

Librarian Says Youngsters Now "Reading Everything"

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New York—One authority on children's books says today's young generation reads everything in reach.

Which should be heartening news to all us adults who have been fretting about the demands of television on a child's free hours or on reasons why "Johnny can't read."

This being the 39th annual Children's Book Week, I visited Mrs. Frances Spain, an affable, Georgia-born woman who has worked with youngsters in library and classroom for 25 years. She at present is head of the children's section of the New York Public Library, where some three and one-half million children's books are checked out yearly.

"What are they reading? Mercy me, everything in all fields," said Mrs. Spain. "They're going through the books grandma grew up on . . . the classics as well as the comics. I must say, though, we don't include the latter in our library listings."

"A bunch of us worried when television came along, fearing it would cut into a child's reading time," she recalled.

"But then, so does dancing school."

"Circulation did drop a bit at first, but not as we had feared. Television stimulates a certain amount of reading. The classic example was a few seasons ago

when we had the Davy Crockett craze in everything. Well, we couldn't keep his biography, or that of any other western hero, on the shelves."

Statistics from the Children's Book Council support Mrs. Spain's observations. Lucy Tomkins, the executive secretary, said that in 1921 there was one children's book editor. Now, the council has 69 member publishers. Non-member publishers of juveniles bring to total to 105, she said.

Children's Books Triple
In 1900, there were 527 children's book titles published. Last year, 1,495. The American Book Publishers Council, Inc., reports a 38 per cent increase from 1954 through 1956 in the number of volumes sold, in the \$1 and up category. The under \$1 retail volume a 12 per cent increase.

All told last year, either the kids or dotting relatives bought nearly 145 million books.

Mrs. Spain said children's tastes in reading have changed little with the years. "We have noticed," she said, "that there is more demand for books of fact. Not done in a fictional manner, but straight-forward. And the children seem to be reading more biography and history. Right at the moment, our books on space, flying and science fiction are 'best sellers.'"

"But the children never tire of Black Beauty, Tom Sawyer, Hans Christian Anderson, Grimm's Fairy Tales, Arabian Nights, Robinson Crusoe, Little Women, Alice in Wonderland..."

How about Huckleberry Finn, the book recently dropped as a grade school text by the New York City Board of Education as "unsuitable."

"Oh, we have Huck on our shelves," said Mrs. Spain. "The unabridged version."

Upper Rogue HEC Elects Officers

Upper Rogue Grange Home Economics club elected officers at the last meeting, naming Mrs. Charles Moorehead chairman. Others elected were Mrs. Asbjorn Myklebye, vice-chairman; Mrs. George Tockstein, secretary; Mrs. Oscar Hanson, treasurer.

During the meeting, held at the Hanson home, plans were made for the annual Christmas party, and projects for the coming year were discussed. Members are asked to take small gifts to a meeting of Upper Rogue Grange November 21 for game prizes.

The next HEC meeting will be a potluck Christmas party at the Eastin home December 21. Those attending are to take an exchange gift costing no more than \$1. Pollyannas will also draw names and exchange gifts.

DAV and Auxiliary Change Meeting Date

A business meeting of Disabled American Veterans and auxiliary scheduled for Friday, November 22, has been changed to Monday, November 25. It will be held at the Red Cross building on Hawthorne street.

The auxiliary sewing club will meet Thursday, November 21, in the home of Mrs. Lynn Elliott, 513 Oregon terrace. A rummage sale will be held November 23 at the Eagles hall, West Main street.

Beauticians Hold District Meeting

About 50 beauticians attended the educational and social meeting held in Medford November 17 by District 4, Oregon Beauticians' association. Classes were held at Medford Beauty school during the day, and sixty-five places were set for a banquet in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel in the evening.

Members of the hair fashion committee of OBA who took part in the educational program were R. D. Burks, OBA president, Arthur Waters, state style director, Walter Planck and Mrs. Orla Phillips, all Eugene, and Robert Skelton, Coos Bay.

Cities represented were Coos Bay, Grants Pass, Crescent City, Roseburg, Eugene and Medford.

Seven operators took part in the preliminary contest held in the afternoon and awards were made at the banquet. First place went to Jim Funk of Virginia's Big Y salon, and second place to Virginia Welch, owner of the same salon.

Glen Funk, Coos Bay, district 4 chairman, gave an address of welcome at the banquet. A combined showing of dress and hair styles provided banquet entertainment. Mr. Waters gave the commentary on hair styles executed by members of the styling committee, and Mrs. Helen Arthur served as commentator for the clothing show, arranged by Leon's store.

The program concluded with a showing of high fashion hair styles in color. Exhibiting their work in this were Glen and Maxine Funk, Coos Bay; Mrs. Maxine Hammond, Mrs. Geri Byrd and Gaston Ford, all Medford.

Monthly Meeting Held by Auxiliary

Prospect — Prospect Lions auxiliary held the monthly dinner meeting in the Community hall. Mrs. John Gartman conducted the business meeting which followed.

It was announced that the Bloodmobile would be in Shady Cove Tuesday, December 10, and anyone interested in giving blood at that time is asked to contact the chairman, Mrs. George Hubbard.

The auxiliary will make a donation to the community Christmas tree.

The group's annual Christmas party will be held December 11 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Victor Chapman and food baskets will be filled for needy families in the community.

Cheaper Atom Ships Needed, Official Says

Washington — Maritime Administrator Clarence G. Morse says atom powered ships will have to get a lot cheaper before they can compete with existing craft.

Morse told the Defense Transportation association Tuesday that the N.S. (nuclear ship) Savannah and its early successors won't be economically competitive.

He said "more breakthroughs . . . must come in the matter of costs."

The government Tuesday awarded a \$20,908,774 contract to the New York Shipbuilding Corp., of Camden, N.J., for construction of the Savannah.

Three Guests Attend Reese Creek Meeting

Reese Creek — Mrs. William Walch, Mrs. Don Couey and Mrs. O. W. Turnquist were guests for the last meeting of Reese Creek Extension unit, held at the home of Mrs. James Duncan, Ball road.

Mrs. Fritz Carlson reported on the safety committee meeting. She stressed the need for better safety precautions in the home, stating that about 34,000 persons are killed and close to 5,000,000 injured yearly.

Mrs. Duncan appointed Mrs. Joe Whittle, Mrs. Ronald Nelson and Mrs. Carlson to select a subject for the January open meeting. Mrs. Clifford Moore and Mrs. A. Stephenson gave the lesson "Understanding Credit Buying."

The December meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ben Gardner, Crater Lake highway. An exchange of gifts costing no more than \$1 will be held.

Circle Meeting

St. Luke's Methodist church circle will meet Thursday, November 21, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Larry Horton, 131 South Keeneway drive.

Open Season Menu

This time of year, hunter's wives search for ways to dramatize husband's catch. If it is venison you are blessed with, the Gas Appliance Manufacturers' association suggest you serve it with poppy seed noodles, whole glazed carrots, a tart jelly, green salad and ale or beer.

Contracts Awarded For Tree Planting In Josephine Area

Two contracts for seven tree planting projects in the Upper Grange creek and Meadow creek areas in northeastern Josephine county were awarded by the Medford district office of the Bureau of land management on Monday.

A total of 503 acres will be planted with about 167,000 ponderosa pine and 48,000 douglas fir seedlings, according to Ross A. Youngblood, new BLM district manager. He said part of the areas will require preparation prior to planting the two-year-old trees.

Contracts were awarded to L. A. Young, of Milo, and L. A. Anderson, of Applegate. Young is to plant 150,000 seedlings on 350 acres and Anderson will plant 65,000 seedlings on 144 acres.

Money for the financing of the two units was provided by the 18 O & C counties. The counties had recommended to congress that one million dollars of the distribution money from O & C timber sales be used for reforestation.

Both projects to be reforested are part of the BLM timber lands which are not fully stocked with trees, according to Youngblood. He said the BLM has long range plans to reforest all BLM timber lands.

He told of contracts which

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

TV Star Is Named To NY Philharmonic

New York — A TV star with a hit show on Broadway was named Tuesday to be musical director of the New York Philharmonic.

Leonard Bernstein will be the first American-born conductor to head the orchestra in its 116-year history. He will take over next fall from Dimitri Mitropoulos with whom he is presently co-conductor.

Now 39, he will be also the orchestra's second youngest musical director, about one year older than Sir John Barbirolli when he took over for a three-year tenure in 1937.

ARTICLES FILED
Salem — Articles of incorporation were filed here today for the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. They were signed by Donald S. Laird, Donavon A. Hampton and Arthur Ladd.

will be awarded within the next few weeks for additional planting of 418 acres with 136,000 ponderosa pine and 74,000 douglas fir seedlings. Sugar Pine seed-spotting will be made on 182 acres, he added.

Those interested in bidding on the projects which are located southwest of Grants Pass and east of Butte Falls are asked to contact the Medford office of the BLM on the top floor of the city hall.

Neuberger Defends Foreign Aid Policies

Portland — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) today defended the foreign aid spending policies of the Eisenhower administration in a speech before the East Side Commercial club here.

Neuberger had asked for the speaking date to answer claims made before the organization earlier by J. Bracken Lee, former governor of Utah, who had attacked the use of income tax revenues for foreign aid.

Neuberger said he regretted that no member of the president's own party had come forward to answer the statements of the former Republican governor.

The Democratic Senator said that, contrary to the promises of ease and indolence made by Bracken Lee, the United States may have to make more sacrifices in the future in order to meet the Communist challenge in the crucial fields of science, education and technology.

Sweet Potatoes

The sweet potato, now in season, is an excellent, inexpensive source of vitamin A. Baked at 400 degrees for 30 to 45 minutes, a medium sized sweet potato furnishes twice the vitamin A suggested for the day's needs. Early, uncurd sweet potatoes bruise easily, so buy them in small amounts. You can count on three servings from one pound.

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