

Find Tropical Snake Here in Banana Bunch

A tropical snake measuring 31 inches in length and quite lively wriggled out of a bunch of bananas which were being opened at the H. T. Bakke grocery store on Sheridan

road Wednesday morning. Nobody seemed to be able to identify the species, but from the vicious way in which the reptile darted out its fangs, it was credited with being venomous, and was killed immediately.

Children's Book Week Observed at P. T. A. Meet Friday

The observance of Children's Book Week was carried out in the program of the November meeting of the Deerfield P. T. A. held on Friday afternoon in the school auditorium.

Following is part of the delightful talk given by the librarian; Mrs. C. A. Wolf of the West Deerfield Township library:

"A well known librarian when suddenly called upon to state the meaning of librarianship said, 'Librarianship presupposes a knowledge of books and related printed material, a knowledge of people, and a knowledge of methods and means of contact between the two.'"

It would seem that the most important service libraries could render communities would be to make the idea current that libraries exist for an educational service rather than merely for book distribution.

The local library, which is still in its infancy, yet there are nearly four thousand circulating books on the shelves. The general interest manifested by its borrowers, and the almost phenomenal increase in circulation during the past year, surely justifies its existence and the hope of a bright, helpful future.

Seven hundred and fifty borrowers are now enjoying the local library privileges. This number drawn from a possible population of 2000 gives a satisfactory percentage. A careful survey made among the children of the school when the library project was first thought of three and one-half years ago, showed only four children using library cards. Now three hundred children of the grammar school are happy enthusiastic patrons.

The circulation during 10 months ending March 1 was 12,544 volumes divided as follows:

Adult fiction, 4,926; juvenile fiction, 4,971; adult non-fiction, 1,287; juvenile non-fiction, 1,360; magazines, 696.

Since this record, circulation has been increasing rapidly and an average of 800 books per week are given out.

Twenty-three current periodicals are subscribed for. Since March 1, 400 new books have been purchased and 150 new borrowers cards issued. In August, 1929, 565 books were issued. In August, 1930, 1906 books were issued, of these 1088 were adult and 818 juvenile.

The reference department is being systematically added to, to meet the requirements of students and adult borrowers on all practical subjects. If the information is not at hand, provisions will be made to obtain it from the State Library at Springfield.

Library work with children constitutes an important part of present day education. Its purpose is to give children the books which belong to them and thus develop reading habits so that when the years of childhood are over, the future citizen trained in a thoughtful employment of his leisure hours will use the library with discrimination.

There has never been a time when so much thought and effort have been directed toward the making of beautiful books for children. Today poets, novelists, dramatists, illustrators, printers and publishers are interested in bringing to children, in attractive

form, those things which belong to them, from the literature of all ages and races.

Emerging from the child group is that of the adolescent, with his special reading needs, a group which presents to the library worker in every community a fruitful but unexplored field of service.

Boys and girls require rich variety in the fields open to their exploration. Every adequate collection should contain fair provisions for each class of users.

In closing Mrs. Wolf distributed a list of books of a selection made by Jean C. Roos, of the Cleveland Public Library, and sponsored by the American Library association.

Three book reviews were then given, the first of which was, "Kahda" by Commander Evans and by Mrs. C. C. Kapschull. It was intensely interesting and given in a very charming manner.

Mrs. J. A. Stryker had an unusual book, "American Naturalists," in which 20 prominent American authors and authorities on plant and bird life were represented. It was the work of Tracy and was well handled by Mrs. Stryker.

The Angel Pavement, by J. B. Priestley a modern adult fiction was reviewed by Mrs. F. W. Russo in a most fascinating manner.

Refreshments served by the mothers of the children of the kindergarten concluded a very pleasant and entertaining afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Norton of Harvey, Ill., spent the week-end with Mrs. Norton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Meyer.

DEERFIELD ROTARY CLUB GETS CHARTER

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The standing committees of the Deerfield club are as follows:

Committees

Aims and objects—Jack O'Connell, chairman; Ted Jordan, Mac Macdonald, Harold Vant, Dick Boyle, Walter Metcalfe.

Classification—Bill Desmond, chairman; Ed. Reagan, Roy Clavey.

Boys' work—Walter Metcalfe, chairman; Harold Fisher, Andy Decker.

Rotary education—Dick Boyle, chairman; Walter Metcalfe, George Page.

Vocational service—Ted Jordan, chairman; Carl Bates, Ed. Reagan.

Fellowship—Harold Vant, chairman; Bill Desmond, Dick Boyle.

Program—Jack O'Connell, chairman; George Page, Harold Vant, Bill Desmond.

Public relations—Harold Fisher, chairman; Carl Bates.

Club service—Harold Vant, chairman; George Page, Kappy Hout, Roy Clavey, Carl Witt.

Community service—Dick Boyle, chairman; Ted Jordan, Clayton Fehr.

Membership—Harold Fisher, chairman; Kappy Hout, Carl Witt.

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