

The Package Library And Current Affairs

A Supplement to the Newspaper and the Text

It has recently been very pertinently observed by one of the foreign radio commentators that the man who depends upon the newspaper only to keep in touch with the affairs of the day lives in the world of 1914, compared with the man who, through the radio, can "tune in" almost on the event itself, or hear the very words of the dictator or diplomat who pronounces a dictum of world significance.

Likewise the student or class which must depend solely upon text books or supplementary books in their study and evaluation of international and national affairs is at a decided disadvantage. In between the text and the daily newspaper there is a very valuable and important aid to the student in the condensed surveys and timely discussions which are presented in weekly and monthly magazines. The analytical discussion, which varies in its length and inclusiveness, may pause to interpret the affairs of today in the light of history and to analyze issues or survey the progress of events, all of which help to provide an **understanding** of events which are only **reported** in the daily press.

The element of supplementary up-to-dateness, characteristic of the magazine article, is also the especial property of the package library. The term **package library** is a very elastic one, subject to various interpretations. However, it may be generally defined as a collection of reference materials on a single subject—including, alone or in part, magazine and newspaper articles, and pamphlets, supplemented with books when scarcity of other material or the peculiar nature of the subject requires.

The University, in offering an extension library service to the state, has attempted to meet a particular need in choosing the package library medium with its especial emphasis upon currently published materials. Special files of 200 magazines are received regularly for this work and these are continuously supplemented with new pamphlets, for just as the magazine article is a step between the newspaper and the book text, so the pamphlet stands between the magazine article and book text.

The Bureau of General Information has no complete listing of the subjects upon which package libraries are available—such a list would need revising daily. It may be assumed by the Kansas reader, student or teacher, however, that **any subject** may be submitted to the Bureau with the probability that **some** material will be available from the Bureau's vertical files, new magazine stacks, University Library, or when necessary and possible, acquired by the Bureau for the borrower from another source.

Extension Classes in Demand

The Extension Division has just announced a list of 14 extension classes to be conducted in Kansas City, Missouri, for the teachers and social workers of greater Kansas City. University professors meet these classes personally and, if the number of inquiries coming to the extension class bureau is an indication, classes this fall will be large.

Extension classes meet once each week for a period of one hour and 40 minutes. Classes carrying three hours of university credit meet 23 times and the two hour courses meet 16 times. These classes are held "off campus" and the instructor meets the class rather than the group coming to the university to meet with the instructor. While it is not possible to furnish instructors for all the classes requested, it is possible to arrange classes where a group of at least 15 prospective students request some specific course.

Announce New Courses

During the summer, in response to various demands, the Bureau of Correspondence Study has arranged with the different departments of the University for the preparation of the following college courses:

Principles of Geography, 3 hours; Property Insurance, 2 hours; English Composition 5 (sophomore), 3 hours; Cost Accounting, 3 hours; Governmental and Institutional Accounting, 2 hours; Standards of Living and Family Finance, 2 hours; German Composition 8, 3 hours; and Schiller's Dramas, 2 hours.

English Composition 5 is recommended to all interested in advanced composition. The course in Principles of Geography is one of the required courses for the thirty and sixty hour elementary school certificates.

In addition to these new courses, sixteen old courses have been revised to parallel with the resident courses, and the newer texts.

KFKU Resume Broadcasts

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the graphic arts will be discussed as well as present-day methods of printing.

Miss Helen Rhoda Hoopes, Assistant Professor in English, will give a series of talks about **Books and Reading** each Thursday afternoon at 2:45. New books will be introduced, old books re-introduced. There will be discussion of persons, places and things spoken of in books. In general, the topics will be of current interest, and the talks designed as a guide to readers.

Lessons in French, Spanish, and German, featured from KFKU for several years, will be offered again this year. The hours for these broadcasts may be found in the detailed schedule of KFKU.

Debate discussions and round-tables on the debate question, to be given each Friday afternoon during October and November, will complete the **School of the Air** program.

New Programs Announced

Beginning the first Monday in October the Department of Political Science will provide for station KFKU a series of talks by way of interpreting the current political scene. The aim of this program will not be so much to report the current events as to relate to the significant background the news of political and social interest.

Another new feature from KFKU will be a series of open forum discussions on current topics of interest by some of our outstanding thinkers on the university campus. Each Thursday evening, from 9:30 to 10:00, three faculty members will take part in these round-table discussions. On Oct. 27, Ivan C. Crawford, Dean of the School of Engineering and Architecture, will lead a discussion on "Regional Planning in a Power Minded Age." The following week Fred J. Moreau, Dean of the School of Law, will conduct a group discussion on "Majority Rights and Liberty." The period on the second Thursday in November will be

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High Schools to Debate

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9	Prin. O. O. Smith	Chapman
10	Supt. H. Scarborough	Great Bend
11	Supt. F. H. Bailey	Oakley
12	Supt. H. E. Pihlblad	Garfield

The schools will again be divided into three classes, according to the size of enrollment, with an entrance fee for participation in district tournaments, as follows: \$3.00 for Class A (enrollment of more than 500), \$2.50 for Class B (enrollment between 200 and 500), and \$2.00 for Class C (enrollment of 200 or less).