

Acton library looseleaf



Kiktoria Kadlarka? mill-uglakadlarka? You are foot-loose in the Canadian Arctic and an Eskimo asks you the forgoing questions. They sound formidable. What do they mean? The Eskimo of the Inuit people, only wants to know: Are there many mosquitoes? Are there many black flies? If you want to make your position clear, that you are a stranger and do not know the customs here, you wind your tongue around: Tujormitjavunga Taujilungilangalo ilulupisngnik. These tongue twisters are found in a new library book: Conversational Eskimo, by F.W. Peacock. In his introduction, Peacock notes that "pronounce very letter" was the advice given me 40 odd years ago by one who had spoken the Inuit language for almost 50 years, and I still feel this is good advice to the non-native speaker." Conversational Eskimo a self-guided to the language of the Inuit is meant to help non-native people living among the Inuit.

Assuming that inflation has not missed the Canadian Arctic, here is the Inuit interpretation of it: It is costly (expensive)—Akketudlarpok. There's a succinct word for: I don't know what to think—Atsuki! In these perplexing times, there are plenty of opportunities for confessing: Atsuki!

If you are interested in the English language, Poplilies and Bellibones will provide entertainment and knowledge. Poplilies and Bellibones: a celebration of lost words was written by Susan Keiz Sperling, with drawings by George Moran.

One of the requests that decompilates library staffers is: What funny books do you recommend? To be honest, really funny ha-ha books are rare. On the other hand, there are scads of funny-peculiar books which do nothing for a sense of humor. Gloom, doom and horror. As an antidote, this fan of Paul Gallico is delighted to recommend: Scruffy, "a diversion by the author of Mrs. Arris goes to Paris." The story is about Scruffy "the meanest, most malevolent, misanthropic ape who ever lived."

Gallico takes readers back to the opening days of World War II, when everything that could go wrong was going wrong for Britain and her allies. His plot revolves around a legend that when the last of the Barbaray apes dies or leaves Gibraltar, the British too will disappear from the island.

Scruffy is a chuckle from beginning to end. It also provides more than one 'belly laugh'. Perfect summer reading, although the book is not new.

On the chuckle side, don't miss the cover of the May issue of In Britain. It's a Norman Thelwell cartoon of an English hunt scene: a grinning fox hidden in the brush of a typical tatty Thelwell pony with a young Irish driver. Fox, rider and pony watch from a hiding place while the hunt thunders by on a futile chase. There

are more delightful Thelwell cartoons inside the magazine illustrating an article: Thelwell Without Being Trampled by William Foster. To date, the library has one Thelwell book: Riding Academy. Not new, but worth leafing for readers who may have missed it.

In April 1974, not long after Princess Anne and her husband Captain Mark Phillips were held a gun point in the Mall, Prince Charles was attacked by a mentally unbalanced naval officer. The incident is reported in Charles Royal Adventurer by Dan Coolican and Serge Lemoine, among a batch of new books at the library this week. Lavishly illustrated with color photos, Royal Adventurer is "a close-up on Prince Charles the adult, his adventures on the high seas and in the air, his exploits on royal tours and at home, and his many romances real or rumored." Charles emerges as a man of action with a tremendous zest for living and a sense of fun as well as a sense of responsibility.

Happy news for James Herriot fans: his latest collection of adventures and misadventures: "James Herriot is gifted with total recall, and his stories reflect the laughter, sanity and constant compassion which he brings to his chosen way of life."

Library nature notes: Momma robin in a secret nest visible to library staffers has hatched her clutch of eggs, and she and Dad are busy feeding their young. Since the creek was dammed up, bachelor drakes have returned to the green outside the library, but little white Donald the hybrid drake now

\$700 to Glen Canada Day

Glen Williams will wind up with a \$700 grant from the town to help stage the Canada Day events, but council did not approve it unanimously; Councillors Mike Armstrong, Pat McKenzie, and Walter Biehn opposed the grant.

Mayor Tom Hill pointed out the \$700 grant meant the grant budget was overspent

by \$500. "This is my own balliwick, but I still say we should have a policy where grant requests have to be made by a certain date, so we know where we're going." He claimed there would be Canada Day celebrations all over, and council could be faced with grant requests at this late date.

said he had nothing against the Glen celebrations which he understood were really enjoyable, but it did not justify spending \$700 when the town hasn't got it. He warned it was a dangerous precedent.

Councillor Peter Pomeroy asked if the finance committee had a grant policy. Miller said the policy is to

notify all groups normally receiving grants by the end of February. He said the Glen Canada Day committee was not notified since the treasurer thought last year's effort was a one shot deal. Councillor Roy Booth said every budget is overspent sometime, and claimed it was the overall budget that really mattered.

Int. plowing match near Wingham

This year's edition of the International Plowing Match and Machinery Show is scheduled for September 28-30 on the Jim Armstrong and neighbouring farms near Wingham. The site is on Highway 86 one mile east of Wingham in an area where cash cropping and livestock operations complement each other.

The 1978 site is the largest in the history of the show, encompassing over 1,000 acres. The tented city has grown too. There is space for

500 exhibitors this year and much of it is already booked. Various committees are meeting almost daily now to finalize everything to the smallest detail. A good example is the traffic committee which works to plan traffic flow in the area, providing the most efficient routes to and from the site. Involved are members of the local committee, road authorities and Ontario Provincial Police traffic specialists, working closely with officials of the O.P.A.

Almost 5,000 students attend outdoor classes

Almost 5,000 students have attended Outdoor Education classes sponsored by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority during the 1977-78 school year.

Education officer George Roberts has tried to show students an appreciation of their outdoor world by a short illustrated description of how man fits into the world of

nature. Then, using the outdoors as a classroom, the children trek out to enjoy the sounds, smells and feel of the outdoors.

Winter snowshoe hikes or summer pond study all provide an insight into the small creatures who share the forest, fields and ponds. Teacher's guides for the next school year have already been sent to schools.

hangs out on Fairy Lake. George the Muskrat is keeping a low profile.

Public donations of Winter tickets helped to purchase the following Canadian publications: Canadian Workshop; Miss Chatelaine; Natural Life; Scientific Forum; Harrowsmith; Audioscene; Canada Quilts; Sound Canada; Early Canadian Life; Angler and Hunter; Canadian Skater; Canadian Yachting; Jabberwocky.

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