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Circulation of books in Layo County has fallen off, as you will have noticed. This is to be expected. People cannot add to their daily routine Red Cross production work three afternoons a week, classes in first aid and home nursing and nutrition, defence committee work, more attention to the news of the day, and harder work on the job, and still read and play as much as ever. It is our task to be ready to help in every way a library can under these conditions. There has been more demand for information in particular lines, not always reflected in the circulation statistics, and more interest in the library's provision of certain types of books. And we have been helping in other ways. The Big Pine Branch has served as a place of registration for the Selective Service, and its rooms have been used for pre-school registration also. We at Independence are enjoying the use of the library for study by the aviation students. "Study-Hall" is a new experience for us. Both Lone Pine and Independence libraries are being used by the soldiers stationed locally, and we hope this use will increase.

EFFECT
OF WAR
ON THE
LIBRARY

This war-time rationing of tires is keeping your County Librarian at home. She has tires, but wants to keep them as long as possible. Therefore, will you please write freely and often of your problems, and make Uncle Sam's trucks do as much for us as you can? When a visit to a branch is necessary or even desirable, it can be made, so do not hesitate to ask for it.

AND ON
VISITS

Mr. John W. Marshall, who has been custodian of Cartago Branch since 1934, is leaving there for Westend. We shall miss him and his family.

CUSTODIAN

The last Library Open House of the year, April 27, featured book reviews. Mr. Joe Goff chose to discuss "Remaking America", by John Franklin Carter (Jay Franklin), and emphasized the courage and hopefulness inherent in his argument. Dr. Solida E. Anthony brought us the salient points of Gray's "The Advancing Front of Medicine". She also pointed out chapters and sections of this rather technical book that would be of especial interest to the layman. Both reviews greatly interested the audience, and a lively discussion followed.

OPEN
HOUSE

The VICTORY BOOK CAMPAIGN set its goal of ten million books for the men in the service (which, by the way, has not yet been reached) before we were at war. The need is now much greater. Many of the books have already been distributed; the greatest number to the army, 73,330 of which were sent to the forces overseas, and hundreds of thousands to each of the following: the Navy, the American Merchant Marine Library, and the U. S. O. Please continue to accept books for this purpose.

VICTORY
BOOK
CAMPAIGN

The total of books that Inyo County sent to the state distributing centers was 1,197. Some of these not in good enough condition for shipping were of a kind that men would certainly enjoy, so we are giving them to the soldiers at Manzanar. We have a few books still to ship, and are waiting until you send in any extras you may have collected. Since there will not be a great quantity of these, you may include them in your regular return shipments. Please mark them.

BE
J. REEFUL: Please do not send messages in your parcel post packages. This is of course against the law. You remember the story of the girl who got a heavy fine because she sent a package to her mother with "Hello, mama!" in side it.

The library reading table has lately added "The Manzanar Free Press" to its papers. This mimeographed sheet put out by the Japanese is of more than local interest.

AT
MEM.
ZUNAR On a visit to the Owens Valley Reception Center, we met Miss Takako Saito, who is one of the librarians. The library that she showed us is still a shell, one of the 30' x 100' tar-paper covered buildings, but shelving and tables are soon to be added. Reading matter, all gifts, consisted of a good many magazines and a few books, the largest pile being hymn books that churches had sent to them for their Sunday services. Gifts of books in substantial quantity have been offered to the Center, so they will soon have a real library going. Miss Saito was a student at U. S. C. and expected to take the course in library science there, but was only a sophomore when arrested, so had not had the professional courses.

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION, BY BRANCHES

	<u>March, 1941.</u>	<u>March, 1942.</u>
Big Pine	1,106	625
Bishop	2,272	1,806
Cartago	67	67
Derwin	98	146
Death Valley	104	no report received
Furnace Creek	38	12
Haiwee	17	49
Independence	1,200	1,015
Lone Pine	1,032	631
South Mine	257	45
Shoshone	135	227
Toiyabe	45	discontinued
Total	6,394	4,773