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documentary on Lucy Maud Montgomery found themselves comparing notes about teen-age memories of this famous Canadian author and her well- loved books. Reading Actonites generally took a possessive pride in L.M. Montgomery. After all, as the wife of Presbyterian minister, the Rev. Ewan McDonald, she lived only ten miles away in Norval. The manse visible from the highway, drew eager hopeful glances from local bus and car travellers. There was always the chance that the creator of Anne might be in her garden or otherwise

teacher friend generated smirking cats. This gesture Island background of most great excitement one sum-

on a shadowing expedition all over town, dodging behind trees and telephone poles, in order to see without being seen. A dubious operation judging by the amused look on the face of the distinguished visitor. Why not approach the school teacher and ask for an introduction? Too shy; besides it was more fun tailing the couple. Even that many years ago, teen-

agers were joyously daft.

Another admirer of L.M. Montgomery recalls her delight when the writer then Toronto, autographed a gift copy of The Blue Castle chosen for a favorite aunt in England. Under her signature, the author sketched a row of

fan persuaded a more sen- already been hooked for life sible chum to accompany her on L.M. Montgomery and her

Youthful Acton readers used to trade arguments about the merits of the Anne books versus the Emily books, some preferring Emily of New Moon to Anne of Green Gables because the former is more impish than red-haired Anne spelled with an E.

With the exception of The Blue Castle and The Tangled Web, all the Montgomery stories feature girl heroines. The Blue Castle not only chronicles the charming love story of spinster Valancy rated a hopeless old maid by her unlovable clan, it is set in Ontario Muskoka district) a change from the Prince Edward would have completely won other Montgomery books.

island but she responded dramatically to the scenic beauty of old Ontario. Recently the library bought a paperback copy of The Blue Castle which has missing from our shelves for a number of years. To quote a Staffer: 'It stands rereading." A test for any good

At the same time, The Tangled Web was also avallable Another good re-read about the heirloom jug and its impact on the lives of a unique clan vividly portrayed the book donor if she hadn't Lucy Maud loved her home by a natural story-teller.

Who is Harry Patterson? In some dictionaries goes name is in the same category. The Title: The Valhalla Exchange.

proud of his daughter Sarah at the library. who at sixteen authored The Distant Summer, a beautiful love story set in wartime England. Sarah's style is different from her father's, but she too is a story-teller unlike many so-called writers who produce big tomes about disa and data without really saying anything worth remembering.

Someone asked a member of the local library staff the meaning of "orienteering" which sent the latter in vain to a dictionary. Definition of this new word which is not yet Bagnold.

He is Jack Higgins who wrote thusly: "Orienteering adds a under this pseudonym, two new dimension to hiking: the best-sellers. The Eagle Has rally. The goal is to locate, Landed and Storm Warning using only map and compass, earning him a reputation as a predesignated control points spellbinder. Both are what set at varying degrees of literary critics describe as distance and difficulty from a "compulsive reading". His central starting point." latest book under his own Complicated? This new sport is described in Orienteering for Sport and Pleasure by Hans Bengtsson and George Harry Patterson is very Atkinson. A new paper back

> For those who chuckle at Doreen Tovey's adventures with her Slamese cats and donkey, there's Raining Cats and Donkeys for reading pleasure. Detective thriller addicts

should enjoy Death In The City by JRL Anderson, a new name in the library catalogue. How many years since you

read the incomparable "National Velvet"? The old magic holds on re-reading this one-of-a-kind by Enid

Ross Patterson

Funeral service was held at 10. the Wall-Custance Funeral Home, Guelph, January 12 for William Ross Patterson, who died suddenly in St. Joseph's hospital, Guelph.

Mr. Patterson was born July 8, 1900 in Erin township. and farmed in that area for many years. He lived at 229 Dublin St. N., Guelph at the time of his death on January

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Elva McCutcheon. Left to mourn his loss are his sons, Bill of Milton, Robert of Acton, Alan of Rockwood and Douglas of Guelph, and brothers Pat of Limehouse, Arthur Lakeland Florida, Eliot and Russell of Acton and Wilbur

survived by nine children.

The funeral service was followed by interment at Rockwood cemetery. The Rev. Forbes of St. Andrew's church, Guelph, officiated at the service.

Members of Walker Lodge held a Masonic service of Rockwood, He is also.

Frank Marolt

Ave. died in Guelph General Hospital January 14. He was

70 years old. Mr. Marolt is survived by wife Maria, and two

Frank Marolt of 61 Bower of Toronto. He also had three grandchildren.

d ughters Helen Marolt, Acton, and Doreen Slobodnik. St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Church, Acton yesterday (Tuesday). Interment was at

Water

January 1

Despite the very cold weather, the wild fowl at the lake have managed to keep open water for themselves. Funeral Mass was cel- The small area of open water ebrated at St. Joceph's is behind the arena. Many ducks and swans are clustered around it. The birds are fed daily.

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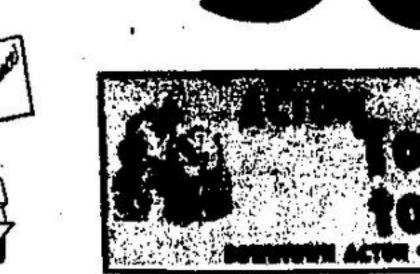
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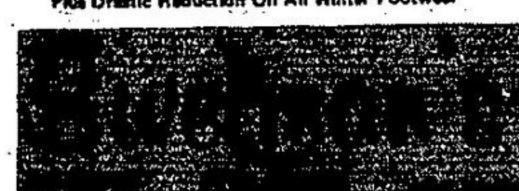
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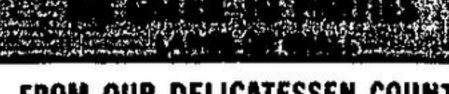
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