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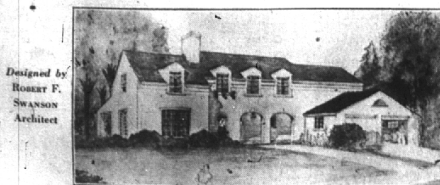
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## GIONO'S THIRD BOOK ARRIVES

"The Song Of The World" Heads New Novels At Library

Fiction again makes up most of the new books at the Baldwin library, with a total of seven out of nine of the recent acquisitions. A semi-humorous manual of instruction and another European commentary make up the balance.

"The Song of the World," written by Jean Giono and published by the Viking Press, is probably the most important of the fictional works. Except for the modern form in which it is cast it might have been written at any time in the world's history, since men began to build houses, domesticate animals and wrest a living from the soil. It is pagan, elemental and epic in the true sense of that much-abused word. It is the work of a writer who, apparently, owes nothing to contemporary fellow craftsmen; the product of an original mind and a powerful art.

**Adventure Tale**  
It was translated from the French for publication here. Monsieur Giono has never left his native Alps, at least not for a longer than he can help. The story is a simple tale of adventure and exploration, which works up into a dramatic climax. The author is disgusted with every phase of modern civilization and portrays his mountaineer friends as he truly sees them: "true men... more implacable and more bitter than the grass of the apocalypse."

Random House publishes Liddell Hart's "Europe in Arms," which is another survey of the marching men of the European nations. The studies were made from his position as defense adviser and principal military correspondent of The London Times. It is as careful and accurate a report as such a work can be and an important one for the list of the student of today.

Following the trend of books on human relationships is that of Harvey A. Karp's "Why Not Get Married?" which is published by Dutton. "Women don't live alone, because they like it," he says. "They just don't know what to do about it, so they hypnotize themselves into thinking it's what they want." Mr. Karp, however, being of the hunted sex himself and married to boot, knows what they could do about it—and in this book, he tells.

**Game of Skill**  
Modern marriage, he tells us, has become a game of skill, and it is to equip all women (age no handicap), that he has written this book. It is not only clever and amusing, but filled with sound common sense, caution, helpful hints and honest advice.

Returning to the fiction, we consider D. E. Stevenson's "Miss Bunce's Book," published by

Farrar and Rinehart. No one in the village paid much attention to Barbara Bunce. She was just an inconspicuous maiden lady who lived on her meagre dividends and bothered nobody. But when her slender income unexpectedly stopped, Miss Bunce and her loyal maid, Dorcas, decided that something had to be done. They thought writing a book might be easier than raising hens.

Unfortunately, as she admits herself, Miss Bunce has no imagination. She can't just "make up" a book, so she writes about her friends and neighbors, kindly and truthfully, for she is a benevolent and veracious soul. She puts them down in words with all their humorous weaknesses and eccentricities and, without realizing it, penetrates an uncomfortable distance below the surface of their lives. The story deals with the exciting times after her book has been accepted by an eminent London publisher.

**Harpur's Prize Novel**  
Frederic Prokosh writes and Harpur's publish "The Seven Who Flew." Harpur's prize novel for 1937-38. He is a brilliant young man (only 28), having a sense of that wonderful success with his first novel and followed it with an equally brilliant book of verse, besides winning the Guggenheim fellowship for creative writing this year. His followers will find that this newest work is packed in breadth and depth over the talents shown in his earlier books.

Light fiction is represented at the Library by Temple Bailey's "I've Been to London" and L. A. Hanson's "Brown Honey," both published by the Penn Publishing Company; by the murder mystery "They Found Him Dead," written by G. Heyer and Kathleen Norris; "You Can't Have Everything," both published by Doubleday.

## 12,000 EGGS TO HATCH AT FAIR

Battery Of Incubators To Reveal Every Phase Of Process

Two outstanding exhibitions for the Birmingham Fair have been announced this week. The first, a new educational exhibit which will interest both adults and youngsters, is called The Chicken Walk. The fair opens Sept. 3. This exhibit will consist of 12 large electric incubators, placed in a straight line one hundred feet long. Each incubator will hold 1,000 eggs and will hatch out eight different colors of chicks, each day of the fair. Glass fronts will enable visitors to pass along and see every phase of the hatching process, from the tiny pip hole in the shell to the day-old chicks after they have been fed and the incubators cleaned of shells.

These incubators are to be electrically controlled and the eggs set 22 days, 21 days, 20 days, etc., preceding the opening of the fair, so that they will start hatching Friday night, Sept. 3. The last hatching will coincide with the last day of the Fair, Sunday Sept. 12.

The other unusual exhibit which is to be sponsored by the State Conservation Department will be beautiful falls, 25 feet high, spilling into a flowing creek which empties into a real little lake. Surrounding this delightful exhibit will be a grove of trees inhabited by live fauns; and in the lake, hundreds of varieties of fish native of Michigan.

New plans are being made and carried out efficiently every few days, and will be announced regularly for public information. At seethes with activity as workmen remodel, rebuild and re-furbish the setting for this year's Fair.

**70,000 HOMELESS IN VALLEY**  
Los Angeles.—According to social workers, approximately 70,000 homeless persons were wandering in the San Joaquin Valley, many of whom had moved to the area from drought areas and numbers of whom were starving and dying from exposure and malnutrition.

## Gets New Post



Mr. Heinmiller

## NAMED HEAD OF SALES HERE

C. J. Heinmiller To Direct Selling Of Improved Property In Area

Clarence G. Heinmiller, who has been identified with the building industry in Birmingham since coming here in 1925, has been appointed manager of improved property sales in this area by Max Brook, Inc., a real estate firm with offices in Birmingham and Detroit, the company announces.

Mr. Heinmiller has been connected with the building and real estate business since his graduation from Purdue University in 1921. Five years later he became a partner in Brook-Heinmiller Co., a concern which specialized in fine homes. From 1932 to 1936, Mr. Heinmiller was local sales manager for Judson Bradley Co., making his connection with Max Brook, Inc. in January, 1937.

Because of his extensive building experience, Mr. Heinmiller has been successful in bringing to Birmingham several Detroit builders, among them the Roscoe W. Babcock Co., which has erected nine new homes since the first of the year, and for which company, Max Brook, Inc., is the selling agent.

Mr. Heinmiller, who has been a resident of Birmingham for the past eight years, makes his home with Mrs. Heinmiller and their three daughters, at 288 Townsend street.

**"COATLESS" CHURCH GOERS**  
Stamford, Conn.—Holding to his philosophy that ministers preach to help people, not to help pew, Rev. N. O. Edwards, pastor of the Sprigdale and High Ridge Methodist Church, has invited the men in his congregation to attend services in the summer without coats. He has announced that he himself will preach in his shirt sleeves if the weather remains hot.

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## TROUBLE SEEN FOR RENTERS

Situation Acute For Those Seeking Homes Here Says Bennett

"The housing situation in and around Birmingham is acute, and the worst trouble will start after Labor Day," Clyde Bennett, president of the Real Estate Board, declared regarding the ever-increasing problems of landlords and tenants here.

"Dealers are encouraging buyers to go ahead with their plans," continued Mr. Bennett. "They need encouragement because so many of them were scared away by the recent labor troubles, and we need to encourage them in order to relieve housing congestion."

Local realtors report that apart of the most troublesome of their problems, is as acute as ever, despite the increase in the building of individual homes. Apartments are in greater demand than ever and once built, landlords can be assured of steady occupancy.

**Waiting Lists Full**  
"Most of the apartment houses under our management have been 100 percent occupied, with waiting lists for each one, apparently a sure thing continued occupancy throughout the remainder of summer and fall," states John W. Coale, property manager for S. C. Hadley, Inc. "We have three or four applicants for each one and as a result can select those who will make the most desirable tenants. Yet it is the opinion of local business men that owning rented property in Birmingham is too expensive for the landlord."

"There is much agitation over the housing shortage and the resulting uptrend in rents," he continued. "Tenants complain, and often rightly so, about the increases in their rents, but the average tenant overlooks the legitimate and sound reasons for these booms perhaps because he is ignorant of them."

**Rents May Soar**  
"Basically the rent increases are due to the law of supply and demand, and the present period of readjustments in rents was inevitable. During 1932-33, rents were abnormally low, because of an overabundance of available units on the market and a scarcity of people who could afford them. During the lean years there are, the landlords were forced to operate his properties at a loss, while his expenses remained practically at the same level. Today this situation is reversed."

"Now there is an acute shortage of rental units, as the result of so little building during the

Depression and the customary raising of many old or obsolete structures, together with the influx of new residents to Birmingham. As the number of vacancies is now reduced to a minimum there is more demand for what remains. From these and available facts it is logical to assume that rents will go even higher."

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