

Book Review

Book Trails (in 8 volumes)—Shepard and Lawrence, Inc., publishers.

Book Trails, a new set of books, off the press only about a year and a half, is being shown in Highland Park at the present time. Both the text and illustrations in these delightful volumes were chosen with the thought of not only what a child should read, but what he likes to read.

These books present a fine balance of the old stand-by everyone should know and the best of the modern material from contemporary writers. It also contains a number of translations from old sources which are seldom seen and are new to children's books.

Book Trails, because of a freshness and beauty, makes an instant appeal—they are indeed "silent teachers of beauty." For the first time in a work of this kind the art has been graded to the child's growth and understanding, and each story is illustrated according to its spirit and content. A variety of the modes of art expression, including water color, oil, pen and ink, pastel, etc. make it practically a child's hand book of art.

This colorful trail starts with the very first years and carries the child through the various stages of his development. Volume I starts the trail "For Baby Feet" with a simple action stories and rhymes of the child's familiar experiences of every day home life. They are all within the comprehension of the pre-school child, but of equal interest to the older children.

In the early volumes we find simple folk tales about plants and animals, and also the fairy tales that develop and train the imagination. A surprising amount of the material in Book Trails is unusual. We find, for instance, both the Hindu and the American Indian versions of the Cinderella story. You are impressed with the fact that Book Trails supple-

ments, and does not duplicate any other work.

"On the Highroad to Adventure" appeals to the spirit of adventure in all of us and stresses the quality of courage. In the next volume, "To Turret Tops" courage is raised to the higher level of heroism through the epics and sagas that tell of the chivalric deeds of the heroes of old.

Franklin K. Mathews, the director of the Boy Scouts of America was the consulting editor of the sixth volume "At the Crossroads." This is the time when boys and girls, in their new-found freedom, want to explore the field of adult literature but are not yet able to appreciate it or to profit by it.

One of the later volumes "Winding Westward" is truly American in spirit. Not only the United States but the North American continent is fully represented. Everyone will feel a greater love and appreciation of what America means through reading these stories. Hamlin Garland was the consulting editor. Equally interesting is the last volume. The amazing variety of occupations in which men and women have succeeded is revealed by these fascinating biographies, forming an excellent aid in vocational guidance. This is a subject in which mothers and fathers of the present day must be interested. The index to the complete library is found in this volume. It is in one straight alphabet, listing every story according to title, author, and subject.

Book Trails, with its stories from sixty countries, cannot help but educate children to an appreciation of the best in literature and art. Fortunate are those who have it in their homes.

The representative of Book Trails in Highland Park is Mrs. Pearl de Anguera, 325 N. Linden avenue, phone H. P. 5.

people are cordially invited to attend these discussion meetings. Roy Millen will have charge of the service.

Monday:

7:45—Community Leadership Training school. The attendance in the school has averaged a hundred for each of the past three sessions. The co-operation and spirit of fellowship together with the splendid type of work being done is most gratifying to all of those enjoying the privileges of the school. Eleven churches on the north shore are participating in the school.

Tuesday:

2:30—The Presbyterian guild will meet in the home of Mrs. B. A. Hamilton, 206 Linden avenue. Mrs. D. S. Rossiter will assist. Mrs. Frank Fitt will lead the discussion on "City Forces." Each member is requested to remember the Towel Shower for Laird Community house. The women of the church are cordially invited to attend.

Wednesday:

7:45—Church night program. Dr. Rall will lecture on "The Way of Friendship and Good Will." You

will be greatly benefited through these services.

Thursday:

7:45—The Drama Study group will meet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Canright, 636 S. Linden avenue. Three short plays will be read and those interested in drama are cordially invited.

Bethany Evangelical Church

H. F. Siemsen, pastor.

A. S. Haag, assistant pastor

Another "Happy Sunday evening" was experienced at the Bethany church. Rev. Wm. O. Ruby gave a very helpful and practical message on "What Is God Trying to Do?" The audience not only appreciated the fine message but they also were inspired by the splendid musical numbers given.

Our next mid-week service will bring to a close our special study in the Gospel in Matthew. This course has been very helpful and enjoyed by all who followed it from beginning to end. Beginning with the month of March the congregation will enter the study of the Lenten Message entitled "Coming to Terms with Life." Sufficient number of copies of "The Fellowship of Prayer" have been obtained so that every one may be supplied. Thus we are hoping that many will avail themselves of this special opportunity of study, fellowship and prayer.

Our local church year will end with Feb. 28. Our annual congregational fellowship dinner and business meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, March 12.

A Martha Washington tea will be held in the church parlors Saturday afternoon from 2 to 6 p.m. No admission or charge will be made. A free will silver offering will be cheerfully received. The general public is invited.

Our choir will present another of their popular monthly vesper services next Sunday afternoon at 4:30. Any one having heard this choir in the past will not need to be urged to come again. The young people will have a tea following the vesper.

Sunday School on Sunday will begin at 9:45 and the morning worship at 11.

Vincennes Legion Post Does Good Work During Recent Indiana Floods

The entire membership of Vincennes Post No. 73, the American Legion, were in the first wave of volunteers to give emergency relief when Wabash and White rivers rode rough over six counties in southern Indiana and Illinois. The Legionnaires carrying out the slogan "In Time of Disaster—The American Legion" continued to work day and night, risking their lives almost as much as advancing behind a barrage in wartime.

Around a nucleus of the post's emergency relief unit, Post Commander James O. Reel divided the 400 membership into squadrons.

Floyd L. Young, past department vice commander, chairman of the Legion emergency relief transportation, mobilized trucks and boats and worked until he was put to bed with threatened pneumonia. Commander Reel, Tom Ryan, Bryant Johnson and B. H. Anglin, dragged a motor boat by truck twelve miles to reach open river. The Legionnaires often pushed the truck which went over a closed road. The temperature was five below zero. They piloted the boat through a roaring cataract in the Decker levee break to bring medical supplies and relief to the lowlands when hardened river men at Hazelton said such an attempt would be suicide.

Ryan and George Flack escaped being shot by guards patrolling the dikes against dynamiters, only to have their boat overturned by the wind in the ice-clogged stream. They swam and waded four miles before grasping willow branches to which they held until rescued. Put to bed almost frozen they were soon back in the river fight. Clarence Bobe got his boat miles over jammed ice to an open stretch of water and succeeded in getting within one mile of Decker chapel, where people were suffering, before it was lost and he was forced to wade to land.

Princeton Legionnaires pulled a sled over almost impassable ice for six miles to bring out the Frank Wilkins family of six and to give relief.



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Highland Park Presbyterian Church
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Rev. Frank Fitt, Minister
Church Phones 683 or 46

Thursday:

7:00—Sea Scouts meeting in the junior room of the parish house.

Friday:

7:00—Boy Scouts meeting in the junior room of the parish house.

Saturday:

2:30—Camp Fire meeting in the camp fire room at 176 Laurel avenue.

6:30—Young Woman's club dinner and theater party. Please notify Miss Brown for reservations.

Sunday:

9:15—Boys choir rehearsal in the church.

9:45—Church school.

11:00—Morning worship. The sermon topic is "Christ and Recreation."

2:30—Girls Communicants class in the parish house.

3:30—Boys Communicants class in the parish house.

6:15—Boys Glee club rehearsal in the parish house.

7:00—Young People's society meeting in the parish house. The young