

### Four Scholarships Will Be Awarded By American Legion

Raleigh—Four scholarships of \$250.00 each will be awarded by the North Carolina Department of the American Legion for the year 1949-50, it was announced by Legion Department headquarters today.

The scholarships are open to any son or daughter of deceased Legionnaires of either World War I or World War II actually in need of financial assistance to continue his education after finishing high school. The cause of the parents' death is not a factor in determining eligibility for these scholarships but the deceased parent must have been a member of an American Legion Post in North Carolina sometime during his lifetime.

There is no special type of application to file for one of these scholarships, but the applicant must be endorsed by the local Legion post and must submit a statement from some person in the community showing that the applicant is a person of character, ability and ambition.

Deadline for the filing of requests for one of these scholarships is midnight June 30, 1949, and all requests should be completed and mailed in plenty of time to reach State American Legion headquarters, Box 2509, Raleigh, before that date. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Local Legion Post.

### WHY POLLSTERS FELL DOWN

Several weeks before the election we were riding on a bus, when we overheard one man ask another, "How is your wife going to vote?" "The same as I am, of course," came the complacent reply.

"Interesting, if true," we reflected. But a few days later we glimpsed the other side of the coin.

It was in an elevator that we heard one woman ask another, "Are you going to vote the way your husband does?"

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### COMMENT ON SPORTS

By ED SIMMS

Washington, April 7—The Major Leagues are calling up a lot of young talent this spring as usual. And for the lucky boys who make the grade they're in for good money, fame, and good living. These youngsters trying out for big-league berths are from all sections of the country. A surprising number of the pitchers are from small country towns. Some of these 'country kins' can take the city lights and others find it too much.

That is to say, some of the boys can move to the big town and remain under harness while others go to what is generally put off on the dogs. There is one youngster on the Detroit Tiger squad who was paid \$75,000, as a bonus, just to sign a Tiger contract. This lad will be seasoned a year in Flint, however, before jumping into a Tiger uniform. He is still looking up at 20 years of age. But others about that young are making the varsity.

Some old-timers argue that these youngsters, breaking in with a professional big-league team, should be kept separate from the old pros. The older players will teach them evil ways and late-hour habits, and other things, they say. It's just like the argument over universal military training. Many a father doesn't want his boy thrown into the Army with a million hoodlums and vandals and culprits who might spoil Philbert.

The baseball game is different. No one has to play it. And if the boy is so good at nineteen or twenty, he can make a big league team, he is above average in ability. Of course he may not be above average in brains. But they aren't paying him for brains. And the argument goes on. What about it? What does the writer think? Well, he agrees with one American League manager, who recently said that the only workable system in this line of thought was merely the discretion used by the manager of the team. It does appear to be a good practice to put youngsters with youngsters and let the old pros go their own way. But it's next to impossible

to do. The young ball hawks naturally follow the old ones and only the manager can keep the young angels from copying the evil ways of the old angels.

### Library Notes



BY ALICE BRYAN  
County Librarian

Among the names added to last week's registration files were Imogene Cable, Dorothy Louise Calton, Mrs. B. R. Carswell, Janie Ellis, Hershel Bryan Geouge, Charles Hughes, George E. Knisley, Billie Laughter, Benny McNeely, John Manning, Wilma Smathers, Barbara Smith, and Mrs. Walter Woodard.

Children who have not heard the Easter story by Dubose Heyward will want to read our new copy of "The Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes," beautifully illustrated by Marjorie Flack.

"A Surprise for Mrs. Bunny" by Charlotte Steiner will be enjoyed during this Easter season and for many weeks afterwards by the wee little folk. Eight little bunnies surprise their mother on her birthday and get a big surprise for themselves.

"Davy Crockett" by Sanford Tousey is another story of the famous and beloved hero of the Alamo that third through fifth grade youngsters can read and will enjoy.

Last week's new books for adults will please those who want "light reading."

"Smoke on the River" by Anne Brooks; "Doctor Jim" by Margaretta Brucker; "Dear Cathy" by Joan Garrison; and "Key to Happiness" by Terry Dean—light romances. "Point West" by Tex Holt; and "Solo Saddles" by Abel Shott—westerns.

"The Corpse Came Back" by Amelia Reynolds Long—Mystery.

"The Hangman's Tree"—Novel of murder, mystery, and suspense; above average mystery, by virtue of its characterizations and its larger implications carried by its contract of Southern society with that of the North.

Erie Stanley Gardner's latest mystery "The Case of the Dubious Bridegroom" is another Perry Mason mystery, with good courtroom scenes.

"Dark Wanton" by Peter Cheney—Story of British secret service and its underground operations, in search of a missing list of criminals.

"Rebels Ride Proudly" by Leslie Erneswein—another new western.

"Doctor Faustus" by Thomas Mann has been on the "best seller" lists for many months. The book was named one of the "Fifty Notable Books of 1948." The story is a modern version of the Faust legend, told as the life-story of a great creative musician. A theological student turned composer, Leverkühn symbolically enters into a pact with the Devil (who is represented in part by an exhilarating but wasting disease). He sells his soul and body in return for twenty-four years of musical genius. His life during the heightened period of the past touches on almost every important aspect of present-day experience, artistic, religious, sexual, political, and psychological.

The magazines given to the Book-

mobile by Mrs. William G. Ross and Mrs. Rowe Mauney are being enjoyed.

### Trout Season To Open In April

Thousands of trout anglers who have been waiting since last August to resume their favorite sport will be given the go-ahead signal on April 15 when the season on trout opens in the mountain section of the State, according to Clyde P. Patton, Executive Director of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

Spring stocking of trout has been under way for some time, and stocking operations should be completed or nearly completed by the time the season opens.

Dates and creel limits for trout fishing in National Forest area streams are expected to be announced soon.

This year's trout season extends from April 15 through August 31, 1949, with a daily creel limit of 10, and a possession limit of 20. In Ashe, Alleghany, and Watauga county the trout season closes July 31.

Trout fishermen are reminded that night fishing will not be permitted this year in designated trout waters. The night fishing ruling was passed by the Wildlife Resources Commission as a protection measure for night-feeding brown trout.

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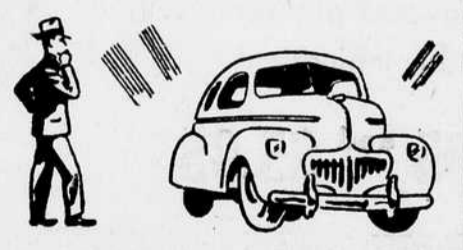
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