

Serious Books in Great Demand By Hospital Patients

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Hot Springs, Ark. (UP)—The average soldier at the Army and Navy general hospital here goes for more serious reading than does the average civilian receiving treatment at the big hospital. That fact is revealed in comparison of reading habits gathered by the librarians at the hospital.

Miss Mary Hudgins, librarian for service personnel receiving treatment at the hospital, gave this explanation of the difference in reading requirements of the soldier and the civilian:

"The service man has been plunged suddenly into a new kind of life. Even if he has stayed on this side, lots of things have happened to sober and mature him. If he's been across, his mind has had to be active as well as his body. He has been forced into thinking if he wanted to survive. And so he has come back in no mood for a steady diet of literary bonbons and whipped cream."

Whodunits Popular

Miss Hudgins said that does not mean the G. I. doesn't still go in for "escape literature." She pointed out tattered volumes of "Tarzan" as proof of this statement. And she added that Westerns and mystery magazines always are in demand.

The civilian patient, however, is tired of war books and has turned to everything he can find in the way of mystery stories, said Miss Gordonelle Williams, civilian librarian.

Next in popularity with the civilians is the cleverly written

humor book, which tends to take the reader's mind off war.

"Sex novels rank among the most popular with civilians," said Miss Williams. "Many pretend to be shocked, but always come back for more of the same kind."

She said cartoon books are popular and that there is a growing trend toward books on religion and psychology. Women readers have taken a great fancy to West-erns.

Even though the soldier wants to forget the battlefield, he is still concerned with campaigns and battles and the men who plan and carry them out, said Miss Hudgins. He wants to know what caused it all and where the world is heading.

Outstanding Favorites

Such books as "Desert Conquest," "Munich Playground," "Tarawa," "Batavia," "Dakar" and "Burma Road" are outstanding favorites.

They are asked for, said Miss Hudgins, with such comment as: "I was there. I want to see how it seemed to somebody else."

"That was my old outfit. I want to know all about what happened."

"The soldier is alive to the world of today and he is planning for the world of tomorrow," the librarian said. "Any post, camp or hospital library that is on its toes takes into account that technical and professional books, trade books, craft books, language books and volumes on mathematics, rhyming dictionaries and the latest 'Who's Who' will be in constant demand."

She added that refrigeration and the Diesel engine, air-conditioning and late operation, plastics and salesmanship and a hundred other interests show that the G. I. does not intend to be caught short when peace comes.

Six hundred governmental units have completed plans for 6,559 postwar projects to cost \$969,858,000, according to the public administration clearing house.

Bend Dairy Has New Meat Setup

With the completion of extensive renovation and installation of new equipment, the Bend Dairy announces the opening of their new and modern meat department.

A quick-freezing room, smoke-controlled ovens, a sausage kitchen and a retail meat kitchen have been installed, and the cutting and packaging room has been moved to the brick building east of the main plant.

Plans for the installation of all-metal lockers by September were announced today by the management. Over 1,500 lockers will be included in the plant when completed.

Many modern sanitary features have been included to give the Bend Dairy's patrons the services of one of Oregon's most modern food storage plants, according to the management.

Oregon Has Only 3 GAR Veterans

Washington, May 29 (UP)—Memorial day this year will find only 240 members of the Civil War Grand Army of the Republic still alive, according to Rep. William R. Thom, D., O.

Thom said the 240 "Union" army veterans average 988 years of age and all live in the United States except one in England.

California leads with 30 living G. A. R. veterans and Ohio is second with 23, Thom said.

Arizona has two; Colorado nine; Idaho one; Kansas seven; Oregon three; Utah one, and Washington four.

Trailways Wins Extension Right

Decision reached jointly by the Idaho and Utah public utility commissions giving Pacific Trailways the right to extend its operations from Boise to Salt Lake City has been sustained by interstate commerce commission, division five. Official word of the decision, which was reached May 8, was received at Trailways offices here today.

The decision denied an appeal taken by the Union Pacific railway, Union Pacific stages and others.

At Pacific Trailways offices it was forecast that the Boise-Salt Lake City extension could be in operation in late summer or early fall after approval by office of defense transportation.

Bishop Is Selected As Park Caretaker

The city of Bend had a park gardener again today. It was C. H. Bishop, who worked in the parks here for seven years until a year ago, when Walter J. Perry took over.

Bishop did not start the season this year. Frank Warren, a newcomer in the city, presented his credentials and was hired. He was paid on May 15 for a half month. Then he disappeared. His full lunch pail was found in the park, untouched. He had not returned to his hotel room.

Two weeks later Bishop was hired for his old position. As assistant he has Johnny Williams, who expects to enter college some day and major in horticulture.

Speedy Trial of War Thugs Asked

London, May 29 (UP)—Prime Minister Churchill, answering demands in commons for a speed-up in the punishment of axis war criminals, said today that the big powers were inclining toward assigning the trials to inter-allied military tribunals.

Churchill announced that Attorney General Sir David Maxwell Fyfe had been appointed United Kingdom war criminals prosecutor to work with Robert Jackson, the American representative. Russia and France have not yet named representatives, he said.

Army Plans to Induct 'Conchie's' Under 26

Washington, May 29 (UP)—The army plans to induct a few men under 26 with minor physical defects for limited service assignments.

Selective service announced that a limited number of such men would be drafted in addition to the monthly quotas for general service.

The new policy also covers conscientious objectors. Those under 26 who are physically acceptable will be assigned to "work of national importance" under civilian direction.

Vera Watkins Is Called By Death

Miss Vera Mildred Watkins, age 31, for 28 years a resident of Bend, died this morning at the St. Charles hospital. The funeral will be held Thursday at the Niswonger and Winslow chapel at 2 o'clock, with Rev. W. Schwab officiating.

Miss Watkins was born at Philomoth, Oregon. She leaves her mother, Mrs. Lois E. Watkins; two sisters, Elsie M. Watkins and Mrs. Ruben Graffenberger, both of Bend, and one brother, Wilbur S. Watkins of Spokane, Washington.

Woman Happy as Rainfall Comes; Wades Up Street

While the rainfall was at its heaviest yesterday afternoon, a stylishly dressed woman carrying her shoes, waded happily up Oregon avenue, bare feet splashing comfortably in the run-off water. A white raincoat protected her from the downpour.

Storm-bound shoppers, finding refuge in store entrances, may have envied her, but failed to follow her example.

Cub Pack Awards Are Given to Boys

Club Pack No. 23 held its monthly meeting last night at Kenwood school. Awards were given to numerous members of the pack, as follows:

Wolf badge: Gary Monical, James Dumler, Gordon Dahlin, George Johnson and James Finley; Wolf Gold Arrow point: James Dumler, James Overbay, John Overbay, and Billy Cody; Wolf Silver Arrow point: Clifton Lewerenz and James Dumler.

Beaver badge: Adbert McInteer and Billy Cody; Lion badge: James Dumler; Lion Gold Arrow point: Thomas Welcome; and Webelos Arrow: Thomas Welcome.

One-year Club Service stars were presented to Richard Gates, Dean Benson, James Overbay, John Overbay, Thomas Welcome, Sam Scott, Richard Nickel, and Billy Cody.

Each month the club pack has a new theme in which the six days of the pack participate. The theme for this month was magic, with den five judged the winner. Ruby Welcome is the den mother and Fred Goodfellow is the den chief. Judges for the event were Deane Fox and J. E. Van Wormer.

Van Wormer and Fox put on a magical show for the boys after the meeting.

Lot Owners Seek All-Time Upkeep

Notices recently sent out to city cemetery lot owners, offering perpetual maintenance for lump sum payment have already brought in more than \$1,300, George Simerville, treasurer, said today. The maintenance fund has now reached \$11,432, of which \$10,000 is invested in 2 1/2 per cent government securities. Another \$1,000 will be similarly invested shortly.

Cost of cemetery maintenance to the end of the fiscal year is estimated at \$2,200. On this basis all the fund needs is to be increased \$77,568 to a total of \$88,000 to assure perpetual care, Simerville agrees.

JURY FAVORS JAP

Oregon City, Ore., May 29 (UP)—Masayuki Fujimoto, 28-year-old Japanese-American berry farmer, won in court last night permission to reoccupy the farm he leased when interned after Pearl Harbor. The jury sitting on the case was out only 15 minutes.

Chamber Slates Sammons To Talk

The Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a town dinner meeting at 7 p. m. Thursday at the Pine Tavern, when E. C. Sammons, prominent Oregon businessman, will speak on "My Contacts with America at War."

Sammons is president of the U. S. National Bank of Portland, and until recently was vice-president and general manager of the Iron Fireman company, nationally-known firm with headquarters in Portland and branch offices in all major cities.

The speaker, in the course of his negotiations in Washington, contacted many high government officials, including President Truman, when he was still a member of the senate. Sammons will give many interesting sidelights on prominent public figures consistently featured in the news; those in charge of the meeting promise.

He was also instrumental in bringing many war contracts to Portland, and will describe the formation of new organizations which was brought about by the sub-letting of war contracts, introducing new industries to the Portland area.

Tickets may be secured at the Chamber of Commerce offices, Don Peoples, secretary, announced today. The public is invited, and admission is by ticket only, it was pointed out.

Fluorescent Lamps, coming more widely into use in home lighting every day, do not require special wiring but are installed on the regular house-lighting electric current.

Adventure

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mandant had not received official advice regarding the transfer of Louisiana and so could not give permission for the Americans to enter what might still be Spanish or French territory. That long, severe winter was spent in camp at the mouth of the Wood river just above St. Louis on the American side of the Mississippi. The delay had some advantages. It gave time for drill and further preparation. The commanders had an opportunity to observe and appraise their men. The men had a chance to adjust themselves for a long period of forced companionship. One misfit might well have caused serious friction, discontent, and even disaster.

Captain Lewis acquired a valuable friend in St. Louis. Little Dr. Antoine Saugrain was a Parisian scientist who had studied with Benjamin Franklin. A royalist, he had escaped from France at the beginning of the Revolution, finally settling in St. Louis to practice medicine. He found an eager student in Meriwether Lewis. Before joining Clark on the Mississippi, Lewis had spent a few months of concentrated study in Philadelphia where he was coached in such subjects as astronomy, surveying and botany. Dr. Saugrain supplemented those studies with other timely information. He made thermometers and barom-

eters for Lewis and taught him the rudiments of medicine and surgery,—probably a sort of first aid course.

The active little Doctor showed him how to make matches at a time when they were unknown to the world at large and supplied Lewis with sulphur and phosphorus so that he might make them himself. Dr. Saugrain presented the Captains with a supply of smallpox virus received from Paris, besides de-mating and recommending simpler remedies with which he helped Lewis and Clark stock a medicine chest. All of this proved very helpful later on.

Other supplies and equipment were carefully chosen and collected. Arms and ammunition, clothing, tools, surgical and astronomical instruments and a generous supply of Indian presents were boxed and baled. Powder was ingeniously packed in lead canisters, each canister containing enough lead, when melted and cast in bullet molds, to match the powder. This arrangement kept the powder dry and the canisters could be easily cached. They also had a repeating air gun, no details of which are now known. It was frequently exhibited to Indians and never failed to produce the desired amount of astonishment as being "big medicine." Obviously food for so long a journey could not be carried with them. As they must depend on biter with the Indians and on their own prowess as hunters, provisions were restricted to staples such as flour, salt pork, meal and salt.

Their large 'bateau' was of the keelboat type in common use at the time on the Ohio and lower Mississippi. It was 55 feet long and equipped with "one large square sail and twenty-two oars." Keelboats were used extensively on the rivers up to 1830. However awkward they may have been in appearance, they were stoutly built craft of large cargo capacity, comparatively shallow draft and designed to withstand the mauling of rapids, snags, floating timber and sand bars. In place of the customary 'cargo box' usually rising four to five feet above deck and cut off at each end about twelve feet from the bow and stern, the Lewis and Clark bateau was constructed with a fore-castle and a cabin, to be used for protective cover in case of storm or Indian attack.

Propelling a keelboat was no idle pastime. They were cordelled or towed upstream with a line running from a high mast stepped a little forward of mid-ship. The line was rover through a ring which was connected by

a short line to the bow, an arrangement which carried the line clear of brush along the shore. It took considerable man-power on the free end of the line to tow one of those bulky boats when heavily laden.

The space fore and aft of the cabins as well as a narrow strip along each side was decked over. Under certain conditions the boat was poled. Each boatman was provided with a setting pole equipped with a knob at the upper end which fitted the hollow of his shoulder. The men would set their poles on the river bed slanting downstream and walk aft in single file on the narrow deck strip pushing as they went. When the first man reached the stern, he would relieve the pole and return to the bow to start again. In this fashion, with a large enough crew, there was an endless chain of boatmen in action. There is a technical question involved in such procedure. At the end of the day had these stalwart gentlemen been riding upstream or walking downstream, and if they walked downstream as fast as they rode upstream how did they manage to get anywhere? In any event they were surely working their passage the hard way. In deep water the crew manned the oars and rowed. When fortunate enough to have a favorable breeze, they set the square sail. Twelve to fifteen miles a day was considered a good average, upstream.

Besides the bateau, the expedition started with two 'piroques,' probably of the type known later as 'mackinaws.' They were flat-bottomed, open affairs, one provided with six oars, the other with seven. Two horses were to be led along the banks of the river for use in hunting and packing game to the party.

At St. Louis on May 9th, 1804, the Spanish flag was lowered and the French banner raised. Major Stoddard of the U. S. Army and Captain Lewis and Captain Clark were present. The French flag was to be taken in at sunset, but in deference to the pleading of the French inhabitants of the little river settlement, it was permitted to remain aloft all night. On the following day it was lowered to be replaced by the Stars and Stripes. The river was now free of ice and in mid-afternoon of the following Monday, May 14th, Captain Clark gave the order to shove off and the expedition was at last launched on the great adventure to the Pacific Coast.

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FIREMEN MAKE CALL

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