

NEWS

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A QUESTION OF CHOICE

Member librarians, as they visit Headquarters, often ask, "What are you recommending for purchase in fiction this month? Why do we see so little new fiction on your shelves?" The answer to their questions has been better stated by Edmund Fuller in his new Books With Men Behind Them (Random, 1962) than it could be done by any one on our staff. Mr. Fuller says, in part: "Behind many of the novels and plays of our time there are only weeping, frightened, fretful or rebellious children - or occasionally maimed men. This fact, and the kinds of success that they often achieve, alike are symptoms of the disordered age, haunted by sensuality and violence in the wake and threat of war, with many frightened to hysteria by the shadow of the bomb. Never has the puerile, the immature, the adolescent (actual or perennial) had such acceptance, or been listened to almost as a sage. The adolescent is bad enough as the dictator of popular arts, taste, conduct and merchandising; as a literary arbiter he is intolerable."

In the second chapter of Mr. Fuller's book of criticism, entitled "The Post-Chatterly Deluge," he states, "In the wake of the Chatterly case, writers decided, and editors concurred, that if not "anything goes" at least a great deal more would go than ever went before ... It was clear that the wraps were off: new areas were open, and bigger exploitation of the old ones was in order."

We are buying in limited quantity many titles in fiction, but find it difficult to recommend more than a few for member libraries to add to their permanent collections. Those starred on our Accession List we hope will be worth the investment of local funds to purchase. It is not our purpose to exercise censorship, but rather to try to use wisely the tools of book selection with mature judgment as we build our book collections.

HEADQUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

Miss Margaret Richards, Brushton, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library for a five year term, replacing Miss Fortana Winters of Dickinson Center, whose term expired in December, 1962.

Mrs. Anne A. Mitchell has joined the System staff as Reference and Bookmobile Librarian. Mrs. Mitchell is a graduate of Columbia University's School of Library Service. She has worked in libraries at the University of Maine, Memphis, and New York City. She has also served as a Bookmobile Regional Librarian with the Vermont Public Library Commission.

Mrs. Dorothy Carver joined the Headquarters staff as a typist on February 18. We have acquired a new Page, David Levinson, a student at the local State University College.

The third in our new series of accession lists has been sent to each member librarian. We hope this will prove to be a help in ordering and in borrowing. Your comments on this service will be appreciated, as we try to evaluate our services in terms of your needs.

Your adult rotating collection will be delivered to you during March. Schedules for the month are as follows:

March 1 and 29 (Friday): Peru, Keeseville, Au Sable Forks, Upper Jay, Lake Placid, Saranac Lake, Tupper Lake.
March 5 (Tuesday): Chazy, Rouses Point, Champlain, Mooers, Ellenburg Depot.
March 15 (Friday): Elizabethtown, Wadhams, Westport, Willsboro, Crown Point, Ticonderoga, Keene, Keene Valley.
March 19 (Tuesday): Dannemora, Lyon Mountain, Chateaugay, Malone.

In order to make delivery and pickup as simple as possible, several of our member librarians have given a key for their libraries to our driver, which makes it possible for him to deliver collections and pick up returns when the library is closed. Coordinating and marking your returns for the driver further simplifies the problem. We can supply an extra book bag should you need one for packing your returns. Since under winter conditions it is difficult to pinpoint an exact time for the driver's arrival, a key to each library will certainly facilitate delivery service.

You may borrow films from our collection for organizations in your area. These listed are available until April:

For Adult Groups: Those starred are suitable for teen-age groups.

Union Of South Africa. Color 17 min.
 *White House Past And Present. Color 13-1/2 min.
 *Festival In Edinburgh. Color 16 min.
 St. Lawrence Seaway. Color 30 min.
 A Day With The FBI. Color 20 min.
 *Introduction To Skin Diving. Color 27 min.
 Man And The Moon. Color 20 min.
 Albert Schweitzer. Color 80 min.
 Basic Techniques For Home Landscaping. Color 12 min.
 Austria. Color 22 min.
 *Canada's Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Color 30 min.
 *Age Of Jet Propulsion. Color 16 min.
 Africa, Giant With A Future. Color 30 min.
 Art In The Western World. Color 30 min.
 How To Be A Successful Hostess. Color 27 min.
 *Mars And Beyond. Color 30 min.
 I'll Sing Not Cry. Color 28 min.

For Children:

Rabbit That Runs On Snowshoes. Color 12 min.
Yours For A Song. (Bird Sanctuary) Color 22 min.
Night In A Pet Shop. B&W 14 min.
Ali And His Baby Camel. Color 11 min.
Animal Town Of The Prairie. Color 10 min.
Ceremonial Pipes. (Indian Lore) Color 16 min.
Engineer In A Fur Coat. (Beavers) Color 21 min.
Adventures Of A Chipmunk. Color 11 min.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

CHATEAUGAY The Chateaugay Memorial Library will be moved this spring to new quarters in the Town Hall. Representatives from local organizations have been asked to help with the work of moving and also to act in an advisory capacity. It is hoped that this group will later form the nucleus of a Friends of the Library Organization.

DANNEMORA Two new members have been added to the Board of Trustees of the Dannemora Free Library: Mrs. Martha Corcoran and Mrs. Marion Ryan.

ESSEX Essex Library is now being redecorated. Interior painting and papering of the structure will be completed by summer.

KEESEVILLE The interior of Keeseville Free Library, built in 1935, was redecorated in January with no break in schedule for patrons.

MALONE Mrs. Catherine Black is now a member of the Library Committee of Wead Library.

PLATTSBURGH Mrs. George Angell is a new member of the Board of Trustees of the Plattsburgh Public Library.

SARANAC LAKE Mr. Mott Chapin has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Saranac Lake Free Library.

TUPPER LAKE A new book drop has been installed at Tupper Lake Public Library for the convenience of library patrons.

WADHAMS The Wadhams Free Library, built only one and a half years ago, is now completely free of debt, due to fund raising activities presented this last year.

