett, 484 Pierce Street, I think it would be a good thing for the subdivision and I am in favor of it providing the move does not raise my taxes.

Edgar H. Parks, 356 Pierce Street, I am in favor of annexation if the subdivision pays all city improvement expenses.

Charles J. Shain, 913 Pierce Street, "Yes, I am in favor of annexation with reservations. The Birmingham taxpayers should be protected against any further expense for the development of that property."

Mary E. Uter, 139 Townsend Street, "Yes, I am in favor of it. I think the subdivision should be brought in."

Mrs. R. L. Beers, 345 Arlington Road, "I would favor the annexation only on condition that all city improvements, such as gas, lights, sewers, pavement and water, be installed and financed by the subdivision before the question is put to a vote."

Pontiac Pair Win Bridge Tournament

Mr. and Mrs. William Hartman of Pontiac reeled off top score of 80 and one-half at Monday night's duplicate contract bridge tournament at the Community House to head a field of 26 players. Second place went to a local team, Mrs. V. S. Ackles and Miss Gladys Stump. They posted a score of 73 and one-half.

Mrs. Mary Lewis Fletcher, who has been conducting these series of weekly tournaments, has announced that the final duplicate match of the Spring will be held this coming Monday. All lovers of bridge in this community are urged to attend the tournament. Plans will be discussed for the resumption of the series during the Fall and Winter months, it was stated.

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LIONS PLAN GALA NIGHT JUNE 29

Social Affair Arranged To Benefit Fund Caring For Defective Vision Cases

Sponsored by the local Lions Club, a "Birmingham Night" at Westwood Gardens, well-known entertainment center located on Michigan Avenue, a mile west of Telegraph Road, will be held Monday, June 29. Proceeds from the affair will be used to benefit the major activity fund of the Club which is concerned chiefly with the care of children and adults troubled with defective vision, it was stated.

Russell McBride, President of the Lions group and general chairman for this affair, has announced that a special section has been reserved at the garden, for Birmingham ticket holders. Yeastor Cugat and his famous marimba band will be featured at Westwood that evening, together with a floor show and other added attractions.

Assisting McBride on the committee arranging details are Clarence G. Heinmiller and Arthur Hagenberger. Clancy Blenman and Floyd Swayzee, in charge of ticket sales, have divided the club into two sections competing against each other in the sale of tickets. Blenman and Swayzee captain the respective sections.

Tickets are very nominally priced, it was said. McBride urges local residents who plan on attending to buy their tickets from members of the Birmingham Lions Club, as it is only on direct sale that the Club will benefit by them. All members of the Club have tickets for sale, it was stated.

The Birmingham Westwood night held two years ago by the Lions proved to be a very enjoyable and successful affair, and it is expected that this year's "Birmingham Night" will be just as successful as the last one.

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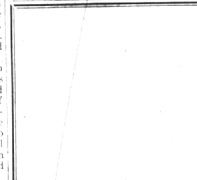
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