

Holiday Books On Library Shelves For Rye Readers

In this era when many persons decry "the lack of a sense of festivity" in family life, the entire staff of Rye Library is making available hundreds of books and records that will help promote a truly festive celebration of the December holidays.

Some of these books bring out appreciation of the fact that from ancient days in many religions December has been a time of celebration, mystery, worship, goodwill, peace-making and reconciliation around home-fires. Among books at Rye Library are those for Chanukah and Christmas, which will advance inter-faith understanding and good-will.

For instance in *What The Jews Believe*, Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein quotes a famous 19th century rabbi as saying, "The catechism of the Jew is his calendar" and the main-springs of Jewish spirituality are revealed in the cycle of year-round observances more than by a formal statement of faith. Miss Doris Bird, Children's Librarian, suggests *One God And Ways We Worship Him*, by Florence Fitch, as background reading for the festival season, as well as Norma Simon's "Hanukkah" which retells the brave struggle for religious freedom in the small oppressed Jewish nation in the second century before the common era.

Miss Bird also mentions "The Christmas Sky" by Dr. Franklyn M. Branley of Hayden Planetarium which tells and illustrates scientific findings about the small triangle of planets which met in Pisces, 6 B.C., and the reaction of Magi astrologers. For young children approaching an age of Santa disillusionment, Miss Bird suggests "The Story Of Saint Nicholas" by Mildred Luckhardt, which the family may read together and share in the marvelous secret which has been perpetuated for centuries. "Christmas Comes Once More" makes good individual or family reading during the entire Advent season. "The Animals' Christmas" by Anne Thaxter Eaton and "The Long Christmas" by Ruth Sawyer transmit festival beauty and mystery.

While the Library, itself, is being powdered with dust from the energetic building operation, members of the staff are circulating a variety of books which give excellent ideas to "deck the hall" for the holidays, whether it be a large-family-home or a one-person-one-room-apartment. "A New Look At Christmas Decorations," by Sister M. Gratia Lestate, S.S.C., is a favorite of persons of all ages.

To the tune of jackhammers working on the library addition, the librarians are lending carol books

and special records to make music in the homes of Rye during the holidays. Borrowers already are enjoying selecting books from the special table in the reading room, which is always popular, because of its timely displays for specific occasions the year-round.

Such books as "Holidays Around The World" by Joseph Gaer and "Celebrating Christmas Around The World, ed. Herbert H. Wernecke help prompt a sense of world-wide festival. Miss Ruth Harry, director of the Library, and the entire staff welcome inquiries about holiday books and records to meet individual needs; and, as has happened for many years, many long-time borrowers and many new residents are turning to Rye Library for enrichment in enjoying the holidays.

Midland PTO Sponsors School Remedial Reading

The PTO at Midland School has sponsored an inservice course in Remedial Reading for the members of that school. The staff expressed their desire to study in depth the processes involved in the teaching of reading with emphasis on diagnostic techniques and corrective procedures that can be applied in the classroom.

This would enable the teacher to spot and correct reading problems before they develop and thus would affect all the students in the school. The teachers located the course and asked the PTO to sponsor it as part of the teacher fellowship program. The PTO donated the necessary \$1500 for this program.

More than twenty members of the teaching staff attend a two hour session each week from 3:30 until 5:30 when Dr. Josephine Sopsis conducts her workshop at the Midland School. The arrangements for this course were made through the off-campus Bureau of New York University.

Dr. Sopsis is presently a reading consultant for the Scarsdale School System. She has had experience as a classroom teacher as well as a reading specialist. She received her doctorate degree from N.Y.U. and is on their staff. The teachers are extremely enthusiastic about these sessions and feel that Dr. Sopsis has provided one of the most worthwhile and informative courses they have ever had. Many of the procedures and techniques discussed are already being applied in the classrooms.

The parents will have an opportunity to meet Dr. Sopsis and hear her speak at the Midland PTO meeting next Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Rye Marine Private In Combat In Vietnam

CHU LAI, VIETNAM (FHTNC) Nov. 15—Marine Private First Class Peter D. Cicutelli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Cicutelli of 23 Florence Ave., Rye, N. Y., is a member of the First Battalion, Seventh Marine Regiment, First Marine Division at Chu Lai.

The battalion is engaged in search and destroy missions against the enemy and a determined effort to win the people to the side of the legitimate government of South Vietnam. To achieve their objectives the Marines take part in operations designed to find and eliminate the enemy.

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