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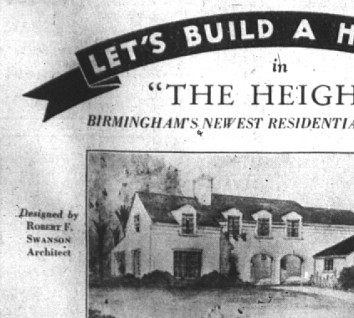
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LIBRARY ADDS 5 NEW NOVELS

Knut Hamsun's Final Book, Noel Coward's Story Are Featured

For those who will be unable to leave town during the hot weather there will be any number of new fiction books at the Library to help while away the time. Five new novels added this week by Adeleine Cooke, librarian.

When Mr. Hamsun was asked for an opinion of this, his final novel, he said: "As for both thought and imagination it is the best thing I have done. I rather believe the reader will grant me some right to an opinion."
After half a century of writing, Hamsun has played his last variation on the central theme of all his works. He sums up his intimate views on life, and in this writing of himself, he is standing in the sunset, surveying the world from the deepening shadows falling about him. The theme of absolute individualism characterizes the book, as he closes his ring of thought. It has been said that it is his nearest and most moving novel, and should be a "must" on any reader's list.

The academic atmosphere is created by Gladys Hasty Carroll in her "Neighbor To The Sky," the story of a young woman who longs above all else to make the modern world her own, and a young man to whom all paths look pleasant, though he has an inborn love of his own Maine farm and the land. The reader is taken to Luke and his new bride, Margery, through Harvard Summer School, to Columbia Teacher's College, and finally, to Lorado University in Wisconsin, where he becomes an instructor. There is fresh blood, and vivid action, as one is given convincing impressions of the Yard, married graduate life in New York, a university medical center and class rooms of one sort and another.
Continuing with the series begun in "Beyond Sing The Woods" Trygve Galtbransen produces "The Wind From The Mountains," one of the truly great Scandinavian novels. As its predecessor it has all the tenderness, excitement, virility and sensitivity that only

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this author is capable of. There is a strength that never develops harshness, and a simplicity that it is the privilege of their people who are not yet divorced from the land. The appeal of this novel of the land is universal.
"Present Indicative" is Noel Coward's own story, and it is written only as this glamorous star, whose name is so well illuminated on Broadway, could do. Nothing is spared in the life story of the man whose career has a touch of the Horatio Alger about it. He has led a precarious life, beginning in poverty and ending in riches. However, his success is not the theme, life is.

In another one of his famous "series of connected episodes" E Phillips Oppenheim has written "Ask Miss Mott." It is a tale of an editor of a "raggy column" in a London newspaper, and how she, the "Beatrice Fairfax" of this age, became involved with a "Violet Joe" of the underworld. It is the usual blood and thunder story, and should be particularly uninteresting evening.

Broadcast Science Program on Sunday

A Christian Science program will be broadcast Sunday morning, May 30, at 9:00 E. S. T., over the network of the American Broadcasting System. Locally the program will be transmitted by station W. J. R. Detroit.
E Howard Hooper, of the Christian Science Committee in Publication for Missouri, will present an address especially prepared for the occasion.

Michigan Mirror

NON-PARTISAN STATE NEWS LETTER

By GENE ALLEMAN
Michigan Press Association
LANSING—Unlike the traditional Roosevelt luck at the White House, Frank Murphy of Michigan has been haunted by unexpected grief ever since his inaugural on "New Year's" day.
The legislature has been in session for four months, yet an examination of the record will show that comparatively few administrative measures of importance have been enacted.
While the legislature's payless days are arriving, Legislators have much yet to do before they can actually "point with pride" in addresses back home.
Murphy's Jinx

Labor was given an opportunity to taste the forbidden fruit of sit-down striking to evade legal rights of property. By the time the governor concluded to exercise his state police powers and to keep labor trouble from becoming an industrial problem, public opinion had "jelled" to the extent that employers and employees alike were demanding that "government do something about it."
The result was the labor relations board bill, and the possibilities of both labor and industry in the interest of the public.
The second stumbling block in the path of Murphy has been bickering along Democratic factions. The governor has stated repeatedly that his No. 1 measure is civil service for state employees. A Republican Senate passed the bill, but a democratic committee refused to report it out.

House Democrats Revolt
Lack of political patronage is blamed by some House Democrats. A final agreement is now in sight whereby present state employees will be exempt from a re-employment of civil service examinations. It will be ear-marked "compromise" a second choice but better than none at all.
The occupational disease bill was passed by the Republican Senate under leadership of Senators Hittle and Brake. As the measure did not meet the administration's ideas, a House substitute bill was prepared under direction of Rep. Joseph Murphy of Detroit. Five members of Murphy House labor committee then proceeded to "walk out," refusing to report the revised measure to the floor.
Just about the time that Gov-

WELFARE BILLS BACKED HERE

City Council and League of Women Voters Give Support

A series of bills, Nos. 111-118 inclusive, pertaining to the reorganization of state and county welfare agencies have passed the Michigan senate and are now pending in the House of Representatives. The bills were originally drawn up by a study commission appointed by former Governor, Frank Fitzgerald and are now sponsored by Governor Frank Murphy.

The bills propose to take welfare work out of politics and place it on an efficient and businesslike basis. Birmingham's city commission and state and local League of Women's Voters have gone on record as wholeheartedly supporting the measure.
Melvin Lee, State Representative from this district, has indicated his opposition to passage of these bills, asserting that, "All of the various departments of government from the county board of supervisors down to the village, city and township officials... give in a better position to administer welfare funds."
Obviously, Mr. Lee, despite this statement, that he is willing to serve his constituents desire, is not conversant with the pulse of the

public in this immediate section of the district which he represents, according to a member of the Women's League of Voters.
The series of bills are referred to by Mr. Lee as an attempt to centralize welfare in the state and Federal governments. Actually the bills provide for county departments of welfare, composed of three local members appointed for three year overlapping terms with no financial reward.

ANNUAL DRILL IS HELD BY FIREMEN

Commission and Officials Witness Inspection On Monday

Under the direction of Chief Vern Griffith, members of the Birmingham fire department held their annual inspection Monday evening with city commissioners and other municipal officials witnessing the demonstration.
Three distinct streams of 1 1/2-inch are used by the firemen to extinguish blazes and methods employed in each case were shown. Use of hand extinguishers, three distinct inch booster line streams, and the two and one-half inch hose were demonstrated. All of the drills call for different duties by each particular fireman. Competitive time and records are maintained by both platoons of the department.
Chief Griffith announces that four different divisions of the fire department were outstanding relative to responsibilities of maintenance. They are: (1) The Building and Apparatus of the department, (2) Personnel and Uniforms, (3) City Water Pumps operated by the Fire Department, and (4) The fire drills conducted by the paid department.
The annual inspection revealed that the part of the city building housing the fire department was clean throughout, the walls were washed and various parts of the building painted; the apparatus was in perfect condition. Many favorable comments were expressed on the efficiency and smoothness of operation displayed by the firemen during the drill.

Detroit Legion To Mark Memorial Day

The Detroit Districts Association of The American Legion will hold Memorial Day Services at the American Legion Plat, in Rosefield Park Cemetery, Woodward Ave. and Twelve Mile Road, Sunday, May 30th at 10 a. m. Draper Allen will deliver an address as part of the Services.
"To those of you who have lost some one who was dear to you the observance of Memorial Day means much. The services will be brief, yet colorful and reverent. The general public is invited to attend, and it is the duty of all veterans to participate.
A detailed program will be published later in the week.

Nine banks have been robbed in Michigan since Jan. 1.
The effect has been a public disclosure that the state police system is inadequate to cope with organized crime.
Admitted Commissioner Oscar G. Oliver, "with less than 270 men to cover the entire state, there is not a sufficient concentration of forces in any area to cope adequately with the raids of organized gangs."
In place of the necessity for additional troops, the state police commissioner in effect has done his own "dunking."
"Toonerville Trolley"

Now that Tahquamenon Falls, one of the notable scenic attractions of the Upper Peninsula, has become a part of the state park system, it is inevitable that enterprising boosters will try to junk something which is a novelty to many travelers—a narrow-gauge logging railroad called "The Toonerville Trolley."
The upper falls are about 200 feet wide with a 48 foot drop.
One of our most memorable vacation thrills was a wild ride down a roller coaster logging tracks in the Flambeau National Forest in Wisconsin. We cast a one-man verdict for retention for Michigan's "Toonerville Trolley" to Tahquamenon Falls.

More Bookkeeping
Enactment of a minimum wage and maximum hour legislation in Michigan this year is likely to impose new bookkeeping worries on employers.
The senate labor committee has reported a substitute bill from that which was passed in the House.
Employers would be required to post work schedules for different shifts of women workers and minors, including a starting time, lunch period not more than four hours after starting time, and finishing time.
The result may be a clock-punching regimen reminiscent of Charles Chaplin's "Modern Times."
Selling Michigan

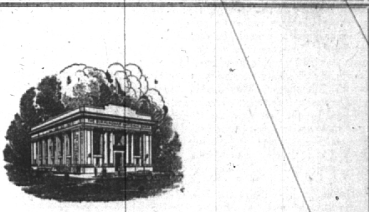
It seems a paradox to say that hundreds of Michigan people were sold on Michigan for the first time last winter when tourist association officials toured the east and west coasts of Florida, showing motion pictures about Michigan.
One man from Detroit said he had never been north or west of Lansing, so reports Hugh Gray, manager of the Western Michigan Tourist and Resort association. The Detroit had been to the west coast to Yellowstone park, to Florida, but he had never visited the northern section of Michigan or the upper peninsula!

Up They Go In Briarbank

Ground was broken last Monday for another artistic residence on Kewick Drive, Briarbank. Richard H. Marr is the architect.
Another new house will follow in a few days, with a third nearing completion on Vaughn Road.
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