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**NEUTRALITY ACT MIRAGE**

Our Neutrality Act is about to go to the guillotine.

Still in its swaddling clothes this little act which was borne out of the American people's desire for peace has never had a chance for a healthy, normal existence. It has been attacked from all sides, even by its parents. Its life has been continually threatened. It has been ignored by some, wrenched out of shape by others, called names, laughed at and shoved aside.

Now its death warrant is being sought. There will be a few who will defend its right to live but even they will feel that it is an almost hopeless case, that our quiet, peace-loving Neutrality Act has no place in the world today. It may be better off dead for it will never be respected.

There are still plenty of people in America who cling to the Neutrality idea but it is becoming more and more apparent that this act will be powerless to bar the path which America has taken.

Whether that path leads to war is still a subject of possible debate. Day by day the war clouds grow darker and darker but so far our President continues to interpret all of our acts as acts of defense, defense of our ships, our property and of American lives.

But the Neutrality Act now interferes with defense. After the President's "shoot on sight" statement, which means that Germany will also shoot on sight, our merchant ships

**School Children Welcome Visits of County Bookmobile**



The pet goats at Aims, District 307J way up in the hills of Clackamas county evidently agree with Francis Bacon that "some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed and some few to be chewed and digested."

At any rate it seems pretty certain that Billy and Nanny were not interested in the contents of the Clackamas county bookmobile purely from a literary standpoint when this picture was taken recently on one of the bookmobile's regular rounds.

The Aims school is typical of the many remote one-room schools tucked away on narrow side roads in hills or deep in timbered valleys. The coming of the Bookmobile with its brightly colored picture books, lively adventure stories, proverbs, help for teachers, and a variety of other material is a real event. The mobile is able to purchase only about 2 or 3 library books a year out of their own funds and to secure the use of several hundred dollars worth thru the cooperation with the county library. The mobile visits rural schools from one to ten rooms in size are visited by the mobile once each month. Books are issued at the rate of one per pupil exchanged for new ones each year. In addition many adults who near the schools and are not reached thru the county library's branches or ten deposit stations receive books directly from the truck thru pupils and teachers. Branches deposit stations are located at convenient points thruout the county at Canby, Clackamas, Estacada, Gladstone, Milwaukie, Molalla, Oswego, Sandy, West Linn, Boring, Carver, Colton, Damascus, Jennings Lodge, Ladd Hill, Mulino, Stafford, Willamette and Wilsonville.

With a cheerful honk the familiar big grey truck rolls into the school yard. Excited faces are seen at the window and in a few moments the teacher appears, often followed by a train of eager youngsters. In some schools the teachers do the selecting where there are not many pupils, they themselves do the choosing.

"Got a good cowboy or Indian story?"

"I want something about a horse."

"Is there a boarding school book for girls?"

These are only a few of the queries the librarian gets as the boys and girls crowd up to the door of the truck. One girl loves stories about pigeons; a 4-H club boy wants something informative on cows; stamp collectors want all the books they can get on that very absorbing topic; anything on airplanes is gone almost before it is put on the shelf.

What subjects are most popular. Six out of ten boys, with the proverbial love of action and excitement want cowboy and Indian stories. Girls ask for school and mystery stories or tales of family life. Books on children of other lands are always welcomed and both sexes can

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**of Air Training**

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**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas, Probate Department.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as Executor of the Estate of Rosa D. DeShazer, Deceased, has filed his final account in the office of the County Clerk of Clackamas County, Oregon, and that Monday, the 3rd day of November, 1941, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock A. M., of said day, in the Circuit Court Room of said Court has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for hearing objections thereto and the settlement thereof.

Dated and first published October 3, 1941.

Date of last publication October 31, 1941.

**GEORGE A. BAKER**, Executor of the estate of Rosa D. DeShazer, Deceased.  
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Attorney for Executor.

never get enough fiction about horses and dogs. In these preferences Clackamas county children fall pretty much in line with child preferences the world over.

Over in one of the schools is a tanned, freckle-faced chap about 12 who wants everything he can get about science. He can't understand why there aren't even more science books available for people his age. He devours those he gets at a terrific rate and has made up his mind to be a great scientist. And perhaps he will.

Then there is the interest in the truck itself.

"How many horsepower she got?"

"Does she have compound low?"

"Oh, Boy. Lookit where the engine is!"

Older boys want to know all about the mechanics and their interest extends to books on mechanics, radio, aviation, invention, handcraft and boats. And speaking of favorite topics, it is amazing how the demand for such long-time favorites as "Little Women," "Black Beauty," "Beautiful Joe," "Robinson Crusoe," "The Hoosier Schoolboy," and "Heidi," keeps pace with the demand for the newer popular books.

When the Bookmobile has gone on its way the teachers is almost mobbed by youngsters wanting to check out books from the general pile. Some of the books will be read 8 or 9 times before the truck calls again.

"The young-uns nowadays are sure lucky. Wish we'd had books like them when I wuz a boy." A grizzled old gentleman near a lumber camp who stopped to look at the Bookmobile one day on a school run was the speaker. "A mighty fine thing it is," he continued. "Mighty fine." And off he went shaking his head in wonderment.

Even the teachers and not just the older ones either are apt to become reminiscent as they handle the newer books for children with their lovely, colorful illustrations, attractive, sturdy binding and wholesome subject matter.

They didn't have books like these when I was a child," they often remark, and quite a number confess they get as much pleasure out of reading them as do the children.

Bookmobile operations are not always easy. Bad weather and poor roads sometimes combine to make access to certain schools or homes dangerous or impossible. Speed is necessary in selecting and checking in order to serve as many as 10 or 11 schools a day with as many as 250 or 300 children, all between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. The average number of miles covered on a run is about 60 varying from a little as 45 to as much as 120. And then, of course, there is the inevitable occasional flat tire or mechanical trouble. But all in all, it's a pleasant occupation according to Eleanor F. Brown, assistant county librarian, who operates the Clackamas county bookmobile acting as combination librarian and driver.

"Sometimes you get pretty tired physically," Miss Brown admits, "but there are many compensations, for example: The sight of a wide-eyed eight year old in overalls pushed close up against the truck waiting, then looking thru the books feverishly as though he'd discovered a gold mine of lollipops, going away with a big picture book tucked tightly under his arm, unable to say much, just looking, with a deep, wordless contentment in his eyes."



Most famous of all geysers, Old Faithful of the Yellowstone National park, Wyoming shown here in eruption. It plays on an average of once an hour and has done so since the first white man made record of it. Yellowstone contains the greatest geyser basins in the world.

**Ohio's First State Fair**

Ohio's first state fair was held in Cincinnati in 1850. For the next 24 years it was each year moved from place to place, since it was thought that it was easier to take the fair to the people than bring the people to the fair. Since 1874 it has been permanently in Columbus.

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