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Helen Keller Urges

Donation of Books

For Service Men

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And Answers Questions

From Audience

Helen Keller stood in a spotlight at the Library of Congress last night and pleaded with voice and hand for more books for service men.

Stricken blind, deaf and mute at 19 months, she used all the hard-won skill of many years to address the District Library Association from a prepared paper and to answer questions from her audience.

Miss Polly Thompson, her constant companion, stood beside Miss Keller to repeat each of the author's statements to make sure the audience grasped them and to spell questions into her hands.

"What is Miss Keller's favorite book?" asked Mrs. Philip Smith, chairman in the District of the National-wide drive for 10,000,000 books for soldiers.

"The Bible."

"River of Light."

Miss Thompson did not need to repeat this for the audience. After a moment of complete silence, Miss Keller went on.

"All through the years," she said, "it has flowed through my silent darkness—a river of light."

In her prepared address Miss Keller had mentioned that she had heard service men read few classics.

Great weapons for the soldier's "spiritual armory" could be provided by great literature, she said, but added she considered any book precious which gave a moment of freedom.

Presenting one of her own books, "The World I Live In," to John Russell Mason, president of the association, she declared that when she holds a book in her hand, "limitations fall away from me more than at any other time and I am free."

From the audience came a question—if Miss Keller liked Mark Twain as well as biography, philosophy and social science? When the group laughed at the query, Miss Keller laughed, too.

"I can hear through the ears in my feet," she said.

Miss Keller learned to talk by feeling the throat vibrations of her teachers.

Voice Is Soft.

Although she cannot remember the sound of a human voice, Miss Keller has learned to reproduce the throat vibrations of a normal speaker.

Her voice is soft with only its lack of expression and its dwellings on certain syllables to betray the manner in which she learned to talk.

Last night she seemed to respond to audience enthusiasm. In reply to questions her speech was nearly as clear as that of her interlocutor.

Someone questioned at last that Miss Keller would be able to continue much longer standing in a long blue evening dress she had never seen before an audience she could not hear and answering their questions in a voice it took her years to acquire.

"No, ask me another question," said Miss Keller, "I will be glad to try it."

When she added, "I will try anything once," the audience broke into applause. When the audience finally let Miss Keller go, she climbed the steps of Coolidge Hall to sit between Miss Thompson and Mrs. Smith while films on Hawaii were shown by John V. Hansen.

When the blues and greens and soft pastels of the Hawaiian scenery were flashed on the screen Miss Keller murmured delight. Her two companions were spelling out into her hands the quality of the color and tapping her fingers in time to the accompanying guitars.

The Victory Book Campaign, for which Miss Keller was making an appeal, already has collected more than 25,000 books in the District, as well as 550 phonograph records and 50 pieces of music.

Conservation of Paper

Every citizen is called upon to see that not a pound of paper is wasted. Demand from every clerk that any unnecessary wrapping of packages or unnecessary use of paper bags be dispensed with.

Waste paper for paperboard is vital to the packaging of a great quantity of war equipment.

Do not burn newspapers, but, when you have saved enough for a bundle, give them to the school children who are co-operating in the defense program with the parent-teacher organization in The Star's campaign for reclaiming old newspapers.

Wrapping Contest Planned

To Teach Paper Conservation

Star's World War Campaign Showed

U. S. How to Save 400 Tons Daily

America must change its bundle-wrapping habits.

Gone are the days, for instance, in which the practical joker sends a great parcel of 2 or 3 cubic feet capacity which when opened discloses another smaller container and so on down to the final package which incloses a small bottle of perfume.

Gone, soon, will be the day in more serious fields in which great quantities of unnecessary wrapping

material have been consumed by the merchants, small and large, in making delivery to their customers or in preparing packages which are carried from the store.

There is an impending shortage of kraft paper which already is being felt seriously in many lines of industry. The heavy paper used in wrapping materials is a long fiber paper made directly from wood pulp.

The development of the defense program has put a tremendous strain on existing facilities for its production and there is little possibility that these facilities can be increased to meet the growing demands.

Big Saving Effected.

The only method by which the problem can be solved is to eliminate all wasteful use.

The Star is undertaking to bring to the Washington public a full understanding of the situation. It is hoped that purchasers in the District and its suburbs may be acquainted with methods by which very substantial savings can be effected.

During the First World War, a similar condition existed and The Star, seeking to dramatize the situation, promoted a bundle-wrapping contest among employees of various stores to which the public was invited.

So successful was the undertaking, it was copied all over the United States and in a very short time an average saving of 400 tons of wrapping paper per day was reported.

This time appears promisingly at hand to bring this subject again to public attention. To that end, various leading merchants and representatives of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association were approached. Unanimous approval of the project was instantly forthcoming and promises of enthusiastic co-operation were given.

form services for a second party, and it is agreed that the compensation shall be paid to a third party. In each case the amount paid to the third party at the taxpayer's order is taxable to the taxpayer as constructively received income.

Where interest coupons have matured and are payable, such interest, though not yet collected, is to be included in gross income of the owner of the coupons for the year during which the coupons mature, unless it can be shown that there are no funds available for payment of the interest during that year.

Interest credited on a savings bank deposit is income to the depositor when credited. Interest or

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The Star, therefore, is arranging a bundle-wrapping contest to be held in a downtown auditorium on the evening of February 5. The place will be announced later.

A committee representing various department and chain store executives will be selected and details of the program will be completed shortly. During the evening there will be various contests for which The Star will offer Defense bonds and Defense stamps as prizes. In addition there will be an entertainment program including moving pictures.

It is hoped that out of the dramatization of the situation the public will be educated to receive many of its presently wrapped articles in the containers which cover them as they rest on the store shelves and counters. It is hoped that, going even further, purchasers will ask that articles be given in the time of shipment from the factory has been securely hidden beneath a covering of plain and unnecessary wrapping paper.

Waste Must Be Curtailed.

The same is true for books, for many articles of clothing, for cosmetics and other kinds of toilet goods, for various dry groceries and so on through an infinite list of articles which have been wastefully wrapped in the past.

Conditions are different now. Every scrap of material wasted, every moment of time uselessly ex-

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