

Books Donated

TORONTO (CP) — Travelling from radical socialism in New York of the 1930s to radical teaching at Rochdale College, Toronto, 1970, Judith Merrill picked up a collection of science fiction en route.

She recently donated the 5,000 documents, 2,000 books and an equal number of magazines to the Toronto public library system, which will collect them under the label of Spaced Out Library at one of the system's branches.

Miss Merrill, 47, laughs now when she mentions her rochdale experience earlier this year. "I wanted to develop new ways of thinking together while at Rochdale but we never seemed to accomplish anything more than individuals were doing on their own. We didn't come together."

Thrice-married, the mother of two children, Miss Merrill began collecting science fiction when she was 18. Her collection continued to grow as she became an editor and critic in later years. It fed her own fiction writing and provided material for the many science fiction anthologies she edited.

She has stopped editing now to write. Besides, she feels, with gaining respectability, science

fiction lost its original inventiveness.

"I would say that at least nine-tenths of what's now published as science fiction", she said, "is just sort of a rewrite of the last thing that sold well."

She came to Toronto more than a year ago because she no longer cared to live in the United States. Now she lives in a co-operative house with a group of young people, many of them U.S. deserters or resisters of the draft.

She says she would love to meet people her own age, but her new life compensates because it has involved her in lots of unusual experiences.

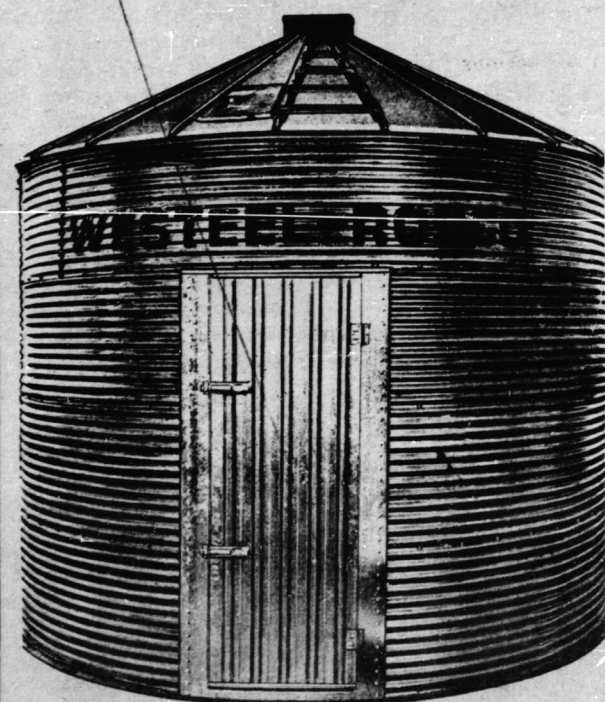
Then, remembering her youth in New York in the 1930s, she said: "I got very involved in young radicalism in the pure old-fashioned left-wing socialist movement. I guess I'm an old radical now."

EXPENSIVE SUIT

COQUITLAM, B.C. (CP) — Anyone need a space suit? Bill McDougall of this Vancouver-area community has one for sale. He bought the suit, used in Apollo 11 training by astronaut Buzz Aldrin, last September after it appeared in a space show here. The price tag: \$5,500.

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Knox Evening Auxiliary

Mrs. Alex Duncan was hostess for the June meeting of the Knox Evening Auxiliary with 17 members present. The president opened the meeting with a poem written by Fanny Crosby.

Plans were made for a picnic July 20 at Hagersville Park.

Mrs. Hazlett opened the program with a hymn and prayer.

The devotional and scripture were based on Faith and God's forgiveness to those that seek his help and guidance.

Mrs. Weidendorf read an article on the work of the Harbour Mission in Hamilton.

Mrs. Hazlett closed with an inspiring address entitled the Christian Home. The lunch committee and hostess served refreshments.

Mrs. Hazlett is to be hostess for the August meeting. Roll call articles for the bale layette. Helen Miller gave the courtesy remarks.

Girdles Distracting

BURLINGTON, Ont. (CP) — Girdles are

distracting and may make a menace of the woman who wears one when she drives. She's safer in her puny-t-hose, says a report based on results of a survey conducted by the public service division of British Leyland Motors Canada Ltd.

The survey indicates girdles quickly become uncomfortable and the resultant squirming by the wearer, behind the wheel reduces concentration.

In addition, the pull from the elastic garters tends to hoist the woman driver's feet off the control pedals. To overcome this constant contraction, she often pushes against the pull and winds up going faster than she really intends.

The report concludes by recommending that all women drivers wear panty-hose for safe, comfortable driving.

Published in Freeway, a magazine produced by the division, the report does not indicate who conducted the survey or whose opinion was sought.

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Rockford Personals

Service for the congregations of Mount Zion, Rockford and Salem will be held in the Rockford Church at 11 o'clock July 5. There will be no Sunday School during July and August.

Nancy Edwards and Nancy Cox are attending the intermediate Camp at Restall.

Recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Golding were Mrs. Gordon Woodley of Mount

Pleasant, Mrs. Wm. Wilkes of Brantford, Mrs. Frank Bernier of Scotland, Mrs. Clayton Haviland of Waterford and Mrs. Bernie Hall of Wrentham, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Reid and Cathy of Ajax were Wednesday supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lemery.

Mrs. Stanley Anderson is a patient in West Haldimand Hospital, Hagersville.

Eileen Smith of Toronto and John Smith of Kingston

spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Smith.

Dr. Lorne Mason of Winnetka, Ill. visited on Sunday with his cousin Mrs. Earl Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howard spent Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives in Hamilton and Galt.

Mrs. A. Cunningham and Michelle of Brantford were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Cunningham.

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Editorial Comment

Community Trade Board Needs Support!

The Jarvis Board of Trade is making the right step in trying to raise operating funds.

Each of the commercial businesses in the Village should give their utmost support for the upcoming dance aimed at giving the board needed funds to help promote this municipality into obtaining new commercial outlets as well as small industries.

The board also should be promoting our assets by designing and sending out a brochure which would show what we have to offer as well as land and locations available for any type of business.

Many a small community has bettered itself from such a program. In any case a step towards promoting your community is better than nothing done at all.

Wise, Unwise and Otherwise

by The Old Owl

Pioneer Village

The other day I was at the Black Creek Pioneer Village and I found it a very interesting place. As I watched the people walking about I could not help wondering what the original occupiers of those houses would have thought of the dresses worn by the women of today. The material used by one of the women of the older generation would keep a modern woman well clothed for a year, or at least six months.

There are many things to see in this model village, some, such as the Harness Shop, with someone working there. In the kitchens there were women making bread and cookies. There are many utensils and some were homemade and rather primitive. It seemed strange to me to see articles that I have used, or seen used, that have now become museum pieces. But most of the articles come from before my time. Besides the Harness Shop there is a Shoemakers (with a large supply of "lasts"), a Blacksmith's Shop, a General Store and the usual farm equipment for that period, and other things.

There are three houses, or parts of houses. There is the furniture of the poor people, a home made bed and similar articles. There are living and bedrooms of those who were better off and also rooms fitted up with even more elegant furnishings, obviously people of higher class still. Presumably this better furniture has survived in such cases because it WAS better, to succeeding generations it was the "best room" or parlour and rarely used. When such homes were broken up, those who bought or received such pieces kept them in good condition and they sometimes became heirlooms.

Seeing such an exhibition raised the question: "Were they happier than we are or/was life a dreary round?" The Village gives the answer. The poor people are obviously better off — there was no Welfare or Old Age Pension. We have all, rich and poor alike, the electric light and power, the telephone, the automobile and, for many, one or more of the various machines for use on the farm or in the home, and this Village is a reminder to us of the days gone by. What would a young housewife of today do with a chicken that was neither drawn nor plucked? We have come a long way in the past 50 years.

But were they happier? Black Creek suggests that the answer may be "Yes." As you drive along the roads in Haldimand you cannot help noticing the fine brick houses built by the men and women of that day. They seem to have been prosperous, anyway. It is the poor people who have gained the most today and we cannot complain about that, for they are people and they ought to share in the advantages of the age in which they live.

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Electric Lawn Mowers Good For Small Lawns

There are many types of lawn mower being sold today. With machine safety and maintenance becoming increasingly important, buyers should know as much as possible about the various types available, says Professor Ross Irwin, School of Engineering, University of Guelph.

There are both advantages and disadvantages to an electric lawn mower, says Professor Irwin. They are lighter in weight than machines powered by gas, and there is no gas or oil to buy to add to the operating costs. Moreover, little maintenance is required and the machines start easily which is a help for elderly people or those who must take things easy. The

electric mower is very practical for use on small lawns.

The disadvantages of the electric machine are that the trailing electric cord is a nuisance, and the machine will overload in heavy grass, and may tend to overheat or burn out. A three-wire cord should be used to prevent possible shocks, especially in wet grass, says Professor Irwin.

Most electric lawn mowers have 1 or 1½ horsepower motors, and two nine inch cutting blades or a single blade is the general rule. A 16-inch-width cut is the best size for a small lawn, says Professor Irwin, who adds that electric mowers are mostly of the walk-behind type, although some new battery-powered riding mowers are now being introduced.

Drugs New Theme

VICTORIA — (CP) — The Women's Christian Temperance Union, a slowly fading organization devoted to wiping out the trade in alcohol and tobacco, has made a strong comeback by concentrating on the problems of young people and drugs.

Frances Hitchcock, for 10 years British Columbia field secretary of the WCTU, said she lectured only on alcoholic and tobacco abuse until 1966.

For the last four years, drugs have been her sole theme and she has seen her lecture audiences grow from about 600 people in 1966 to 50,000 last year, mostly students.

Armed with pamphlets on the different illegal drugs, their effects and the penalties for use if caught, and films and university extension course material on alcohol and drug problems, Mrs. Hitchcock tours B.C., talking to schools, youth clubs, church and women's groups.

People's response varies widely — some of it predictable — said Mrs. Hitchcock.

"When you mention WCTU, the blind closes. They're so afraid of you until they get to know you."

She was scheduled to speak at a high school until the parents protested — "they didn't want me in the schools."

"This wasn't the kids — they have no hang-ups — it was the adults. Some of the parents and grandparents... were afraid I'd be stepping on their toes."

TOO MANY BEHIND BARS VANCOUVER (CP)

George Street, chairman of the National Parole Board, said in an interview here that Canada has the world's highest proportion of people behind bars. He said "The answer to crime is not prison but more control over offenders through the parole system."

Counter Clockwise

20 YEARS AGO

This is a woman's world. When a man is born people ask: How is the mother? When he marries they exclaim: "What a lovely bride." When he dies they inquire: "How much did he leave her?"

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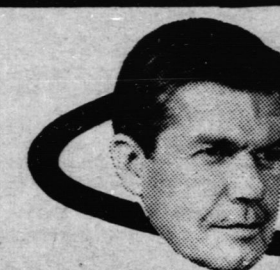
30 YEARS AGO

Have you heard? — Two workers settled down to eat their dinner. One began unwrapping a large parcel at which the other stared in surprise.

"What's that?" he asked. "Well, its like this, my missus is away, so I thought as I'd make myself a pie." "Oh, I dunno, it's rhubarb."

Workmen are busy this week laying a new floor in Perekys's Grocery and Butcher Shop. It is understood a new ceiling will also be put in and improvements made at the two entrances.

Ottawa: Construction of Canada's 92 vessels for the Royal Canadian Navy is progressing with all possible speed at 16 points across Canada. Steam heating is being installed in the ships, an innovation expected to cut down colds, influenza and pneumonia among the crews.



Scott Young

Western Hospitality

As a long-time student of Royal tours, I think the present one is the best yet — for one reason: The Queen and Prince Philip have the help of their oldest children.

What made me think of this was a letter from someone I know up in northern Manitoba (namely, my mother). She said that the local part of the tour would feature a picnic that Prince Charles would attend. Or, as she wrote it, "Prince Chas."

There are other occasions when Princess Anne carries part of the load. The best thing is that these are high-spirited young people with inclinations not all that much different from those of your children, or mine.

One common criticism of previous tours was that the Royal couple met all the same sort of people, all the time. But how else to do it? Wherever they go, they pretty well have to meet the reeve or mayor — he's the representative of the people. Then, in the local pecking order, there are always councillors and their wives and heads of various local organizations.

All these people have to get in there somewhere. And every time I try to think of another way, I come up against a blank wall.

For instance, when they visit The Pas they can't very well go booming right on through to the Indian settlement at Big Eddy and sit on the banks of the North Saskatchewan and drink beer with whoever happens to be there. If they did plan such an expedition, you can bet that their companions would wind up being the local leaders — and not the usual habitues of the river bank at all. That's one of the facts of life, as it applies to Royal tours.

In the same way, whenever a stop is planned that is out of the ordinary — like to a normal working farm — it's only fair to let the farm wife know in advance. Which means that there is going to be the great

est flurry of dusting, mopping, cleaning, borrowing good china from other women and so on, that you ever saw.

So it winds up not being a visit to a normal farm at all, but to a farm that has been gussied up to the point that it is nearly unrecognizable. The hired man there might wake up in the morning and think he'd somehow missed his turn the night before, coming from town, and had gone to bed in the wrong granary.

We might as well accept that anything planned in advance is bound to be a little stilted. The main benefit of having the Royal young people along is that they can be much more informal.

After all, any young woman who has been bounced off a horse to land on her royal rear end, and got up to climb straight back on (as Princess Anne has done), isn't going to be alarmed at any other sudden changes of plan.

This allows more chance for her to talk and meet normally, with normal fun and curiosity, with others of her age.

Same with Prince Charles in places where he might get out in a boat for a little fishing. And this sort of encounter is what is needed. If the royal idea is to survive in Canada (which in my opinion it should) the young people of our land have to find that they do have something in common with young princes and princesses.

And to find that these are real people with values too good to be lightly traded away: Influences for sanity and reason that bear no relationship to politics or the normal pressures of a dollars-and-cents way of life.

If you accept the idea that human beings must look up to someone, some standard of quality, try to think of a family that represents all that is best in family life as well as this one does. Would you rather have Jackie and Ari?

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