

League To Open Thrift Shop Here

The Junior Service League Thrift shop will open Thursday, Sept. 13, and will operate thereafter each Thursday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. until noon during the school year, the league has announced.

Located at Priddy st. and McAndrews rd., the Thrift Shop offers for sale used men's, women's, and children's clothing, shoes, and household items.

Proceeds from the Thrift Shop go toward maintenance of the Junior Service League kindergarten for hard-of-hearing children.

REQUEST REJECTED

Salem — (UPI) — The Salem City Council has rejected a Chamber of Commerce request to call off a \$5.6-million sewer bond election Sept. 21.

Mystery Woman In San Francisco Killings Arrested

San Diego — (UPI) — Mrs. Iva Kroeger, 44, sought throughout the nation since two bodies were found buried in her San Francisco home has been arrested by FBI agents in the apartment of a San Diego couple.

The mystery woman had successfully evaded police and federal agents since the bodies of a Santa Rosa, Calif., couple were unearthed in the Kroeger basement Aug. 21 and 22.

The FBI said Mrs. Kroeger, who had been using the name June Price Smith, readily admitted her identity.

"I'm glad it's over," she told the arresting officers.

The San Diego couple, whose identity the FBI has refused to disclose, told agents they met Mrs. Kroeger on the street Saturday, befriended her and took her into their home.

But they became suspicious about their guest when they read an article about Mrs. Kroeger in a San Diego newspaper. They notified the FBI which made the arrest shortly after 9 p.m.

Mrs. Kroeger's husband, Ralph, 61, is being held in San Francisco on a murder charge in connection with the deaths of Jay Arneson, 70, and his former wife, Mildred, 58.

However, Kroeger maintained throughout the long search for his wife that "I don't know a damn thing about it."

Police found the body of Arneson, strangled with a belt, stuffed head first into a hole four feet deep beneath a new concrete floor in the Kroeger basement. Mrs. Arneson's body was found buried nearby in a steamer trunk the following day.

The Kroegers and the Arnesons were associated in a motel deal in Santa Rosa. During last December and January the Arnesons disappeared, and the Kroegers took over the motel.

Mrs. Arneson disappeared in December after buying \$1,500 worth of traveling checks and telling relatives she planned to go to South America with a friend. Santa Rosa police said Mrs. Kroeger later forged \$750 worth of the checks.

Worker Hired
Jay Arneson was at Mrs. Kroeger's home in mid-January when Mrs. Kroeger hired a Santa Rosa construction worker to dig a four-foot deep hole in the basement, presumably for plumbing repairs.

It was a chance remark by the construction worker, Walter Hughes, that led to the discovery of the bodies. He apparently had not known of the Arnesons' disappearance and the Kroegers' possible connection with it.

When Hughes told authorities that he had seen Arneson at the Kroeger home while he was digging the hole in the basement, police entered the Kroeger residence with a search warrant and dug up the bodies.



OLDEST VETERAN living at the VA Domiciliary, White City, is James E. Helms. He is 86 and a veteran of the World War I. He was 40 at the outbreak of that war and almost too old to fight, and he was too young to volunteer in the Spanish America War. Helms is a life member of the newly organized Post 192 of the American Legion and an Oregon member of the Veterans of WW I. During the war he served in the Navy. He is a carpenter and was born June 29, 1876, at Lincoln, Neb. (Barnett Photo)

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denny (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Martha E. — She'd better not mention us in her novel. **Beth T.** — The others don't care. Why should Martha?

Martha E. — My cousin Beth won a short-story contest in college and now she's out to write a novel. She says she wrote a few chapters already and sent them to a publisher who is encouraging her to finish the thing. When she sat down with me a few days ago to ask me what I remembered about our grandmother, I suddenly put two and two together. Her contemplated book will be about the family!

Has she a right to blazon forth our intimate family secrets? Can't she think of anything else to write about? I'll tell her this much — I don't want her to put anything about me, my husband or my children in her story. If she does we'll get a lawyer. There must be some protection a

person can get against the blabbermouths she's related to.

Beth T. — So much tumult and shouting from Martha, and all about nothing. In trying to fill in some background gaps in my own knowledge of family matters, I've been asking my aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters and cousins to scrape their own memories for interesting recollections. Everyone's been pleased about my project. It's only Martha who thinks I'll be telling tales out of school.

I can't figure out her antipathy. Certainly there's nothing about her own life to be ashamed of. Strangely one of my uncles who's really the "black sheep" of the family has been the most cooperative. He bends my ear every day now with his revelations, many of which should be kept under wraps. With Martha's attitude, nothing would ever be written.

The Council: Martha may take heart — even though part of the reason comes at Beth's expense. Not all neatly typed novels reach publication, and not all published novels get widely read. Further, since most first novels are assumed by perceptive critics to be autobiographical, however much camouflaged, Beth will be wary about what she reveals about herself and her own roots. So the chances of anything juicy about Martha being served up to the world at large are just about nil.

On the other hand, Beth must bear in mind the lines in the statute books about "invasion of privacy." Bitter experience, including lawsuits, accounts for the familiar line in prefaces: "Any resemblance to living persons, etc., is coincidental." By means of true artistry, honest motives and tasteful delicacy, our truly great writers have managed to protect their "sources," even when there are immediate family and close friends.

A moving example at hand to interest Beth is a brand-new novel called "A Family's Affairs," winner of the Houghton Mifflin-Esquire Fellowship Award for its author, Ellen Douglas. And who is she? We don't know, because to spare her living relatives, she writes under a pseudonym. The tale digs into skeletons in the family closet and feuds, as well as high points of glory and triumph. Sensitively and affectionately recounted, the work comes across as pure fiction and no member of Miss Douglas' family is likely to be looking for a lawyer.

Other writers have used other means to pour out their impressions about kin. Somerset Maugham, Eugene O'Neill and Fanny Hurst are among those who have made it known that some of their writings are locked up until after their own death, or that of certain members of their families. Tom Wolfe, one recalls, masked the names of his home town and his family. Nevertheless, some embarrassment ensued. But today, 33 years after "Look Homeward, Angel" appeared, all is forgiven and the home folks forgive him.

So to Martha and Beth we say, if a book is good it's because it helps us understand ourselves. It deals with universals and eternal. Petty tips between cousins wouldn't even get past the first desk.

Back Stairs: Protection at Sea

By MERRIMAN SMITH
UPI White House Reporter
Washington — (UPI) — Backstairs at the White House:

Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon might be interested in the swashbuckling seamanship being displayed by some of his Coast Guardsmen in the Newport, R.I., harbor, all in the name of protecting President Kennedy.

In fairness to the President, it should be pointed out that he probably does not see one of the Coast Guard boats assigned to his yacht bully small craft which venture too close to the vessel Kennedy and his family may be using at the time.

The main patrol boat is under command of Lt. (J.G.) John McDonough, whose training and ordinary duties would seem to indicate exemplary seamanship. Nevertheless, when small craft come so close to a boat bearing the President that McDonough deems it an invasion of presidential privacy, the fun begins.

The powerful 40-foot patrol boat roars directly at the offending craft, then veers off a few feet away in a sliding turn which sends torrents of sea water over the private craft. This Coast Guard patrol boat has been using the same tactics in Cape Cod waters, and the past few weeks in and off of Newport.

The Coast Guard is part of the Treasury, but patrol units involved with presidential movement of various vessels of a government fleet at Kennedy's disposal are under general orders of the White House staff. No one at the White House, however, has told young skipper McDonough to discipline private craft by roaring his patrol boat into them on collision courses.

There would have been a serious collision off Newport last Saturday if the skipper of a large private cabin cruiser, the Sappho, had not spun his helm over hard as the Coast Guard craft plowed at high speed to within a few feet of Sappho's side.

A wall of water crashed onto Sappho and into her cockpit. The President was cruising at the time on a Coast Guard yawl, Manitou, and apparently was unaware of the seamanship being conducted in his behalf.

At the time the Sappho was over 300 yards from the Manitou, and other cruising private craft slipped in much closer.

Not the First

There have been similar instances involving this Coast Guard patrol craft. Boat owners in the Newport Harbor, at least those who have been chased similarly by McDonough and his boys, are hopeful that the Coast Guard der-

ring-do does not result in a bad snashup. This becomes a particular source of concern to some small craft operators this week when the harbor will be increasingly crowded with yachts and cabin cruisers arriving for the American Cup yacht races.

The performance of this Coast Guard boat is an unfortunate byproduct of efforts to keep the President safe and reasonably private.

When he is cruising on an open waterway, it is much like a highway. Police units and Secret Service agents frequently wave cars from a highway as a presidential motorcade is about to pass, but

MAY DRAFT DOCTORS

Washington — (UPI) — The Pentagon said Tuesday that the armed forces may call up as many as 1,000 medical officers in the draft unless there is a sharp increase in volunteers between now and October. A spokesman said an increasing trend toward medical specialization contributed to the shortage of doctors in the service.

PLAN SOVIET VISIT

Helsinki — (UPI) — President Urho Kekkonen and his wife leave for a 10-day visit to the Soviet Union Oct. 3, it was announced Tuesday.

they would not threaten another vehicle with a deliberate head-on collision except under the most extreme emergency.

Much More Active

With no emergency whatsoever involved or indicated, the Coast Guard uses the much more active technique. Boat owners see the President cruise by and gaily attempt to zip alongside for a wave or a look at the famous family at play. As many as 20 to 30 boats fall in behind a boat bearing the Kennedys at times in Newport or Cape Cod.

When a private boat in a river, harbor or the open sea comes too close in the opinion of the Coast Guard, the powerful patrol boat slams directly at the offender, then veers off with only a few feet left to spare.

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