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Our Book Corner

Lil Clarke, newcomer to the Recreation Department, finds after her first two weeks with us that her job in the library is even more fascinating than she had anticipated. So says Lil, and I'm inclined to agree with her. Lil is such a reserved little person that it's difficult to get a reaction from her but if you readers will try to make her feel at home with a little idle chatter and attention to her suggested readings, it may dispel some of this timidity. Joking aside, I think you'll find Lil one of the most invigorating personalities here. She has already started her ambitious campaign to meet Ecusta in entirety and is just waiting for an opportunity to meet you. Well, here she is in the book corner so I'll see you later. Lil speaking, and I hope everyone hears me when I say that I think Ecusta must be the nicest place in the world to work. Everyone is so friendly and cheerful that I didn't even get that "I'm sunk" feeling that one usually encounters the first day on a new job. A sense of humor is essential, however, for I've discovered that a bit of good-natured teasing is just another part of the job. The library is, of course, an ideal place to be located for you see employees from all over Ecusta as they come in for books, to ask about band practices, or to find out about their softball practices. Then, at noon when you go to eat and you find that you can get better food at the cafeteria than you have at home and that it costs you less already prepared than you can buy it off the grocer's shelves (to say nothing of no dishes to wash) you are pretty certain that you are one fortunate individual. And then there's "good" Friday when you are presented with your week's paycheck and the Fridays come so soon! Well, I just want to say that I like everything about Ecusta and hope to be here a long, long time. However, let me hurry to state that I really have some accomplishments to my credit other than my discoveries of the wonders of the place.

In the past week or ten days we have placed close to 100 books of fiction on our library shelves. Within the next week or so we will have the biographies and other non-fiction books accessioned, stamped and ready for circulation.

Until the past few weeks I thought that books were designed for reading and I was amazed to discover how many things have to be done to a book, other than writing it, before it reaches the library shelf. I now view

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a book, not with the idea of only reading it, but with the idea of stamping it, making out cards and getting on file its complete life history. Come in some time and we will give you a free demonstration.

Do you know what people read, and why? The men seem to prefer Western, Adventure and Detective stories, and the girls read a lot of love stories and romantic fiction. It is easy to understand why because most of us read for pleasure and relaxation and these books are our release from routine. So the life of the cowboy or sleuth or the love life of the glamour girl has wide appeal. A few books classified are listed below:

Books of Action:
Count of Monte Cristo, Dumas; Wind, Sand and Stars, Exupery; The Sea Wolf, London; White Fang, London; Moby Dick, Melville; Flotsom, Remarque; Captain Blood, Sabatini; The Fortunes of Captain Blood, Sabatini; Captain Blood Returns, Sabatini; Four Years in Paradise, Oso Johnson; Alone, Admiral Byrd; Captain Paul, Ellsberg; Out of The Night, Jan Valtin.

Books of Romance:
Come and Get It, Edna Ferber; As the Earth Turns, Carroll; Honey In The Horn, Davis; Little Shephard of Kingdom Come, Fox; We Are Not Alone—Hilton; Five and Ten—Hurst; Years Are So Long, Lawrence; Parnassus On Wheels, Morley; Lisa Vale, Prouty; Captain Blood, Sabatini; The Carolinian, Sabatini; The Nutmeg Tree, Sharp; Four Gardens, Sharp; Mortal Storm, Bottomme; Winterness, Walpole; Bridge of San Luis Rey, Wilder; Twilight Sleep, Wharton; Heat Lightning, Hull; Swan Song, Galsworthy; The Sheltered Life, Glasgow; Fanny Kemble, Bobbe.

AND THE RAINS CAME Cont.

ed importing cots in the Library for the remaining Asheville citizens just to let them have a spend-the-night party. At least they would be entertained with the best of books or perhaps a game of softball. Should some be afflicted with insomnia they would find without much effort, instrumentation for a complete symphony band. Then too, Mr. Vannah's latest books on the psychology, physiology and Everytherology of plants are as stirring as as an Eberhart mystery.

At this writing it is still raining a little and it is still the day of May 20th, 1942 so we may yet be washed away and if we don't meet on an ark this may be found floating around in a coca-cola bottle as a record of the Great Flood of '42. (Be sure to return the bottle).

LOOKING BACK

Sometimes memory is such a nice book, a store of dreams to go through, especially when all the pleasant incidents stand out so clearly to be recaptured at will.

I remember going to my Grandfather's farm, happy in the thought of pleasures ahead. I would ride in the saddle with him or jog along in the buggy, listening to the birds or looking over fields of corn that lay glistening in the early morning sunshine with the dew still on their tassels.

I recapture visions of my Grandmother frying chicken while on the back of the stove simmered a big black pot full of beans and potatoes. There were also berry pies and big pitchers full of buttermilk, smaller pitchers of golden cream and fresh country butter melting over hot corn-bread. Other memories that take me back to my childhood on the farm are those of the out-of-doors; the turkeys, ducks and hunting dogs and cows in a field of clover, and the feel of bare feet on cool wet grass or wading in the creek.

At night when it was cool we all sat around an open fire relating the incidents of the day. We were a merry, contented lot of people. Our pleasures were simple ones, our food was plain, though delicious and most of it raised on the farm, but it was a way of life that makes for contentment and self-respect.

I am sure that in the uncertain future, whatever may come, I will look back on my childhood as a fortunate one for I gained through these experiences a set of values that will stay with me all of my life, and will help me to adjust happily to a simple way of living if need be.

GOLF CONTEST Cont.

feries and J. D. Curwin with John W. Smith and Roy Page; Roland Wilber and Paul Lollis with Harry Teague and George Page; Charlie Russell and Hal Gibson with E. H. Tilson and Dr. E. O. Roland; William Jordan and Robert Colwell, with A. L. Poteat and Mayor Carl Hardin.

E. E. Fraser, manager of the course, said that in addition to the match players, several new faces were seen Sunday, and that Saturday previous had also brought out an increasing number of players who are keenly pleased with the new grass greens that are now in use.

Ecusta players expressed satisfaction with the local golf links and are enthusiastic over the prospects for summer play. The manager, Mr. Fraser, announced that all Ecusta players are cordially invited to take member-



INJURIES CAN BE PREVENTED

On numerous accident cases recently, I have heard the injured person remark, "It was all my fault" or "I was in too much of a hurry." Such statements as these, coming voluntarily from the injured persons, are absolutely true and point out to us that injuries can be prevented. Haste, unsafe practices and in-attention are responsible for approximately 90% of our accidents.

During the past 90 days, 736 injuries have been treated in our First Aid Station and this number does not include injuries occurring off the job, redressings or cases of sickness. With the enormous amount of minor accidents being caused to and by our employees each month, we are indeed fortunate in not having more of the major type. Lady Luck has smiled favorably upon us in the past but I often wonder how long this will hold out.

Safety is for your sake and the only answer to our plant's creating a safety record worth being proud of is the cooperation of every employee in doing his or her work the safe way. The age-old saying that haste makes waste is being brought before us every day through our accident cases.

Following is a list of the type injuries occurring during the past 90 days:

Handling rolls and bobbins, 33; handling other material 186; splinter injuries, 22; using hand tools, 192; machine and hoist injuries 85; slips and falls, 57; eye injuries 36; other causes, 215; Total—736.

Certainly the greater portion of these injuries could have been prevented by safe practices. Let's all accept our responsibility in accident prevention work and do our utmost to protect ourselves as well as those associated with us from any accident that might result in injury or death.

ECUSTA BOND DRIVE

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and getting the cards turned in. The amounts that are being purchased per week vary mostly between 8% and 15% with a few running lower and some running as high as 30%.

All Ecusta has a right to be proud of the way they have responded to Uncle Sam's call for help.

MILITARY SERVICE

During the past month ten employees have left for military service. Three volunteered and seven were inducted by the draft boards. Marvin Cagle, who worked in the Finishing Department, entered the Naval Reserve and Julius Lee Nicholson, who worked in the Hand Booklet, joined the Army. The Henderson County Board called Dewitt Drake and Edwin Drake. Dewitt, who worked in the office, is well known to most of the employees since he delivered checks each pay day. Edwin was a backender in the machine room. Ed Williams passed the Naval Air Corps exams and will go into training at the University of Iowa July first. Ed worked on the Bertrams in the Refinery. The other five men left with the selectees from Transylvania County. These include Ansel Jones from the beater room, Fred Barton from the pulp mill, Donald Stepp from the machine room, Claud Owen from the shipping department and Robert E. Raines from the warehouse.

ship at the club and to fully enjoy the privileges of it this season.