

## Library Report

By Mrs. Isabel Watson

The library is open every afternoon from 2 to 5 except Saturday and then it is open from 12 to 5.

Anyone who cares may come and have a comfortable time sitting and browsing through such books as Robert Bly's "Poetry" and "The Book of David". This beautiful book has 58 colour plates, 144 photographs, 10 maps and line drawings as well as commentary and some poetry.

This book is about the history of the world and was published at the time of the Library's official opening by the T. Eaton Co. of Canada.

Another book that can be enjoyed to the same degree is "The Polar Passage" by our own Canadian author Farber Mowat. He tells and illustrates all the early explorations of the north from the time of Theophrastus Urvashi in 1497 A.D. down to Captain Frederick Cook in 1907-08. "Polar Passage" has beautiful illustrations, which are reproductions in colour of the work of J. F. Lamberton, one of the world's foremost bird painters.

Recently, our shelves are much richer with the addition of three books on child psychology, "Infant and Child in the Culture of Today," "The Child from Five to Ten," and "Youth", The Years from Ten to Sixteen. These three outstanding books have been written by Arnold Gesell, M.D., Frances L. Ilg, M.D. and Louise H. Ames, Ph.D.

And now in a lighter vein, "Angels in Battle" is a novel of intrigue and adventure in the South Seas by Gayland White. "The Merry-Go-Round in the Sea," depicts a boy growing up as a part of an Australian clan in a small town and gives a very definite picture of life and living in the country Australia.

Then "Foundations" by Norma Sluhan gives a picture of Canada's West and the Northwest Territories in the early days of Canada's settlers, and some ideas as to the North West Rebellion of 1885.

"Thirty Days Hath September" is by Owen John, who writes this exciting tale of espionage and counter espionage on a grand scale. Then there is "Captain Hornblower R.N." by C. S. Forester who writes these Hornblower series as only Forester can write.

In the children's section - a new shipment of books has just arrived of which these few titles are mentioned now: a new set of four of A. A. Milne "Winnie the Pooh," "The House at Pooh Corner," also a set of four of Mary Poppins and twenty-four titles of Beatrix Potter's delightful little stories for tiny tots.

One is on Automation for the bigger boys and girls who are so busy with all manner of projects these days.



PARISHIONERS OF ST. ALBANS' washed their feet, Rev. R. McMurray and family presiding at a gathering after the 10.30 a.m. service Sunday. Rev. McMurray has been transferred to new duties at the University of Guelph as a full time chaplain. He and his family were presented with gifts. Gavin, Morag, Gillie and Michael are shown with Mrs. McMurray and Rev. McMurray. (Staff Photo)

### Same old shillelagh brought from Ireland

Since Sunday is St. Patrick's Day we would indeed be remiss if the occasion passed without some mention of it. And this thought must have occurred to others, because Catherine Graham of R.R. 1, Limestone, has written an article about the hardwood blackthorn stick, which is familiarly known as the shillelagh, as traditionally Irish as the shamrock.

On St. Patrick's Day, say the Irish, there are only two types of people those who are Irish and those who wish they were.

**THE IRISH SHILLELAGH**  
By Catharine Graham

The hardwood blackthorn stick, which is known as the Shillelagh, is cut from the blackthorn trees and bushes that line the lanes and cover the hillsides of Ireland. The first sticks were cut in a large forest in Co. Wicklow, through which the Shillelagh river runs, hence the name. According to legend, St. Patrick rested beneath a blackthorn bush one wet December day. While flowers burst forth to shelter him. They say the bush still blooms in December, regardless of the weather. Used as hunting weapons those endlogs (as they were also called) were essential to the peasant of the "Middle Ages". Every Irish boy of that period would spend hours searching the woods and hedgerows for the stout stick that would be his companion during life. Every spare moment would be spent sitting in front of the turf fire, smoothing the knots and rounding the head. From the day the shillelagh was completed, until his death he would carry it with him for protection, and it was even placed inside his coffin. Today the Shillelagh is no longer a weapon but a souvenir. Foreign tourists all want one to hang over their fireplaces, as a reminder of a happy holiday, or a proud claim to Irish ancestry. Shillelaghs are also made from the hawthorn bush but these are not really genuine.

### OSPRINGE

## Truck swerves to avoid pup strikes girl on highway 25

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson

Donna Daken received a bruised thigh when struck by a small truck on Highway 25 below the village, on Friday afternoon. She and a friend Valerie Fraser were walking on the shoulder of the road and a neighbor's pup followed them and ran on the road. The driver braked to avoid the dog and the truck skidded and struck Donna. Examination and X-ray at the hospital showed only a bruised thigh.

Fortunately, not too serious a mishap. Thirteen tables of cards were played at the monthly supper of the school on Friday evening sponsored by the Osprings Women's Institute. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. H. Switzer, Mrs. John King, D.G. Robertson and C. Storey for high scores; lucky chair H. Switzer; lucky cup Fred Overland.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Klooster and family, Silvercreek, were recent visitors at the home of the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. K. Klooster.

Mrs. E. Harwin of Eden Mills was a recent visitor with Mrs. M. Jackson. Sunday visitors at the home of D. G. and Mrs. Robertson included Mr. and Mrs. Ken Robertson Lynda and Donna, Oakville; Mr. and Mrs. George Young, Acton; Mrs. C. L. Helmier, Darlens Robertson and Miss Margie McIver, Guelph.

On Sunday morning members of the local Presbyterian Church journeyed to Erin for the com-

lined Communion service of the two Churches, held in Burns Presbyterian church. Mrs. H. Fuller accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. H. McLean, of Knudville, attended a luncheon dinner for her sister-in-law at Oakville prior to a trip to Africa.

The third meeting of the "Osprings Tea Grande" was held at the home of Mrs. D. Milton with six members and two leaders present.

Donna Milton opened the meeting with the 4-H pledge, followed by the minutes of the last meeting which were read by Patti Ellis. The roll call "One Thing I Would Appreciate in A Guest Room" was answered by all.

A choice of colors was made for the record books. Under the topic "Sharing a family meal" tables were given by Mrs. Milton on Table Setting and Service and Mrs. Ellis gave notes on Table manners.

The meeting closed with the serving of raisin bread and juice. "Osprings Tea Grande" met again at Mrs. Milton's house for the fourth meeting.

Following the opening exercise Patti Ellis called the roll, answered by "An exchange of material for reference file".

The leaders Mrs. R. Ellis and Mrs. D. Milton gave helpful notes on Formal and Informal Teas; and also demonstrated four different types of fancy sandwiches. The girls practised making some and the leaders commented on them with ideas to improve them. Juice and the sandwiches were

enjoyed at the conclusion of the meeting.

Mrs. K. Klooster was hostess for the meeting of the Women's Institute.

Miss Doris Fines presided and opened with a short poem, "Home". The scripture, Psalm 121 was read by Mrs. K. Fidler.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. C. Storey read the minutes, financial statement and correspondence.

A letter from the Canadian Society reminded all women of the clinic being held in Guelph on March 27 at 2-440 and 7-830.

An invitation was received to the 50th Anniversary of Hanockburn, W.L. to be held March 20 in Linsdale Church and all interested are to contact Mrs. B. Fuller.

It was decided to hold the gathering at Mrs. E. Fisher's home on March 27 starting at 10 a.m. Current events were reviewed by Miss Doris Fines.

Mrs. G. Grundy, as convener, for Agriculture and Canada Industries, had an informative paper on "New milks and margarine" in popular diets, comparing prices and food values to regular dairy products.

Roll call - "An industry I'd like to visit" brought a wide choice of popular places; some of which may be included in a bus trip to be taken at a later date.

Mrs. T. Fines and Mrs. H. R. Howard assisted with a delicious lunch of fruit bread, cake and ice cream.

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