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She was the terror of small boys who scuttled for cover at her sibilant S-S-SIH! She frowned upon the tardy borrower and discouraged the unorthodox reader. She guarded her books jealously and thought fondly of uniform bindings in dark brown.

But she is gone -- gone like the great auk and the passenger pigeon! And no one mourns her passing.

The matrix was destroyed and the librarian that replaces her in no way resembles the original. Rigidity is no longer her stock-in-trade nor her trademark. An open mind, a vigor of purpose, a catholicity in taste, a willingness to change when change is essential: this is the new librarian.

A library cannot exist in a vacuum: therefore she integrates her library with the world around her. It is important to her to present both sides of a question objectively and to reject bias and contumely. She does not resist the new because it is new; rather she measures it against the time that produced it and its right to be presented. Her yardstick is validity and need -- for all ages and for all groups.

She would rather lose a book than keep it on the shelves untouched; she looks for ways to make it easier and quicker for people to get the books they want. What was good enough twenty years ago is not good enough for her; she keeps a flexible and informed attitude toward new patterns of progress.

For she knows that if she slips back into the static mold of early librarianship, she is dead. And so is her library!

Mary G. Leggett

ADULT BOOKS AND SERVICES

ANTHONY VECCHIO, ADULT SERVICES CONSULTANT

Some of our veteran novelists are back with us again this month:

William Golding of LORD OF THE FLIES fame continues to probe man's nature in this story of the building of THE SPIRE on an English medieval cathedral.
Giovanni Guareschi tells the further adventures of COMRADE DON CAMILLO on his visit to the Soviet Union.

During THE NIGHT IN LISBON, the protagonist of Erich Maria Remarque's novel recounts his life story: his love affair and his experiences as a refugee during the period of Nazi Germany.

THE KEEPERS OF THE HOUSE are members of an old Southern family. Shirley Ann Grau has a present-day descendant tell her story and that of her grandfather and his Negro housekeeper. A fictional exploration of some aspects of the racial problem.

Edwin O'Connor in I WAS DANCING creates another Irish character: a seventy-eight-year-old ex-vaudevillian who "visits" his son and daughter-in-law after a twenty-one year absence, stays a year and then maneuvers to keep from being sent to a home for the aged.

A many-faceted war-mystery story, satire on the German officer corps, historical novel of World War II, commentary on divided Germany is THE NIGHT OF THE GENERALS, by Hans Kirst.

CONVENTION is another popular entertainment -- this time about presidential politics, by the well-known author-team of SEVEN DAYS IN MAY, Fletcher Knebel and Charles W. Bailey.

Some people talk about their ideas and experiences:

Ernest Hemingway -- As the subtitle to A MOVEABLE FEAST puts it -- sketches of the author's life in Paris in the Twenties.

Eric Hodgins -- Author of MR. BLANDING'S DREAM HOUSE tells a not very humorous EPISODE of the accident inside his skull, a case history of a stroke and its aftermath.

James B. Donovan -- The inside story of the case of the Soviet spy by one who should know: the lawyer who defended him in court. Culminates in the dramatic exchange of STRANGERS ON A BRIDGE, the Colonel and U-2 pilot Gary Powers.

Lesley Blanch -- An old Balkan saying describes a restless traveler as being born UNDER A LILAC-BLEEDING STAR, the title of a well-written travel book about Mexico, the Balkans and North Africa.
Archie Carr -- A naturalist with an interesting mind and an ability to write describes his ULENDO (journey) in and out of Africa.

James A. Beard -- The rotund gourmet and author of cook books shares his DELIGHTS AND PREJUDICES, a biographical cook book or, if you prefer, a culinary biography.

Peg Bracken -- The irreverent author of THE I HATE TO COOK BOOK and THE I HATE TO HOUSEKEEP BOOK now says I TRY TO BEHAVE MYSELF in this sensible and entertaining etiquette book.

Some people talk about others people's ideas and experiences:

Oliver St. John Gogarty had a varied career: surgeon, dramatist, poet, politician -- but is ironically perhaps best known as a character in Joyce's ULYSSES, a work he once undertook to demolish as a gigantic literary hoax. His biography by Ulick O'Connor, THE TIMES I'VE SEEN, is a lively account of a lively subject.

Maxine Elliott is the MY AUNT MAXINE of Diane Forbes-Robertson's work, an engaging and objective account of the career and times of a fabulous actress.

PEDRO MARTINEZ is a brilliant book about a Mexican peasant and his family by Oscar Lewis, the author of CHILDREN OF SANCHEZ. An authentic and moving picture as drawn and organized from tape-recorded testimony.

Some books about things:

A river is thoroughly and interestingly described in John Bardach's DOWNSTREAM, A NATURAL HISTORY OF THE RIVER.

Practical photography for the layman is sensibly explained in Giorgina Reid's THE DELIGHTS OF PHOTOGRAPHY.

Antibiotics are the subject of WONDER DRUGS by Helmuth M. Bottcher.

Chemistry is released from the textbook in THE ENJOYMENT OF CHEMISTRY by Louis Vaczek.

Science experiments with inexpensive equipment are clearly explained in the new edition of UNESCO's SOURCE BOOK FOR SCIENCE TEACHING.

Some books with pictures:


Mark Shaw's THE JOHN F. KENNEDYS: A FAMILY ALBUM.
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Golding, William
THE SPIRE Harcourt 1964 $3.95

Grau, Shirley Ann
KEEPERS OF THE HOUSE Knopf 1964 $4.95

Guare, Giovanni
COMRADE DON CAMILLO Farrar 1964 $3.50

Kirst, Hans H.
THE NIGHT OF THE GENERAL Harper 1963 $4.95

Knebel, Fletcher
CONVENTION Harper 1964 $4.95

O'Connor, Edwin
I WAS DANCING Little 1964 $4.75

Remarque, Erich Maria
NIGHT IN LISBON Harcourt 1964 $4.95

Lewis, Oscar
PEDRO MARTINEZ; A MEXICAN PEASANT AND HIS
FAMILY Random 1964 $8.95

Donovan, James B.
STRANGERS ON A BRIDGE Atheneum 1964 $6.95

Churchill, Allen
A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF AMERICAN CRIME,
1849-1929 Holt 1964 $6.95

Bracken, Peg
I TRY TO BEHAVE MYSELF Harcourt 1964 $3.75

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SOURCE BOOK FOR SCIENCE TEACHING rev. and enl.
UNESCO 1962 $4.00

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ULENDO: TRAVELS OF A NATURALIST IN AND OUT
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WONDER DRUGS Lippincott 1964 $4.95

Hodgins, Eric
EPISODE Atheneum 1963 $5.00

Beard, James A.
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THE DELIGHTS OF PHOTOGRAPHY Barnes 1963 $5.95

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A MOVEABLE FEAST Scribner 1964 $4.95

Blanch, Lesley
UNDER A LILAC-BLEEDING STAR: TRAVELS AND
TRAVELERS Athenaeum 1964 $5.00

Forbes, Robertson, Diana
MY AUNT MAXINE Viking 1964 $6.95

O'Connor, Ulick
THE TIMES I'VE SEEN: OLIVER ST. JOHN GOGARTY,
A BIOGRAPHY Obolensky 1964 $6.95

Shaw, Mark
THE JOHN F. KENNEDYS: A FAMILY ALBUM Farrar
1964 $7.50

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The system summer reading project this year is planned for children, ages 9 - 12. We are supplying below a list of seven books selected for them. You, as librarian, can encourage them to borrow one of these books from your library or you can request it for them from Headquarters. We would also suggest that you buy these books for your own library if you do not now own them.

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Children in the three county area are invited to read a book from this list and to submit a short paragraph or two (not over 150 words in length) on why they liked or disliked the book; what they considered the best or most interesting part of the book; and who they feel would most enjoy reading it.

Statements should be mailed on or before July 1 to:

Mrs. Barbara Doh  
Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library  
P. O. Box 570  
Plattsburgh, New York

Some or all of the entries may be published in the C-E-F L newsletter.

HEADQUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

DIRECTOR AT ALBANY MEETING

Mr. Berry attended a meeting of the Board of Regents' Committee on Certification of Public Librarians in Albany, New York, on Thursday, May 21.
CHILDREN'S SPRING BOOK FESTIVAL

Posters and bookmarks for Children's Spring Book Festival were distributed to member librarians present at the May 11 Librarians' Meeting. Other librarians will receive their sets on the delivery day for their libraries.

MAY LIBRARIANS' MEETING

An all-day meeting of member librarians was held in Plattsburgh on May 11.

Miss Marion Vedder, Associate Library Supervisor, Library Extension Division, was the speaker at the morning session. Miss Vedder spoke about the necessity for librarians to be alert to changes in needs and interests in their communities -- and to plan library service to meet these changes. She then commented on the training courses offered by Library Extension Division and their importance in helping local public librarians give better service.

Librarians also heard a record, produced and narrated by Mr. Roy Urbinas of Plattsburgh. Titled THE BATTLE OF PLATTSBURGH, the record was made in conjunction with this year's sesqui-centennial celebration of the event.

In the afternoon, the group visited the Kent-DeLord House, an eighteenth century residence in Plattsburgh which has been preserved as a museum. Mr. L. Newton Hayes, curator of the museum, explained the background of the house and its importance in New York State history.

Present were Mr. David Minnich, Wead Library, Malone; Mrs. David Minnich, Harrison Junior High School, Malone; Mrs. David Harrison, Champlain Free Library; Mrs. P. F. Fitzpatrick, Peru Free Library; Mrs. Wells, Essex Free Library; Mrs. E. C. Morton, Black Watch Memorial Library, Ticonderoga; Mrs. Paul Vogans, Mooers Free Library; Mrs. Roland Mason, Paine Memorial Library, Willsboro; Mrs. Arthur Tremblay, Dodge Memorial Library, Rouses Point; Mrs. Allan Everest, Plattsburgh; Miss Emma Walter, Plattsburgh Public Library; Mrs. Paul Maicus, AuSable Forks Library; Miss Margot Clark and Mrs. Raymond Clark, Westport Library Association; Miss Mabel Mason, Willsboro; and Mrs. Bennett, Ticonderoga.

JUNE LIBRARIANS' MEETING

A Librarians' Meeting will be held June 1 in the auditorium of Plattsburgh Public Library. Mrs. Barbara Doh and Mr. Vecchio, system consultants, will discuss weeding problems and how to solve them.

POSTERS FOR EACH LIBRARY TO BE GIVEN BY HEADQUARTERS

Headquarters is sending to each member library a set of twelve posters designed and sold by Library Public Relations Council. These posters done in bright colors with appropriate captions for a variety of subjects run the gamut from DETECTIVES AT WORK to WHAT AMERICA IS READING. Supplying each library with these display materials is part of the system program to help member librarians plan exhibits for their public.
TRUSTEES' MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library was held on Saturday, May 16, in Plattsburgh. Present were Mrs. Daniel T. Manning, Sr., AuSable Forks; Mr. Paul Vogan, Mooers; Mrs. Lincoln Barnett, Westport; Mr. Claude H. Clark, Bloomingdale; Mr. Richard W. Lawrence, Jr., Elizabethtown; Mr. Frank L. Carpenter, Plattsburgh; Mrs. A. J. Hecht, Plattsburgh; Miss Margaret Richards, Brushton; Mr. William A. Harvey, Saranac Lake; Miss Grace L. McCarthy, Tupper Lake; Mrs. James F. Mills, Fort Covington; Mrs. Allan Everest, Plattsburgh; and Mr. Berry.

SUMMER WORKSHOP AT COLLEGE

A workshop on children's and adolescent's literature will be held July 13 - 24 at the State University College at Plattsburgh. Dr. M. Frances Breen will direct the workshop which is planned for the classroom teacher. Mrs. Barbara Doh, system consultant, will be associate director. Mrs. Ruth Hill Viguers, editor of Hornbook Magazine, will be the guest speaker at a special assembly of the college. Her topic will be LIFE AND LASERS.

BOOKMOBILE PROGRAM REVISED

As the result of a survey of library service in three counties made by the Board of Trustees of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library, the Board has announced the development of an experimental program designed to coordinate bookmobile service with greater use by area readers.

New bookmobile schedules, effective in July, offer more hours of public service to residents of the three county area. Schedules at certain stops include Saturday and evening hours; at other stops where use is unusually heavy, time has been increased.

New schedules will be released to bookmobile patrons and to the general public before July.

STAFF MEMBERS ATTEND CLA MEETING

Mrs. Rose Waddell and Mrs. Leggett attended the spring meeting of the diocesan unit of the Catholic Library Association in Brushton, New York. Mrs. Leggett was a member of a panel of four reviewers who discussed books that have had much popular demand.

CONSULTANT PLANS VISITS TO LIBRARIES

Mrs. Doh is starting her schedule of visits to member libraries on Thursday, May 28, when she will visit Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake. If you have immediate problems in either your Young Adult or Children's Department, please drop a note to Mrs. Doh at Headquarters and she will try to include your library at an early date.
LIBRARY EXTENSION DIVISION PERSONNEL VISIT MEMBER LIBRARIES

Miss Marion Vedder, Associate Library Supervisor, and Miss Virginia Heffernan, Children's Consultant, visited the Dodge Library, West Chazy, on Monday, May 11. They also made brief visits to both Tupper Lake and Saranac Lake libraries on Tuesday, May 12.

TV PROGRAM SCHEDULED

Mrs. Barbara Doh will appear on Plattsburgh Television Station W P T Z on Thursday, June 11, at 1:40 p.m.

This will be the first in a monthly series of children's stories to be presented by Mrs. Doh, as a feature of W P T Z's program, ON THE LOCAL SCENE. Dates for these programs will be announced in your local newspaper and in the C-E-F L NEWSLETTER.

ADULT CONSULTANT CALLS AT MEMBER LIBRARIES

Mr. Vecchio, adult services consultant, visited Keeseville Free Library on May 6, and Chateaugay Memorial Library on May 13. These visits are planned to advise member librarians on their adult book collections and on any problems connected with them.

STAFF CHANGES

Miss Beverly Marble, typist, has resigned as of May 15 and will be married in June. She has been replaced by Gary Snyder, a graduate of Mount Assumption Institute, Plattsburgh.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

AUSABLE FORKS LIBRARY

Library trustees and other volunteers have added two new sections of shelving to allow more space in the Adult Fiction and Biography collections.

KEESEVILLE FREE LIBRARY

The adult book collection at this library has been weeded, with system consultant, Mr. Vecchio, advising Mrs. Peterson, the Librarian. Room has been made for fresh new books and space allowed for many attractive books lost in the previous squeeze.

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Miss Emma Walter, Director, received a letter from the editors of American Heritage thanking her for her help in allowing them to borrow material for the April 1964 issue of American Heritage. Material and illustrations for an article called "When Gentlemen Prepared for War" was taken from a 1917 copy of THE PLATTSBURGHER owned by this library.

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

Mr. David Minnich, Librarian at Wead Library, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Malone Kiwanis Club. Mr. Minnich spoke on the development of libraries, the changes in techniques, and cooperation between libraries.

R. Edwin Berry, Director
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