## BY ELEANOR COULTER

The cheerful little cherub stood on tiptoe at the checkout desk in the library and pushed three big story books toward me. "My mummy reads to me," she said proudly and I replied, "Aren't you a lucky little girl?" Later, a lady who had overheard us came to the desk and said, "I thought your remark to the little girl was so true. I wonder if the mothers of our disturbed young people ever read to them when they were small. I believe it is the way to give a child his first conscious feeling of security - to hear his mother's voice the very last thing before he drifts off to sleep. Then in later years he comes to realize that his mother cared enough to take time to read and explain the

This could be part of the answer, and if so, it behooves us all to read to our children and grandchildren. According to one Canadian bookseller, the professional people in the high income bracket and the immigrants in the low income districts urge their children to read more than those in the middle income range. I wonder why this should

I was encouraged to read and spent my first earned money on good books that are still on my shelves, so it is hard for me to understand why some people think books, papers and magazines just make a house untidy. If a child isn't taught good reading habits before he starts to school, he'll have a hard time settling down to his textbooks. More and more the children in school are being taught to "look it up for yourself" and they are lost if they don't know where to

I sincerely hope those who never attend a library have their own collection of books at home. If not, I feel sorry for their children. It is gratifying to see a young mother bring her small child to the library and settle him in a chair at the table with a a book of his own while she browses and makes her choice. She is making his visit to the library pleasant so it will be something he will want to do again. An item in my scrap book gives one mother's view that we'd do well to ponder on:

"I know so well the value of neat rooms, White curtains and the warmth of polished brass, Wide window sills with plants in colored rows, Serenity that comes in shining glass. But these, dear Lord, are not important things Nor will they have their mark in days to be. My children will forget my ordered rooms In after years, but when they think of me May they remember I laughed much, and think Upon the way I shared their gaiety And how I read them stories from old books Of brave fair days and sometimes made them see A wider world. Oh make them understand That always I have deemed it more my task To be as understanding as I could Than keep clean rugs upon a dusted floor."

In rare instances, children will find their own way to books, and they are fortunate if there is a library available. One of my most frequent visitors to the library is a wee girl who comes every time, faithfully lugging back her three books and choosing three more. She often stays for an hour or two and becomes so absorbed that she will start singing the words she is reading. She tells me she is moving away and I'll miss her when she goes.

Because we have such easy access to our libraries, we may be tempted not to buy books as gifts for children. But there is nothing that means as much to a reader as owning his own books and even though he may be able to read it at school, he'll thank you for a copy of one of the children's classics or modern science fiction. If you can't decide on a title, consider a year's subscription to one of the many excellent magazines for young people.

For the very small there is Wee Wisdom, \$3.00 from Unity School of Christianity, Unity Village, Mo. 64063. Slightly higher age groups will enjoy Jack and Jill, a top-notch publication with how-to articles as well as stories and poems; cost is \$6.45 in Canada, from 1255 Portland Place, Boulder, Colorado. 80302. Canadian Audubon Society membership for one year is \$3.00 and includes six issues of a beautiful magazine with color plates of birds; send to 46 St. Clair Ave., East, Toronto 7. A Royal Canadian Geographical Society membership is \$5.00 per year and includes a subscription to their excellent journal; 488 Wilbrod Street, Ottawa 2. If you feel you can't afford the subscription price of \$8.65 for National Geographic Magazine (the price is justified and it would make a gift for a whole family) there are School Bulletins issued each week of the school year (20) at just \$2.50 a year; Washington, D.C., 20036.

Teenagers love the pocketbooks as they are easy to carry in pocket or purse. Don't be afraid to peruse the books on the paperback rack for their gifts; you can turn your back on the trash. The young people do — they'll take home copies of "Anne Frank — Diary of a Young Girl" and Griffin's "Black Like Me" ahead of "Peyton Place" any time. They like books that relate to true life experiences.

This was proven by a professor of English at the University of Michigan when he introduced a reading program on a trial basis at one of America's reform institutions. Boys who had never shown interest in books at school were left to choose any two they wanted to keep. They were advised to read with a dictionary at hand and to keep a written report of two pages a week on what they thought of the books or to copy favorite passages. These reports were only checked for quantity and marked for perfection. Would you believe that 35 poets

Pap test clinic big success plan to repeat it every year

The clinical classroom Milton District Hospital may be the scene of an annual pap test clinic, at least that's the feeling of numerous doctors and nurses at the hospital and members of the Milton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Saturday's first clinic was termed "an overwhelming success", by CCS services to patients chairman Mrs. Helen Strain. "The doctors and nurses here feel the same as I do, that an clinic looks most promising," she added.

Two sessions

Seventy-one women (with surnames A-L) attended the first session of the clinic Saturday morning between 8.30 and 11 a.m. Others with surnames M-Z are expected to attend this Saturday at the same time. Ladies were asked to bring their OHSIP

insurance forms if covered and a housecoat. Milton Cancer Society covered expenses of those who did not have health insurance.

"It was a very worthwhile Nickle. effort," said visiting physician Dr. Susan Kober of Oakville. "I hope more communities will do the same," she added.

Eleven volunteers of the CCS Women's Auxiliary helped patients with directions, wrote down OHSIP information, served coffee and showed two films entitled "Time and Two Women" and "Breast Self Examination" to guests.

Volunteer nurses

President Bruce McNab, Mrs. Strain and Dr. Ron MacKay headed the project. Dr. Mackay was assisted by Dr. Kober, Dr. Ivan Hunter and Dr. Koslowski. Also volunteering their time were nurses Mrs. and Dr. S. Legate.

Phyllis Walker, Mrs. Lucy Verrall, Mrs. Marina Bullard, Miss Marjorie McIntosh, Mrs. Cathy McMillan and Mrs. N.

"It was a tremendous success for a pilot clinic," said Dr.

"We're the first community that we know of to do something like this," noted Mrs. Strain. "Maybe we'll be an inspiration

110 replies

Approximately 110 replies to the clinic were mailed to a box number to this paper. Over half of the replies attended the first

This Saturday doctors on hand at the clinic will be Dr. Kober, Dr. MacKay, Dr. D. Aikenhead



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Women's Page

## Nassagaweya W.M.S. discusses Christmas true meaning

The Christmas meeting of the Nassagaweya W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid took the form of a pot luck lunch at the home of Mrs. D. Henderson on Thurs. Dec. 3. The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion and a sumptuous meal was enjoyed by eight members and five guests.

Following the luncheon, the president of the W.M.S., Mrs. Norris, opened the meeting with a poem and a Christmas hymn. Rev. and Mrs. Nicholson and son were present and Mr. Nicholson installed all the officers. There is no change in the present slate of officers. Several matters of business were dealt with and Mrs. Fred Edwards offered her home for the January meeting. The roll call was answered by a Christmas thought.

Christmas Story Mrs. McLaren as convener opened her program with a hymn and the reading of the Christmas

even the classics.

speaker, spoke about the true meaning of Christmas. He said it is often last in the mad rush of preparations and extra activities but another aspect was shown in "Don't Knock poem Christmas" which had been published in a church magazine.

This poem tell what is right about it. There has been wonderful music such as the Messiah composed on the subject, also beautiful paintings done on the birth of Jesus, not to mention the happy reunion of friends and families. Even the cease fire on the battle field shows the significance of the time of year. At the conclusion of his address Mr. Nicholson read the verses of the carol "I heard the bells of Christmas" which expresses true Christian sentiment.

Meeting followed.

The Ladies' Aid meeting which followed was conducted by the president, Mr. D. Henderson, and story as given in the gospel of St. some business matters were Luke. Mr. Nicholson, the guest dealt with.

emerged from that group of juvenile delinquents, and general reading habits advanced from Peanuts cartoons to worthwhile non-fiction and

You can read about this experiment yourself in the paperback, 'Hooked on Books: Program and Proof", the reading program that woke up teachers. It includes a fully detailed description by the author, Daniel N. Fader, Ph.D., of how to use his program of a new study guide for teachers and a fully documented research section by his colleague, Elton B. McNeil, Ph.D. I found this book on the literature table at a United Church Women's meeting in the fall. It makes extremely interesting reading for both parents and teachers. If you can't find it on the racks, it can be ordered from Distribution Services, 299 Queen Street West, Toronto, 133.

## They'll make phone ring

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You can see how successful these little ads can be, call 878-2341 and an experienced ad-taker will help you word your ad.

## Stores open in evenings

convenience, stores in Milton will remain open until 9 p.m. from next Monday, Dec. 14 through to Wednesday, Dec. 23, with the exception of Saturdays. All stores plan to be closed Boxing Day Dec. 26, but will remain open the day after New Year's.

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Plans were made to do some more quilting early in the New Year and arrangements were finalized regarding supplying candy and gifts for the Sunday School concert on Dec. 17. The meeting was closed with

the hymn, hark the herald angels sing, followed by the benediction.

PAP TEST CLINIC held at Milton District Hospital on Saturday was called "an overwhelming success" by Milton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society service to patients chairman Mrs. Helen Strain. Looking over the results of the clinic are nurse Mrs. Cathy McMillan, patient Mrs. Anne Chuchmach, Dr. Ron MacKay and Mrs. Helen Strain (back). Patients with last names A-L attended the clinic on Saturday, others M-Z are to be tested this Saturday. This is the first time in Ontario for a clinic of this type to be introduced.—(Staff Photo)

GOOD CHOICE

"Dad, I'm in love with a girl." "Son, you couldn't have made a better choice."

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featured at the annual Christmas meeting of president and vice-president of the club and the University Women's Club of Milton and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth District last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall of Milton and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Edward M. Glover, 98 Charles St. Milton. Masson of Georgetown.—(Staff Photo)

A WINE AND CANDLELIGHT DINNER was Enjoying the festive occasion were the