

# Give Gift of Political Reading; Choices for Other Interests

EDITOR'S NOTE—Last week Mrs. Trainor reviewed books about the arts for Christmas giving to adults. Here are books designed to appeal to other special interests.

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Moving away from the arts to interests, there are several choices which could be made among the many books dealing with politics and political figures.

"The Chief Executive" by Louis W. Koenig (Harcourt, Brace) is one. It presents the thesis that the United States would be better off with a democracy than a Presidency that is continuously strong.

One can hardly think of the Presidency without including a selection from the rash of books which have been written about the late President Kennedy. One which looks at John F. Kennedy with a viewpoint of establishing his place in history is "The Kennedy Years" (Text by the New York Times) Viking.

It contains the best collection of Kennedy photographs ever assembled between covers as well as a useful account of his career.

THOSE WITH a penchant for history will enjoy "To the Girls and Boys" by Edward Boykin (Funk & Wagnall) which contains little-known letters of Thomas Jefferson, to and from his children, with historical notes. "One Whaling Family" edited by Harold Williams, an authentic account of a great whaling captain who took his family to sea; and "The Scotch"

by John K. Galbraith (Houghton Mifflin), the story of a Scottish community in Canada, told with deft and penetrating humor; and "Gold" by Gina Allen (Crowell), a history how gold was and is mined, its varied uses, its unique role as a medium of international exchange.

For the golfer on your list Doug Sanders' "Compact Golf" (Crowell), with drawings and action photographs, shows how 10 minutes a day can result in 100-percentage accuracy.

For the naturalist "The World of the Raccoon" by Leonard Lee Rue (Lippincott) joins the list of "Living World Books" which contain fascinating facts about wildlife animals and intimate photographs of them.

FOR THE traveler Olan's "Complete Travel Guide to Europe" (Lippincott) covers every phase of European travel and for the cook who delights in cooking "The Housewife's Favorite Foods" (Houghton Mifflin) presents 150 original menus and foods contained in them.

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BESIDES SPECIAL interest books, there are books with emotional appeal particularly at Christmas, such as an attractive edition of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" or the new book such as "Little Christmas" by Agnes S. Turnbull (Houghton Mifflin), the story of a mother who found comfort from the sorrow of Christmas lost in the treasures of past Christmas days.

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"The Rector of Justin" by Louis Auchincloss (Houghton Mifflin), an interesting study of the American character seen through the eyes of a boy's school headmaster; "Honey for the Bears" by Anthony Burgess (Norton), a funny tale of an English antique dealer who tries to sell illegal dresses in Russia.

"The Italian Girl" by Iris Murdoch (Viking), a psychological thriller; and "Julian" by Gore Vidal (Little Brown) a historical novel



## It's an Achievement

Herb Cohen, owner of The Raven Gallery, 136 Brownell, Birmingham, puts up a display of products for Christmas giving made by Junior Achievement companies in the Birmingham area. Orders for these gifts are being taken at The Raven which will pass them along to the Junior Achievers.

## Eclipse

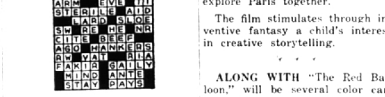
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"While scientists have termed the lunar eclipses as having little or no scientific value, they are, nonetheless, among the more unusual celestial events.

"On the very practical side, astronomers are labeling this eclipse as one of the most convenient in that the hours involved are early Friday evening."

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# Man's Living Pattern Leads To Diminishing of Wild Life

In a large measure each living creature is the product of many interacting factors which make up its particular habitat.

However, during the last 50,000 years, man's creature named Homo sapiens has emerged, the first life-form possessing the unique ability to appreciably modify his natural environment to suit his own ends. As a result he has achieved an unprecedented advantage over his predecessors.

But his way of life has also brought him some disadvantages.

Among these is the disappearance of numerous species of wild plants and animals while others stand at the brink of extinction.

Many species are endangered because today's pattern of living in our mechanized world is upsetting the delicate balance of nature. As farming has become intensified and as our society has become urbanized, man has denuded the land, dug oil wells, built roads and dams, drained swamps, robbed the soil by mismanagement and polluted the air and water.

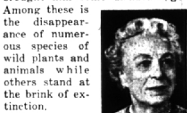
Northern Lower Peninsula and elsewhere else.

State and national organizations are uniting in their efforts to provide a continuing home for this, the rarest bird in Michigan. These plans include the actual burning of suitable areas of national forest.

Within a 5-10 year period a new stand of small jack pine trees will seed itself, providing an environment particularly adapted to the nesting habits of this small lemon-breasted songster.

OUR NATIONAL emblem, the bald eagle, is another of Michigan's threatened birds. In the days when canoe trips on the AuSable River were a part of every summer's adventure we anticipated the sight of this regal bird perched on a dead-head just around the next bend.

But the sights and sounds attendant upon paddling for hours through these wild and silent waters have been displaced by (See NATURE NOW, 8-D)



Mrs. Frehe

is being planned at The Community House (Bates & Townsend) in Birmingham from 2:30 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 29.

"The Red Balloon" an award-winning children's classic, is the feature film in color. It tells the story of a boy who befriends a red balloon, "tames it," endows it with a personality and makes it his constant companion as he explores Paris together.

The film stimulates through inventive fantasy a child's interest in creative storytelling.

ALONG WITH "The Red Balloon," will be several color cartoons. Refreshments will be served, and adults will supervise the program.

There will be a charge to cover the cost of refreshments. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or in advance at The Community House.

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The booming of the prairie chicken on its courtship grounds, the stealthy bobcat in his secluded retreats, the red fox in his den, the black bear in our cedar swamps; these are among Michigan animals which may well be strangers to our children.

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