



## BOOK REVIEWS

Political Wives by Susan Riley.

There's nothing very new or profound here, nor anything of a scandalous nature, but Riley hits home and hits hard. Flinty, flighty, ruthless, wry, silky and insincere and so it goes. Margaret, Maureen and Mila, the cover girls, are her prime targets, but others follow, from past and present, far and near, and the treatment is equally nasty. The change of style is interesting. Gone the staid matrons of yesterday, now glamour the name of the game and chic the cause. Riley decides their role is a thankless task and calls them saints. P.S. For something a bit more spicy, there's Mo Dean's Washington Wives. JR

Dancing on the Shore by Harold Horwood.

Harold Horwood and his family live on the shores of the Annapolis Basin. They live there in close harmony with nature and rejoice in the tides, the seasons and annual bird migrations. His book is an odd mix of lyrical descriptive passages, tiny wood engravings and philosophic musings based on the thinking of Darwin, Thoreau and William Blake. He invites us all to share his joyful celebration of life. JR

The Landscape of Thomas Hardy by Denys Kay-Robinson.

A book for all lovers of Thomas Hardy and the classic English landscapes that formed the background for his novels. Starting from 'Casterbridge' (Dorchester) it takes the reader throughout the county of Dorset and into the adjacent counties that were also part of Hardy's Wessex. The panorama has changed surprisingly little. Recent coloured photographs of his birthplace, 'Mellstock' Church where he wished to be buried, and of Egdon Heath, Rushy Pond and the Valley of the Great Dairies etc. all look much the same as he portrayed them a hundred years ago. It is a major work, but nice for browsing too. JR

Accident Prone by John Penn.

A thoroughly satisfying English mystery novel in the classic style. Muriel Fayne dies in slightly suspicious circumstances at her country home. Her daughter Helen becomes subject to a series of accidents that finally take on a sinister aspect. The local doctor and the Rector become involved and finally Detective-Inspector George Thorn is called to assess the situation. An increasing excitement and sense of menace makes worthwhile reading. BS

## Rideau Lakes Union Library News

The Rideau Lakes Union Public Library presents the excitement and hilarity of Nova Scotia's Jest in Time Theatre, at Seeleys Bay Legion Hall, on Monday February 1 at 8 pm. Admission is \$5.00 (Series ticket holders: this is the last show in this year's series).

WARNING-ATTENDANCE AT THIS SHOW MAY CAUSE RESPIRATORY DIFFICULTY! You will be catching your breath with wonder one moment, and laughing yourself breathless the next! Audiences of all ages across Canada have been delighted by the fresh and original approach of this talented group.

The five young artists of Jest in Time Theatre are based in Halifax, N.S., and their inspiration comes from mime, vaudeville and silent film comedy. The company combines traditional mime techniques with voice, acting and movement. The result is an original style of physical theatre which appeals to the whole family. The sketches transcend the everyday world and leap into the absurd, ranging from the hilarious and light-hearted to the thought-provoking.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the fun, sponsored by your public library, the Ontario Library Service - Rideau, the Ontario Arts Council, and Outreach Ontario, a programme of the Ministry of Culture and Communications. For more information, contact: Lorraine Porter; Marjorie Keates 359-5315

## RIDEAU NOTES

January 7, 1988

Susan Docherty, William French, Pruyne Haskins, Kelly McGregor, Morgan McQuay, Gillian Purdy, Wendy Purdie and Elaine Surmoski attended the Education committee meeting in the Board office in Brockville on Monday, January 4. They were there for two reasons. The committee saw a tape of the news item on CKWS news concerning the proposed trip to the U.S.S.R. this spring as part of Rideau's twinning plan with a Soviet school. Several trustees voiced their support for Rideau's plans.

The second reason for the students' presence at the meeting was to view some of the available films on AIDS. Rideau's students had been asked to give their reactions and they did so. The students make it clear that they were not offended by any of the films. Morgan McQuay pointed out that it was important to use films that caught the attention of teenagers. "One of the films was like a boring lecture" said McQuay. All agreed that there was merit in each of the films. Parents would have been proud of the way Rideau's students spoke up in such an articulate manner.

On Tuesday, January 5, Rideau's boys' basketball teams traveled to North Grenville for league play. It was obvious that the Christmas break had a negative effect as all of Rideau's teams started very slowly. The juniors had a very hard fought game until the third quarter. In the fourth quarter the Rideau defense tightened up and the junior posted a 47-35 victory. In the senior game Rideau made effective use of their zone defense and posted a 64-42 victory. Chris Lemcke played a strong game in the low post position and Steven Visser did an excellent job blocking out and collecting rebounds.

In the midget contest, Rideau posted a 61-43 victory. Sean Plancke dominated both offensive and defensive boards and Derek Campbell controlled the offense. Sean Plancke, Brad Mainse and Timon Garreau were the top scorers.

The weekend of January 9 all of Rideau's basketball teams are involved in tournaments. The midgets host an elimination tournament which includes a hot shot contest and a foul shooting contest. Both juniors and seniors are travelling to Belleville for tournaments.

January 12, 1988

## New Transformer Station Site Sought

Ontario Hydro is studying potential sites for a new transformer station site between the communities of Newboro and Portland. The 230-kilovolt station is required to meet the area's rapidly increasing power demands.

The new station, to be built within the next three years, will ensure reliable electrical supply to the area. The site, approximately one hectare (two acres) in size, will be adjacent to two existing 230 kilovolt transmission lines running between Newboro and Portland.

Ontario Hydro has begun an environmental study and expects to select a suitable site before Fall 1988.

"Comments from area landowners will be an important part of the study," says Robert Mongiat, Ontario Hydro project engineer.

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