

MISERY LOVES—AND HAS—COMPANY



WHEN little Maureen Griggs, of London, contracted the mumps, her older sister brought home a baby sparrow she had found, helpless, hungry and featherless. During their double convalescence Maureen fed the bird milk from a fountain pen filler and now she is feeding her feathered friend a lavish dinner of soaked bread crumbs. (International)

Library Notes



MARGARET JOHNSTON County Librarian

VISITORS BACK

It's good to have people come in and say, "I'd like to register as a summer visitor again." Just this week one of our last year's visitors stopped in on his way to the Moody Farm to take books out with him. It made us feel good when he said, "Help me find something to read. Last year I enjoyed the ones I had so much, particularly, "Citizen Tom Paine" and "Siberia."

Another visitor remarked, "I was here five years ago working on the Parkway. My wife and I are going to be at Lake Junaluska for four months. I used the Library so much when I was here before. I'd like to register again." Later on he said, "I'm glad to see these books," referring to the Lake Series, the River Books and the American Folkway Group.

During this year we have had several letters from people for the names of a book they had read here or some other bit of information. A student at Harvard wrote for the name of a treatise on "Memories." The book incidentally was "How to Remember". Of course we were flattered that he did remember he borrowed it at our Library. A letter recently from a doctor in New Orleans requesting the name of a book one of his patients had mentioned he found here.

We welcome our visitors and we hope you will feel free to use the Library facilities. The hours for circulation are 10 to 12:30 and 12:30 to 5:00. A deposit fee is required, but it will be refunded when you leave. Stop in and see the Librarian and browse as you will.

Reader's Advisor

In large libraries there are such things as Reader's Advisors. Here in our library where Mrs. Atkins and I have to be "jacks of all trades" and jumping from adults to juvenile Reading club members or visitors, it is sometimes hard to find time to help you at the moment as much as we would like. However, if you in planning your reading either on the recent books or on a particular subject we will be glad to help you.

We like the opportunity of showing you new books you might miss. Certainly not all of the new books and very few non-fiction ever go to the rental shelf. Please don't stop with just looking at the Best Sellers. The new non-fiction books are among the best and we like to

James Berry, Veteran Of Two Theaters, Will Furlough In Waynesville

NEW YORK. "Veterans of Many Wars" Private James F. Berry of Waynesville arrived at the New York Port of Embarkation June 21 aboard the "Webster Victory." The 23 year old veteran of both the Pacific and European Theaters is the husband of Mrs. Pauline Berry, of Water Street.

Entering the service in March of 1942, Private Berry trained at Camp Grant, Illinois. He went overseas in June of 1942 and served with the 41 Division in the Pacific from which he received the Pacific Campaign Ribbon with 3 battle stars for the battles of Ieper, New Guinea, and the Philippines. He served in Europe with the 9th Division from which he received the Belgium Fleurdécoré. He also possesses the Combat Infantry Man's Badge, the Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense Distinguished Unit Badge, Victory and Occupational Ribbons.

Declaring it "Great" to be home again, Private Berry will be re-assigned in the United States after a furlough with his wife in Waynesville.

Green Lawn

For a good green lawn in the spring, apply 30 pounds of 4-7-5 or some other complete fertilizer to every 1,000 square feet while the grass is dormant or before spring growth gets well under way. Broadcast it evenly over the lawn and then water it in thoroughly.

share them with you.

What do you plan this summer or even this winter? We can make it light or we can make it tough! Which do you want?

62,500 on State Retirement List After Five Years

The State Retirement system will end its fifth year on July 1 with a membership of 62,050 school teachers and State employees and 1,353 city and county workers in 13 local government departments.

Established by the 1941 General Assembly, the retirement plan is now mandatory for all persons and school teachers hired since it was adopted. Its mandatory retirement provisions will be applied on a mass basis for the first time when approximately 500 teachers and State office workers leave their posts as the system marks its birthday.

Some Withdraw

Since the system was created on July 1, 1941, a total of 85,721 State employees have registered for participation. Of these 23,671 have separated from service and have withdrawn their contributions. The 62,050 who remain may retire at the age of 60 on monthly pensions ranging as high as 46 per cent of their average pre-retirement wages.

Local government employees have been eligible for participation only since July 1, 1945, but the number of city and county units is growing steadily, officials report.

Funds for retirement benefits payable under the plan for local government workers come from two sources: A four per cent deduction from the salary of the employee and matching payments by the participating unit equal to six per cent of the general employees' salaries and 11 per cent of salaries of police and firemen.

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Plenty Wool Suits This Fall Promised To Public

NEW YORK.—You can be reasonably sure of buying a new suit this fall without mortgaging the old family homestead and without undue search for fabric.

This is the reassuring word of F. Eugene Ackerman, executive director of the American Wool Council, who says:

"The consumer who has been frightened by recent semi-hysterical prophecies into believing she won't be able to buy clothes this fall without suitcases full of money, can relax. OPA or no OPA, it is not anticipated that there will be any marked rise in either wool fabric or woolen clothing prices."

As to the prospect for easing shortages, Ackerman says it is expected that supply will catch up with demand during the latter part of this year, except in scattered segments of the field.

Woolen fabric production already is running 1-10 to 15 per cent above the maximum wartime production of 1945, the peak output in history, when more than 90 per cent of total production was allocated to military use, he says, adding:

"On a peacetime basis, woolen yardage production today is running between 25 and 30 per cent above any previous peacetime year."

The current shortage of woolen textiles, it is explained is caused by three elements:

1. The wartime reduction in civilian production resulted in the disappearance of "float" inven-

ories" of fabrics and patterns which formerly formed a buffer backlog throughout the industry. The shelves of manufacturers, jobbers and retailers were stripped bare during the war.

2. The national income has increased greatly. Today, we are 150 billion dollars a year as compared to 90 billions before the war. The demand for good woolen clothing has risen accordingly.

3. An artificial shortage in men's clothing has come about chiefly as an unfortunate result of the wool maximum average price regulation, which held ceiling prices on full-weight men's suitings and overcoatings at such a low level that it was impossible to produce them. As a result, manufacturers turned to lighter-weight fabrics requiring less wool and less labor in conversion, and thus production which ordinarily would have gone into the men's wear field was diverted into specialty and luxury fields.

Gambling Blacklist

By the late 1930s, the Monte Carlo casino was probably refusing admittance to more former patrons than any other gambling house in history, having an active black list of 2,000 who had passed a worthless check, picked a pocket, engaged in a brawl, attempted suicide or committed some other unpardonable offense.

Waiting is tough on us, too

For months we've been hoping to present each and every one of you with the new Packards you've ordered, and have been waiting for so patiently.

Last fall, the outlook was good. Packard was confident it would double its pre-war output in 1946. (The factory is equipped to turn out far more than that.)

Look what has happened! Then came material shortages. Parts shortages. For reasons completely beyond its own control, Packard was able to keep its assembly line moving only nine days in the first quarter of this year.

In the meantime... Our friends have kept calling us up and asking, "Hey! Where's that new Packard I ordered weeks ago?" Many of these are old friends—Packard owners since 'way back.

But to make life more complicated, everybody seems to want one of these grand new Packards. Over 65% of the people out to buy new Packards are now driving some other make.

Honest, it's gotten so we hate to answer the telephone or look our friends in the face. But...

Your patience will pay off!

One of these days, the shortage of parts and materials is bound to ease up. And when it does, those twin-assembly lines at Packard will really roll.

Anyway, you can depend on this:

As fast as the factory ships cars to us, we'll do everything we can to deliver yours at the earliest possible moment.

So, we hope you'll be patient a little longer. We're doing the best we can, and so are the folks at the factory!



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