



BOOK TALK

by Margaret Carrington
A librarian looks at new Markham Library books

Use those bills for bookmarks

Any of these five new thrillers will temporarily take your mind off the price of food and how much you still have to do before Christmas. My own favorite is *The Mandarin Cypher*.

The Mandarin Cypher, by Adam Hall
The cold-blooded bosses of the cynical professional spy, Quiller, send him this time to Hong Kong, where he encounters an assortment of ghastly oriental dangers. This is Adam Hall's fifth novel about the sexy, tight-lipped compulsive risk-taker whose incredible cool and penetrating intelligence have made him a cult with fans all over the English-speaking world. (Fiction)

A Disappearance, by Robert Carroll
When his wife disappears from their honeymoon suite, Steve Parrish begins to wonder how well he really knows the beautiful woman he married after a brief courtship. His strenuous efforts to trace her bewildering movements involve him with international drug racketeers who regard murder as merely another business technique. (Fiction)

The Petersburg-Cannes Express, by Hans Koning
The setting — a luxury train speeding across Europe in 1900 — and the exceptional charm of the earnest young hero and heroine, are the distinguishing features of this superior suspense novel. When Andrew and Anna, a naive but determined duo, pit their idealism against the cleverness of hardened professional politicians, their ludicrous amateurishness proves just the quality needed to foil every wicked scheme of their baffled enemies. (Fiction)

The Prime Minister's Boat Is Missing, by John Dyson
After the Prime Minister's yacht disappears during a brief storm, a British security officer becomes convinced that the politician has been kidnapped. He moves immediately, rashly and almost single-handedly to rescue the English leader from his ingenious captors. The mystery and action are vividly depicted and plausibly sustained. (Fiction)

Good-by Mr. Shaft, by Ernest Tidyman
For this gig Shaft goes to dotty, dirty, dangerous London. He's been hired to protect the sons of two American black politicians from a devious and peace-threatening kidnapping plot. Shaft finds his adversaries cunning, unpredictable, and not in the least averse to murdering anyone who annoys them.

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St. Stephen's Anglican Church — Head

Dr. Armitage of St. Stephen's Anglican Church has asked me to mention that there is a "box" located in both Perry's Pharmacy and the European Delicatessen for gifts to go to one of the local mental health centres before Christmas.

If you feel so inclined, please purchase some small item to place in these gift boxes to brighten the Christmas of persons less fortunate than ourselves.

The traditional midnight Christmas Carol Service will be held at St. Stephen's on Christmas Eve beginning at 11 p.m.

However, if you'll take my advice... be there by 10:30 in order to get a seat. People come not only from Maple and all the various church denominations but from other areas as well.

It is one of the most exciting examples of true Christian fellowship in the community that I have witnessed since living in Maple, and one that my entire family, parents included, look forward to each year.

Impressed with posters — head

It seems that one of the head office officials from the Canadian Arthritis

Society was so impressed with the posters some of our Maple kids did for the recent campaign, that the posters will be hung permanently in the new office of the CARS Ontario Branch at 920 Yonge St.

If anyone happens to be in that neighborhood, they might like to drop in and see what some of our budding artists have created!

Sing-a-long

Students of Joseph A. Gibson's school choir are having a carol "sing-a-long" Friday at 2 p.m.

Come and add your voice to the group. All parents are invited.

A treat for shoppers

Bayview High school band Christmas concert

Maple residents doing their shopping in Richmond Hill this evening can relax and enjoy some music afterwards.

Members of the Bayview High School Band will be presenting a program of Christmas music at Richmond Hill United Church beginning at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available from band members or at the door.

Price of admission is \$2 for adults and 25 cents for students.

Accent on Canadians in writers program

Nine courses will be offered in the language program at The Centre for Continuing Education at York University starting in January.

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It doesn't need standard tune-ups. Because it doesn't have a standard ignition system. A diesel engine is basically a much simpler machine than a gas engine. It has no carburetor, distributor, choke, points, spark plugs, coils, condensers or resistors, there's less to maintain and less that can go wrong.

It runs cleaner. That's because the diesel combustion process is essentially complete. There is virtually no carbon monoxide in the exhaust. In fact, the Peugeot 504 diesel engine burns fuel so efficiently that it meets all current emission-control standards without needing extra devices.

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