

our guest speaker was Mrs C. A. Alderson of Ryckmans  
Corners the International Relationships Convenor  
for South Wentworth, who gave a most  
instructive talk on the subject "Training  
Children to read" She stressed the  
excellent literary training of the youth  
of Finland, one of the reasons for their  
stick-to-it-ness in the war. Books teach  
people to think, giving them a vision.  
Books are like keys. They open so many  
closed doors, open doors to agriculture  
horticulture, mining, chemistry, etc.  
The child should be taught long before  
school age, as young as 2 yrs with  
lined picture books, as they grow older  
use others with verses underneath  
pictures. Tell simple stories, if artistic,  
draw to illustrate. Always start with  
"once upon a time" or "let's pretend".  
Teach poetry. Give beauty and colour to all  
reading. As they grow older they will  
enjoy their lessons better if mother sits  
down to help. Train them to use their  
reference libraries, & to ask questions.  
It is an excellent plan to read one  
page of the dictionary every day.  
Study up hobbies. Mrs Alderson stressed