

News About Books From the Library

Following is a list of new books received recently by the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County.

ADULT NON-FICTION

Psychology: Helping Your Gifted Child, Ruth May Strang; Handwriting Analy-

Cull Logs Good For Veneer

Yreka - Improved utilization of forest products is one of the constant concerns of the forest service in administering national forests.

According to Seiad District Ranger Burk, a recent sale to R. J. Lichens, on the district of the Klamath national forest, provides for such utilization in that the material being logged consists of cull pine logs that are less than one-third round and cull fir logs that are less than one-half round. Such logs, said Burk, are usually a hollow shell and thus cannot be sawed into lumber. However, these logs can be peeled for plywood veneer.

At present, Lichens is hauling the cull logs to Kogon Manufacturing company's veneer mill in Medford, a distance of approximately 80 miles from the sale area near Seiad Valley, Calif.

"Better utilization in the woods," emphasized Burk, "is not an end in itself. The removal of cull material provides increased revenue to the treasury, a reduction in fire hazards, and additional space for planting seedlings which are the forests of tomorrow."

DOORS TAKE KNOCKS

Trenton, N. J. - (UPI) - It's too easy to bust the doors down at the state home for girls in Trenton. Because inmates persist in smashing holes through the quarter inch plywood, the institution has asked the state to install 24 one-and-a-half-inch thick solid core birch doors at \$150 each.

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News and Notes From Camp White

WALTER TOWNSEND
Lloyd Pool, single, 61 years of age, has known an interesting life of travel and adventure. He has been a Navy quartermaster, navigator, and teacher of navigation among seafaring men in America and foreign countries.

These experiences, coupled with his study of astronomy, have settled him in a broad scope of human understanding and marked him with scholarly attainments.

Slender and slightly stooped, he is known as the "little navigator," at the domicile. Retired from the United States Navy in 1939, he was after two years, called back to active duty in World War II, which makes him a veteran of both world wars.

Sometimes he approaches a group with halting step and shaking hand. The members are glad to see him coming. Not actually old in heart or years, Mr. Pool seeks to find rest and freedom. Especially freedom. Having just spent nearly a life-long period in military service.

Severe Discipline
Severe discipline has been his constant companion. Even one violation of a natural law, could be his end. So he speaks often of freedom. Pure, absolute freedom, is what he would like to have. He does not expect it. He knows it cannot be attained.

He loves to teach navigation and astronomy. Sometimes, even yet, he voyages to other countries at his own expense. There a m o n g tribal fishermen of distant lands, he contributes a quota of America's good-will. As a teacher of navigation, he tells about the stars. He makes his students know how to be mariners and how to sail their vessels upon the sea.

He makes no charge. "It is wonderful," he said, "to show the art of navigation to any man." These toilers on deep waters show their appreciation in many ways.

Invariably it arouses their admiration for a navigator. Pool. It makes them respect the United States of America, when the fishermen see how dignified and patient is this American who teaches them astronomy.

He comes away, after a few months, feeling that he has done a great deal of good. His students give him gifts, and load him with precious things, such as shells and bright stones. During his stay, they bring him fresh food. Every day in "outlandish" spots and places the tribal fishermen bring him fish, but will not let him pay.

Pool has made astronomy a part of his life. **Doubling Ones**
Both in theory and practice, he has used it to live, and travel by. Often at some favorite gathering place for the members, he approaches the group doubtfully. Some will understand at once. But others will respond with impatience on the subject of the heavens. Soon, though, these

"doubling" ones seem to change their minds. Astronomy is practical after all.

He tells them about the North Star.

Many men at the domicile have learned amazing things about the Big Dipper, too. Practical, certain, sure knowledge that may come in handy some time, when they need it most.

Pool has been a navigator nearly all his active life.

He cannot completely remove his thoughts and meditations from the stars in the heavens, when they shine at night. In fact, Polaris, has been one of the stars that makes life a mystery to him. It never moves. Pool cannot understand that.

There are many wonders that no one understands.

Useful Information
But if only one member on the bench comprehends the meaning of his words, he is pleased. He imparts useful information and loves to inform men about matters he knows about. He seems motivated by the satisfaction he receives, in passing on to other men, the sublime vision of astronomy. He has put forth equally great efforts, to give other human beings, the art of navigation.

He began his lecture, Monday night, in a quiet and unobtrusive fashion. Those who gathered around him, were enthralled at his skill with words and illustrations, as he explained the Big Dipper in the sky. That was the way to find the North Star. Go to the Big Dipper first. Then take a "bead" across to the bottom star, hence to the next, and jump straight to the North Star. When he walked away, his listeners were better informed, and he had made them feel the majesty of the Universe.

Next morning, when asked about his voyages around the globe and especially his extensive travels on two land hemispheres, in both war and peace, Mr. Pool said, "I found Paris impressive as a cultural center. I saw London as a huge metropolis, and could feel its cherished royalty and historic traditions."

"How about America?" he was reminded. "Boston and Williamsburg, Va. gave me a feeling of American independence and patriotism. You can feel it in the air," Navigator Pool said.

Recreation has become an increasing problem for Mr. Pool. He tried this and that. Some time ago he bought a cabin on a beach in Washington. He began going up there, once in a while, to hear the ocean roar. It was not altogether satisfactory.

Now he is in Iowa. But when he comes back in a few weeks, he plans to make an application to Mrs. Rita M. Holmes for membership in the Fifty-Plus club, which she organized. "If I make the grade," he said with a smile, "I may not go back to the beach at all. I think I will like the social aspects of the club. I know Mrs. Holmes."

He was very pleased when asked his philosophy of life. Briefly he spoke of astronomy. It had been the guide of his life. It had given him sureness and faith. He also explained that a long study of celestial bodies in his lifetime, had made it known to him, that there was a power greater than ourselves.



BRIDGE VIEW BLOCKED - Tourists hoping to see the famed Golden Gate Bridge at San Francisco were disappointed one day this week. But they were treated to another rare sight, that is, sight. Fog shrouded the south span of the bridge and only the north span was visible. Shrouding of the span created an illusion of a bridge coming from nowhere with cars coming and going from another world.

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychologist, a nurse, a newspaper editor, a woman's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by reasonable, sane and commonsense.

Mrs. E.D. - Francine should marry - even if she must live with her father-in-law.

Francine D. - I couldn't be happy that way.

Mrs. E.D. - I am worried about my daughter, Francine, who is 30 and single. She has been going with a man a few years older for the past two years and their status is still uncertain. The problem is that Victor lives with an elderly father, who is almost completely dependent upon him. For a long time marriage wasn't even discussed, but now he says he'd like to marry but cannot leave his father.

I don't think living with an in-law is the best arrangement, but it's better than being single. I think Francine should get married now. Perhaps after they are married some arrangement can be made for the father.

Francine D. - I have waited so long to marry and have dreamed of having my own home with just my husband. I feel every girl has a right to that - at least at the beginning of the marriage.

Victor's father isn't easy to get along with either. He has not been cordial to me. He says he'll go to live in an old people's home if we want to get married, but Vic says he just couldn't stand to let him do that. His father isn't the kind of person who makes friends or adjusts easily to different situations.

Sometimes I think Mother is right - and then I feel I just couldn't be happy living with Vic's father.

The Council: Mrs. E. D.'s advice is practical from one point of view, yet it fails to take in the whole of the situation. Since Francine has remained unmarried until the age of 30, it is likely that her feminine impulses are not of the urgently aggressive variety. Probably she would like a

strongly masculine man to court her, reassuring her of her feminine identity. At the same time she may be somewhat fearful of such men and avoid them in favor of one with whom she can preserve her uncertain status. Victor is evidently of the latter type. The fact that he has found life with father comfortable for so long suggests that he is an emotionally vague as Francine. Possibly he keeps house for his father or his father for him in a cozy domestic arrangement. Undoubtedly he is often irked by this situation but his impulse to change it isn't strong enough.

If Victor were the kind of man who could give Francine the emotional assurance that she is the woman he must have in his life, or if Francine were the kind of woman who could give Victor the sense of his being a man, the head of a household and needed by a woman, the father-in-law situation would not have to be crucial. Perhaps the domestic arrangement would not be ideal, yet the father-in-law could be quite subordinate in the happy household.

As things stand, however, Francine's instincts are probably on the right track. She couldn't be happy living with Victor's father essentially because she couldn't be happy living with Victor - as an appendage rather than a wife. It is doubtful that she would be able to tip the emotional balance in her own favor.

Francine may do well to forget this man and try to find one who will make it known to her that marriage to her is just about the most important thing in his life.

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Washington - (UPI) - Donald J. Smith, southern division superintendent of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, has been appointed general manager of the Alaska Railroad, effective Sept. 1.

Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Eiderdown Makes Good Insulation

It's a peculiar but lucrative business, that of gathering feathers from the nests of certain ducks; it has been a profitable source of income for Eskimos as well as many other races of peoples, and all because these very soft feathers make the very best insulating material ever discovered for jackets, sleeping bags or comforters for those who must spend much time in the open where the temperatures hover around zero or below. In the jacket or other object the material is commonly known as "eiderdown."

Usually the people who have made all or part of their livelihood by this means are careful not to kill or injure the parent birds, otherwise the supply of eiderdown would soon be short. There are regions where the raising of these ducks and the gathering of the feathers are carried on under almost artificial conditions.

Correct Eggs

The eider duck, largest of the sea ducks, is the one that originally raises this feather-crop. When nesting time comes, the female eider duck picks the fine feathers from her breast to line her nest. When she leaves, even for a few minutes, she carefully pulls a heavy blanket of "eiderdown" over the eggs until they are completely covered. She actually overdoes the "nest-feathering" business for she pulls feathers until there seems to be a huge pile of them; so many, in fact, that the "feather merchant" who gathers the crop only has to wait about five or six weeks in order to get a pound of feathers; sixteen ounces of "eiderdown" is a lot of material. These feathers, really the

undercoat of the eider duck, are very fine and, of course, very soft, and appropriately enough are called "down." Most very young birds are covered with down which in later life is discarded in place of heavy contour feathers. Many species of birds, especially waterfowl, retain this "down" as an undercoat.

Those birds which live part of their lives in ice-cold water have a heavy layer of this "down." And in the species of duck known as the eider, this "down" is very thick and luxurious; so fine and soft as to be more silk-like than feather-like.

Several Varieties
There are several varieties of eider duck, all of which yield eiderdown. They are large ducks, the biggest of the group being the so-called Pacific eider. The most plentiful one is the common or American eider, which is the one that furnishes most of the commercial eiderdown.

One member of the family, called the "spectacled," looks as though it were wearing glasses. The king eider nests inside the Arctic circle but is occasionally found as far south as Georgia and is sometimes numerous in the Great Lakes. All the eiders are sea ducks and all are predominantly black and white.

Under the heavy, contour feathers of all of them is the very soft undercoat of feathers known as "eiderdown," the material that inside a jacket or sleeping bag imparts to the human user the warmth and insulating qualities of several blankets. (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1960)

Seattle - (UPI) - The National Flying Farmers Association will hold its 1962 convention here.

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Substitute Teacher List Being Compiled

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Mekvold also stated that before anyone can legally do substitute teaching in any public school, they must register their teaching certificate and health certificate with the county school superintendent's office.

Commission Accepts 15 Project Bids

Salem - (UPI) - The State Highway commission has accepted all but one of the low bids submitted on 15 projects Tuesday.

The commission rejected as too high bids on widening bridges on the Amity-Rickreall section of Pacific highway West in Polk and Yamhill counties.

Largest bid accepted was \$1,154,241 by Keystone Construction Co., Prineville, for grading and paving 2.6 miles of the Pleasant Valley-Hill Creek section of the Old Oregon trail highway 15 miles southeast of Baker.

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