

Reznick Invades Bookstore; Selects Few Choice Books

by Frances Reznick

Buying books at the book store is a difficult task these days, because there are numerous subjects and new volumes from which to choose. Mr. Snavely's latest stock includes new novels, books of humor, music, short stories and some wonderful books to give to children.

Irwin Shaw's *Young Lions* is still on the best seller list after months of popularity. It is a novel about the destinies of three soldiers, two of them Americans and one German, in the war years since 1938. A timely theme, it develops into a good picture of Shaw's characters and the events that influenced them.

An older story than *Young Lions*, *Dr. Faustus* by Thomas Mann is also good for characterization. Mann's modern version of the ancient legend of Faust is the story of a great musician, Adrian Leverkühn. We see not only Leverkühn's character but also that of his friend telling the story, Serenus Zeitblom. *Dr. Faustus* is translated from the German by the woman who does most of Mann's interpretation, Mrs. H. T. Lowe-Porter.

Poetry, too, is well represented at the book store. A well-known volume is the *Collected Poems of T. S. Eliot*, a single volume of some of Eliot's works, before 1935. It contains "Minor Poems", "Unfinished Poems", "Choruses from *The Rock*", and many others.

If you are looking for a different kind of excitement, though, there is a new collection of stories of the supernatural that comes complete with goose pimples and straight hair. It is called *Out of the Silence*, by Patrick Mahony. These stories are concerned with psychic phenomena, spirits, the unbelievable. For instance, there is "The Borrowed Body", "Reborn to Die", "An Ethereal Poetess", or "A Vicious Necklace" to choose for your first story.

Another new collection is Bennett Cerf's *Shake Well Before Using*.

Like Cerf's former collections of impressions, anecdotes and jokes, some are stolen, some are obviously fabricated, some are funny and some pointless. It is good, though, if you like jokes and little incidents of the newspaper and theatre crowd, Hollywood and writers. One such inanity as the book contains is "Economist: man who has a Phi Beta Kappa key on one end of his chain and no watch on the other."

The new collection would not be complete without juvenile books. This is Children's Book Week and Salem Book Store is celebrating it with Mrs. Rondthaler's very attractive book for children, *Tell Me a Story*. Illustrated by Elizabeth Jerome Holder, Mrs. Rondthaler's book contains "Historical Sketches of the Early Moravian Church" and "Stories of Moravian Customs".

Many more books as interesting as these are at the book store, adding to the difficulty of selection. Any one of them, though, will be a welcome relief if you have been buried all year in text books.

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is opened to A. B. students. It is Home Ec. 210, which is a study of costume designing taught by Mrs. McNair. Emphasis will be placed on lines and colors best suited to the individual and on intelligent buying to solve wardrobe problems. It will also include studies on how the fashion world works, clothes for each occasion and textiles. Each student will design clothes for herself, using a photograph of her own figure.

Mythology, Latin 10, will be taught by Dr. Smith. No Latin prerequisite is required and the course is especially recommended for prospective English majors. Music Appreciation, Music 110 and Art Appreciation, 102, are also being offered.

Two electives in psychology are planned for second semester. They are Psychology 204, mental hygiene, and Psychology 220, techniques of guidance. The prerequisite for each of these courses is Psychology 101.

Mrs. Price will teach Religion 230, which is a study of the teachings of Jesus. The course will include a comparison of the teachings and influence of Christianity with the other living religions of today.

Two elective courses are being offered in Sociology. Sociology 210, a study of family relationships, will be taught by Miss Covington. This course is designed for seniors. Mr. Selfridge will teach a new course, Sociology 208, which will be a study of immigration and race relations. It will also include a study of national origins of our population, immigration laws and the position of minority peoples such as Negroes, Jews, Indians, etc.

Other electives in advanced courses are also to be offered. A complete list of all second semester courses will be posted in Main Hall in a few days.

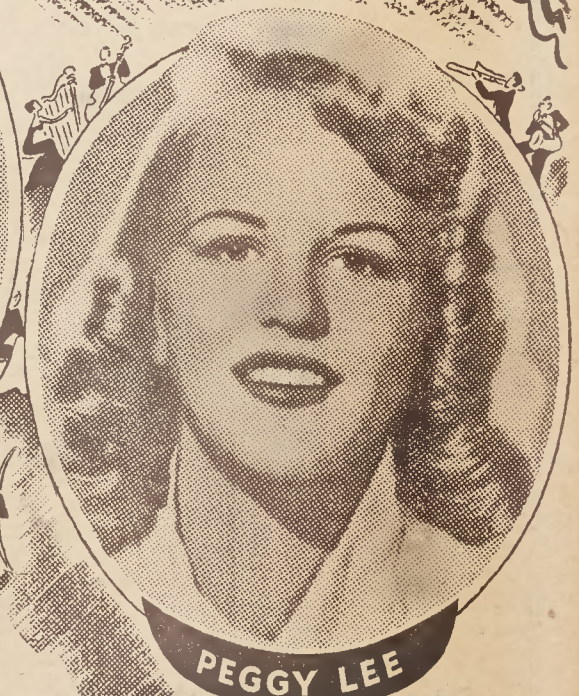
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