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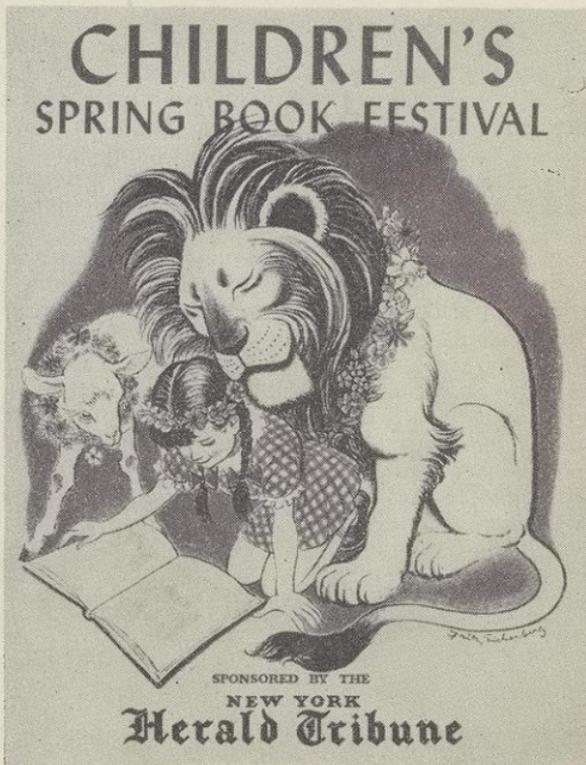
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APRIL

- 1-30—Cancer Control Month. (American Cancer Society, Inc., 521 West 57th Street, New York 19.)
- 1-6—Association for Childhood Education International study conference. (Sheraton-Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.)
- 1-7—National Arts & Crafts Week. (Hobby Guild of America, 550 Fifth Avenue, New York 19.)
- 1—Easter Sunday. April Fools' Day. Edmond Rostand, 1868-1918. French dramatist and author of *Cyrano de Bergerac*.
- 2-3-4—Child Study Association of America Annual Conference, Hotel Sheraton-Astor, New York.
- 2-8—National Boy's Club Week.
- 2—Hans Christian Andersen, 1805-1875. Supreme in creating stories for children.
- 3—John Burroughs, 1837-1921. American literary naturalist. Washington Irving, 1783-1859. Author of *The Alhambra*.
- 5—Pocahontas married John Rolfe in 1613.
- 6-7—Eleventh Annual Eastern Pennsylvania School Library Conference. (State Teachers College, Kutztown.)
- 6—Admiral Robert E. Peary reached the North Pole in 1909.
- 7—Television first successfully demonstrated in New York by Walter S. Gifford, president of American Telephone and Telegraph Company, in 1927. El Greco, died 1614. Spanish painter and pupil of Titian. William Wordsworth, 1770-1850.
- 8-14—WNYC Fourth Annual Book Festival, over radio station WNYC, New York.
- 9-14—Pan American Week. (Organization of American States, Washington, D.C.)
- 8-15—National Model Building Week. (Hobby Guild of America, 550 Fifth Avenue, New York 19.)
- 9—General Robert E. Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, Virginia in 1865. Children's Bureau in Department of Commerce and Labor created by act of Congress in 1912.
- 10—Emperor Maximilian placed on Mexican throne by French in 1864. William Hazlitt, 1778-1830. English author and literary critic.
- 12—General Beauregard attacked Fort Sumpter in 1861 beginning the Civil War.
- 13—Thomas Jefferson, 1743-1826. Helen Girvan, 1891-. Author of *Down Bayberry Lane* (Westminster).
- 14—Pan American Day. (Organization of American States, Washington, D.C.). Lincoln shot by Booth in 1865. The S.S. "Titanic" on its first voyage from Liverpool to New York struck an iceberg and sank in 1912.
- 15—John Lathrop Motley, 1814-1877. American historian and author of *The Rise Of The Dutch Republic*.
- 16-23—Passover. National Do-It-Yourself-Week. (Hobby Guild of America, 550 Fifth Avenue, New York 19.)
- 17—Leigh Merrell, 1917-. Author of *Tenoch*, prize-winning novel for teenage boys in the Nelson Centennial Contest, 1954.
- 18—Death of Albert Einstein in 1955. Leopold Stokowski, 1882- American orchestra conductor. Evelyn Sibley Lampman, 1907-. Author of *Witch Doctor's Son* (Doubleday).
- 19—Battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775 beginning the War of Independence.
- 21—Walter Blair, 1900-. Author of *Davy Crockett: Frontier Hero, Tall Tale America* (Coward.)
- 23—William Wordsworth, English poet, died in 1850. William Shakespeare, 1564-1616. Miguel de Cervantes, author of *Don Quixote*, died in 1616.
- 24—*Boston News Letter* first issued in 1704. First permanent newspaper in America. Anthony Trollope, 1815-1882. English novelist.
- 26—Artemus Ward (Charles Ferrar Browne), 1834-1867. American journalist, lecturer and humorist. Confederate Memorial Day. Daniel Defoe, author of *Robinson Crusoe*, died in 1731. Jean Nielsen, 1922-. Author of *Green Eyes* (Funk).
- 30—Louisiana purchased from France in 1803.

MAY

- 1-31—National Sports Festival. (Health Recreation, Physical Education and other groups. Central agency: 716 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.)
- 1—Child Health Day.
- 2—Leonardo da Vinci died in 1519. Florentine artist and universal genius. Stephen W. Meader, 1892-. Author of *Buckboard Stranger* (Harcourt).
- 4—May Fellowship Day. (United Church Women, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York 10.) William H. Prescott, 1796-1859. American historian of Spain and author of *The Conquest of Peru*. Clara Ingram Judson, 1879-. Author of *Andrew Jackson: Frontier Statesman* (Wilcox).

- 5—Arbor Day. First observed in Nebraska on April 10, 1872. Kentucky Derby Day.
- 6—13—National and International Music Week. (National Recreation Association, 8 West 8th Street, New York.)
- 6—Robert E. Peary, 1856—1920. First to reach the North Pole.
- 7—Robert Browning, 1812—1889. English Victorian poet. Archibald MacLeish, 1892—. American poet and man of letters.
- 9—Sir James Matthew Barrie, 1860—1937. Creator of *Peter Pan* and *The Little Minister*.
- 13—Mother's Day.
- 14—Lewis and Clark began a two-year exploration expedition into Oregon country in 1804.
- 17—Edward Jenner, 1749—1823. English physician and discoverer of vaccination. Sandro Botticelli died in 1510. Florentine painter of the Renaissance.
- 18—20—New England School Library Association spring meeting, Hingham, Massachusetts.
- 20—Charles A. Lindbergh began a non-stop flight from New York to Paris in 1927. John Stuart Mill, 1806—1873. English social philosopher. Sigrid Undset, 1882—. Norwegian novelist and winner of the Nobel prize in literature in 1928.
- 23—Linnaeus (Carl von Linne), 1707—1778. Great Swedish botanist and founder of modern scientific botany. Margaret Fuller, 1810—1850. Pioneer American journalist for women. Literary critic for the *New York Tribune* under Horace Greeley.
- 25—Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1803—1882. American philosopher, poet, essayist and lecturer. Igor I. Sikorsky, 1889—. Airplane designer, manufacturer and developer of first successful helicopter. Author of "Helicopters" in *The Book Of Knowledge* (Grolier).
- 27—Julia Ward Howe, 1819—1910. American social reformer and author of "Battle Hymn of the Republic."
- 28—William Pitt, 1759—1806. One of England's greatest prime ministers. Jean Louis Rodolphe Agassiz, 1807—1873. Famous American zoologist, geologist and teacher.
- 30—Memorial Day.
- 31—Battle of Jutland, 1916. One of the greatest sea conflicts in all history. Union Day. Holiday in South Africa. Walt Whitman, 1819—1892. Major American poet and author of *Leaves of Grass*. Prophet of democracy and father of free verse.

JUNE

- 1—7—National Circus Week. (Circus Clown Club of America, Box 606, Federal Building, Los Angeles 53, Calif.)
- 1—John Masefield, 1878—. English poet, dramatist and novelist. Poet laureate since 1930. Lewis and Clark Exposition opened at Portland, Oregon in 1905.
- 2—General Robert E. Lee took command of the Confederate Army of Eastern Virginia and North Carolina in 1862. Thomas Hardy, 1840—1928. English novelist and poet.
- 3—Amelia Earhart, first woman to fly the Atlantic, took off from Boston in 1938.
- 5—*Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet B. Stowe first appeared as a chapter in the *National Era* in 1851. Adam Smith, 1723—1790. Scottish economist, moralist and author of *Wealth of Nations*. Woman Suffrage Amendment to Constitution adopted by joint resolution of Congress in 1918.
- 6—Nathan Hale, 1755—1776. American spy in the Revolutionary War. Thomas Mann, 1875—1955. Distinguished German novelist. Will James, 1892—1942. Author of *Smoky* and *Young Cowboy*.
- 13—William Butler Yeats, 1865—1939. Irish poet and dramatist. Thomas Arnold, 1795—1842. English educator and pioneer in the reform of English public schools.
- 14—Flag Day. Stars and stripes adopted by Congress as American flag in 1777.
- 16—Abraham Lincoln said: "A house divided against itself cannot stand" in his 1858 nomination speech.
- 17—23—75th Annual ALA Conference in Miami Beach.
- 17—Father's Day. (National Father's Day Committee, 50 East 42nd Street, New York 17.) Igor Stravinsky, 1882—. Russian Composer of the modern school.
- 19—Newbery-Caldecott Banquet, Eden Rock Hotel, Miami Beach (*See Looking Glass*).
- 19—Henri Louis (Lou Gehrig), 1903—1941. Star first baseman of the New York Yankees and noted for his sportsmanship on and off the field.
- 21—Rockwell Kent, 1882—. American artist best known for his book illustrations. Daniel Carter Beard, 1850—1941. Naturalist, artist, writer and co-founder of the Boy Scouts of America.
- 22—Anne Morrow Lindbergh, 1907—. American aviatrix and writer.
- 24—Samuel Sewall published *The Selling of Joseph*, condemning the holding of slaves in 1699.
- 26—United Nations charter signed at San Francisco by delegates of 50 nations in 1945. Pearl S. Buck, 1892—. Author of *Johnny Jack and His Beginnings* (Day).
- 27—July 18—Summer workshop for school librarians at Westover School, Middlebury, Connecticut. (*see Looking Glass*.)

Through The Looking Glass

NEWS AND VIEWS in the FIELD OF BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

Winners of the Newbery and Caldecott Medals for 1956 were announced by the Children's Library Association on March 5th in the offices of Frederic G. Melcher, donor of the annual awards. Jean Lee Latham won the 35th annual award for *Carry on, Mr. Bowditch* (Houghton-Mifflin) as "the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children in 1955." The 19th annual Caldecott award for the year's "most distinguished picture book for children" went to Feodor Rojankovsky for *Frog Went A-Courtin'* (Harcourt). Runners up for the Newbery medal were: *Secret River* by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings (Scribner); *Men, Microscopes and Living Things* by Katherine B. Shippen (Viking); *Golden Name Day* by Jennie Lindquist (Harper). Runners up for the Caldecott medal were: *Play With Me* by Marie Hall Ets (Viking) and *Crow Boy* by Taro Yashima (Viking).

The Newbery and Caldecott medals will be presented formally at the Newbery-Caldecott awards banquet which will be held during the ALA conference at Miami Beach, Florida, on Tuesday, June 19, in the Pompeian Room of the Eden Rock Hotel. Assignments of seats will be made on a priority basis, but block purchases will not necessarily assure group seating. The banquet ticket is \$8.00 including tax and gratuity. Send check or money order to Mrs. May H. Edmonds, Miami Public Library, Miami, Florida.

Newbery-Caldecott Bookmarks for 1956, listing all winners of these distinguished awards, are now available from the Children's Book Council, 50 West 53rd Street, New York 19, New York. Printed in color on tangerine and grey stock, 9½" x 2½", they may be ordered in one color or a combination. Prices are as follows: 100 for \$1.00; 500 for \$4.00; 1000 for \$7.50. Please do not send stamps.

The Twentieth Annual Children's Spring Book Festival, sponsored by the *New York Herald Tribune*, will be held May 13th to 20th. Cash prizes of \$200.00 each will be awarded to the three best children's books published this spring in three age groups. In addition, twelve Honor Books will be chosen. The special Festival issue of the Book Review will be published on May 13th. The Festival poster (see *Calendar* cover) has been designed by Fritz Eichenberg. Libraries, schools and book stores throughout the country are again planning exhibits for the Festival week. The poster and other exhibit aids are available from the *Herald Tribune* at postage cost: Posters, @ 15¢ each for the first two, 6¢ each for additional copies; Workbooks, "How to Plan a Book Festival," @ 10¢ each; Festival Bookmarks @ 5¢ for a set of 25; Stickers for labeling Prize Books, @ 5¢ for a set of 25; Stickers for labeling Honor Books, @ 5¢ for a set of 25; May 13th issue of Book Review, @ 10¢ each (5¢ in quantities of 100 or over). Book Review orders must be received no later than April 23rd. Send requests, with money in stamps or check, to: Children's Spring Book Festival; *New York Herald Tribune*, 230 West 41st Street, New York 36, Attn: Joan Rothschild.

Please note — The dates for National Children's Book Week this year have been changed from the third to the fourth week in November because of conflict with the Thanksgiving holidays. The correct dates for 1956 are November 25 - December 1. Next year Book Week will be observed during the customary third week in November. . . . At the ALA convention in June, the Publishers' Liaison Committee hopes to have a binding exhibit at which there will be a chance to vote for binding preferences. Inquire about this at the information desk.

Ruth Harshaw's "Carnival of Books" has been named the "outstanding children's program on radio for the year 1955" by the National Association for Better Radio and Television. "Carnival of Books" is broadcast over station WMAQ in Chicago on Saturdays at 8:45-9:00 a.m. E.S.T., over station WRCA in New York on Sundays at 7:30 a.m. a week later, and on other stations three or four weeks later. Broadcast times in the various cities are as follows: Hartford, station WTIC, Sunday 11:00 a.m.; Philadelphia, station KYW, Sunday 10:45 a.m.; Minneapolis, station KVOM, Tuesday 11:00 a.m.; Newton (N. J.), station WNNJ, Saturday, once a month, 10:45 a.m.; Detroit, station WDTR-FM, Monday 10:45 a.m., Friday 9:00 a.m.; Baltimore, station WBJC-FM, Friday 2:00 p.m.; Wichita, station KAWS, Saturday 11:15 a.m.; Colorado tapes circulated by State Librarian to all educational stations. Books scheduled for April and May (dates given are for the Chicago broadcast): April 7, *The Expandable Browns*, by Adele and Cateau de Leeuw (Little Brown); April 14, *Columbus*, by Ingri and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire (Doubleday); April 21, *Cromwell's Head*, by Olivia Coolidge (Houghton Mifflin); April 28, *Commodore*

Perry and the Opening of Japan, by Ferdinand Kuhn (Random House); May 5, *Texas Yankee*, by Nina Brown Baker (Harcourt, Brace); May 12, *Sudden Voyage* and *A Cabin for the Mary Christmas*, by Vera Amrein (Harcourt, Brace); May 19, *Wonder Tales of Dogs and Cats*, by Frances Carpenter (Doubleday); May 26, *Pirate Quest*, by Nancy Faulkner (Doubleday).

How many CARE Children's Book Fund packages will be contributed by your community this year? Your library will help community groups to know the rich possibilities of this program for increasing understanding of other countries. Can you find new ways to publicize the program in your area? The Division of Libraries for Children and Young People (American Library Association) International Relations Committee selects the American children's books to be sent as gifts to libraries, schools and other institutions abroad. Lists for new packages, which may be sent to 39 countries, have now been prepared. Write to CARE, 660 First Avenue, New York 16, for the lists you will need to help you promote CARE Children's Book Fund contributions in your community. And if you can use picture stories showing children abroad using CARE books, CARE will be glad to help.

Workshops this summer — The Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago announces the first of three annual workshops on the Evaluation of Library Material for Children to be held August 9-11. The 1956 workshop will deal with library material in the social studies; succeeding ones will deal with language arts and the sciences. Enrollment is open to children's librarians in public libraries and to school librarians and teachers in elementary and junior high schools. Early application is advisable. For further information, address Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, Chicago 37. . . . The second workshop for school librarians held at Westover School, Middlebury, Connecticut, June 27-28, will be directed by Alice B. Thompson, New Haven State Teacher's College and Esther Millett, Librarian, Westover School. The workshop will carry credit of three semester hours from the New Haven State Teacher's College. Enrollment is limited to 40 students. Tuition: \$30, Library fee, \$10; Board and room, on campus, \$75. Inquiries and applications may be addressed to Miss Millett.

The first of a series of Newbery Award Records, *The Wheel on the School*, the 1955 winner, by Meindert de Jong, is a most distinguished performance, holding the enthusiastic and absorbed attention of both the young and old listeners we've tried it on. Longplaying, 33 1/3 RPM, 40 min. running time for both sides, it is available from Newbery Award Records, 221 Fourth Avenue, New York 3. The Netherlands Information Service has provided magnificent music and sound effects. Robert Lewis Shayon, well-known TV-radio critic, producer and director, has produced *The Wheel on the School* (Harper) and will produce and direct all the rest in the series. The record to be made from the 1956 winner, *Carry on, Mr. Bowditch* by Jean Lee Latham (Houghton) is expected to be ready in time for showing at the ALA Conference in June. Other records of past winners are also scheduled, with perhaps *Johnny Tremain* (Houghton) for the fall.

Something new and delightful in films for children—especially 3 to 8 year olds—is Picture Book Parade, a series of iconographic motion pictures based on outstanding contemporary children's books, produced by Morton Schindel at Weston Woods Studios, Weston, Connecticut. Pictures and text of such favorites as *Andy and The Lion* (Viking), *Millions of Cats* (Coward), *Make Way for Ducklings* (Viking), *Hercules* (Putnam's), *The Red Carpet* (Macmillan), *Stone Soup* (Scribner's), *The Story About Ping* (Viking) have been filmed with a spoken text, sound effects and music by Arthur Kleiner of the Museum of Modern Art in New York. The Museum recently gave a special showing of six of these films and have purchased some for their permanent collection. Three of the films have been nominated as candidates for Golden Reel Festival Awards. The films are available for sale from Weston Woods Studios. Preview prints are available from the same, free of charge to prospective purchasers. Schools, libraries and other groups wishing to rent prints should inquire of their visual education dealer.

Awards — The Thomas Alva Edison Foundation on February 6th presented three children's book awards to the following: *His Indian Brother* by Hazel Wilson (Abingdon) for "the best children's book for character development in 1955;" *The Boy Scientist* by John Lewellen (Simon & Schuster) for "the best children's science book" (younger children); *The Buffalo Trace* by Virginia Eifert (Dodd, Mead) for "the youth book best portraying America's past" (high school age). . . . The Annual Children's Book Award of the Child Study Association of America is again a dual one, given to *Crow Boy* by Taro Yashima (Viking), and *Plain Girl* by Virginia Sorenson (Harcourt) . . . Lippincott's 1955 Helen Dean Fish Award, to a hitherto unpublished author, has been given to Aylesa Forsee for *The Whirly Bird*.

Materials available — To celebrate the 26th Pan-American Day, April 14th, you may obtain a kit of the following materials: "How to Celebrate Pan American Day," "Pan Americanism at Work," "Introduction to the American Republic," "Photo Flashes of the 21 American Republics." Write to Mrs. Margaret Kiser, Chief, Group Liaison Section, Office of Public Relations, Pan American Union, Washington 6, D. C. . . . Write to Ann IZARD, New York Public Library, 5th Avenue at 42nd Street, New York, for the pamphlet "Once Upon a Time" (25¢) which contains much helpful advice for story tellers, together with lists of recommended books. . . . 6 Enrichment Filmstrips, 45 full color frames, based on the Landmark Books (Random) are now available from Enrichment Teaching Materials (246 Fifth Avenue, New York 1) which also distributes Enrichment Records. Write to that address for titles and prices of both. . . . Thomas Y. Crowell, 432 Fourth Avenue, New York 16 announces that their records, "Anansi, The Spider Man" with Philip Sherlock, and "Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad" with Ann Petry, previously available on a loan basis, are now on sale. The two 78 RPM records are available at \$2.95 each from Crowell.

Among the new books — Viking's spring list includes a new book by Eleanor Farjeon, *The Glass Slipper*, a new version of Cinderella with pictures by Ernest Shepard, and a new book, *Lion*, by William Pene du Bois. In one of your June picnic baskets take along *The Long Hike* by Dorothy Ivens (Viking), about a boy and a girl and a fine day in the country. . . . Following the release of the film, "The Spirit of St. Louis," in May or June, Scribner's will issue a picture book, *Ride on The Wind*, told by Alice Dalgliesh from *The Spirit of St. Louis* (Scribner's) with full color illustrations by Georges Schreiber (the text read and approved by General Lindbergh). In 1957 Scribner's will publish a shorter version of *The Spirit of St. Louis* for 12 to 14 year olds. . . . Beginning gardeners will be interested in *The First Book of Gardening* by gardening enthusiast and bookwoman Virginia Kirkus (Watts). . . . In this 75th anniversary year of the American National Red Cross, Abingdon is bringing out *Clara Barton, Red Cross Pioneer* by Alberta P. Graham, and Messner is publishing a biography, *Jean Henri Dunant: Founder of The International Red Cross* by Josephine Rich. Another biography from Messner will be *Nellie Bly: First Woman Reporter* by Iris Noble. . . . Marc Simont has done some very beautiful pictures for *A Tree is Nice* by Janice May Udry (Harper). . . . And spring comes to the city in the singing pictures Margaret Bloy Graham has done for *Gene Zion's Really Spring* (Harper). . . . Too late for our last *Calendar*, we learned of *The Story of Valentine* by Wilma Pitchford Hays (author of *Pilgrim Thanksgiving*) illustrated by Leonard Weisgard which Coward McCann brought out on the proper date in February—a story for any time though. . . . Henry Holt is bringing out *Jules Verne: His Life* by Catherine Owens Peare. Also from Holt, Flavia Gag's *Fourth Floor Menagerie*, a full-of-fun story about city children and a household full of pets. . . . Wilcox and Follett and their author Lois Mills are happy indeed because Miss Mills' book *Three Together* and a newspaper column about it were instrumental in bringing help to aging engineer, Charlie Taylor, builder of the engine for the plane flown at Kitty Hawk. The book is about the Wright brothers and their sister; the column which discussed it was Bob Campbell's in the *Los Angeles Mirror-News*. It all lead to the discovery that Mr. Taylor had recently become homeless and was in the County hospital, destitute. Nation-wide attention to the story brought many offers of help, and the Aviation Institute has provided a trust fund to care for Mr. Taylor for the rest of his life. . . . In this Mozart festival year Knopf is bringing out *Mozart*, a biography by Manuel Komroff. Other Knopf titles for spring include *The Screaming Ghost and Other Stories*, collected and told by Carl Carmer, *Jacobin's Daughter* by Joanne S. Williamson the story of a sensitive girl who grew to womanhood at the time when France became a Republic, and, especially to be noted—on the 25th anniversary of its first publication Knopf has reissued Elizabeth Morrow's delightful story, *The Painted Pig*. . . . Last but far from least, twelve-year-olds and up may spend many happy hours pouring over World's *Rainbow Book of Art* by Thomas Craven, with over 350 illustrations, 32 full color plates.

The number of juvenile books published in 1955, according to *Publisher's Weekly's* annual report (January 21, 1956) came to 1,485. The total of all books published was 12,589.

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