

A Book Budget for 1940 suggested as New Year Resolution

Catch Up on Best Books of 1939, Is Profitable Idea

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Baldwin Public Library

Catches the dawn on New Year's day, and you bound out of bed to start thinking up your Resolutions for 1940. You make out a nice long list of Things Resolved Not To Do this coming year. Then you compare it with last year's list and are appalled to find the two almost identical.

So you tear them up and start over again determined that this year it would be nice to do something different. You will make a

Resolution that will carry you through, month by month, to 1941.

A Bit Wary
Improving the mind would be a good idea. Only you are a bit wary about that since the year you decided to read Gibbon's *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*—all ten volumes of it. The following July, you found volume I under a pile of old magazines, with your bookmark still at page 57.

That was the end of Culture with a capital C for that year. Anyway, there are so many new books coming out that you would like to read. Now, there's an idea. How about a book budget for 1940?

Of course you read *Grapes of Wrath* and *When the Rains Came* and some others, but so many books appear each month that you feel sure that you must be mis-



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ing some of the worthwhile publications of the current year.

Of Past Year's Crop
Sooner or later those "missed books" join the vast limbo of the books you "always meant to read" and somehow hadn't. Instead, it might be an interesting experiment to read one or two of the past year's crop of books every month during 1940.

With the aid of many literary surveys and lists of outstanding books published by magazines and newspapers, it should not be difficult to make up such a list.

The number of books concentrated to the European situation is truly staggering. Special thanks might be offered, however, for two different editions of Adolf Hitler's amazing book, *Mein Kampf*. Houghton's *The Revolution of Hitler* is a critical study of the whole Nazi movement. Fit companion to these is Sara Savarin's definitive biography, *Stalin, Jugoslavina*, by Albert Carr is a series of biographies written with the end in view of finding out what makes a dictator dictate, provides some interesting food for thought.

Equally thought provoking is Clarence Streit's *Union Now*, which is a carefully balanced plea, backed by some good arguments, for a united European state. Turning to the East, there is Gunther's *Inside Asia*, one of the best reporting jobs of the year, which discusses the many and complex factors, political and military, of recent history in China and Japan.

War Influences Fiction
Fiction has been strongly influenced by the repercussions from Europe. A first class thriller is Ethel Vance's *Escape*, dealing with the escape of a woman from a

Science Juniors Plan New Study

The class of junior members of the Cranbrook Institute of Science, which before Christmas studied the plant world, is to start on Jan. 6 a course in "Natural History through the Microscope," in which the boys and girls will make their own preparations. Animals, plant tissues and minerals of minute size will be studied. The class is to be conducted by Dr. E. T. Boardman with the assistance of W. P. Nickell.

In last week's issue, a story on junior member activities, written by a High School journalism class member, contained several errors. Corrections are as follows:

Awards in the Cranbrook Institute course in botany were 1st prize, Jimmy Thomas, of Baldwin; 2nd prize, Margaret Bingham, Bloomfield Hills School; 3rd prize, Douglas E. Kew, Baldwin. Honorable mentions, Norma Haskins, of Washington Junior High School, Pontiac; Dorothy Crater, of Farmington; Ralph Corvill, Baldwin.

The class was conducted by Mrs. Marjorie T. Bingham, botanist of the Institute, with the aid of Walter P. Nickell.

German concentration camp. Dagmar Truelsen's *Enemy*, *Cost Him Gun*, is a grim, powerful novel concerning a soldier, left eyeless, faceless, deaf, blind, and without arms or legs by the war. His efforts to communicate with the world are both tragic and terrible.

Of the books on American history, one of the most important is Charles and Mary Beard's *America in Midpassage*, the book that completes the trilogy of *The American People*, *The American Civilization*, *Statenmen of the Lost Cause* by Burton J. Hendrick. Another is *Jefferson Davis* by Margaret Greenback, a history of the United States that reads like a novel.

The Fine Arts
Turning from history to painting and music, there are so many recent books on both subjects, that it is hard to choose any one as being particularly good. The life of Rubenstein and his brother is presented in C. S. Brown's *Great Artists*, *Toscanini and Great Music* presented by Lawrence Gilman is based on the radio symphonic concerts.

One book that should hold a place of honor for some time is I. Believe. This is a collection of the philosophical conclusions of a number of the great modern literary and scientific figures today. Outstanding writers, scientists, poets, were asked to contribute to the volume and the final result forms a highly instructive and interesting bird's eye view of modern philosophy.

This is only a casual list of books, but there is one for every month of next year, with two over, for the New Year Resolver who wants to start his Book budget early.

Baldwin Library will close at 6 p. m., Saturday, Miss Adeline Cooke, librarian, has announced.

Sonja Henie Bringing Ice Revue to Detroit
DETROIT—One of the greatest athletes the world has ever known! That's the tribute paid by many competent observers to Sonja Henie, dashing Norwegian blonde who set an amazing record as a competitive figure skater before she turned professional and made nearly a million dollars "on the road" and as a top flight box office attraction in motion pictures.

The amazing Sonja, who brings her new Hollywood Ice Revue of 1940 to Olympia here on Tuesday, Jan. 2 for a six-night stand, won her first championship in 1927 at the age of 14. She remained an undefeated figure skater for 10 years, winning 10 world championships and three Olympic titles before turning professional in the spring of 1936.

Miss Henie learned to skate when she was eight years old. At nine she won the junior championship of the Oslo Skating Club. At 10 she repeated and at 11 she was crowned Norwegian women's champion.

BREW GRAIN DRAWS DEER
MILFORD (MPA)—Almost daily several deer cross pastures of the F. M. Tenney farm and come within 100 feet of the house. A tank of brewery grain, used as cattle feed, is in the yard, sending off its pungent odors, which attract the deer.

Rarin' to Welcome Mr. 1940



Young Mr. 1940 won't have many companions of his own age around when the world welcomes the New Year, for most youngsters will have been sent to bed. Little Janice Sande, seven months old, of Woodside, L. I., will be tucked away in her crib when 1940 is ushered in, so she's doing her celebrating early.

Henry Ford School Next for Baldwin; Plymouth Loses 44-33 Before Holidays

By JACK PEARCE

After a long layoff, Baldwin High basketball cagers face Henry Ford school next, on Friday, Jan. 12. The contest will be played here. The following Tuesday, comes an important game with Royal Oak.

Plymouth Defeated
Capitalizing on an intercepted ball and keeping up a steady defense proved the winning factors in the Birmingham Maple Leafs' victory over a fine Plymouth quintet Dec. 29 at Plymouth.

The first quarter saw an alert Birmingham team break down Plymouth rushing at center court to ring up several baskets in rapid succession. The Leafs' offense started out slowly in the quarter but gradually picked up as the game progressed. The Maples led 16-10 in the opening quarter.

Missing several shots at the basket in the second quarter set Plymouth back on its heels with Birmingham scoring on under basket shots with deadly accuracy to lead 24-13.

There were many fouls called in the game. Plymouth sinking 11 out of 20 to keep within striking distance of Birmingham's lead. The Maples had a 23-22 advantage in the third quarter.

Burst of Speed
Plymouth put on a burst of speed in the fourth stanza to outplay the Maples by doggedly controlling the ball under the baskets. The drive halted after Plymouth narrowed the Maples' lead to two baskets.

Hitt, Plymouth's flashy little forward, was mainly responsible for the Leafs' fine showing in the final quarter, with his speedy foot-work. Four personal fouls forced Hitt from the game, turning the tide of battle into an easier victory for Birmingham.

Gilbert dropped in nine field goals and one free throw for 19 points. John McDonald rang up 12 points.

Norman was high point man for Plymouth, tallying nine points.

Reserve Team Wins
Completely outplaying a scrappy

1500 Allied Youth Expected at Show
Spinning along at a fast pace during its last ten years old. At all, the Allied Youth musical show, "Step Right Up!" promises to be a standout attraction of New Year's Eve. An audience of some 1500 Allied Youth and friends of this widespread youth organization in Detroit are expected to attend.

The play precedes the annual Allied Youth dance which takes place at the Masonic Temple in the three ballrooms.

It's Legal to Kill Ear-Tagged Animals
It is entirely legal to kill ear-tagged animals, the game division of the conservation department reminds hunters, correcting a popular notion that the marked animals are in some way protected.

And the hunter may get the tag back for a souvenir, if he wants it, after it has been turned in to the conservation department for check and recording.

Thanks
Doctor—"Now, before I examine you, may I ask what you drink?"

Patient—"Thank you, doctor. A small whisky and soda for me."

Finnish Baths Not New in State; Indians Used Them

LANING—Finnish baths—with plenty of steaming followed by a cold plunge—are an established institution in many an upper peninsula community. But the invigorating effects of the "Finnish bath" were known to the people of upper Michigan long before the first Finn arrived.

A passing note titled "Indian medical facts" among the geological observations in the field books of Dr. Douglass Houghton, Michigan's first and most famous geologist, tells the story. On August 13, 1882, when camped near the Ontonagon river, Dr. Houghton wrote:

"Their sweating lodges are a curiosity. A lodge is constructed of bark and covered with blankets. In this upon one side are placed several large stones heated to redness. The patient seats himself naked upon cedar boughs in the opposite side of the lodge and with a bunch of feathers or a branch of some evergreen tree he sprinkles the stones with water in the lodge is filled with water vapor and the patient falls into a profuse perspiration. Having remained a suitable length of time (varying from a quarter of an hour to two hours) he leaves the lodge and either plunges into cold water, or more frequently being wrapped up, remains quiet for two or three hours. The Indians suppose this to possess miraculous powers."

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