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## TWO POPULAR PLAYS ADDED

Authentic Study of Fascism Also Included Among Library Books

Two of the season's most popular plays, a book on sail boats, and an intelligent explanation of Fascism are among the editions available this week at the Baldwin Library, according to Miss Adeline Cooke, librarian.

With lines that flashed and sparkled, "The Women," by Clara Bow, opened early this past season in New York city. The cast was composed of forty gossip vendors in their best feline roles. Women in the audience spent an evening of terror as their husbands learned of the power which their tongues in this comedy of women oozing venom and make-up cream. The book is at the library and will be a delightful way of spending an evening with your best friend.

James Harvey Robinson in his "The Human Comedy," has made a brilliant and searching survey of the activities of man in the drama of modern civilization. It is a book that could have been written only by the author of "The Mind in the Making," for it provides the reader with the key to understanding himself and his place in the universal scheme. It is a book of profound and scholarly quality.

When the Ann Arbor dramatic season opens June 7 with the play "Tovarich" by Jacques DeVal and adapted by Robert E. Sherwood, it will present a play that has seen three seasons of successful production in Europe and a winter of brilliance in New York city. This story, of two penniless Russians of exalted rank who are anously take situations in a wealthy Paris home, is a four act comedy hit and should be almost as pleasant to read as to watch.

The Fascist, His State and His Mind," by E. B. Ashton, is an abstract, careful and authentic study of Fascism, divorced from the incidental manifestations which have accompanied its appearance in Europe. The book shows its political theory, its working practice and the psychology of the people that have made it possible in Germany and Italy.

G. S. Laird Clowes who has col-

laborated with Cecil G. Trew to produce "The Story of Sail," is federal aid, according to officials of the Federal Social Security Board, and as is worthy of support, if for no other reason. Members of the League of Women Voters, and many other citizens who are interested in an efficient and non-political administration of welfare, will watch with interest the vote of Mr. Lee in regard to Welfare Reorganization, hoping that he will vote favorably on senate bills 111-118.

## Nautical Training Is Offered Youths

In order to acquaint the youth of America with the opportunities of careers as officers in the United States Merchant Marine, the American Nautical Academy, will follow the regular daily ship routine and will be given instruction in all nautical subjects.

Students will join the ship in the vicinity of New York Harbor for the summer training, and those completing the course will be eligible to apply for a scholarship in the Regular Course.

Due to the fact that the number of accommodations available is limited, those wishing to take advantage of this opportunity should write at once to the American Nautical Academy, the National Training School for the Merchant Marine, Washington, D. C.

## Poultry Fanciers Form Association

Jack Vivian was named president of the newly formed Michigan Poultry Fanciers Association at their final organization meeting held the past week in the Sullivan Building in Royal Oak.

The Association has been formed to promote the interests of standard-bred poultry in all its phases, and in pursuance of this plan, meetings will be held the last Thursday of each month, at which time two breeds of birds will be exhibited and scored.

Named to serve with Mr. Vivian as executives of the Association for the ensuing year are: R. E. Carpenter, first vice-president; Herman Schneider, second vice-president; C. Manley, secretary; William Braybrook, treasurer; Frank Wray, auditor and L. Murray, elected commissioner.

The June meeting of the group will be held in the Sullivan Building the twenty-fourth of the month.

## STATE BILLS ARE WATCHED

League of Women Voters Here Prods Rep. Lee On Measures

As the Michigan Legislature season opens some signs of coming finally to its close, the Birmingham League of Women Voters is following with interest the course of various measures in which they are interested, particularly the Civil Service Bill, Welfare Reorganization Measures, and the Minimum Wage Bill.

The principle of Civil Service has long been on the support program of the League, and the members are hoping that the Palmer-Dunkel Civil Service Bill, Senate Bill 1, which will be the upper house, will also be accepted by the House of Representatives.

A group of Birmingham Women went to Lansing last week to join with others in impressing upon the legislature the popular demand for this measure.

The Welfare Reorganization Bill, Senate Bill 111 through 118, are receiving strong support from the League of Women Voters, and the American Association of University Women have endorsed these bills, and through the state many organizations, such as Men's Luncheon Clubs, Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Study Clubs and Parent Teachers Associations are urging the passage of these bills.

The League of Women Voters has been carrying on quite a correspondence with Mr. Melvin Lee, representative from this district in the State House of Representatives. Mr. Lee says that he has not yet fully determined whether he will vote for the senate bills, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, or for House Bill 227, which is supported by many of the county boards of supervisors.

According to the League of Women Voters, House Bill 227 does not provide for the merit system in choosing employees in the County Welfare Departments, and thus opens the door to politics and patronage in welfare administration. House Bill 227 would build 83 uncoordinated systems of relief by counties, preventing that measure of state supervision necessary for coordinated records, and balk the possibility of intelligent state-wide planning so necessary to prevent the growth of a paupered voting class. House Bill 227 puts in jeopardy all of the sums from the Federal Social Security Board for aid to the blind, aid to dependent children and old age assistance.

Offerings from the service will go towards the work of the National Sunday School missionaries.

CHURCH GROUPS HEAR TALKS ON VACATIONS

In continuing their discussion meetings of Professions, the Senior and Young People's groups of the First Presbyterian Church have invited Miss Adeline Cooke of the Baldwin Library and Dr. J. K. Ormond of Ford Hospital, to speak before their group, Sunday evening at 6 p. m.

The meeting, led by Bill Cole, will be followed by a social hour.

## Aulenbach To Talk At Quarton Meeting

Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, of Christ Church Cranbrook, will be the guest speaker at the final meeting of the Quarton School Parent Teacher Association, Monday evening, June 7 at 8 p. m.

The meeting will be held in the School auditorium and is open to all parents of the school district. An important feature of the evening's program will be the report of the committee that has met with the Birmingham Board of Education to discuss the addition of junior high grades to Quarton School. This committee headed by Mr. L. E. Colgrove will give the report, include: Mrs. H. Victor Spike, Mrs. Carleton Fox, Dr. John Gordon and Mrs. Frank Kane.

Mrs. J. B. Marley, president of the Quarton P.T.A. will be in charge of the meeting.

Presbyterians To Mark Children's Day

All children's departments of the Presbyterian Church School will unite in presenting their annual Children's Day service, Sunday, June 6, at 10:30 A. M.

The musical selections included on the program will be accompanied by the Junior Choir and Miss Ruth Flint, trumpet soloist.

Following the sacrament of infant baptism during which time the mothers of Cradle Roll pupils will be given a single red rose, the Beginner's Department will present a program of songs and prayers, while the Primary Department will unite to give the psalm: "God's Garden," in which 150 children will participate.

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