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NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

HIGH BRIGHT BUOY WHEELS

by Laela Creighton
This is a first novel of unusual power and perception that is obviously the product of deep appreciation of an Ontario that is still to be found if one looks for it. It observes to be placed beside Patrick Slater's Yellow Briar and our own Mr. Pollock's Jupiter Eight. The trilogy serves to emphasize the fact that Ontario is slowly but surely attaining a praiseworthy degree of literary maturity and doing it quietly and without too much fuss, which is both typical and healthy.

In this novel we have a most attractive picture of a Mennonite farming community, a typical Ontario small town and a thin slice of Toronto serving as a background for a deeply moving story. Tillie Shantz in her black Mennonite bonnet stirs the love of two very different men. One of them is Simon Goude, a simple semi-literate young farmer with a call to preach. The other is George Bingham, the young druggist in town. He represents a wider world of more varied values and ideas.

Powerfully influenced by her whole narrow but passionate religious background and by pressure of her family whose love and respect she treasures, Tillie does her best to avoid the attraction of the young townsman and becomes engaged to Simon. It is not till she is on the very verge of marrying Simon and accompanying him to central Africa that she dramatically draws back and cuts herself off from her own people. The resultant estrangement and tragedy leading at the last to reconciliation and understanding on both sides are finely worked out. This is undoubtedly one of the best books yet to come from the pen of a Canadian writer.

THE YELLOW BRIAR

by Patrick Slater
This is a reprint of another first rate story of old Ontario. The setting is principally in the country around Mono Mills.

RENNY'S DAUGHTER

by Mazo de la Roche
This is the latest of the Jaina books. The setting is accidentally in Ontario, but not many Ontarians will recognize the life it portrays. To those who like the Jaina series and their name is legion, this will add another enthralling and interesting chapter to the phantasmic history of that incredible White-oaks family. The book in itself is mildly entertaining and adequately written.

CHILDREN OF THE ARCHBISHOP

by Norman Collins
This is the latest novel by the author of London Belongs To Me. It

is popular these days to compare Mr. Collins to Charles Dickens. There are certainly obvious resemblances. Both write intimately, of the life familiar aspects of the world's largest city. Both can caricature a character or exaggerate an incident in a way that evokes chuckles of delight; both require outside canvases for their pictures—Children of the Archbishop runs to 576 pages of none-too-large print, but there is an urbanity about Mr. Collins works that was alien to the crusading spirit of Charles Dickens. On the other hand Mr. Collins has a plot of sorts — obscured though it often may be.

The Archbishop who died in the seventeenth century has five hundred children. They are the inmates of the Foundling Hospital established and endowed. The book begins with the ending of Canon Mallow's rather shambling regime. The new warden, Big Brother as he prefers to think of himself, is Dr. Trump. He is a born administrator and efficiency expert. He introduces regulations, organization and efficiency in large doses. It takes a lot of unhappy incidents and a front-page scandal to get the worthy doctor promoted upstairs and the Canon back again. After all, the Canon did understand children if he'd never heard of the social sciences.

The humour of the book is provided chiefly by the escapades of Ginger and Sweetie, two of the founding children and by the amorous escapades of Mr. Prevost, the Hospital's organist and music teacher.

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

by Omer Englbart
The learned Abbe here gives the interesting and colourful facts of the lives of some 2300 men and women who have been duly canonized. The work is arranged according to the dates on which the saints' feasts fall in the calendar year. Some have only a line or two while others are given in more detail according to the amount of information available. We were surprised for instance to learn that there were two quite different Saints by the name of Valentine. Both have their day celebrated on Feb. 14th. The accuracy of the book is assured by the imprimatur of Leo, Episcopus Northamptonensis.

JUVENILE BOOKS

BROWN BEAR'S PICNIC
with story and pictures by Katherine Wood
DINNY AND DANNY
by Louis Slobodkin
BIRTHDAYS FOR ROBIN
by Helen Sewell
LOST IN THE ZOO
by Berta and Elmer Hader
RAG TAG AND BOBTAIL PUPPETS
by Nancy Henry
THE SQUIRREL THAT REMEMBERED
by Dana Saintsbury

The above books, all delightfully and in most cases lavishly illustrated are for younger readers in the 6-10 years of age group. It is encouraging to see so many of younger readers flocking to the Library after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. It is proving quite a task to keep up with their requirements.

FLAME OVER AFRICA

by Eric Leyland
An adventure story for older boys.

SENTINEL IN THE SADDLE

by L. and J. Jones
A Junior Literary Guild selection that tells a story of a boy's adventures in the Far West with rustlers and feuds and game-hunting thrown in.

POND LIFE

by R. L. E. Ford
An interesting and well illustrated book about fishes, reptiles, insects, water spiders, leeches, birds, etc., with a chapter on how to make and maintain an interesting pond of your own.
(Reviewed by J. L. Lambert)

FARM NEWS

OUTSTANDING RECORDS BY HALTON BREEDER

Four Silver Medals and one Gold Medal in one year in a herd of 13 cows is an enviable record. That is the achievement of Ken Ella of Hornby, president of the Halton Jersey Club. All of the records were made in 305 days on twice a day milking. The Gold Medal was made by Rockwood Glance which as a 9-year-old produced 13,097 lbs. milk and 658 lb. fat.

Sunycroft Prudent Rosland as a 4 year old made a record of 11,088 lb. milk and 581 lb. fat, which is a Silver Medal award.

Other Silver Medal winners were Rock Ella Fremont's Lady which as a 2 year old produced 9,199 lbs. milk and 504 lb. fat; Rock-Ella W. R. Lady as a 3 year old with 8,282 lbs. of milk and 589 lb. fat; Rock Ella Volunteer Clara, a two year old with 7,937 lbs. milk and 447 lb. fat.

It was also interesting to learn that the mature cows in the Ella herd on two times milking in 305 days had an average production of slightly over 10,000 lbs. milk and 600 lbs. fat. Dairyman will agree that this is a very good record.

Forest Protection

Wisconsin, which has set an outstanding record in protecting its forests against fire, plans a program of protection against forest-damaging insects as well. The fight against forest insects will become an organized effort similar to that carried on against the fire menace. Forest dusting or spraying with DDT and other chemicals by means of planes will be the method used. The state entomologist points out that it is fruitless to protect any given stand of forest growth against fire and then permit it to be destroyed by insect infestations.

From Tomahawk to Radar

Fort Bliss, Tex., was established early in 1943 as a Mexican border station and support for American settlers against marauding Indians. Today, over the arid expanse where horse and mule hoofs raised dust, planes fly at supersonic speeds. The post, which once was the country's largest cavalry station, now studies problems of flak, radar and anti-radar devices. It also checks anti-aircraft guns and guided missiles in test firing against such modern developments as rapid-controlled targets.

Keep Tires Properly Inflated
Underinflation is bad for tires made of natural rubber and even worse for synthetic. Both types become warm in use even when they are properly inflated, as a result of flexing or bending as the tire rolls along. The lower the tire's pressure the greater the amount of bending and the more heat produced. Tires containing synthetic rubber, due to their different composition, develop even more heat than natural rubber tires.

Discovery of New York
New York, one of the original 13 states, has had a vital and eventful part in American development since the earliest times. Verrazano, sailing for the French, discovered New York harbor and lower Hudson river in 1524. It remained for Henry Hudson, an Englishman employed by the Dutch East India company, to explore the river and establish the Dutch claim to the region in September, 1609.

National Park Program
Federal government program for the year 1949, which started July 1, calls for \$3,000,000 for new construction in the Blue Ridge parkway of North Carolina and Virginia, and \$2,000,000 for the Natchez-Trace parkway in Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. Expenditure for the Great Smoky mountains national park in North Carolina and Tennessee is to be \$565,536.

Women's Suffrage
First women's rights convention was held at Seneca Falls, N. Y., July 19 and 20, 1848. The 68 women and 21 men who signed this declaration of feminine independence were dubbed cranks and extremists by most of their contemporaries, and the press of the country either scolded them or laughed at them.

Old Prague Clock
Old town hall clock in Prague, in operation after years of wartime silence, was first set in motion in 1400. Wooden figures of the 12 apostles march across the face of this clock, and a black cock crows three times after the hour has struck.

At Last—Dry Salt
A tiny electric oven for drying out humid salt and sugar shakers has been patented. The oven contains an electric heater with a shallow base and vertical housing. Salt shakers and sugar bowls can be placed in the housing to dry but the contents whenever necessary.

White-Tail Deer
White-tail deer are polygamous and the normal doe continues to have twin fawns every year after her first one. With offspring producing progeny, each doe is said to be responsible for 100 offspring in 10 years time.

Treating Fence Posts
When treating fence posts with the new cold-soak pentachlorophenol method, soak them in an old oil drum that has been set into the ground a foot or so. It makes it easier to handle the posts.

Ironing Board Cover
Re-cover the ironing board less frequently by dipping new cover in cold starch and tucking it on while damp. It dries tight, smooth and stays clean longer.

Tops in Billiards
At the peak of his career, Willie Hoppe, outstanding among billiard players, made about \$30,000 annually.

Population of Warsaw
According to latest statistics, the population of Warsaw, Poland, totals 589,000 inhabitants, that of Krakow, 303,000.

Nation of Oldsters
One out of every three persons in the United States is 45 years old or older. This is about 50 million Americans.

DDT Sprays
DDT solutions may be sprayed lightly on wool clothes without injuring the fabric.

Cause of Farm Fires
Seven per cent of all farm fires are caused by matches or cigarettes.

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