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BOOK QUIZ TO COMBAT CRIME COMICS

After all we have heard about the need of saving children from the influence of crime comics, it is heartening to find a group of rural women doing something about it. The Elmview Women's Institute in Northumberland County, is trying the experiment of setting up a counter interest by means of children's book quiz, preparation for which requires the reading of an attractive list of classics. Alice in Wonderland, Black Beauty, Tom Sawyer, Bambi, Little Women, Treasure Island, Pinocchio, Heidi, Robinson Crusoe, Beautiful Joe, Anne of Green Gables and some half dozen others.

As the first step in their 'Better Reading Campaign,' the women sent a questionnaire to two local schools to find out what the children were reading. The answers showed a long list of comic books and very few others; so the institute was assured that everything they could do to promote good reading was well worth doing. At the beginning of the school term in September an announcement of the quiz contest was sent to each of the four schools in the area. The quiz would be held in the spring so the children could have the fall and winter months for their reading. All of the books assigned were in the school libraries, but it is reported that they were seldom seen on the shelves all winter.

The final quiz contest was a big event in the community. Each school entered two pupils — a boy and a girl. In order to ensure a large audience of children, each school was asked to provide two numbers for a program of entertainment. Three children's films were also shown. A quiz master had been found who could put the children at their ease, and as the quiz proceeded even the children in the audience were soon waving their hands and wanting to answer too.

It is of interest that the committee in charge of this venture are all former school teachers, married to farmers and living on farms in the district. They are Mrs. Frank Alexander, the originator of the idea, Mrs. George Cole and Mrs. Don Budd. They themselves, read, or no doubt re-read, the books assigned and framed the questions to be asked — which was something of a chore since each question must have only one possible answer and must be interesting to both the contestants and the audience. Mrs. Alexander explains that it was hoped such questions as 'What did Anne put in the cake by mistake the day the minister and his wife came to tea and why did Tom Sawyer and Huck take the dead cat to the graveyard at midnight?' might make other children want to read the books.

Local school teachers, and the school inspector, gave their enthusiastic support to the project. Teachers from other districts have expressed the wish that some group would launch a Better Reading Campaign in their sections. Mothers say their children are now bringing home more library books. And the Elmview Women's Institute is making plans for a bigger and better Book Quiz next year.

Revise Commercial Class For This Year's Fall Fair

Plans are now well underway for Georgetown's big fall fair on October 1st and 2nd. The board of directors have held two recent meetings at the homes of T. J. Brownridge and Mac Alexander to finalize plans and bring the prize list up to date.

The ladies' section of the fair board has been doing a wonderful job in arranging for the hall display and have had their advance prize list out for some weeks. In addition, to this, however, some very attractive specials have been obtained and these will be published later this month. Exhibitors in the ladies' division would do well to enquire about these.

The names of Sybil Bennett, M.P. and Mayor Jack Armstrong were added to that of Stan Hall, M.P.P. as honorary presidents of Georgetown Fair.

One of the most interesting changes in the prize list is in the Commercial Dairy Calf section, where this year two wrist watches will be given to boys and girls for showmanship. This class has been a big attraction at the fair for the past years, and the added prizes should encourage even more junior farmers to bring their calves to the fair. Besides the usual watch offered by the Canadian Bank of

Commerce, Paul Barber of Barber's Gift Shop is also donating a watch this year.

Most important, too, is the fact that the showmanship class has been revised to include two classes with a watch going as first prize in each, \$10.00 second prizes and prizes of \$5.00 each from third to eighth. Boys and girls under 16 years of age will compete in class one and boys and girls from 16 to 20 in class two.

The long summer drought will be hard on the flower and vegetable displays this year, but it is hoped exhibitors will try and preserve as many good exhibits as possible.

The track is being put into fine shape for the harness races, and the new fence along the track, erected by the town, will certainly enhance the horse show and be a greater protection for the public.

An added feature this year will be the Hydro mobile exhibit which will acquaint visitors with conversion and the use of hydro in the home. Some local merchants are already talking of setting up displays on the grounds for the day.

There'll be more about the fair in the weeks ahead, so watch this newspaper for further activities of this time-honoured institution.

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LIMEHOUSE

Mrs. Newton Becomes Life Institute Member

Officers and life members of Limehouse Women's Institute spent a delightful Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Winifred Ivens and Mrs. John Newton.

The ladies enjoyed an hour's chat and then Mrs. J. Ellerby spoke of the number of years that Mrs. Newton had been a W.I. member, of her willingness to help any project when possible, and that even now as an invalid, gives cheer and encouragement to any who come in contact with her.

Mrs. Ed. Sanford, on behalf of W.I. members, presented Mrs. Newton with a life membership pin and Mrs. Jack Roughley presented the certificate. The recipient, though surprised, thanked the ladies and asked that her appreciation be passed on to the other members. After the presentation Miss Ivens served refreshments.

Mrs. A. J. Smethurst and Mrs. William Mitchell are the other charter and life members of the organization.

Royce Weston Weds At St. George's Church

An Erin couple were married here in St. George's Anglican Church on July 24th. Wedding principals were Linda Thomsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aksel Thomsen and Bert Royce Weston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Weston. The groom is grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Weston of town. Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson officiated.

A reception was held for seven guests at the Busholme Inn, Erin after the wedding.

George Farr Leading Brampton Businessman

One of Brampton's leading garage-men, George Farr, 58, died suddenly at his summer home near Caledon.

Member of the Brampton Excelsior lacrosse team in his younger days, he had been in business in Brampton for more than 30 years. He leaves his widow, a son William and two daughters Mrs. G. Bradshaw, Brampton and Mrs. N. S. Gordon, Belair, Maryland.

Former Georgetown Closes Brampton Shop

Mrs. Russell Kirby, once proprietor of a specialty clothing shop in town, is closing her business in Brampton.

When Mr. and Mrs. Kirby moved to Brampton, she opened a ladies' wear shop on Queen St. W., creating one of the town's most attractive stores, which she has operated for eight years. Prior to that, her store was located in Georgetown, in premises now occupied by the Horseshoe Grill.

ANGLICAN RECTOR FONTHILL TRANSFER

Rev. Ralph Price, Anglican rector at Acton and Rockwood since 1952, has a new appointment as rector of the parish of Fonthill and Port Robinson, commencing in September.

Mr. Price was in Guelph before going to Acton. His successor at Acton has not yet been announced.

POOR MAYOR

A reader caught this joke from a weekly newspaper, told during a broadcast from a Toronto radio station, and appreciated it so much that she thought others would enjoy it too.

It seems two neighbours met.

"Hello, Jack."

"Hello, Bill. How's everything?"

"O all right, but the old mario died last night."

Little Johnny, who was listening, ran to his mother and said: "Mom, guess what, the mayor's dead."

"Who said so, Johnny?"

"Jack just told dad."

So mom ran to the phone and called Mary.

"Hello, Mary. Guess what? Our mayor's dead."

"You don't say. What happened to him? He was such a nice man."

"It might have been his hip. He was a bit lame."

Mary phoned one of her country friends, and six receivers came off the hook.

"Hello, Hilda. Have you heard, our mayor's dead?"

"Six gasps are heard."

"Cancer of the hip, you say?"

"Well, I've told Jim to lay-off smoking so much."

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