

CHILD'S VIEW OF BOOKS IS BIG PROBLEM

Effort Made to Overcome Mistaken Tendency to Avoid Reading.

NEEDS OF LIBRARY GROW

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One of the big problems of the school today is to persuade the school children that books are not boring, but the most pleasant of companions; that just because their geometry, their history or some other subject they are struggling with is presented to them through book they are not to infer that all books are the avowal of the authors and girls—to be avoided as much as possible.

They must find that most delightful moments may be spent with the printed page (and that the Public Library offers free of charge of the highest entertainment, the heartiest laughs and the keenest enjoyment). Through its school libraries division the Public Library sends out books to the school classrooms.

It is purely optional with the child whether he reads books, but find him self attracted by the animal, fairy pictures and by the bright colored backs of some of the books. Before he knows it he is learning by his own fireside in the evening delightful things in the life of an Eskimo whom he heard about in a geography class that day. It is a real feather in the cap of the very small boy when he finds that there are actually library books in words small enough to fit in a pocket enough for him to read by himself.

FINDS BOOKS HIS FRIENDS.

Through such book collections for classrooms the book has come to be an admirable friend, sometimes even a mighty counselor in the art of making things with one's hands out of such available things as in one's pocket as string, nails, paper, wire, etc. There are no uncles or grandfathers near to tell an Indian story books can tell them quite as well. Books, too, answer the many questions of children much more satisfactorily than the elders can. A book in the pocket of an Indianapolis school child is coming to occupy quite as important a post as his top or his knapsack.

The first school libraries sent out here and there in small collections of books two years ago have raised a mad clamor from children all over the city for animal stories, stories of fairies and of children in other lands, adventure stories and books on electricity and engineering. Books have become as regular Frankenstein's threats to over-power us unless it can be provided with the books that it demands.

SITUATION TO BE REMEDIED.

The situation is not one to be despised of, but certainly one to be remedied. It is the fault of neither person nor organization but a sign of progress. We are outgrowing our skins. Due to both economic and legislative conditions, it is not possible at present to increase the book budget.

It is but reasonable that the library should turn to the parents and friends of these children to help find a way out. It cannot be possible that their elders would turn these children told day after day: "No, neither Little Women nor Robinson Crusoe is in. Now run along and play."

Yet this is virtually what the library assistants must say over and over. The school libraries division must turn down not individual children but whole classrooms of them, simply because there are not enough books.

Even when it is possible to send collections, there are never the amount asked for by the teachers and are often too few to go around. Some children have no other point of contact with the library and the classroom collection opens up a new book world to them.

CITIZENS NOT INVITED.

Indianapolis is not indifferent. Individually her citizens will see to it that good books be made as accessible to her children as the water they drink. Their interest will be expressed through endowment funds, wills and large and small contributions, as well as sets of books from the large-minded citizens. They will come to realize that the world of books is the rightful inheritance of every growing boy and girl.

The book needs for the high school students are quite as great as for the library division, what to regular library the minds of these young people as a bureau for disappointments and yet it is fast acquiring this name. Students naturally should expect the public library to have for them the standard works of fiction or non-fiction, standard lists, even such books as Scott, Dickens and Eliot are quite at a premium, as they are rarely to be found on the shelves. Some of the required reading the library does not even possess, as it has been read to pieces and cannot be replaced.

Many have had their patience tried at the library.

It has been suggested that some of the graduating classes might like to leave as a gift and a blessing to the classes to follow a bountiful collection at the library of the very books they have experienced such difficulty in getting. A special book plate provided by the library would designate the class which left the collection.

Many homes have idle sets of these standard authors which they would like to offer for public use through the library. The library has earnest need of you, your money, your books, your good wishes and the influence you may have for her among your acquaintances. Will you prove her very good friend?

24 Hoosier Medics Are Made Internes

Twenty-four graduates of the Indiana University School of Medicine are among the twenty-five internes appointed for the year by the Indiana State Board of public health. Jacob K. Berman of the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., is th only graduate of a school outside Indiana to be appointed.

The others appointed are as follows:

Nicholas Joseph Eastman, Philip Bowser, Fred L. Bissell, Mills, John E. Kline, Stanley M. Clegg, Frank Cole, Enoch T. Gandy, Harvey L. Mardock, Orville Hamilton, Fred E. Gifford, Harry W. Garton, Edwin O. Alvis and C. V. Carter. Alternates are Donald Dryer, Verne L. Turley, John Oliver Eller, Abe Cline, L. Forrest, S. W. S. D. H. Eustis, Joseph D. Seybert, Orville M. Graves, Carl C. Reffels, Wilbur F. Smith and S. L. Epple.

Hiram Is Hired

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—United States Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California has been retained as special counsel for New York City in the traction dispute arising over the efforts of the companies to increase the fares from 5 to 8 cents. It has been announced this afternoon by Corporation Counsel O'Brien.

Society

Miss Genevieve Hughel, 88 Whittier Place, entertainment appartment, chapter 111, Eastern Sorority, with dinner-musician at her home this afternoon. The program was given by Miss Mildred Casey, pianist; Miss Elsa Holzworth, violinist, and Miss Isabelle Cannon, soprano. The numbers embraced a piano group, including a Chopin prelude and the "Prophet Bird," by Schumann; violin number, "On Wings of Song" (Mendelssohn), and two songs, "Harrer Ware's "Summer Song." Following the program a buffet dinner was to be served. The decorations, table appointments and favors were in patriotic colors in honor of Washington's birthday.

Mrs. Joe Rand Beckett of the McKinzie Apartments will entertain tomorrow with the first of a series of bridge parties.

The Vir-Si-Tel will entertain with an informal dance tonight in the Assembly room of the Claypool Hotel.

Miss Dorothy Janice Ward, daughter of Mrs. and Mr. W. Ward, 111 North Indiana street, and Roy Lyndon Danck of New York City, were quietly married this morning in Christ Church, the Rev. James D. Stanley officiating. Following the service a wedding breakfast was served at the Spink Arms. Mr. and Mrs. Danck have gone to Lakewood, N. J., where they will pass several weeks at their home at the Hotel Saville, New York City, until May 1, when they will go to their summer home in Alpenhurst, N. Y.

Miss Dorothy Elliott, 2325 Bellefontaine street, will be hostess for the guest meeting of the Vett Lehr Sorority tomorrow evening. Miss Bettie Priesthoff is to be pledged to the organization during the evening.

The Womans Club will entertain Thursday afternoon with a "bridge" in the home of Mrs. A. H. Shanesberger, 262 Central avenue. This is one of a series of parties being given by the organization this season.

An interesting guest meeting was held in the Pocahontas room this afternoon by the Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The program was in the nature of a memorial to Anne Pamela Cunningham, founder of the Mt. Vernon Association. Mrs. Benjamin D. Walcott, vice regent of the association, talked the life and work of Anne Cunningham, and at the close of the remarks presented a tapestry with a gavel and a sword from the wood of a wild cherry tree which blew down at Mt. Vernon in 1914. In the handle was an insect bearing the wheel and discus, the A. D. R. insignia, in gold and blue. Miss Mildred Daugherty, vocalist, accompanied by Helen Warrum Chapman, sang a group of numbers. Mrs. Walcott, Mrs. Robert Geddes, Mrs. Henry A. Beck, Mrs. Earl Ogle, Mrs. E. U. Graft, Mrs. C. Henley, Miss Nancy Newcome, Miss A. B. Rollinson, Miss Sallie Barber, Mrs. Jessie C. Moore, Mrs. E. W. Warner and Mrs. Harry G. Eppa.

The Womans Club will entertain Thursday afternoon with a "bridge" in the home of John Kelleher, 230 North Liberty street. Sunday night, came in city court yesterday afternoon. Kelleher was fined \$5 by Judge Pritchard for disorderly conduct. A charge of operating a bawdy house was dismissed. The other, arrested at Kelleher's house, was fined \$1 on a charge of drunkenness.

By-cleven Drinkut and Bernauer went to Kelleher's residence on a complaint that there was a fearful noise there. They found a quart bottle and four smaller bottles that had contained hair tonic.

"Way tonic is better than this white man that is floating over the town," said Kelleher.



FOR BUSY LITTLE FOLKS.

The quaint fashion of pinsoires is revived in many ways. Here, a pink and white laced linen has baby ducks embroidered on the shallow yoke of it. The apron, as one can see, is tied at the sides with sashes of the same material—a pretty fashion that any small person would like.

MISS ELEANOR ANTHONY.

MISS ELEANOR ANTHONY, daughter of Representative Anthony and great-niece of Susan B. Anthony, will lead the procession of women who bring their children to the State capitol to be presented to the capital during the convention of the National Woman's Party. Descendants of each of the three pioneers honored will take part in the ceremonies.

"The deeds of Washington and the great principles for which he stood, embodied at all times the resolute ideals and high motives which inspired the American Legion to dedicate itself to upholding and defend the Constitution of the United States and to foster and perpetuate 100 per cent Americanism, and it is held fitting and proper on this memorable date to call on every man and woman who served their country in its hour of need to again come forward to the service of God and country by rallying to the support of the American Legion, as a special tribute to the Father of our country."

"In issuing this appeal to those who served in time of war it will not be inappropriate to include the words of George Washington, in his farewell address to the American people Sept. 17, 1783, when he said:

"Toward the preservation of your country and the permanency of your present happy state, it is requisite not only that you steadily disownenance irregular opposition to its acknowledged authority but also that you resist with care the spirit of innovation upon its principles, however specious the pretext."

The statement was signed by J. F. Cantwell, chairman of the council; H. C. Ketcham, first vice president, and E. Hobbs, treasurer.

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