Bookworm

A scholarly history of the Olympic games

This all seems remote

perhaps, but the

problems experienced in

the early days have a

familiar ring. There was

widespread corruption

and bribery . In the third

century, a writer com-

plained that some

athletes preferred

gambling to training.

Facilities for athletes

were almost non existent

aside from a spartan

hostel shared by athletes,

trainers, officials and

visitors. Spectators had a

hard time of it. The few

marble seats were reserved for notables.

Most people stood or sat

slave was once

threatened by his owner

with a visit to Olympia as

Scholars and historians

will want to add the

Thousand Years to their

Olympic games The First

libraries. Other readers

may be better off with one

of the many pocket guides

to the modern Olympics.

ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

Sandy Cobe and David Baughn

A DONO DE LAURENTRS FILM

CHARLES BRONSON Costarring Jill Ireland

In fact, a disobedient

on the ground.

punishment

by Shirley Whittington Olympics, Olympics. They seem to be the hottest news item since the founding of Montreal Bookstore windows bloom with books on the Olympics, but surely the most scholarly of any I've seen is a handsome hardcover volume by M.I. Finley and (Professor of Ancient History, University of Cambridge) and H.W. Pleket (a reader in Greek and Latin at the University of Leiden). Their book, The Olympic Games: The First Thousand Years is not the sort one would tuck into a knapsack en route to Montreal, but it would be an invaluable addition to school, personal or community libraries. The historical detail is fascinating, and the illustrations (many coloured plates) are top

The writers found their evidence in odd places; in monuments, paintings on pottery, poetry and odes commissioned in ancient times, and in stone and metal plaques. The world's first Olympic guide book was written by Pausanias between 160 AD and 170 AD.

Here's a mind boggler: The original Olympic games were founded in 776 BC and were held at Olympia every fourth year without a single break until 261 AD. That's more than a thousand

Conference at Guelph

A group of 200 girls from across the province gathered at University of Guelph last week. They attended the annual 4-H Homemaking Club Members Provincial Girls' Conference.

North Simcoe County was represented by five club girls, Anne Kenney, New Flos; Connie Giffen. Edenvale; Mary Jean Crawford, Oro Station; Penny Whetham. Hillsdale; and Nancy Giffen, Edenvale.

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"All the President's Men" starts

by Terry Dupuis

All The President's Men is one of the major films of 1976, and it is a definite triumph for everyone who was concerned with the making of it. But it is particularly a triumph for Robert Redford, who was the moving force behind it. Besides playing one of the key roles in the story, Redford was also the movie's producer, having several years ago paid a whopping \$450,000 for the movie rights to the bestseller by Washington Post reporters Carl Bernstein and Robert superior suspense

Some would say that Redford was not taking much of a chance, that the Watergate story had a built-in audience appeal the making of this movie.

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office hit no matter what. However, it seems to me that Redford was taking a big gamble, because All The President's Men is a project which could easily have been botched up. The Watergate break-in and coverup is now such familiar story, that there was a clear danger that the public would have little interest in seeing a movie about it, had it been carelessly and

sloppily done. However, All The President's Men emerges on the screen as a thriller, made all the more fascinating by the fact that it all really happened. A great deal of effort obviously went into

from the start and was It is set in 1972, which is Robards, Martin Balsam bound to become a box- only 4 years ago; nevertheless cars. clothes, and even hairstyles have changed in that short period of time. Redford's film is correct in every detail. The Washington Post office is accurately recreated. even down to the trash in the wastepaper baskets.

The cast is first-rate all the way. Redford and costar Dustin Hoffman are both convincing in their respective roles as Robert Woodward and Carlo Bernstein, the two reporters who uncovered Watergate. Jason

and Jack Warden are also outstanding as the Washington Post's editors. The director is Alan J. Pakula, the former director of Klute and The Sterile Cuckoo. The script was written by William Goldman, author of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. The photographer was Gordon Willis, who previously did the camerawork on both The Godfather and The Godfather Part Two. All The President's Men is now playing at the

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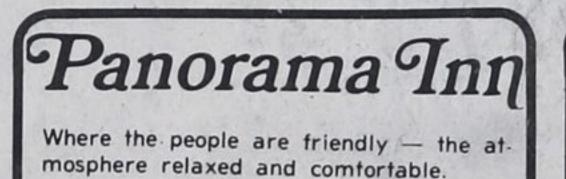
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