

Bookcase

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ing prison escapes. He tenderly soothes an old lady, on her first airplane flight, who fears the craft is falling apart in mid-air.

Then there is the notorious and feared bookie, Pig's Eye, who annoys the barber by passing up his turn for a haircut in favor of a man in a hurry—to be sure, only to assure himself a murder alibi.

AND THE CHARACTER who proves the nemesis of the scarpers is a misinformed little Irish lady, zealous in the protection of horses, who pursues the set of toughs through Paris' back streets.

Behan does not spend time describing the physical attributes of the cast of castoffs. He need not. The names alone (Limsey, Pig's Eye, Traloe Trembles, Goofy One, The Scarperer) makes them distinguishable and convey the main traits of their characters.

Most time is spent where it is best spent—on relating a riotous tale of a frame-up and ensuing imprisonment, a deviously switched identity, and escape.

THE TRAIL PROCEEDS via van, hearse, airplane, fishing boat, across the channel and to more treachery: double cross off the coast of France (as one escapee discovers) — and double-double cross in Paris, they all discover.

With great deftness, Behan weaves the light ridiculous byplay and the raft of colorful characters into the swiftly moving story. Perhaps the novel is brief and tightly written because it originated as a newspaper serial in 1933. Behan tried his hand at writing crime to replenish his supply of cash under an assumed name so that the topic would not reflect on his already established name in intellectual literary circles.

SLEUTHING THE fashionable Dublin intellectual pubs after his publication, Behan found that they liked the new writer. Posthumously "The Scarperer" was published book form with the rightful author's name.

It is another work from Behan's period that produced "The Quare Fellow" and "Borstal Boy."

Behan illustrates a moral, if you need one. He shows a tiny shade of good in the evil characters and a shade of evil in the good characters. The good conquers the evil in the end, even if through a fluke: The Scarperer gets his just "reddie" with a touch of irony to boot. And the reader is entertained, Irish-style.

Wayne State Sponsoring Bach Exhibit

The Johann Sebastian Bach Traveling Exhibition will be on display in Detroit for two weeks, Sept. 1-15. Wayne State University will host the exhibit in its Community Arts Building.

Over 600 artifacts are on display including several personal objects and manuscripts from Bach's music room.

Of special interest are several prints by Merian of the towns in which Bach composed and performed; a reproduction of the only authentic portrait of Bach painted six years before his death; and a special section depicting the last decade of his life.

The comprehensive exhibit traces the life of the German composer from youth and early childhood through his death and posthumous fame.

DR. MORRIS Hochberg, professor of music at Wayne and violinist for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will highlight the exhibition with a Bach concert Sept. 13. The concert and accompanying tea will last from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Community Arts auditorium. Both the exhibition and concert are free to the public.

The \$2.7 million motor vehicles registered in the United States last year consumed an average of 188 million gallons of fuel daily.

Book Answers Clothing Q's Around World

Did you know that Russian women wear their hats indoors? Would you have believed that it's illegal to wear a fez in Turkey?

Did you know it takes 16 yards of cloth to make a Scotsman's kilt, just six yards for an Indian sari and 1,000 separate parts to make a suit for outer space?

THESE ARE some of the facts revealed in "The Wonderful World of Clothes," an illustrated anthology on clothing customs around the world.

A 40-page booklet, it was created by Robert Hall Clothes, Inc. in cooperation with the United States Committee for UNICEF. All proceeds benefit the United Nations Children's Fund.

Thirty-four countries are covered, and there are more than 75 color illustrations. Books may be ordered, for 50 cents each, from "The Wonderful World of Clothes," P.O. Box 2600, New York 1, N.Y.

Nursing Home Shows Film On Pilgrims

American history comes to life in a motion picture that will be shown at 7 p.m. today, as the feature of the Southfield Nursing

Adult Classes Are Scheduled At Institute

Three adult education classes will be held at Cranbrook Institute of Science this fall, the first beginning Sept. 8.

Courses for university undergraduate or graduate credit are given under the auspices of the University of Michigan. Noncredit courses are sponsored by the University Center for Adult Education, Oakland University and the Institute.

A two-hour credit course, Historical Geology and Paleontology, deals with the historical geology of the United States with special attention to the geological evolution of Michigan.

The distribution of ancient oceans over present-day land areas, the

development of mountains, the classification and identification of invertebrate fossils, their manner of living and the time they lived will be discussed.

A PREREQUISITE is elementary geology or permission of the instructor. The class will meet for 15 weeks from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays beginning Sept. 8. The instructor will be Donald B. Macurdy, Jr., instructor in geology at the University of Michigan.

Primitive Art of the New World investigates three main topics: the differences between primitive and prehistoric art; the village and urban civilizations of Old Mexico and Central and South America, and the art and civilization of North America before and after Columbus.

The class will meet for eight weeks from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays beginning Sept. 22. The instructor

will be Dr. Ernst Scheyer, professor of art history and humanities at Wayne State University.

BASIC ASTRONOMY, a non-credit course, will be instructed by Doris N. McMillan of the institute staff.

The class is designed to give basic knowledge of the solar system and other contents of space. Star charts, desk-top celestial spheres and other teaching aids will be studied.

Some sessions will be held in the planetarium and, weather permitting, time also will be spent in the observatory. The class will meet for 10 weeks from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays beginning Sept. 20.

Preregistration may be made at the institute Tuesday, Sept. 8, from 5-9 p.m. or at the first class. A person may also register, without working for credit, for the same beginning Sept. 22. The instructor

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4-H Gives State Show

Nearly 3,000 youngsters representing Michigan's 74,500 4-Hers will bring about 5,000 exhibits to Michigan State University for the 49th annual State 4-H Show — the "Olympics" of Michigan's 4-H year. Dates of the four-day event are Aug. 31 through Sept. 3.

"The State Show climaxes our entire year," says Russell Mawby, state 4-H club director. "New clubs start organizing in October and immediately go to work on projects ranging from archery to vegetable judging. Counties send

only their top project winners to East Lansing."

THOUSANDS OF parents will be on hand to share the experience. Wednesday has been set aside as Parents Day to recognize the role "mom and dad" play in 4-H.

The state's 14,000 adult 4-H Club leaders will have their day Tuesday. Leaders with 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service will receive "Clover Awards" at an early evening banquet. All leaders will be honored at a special evening program in the MSU auditorium.

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