

REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS IN IONE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Recent books placed on the shelves of the Ione Public Library (adult section) appear on several "best seller" lists.

"I Swear and Vow," by Stefan Olivier; A story of doctors and life in a large city hospital. The action revolves around the personalities of smooth-mannered Dr. William Feldhusen, newly appointed head physician of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at the Paul Ehrlich Hospital in Western Germany and Acting Head Physician Hans-Heinrich Neugebauer, the competent and rather brusque senior physician at the hospital who has also applied for the top position. Dr. Neugebauer is at first determined to cooperate with the new head. However, after helplessly watching the latter bungle some five or six operations, he decides to report his superior's criminal ineptitude. This is attributed to jealousy and Dr. Neugebauer is dismissed. Realistic and grim; not

a sugar-coated medical novel. "When the Kissing Had to Stop," by Constantine Fitzgibbon; A story of politics at the highest places, of heroism and idiocy, of ruthlessness and love. It is a bitter and brilliant story. It takes place in England during the next few years and against a background of rising anti-Americanism, pacifism and moral breakdown. It is a tale of intrigue and suspense, of warmth and tragedy, of ideas and current events. It is important, swift, and vastly exciting.

"Peter Perry," by Michael Campbell; The Peter Perry, who dominates the pages of this novel, is a woman: or to be more exact a six-foot, elderly Bohemian lady living on the gaudy fringes of Dublin theatrical life. Peter Perry, with her determined facade and her love of mischief, is a character to be long remembered. The author, who is an Irishman, shows that mingled delight and respect for the oddities of human nature which distinguishes the real comic writer from the caricaturist.

A decorated Christmas tree was first used in Ohio about 1847.

In various central European countries the Christmas Crib,

staged in a box, is carried through the streets by groups of singing children during Christmas time.



Decorating the TREE

Today almost every home centers its Christmas around the gaily decorated Christmas tree. Although primitive tribes trimmed trees centuries ago, it wasn't until about 1847 that families in the United States took up this custom.

Those pagans, the Egyptians, for example, brought palm leaves indoors, symbolic of "life triumphant over death." The Romans trimmed trees with trinkets and sometimes lighted candles with an image of their sun god on top. The Druids tied apples to the branches to thank their god for giving them various fruits.

When these primitive people accepted Christianity, they continued the rites but changed them to honor Christ. The evergreen came to mean Christ's gift of new life after a dark winter. For even though the cold killed most trees, the evergreen remains the "tree that does not die."

In Germany about the 15th century, Martin Luther, brought a small fir into his home and placed lighted candles on it; to denote the starry sky over the manger the night Christ was born. He wanted people to appreciate the Christmas joys but the idea spread slowly.

Then in 1847, a man from Ohio named August Imgard decorated a small spruce tree for his nieces and nephews. Soon families all around took up the idea. At first the decorations were very simple—small toys, colored paper ornaments, strings of popcorn or tufts of cotton.

Today lighted candles are rarely used and factory made ornaments take the place of nuts and paper chains.

The cherished tradition of celebrating Christ's birthday around a Christmas tree has become stronger every year. And the evergreen branches, symbolic of immortality, give us the faith that has endured since the first Christmas.

According to legend the phrase "Tell It to the Marines" goes back to the London of 1664, when Charles II was King of England. A ship's master, returned from a long cruise, told him a sea story he couldn't believe.

"Fish that fly like birds?" the Merry Monarch exclaimed. "I have my doubts."

"Nay, Sir, it is true," said Sir William Killigren, colonel of the new British Marine regiment raised that year. "I have myself seen flying fish many a time in southern waters. I would vouch for the truth of this strange tale, your Majesty."

The King thought it over. At last he turned to Samuel Pepys the secretary of the admiralty.

"Mr. Pepys," he said, "no class of our subjects hath such knowledge of odd things on land and sea as our Marines. Hereafter when we hear a yarn that lacketh likelihood, we will tell it to the Marines. If they believe it, then we shall know it is true."



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Understanding Helps The Alcoholic

According to word received by the Morrow County Health Department, President Eisenhower proclaimed the week of Nov. 28 through Dec. 2 as Alcohol Information Week.

The general purposes of this week were: (1) To inform society of the advances that have been made in understanding alcohol problems and in dealing

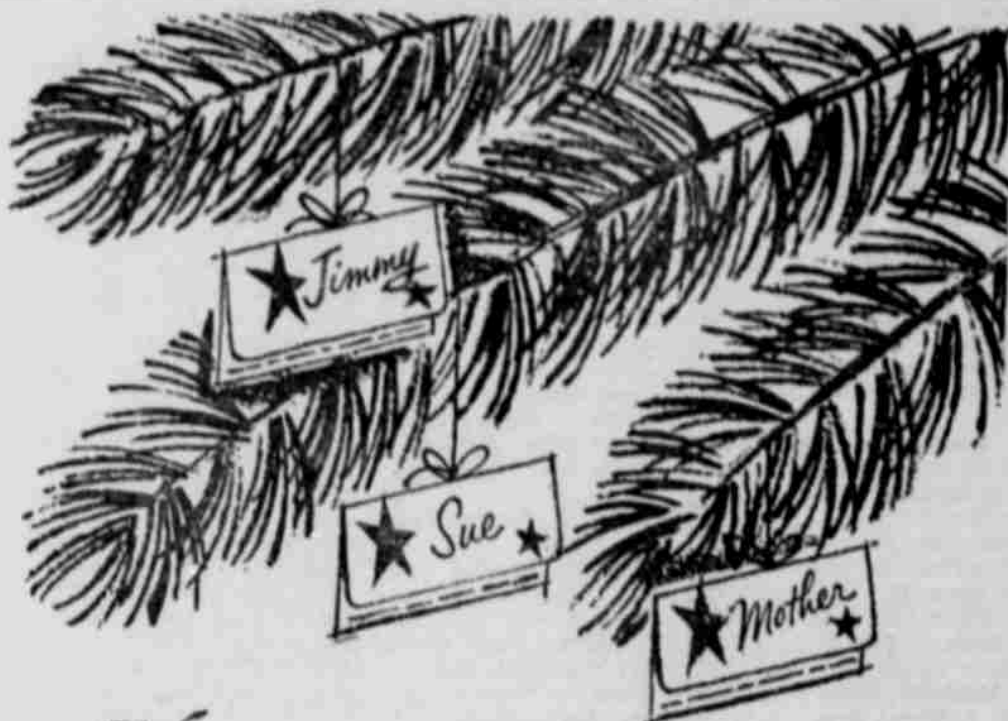
with them; (2) to influence attitude changes toward the problem drinker; (3) to acquaint the public with facilities, agencies and programs available to them for rehabilitation and educational services.

Alcoholism is now recognized as a disease—one that can be treated. Informed understanding, not sympathy, is the key to helping the alcoholic return to a

happy, healthy and productive life.

Pamphlets, films and program information on the subject of alcoholism can be obtained from your local Health Department office located in the county courthouse in Heppner.

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