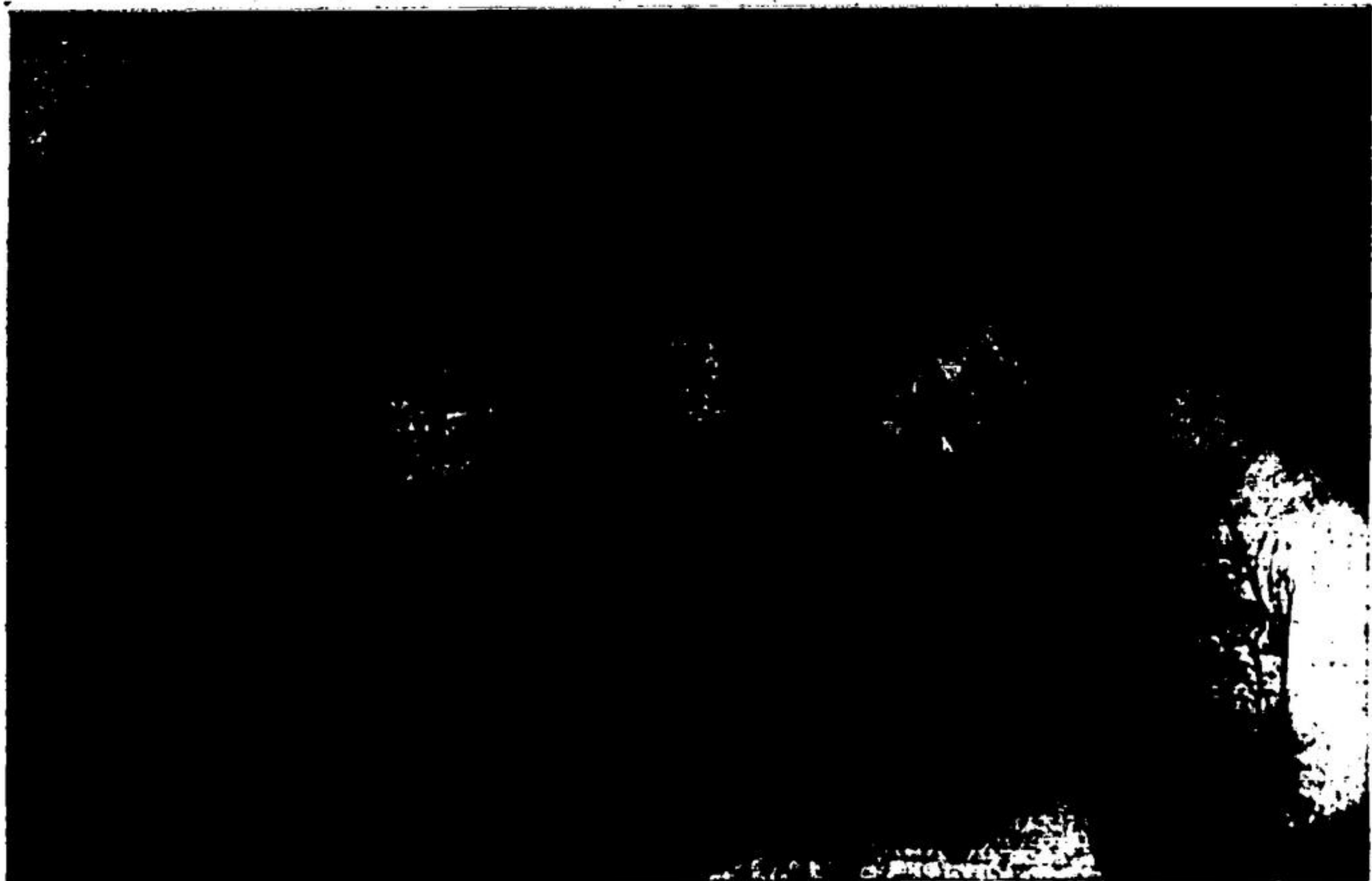


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Second Section



IT HAS PICTURES TOO points out Miss M. Chapman, assistant librarian who assists at the Robert Little School on Mondays. The new library, initiated through the efforts of the Acton Library Board and the Public School Board is capably managed by librarian Mrs. P. Watson and assistants Misses E. Taylor

and M. Chapman. Each Monday, children from grades 2-3-4 and 5 sort out the books of their choice and are given time in school to read the book. This is part of their regular curriculum. Shown in the picture with Miss Chapman are, Joan Palmer, Carol Bruce and Arnold McCoy.

New School Library Part of Curriculum

Constantly striving to instill a love of good books and reading in young minds, the Robert Little Public School this year has initiated a school library for Grades Two, Three, Four and Five.

With the co-operation of the Acton Public Library Board, town librarian Mrs. P. Watson and assistants Miss M. Chapman and Miss E. Taylor, the chore is shared each Monday of supplying and checking the books for the children at the school.

Each child has his own library card to be used just at the school, to keep an accurate check on the volumes read and returned.

With the adoption of the school library, confusion in lining up and marching to the town library is saved the smaller children.

The children are encouraged to read books and are given time in school as part of their regular training to complete the book of their choice each week.

Older grades of children still march weekly from their classrooms to the Acton Free Library at the Y.M.C.A.

Children of all ages have always been encouraged to avail themselves of the library facilities for reading at home and the librarians are always willing to help the youngsters with their selections.

This week Young Canada Book Week is being observed across the Dominion in an effort to bring to parents' attention the importance of good literature in the lives of their children.

Children's Reading

Book Discoveries for Your Child

By Nancy Cleaver

How often does your child discover a new world as he reads a book? A love of reading can greatly enrich your son's or daughter's life. The radio, TV and movies all compete for the time of children as well as adults. But reading, in its challenge to the imagination, gives an individual something which is unique. If your child finds real delight in books, this is one of the finest gifts which you as parents can pass on to the next generation.

Make no mistake about this: in the use of leisure, children are influenced by their parents' actions. If you take little time for reading, and rarely spend money for a new book, do not be surprised if your youngsters have a poor opinion of the importance of literature.

Adults do not get very far by urging a child to read a certain volume. Because it is good for you—you will learn so much! In their free time they want to do things they enjoy. But if they see that Mother and Dad like reading, and they know that books are prized possessions, they, too, will be glad to add gradually to the books on their own shelf.

Our modern houses have a very different appearance from the dwellings of the Romans two thousand years ago, but there is still truth in Cicero's comment: "A room without books is as a body without a soul."

Adventure stories have always been popular with boys and girls and in recent months several most

attractive adventure tales have appeared among the new books. Gull-ill, by Albert Viksten (Thomas Nelson), the story of a Polar bear cub, is a colorful, exciting story with an Arctic setting. Another fine book picturing this frozen land is The True North by joint authors Fairley and Israel (Macmillan of Canada). This latter book tells of the exploits of the great Arctic pioneer, young Joseph Bernier, early in this century, and is a worthy addition to the Great Stories of Canada.

Have you ever noticed how the section devoted to the Indians, our first Canadians, attracts children like a magnet in any museum or art gallery? Parents will be relieved to know that a new book has been printed which will give the answers to the many questions which youngsters ask after such a visit. It is Douglas Leechman's Native Tribes in Canada, published by W. J. Gage. The black and white illustrations in this book are well done. A junior reader would be delighted with the colored pictures in A Picture History of Canada (Oxford Press). Every province has its own school system but it is likely that scholars anywhere in our Dominion would find these volumes particularly useful when struggling with homework related to our own history in the early days.

In another way, by making pioneer times vivid for our readers, historical juveniles perform a useful service. Spitzee Anota, by D. R.

King (Longmans Green) tells of the early days in the West when fur traders dealt with the Blackfeet around Fort Edmonton. The Young Surveyor is the tale of the trail-finding pioneers in the Rockies, written by Olive Knox for Hyersons. When integration is such a vital topic, senior readers will read with new interest another Hyerson book, Black Moses, by Jesse L. Beattie, which makes the real "Uncle Tom" a convincing and lovable character.

What child has not gone through the stage when a book series has cast a spell and he searches eagerly for the latest volume to add to his collection? The number of titles in Clarke-Irwin's Famous Twins Series are numerous and Canadian children were proud to see Canadian twins appearing last year. This year twins from New Zealand and from Ceylon have joined the family. Another type of book which boys particularly like is a good annual, and Number 7 Eagle Annual is packed with interesting reading, including a helpful hobby section.

The third week in November marks Young Canada Book Week. Libraries and schools will celebrate it. But what about your home? Do you remember John Ruskin's remark, "If a book is worth reading, it is worth buying." So, don't wait for Christmas or a birthday, but go out now with your son or daughter and purchase a new book. What better investment in happiness can you make?

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1,400 Telephone Directories Mailed Throughout Acton Area

Some 1,400 new telephone directories, all bearing a fresh cover illustration, started to find their way into homes and business throughout Acton this week. About 72,000 more will be delivered to other communities covered by the book.

A drawing of the Galt Collegiate and Vocational School appears on the covers of local telephone books for the first time. The work of Canadian artist, Lorne Bouchard A.R.C.A., it replaces a sketch of the administration building at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

The number of directories needed throughout the area this year ex-

ceeded by almost 4,300, the mark set in 1956. In Acton, the increase amounted to about 90. The latest edition of the directory includes listings for Kitchener, Waterloo, Galt, Ayr, Preston, Guelph, Arthur and surrounding territory.

"The new directory is for immediate use," said C. S. Keith, Bell Telephone manager for this region. "To avoid confusion and loss of time, subscribers are advised to discard their old issues without delay."

BENTLEY, Alta. (CP)—Alex Alstro, a farmer near here, is proud of his cow that raised five calves in two years. First she had twin calves, then triplets.

United Church W.M.S. Hear Miss F. Moffat

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Church met at the home of Mrs. M. Burns on Tuesday, November 12. The president, Miss M. Z. Bennett, presided.

The scripture was read by Mrs. R. R. Arnold. Reports were received from the secretaries, Baby Band by Miss C. Henderson, supply by Mrs. C. W. Mason, Missionary Monthly by Mrs. C. W. Mason and community friendship by Mrs. F. Cleaver.

A silence was observed in memory of Mrs. J. Bell one of the oldest life members. Sympathy was extended to Mrs. H. Dennis and family and Mrs. Rolston and family.

Miss Flora Moffat, home on furlough from Bella Bella, British Columbia, was guest speaker. She gave a wonderful talk on her hospital work and general routine among the Indians. She explained how they have advanced in habits since Christianity has been taken to them through the missionaries' doctors and many other who are interested in their welfare.

A safe journey back to Bella Bella was wished for Miss Moffat. The meeting closed with the Miraph benediction. Mrs. Arnold and her group served light refreshments. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Burns for her home and lunch servers.

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Your aldermen, your member of the legislature and your member of parliament are always glad to hear from you.

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THE NEW SCHOOL LIBRARY is a busy centre on Mondays at the Robert Little School, when grades 2-3-4 and 5 sort out the books of their choice. The new library system saves a trip to the town library during the school hours. Shown left to right are: Miss M. Chapman, one of the town librarians who devotes much time to the distribution of books to the children, Margie McKenzie and Steven Wolfe, both grade five students, choosing their books on Monday.

Barefoot Freedom for Toddlers Recommended by Association

Soft shoes which give "barefoot freedom" to babies learning to walk were recommended in a communication from the American Medical Association received by the Health League of Canada.

Baby's first shoes may hold the answer to the kind of foot comfort he will have as an adult, it is pointed out. If the baby is given "barefoot freedom" which permits the foot to develop naturally, he will probably have comfortable feet when he grows up.

Because normal foot muscles become strong only through use, only a supple foot covering that permits the utmost freedom of movement should be worn by the infant and toddler. If the baby's foot is confined

in a shoe which holds any part of it in conformity, even the heel, which is usually supported, the foot will become weak and stiff.

In addition, stiff shoes may handicap him in learning to walk. The communicante quoted one mother who said that her year-old son took his first steps when she put soft shoes on him. In hard-soled shoes, he "just stood there as if he were wearing skates that might topple him any minute—and they did too, for he could not bend his feet to gain his balance."

A survey of 175 California doctors on the best type of footwear for babies and toddlers revealed that:

- 1 A shoe which permits the foot to grow unhampered is best.
- 2 The shoe should be foot-shaped with a straight inner line. It should copy the baby's foot rather than trying to confine the foot into a tiny copy of the adult foot.
- 3 It should be wide across the toes to permit spreading and flexing as the child walks. A little child beginning to walk "grips with his toes and rotates on his heels as he bends and runs". Soft shoes allow him to do this with ease.
- 4 A simple tie or buckle may fasten the shoes, but no constraining laces should be permitted to interfere with the free flexing of the arch. The heel may be snug-fitting, but should have no counters. Through use, the heel and ankle will strengthen naturally.
- 5 The entire shoe preferably should be made of leather, which "breathes through its open pores," and allows essential ventilation.

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