

Library looseleaf

by Esther Taylor
Was George Washington a traitor? Did the father of his country betray young America to the English? Will another great national hero prove to have feet of clay? The impatient reader of The Glendower Legacy does not learn the truth until the end of Thomas Gifford's suspense novel, unless he cheats and jumps to the last chapters. Even at the end, the proof is not conclusive: the writer leaves one with tantalizing doubts.

The prologue is set in Valley Forge, January 1778. William Davis standing sentry duty on a bitter winter night, followed the smell of smoke into a wooded enclosure where he stumbled upon a meeting of three Englishmen and an American all in great coats, their faces in shadow. Dickering amongst the four some which smacked of treason on the American's part, was interrupted by the arrival of soldiers. Shots were exchanged, and one of the newcomers lay dead in the clearing. The conspirators fled, and William his musket lost, darted to a stump upon which the American had been signing a paper. William snatched up the torn document, stuffed it into his greatcoat pocket, and turning caught his coat on the edge of a lean-to. To free himself, he had to rip the cloth.

Returning to camp, William heard vague rumours of three missing men, but he was not asked about his musket. He read the paper, and more bewildered and frightened than ever he tied it along with letters from his mother to the back of a framed portrait of her kept at the bottom of his kit bag. That night unable to sleep because he thought he had recognized the American, William, left the smoky cabin and headed for the latrine. Two soldiers stepping out of the shadows halted him, produced a torn shred of cloth and asked William if it were his. When he admitted ownership, he was grabbed and hauled into the darkness. In the spring when the snow melted, William's body was found, and no one noticed the stab wounds.

In Boston, 198 years later, William's descendant, student Bill Davis was killed by two villains who stole his bookbag, which the pair assumed contained the Glendower documents. This crime triggered a series of suspenseful incidents that involved a mild history professor and a TV reporter (gentler sex) who are forced into the roles of hero and heroine battling two pairs of weird villains who came to sticky ends. A critical reader may judge that the plot becomes too convoluted, with an unnecessary number of bodies littering the route. Regardless, the Glendower legacy is an absorbing read. It's a paperback. The library's only Gifford hardback is The Wind Chill Factor.

For patrons too rushed at this time of the year for all else but skimming, two pictorial books are recommended: British Columbia, with photographs by Paul von Back; and Montreal and its Countryside, photographer, Michael Drummond. Beautiful,



Share Group held a Craft and Bake Sale at Family Cleaners Friday with proceeds going to Cystic Fibrosis. Pat Wood of Family Cleaners looks over what the group has for sale while Hennie Rauwarda and Mary Van Dam make a sales pitch.

ACW elects officers

St. Alban's Anglican Church Women held their December meeting on Dec. 5 at the parish hall in the form of the annual Christmas meeting with gift exchange between members.

Rev. Arthur Tribe conducted the election for 1980-1981 officers. Elected are: honorary president, June Tribe; president, Penny Bristow; first vice president, Babs Mitchell; second vice president, Marg Creasey; secretary, Mabel Barkman; treasurer, Marie Hargrave; corresponding secretary, Mabel Denny; press reporter, Rheta Goodwin; flowers and gifts, Louise Lind-

Acton WI lunch

Acton Women's Institute December meeting was held in the Isabel Watson room of the Acton Centennial library.

Members sat down to a pot luck luncheon. The table was decorated with the Christmas theme. Following the luncheon the regular meeting was opened by singing the Institute ode, followed by the Mary Stewart Collect. Reports were read, followed by the roll call "A Christmas gift I remember." Each member read a reading or poem relating to the Christmas season.

Mrs. George Hargrave, delegate to the convention, gave a report from the convention held in Kitchener.

Bringing a very pleasant afternoon to a close, Mrs. George Hargrave won the prize for the contest.

It's pot luck for Golden Age meeting

O Canada and the theme song opened the December afternoon meeting of the Golden Age club in St. Alban's Hall on December 6 with the president presiding and Jean McLean at the piano.

After the business period was over, plans for the Christmas party were discussed. One of the most enjoyable evenings is a pot luck dinner. Members are asked to bring casseroles, salads and desserts, also their own cutlery. The committee will provide the

convener of the transportation committee, told of the bus trip on Sunday, Dec. 16 to see the Living Christmas Tree at People's Church, Toronto. This has been highly recommended and the convener has done considerable negotiating to get tickets. Dinner will be at Brampton.

The meeting adjourned to play euchre and crokinole.

The bowling club would welcome any new bowlers who are interested.



Yvonne Courline and Sharon DeForest show off a cake at the Scout and Guide Mothers' bake sale at Trinity United Church, Saturday.

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A short business meeting was held afterward with Mrs. Murray giving a reading "Another Boy", to open the meeting.

A very active organization in 1979 was reflected in the satisfactory treasurer's report of the 11 month period. (No meeting being held in December). A generous donation will be given to the Board of Managers to further their work in the Church.

Mrs. T. Berry, Mrs. H. Besley and Mrs. J.B. MacPherson volunteered to remember the sick and shut-ins of the congregation this Christmas time.

Nominating Committee members named were Mrs. W.J. McIntyre, Mrs. C.M. Davidson and Mrs. W.J. McLeod, and they will present their report at the first meeting of the year.

Several winners of contests presented followed a reading by Mrs. Murray "Just before Christmas."

Santa Claus arrived, and the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. J.B. MacPherson, delivered gifts to everyone.

Mrs. A. Near expressed thanks to the hostess on behalf of everyone.

Knox Daughters help Viets

The December meeting of the Daughters of Knox Presbyterian Church was held at the church, in the form of a Christmas party.

Following a brief business meeting, during which the new slate of officers for 1980 was presented, a delicious meal was enjoyed.

A special Christmas devotional was conducted by Joyce Sprowl's group, and many of the old favorite Christmas Carols were sung. Vivian Swallow's group was in charge of entertainment for the evening, and everyone present had fun trying to solve world games and puzzles, after which gifts were exchanged among the members.

Each one present brought a gift of warm mittens, cap, scarf, or some other appropriate article of clothing to be given to the new Vietnamese neighbors to help them through their first cold Canadian winter.

A pleasant social hour ended with "Merry Christmas" wishes all round.

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Workshops explain

The Niagara Escarpment Commission will be holding two information workshops on the proposed master plan for the escarpment area.

The workshops for the Halton area will be held on December 18 and 20 at the Milton public library, at the corner of Pearl and Bruce streets. Copies of the proposed plans and maps of the area will be available. Planning and information staff will be on hand to answer questions during the two workshops.

Members of the public can stop in anytime between 12 noon and 8 p.m. on either day.

-Bronte Creek Park demonstrated Christmas decorations from natural materials on the weekend.

-There are plenty of church bazaars these days.

Hydro asks for radio

Halton Hills Hydro Electric Commission formally asked for space on the police radio transmitter at Speyside.

Halton Regional Police Commission expected the application and decided Thursday at Oakville, to treat it like others. And have it checked with the provincial police commission's technical branch to make sure there is no interference with police transmissions.

The hydro electric commission, a union of the Acton and Georgetown commissions, is getting equipment ready for work.

The hydro electric commission's acting manager, A.G. Farnell, wrote the expanded area of the utility necessitates major expansion of radio equipment.

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