

RIDEAU REVIEWS

Pearls by Celia Brayfield. Risque, romantic and compelling, the plot of this long, involved novel takes the reader through steamy Malaysian jungles and Parisien night spots to the financial nerve-centres of London and New York. It is the story of a war hero, James Bourton, still at fifty, quote, thrillingly sexy and three seductive contemporary women, who each found her way from the edge to a life of strength and self-fulfilment. JR

Jacob Two-Two and the Dinosaur by Mordecai Richler. Jacob Two-Two's parents went to Kenya and brought him back a cute little lizard, whom he named Dippy and who grew into a full-blown Diplodocus dinosaur. They became inseparable. An hilarious sequel to Jacob Two-Two meets the Hooded Fang and like most sequels not as good, coarse in fact for six to ten year olds. JR

A Little Revenge by Willard Randall. The little known story of the tortured relationship between Benjamin Franklin and his bastard and only surviving son, William. Father and son took opposing sides at the time of the revolution and William spent the latter half of his life in exile in England, a bitter disappointment for his father. In his rather plodding prose, the author at the same time relates events that led up to the formation of the Republic. JR

A Goose on your Grave by Joan Aiken. A collection of whimsical and sometimes chilling tales by a master story teller. They gently touch a nerve now and then. Pleasant reading for a relaxing hour. BS

Visiting INDIA by Allan Stacey. Readers wanting a better understanding of the vast and complex country of India, and its 700 million people, may find it in this attractive guide compiled by Allan Stacey. It features everything from temples, Tamils and tigers to the Indian Railway system, with its famous little mountain trains. It has maps, photographs and a detailed gazetteer and is warm, personal and full of surprises. JR

More Tales from a Country Practice by Arthur Jackson. Dr. Jackson does for his humans what James Herriot does for his animals. A country doctor in East Anglia, his daily rounds bring him into contact with a variety of eccentric patients. At a time when house calls were still expected, his days were a frantic rush interspersed with visits to check his rare duck eggs. His hobby was to hatch and raise these with home-made equipment that frequently broke down and added to the general chaos in his life. Warm and very funny, it does perhaps bring a reluctant understanding of why we must now arrange to stay well on Wednesday afternoons and week-ends. BS

A VIEW FROM THE WOODS
Private Land Forestry

The main area of privately owned land in Ontario lies to the south of Lake Nipissing in 42 counties. This area, including some crown lands, totals over 22 million acres. It is well known that most of the best agricultural land in the province is found in this area. It is not well known however that a large proportion (possibly 30 to 30 per cent) of the land in Southern Ontario is best suited for forestry purposes. This forested acreage benefits all of the people of Ontario even though it is privately owned. Many of the economic, aesthetic, recreational and environmental benefits accrue to all those living in the area. Therefore, it behooves all of us to support efforts to improve this resource and to maximize these benefits by whatever means are available. In recognition of this, the government of Ontario offers as one of its programs, advice and assistance to private landowners under the Woodlands Improvement Act, passed in 1966. The objectives of this private land forestry program are two-fold; to re-establish productive forests on land for which the optimum use is forestry, and to improve the quality and quantity of wood yields from existing forests. The first agreement between the then Department of Lands and Forests and a private landowner in Leeds and Grenville took place during the summer of 1967. Nine acres of woodlot were taken under co-operative management

and 31 acres of shallow pasture land were reforested. Since that initial agreement in Wolford Township some 650 individual agreements have been signed in every corner of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. Most rural people are quite familiar with the triangular green sign that marks the location of a WIA plantation or woodlot.

Government involvement in tree planting is not a new phenomenon in Ontario. Provincial acts were passed over 100 years ago to encourage the planting of trees. The province co-operated with municipalities to pay farmers 25 cents for each tree established along a highway, on boundary lines of farms, or within six feet of their lines. The beautiful mature maples that line many of the secondary roads in Southern Ontario today were planted as part of that program.

The first county forest was established in Simcoe County, in 1922 to put idle, tax delinquent land back to work. Limerick forest, owned by the United Counties and managed by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources is our legacy from that program. It stands as an excellent example of what can be achieved by proper management. School children walking through the trails in that forest today have a hard time believing that the area was once a wasteland. In 1947, the first Conservation Authority forest came under agreement and the story continues.

We are just beginning to reap the benefits of those pioneering conservationists and tree planters now. Since their initial investment of time and effort, the land and the timber crops they established on it has increased in value many times. The same holds true of the actions we take today. It will be our children who benefit most from our activities. Forest management is a long-term proposition. Why not get involved now?

One Parent Family Association

Join us at our 1st general meeting for the establishment of a One Parent Family Association, Leeds & Grenville Chapter.

Date is Tuesday, Sept. 15, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. in the Family Focus Board Room, 32 Wall St., Brockville, Ontario. (located behind the County Court House in Brockville.)

To be eligible for membership, you must be a parent and be without a marriage partner by reason of death, divorce, separation, or unmarried parenthood. The custody of your child/children is not a requirement.

This meeting will give general information and answer all your questions relating to the One Parent Family Association. Your suggestions at this meeting will be appreciated.

For more information you may contact:

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Carol at 342-6199 or Bonnie at 345-2801 for Brockville.

Melinda at 359-1069 (days) for North Leeds residents.

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