Deadline approaches for Canada Council's book donation program

playing Santa Claus to and prisons

donation program was centres and institutions in Watson started in 1972 and so far other countries. those who have taken advantage of the give- has spent \$700,000 on the collections as well as

organizations that don't distributed in kits of 200 English language have funds to buy books, titles each and the kits selection committee was but who agree to make are free. The Department composed of A.E. books available for use in of External Affairs looks Cummings, Peter after distribution to Buitenhuis, Norman The Council's book universities, cultural Horrocks and Sheila This year, the Council essays, and

program which includes works on history, fine arts kits in French or English, and ecology. Some of this or in both languages. Who chooses the kits? Girls by Margaret

centres voluntary Each year the committee Atwood, Ten Lost Years associations consists of a bookseller, a literary critic, a librarian The books are and a writer. This year's

They chose novels, year's titles are Dancing Canada Council, P.O. Box

by Barry Broadfoot, A Painter's Country by A.Y. Jackson and Anne

apply for a book kit have until January 31, 1978 to do so. They must promise to share the books they receive with the community, and they may make application by writing to the Writing and Publication Section of the

1047, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5V8. Metric conversion

mystery might be a good stocking stuffer and one of the handiest I've seen a small Hurtig publication called, forthrightly, The Canadian Metric Conversion

We are being urged to think metric, and to cast inches and ounces from our collective minds, and as a result many metric texts and guidebooks

current Canadian question - "But what is it A book on the metric in miles or pounds or

> Hurtig recognizes this dilemma with pages of conversions including one a motorist may want tocommit to memory: "50 km / h is equivalent to 30 mph; 60 km/h is equivalent to 40 mph and 100 km / h is equivalent to

Comparison shoppers of instant coffee will be

happy to discover that 1 by Kenneth Tynan, ounce avoirdupois equals Emma Jane is introduced 28.349 grams.

Handbook is small publication of letters enough to fit into a pocket written to her is promised or purse, and sells for as "a document that Letters to Emma Jane

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as a "charming young The Metric Conversion call girl" and the makes The Happy Hooker sound like the memoirs of

Promises, promises. book with a decorous pink Letters is a moderately cover called Letters to funny put down of the Emma Jane. Don't give it hooker-type correspoto your maiden aunt ndence. A writer asks unless she has a sense of "We are eager to try humour. In the preface, 'going the other way' but

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what the expression means. Can you ex- than to read.

... sally forth your flat, wave good bye and walk in an easterly direction. Janet meanwhile should march off in westerly direction...it could fairly be said that she will be 'going the

other way'." And so on. Kenneth Tynan obviously had a lot of fun writing Letters to Emma Jane. It may be

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Good holiday features at local theatres

by Terry Dupuis A very good Christmas holiday show starts this Friday at the Odeon Theatre in Midland. Carl Reiner's comedy "Oh, God!" is pure delight; whimsical and amusing and full of good cheer. who is a phony money-Singer John Denver

makes his movie debut in "Oh, God!" as the assistant manager of a California supermarket. A shy and unassuming down when he finds fected over half a cenhimself selected by God tury. The humour in "Oh, to deliver a divine God!" is gentle and in its depiction of the

message to the world God explains to Denver that He could have appeared to him in any human form, and that if He appeared to Denver as He really is, Denver's mind couldn't comprehend it. So the Supreme Being has chosen to assume the form of a gruff but genial old man who wears a fishing cap and tennis shoes. This role is most agreeably played by 81year-old George Burns. John Denver comes

across as quite amusing

formance. And there is some nice supporting work by Teri Garr as his patient wife and by Ralph Bellamy as a crafty lawyer. And Paul Sorvino is hilarious in the role of the Rev. Willie Williams,

grubbing evangelist. But the show really belongs to George Burns, and he makes the most of it with his deft delivery of dozens of one-liners in the style which he has per-

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inoffensive. At the same time, the film does manage to put across a message in a non-preachy Star Wars

Another excellent holiday attraction is the science-fiction movie "Star Wars". It opens in Penetanguishene at the Pen the day after

Star Wars is pure entertainment from beginning to end, one of the most entertaining movies I've seen all year. It is technically brilliant

usual gadgetry of sciencefiction. There are two extremely likeable robots named C3-PO and R2-D2 who seem almost human; there are rocketships, space stations, laserbeam swords and all sorts of unusual creatures from various galaxies.

But the brilliance of Star Wars is that it goes even beyond the limits of science-fiction to cover to see these days, will

the whole spectrum of have to eat their words movie adventure and now that Star Wars has imagination. There are arrived on the movie traces in Star Wars of the Wizard of Oz, the Hardy Boys, old westerns and

In my column several war movies and the old weeks ago I selected Star Saturday matinee serials. Wars as one of my 50 Star Wars can be en-Favourite movies of all joyed by all ages, and times. And recently the those who lament that American Film Institute there are no decent voted Star Wars to be one movies to take the family of the 10 Best Movies

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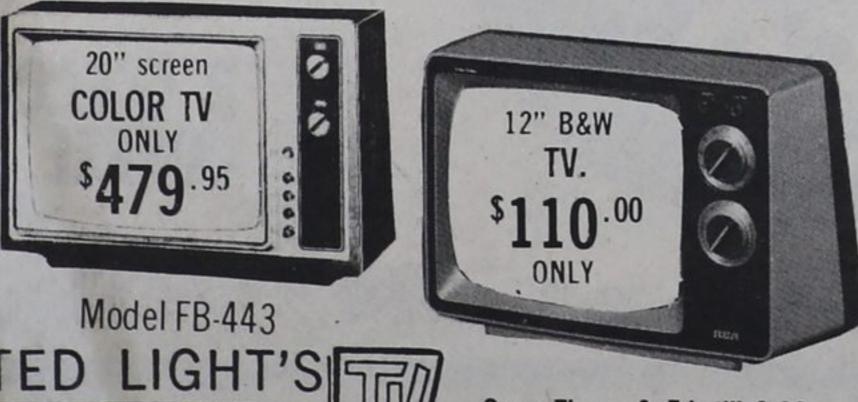
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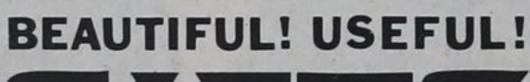
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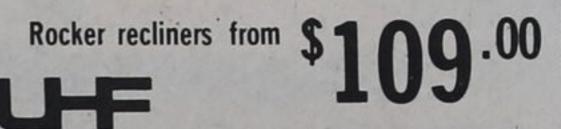


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