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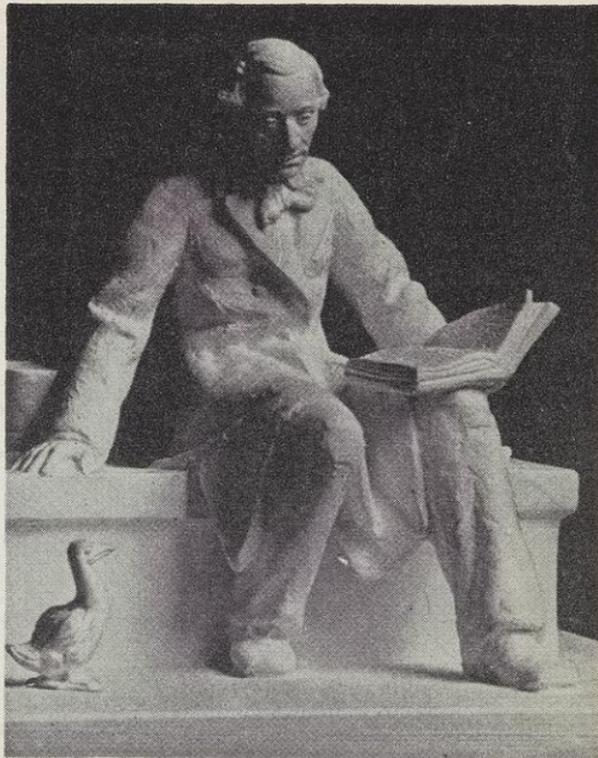
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## JANUARY

- 1—New Year's Day. Betsy Ross, 1752–1836, traditional maker of the first American flag.
- 2-31—March of Dimes (The National Federation for Infantile Paralysis, 120 Broadway, New York 5).
- 3—Feast of St. Genevieve, c422–512, patron saint of Paris.
- 4—Sir Isaac Newton, 1642–1727, British mathematician, natural philosopher and scientist; discoverer of the law of gravity. Utah—45th state admitted to the Union 1896.
- 5—Stephen Decatur, 1779–1820, American naval hero.
- 6—Epiphany, the Twelfth Day after Christmas. New Mexico—47th state admitted to the Union 1912.
- 7—Millard Fillmore, 1800–1874, thirteenth President of the United States. First national election in the United States 1789.
- 8—Lowell Mason, 1792–1872, American composer of hymns and pioneer in public school music.
- 9—Connecticut ratified U.S. Constitution 1788.
- 11—Ezra Cornell, 1807–1874, American capitalist; early promoter of telegraph construction; founder of Cornell University 1865.
- 12—John Singer Sargent, 1856–1925, American artist, modern portraitist and mural painter.
- 13—Stephen Foster Memorial Day.
- 14—Matthew Fontaine Maury, 1806–1873, American hydrographer and meteorologist. He was the first to mark out specific routes to be followed in crossing the Atlantic. Albert Schweitzer, 1875– , physician and missionary surgeon in Equatorial Africa.
- 19—James Watt, 1736–1819, Scottish inventor and mechanical engineer, discoverer of the power of steam. Robert Edward Lee, 1807–1870, soldier and educator; Commander-in-Chief of the Confederate army.
- 20—Inauguration Day. On this day, once in four years, the presidents of the United States take the oath of office.
- 22—Andre Marie Ampere, 1775–1836, French physicist and mathematician who developed electrodynamics; the unit of electric current is named for him.
- 23—Edouard Manet, 1832–1883, French painter of the Impressionist School.
- 24—Gold discovered in California, 1848.
- 26—Michigan twenty-sixth state admitted to the Union 1837.
- 27—Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, 1756–1791, Austrian composer and concert pianist. Lewis Carroll, pen name of Charles Ludwidge Dodgson, 1832–1898, author of ALICE IN WONDERLAND.
- 29—John Davison Rockefeller, Jr., 1874– , American capitalist and philanthropist.
- 30—Jefferson's private library of 6800 volumes purchased by Congress in 1815 to replace its library burned by the British army 1814.

## FEBRUARY

- 1-28—American Heart month.
- 1—Supreme Court of the United States held its first meeting 1790.
- 2—Ground-hog day.
- 3—Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1809–1847, German composer, pianist and organist. Elizabeth Blackwell, 1821–1910, American physician, born in England; the first woman to receive a medical diploma.
- 5—Dwight Lyman Moody, 1837–1899, American evangelist, founder of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.
- 6-12—Boy Scout Week.
- 6—Sir Henry Irving 1838–1905, English actor and manager. Massachusetts ratified the U.S. Constitution 1788.
- 7—Charles Dickens, 1812–1870, English novelist, author of DAVID COPPERFIELD, PICKWICK PAPERS. Sinclair Lewis, 1885–1951, American novelist, satirist of contemporary life. George Herman (Babe) Ruth, 1894–1948, baseball's greatest batter; home-run king of the New York Yankees.
- 8—William Tecumseh Sherman, 1820–1891, General in the Civil War. Boy Scouts of America formally incorporated 1910.
- 9—Nebraska thirty-seventh state admitted to the Union 1867.
- 10—Race Relations Sunday.
- 10-16—National Electrical Week (scheduled annually for week of Thomas Edison's birthday).
- 11—Thomas Alva Edison, 1847–1931, American inventor and electrical investigator; creator of the phonograph, the motion picture projector and pioneer in the field of electric light distribution.
- 12—Abraham Lincoln, 1809–1865, sixteenth President of the United States, emancipator of the slaves and preserver of the Union. Peter

Cooper, 1791–1883, American inventor and manufacturer, capitalist and philanthropist; best remembered as the founder of Cooper Union in 1859.

- 14—St. Valentine's Day.
- 15—Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton, 1874–1922, British naval officer and Antarctic explorer.
- 17–24—Brotherhood Week.
- 17—Founders Day of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, organized at Washington, D.C. in 1897 by Alice McClellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst.
- 19—David Garrick, 1717–1779, English actor and playwright, manager of Drury Lane Theater, London. Ohio seventeenth state to be admitted to the Union. Phonograph patented by Edison 1878.
- 20—George du Maurier, 1834–1896, British humorist and author, born in Paris. United States purchased the Danish West Indies 1917 (Virgin Islands).
- 22—George Washington, 1732–1799. James Russell Lowell, 1819–1891, American poet and critic; first editor of *Atlantic Monthly*. Johannes Gutenberg died 1468 (born c1399), German printer, reputed inventor of movable type; produced the Gutenberg Bible.
- 25—Jose de San Martin, 1778–1850, South American general, patriot and liberator of Argentina, Chile, and, with Bolivia, of Peru.
- 28—Sir John Tenniel, 1820–1914, English cartoonist and book illustrator; illustrated ALICE IN WONDERLAND. Sir Wilfred Thomason Grenfell, 1865–1940, English medical missionary to Labrador.

## MARCH

- 1–31—Red Cross Membership and Fund Campaign.
- 2–9—National 4-H Club Week.
- 2—Texas Independence Day. Texas declared her independence from Mexico, 1836.
- 3—Vincent van Gogh, 1853–1890, Dutch painter. Florida twenty-seventh state admitted to Union 1845.
- 4—Announcement of Newbery-Caldecott Award winners.
- 4—United States Constitution declared in effect 1789, with Washington becoming first President.
- 5—Shrove Tuesday.
- 6—Ash Wednesday; beginning of Lent. Michelangelo Buonarroti, 1475–1564, Italian sculptor, painter, architect and poet. Elizabeth Barrett Browning, 1806–1861, English poet.
- 7—Luther Burbank, 1849–1926, American botanist and horticulturist. Patent granted to Alexander Graham Bell for the first telephone 1876.
- 10—Lillian D. Wald, 1867–1940, American social worker, founder and head of Henry Street Settlement, pioneer in public health nursing. A contingent of the Salvation Army landed in America 1880, beginning its activity in this country.
- 10–16—Girl Scout Week.
- 11—The great blizzard in New York City and the New England states, 1888.
- 12—Simon Newcomb, 1835–1909, American astronomer and mathematician; inscribed in the Hall of Fame.
- 12—Anniversary of founding of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., 1912.
- 13—Lorenzo Delmonico, 1813–1881, American restaurant proprietor, born in Switzerland. He was largely responsible for the spread of restaurants in the U.S.A. Standard time established in the United States 1884. Maxim Gorky, 1868–1936, Russian novelist, short story writer.
- 15—Andrew Jackson, 1767–1845, general in the war of 1812 and seventh President of the United States.
- 16—James Madison, 1751–1836, fourth President of the United States.
- 17–24—Camp Fire Girls 47th Birthday Week.
- 17—St. Patrick's Day.
- 18—Rudolph Diesel, 1858–1913, German engineer and inventor. His great contribution was the Diesel engine, patented 1892.
- 19—David Livingstone, 1813–1873, Scottish missionary and explorer in Africa.
- 20—Charles William Eliot, 1834–1926, American educator, writer and leader in public affairs; president of Harvard 1869–1909.
- 21—Vernal equinox which marks the beginning of spring in the northern hemisphere.
- 22—Randolph Caldecott, 1846–1886, English artist and illustrator of children's books. The Caldecott medal is named in his honor.
- 26—Alfred Edward Housman, 1859–1936, English lyric poet and scholar.
- 27—President Washington signed the act creating the United States Navy 1794.
- 29—Elihu Thomson, 1853–1937, American electrical expert and inventor; celebrated for the invention of the street arc light and many devices connected with electric lighting and power.
- 31—Transfer Day in the Virgin Islands. The United States took formal possession 1917 after purchase from Denmark.

# Through The Looking Glass

## NEWS AND VIEWS in the FIELD OF BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

The gentle figure on the cover is that of Hans Christian Andersen, the book in his hands open to the first lines of THE UGLY DUCKLING. The statue, designed by George J. Lober, was the idea of the Baroness Alma Dahlerup, and the children of Denmark and New York contributed their pennies to make it possible. Cast in bronze, it sits in New York's Central Park overlooking the Conservatory Pond at 72nd St. and 5th Ave. in the newly created Story-Telling Center, a paved recess in the little hill to the west of the Pond. There, after its dedication last fall, children gathered on Saturday mornings at eleven to hear the New York Public Library's story-tellers. It is planned that the story-telling program, suspended for the winter months, will be carried on in good weather during the spring, summer and fall. May there be more memorials in our parks and public gardens to writers and artists, who, having enlarged and enriched our vision, are surely to be counted among the heroes of the world.

To Anne Carroll Moore everyone concerned with children's books is deeply indebted. Fifty years ago Miss Moore became the Director of the New York Public Library's first Department of Work with Children. To mark the anniversary, the NYPL this year held its annual pre-Christmas meeting in the children's room in Miss Moore's honor. In an introduction to *Reading Without Boundaries*, a collection of essays prepared for the occasion by those close to Miss Moore, Mrs. Frances Lander Spain writes: ". . . so far has Miss Moore's influence been felt throughout the country, and so great has been her impact on the children's book world, that by extension, this celebration of ours may be a celebration for all — authors, illustrators, editors of children's books, designers, librarians, critics — who have made possible book and library services to children during these 50 years." *Reading Without Boundaries* is available for \$1.00 from the New York Public Library, 42nd St. & 5th Ave., N. Y.

We urge you to acquaint any industrialists or other members of your business community you may know, with "An Experiment in Reading," an article by Gilbert W. Chapman, President of Yale & Towne, in the December *Harper's*. It is a report on an unusual experiment in one of Yale & Towne's Tennessee plants, which is introducing hundreds of youngsters to the world of books. Reprints of the article are available on request with a stamped self-addressed envelope from the National Book Committee, 24 West 40th Street, New York 18. (No quantity orders.)

Continuing with Ruth Harshaw in Europe, "The Carnival of Books" radio programs this winter, over Station WMAQ Chicago, Saturdays, 8:45-9:00 A.M. (check your local stations for dates and hours elsewhere) will cover the following interviews with English authors: January 5, A BOW IN THE CLOUDS by Margherita Fanchiotti of Lincoln (Oxford); January 12, THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STORY and OUTCAST by Rosemary Sutcliff of Sussex (Oxford); January 19, THE CHILDREN OF GREEN KNOWE by Lucy M. Boston of Hunts (Harcourt); January 26, ROSINA COPPER by Kitty Barne of Sussex (Dutton); February 2, THE HILL OF THE RED FOX by Allan Campbell McLean of the Island of Skye, Scotland (Dutton); February, LIONS IN THE WOODSHED and HOMER SEES THE QUEEN by Margaret Baker of Somerset (Whittlesey); February 16, WE WERE THERE by Rhoda Power of London (Houghton); February 23, THE BORROWERS AFIELD by Mary Norton of Chelsea (Harcourt); March 2, LITTLE TIM AND THE BRAVE SEA CAPTAIN by Edward Ardizzone of London (Oxford); March 9, THE HOBBIT by J. R. R. Tolkien of Oxford (Houghton); March 16, THE SECRET by Dorothy Clewes of Kent (Coward); March 23, A BELL FOR RINGEBLUME by Rosalie Frye of Swansea (Dutton); March 30, THE GLASS SLIPPER by Eleanor Farjeon of London (Viking).

**Congratulations** to the *National Parent-Teacher*, the distinguished, pioneering magazine of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, which celebrated its 50th Anniversary in its November 1956 issue. A feature of special interest to our readers was "What Shall We Read to our Children?" by Dr. Leland B. Jacobs of Teachers College, Columbia University.

**Awards** — The Hans Christian Andersen Medal, the first and only international children's book award, has been given to THE LITTLE BOOKROOM by Eleanor Farjeon, illustrated by Edward Ardizzone (Oxford). The award, set up at the Geneva Congress last year, was given by the International Board on Books for Young People. THE LITTLE BOOKROOM was also the recent winner of the Carnegie Medal given by the Library Association in England for the "outstanding children's book of the year." The same Association has just instituted the Greenaway Award to be made annually to the best British children's picture book. . . . The Canadian Association of Children's Librarians will give its "Book of the Year" Medal to GLOOSKAP'S COUNTRY (Oxford), a collection of Canadian-Indian tales for children by Cyrus MacMillan. . . . The Jane Addams Book Award for 1956 for a children's book which helps to develop understanding of other people and today's problems has been given to Arna Bontemp's STORY OF THE NEGRO (Knopf). . . . Louise Fatio's and Roger Duvoisin's THE HAPPY LION (Whittlesey) has won the German Juvenile Book Prize. . . . The Edison Foundation Mass Media Awards for films, TV and radio were given to the following films — "Moby Dick" (Warner), "The Great Locomotive Chase" (Disney), "On the Threshold of Space" (Fox); TV programs — "Wide, Wide World" (NBC), "Disneyland" (ABC); radio — "CBS Radio Workshop" (CBS), "No School Today" (ABC), "Adventures in Science" (CBS). Children's book award winners will be announced February 11.

A new award competition for book manuscripts for grades 1 to 3 will open January 1. For details, write to Follett Publishing Co., 1000 West Washington Blvd., Chicago 7.

**The Children's Book Council** Executive Board for 1957 will be headed by Elizabeth Morton of Winston, who will serve as President. Other officers are: Vice President, Dorothy Bryan (Dodd); Secretary, Mary K. Harmon (Putnam's); Treasurer, Marjorie Thayer (Prentice); Book Week Chairman, Jo Jasper Turner (S. & S.).

**Here and There** — A fine Book Week editorial in *The New York Times* of November 26th read in part: "The sense of accomplishment that comes with reading the first book is the beginning of growing up. It means many things. It means that a child need never be bored, need never be restless. Healthy children are always active, of course, but the habit of concentration, of thinking and creating, comes mainly with the quiet pleasure of reading. Children who are encouraged by their parents to read when they are young realize when they are older and their toys are long forgotten, that they have been given a companion that constantly changes and grows with them and is, finally, an ageless comfort." . . . For Book Week in the Netherlands, October 3-November 8, the theme was "Indians," and American children's books on Indians — in translation — were features of the occasion. Many of the children's libraries were transformed into teepees and wigwams, according to Jannie Daane of the Amsterdam Public Library, writing in the December issue of *Top of the News*. . . . We have long meant to congratulate the Morningside Junior Library, a volunteer community library in New York's Columbia University area, which grew out of a need for library facilities accessible to young children in the vicinity, and the enthusiasm and ability of a band of mothers. Through nominal family membership fees, contributions of time, energy and money, the little library, set up just a year ago in a former barber shop, now has 3,500 books on its shelves, presents puppet shows, story hours, talks and exhibits on special subjects, children's art shows and science demonstrations, and periodically publishes a news sheet on its activities, *The Library Letter*. . . . At the Tecolote Book Shop in Santa Barbara, according to a recent report in *Publishers' Weekly*, owner William Tighlman, "has found that children who are used to having someone read aloud to them can usually read more advanced books than those who have always read to themselves. Now, he asks customers whether or not they read aloud to their children before suggesting titles to them. The system seems to be making for satisfied customers."

**Materials** — "The OAS — a Digest of its Activities," a 16 mm., 15 minute sound film, black and white and color, on the Organization of American States and its Secretariat, The Pan American Union, may be borrowed by schools, churches and community organizations, from the Office of Public Relations, Pan American Union, Washington 6, D. C. . . . Available for 25¢ each, from the Child Study Association of America, 132 East 74th St., New York 21, is its annual book list, "Books of the Year for Children," as well as "Bible Stories and Books about Religion for Children," last published in 1954 and now brought up to date with a supplement. . . . "About 100 Books — A Gateway to Better Understanding," by Ann G. Wolfe, an annotated list of children's and young people's books, which portray the life and problems of a variety of ethnic religious and racial groups, is available from the Division of Youth Services, American Jewish Committee, 386 Fourth Ave., New York 16, at 20¢ each, quantity prices on request. . . . For a list of the books in The Traveling High School Science Library, sponsored by The American Association for the Advancement of Science and now circulating between 100 selected high schools throughout the country, write to the High School Traveling Science Program, AAAS, 1515 Massachusetts Ave., N.W. Washington, D. C. . . . "McCall's List of 100 Best Books for Children," published in their November issue is now separately available for 15¢ a copy (no stamps) with discounts on quantity orders, from McCall's Modern Homemaker, P. O. Box 1390, Grand Central Station, New York 17. . . . You may send to Joanna Foster, Harcourt Brace & Co., 383 Madison Ave., New York 17, for their list, "Adult Books That Have Been Recommended for Young People," by 12 standard book selection sources. (No charge). . . . And to Whittlesey House, Books for Young People, 330 West 42nd St., New York, for their HAPPY LION book marks from the Fatio-Duvoisin book of that title, available free in quantities, with or without the publisher's imprint. . . . Little, Brown, 34 Beacon St., Boston 6, will send prints of Phyllis Rowland's original drawings for GEORGE to those who would like them for display. . . . Enrichment Records and Filmstrips are available for Random House's Landmark titles, THE WINTER AT VALLEY FORGE, LINCOLN AND DOUGLAS: THE YEARS OF DECISION, and BEN FRANKLIN OF OLD PHILADELPHIA from Enrichment Teaching Materials, 246 Fifth Ave., N. Y. 16. . . . High School Libraries with extensive collections of vocational books will be interested in WHAT HAPPENS IN BOOK PUBLISHING (Columbia U. P.) edited by Chandler B. Grannis, \$5.00, covering procedures in trade book publishing and the major other areas of book publishing. It includes a chapter on children's book publishing by Eunice Blake, children's book editor of Lippincott.

#### Among the new books —

"Very old are the woods;  
And the buds that break  
Out of the brier's boughs,  
When March winds wake  
So old with their beauty are —  
Oh, no man knows  
Through what wild centuries  
Roves back the rose."

from "All That's Past" by Walter De La Mare in THIS WAY, DELIGHT (Pantheon) a book of poetry for the young, selected by Herbert Read, illustrated by Juliet Kepes. A rare collection, to be treasured by the whole family, it should win even the youngest child to a love of poetry. . . . Another household treasure for both children and parents is James Daugherty's WEST OF BOSTON (Viking), a collection of ringing, robust rhymes on the people and places of our American history, with Mr. Daugherty's own spirited and eloquent drawings. . . . And a very special pleasure for the eye as well as the ear is Jane Werner Watson's adaptation of The ILIAD AND THE ODYSSEY magnificently illustrated by Alice and Martin Provensen (S & S), a fine first version with which to introduce youngsters to the characters, and much of the spirit of the great story. . . . Especially for this time of year; the new Landmark Book, GEORGE WASHINGTON, FRONTIER COLONEL by Sterling North, (Random) and GEORGE WASHINGTON, FIRST PRESIDENT by Elsie Ball (Abington); on the Great Schweitzer's birthday, January 14, THE STORY OF ALBERT SCHWEITZER by Jo Manton (Abelard); tying in with Inauguration Day THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES by E. B. Fincher (Abelard). . . . In this 350th Anniversary year of the settlement of Jamestown, Va., the first permanent English settlement in America, Harper's will publish Newbery Award winner Jean Lee Latham's new book, THIS DEAR BOUGHT LAND, about the colony of Jamestown and the men who settled it; and Dutton will publish JAMESTOWN ADVENTURE by Olga Hall-Guest and VIRGINIA GIANT by Alma Power Waters (Jamestown Festival April 1-Nov. 30, 1957). . . . Many parents will remember THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S LETTERS TO HIS CHILDREN which Scribner's is re-issuing sometime this winter. . . . Young journalists will be interested in REPORTERS AROUND THE WORLD by Frank K. Kelly (Little). . . . And as spring and summer come, John Muir's FATHER OF OUR NATIONAL PARKS by Charles Norman (Messner) should be a welcome addition to biography shelves.

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