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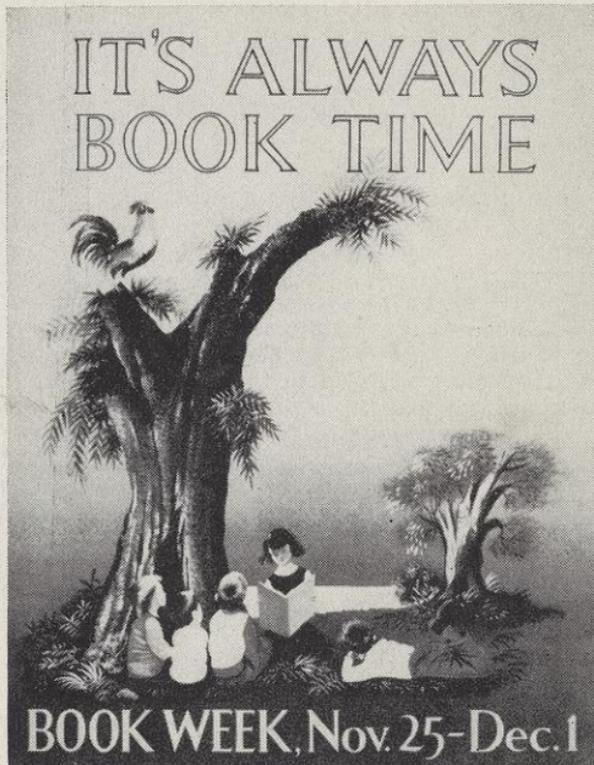
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JULY

- 1—Louis Blériot, 1872–1936, French aviator and inventor of the monoplane.
- 2—Merritt Parmelee Allen, 1892–1954. Author of *Blow, Bugles, Blow* (Longmans). Salvation Army organized in London, 1865. Resolution for United States independence passed by Continental Congress, 1776.
- 3—John Singleton Copley, 1738–1815, American painter, born in Boston, painted all Boston notables of his time. Idaho admitted to Union, 1890.
- 4—*Independence Day*. Adoption of the Declaration of Independence, 1776. Marie Nonnast, illustrator of *The Fourth of July Story* (Scribner's).
- 5—George Sand, pen name of Baroness Dudevant, 1804–1876. French novelist, among the foremost of her century. Venezuela's Independence Day. First of the South American countries to declare independence from Spain, 1811.
- 6—Alexander Wilson, 1766–1813. Early American ornithologist. Daniel Coit Gilman, 1831–1908. American educational leader, writer and publicist. He was first president of Johns Hopkins and one of the founders of its School of Medicine, 1898.
- 9—Jan van Eyck, died 1440. Early Flemish portrait and religious painter, born c1385. Argentina formally declared its independence of Spain, 1816.
- 10—James Abbott McNeil Whistler, 1834–1903, American painter. John Calvin, 1509–1564. French-Swiss religious reformer and scholar. Wyoming joined Union, 1890. Johanna Spyri, 1827–1901, author of *Heidi*, published 1851.
- 15—Rembrandt van Rijn, 1607–1669. Famous Dutch painter.
- 16—Sir Joshua Reynolds, 1723–1792. Famous English portrait painter; one of the founders of the Royal Academy and its first president. District of Columbia established, 1790.
- 19—Edgar Degas, 1834–1917. French Impressionist painter.
- 20—The first *Uncle Remus* story, by Joel Chandler Harris, appeared in the *Atlanta Constitution*, 1879.
- 22–28—National Farm Safety Week. Sponsors U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.
- 24—Esther Averill, 1902–. Author-artist of the Jenny Linsky books (Harper).
- 25—Maxfield Parrish, 1870–. American artist, illustrator. First meeting of the Children's Librarians' Section of the American Library Association, 1901. Birthday of Simón Bolívar, celebrated in Latin America.
- 27—Korean War ended, 1953. *Joseph Lee Day*. Born 1862, Lee was the father of modern playgrounds. (National Recreation Association, 8 W. Eighth St., N. Y. 11).
- 28—Jean Baptiste Camille Corot, 1796–1875. French landscape painter of the Barbizon school.
- 30—James Kendall, 1889–. Author of *Humphrey Davy* and *Michael Faraday* (Roy).
- 31—John Ericsson, 1803–1889. American engineer and versatile inventor, born in Sweden.

AUGUST

- 1—World War I began with the declaration of war by the Central Powers against Russia, 1914. Colorado thirty-eighth state admitted to the Union, 1876.
- 2—Thomas Gainsborough, died 1788. English portrait and landscape painter, born 1727.
- 3—Columbus sailed from Palos, Spain, in the "Santa Maria," 1492.
- 4—Hans Christian Andersen, died 1875. United States obtained Danish West Indies (Virgin Islands) on payment of \$25,000,000. U. S. Coast Guard founded, 1790.
- 5—Robert Bright, 1902–. Author of *Georgie to the Rescue* (Doubleday). Donald E. Cooke. Author of *The Silver Horn of Robin Hood* (Winston, September). John Eliot, 1604–1690. English colonist in America, founder of missions to the Indians.
- 6—Daniel O'Connell, 1775–1847. Irish patriot and statesman, leader of political reform in Ireland.
- 7—Nathanael Greene, 1742–1786. General in Revolutionary War "second only to Washington." The first orphanage in the United States set up in New Orleans in 1727 by the Ursuline Sisters.
- 8—Charles Anderson Dana, 1819–1897. Eminent American newspaper editor. Destruction of Spanish Armada sent by Philip II against England, 1588.
- 9—Thomas Telford, 1757–1834. Scottish engineer, pioneer in scientific road making.
- 10—Missouri twenty-fourth state admitted to the Union, 1821.
- 11—Abbott Henderson Thayer, 1849–1921. American painter; discoverer of camouflage.

- 12—Christopher (Christie) Mathewson, 1880–1925. Great American baseball pitcher, included in Baseball Hall of Fame. Julius Rosenwald, 1862–1932. American merchant and philanthropist. George Wesley Bellows, 1882–1925. American painter, illustrator and lithographer; distinguished for vitality and variety of theme. Phonograph patented by Edison, 1877.
- 13—William Caxton, 1422–1491, issued the first dated book printed in England, 1477. Lucy Stone, 1818–1893. American social reformer and worker in the causes of antislavery and women's rights.
- 14—Arrival in New York of Lafayette with his son for tour of United States. V. J. Day, 1945.
- 16—Henry Gregor Felsen. Author of *Street Rod* (Random).
- 18—Marshall Field, 1834–1906. American merchant and philanthropist.
- 19—National Aviation Day.
- 22—Daniel Frohman, 1851–1940. Theatrical manager identified with the growth of the American theater for more than 60 years. Charles Francis Jenkins, 1867–1934. American physicist and prolific inventor in the fields of aviation, television and telephotography. In 1922 he transmitted the first motion picture by radio.
- 24—William Wilberforce, 1759–1833. English statesman, philanthropist and reformer, early opponent of the slave trade.
- 26—The first kindergarten started in America in St. Louis, 1873. Franz Hals, 1584–1666, Dutch painter.
- 27—Titian, 1477–1576. Illustrious Venetian painter.
- 28—Spanish landed at St. Augustine, Florida, 1565. The settlement named in honor of St. Augustine is the oldest in the United States.
- 30—French fleet arrived in Chesapeake Bay to further the interests of American independence, 1781.
- 30—Jerrold Beim, 1910–. Author of *Flood Waters* (Harcourt, October).

SEPTEMBER

- 1—James Gordon Bennett, 1795–1872. Pioneer American journalist, born in Scotland.
- 2–9—National Child Safety Week. Sponsor: C. Ernest Wood, Pres. American Safety League, 6 N. Main St., Plaistow, N. H.
- 3—Labor Day. Oregon was first state to call it a legal holiday, 1887. The academic year has had its beginning in September for generations.
- 4—Daniel Hudson Burnham, 1846–1912. Distinguished American architect and city planner. Henry Hudson discovered Manhattan, 1609.
- 5—Geoffroy Tory, c1480–1533. Parisian painter now famous for his book *Champfleury*, 1526.
- 6—Rosh Hashonah (Jewish New Year).
- 9—Aileen Fisher, 1906–. Author of *All On a Mountain Day* (Nelson). California thirty-first state admitted to the Union 1850.
- 10—Pierre Lescot, c1510–1578. Celebrated French architect of the Louvre.
- 12—Richard March Hoe, 1812–1886. American inventor and manufacturer of a rotary printing press, 1846.
- 13—Andrea Mantegna, 1431–1506. Italian painter and greatest of the Italian engravers. John Joseph Pershing, 1860–. American general and Commander in Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces, 1917–19.
- 14—Great Britain and its colonies in America adopted the Gregorian calendar, 1752.
- 15—Membership March of the Camp Fire Girls, Inc. and launching of school-year program theme, "Together We Make Tomorrow." Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement). Religious holiday (Jewish). Independence Day of the Central American Republics, 1821.
- 16—The Pilgrims set sail from Plymouth, England, in the "Mayflower," 1620. Tintoretto, 1518–1594. One of the great painters of the Venetian school. Anniversary of Mexican Independence.
- 18—Jean Bernard Leon Foucault, 1819–1868. French physicist, inventor of the gyroscope, 1882.
- 19—Arthur Rackham, 1867–. English illustrator and water-colorist.
- 20—Herbert Putnam, 1861–. Scholar and Librarian of Congress 1899–1939. Under him the library was reorganized and greatly expanded becoming "a great national institution of international repute . . ."
- 21—First daily newspaper published in America, 1784 — *The Pennsylvania Packet and Daily Advertiser*.
- 22—Autumnal equinox. First day of autumn. Nathan Hale executed by the British as a spy in 1776.
- 23–29—National Dog Week.
- 23–30—Christian Education Week. Sponsor: Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches of Christ in U. S. A., 257 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.
- 24—Antoine Barye, 1795–1875. French sculptor, best known for his bronze figures of animals in action.
- 24—Harry Behn, 1898–. Author of *The Wizard in the Well* (Harcourt).
- 25—Bill of Rights, 1789.
- 26—George Gershwin, 1898–1937. American composer of musical comedy.
- 27—George Eugène Benjamin Clemenceau, 1841–1929. French Premier, statesman and journalist.
- 28—Frederick William MacMonnies, 1863–1937. American sculptor and painter, pupil of Saint-Gaudens.

Through The Looking Glass

NEWS AND VIEWS in the FIELD OF BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

"It's Always Book Time" is the theme for the 38th annual celebration of Children's Book Week, November 25-December 1. The timeless and enchanted landscape Leonard Weisgard has created for the six-color 1956 Book Week poster makes this one of the most memorable of all posters since Book Week began. (See cover of this *Calendar*.) Winner of the 1947 Caldecott Medal for his illustrations in *THE LITTLE ISLAND OF GOLDEN MACDONALD* (Margaret Wise Brown), Mr. Weisgard has illustrated more than 150 children's books and written 12 of his own. Other Book Week materials will include three two-color streamers, repeating the dominant yellow of the poster, designed by Edward Ardizzone, Beth and Joe Krush, and Nicolas Mordvinoff; two new publications, *HOW TO RUN A BOOK FAIR* by Dorothy L. McFadden, Director of the *New York Times* "Reading is Fun" Exhibit, and *HOW A BOOK IS MADE* by Ray Freiman, head of the production department at Random House. Something new this year is the Book Puzzle Pad, a literary fill-in puzzle, designed to amuse and intrigue junior-high schoolers, by Dr. Eugene Maleska, Principal of Stitt Junior High School, New York, well known for his crossword and other puzzles. There will be category cards again, and other materials of previous years, described in the Children's Book Council *Manual* which will be mailed to all of our *Calendar* readers on September 1. As Book Week headquarters, we shall be happy to give you any help we can in planning your Book Week celebrations.

Among the 10 large book fairs to be co-sponsored by the Children's Book Council this year, two are "firsts"—in Honolulu, November 3-18 and Grand Rapids, Michigan, December 2-8. Others now scheduled are: the 7th Annual *Washington Post* and *Times Herald* Children's Book Fair, November 11-24; the 4th *Chicago Tribune* "Miracle of Books" Fair for Boys and Girls, November 10-18; the 4th Cleveland Boys' and Girls' Book Fair, November 11-18; the 3rd Arkansas Book Fair (Little Rock), October 22-26; the 3rd Detroit Book Fair, November 2-18; the 2nd Minneapolis Book Fair, November 11-18; the 2nd Hampton Book Bazaar, November 22-25; and the 5th *New York Times* "Reading is Fun" Exhibit, touring the schools of New York City and suburbs in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. As in previous years, these fairs will display from 1,000 to 3,000 children's books.

Honors and awards — The *New York Herald Tribune's* Twentieth Children's Spring Book Festival Awards for 1956 are: in the picture book 4 to 8 age group, the prizewinner—*LION*, written and illustrated by William Pene du Bois (Viking); honor winners—*GEORGIE TO THE RESCUE*, Bright (Doubleday), *DAVY CROCKETT'S EARTHQUAKE*, Steele (Harcourt), *KENNY'S WINDOW*, Sendak (Harper), *HOUSE OF FOUR SEASONS*, Duvoisin (Lothrop). For ages 8 to 12, the prize winner—*BEAVER WATER*, Montgomery (World); honor winners—*TONY OF THE GHOST TOWNS*, Bloch (Coward), *TEN TALL TEXANS*, McGiffin (Lothrop), *THE JANITOR'S GIRL*, Friedman (Morrow), *PILGRIM GOOSE*, Robertson (Viking). For ages 12 and over, the prize winner—*COLD HAZARD*, Armstrong (Houghton); honor winners—*THE DAY AND THE WAY WE MET*, Stolz (Harper), *JACOBIN'S DAUGHTER*, Williamson (Knopf), *ABE LINCOLN: LOG CABIN TO WHITE HOUSE*, North, (Random), *THE RAINBOW BOOK OF ART*, Craven (World). . . . **NEWBERY MEDAL BOOKS, 1952-1955**, compiled by Bertha Mahoney Miller and Elinor Whitney Field and published by the Horn Book, Inc., has been chosen one of the Fifty Books of the Year by The American Institute of Graphic Arts. The designer of the book was Dorothy Abbe. . . . The 1956 William Allen White Children's Book Award, sponsored by the William Allen White Library at Emporia, Kansas, has been won by Marguerite Henry for *BRIGHTY OF THE GRAND CANYON* (Rand McNally). . . . The German Juvenile Book Prize of \$1,200, given by the Interior Department in Bonn, has been awarded to *THE HAPPY LION* by Louise Fatio (Mrs. Duvoisin) and Roger Duvoisin, published in America by Whittlesey House Books for Young People and in Germany by Herder and Company. . . . Platt and Munk, which, as of September 1, 1955, offered a \$1,000 award to the person or persons offering proof of the ultimate authorship of the story now widely known as *THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD* has announced that the award is being divided among three people: Miss Ruth L. Arthur, Philadelphia, Pa., Miss Mary C. Jacobs, Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. R. J. Reddy, Watertown, S. D. . . . The Dodd-Mead *BOY'S LIFE* Competition has been won by Marion Talmadge and Iris Gilmore, co-authors of *PONY EXPRESS BOY* which will be serialized in *BOY'S LIFE* and published by Dodd, Mead in the fall. Winner of Dodd, Mead's "SEVENTEENTH SUMMER" Literary Competition is Alexander L. Johnson for his manuscript entitled *OASIS FOR LUCY* (November 15 is the closing date for the next competition—details available from Dodd, Mead). . . . The 1956 Junior Book Award Medals of the Boys' Clubs of America were awarded to Carolyn Haywood, author and illustrator of *EDDIE AND HIS BIG DEALS* (Morrow); Patrick Pringle for *GREAT DISCOVERIES IN MODERN SCIENCE* (Roy); Ray Bradbury, author, and Madeleine Gekiere, illustrator of *SWITCH ON THE NIGHT* (Pantheon); Edwin Tunis, author and illustrator of *WHEELS*, a Pictorial History (World), and Natalie Savage Carlson, author, and Mircea Vasiliu, illustrator of *WINGS AGAINST THE WIND* (Harper). Runners-up and recipients of Certificates of Award were: *ADVENTURES IN SCIENCE*, Brookes (Roy); *BILLY'S CLUB-*

HOUSE, Holland (Knopf); BORN TO PLAY BALL — WILLIE MAYS, Einstein (Putnam's); LANTERNS ALOFT, Andrews (Longmans); THE PLANET MAPPERS, Evans (Dodd, Mead); PLAYING POSSUM, Eager (Putnam's); TECUMSEH, SHAWNEE BOY, Stevenson (Bobbs Merrill); TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI, Briggs (Winston); and WILDERNESS PIONEER, Stephen F. Austin of Texas, Hoff (Follett).

TV news of interest is the forthcoming Landmark TV Program, dramatizing events from the Landmark Books (Random), scheduled for fall on CBS. It will be an early evening, weekly family show, with Bennett Cerf as M.C. Parts of each program will be filmed on the site of the original landmarks which the books feature. Opening programs tentatively set will include a dramatization of JOHN PAUL JONES, FIGHTING SAILOR, by Armstrong Sperry, THE PONY EXPRESS by Samuel Hopkins Adams.

Ruth Harshaw's "Carnival of Books" program is broadcast over Station WMAQ Chicago on Saturdays 8:45-9:00 a.m. E.D.T. For day and hour of broadcast elsewhere, consult your local station. Books scheduled during this quarter (dates given are for the Chicago broadcast): July 7, BLAZE AND THUNDERBOLT, by C. W. Anderson (Macmillan); July 14, THE INDIAN'S SECRET WORLD, by Robert Hofsinde, "Gray Wolf" (Morrow); July 21, LANTERNS ALOFT, by Mary Evans Andrews (Longmans); July 28, DAFFY TAFFY, by Paul Brown (Scribner's); August 4, THE RAINS WILL COME, by Florence Crannell Means (Houghton); August 11, THE GHOST CAT, by Helen Rushmore (Harcourt); August 18, MIRACLE OF THE SONG, by Norma R. Youngberg (Morrow); August 25, SHOWBOAT SUMMER, by Rosamond DuJardin (Lippincourt); September 1, THE BOY SCIENTIST, by John Wellen (S.&S.); September 8, MAXIE, by Virginia Kahl (Scribner's); September 15, NATURE GAMES AND ACTIVITIES, by Sylvia Cassell (Harper); September 22, THE CORN GROWS RIPE, by Dorothy Rhoads (Viking); September 29, CARRY ON, MR. BOWDITCH, by Jean Lee Lathan (Houghton).

Mary Gould Davis, former editor of the *Saturday Review's* young people's book section, supervisor of story-telling at the New York Public Library for 34 years, and author of a number of books, died on April 15. . . . **Laura Harris**, former executive secretary of the Children's Book Council and editor and author of children's books, died in London, England on April 11.

Congratulations to Topeka, Kansas, for its first big children's book fair, May 7-11. An English war bride, now American bookseller — Dorothy Paul, manager and buyer at Moore Stationery Co., who lives with her husband in Topeka, sparked the idea for the fair. It was a community-wide project, enlisting the support of leaders in several community organizations, the PTA, City Library and others. The 2,000-book fair toured five different schools and was attended by 13,600 school children. Nine children's book authors were special guests and talked to the children.

Here and there — Greetings to *Junior Reviewers*, a lively publication "devoted to the juvenile book field" which observes its 15th anniversary this year. Founded in 1941 by Mrs. Jean Poindexter Colby, it will observe its first anniversary in August under the new ownership of William E. Dennen and R. Maxwell-Willeon, 11 Eaton Court, Wellesley Hills 82, Mass. A bi-monthly, this magazine is devoted to reviews of children's books written by a reviewing board of over 100 children as well as an adult editorial board. It also contains general articles in the juvenile book field. . . . Frances Clarke Sayers, prominent children's librarian, writer and storyteller, will teach courses in storytelling and children's literature at the University of Michigan in the summer session of 1956, as in the summers of 1953 and 1954. Each course will carry two hours credit and may be applied to a Master's degree in Library Science or degrees in other fields.

News from CBC Cooperating Organizations — A better reading program was inaugurated early in May by the General Federation of Women's Clubs in a four-page memo, "Choosing and Using Books for Children," sent to 16,500 club presidents by Mrs. Walter V. Magee, chairman of the Youth Conservation Division, Community Affairs Department. The Federation has been conducting a campaign against crime comics for the past two years. Mrs. Magee's memo is designed to emphasize the positive side of the reading problem by stimulating clubs to bring good reading opportunities to more children. Cooperating with Mrs. Magee in preparing the memo were representatives of the National Book Committee, a two-year-old group, formed to promote wider and wiser distribution and use of books. Mrs. Magee suggests investigating your community facilities for making children's books available — the public library, school library, bookstores. Timely just at the moment is Mrs. Magee's query: "What plans are the schools making for vacation reading? Can books be taken out of the school library for the summer? If the public library service to children isn't adequate, will the school library remain open? Are children given booklists of suggested vacation reading?" . . . The Girl Scouts have planned for this summer the biggest national event in their history — the First National Senior Girl Scout Roundup scheduled for June 29-July 11, to be held at Highland State Recreation Area, near Pontiac, Michigan. Five thousand Girl Scouts from all over North and South America, as well as international visitors will attend this mammoth rally based on the theme of Americana. . . . The Boy Scouts of America, as part of their new National Four-Year Program for 1956-57, have a Get-out-the-Vote project during which they plan to place 35,000,000 doorknob hangers (cutouts of the Liberty Bell) bearing the legend "BE SURE TO REGISTER AND VOTE" on the doorknobs of the homes of America.

Materials — A list of books for “real readers,” boys and girls from 8-12 has just been issued by the Horn Book, Inc., 585 Boylston Street, Boston 16, Mass. Compiled chiefly by Mrs. Lois R. Markey, Supervisor of Work with Children and Young People, Concord Public Library, Concord, N. H., it is a list for pleasure reading designed as a guide for parents looking for good books for their children during the summer vacation weeks, at home or at camp. . . . To be introduced at the Girl Scout Roundup this July is SING HIGH, SING LOW, a new pocket songbook for Girl Scouts, available for 20¢: the songs in a two-disc 10-inch 78 rpm record album of the same name are available from the Scouts at \$1.95. For publications tying in with the round-up this year, send for the Girl Scout Publications Catalog, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., 155 East 44th Street, New York 17. . . .

Among the new books — There must have been another spring like this one.

“Let me sit here by this adobe wall
And lean against summer.
Winter was long this year,
Pushing its end far into spring;

* * *

Maybe the moons were mixed and made mistake,
Keeping the summer back.”

from “Summer Comes” by Edith Agnew in SING A SONG OF SEASONS, an anthology of poems for children built around the seasons and special days in the year, by Sara and John Brewton (Macmillan). Summer visitors to restored “Colonial Williamsburg” will want to take along Maud and Miska Petersham’s beautiful new picture book THE SILVER MACE (Macmillan), the story of Williamsburg from tiny settlement to colonial capital. . . . For Independence Day along comes a new book by Alice Dalgliesh, THE FOURTH OF JULY STORY (Scribner’s) illustrated by Marie Nonnast. . . . Happy news for all the youngsters who’ll be seeing Disney’s “The Great Locomotive Chase” this summer, the best of all cops and robbers stories has been retold from both the Southern and the Northern viewpoints, in THE ANDREWS RAID OR THE GREAT LOCOMOTIVE CHASE by Beryl and Sam Epstein (Coward). Also from Coward McCann PEOPLE OF THE SNOW: *Eskimos of Arctic Canada* by Wanda Tolboom who began her life in the Arctic by sailing in an icebreaker to meet her fiancé a Hudson’s Bay fur trader. . . . Add a tennis racket to Junior’s gear this summer and put it with a story to arouse his interest in the game, MATCHPOINT (Westminster) by Jack Paulson. . . . What child goes through summer without wanting to know “what star is that?” STARS BY CLOCK AND FIST (Viking) by Henry M. Neely of the American Museum and Hayden Planetarium of New York presents an ingenious and simple method for identifying the stars. . . . No pixie or leprechaun, but a guardian angel is “the stranger” in Stella Weaver’s story of that name (Pantheon) — about treasure found, new hope and purpose discovered by a boy and girl on a visit to Ireland. . . . For the rainy day or any long summer afternoon when the younger ones find themselves at a loss for something to do, turn to DRESS UP AND LET’S HAVE A PARTY (Scott) by Remy Charlip, full of imaginative suggestions for “let’s pretend” with materials everyone has at hand. And a new book by the late Margaret Wise Brown, BIG RED BARN (Scott), should set a mood for the youngest, enroute to the country. . . . “Do girls keep diaries today?” asks Patrick Pringle, author of WHEN THEY WERE GIRLS (Roy), stories of twelve famous women, most of whom, fortunately, did keep girlhood diaries. . . . The dogs have it this quarter — dog days through August, Dog Week end of September, in between Gene Zion’s and Margaret Bloy Graham’s new picture book, HARRY THE DIRTY DOG (Harper), a merry tale for 4-to-8 year olds. . . . THE TENGGREN MOTHER GOOSE (Little) is back with full color illustrations by Gustav Tenggren on every page. . . . All aboard for a second trip with a STOWAWAY TO THE MUSHROOM PLANET (Little) by Eleanor Cameron, cool weather and all kinds of complications assured. . . . Who was first with the idea of a flying submarine, asks Grosset and Dunlap — Tom Swift, Jr., son of the Tom Swift who began the famous yarns, and author of the recently published TOM SWIFT AND HIS DIVING SEACOPTER, or our Defense Department which has announced that a flying submarine is on the drawing boards? . . . TELL ME ABOUT HEAVEN (Rand) by Mary Alice Jones, is another in Miss Jones’ series which suggest answers to many of the questions youngsters ask. . . . Youngsters growing up on Howard Pyle’s King Arthur Stories will enjoy, meanwhile, Clyde Robert Bullá’s SWORD IN THE TREE (Crowell) about a boy’s adventures in the days of King Arthur. . . . Explorers all, from Hanna, the Egyptian, to Admiral Peary, the land of Punt to the North Pole, are in Isabel Barclay’s WORLDS WITHOUT END (Doubleday). And in case you know anyone still skittery about ghosts, you might acquaint him or her with Georgie, the friendly and “comfortable” one in the second “Georgie” book, GEORGIE TO THE RESCUE, by Robert Bright (Doubleday). . . . Note for the opening of school in the fall — Ruth Gagliardo, former Reading Chairman of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers writes that every poem in poet-artist Harry Behn’s recent book, THE WIZARD IN THE WELL (Harcourt) begs to be read aloud, and suggests that teachers keep a copy on their desks for sharing at just the right moments. Meanwhile, these lines for summer — from the closing poem in the collection:

“Now evening is no longer really day.
Some stars are out, but dusk is still not night.
Now lightning-bugs are evenly as bright
As stars, and with a dust-warm smell of hay
Mingles the cool of grass mowed yesterday.”

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