

**Books On Education Now Obtainable At Library**

The current crop of books on education gives promise of a rich harvest. At least a half-dozen books are now challenging parents, teachers, tax-payers, and Americans in general to reexamine carefully the present American school systems which have come in for much appraisal, criticism, and defense in recent years. Included are books which examine the end-result of our educational system, the average child, as well as those which deviate from the norm.

Wilbur A. Yauch, after taking parents on a tour of an imaginary and a perfect modern school, and after discussing methods and aims of teachers, asks "How Good Is Your School?"

A blistering "expose" of the public schools is Earl Conrad's "The Public School Scandal," in which these schools are raked over the coals, justly or unjustly.

A specific instance of a public school board action which this author repudiates is evinced in David Hulburd's "This Happened in Pasadena," in which the case of Willard Goshir, School Superintendent of Pasadena, is reviewed.

In refreshing contrast to the above surveys is Grace Langdon and Irving Stout's "These Well-Adjusted Children," a comprehensive study of well-adjusted children, offering the combined wisdom of parents whose methods of raising their families have worked. Both authors have much experience in education, having held responsible positions as teachers, supervisors, and education consultants.

The exceptional child is the subject of another book titled, "The Gifted Child," edited by Paul Witty. A study of precocity in many phases, the book contains contributions by several authorities and a lengthy annotated bibliography.

Worth mentioning for its stress on educational methods is "The Workshop Way of Learning," by Earl C. Kelley, who describes the actual processes of the workshop method.

Defense of the private school system has also been forthcoming in recent months. Allan Heely, headmaster of Lawrenceville School, provides an explicit statement of the place of the private school in American education today in "Why the Private School."

Squarely confronting problems facing all leaders in higher education, William Hall offers his answers in "The Small College Talks Back."

Meriting honorable mention among educational books of a season ago are Henry McCracken's "The Hickory Limb," and Gilbert Highet's "The Art of Teaching."

**Former Highland Parker Entertain At Annual French Celebration**

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Byfield of Chicago, formerly of Highland Park, entertain annually at open house on Bastille day at their summer home in Ephraim, Wisconsin. This year, as in preceding years, included the serving of Rhine wine and a rendition of the "Marseillaise" by Edward Collins, pianist, in the realistically French setting of their residence, called La Bagatelle.

"La Bagatelle" is French for "little something that doesn't cost much and isn't quite necessary," Mrs. Byfield explains when asked about the name of the home she and Dr. Byfield built 12 years ago in Ephraim.

Tho of English extraction, Mrs. Byfield's fancy for things French dictated that their Ephraim home be a French provincial maison. "I copied shamelessly from one of Mrs. Thorne's miniature rooms. . . I like to live as the French do. Simple, forthright living," she adds.

The history of the area commends her choice although Door County is a Scandinavian peninsula. However, Father Marquette and the French explorers ventured into Door county as early as 1633 on their journey down the Mississippi to New Orleans.

"I asked myself what kind of house the French would have built had they remained," Mrs. Byfield says, "and tried to create exactly what I thought that would be."

Atop Ephraim's loftiest cliff, the Byfields' stone and timber maison and open terrace look out upon an expanse of Green bay. Noted for her French cuisine, Mrs. Byfield cultivates herbs for salad delicacies in the open courtyard, where in one corner, a small sanctuary for St. Francis of Assisi stands.

In strict authenticity, the house itself is constructed in L shape, for the provincial French so planned their homes that as they prospered they might make additions, in rambling fashion, to the original structure.

The high beamed living room is furnished with imported French pieces, even to the pottery mustache cups which hang on the wall. Earnest in her intent to maintain French authenticity, but unwilling to sacrifice eyesight for realistically French candlelight, tric lights in copper kitchenware Mrs. Byfield has concealed electrically suspended, quite traditionally, from a ceiling fixture.

Edward Tourtelot of Evanston is the architect of the house.

Porter Johnson, assigned to one of the new streamlined room cars, assisted a woman to her roomette, and in passing the roomette later, noticed that she seemed confused about something. Could he be of any help, asked the porter.

"Yes," replied the woman, "I want to draw water into the basin to wash, but I can't find any faucets." Porter Johnson indicated the foot pedal at the base of the wash stand, stepped on it and the water flowed into the basin. "That's all there is to it," said the porter.

"Well," exclaimed the passenger, "all I can say is that this is the first time I ever had to use my feet to wash my face!"

—Tracks

**Infant Welfare Wings Hold Special Meeting**

Mrs. Robert Nedeim, President of the Highland Park-Ravinia Infant Welfare Wings, called a special meeting last week at the home of Mrs. Robert Prosser on Blackthorn Lane in Deerfield. The purpose of this unusual summer get-together was to discuss plans for the October 4 benefit performance of the Ice Follies at the Chicago Arena — a benefit in which all centers of the Infant Welfare Society, both Chicago and suburban, will participate. It is the biggest undertaking of its kind ever attempted by this group. Mrs. Bertram Beers and Mrs. Prosser are in charge of advertising and ticket sales for the Wing group, while Mrs. Robert Moon has accepted the chairmanship for radio publicity for the entire project.

It was also announced at the meeting that the picnic held recently by the Wings at the home of Mrs. John W. Newey was both a social and financial success, in spite of rainy weather which forced the activities indoors. Members agreed that they will have quite a full agenda to keep them busy when they meet again in the fall, for their annual business and fashion show follows shortly after the Ice Follies benefit.

Co-hostesses for this meeting were Mrs. Howard Will, Mrs. David Reebel, and Mrs. George Kellner; they assisted Mrs. Prosser in arranging the meeting and served summer refreshments to the group.

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**Drivers' Licenses May Be Renewed At State Fair**

Safety and service will be the theme of one of the exhibits of his office at the 1951 State Fair, according to Secretary of State Edward J. Barrett. The display, which will be located in the exhibition space beneath the grandstand, will feature an intermittently flashing set of road signs and hand signals designed to remind the average motorist of the importance of these symbols to safe driving. In addition, the Drivers' License Division of the Automobile department will occupy space in the exhibit for the purpose of speedily processing the renewal applications of motorists whose driver licenses are due to expire.

More than two million driver licenses will expire within the next nine months, Secretary Barrett stated. The operation of a renewal application center at the State Fair is for the convenience of the thousands of visitors who may wish to renew their licenses. Renewal applications are due 30 days prior to the expiration date printed at the bottom of the present license directly beneath the signature.

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The exhibit will be on view during regular store hours in Mandel Brothers Galleries thru August 25. The public is invited.

**Ice Skating Baby**

A special Summer meeting of the Intermediate group of Highland Park-Ravinia Infant Welfare was held in the home of Mrs. John B. Martineau of 86 Indian Tree, drive, on Tuesday, August 7. Mrs. Paul V. Jester, 130 Indian Tree drive, president of the group, discussed plans for opening night of the Ice Follies, to be held at the Chicago Arena on October 4.

Mrs. C. Longford Felske, 328 Marshman ave., who is general chairman, attended the meeting to explain the theme of the party, a baby on Ice Skates.

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