

Children Discover Adventure in Reading

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Children can find adventure and excitement right in their own home towns.

During summer vacation time, youngsters can tour the 50 states, visit the peoples and countries of the world, discover dragons, dinosaurs and other actual and theoretical animals and make friends with cowboys, fireflies, policemen, ghosts and flying carpets—all this without leaving their own front porch or back yard.

Through the wonderful world of literature, people and things come alive for alert young minds.

A FIRM believer in reading for summer recreation is Grant Barber, principal of the Quanton Elementary School, Birmingham.

Barber was the instructor for a two-week Michigan State University workshop in "Children's Literature," offered in Petokey for elementary school teachers from that area.

"Children find the summer an ideal time to read because they can select the books they want and take all the time they need to finish reading them," says Barber. He points out that the summer is also a good time for parents to read to their young charges.

"CHILDREN LOVE attention from parents and adults," he says.

"They enjoy being read to. They like having their minds stretched and their powers of listening and concentration exercised."

He warns, however, that parents should not do all the reading for their children, so that the youngsters become too dependent on them.

Barber says that storytelling is another enjoyable summertime activity for children, and for most adults is the most natural thing in the world.

When telling stories to children, Barber suggests parents and adults first try and reconstruct the stories in their own minds before trying them on the youngsters.

HE ALSO maintains that dialect stories and those works done by the great pictureque writers should be read rather than told.

For those interested in building up interesting home libraries, Barber advises such guides as "A Parent's Guide to Children's Reading" by Larrick, "That Eager Zest" by Walsh and "Your Child's Reading Today" by Frank.

Because there have been more than 3,000 new children's books published over the past two years, Barber finds it difficult to recommend any specific books.

HE ADDS, however, that for youngsters in kindergarten

through the third grade, books such as "Rapunzel" by Grimm, "I Met a Man" by Ciardi, "Little Bear" by Lattimore, "My Father's Dragon" by Gannett and "The Long-Tailed Bear and Other Indian Legends" by Belting are all very good.

For grades four through six, he suggests the "Rotabaga Stories" by Sandburg, the "Just So Stories" by Kipling, "Swiss Family Robinson" by Wyss, "The Wonder Clock" by Pyle, "Caves of the Great Hunters" by Baumann and "Crack of the Bat" by Fenner.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Female horses
 - 10 Bird
 - 14 Old-womanish
 - 15 Italian coin
 - 16 At this place
 - 17 Weasel
 - 18 Consume
 - 19 Old's name
 - 20 Occupy a seat
 - 21 Wind instrument
 - 23 Incantation
 - 25 Abstract being
 - 27 Short for instrument
 - 28 Tree
 - 29 Correlative of neither
 - 31 Prayers
 - 32 A prize (colloq.)
 - 33 Spring
 - 40 Male offspring
 - 41 Old's name
 - 42 Head covering
 - 43 S. American river
 - 45 Make lace edging

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- DOWN**
- 7 Climbing plant
 - 8 Skull
 - 9 Anonys
 - 10 Entrances
 - 11 Lease
 - 12 Theatrical person
 - 13 Carry-on measure
 - 15 Any on person
 - 16 Pronoun
 - 17 Fourth call
 - 18 Seth's son (poet.)
 - 19 Pronoun
 - 21 Central grain (pl.)
 - 23 Usually, ridge (pl.)
 - 24 Observe
 - 25 Neighbor sheep (pl.)
 - 26 Wagon
 - 28 Large dog
 - 29 Quote
 - 30 Allot
 - 31 Genus of frogs
 - 32 Funeral oration
 - 33 Extraordinary person
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 - 35 Any on person
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College Student Wins Scholarship At Will-O-Way

A 19-year-old girl who thought she "didn't have a chance" won the Alexander Grange Scholarship for summer study at Will-O-Way Amusement Theatre.

In making the announcement, Will-O-Way Director Colin Merrill Turner said Linda Kay Allen proved in competitive open readings that she fit the scholarship requirements of talent, ingenuity, drive, seriousness of purpose and financial need.

"The scholarship will enable Linda, who lives in Pleasant Ridge, to study acting method, diction, stagecraft, Shakespeare, costume and set design, and play production in afternoon and evening classes at the dramatic training school, 775 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

A FORMER STUDENT at Lake Forest College in Illinois, Linda had already arranged to take a summer job here when she heard about the scholarship trials at Will-O-Way.

"Though she thought she had little chance of winning, she went to the try-outs, she said, because 'I had always wanted to study at Will-O-Way. Two of my friends had gone here for years and loved it. Everyone knows about Will-O-Way.'"

When she learned that she had won the study grant, Linda gave up the summer job.

THE STAGE WILL be Linda's

classroom when she appears as Ariel in Shakespeare's "The Tempest," July 26, 27 and 28. She will use her well-trained lyric soprano voice when she sings and acts in "Finnian's Rainbow" the weekends of August 2 and 9.

The drama student has appeared in musicals at Kingwood School Cranbrook, from which she was graduated in 1961. She plans to enter Wayne State University this fall as a junior and to study for an elementary school teaching career.

"Meanwhile," she says, "if a big break should come, I would be ready to accept it."

Senior Citizens Plan Arts, Crafts Show This Fall

The 11th annual Senior Citizens Arts and Crafts Exhibit will be held at the Detroit Historical Museum Oct. 4 to 27. Entry forms may be obtained from the Kundig Center, 2936 Ash, Detroit.

Categories include paintings, basket weaving, candlemaking, ceramics, copper and metal crafts, crocheting, jewelry, knitting, leathercraft, millinery, needlework, needlepoint, photography, novelties, taxidermy, weaving and woodcraft.

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NOW YOU ARE ready to have a fine time with your children at an art show. Seeing through your children's eyes is one of the bonuses of having children. They make paintings seem more alive, sculpture more fun, art more enjoyable and the world a more exciting place to be.

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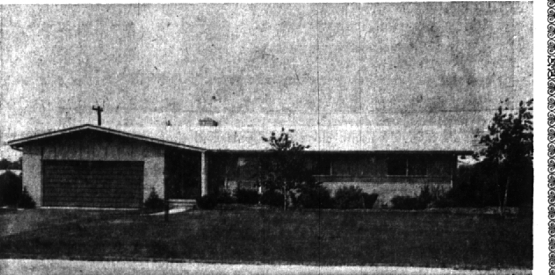
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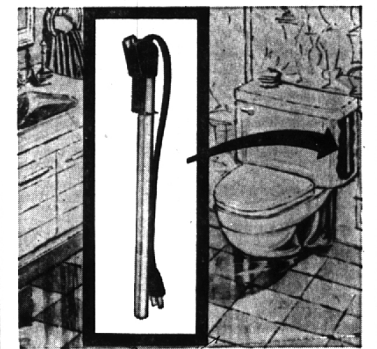
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