

# Library looseleaf

by Esther Taylor



For parents and other adults; in loco parentis who may be feeling a bit limp after holiday exposure to little treasures, your library offers two easily-read books that should be good for some healthy chuckles. Lynn Johnston's *Do They Ever Grow Up?* 101 cartoons about the terrible twos and beyond and *What Dr. Spock Didn't Tell Us* by Butler Atkinson are recommended reading for this time of the year. Atkinson cites and diagnoses a series of hilarious ailments afflicting kids. All recognizable by symptoms—if not names. You can flip through both paperbacks in under an hour and return to your parental duties relaxed and refreshed.

Time to spare this summer? Feel an urge to improve your written English? *The Elements of Style* by William Strunk Jr. and E. B. White is the answer to an aspiring writer's prayers. It's short, 85 pages, concise and very interesting. Even if you only hanker to improve your gossipy letters, *Elements of Style* is well worth an investment of time and concentration. It should be required study for all politicians and authors of gobblede-gook.

One lovely rule in this age of babbling: "Omit needless words." *The New York Times* re *Elements of Style* says: Buy it, study it, and enjoy it. It's as timeless as a book can be in our age of volatility." In this the third edition, E. B. White has added new rules for use of the colon, use of the dash, agreement of subjects and verbs, and correct pronoun case. Incidentally, you don't have to buy it. Just borrow this little gem from your library.

A sure age giveaway is to admit having suffered and emoted with the heroines of Ethel M. Dell and Marie Corell. A long-time library staffer introduced to these authors at about the age of 12 (never mind how) has been on the lookout for some of their novels just for the fun of comparing them with current fiction. This search has meant gravitating to every secondhand book sale within reasonable access. No luck until at a recent garage sale, a triple score. Dell's *Lamp in the Desert*, Corell's *A Romance of Two Worlds*, and Gene Stratton Porter's *The Girl of the Limberlost* all in readable condition were eagerly snatched up and reread with pleasure not unmixed with chortles.

It was an educational experience renewing acquaintance with a typical Dell hero—strong, silent and passionate. *Girl of the Limberlost* was finished at one sitting, the reader wondering as she never did in her impressionable youth, if characters really bubbled to one another in such true-confession style. All the same, burbling aside, *Girl of the Limberlost* still packs a wallop. For old-timers pining for a trip down Memory Lane, the three treasures will be preserved on back-room shelves.

Among three boxes of new books being unpacked at the time of writing are two Golden Press encyclopedias: *Enchantment of America*; *Enchantment of Africa*. These new arrivals will be welcomed especially by school kids doing 'projects' when fall rolls around.

Also on the current interest list is Rene Levesque's *My Quebec*. Levesque's politics and national aspirations may send the average WASP up the wall and over, but the fact remains he is a Canuck Character! For Jon Cleary fans, there's a large print edition of *The Fall of an Eagle* first published in 1964.

Adult readers minus small fry who rarely haunt the junior department might enjoy a look-

see during vacation just for the fun of meeting a large, reluctant dragon, very green, overlooking reading club activities, and other summer programs for children. Around the walls are other colorful fairytale characters. To stress the fairytale theme, there is a castle complete with drawbridge, which was designed by children's staffer, Mrs. Margaret Merrin and constructed by page Hennie Venema. Mrs. Merrin's clever, imaginative fingers produced the eye-catching storybook figures. The children's department is a busy place this summer.

The mom duck, who with her two drakes patronized the library grounds and creek produced two ducklings. She was seen several weeks ago heading down the creek with her brood to Fairy Lake. Only one baby survived to join other 'pet tweeters' and

their mothers waiting for handouts at late afternoon feeding time. An exotic newcomer is eating with regulars under the library trees. A white pigeon with black bars struts among blackbirds and mourning doves. Where he hails from is anybody's guess, but he snares attention from bird lovers.

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Day campers spent the night out at Blue Springs Scout Reserve Thursday evening. The program is operated at Prospect Park by the Recreation department. Pictured here are Scott Bath, Ronnie Salmon and David Hayward.

## Board tables policy for busing

Halton Board of Education took a first step towards adopting a transportation policy during its regular Thursday meeting at Burlington.

Board business superintendent Bruce Lindley tabled a 10-page

policy statement and set of procedures covering the transporting of students. Under the proposal, transportation of students "is not to be considered a right, but a privilege which may be withdrawn at any time."

Under the provincial education act a school board is not obliged to provide transportation. However, Halton would provide it for pupils who "because of distance from school, hazardous walking conditions, physical disabilities or

emotional problems, would suffer undue hardships as a result of travelling to and from school on foot."

The report states under eligibility: "In general, the following distance guidelines shall be used" — Kindergarten and Grade One, one mile, Grade 2 to Grade 8, two miles, and Grade 9 to Grade 13, three miles.

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