

Christmas Books For Children? Here's Suggestions

By LINDO MOORE

Is this really to be a season of peace and good cheer for you, or just another hair-raising season over what to give Junior and his sisters and cousins for Christmas? You remember grimly other Christmas, when your Yuletide gifts to the young lacked—that electric train you sprained your ankle over, the dart game that mistimed and landed in a tender portion of your anatomy. So this year Junior will find books under the Christmas tree.

As a Yuletide picture in the direction of bewildered parents, uncles, Big Brothers, etc., the Baldwin Library is displaying books, both old and new, as gift suggestions.

If the youngest member of the family is between three and five, he will like brightly colored picture books, tales of animals, stories about other children, as well as harder books that Mother reads aloud. Classics in this line include the *Beatrix Potter Price Books*, *Robbie*, *Never are the Happy Hours*, *Picture Story Series*, simple fables, *The Frogman*, *The Peewee*, *On the Road*, *Over the Pond*, *Dog*. Other notable books for small children include:

*Seven Dying Ducks*. The difficulties of a duck who couldn't dive.

*April's Kittens*, by Helen Hoberly. Three cats in a row, how apartment presented a real problem.

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Latrup Townsite News

by LILLIAN DIEDERICH

Bridge Series

Mr. Earl M. Doig, president of the Latrup Club, will entertain the 16th members of the executive board, with a desert bridge on Dec. 5. This is to be the first of a series of business to be given by each member who in turn will invite two tables of contract, until all have entertained. The proceeds from this progressive parties will go into the club fund. Those attending Mr. Doig's party: Mesdames Vincent Madison, Frank Goldberg, R. S. Stannard, Miles W. Beatty, Lee Baker, Robert Chadwick, Emil Frederick, Gilbert Adair, Roger Baker and Leo Gular.

Mr. Doig's Club held its regular meeting on Monday. Miss Harriet Harwood gave an enlightening and entertaining book review on "The Naxos" by Tessa was served by the following hostesses: Mesdames Beaudin, Beatty, Parter, Sampson.

Guests From Washington

Mrs. Charles Harthornhouse entertained last week two guests from Washington, D. C. Mrs. Sarah W. Smith and her sister, Mrs. Charles Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. France have returned to their home on Latrup boulevard after a week spent in Muncie, Ind. Immediately after their home Mrs. France took her turn entertaining her Detroit bridge club.

Will Change Signs On Hawthorne

After repeated suggestions by residents of Hawthorne road, the City Commission, Monday night, agreed to make a trial of re-posting on the east side of Hawthorne. Signs recently put up on the west side will be moved. L. B. Billings, 418 Hawthorne, and Raymond E. Ritter, 454 Hawthorne, appeared Monday night before the Commission and urged the change. Majority of the houses are on the west side, it is more convenient to park on that side.

Winter Commentary

Now's the time to don that extra little tartan swing skirt and warm, lusciously soft and cozy. And can pull on those long pulled-on and grab up a pair of bright red mittens and gloves, and get a "skate on." The rink's ready. How about giving us a demonstration, Peggy? Sure, I can. I know you've been hopping around the country. News does get around. We heard that a certain Charles Walker cuts capers on the ice. Many will have rosy cheeks and good appetites now.

Speaking of appetites, the Odie S. Lanes spent last week visiting relatives at Muskegon. Those relations own a farm and raise their own produce and fowl. All week long the Lanes had too much to eat and when they started for home they were loaded down with ducks, chickens and turkeys. Get asked Geneva what she intended cooking for Sunday dinner. "Ham-burger loaf," she answered pronto.

Busy People

Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Loomis, of Latrup boulevard, flew to Cleveland and back to attend the annual claim bake given by the firm in which Mr. Loomis is employed. On Saturday night they gave a dinner for 14 guests, at Cottiers, after which they returned to the residence and played cards. These Loomises do get about. A week ago they had dinner with relatives in the state of Illinois one day, and back at home the next day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Dunn, of Golden Gate drive, joined a happy crowd of 20 Detroit friends and they all attended the club held at Detroit Yacht Club on Saturday night. Wednesday, Mrs. Dunn was hostess at the club to three tables of bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Denker, of California drive, have an aunt, Mrs. G. C. Fitzwater, of Glendale, Calif., visiting them. Mrs. Fitzwater is enjoying the winter land-scape of Michigan. She thinks it is the first of a series of "strides around" in life. It is the first snow she has actually been in for more than 20 years. Seeing it on mountaintops is quite different, she states.

Gay S. Penning, of Saratoga boulevard, is at Ford Hospital. Little Patty Thompson is now convalescing at home after a severe illness, including pneumonia. Mrs. William Orth of San Jose drive is also confined to her home.

Too Much Activity

T. W. Diederich went the grand prize of \$100,000, West-northern night. Two days before Mrs. D. won a 16-pound turkey at Birmingham Golf Club, and the same night Mr. D. won again at the Book, a fancy basket of cakes. Then good luck took the little white car. The new car, the wife and ten day-old son from the hospital, Tuesday night, when Diederich was "stricken" with acute appendicitis. In the mean time, the excitement about the winning of the \$100,000 prize, so now your truly staggered from bed to the typewriter, to mother and sick father and small son are doing nicely.

Store Windows Shrink in London



Shoppers on London's famed Regent Street have reduced the size of their display windows in most of the windows covered with boards.

Knocking on Wood

(Continued from Page 2, Part 2) times atrocious, but it would be difficult to prove that an older person would be any better. Remember, in these days of crowded schools everywhere, there are boys and girls who, 25 years ago, would have put at the eighth grade because the going got too tough for their ability. Another, also, that in the days of larger families, children learned discipline at home; these would have been bled.

In education, I might say that if the schools are to better tomorrow, we must have a better faculty, also, than in the days of our fathers. For the last 25 years, the Education says it's all right with things, that's a good sign too. It shows the gentlemen are inclined to be progressive.

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136 U. of M. Mail Courses Available To Residents Here

To those people who desire to add to their knowledge or improve their skills during the winter months, the Correspondence Study Department of the University of Michigan with the cooperation of the Work Projects Administration offers a total of 136 courses of study this year through the Adult Education Center at Baldwin Library, Birmingham.

This fall, correspondence study became a regular service to the people of Michigan by the Extension Division of the University. For all enlisted men in the armed forces, certified WPA, N.Y.A. and C.C. enrollees, and persons under 21 years of age the fee for each course is \$2.00. For all others the fee is \$7.00. These small fees are only one of many advantages of the service.

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Persons interested in the correspondence program should communicate with Mrs. Margaret Tringham at the Baldwin Library.

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Gardeners' Corner

(This column is conducted for The Eccentric's readers by Mrs. Mary T. Patton, Box 136, Blauvelt Hills, Ontario, Canada. Questions on gardening matters may be addressed to Mrs. Patton and they will be answered in the Gardeners' Corner as directly by mail.)

Christmas Shopping

Winter has comfortably settled over the garden. We hope that you remembered to shake the heavy snow from the branches of the evergreens. (There is always danger of broken branches, you know.) Now your mind should be on Christmas and thinking of the best gift for each name on your list. If there are gardeners among them, the following suggestions may help.

For those who like to arrange flower vases, holders or shears are welcome. A heavy frame is a pleasure to stand or hang. A look at arrangements offers new suggestions to the amateur or veteran alike. *Flower Arrangements*, by Mrs. M. T. Patton, is illustrated with 61 cut photographs and "how to do it" diagrams. *The Flower Arrangement* by Conway is also new and well illustrated, showing many tricks of the trade.

Send Seeds! If you have saved seeds of favorite flowers, you may wish to send them in a Christmas card to garden-hungry friends. In fact it is a pleasant remembrance to buy packages of seeds that you like to send. One seed company at least has prepared cards containing seed packets. One might use the folders intended for snapshots, leaving the market show through the frame. Most nurseries will send gift certificates for perennials, shrubs or bulbs. You might make a selection of choice to the recipient.

Indoor gardeners not only appreciate new plants but new containers. There is such a variety of pot holders, stands, hanging jars and glass shelves that one can hardly know which to choose. Special pots are now on the market for growing plants in nutrient solutions.

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MEETINGS

Monday, Dec. 16—Birmingham Branch National Farm and Garden, Community House, Flower show, open to public, 3 to 5 p. m.

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