

Take Winter Field Trips 'in' Books

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Now with the happy confusion of the holidays behind us, there is time of an evening to pull up a chair to the fireside, there to read our Christmas books.

At the top of my pile is "Great American Nature Writing," edited and introduced by Joseph Wood Crutch, himself a writer of no mean reputation. It contains selections from more than a score of authors beginning with Thoreau, Muir and Burrows and continuing with such favorites as Ted Devoe and Prattie.

Prattie is the name of nature writers of our generation. He is a Harvard-trained biologist who is also a highly skilled field naturalist. Your scribble shows him a sight of doing standing.

He, more than any other, contributes to the reader a kind of warm awareness of the place of nature in our modern world. To Allan, before he goes a kind of secondary significance for his unimpaired skill in depicting animal feeling and life.



Mrs. Fretch

My second book, "Design of the Universe," by Fritz Kahn, is a challenge both to the imagination and the intellect.


ITS FOUR MAIN divisions discuss in turn the world of modern physics, the atom, the heavens, and the earth. A large assignment for one that it will do.

Overseas. While living there, Julie studied music at Boston Conservatory of Music, and continued her hobbies of painting and dancing.

The course concluded Jan. 27 by train for Seattle.

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MRS. CAVAN AND JULIE

Mother and Daughter Join Major in Tokyo

After a merry-go-round of packing, parties and joyous anticipation, Mrs. James G. Cavan and 11-year-old daughter, Julie, are on their ship.

They will lead today from Seattle, Wash., to join Major Cavan in Tokyo. Expecting to arrive in February, it will be the family's first reunion with the Air Force officer since he went to Tokyo last October.

Julie and her mother have been dividing their time between Mrs. Cavan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Millard of Detroit and her brother-in-law and sister, the Winthrop Conrads of Franklin.

ALTHOUGH there was a lot of shopping and many last minute odds and ends to be done, mother and daughter took time out for final sherry parties.

The Royal Oak home of the late John Cavan, parents of the serviceman, was the setting for a bon voyage breakfast last Sunday, while on Tuesday Mrs. C. J. Barrett entertained at a luncheon at the Women's City Club, the celebration for Friday was a tea hosted by Mrs. DeWight Bishler.

Mrs. and Mrs. Conrad invited guests to dine in for cocktails at their Franklin Village home Saturday evening after which a family dinner followed.

"A LOT of sightseeing is expected during our three-year stay," stated Mrs. Cavan. Her itinerary reports the weather as "chummy, with temperatures in the 40's and 50's during the day and 30' at night."

Major Cavan was stationed at Lincoln Institute of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Lincoln, Mass., before going

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the most part pale and inconspicuous. In the tropics, nature hanes many of her most gorgeous blooms overhaid. This book would make an unusual "Bon Voyage" gift to anyone embarking on a Caribbean vacation. It is the first of its kind to appear and will fill a long felt need.

Our last book, "Woodland Portraits" by Jannette Klute, is one which leaves the beholder speechless. I say "beholder" because it relies solely upon the appeal of its exquisitely colored photographs. The text is reduced to a single quotation for each picture.

A visual research photographer for the Eastman Kodak company, Miss Klute is a superb artist with the camera. She is the discoverer of a process called "divergence from Color Photographs" in which the realism of photography is almost wholly replaced by the interpretative power of the artist.

IN HER OWN words: "My purpose has been to express the feeling one experiences being outdoors. I am concerned with the details of the scene, as such, with the intellectual. The words are mystical and enigmatic to me as well as spiritual." And you, Jannette Klute, have succeeded as far as one beholder is concerned.

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