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Elyswith Thane And Hugh Walpole Provide Two Feature Novels

Elyswith Thane, author of "Young Mr. Disraeli," and Hugh Walpole, renowned writer, are among the authors of the six new books added to the shelves of the Baldwin Public Library during the past week, according to Miss Adeline Cooke, librarian.

"The Tudor Wench" by Elyswith Thane is not the author's latest book but it has been purchased because the novel has proved exceptionally popular and a number of demands for it have been made here. It is the romantic biography of the youth of Queen Elizabeth of England. The story deals with the 25 years of intense, eager living on the part of the portrait underwent careful research and the work, touching on the emotional life of the queen, is interestingly written.

The story of Rossetti, who fled the tragic ending of her romance and left her baby with its paternal grandfather in order to earn a living in the world, is realistically told in Hugh Walpole's "Prayer for My Son." Rose's problem in trying to regain possession of her son and his love, the opposition from the grandfather and the trials she faces are brought out in clear, gripping words in this novel of absorbing portraits.

Leticia Cooper has written, "The New House," an unusual novel in which runs from morning until night of a single day in the lives of the Powell family, who move from an elaborate mansion to less pretentious quarters.

Ann Shannon Monroe and Elizabeth Lambert Wood, have co-authored the novel, "Mansions in the Cascades." It is the story of a doctor and his wife, broken in health and spirit and desperate under the strain of losing their two children, setting out to camp for months in the rugged regions of the Cascades. Their experiences drive away uncertainty and fear and helps them toward recovery and new hope.

"Wonders of the West," is the title of Oran Arnold's new book which seeks to acquaint the reader with the many wonders and picturesque, interesting parts of the western section of this country. Author Arnold not only depicts the West of today, but goes back deep into the past and summarizes on the romantic traditions of the open country.

A manual on "Drawing the Human Figure" has also been added to the list of new books available at the library. It is written and illustrated by L. A. Douce. The work is a book written for beginners and students, presenting the vital essentials necessary for the drawing of the human figure if success is to be insured.

PIERCE P. T. A. MEETS TONIGHT AT SCHOOL

Pierce School Parent Teachers' Association will hold their regular meeting in the Community room of the school tonight at 8 p. m., October 22.

Howard D. Crull, Acting Supt. of Schools, will address the group on the constitutional amendments. Following piano selections will be rendered by Mrs. Charles Savage. Refreshments will be served with the committee in charge being Mrs. Elsie Crowe, Mrs. Frank Hinton, Mrs. F. Rodgers, and Mrs. William Morrison.

OPEN BIRD SEASON CLOSES WEDNESDAY

Less than a week remains of the open bird season. Wednesday, Oct. 22, is the last day on which pheasants, partridges, grouse and woodcock may be legally shot in the open areas of lower peninsula. The open season on those species closed in the upper peninsula on Oct. 12.

Town Hall Program Wednesday Offers William L. Phelps

William Lyon Phelps will speak on "Which Present-Day Book Is Worth Reading?" before the Detroit Town Hall audience in the Fisher Theater, Wednesday morning, Oct. 22, at 11 o'clock. He will be introduced by Detroit's own poet, Edgar A. Guest.

A great speaker and outstanding personality, Dr. Phelps is nationally recognized as one of the foremost American book critics. Eagerly sought after as a speaker, he accepts few speaking engagements due to the pressure of his many activities. Dr. Phelps' thousands of friends and followers in Detroit know him not only as a great literary authority but as a leader whose weekly sermons during his summer in Michigan's thumb attract thousands of people of all faiths from the entire state of Michigan.

Now Professor Emeritus of Yale University, Dr. Phelps was national prominence as Lamson Professor of English Literature for 32 years. He was also for many years Yale Public Orator. Since 1922, he has conducted for Scribner's Magazine a popular section of critical comment on men and books called "As I Like It," which has frequently provoked controversy.

This summer he has been working on his autobiography, to be completed next year. It will contain reminiscences of his experiences with such literary giants as Shaw, Wells, Chesterton, O'Neill, Barre, Daudet and Maeterlinck. Tickets for Dr. Phelps' lecture are available at Grinnell's, 1000 Michigan Tuesday and Wednesday before the lecture at the Fisher Theatre, \$1.65, \$1.10 and 50c including tax.

CLUB IS GIVEN SAFETY TALK

Detroiters Speak To Rotary Group On "Are You A Good Driver?"

"Not see person in a thousand is qualified to drive a motor vehicle more than 20 miles per hour yet not one in a thousand drives under that figure quantitatively," K. Coleman, representative of the Traveler's Insurance Company Detroit, said in citing facts in an address on "Are You A Good Driver," delivered before local Rotarians at their Monday luncheon in the Community House, Forties S. Hascall presided at the session while Charles Randall was the day's program chairman.

Mr. Coleman stated that the average operator of a vehicle will answer yes if asked whether or not he is the best driver. However, he said, comparison is the only measure for testing good driving and the enormous number of accidents and deaths caused by carelessness and faulty driving do not substantiate the fact that the average person is a competent operator. The speaker asserted that according to 1935 statistics, 30,100 people in this country lost their lives as a result of auto accidents and 895,000 were injured.

In referring to costs, Mr. Coleman stated that accidents now are as costly as public schools and expenses are mounting daily. He said that fatal collisions were known to the grade, pointing to 1935 figures showing only 21,428 deaths as compared with last year's total of over 36,000.

The speaker brought out the interesting point that if a wave of misadventure swept the country would be focused on such a spread of crime and drastic action from police and other officials would be demanded to curb it. Yet, he added, for every murder in the United States three people are killed in or by vehicles and despite such a situation no strenuous effort is made to curtail the death rate from auto accidents.

A chart showing the death rate resulting from driver's actions was exhibited by the speaker. It showed that 31% of all deaths are caused by exceeding limit, 15% result from not having the right-of-way, 10% happen from miscellaneous causes, 17% are caused by drivers being on the wrong side of the road, 13% by reckless driving and 14% occur by driving off the highway. Rural deaths are increasing faster than fatal urban accidents, according to the figures presented by the speaker, the rate of increase for the former being 92% while urban deaths have gone up only 17%.

Children are far more careful than their parents in avoiding accidents while walking, Mr. Coleman said. Only 10% of those struck and killed by autos are minors. This low figure is due to

the splendid training in safety given in the public schools throughout the country.

Mr. Coleman revealed a startling bit of information when he stated that in all of the wars fought by the United States—15 in number—only 300,000 soldiers lost their lives in battle yet 400,000 have been killed by cars to date.

In concluding his remarks, Mr. Coleman passed out folders containing 25 infractions of traffic laws, and members of the club were asked to name the particular ordinance violated in each instance. The results will be tabulated by Mr. Randall and the group will be given the individual and composite results at their next meeting. Mr. Coleman stated that 60% was the average score made on the test.

INCLEMENT WEATHER SLOWS UP BUSINESS

Unfavorable weather conditions in a number of cities slowed up retail buying during the week according to reports to the Department of Commerce. From the upward trend of the last week there was a reversal of the upward trend that has been in existence throughout the late Summer and Fall. There were, of course, some exceptions but generally speaking the trend of retail buying depended largely on weather conditions. It was of interest to note in reports of several cities that the public has begun to buy holiday goods although in a limited amount.

In wholesale lines, weather conditions did not seem to be a factor and there was a firm tone to buying. The holiday factor, however, became of increasing importance. New York, for example, reported that orders for holiday merchandise were flowing into wholesale markets from all over the country in substantially higher volume than a year ago. This was true, the report stated, not only of novelties, toys, and more delicate gifts but also of substantial items such as furniture, and household equipment.

Young People Plan Breakfast At Park

Presbyterian young people of the Senior and Young People's C. E. societies will join in a breakfast at Blomher Park on Saturday morning, providing the weather is suitable for the outing. Cars will leave the church at 8 A. M.

Newly elected officers and committee chairmen of the Intermediate Society will be installed in a candlelight service conducted by the Pastor at 4:30 on Sunday. This group had an attendance of 26 on last Sunday. The program begins with a Bible game which is followed by worship and concluded with refreshments.

Seniors meet at 6:30 and will be led by Betty Jensen. Discussion the topic "Others Call It God." This group is finding interest in a first "Knowing God."

Barbara Pratt leads the Young people's worship and discussion at 6:30 with the subject: "Christianity Works."

Each Tuesday night teachers and leaders of the Church School are considering needs of age groups and the best methods of meeting them. The Primary Child will be considered on Tuesday, October 27.



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