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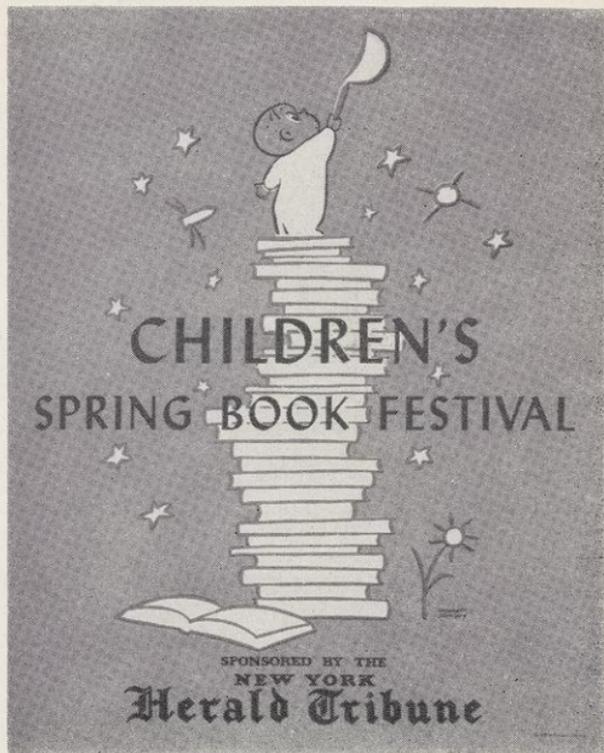
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APRIL, 1958

- 1-30—Cancer Control Month. Sponsor: American Cancer Society, Inc., 521 W. 57th St., New York 19.
- 1—All Fools' Day.
- 2—United States Mint established 1792.
- 3—First pony express riders left Sacramento to ride east, and St. Joseph, Mo., to ride west.
- 4—Good Friday.
- 5-12—Passover.
- 5—Booker Taliaferro Washington, 1856-1915, American Negro educator, lecturer and writer; founder of Tuskegee Institute 1881.
- 6—Easter Sunday.
- 7—Army Day established 1927 to commemorate the day on which the United States joined the Allies in World War I.
- 7-13—Nat'l. Boys' Club Week. Sponsor: Boys' Clubs of America, 381 Fourth Ave., New York 16.
- 9—General Lee surrendered to General Grant at Appomattox 1865.
- 10—William Booth, 1829-1912, Founder and first General of the Salvation Army.
- 12—John Shaw Billings, 1838-1913, American Army surgeon and librarian; first director and creator of the New York Public Library.
- 13-16—Second Nashville Spring Book Fair, Nashville, Tenn.
- 14—Christian Huygens, 1628-1695, Dutch physicist, mathematician and astronomer who discovered the polarization of light and developed the wave theory of light.
- 14—Pan American Day.
- 14-20—Nat'l. Sunday School Week. Sponsor: Layman's Nat'l. Committee, Inc., 165 W. 46th St., New York 36. Pan American Week. Sponsor: Pan American Union, Office of Public Relations, Washington 6, D.C.
- 16—Anatole France, 1844-1924, French writer, awarded Nobel prize in literature 1921.
- 23—William Shakespeare, 1564-1616.
- 25—Guglielmo Marconi, 1874-1937, Italian electrical engineer, inventor of wireless telegraphy 1895.
- 27—Samuel Finley Breese Morse, 1791-1872, inventor of the telegraph.

MAY

- 1—May Day.
- 1-31—United Cerebral Palsy Month. Sponsor: United Cerebral Palsy Assns., Inc., 369 Lexington Avenue, New York 17.
- 2—May Fellowship Day. Sponsor: United Church Women, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York 10.
- 5—Kentucky Derby Day.
- 6—Sigmund Freud, 1856-1939, Austrian physician and neurologist, founder of the technique for diagnosing mental illness.
- 11—Mother's Day.
- 11-17—Nat'l. Hospital Week. Sponsor: American Hospital Assn., 18 East Division St., Chicago 10, Ill.
- 11-18—*The New York Herald Tribune* Children's Spring Book Festival (see page 4).

- 12—Edward Lear, 1812–1888, English humorist and painter; celebrated for his NONSENSE books.
- 14—Gabriel Fahrenheit, 1686–1736, Prussian physicist who introduced the mercury thermometer which bears his name. Independence Day in Peru.
- 18–21—Convention of Nat'l. Congress of Parents and Teachers in Omaha, Nebr. Write to Ruth McGlone, Asst. in Public Relations, Nat'l. Congress of Parents and Teachers, 700 North Rush St., Chicago 11, Ill.
- 18–24—Merchant Marine Book Week. Sponsor: American Merchant Marine Library Assn., 45 Broadway, New York 6. (Purpose: to provide books for crews of American Flag vessels.)
- 24—First public demonstration of the telegraph 1844.
- 25—Whitsunday.
- 25—Euclid's *Elementa Geometrica*, the first book to contain mathematical figures, was printed by Ratdolt 1482.
- 29—Patrick Henry 1736–1799, American patriot and statesman; orator of the Revolution.
- 30—Memorial Day. The Hall of Fame for great Americans formally opened at New York University, 1901.

JUNE

- 1–30—Nat'l. Recreation Month. Sponsor: Nat'l. Recreation Assn., 8 W. 8th St., New York 11.
- 2—Thomas Hardy, 1840–1928, English novelist and poet.
- 6—Thomas Mann, 1875–1955, German novelist. Awarded the Nobel prize for literature 1929.
- 7—Mohammed died A.D. 632 (born c570), Arab merchant who became the founder of Mohammedanism.
- 8—Children's Day, second Sunday in June, a special day observed in Protestant churches throughout the United States. Robert Stevenson, 1772–1850, Scottish engineer, builder of lighthouses; inventor of the intermittent light still universally used.
- 12—John Augustus Roebling, 1806–1869, American engineer, born in Germany; designed the famous Niagara Falls and Brooklyn bridges.
- 14—Flag Day; the anniversary of the day on which the Continental Congress formally adopted the Stars and Stripes as the flag of the United States 1777. U.N. Atomic Energy Commission met for the first time, in New York, in 1946.
- 15—Fathers' Day. Sponsor: Nat'l. Fathers' Day Committee, 50 East 42nd St., New York 17. Benjamin Franklin demonstrated the identity of electricity and lightning by use of a kite 1752.
- 21—Summer solstice, first day of summer. John Smith died 1631, one of the founders of Jamestown, Va. Rockwell Kent 1882–, American artist, best known for his book and magazine illustrations.
- 22—Theodore Leschetizky, 1830–1915, Polish pianist and world famous teacher of piano. Among his pupils was Paderewski.
- 23—Irvin Shrewsbury Cobb, 1876–1944, American humorist and journalist. William Penn signed the famous treaty of peace and friendship with the Indians 1683.
- 24—Henry Ward Beecher, 1813–1887, American Congregational preacher, orator and reformer; noted opponent of slavery.
- 26—William Thomson, Lord Kelvin, 1824–1907, Scottish physicist and mathematician, born in Ireland, distinguished for his work on heat and electricity. First American expeditionary forces (A.E.F.) reached France 1917.
- 29—Peter Paul Rubens, 1577–1640, distinguished Flemish painter, scholar and diplomat; teacher of Van Dyck. John Quincy Adams Ward, 1830–1910, American sculptor, born in Ohio. His well-known portrait statues include those of Washington and Horace Greeley in New York City.
- 29—Julia Clifford Lathrop, 1858–1932, American leader in child welfare; first head of the U.S. Children's Bureau 1912–21. William James Mayo, 1861–1929, American surgeon who, with his brother, Charles Horace Mayo, established and endowed the famous Mayo Foundation at Rochester, Minnesota.

Through The Looking Glass

NEWS AND VIEWS in the

FIELD OF BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

Winners of the 1957 Newbery-Caldecott Awards will be announced on March 31st, 1958 at the New York office of Mr. Frederic Melcher, President of the R. R. Bowker Company and donor of the award medals. Recipients of the awards will receive the medals at a banquet to be held on Tuesday, July 15, 1958 at San Francisco during the annual conference of the American Library Association.

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The 22nd annual New York Herald Tribune Children's Spring Book Festival will be held from May 11th to 18th. This year, as in the past, three cash prizes of \$200.00 each will be given to authors whose books are selected in each of three age groups: picture book age, 8 to 12 years and older young people. To mark the Festival Week, libraries and schools will hold book fairs and exhibits. There will also be a special Children's Book Festival issue of the Herald Tribune Book Review to be published May 11th. Festival materials available include posters designed by Crockett Johnson — 15¢ (10¢ for each additional poster); Workbooks, How to Plan a Book Festival — 15¢ a copy; sets of 25 Festival Bookmarks — 10¢ a set; 25 stickers for labeling prize books — 5¢ a set; 25 stickers for labeling honor books — 5¢ a set. All requests, together with money in stamps or check, should be sent to: New York Herald Tribune Children's Spring Book Festival, 230 West 41st St., New York 36, N.Y., attention: Joan Rothschild.

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Here and there — The University of Washington School of Librarianship announces a workshop "Parents, Children and Books" to be held at the University, July 7-11. Inquiries may be addressed to Dorothy Bevis, Acting Director, School of Librarianship, Univ. of Washington, Seattle 5. . . . Film rights to THE WHITE FALCON by Charlton Ogburn Jr. (Houghton) have been sold to Walt Disney. . . . Holiday House News has been revived after an absence of five years and will appear at intervals throughout the year. . . . An interesting TV versus reading study is Paul Witty's and T. F. Gustafson's "Studies of TV — An Eighth Yearly Report" in December 1957 *Elementary English*. . . . The Westover School, Middlebury, Conn. and the Department of Library Service of the New Haven State Teachers College announce a third workshop for school librarians at Westover School from June 25 to July 11. . . . Additions to the bronze sculptures of characters from Alice In Wonderland are underway at New York's Central Park. Sculptor José de Creeft is basing his figures (Alice, the Mad Hatter and the March Hare) on the Tenniel drawings. . . . Recent articles of particular interest include: "The Children and The Experts Agree" by Elliott D. Landau in the Feb. *Elementary English*; "Children's Books Around The World" by Dora V. Smith, also in the Feb. *Elementary English*. Emphasis on developing world-minded children also in the excellent "Children and World Brotherhood" by Ivah Green in the Feb. *Grade Teacher*. . . . See the Dec. 1957 *Wilson Library Bulletin* for "Selected 16mm Films and Filmstrips on Libraries, Books and Reading" by Helen Wheeler. . . . The December 15, 1957 issue of *Junior Libraries*, guest edited by Frederic G. Melcher, contains many worthwhile and informative articles on children and poetry. . . . And for a good list of books about the IGY, we suggest the January issue of the *NEA Journal*.

Newbery-Caldecott bookmarks for 1958 listing winners of the awards of all years will be available after March 31, 1958 from the Children's Book Council, Inc., 50 West 53rd St., New York 19. Imprinted in dark blue on ivory or scarlet stiff coated paper, they may be ordered in one color or a combination. Prices are 100 for \$1.00; 500 for \$4.50, 1000 for \$8.00.

Prizes and Awards—The *Boys' Life*-Dodd, Mead Competition has been won by Edessa Peery Smith for *POKES OF GOLD*. The award is given each year for a story for boys from twelve to sixteen, written with literary distinction and in the best American tradition. . . . Winners of the New York City Police Athletic League essay contest ("Why I Like To Read Books") were announced January 15th. The Best in Contest Award went to Earliene Murphy, 11, also the winner of the Junior Class (girls) award. Other winners were: Laurence Lograno, 8; Andrea Diaz, 13; Peter Zumba, 14; Ines Pizarro, 16; Peter Patane, 16. The contest, jointly sponsored by the PAL and the National Book Committee, had almost 400 entrants competing for prizes of books. . . . The 1st Aurianne Children's Book Award (to writers of books for children of 8 to 14 which develop humane attitudes toward animal life) has been presented to John and Jean George for *DIPPER OF COPPER CREEK* (Dutton). . . . The Edison Foundation Children's Book and Comic Book Awards for 1957 were awarded to the following: Best Children's Science Book—*THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ENERGY* by Lancelot Hogben (Garden City); Best Science Book for Youth—*BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE UNIVERSE* by Isaac Asimov (Abelard); Special Excellence in Portraying America's Past—*COLONIAL LIVING* by Edwin Tunis (World); Special Excellence in Contributing to the Character Development of Children—*ARMED WITH COURAGE* by May McNeer and Lynd Ward (Abingdon). . . . The Pacific Northwest Library Association Young Readers' Choice Award went to Beverly Clearly for her book *HENRY AND RIBSY* (Morrow). Runners up were: *FREDDY AND THE MEN FROM MARS* by Walter Brooks (Knopf); *SEA PUP* by Archie Binns (Duell, Sloan & Pierce) and *WONDERFUL FLIGHT TO THE MUSHROOM PLANET* by Eleanor Cameron (Little). . . . Medal winners in the Boys' Clubs of America Junior Book Awards for 1957 were: *BEAVER WATER* by Rutherford G. Montgomery (World); *THE FIRST LAKE DWELLERS* by Chester G. Osborne (Follett); *QUEST OF THE SNOW LEOPARD* by Roy Chapman Andrews (Viking); *THE STORY OF ALBERT SCHWEITZER* by Jo Manton (Abelard); *TRAIL BLAZER OF THE SEAS* by Jean Lee Latham (Houghton).

Materials—To help celebrate Pan American Day (April 14th) the Pan American Union is offering to teachers and group leaders a free Pan American Day Packet including a poster, folder and other materials. Write: Office of Public Relations, Pan American Union, Washington, D.C. . . . A reprint of the article in *World Book Encyclopedia*, "Literature For Children" is available upon request from Field Enterprises Educational Corporation, Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago 54, Ill. . . . A catalog of the books shown at the Festival for Boys and Girls: Explore the World in Books, the 1000-book exhibit of American children's books on foreign lands and people, held at the World Affairs Center in New York last fall, is available for 25¢ from the World Affairs Center, Book Dep't., Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, United Nations Plaza at 46th St., N.Y. 17. . . . *MICKEY'S MAGNET* by Franklyn M. Branley and Eleanor K. Vaughan is featured in a 16mm kinescope available free of charge on a three week loan basis. This film, particularly suitable for elementary school children, may be obtained by writing to the Children's Book Dep't., Thomas Y. Crowell Company, 432 Fourth Avenue, New York 16. . . . A new monthly newsletter, *Juvenile Book Fare*, presents notes of interest to librarians and teachers. Single copies—15¢; available from Marian A. Webb, 1217 W. Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Ruth Harshaw's "Carnival of Books" schedule (for WMAQ, Chicago only — check your local station for date and time) for this quarter: April 6 — TABITHA'S HILL by Ruth Langland Holberg (Doubleday); 13 — MISS GRIMSBEE IS A WITCH by Gerald Weales (Little); 20 — ROLLING SHOW by Virginia Francis Voight (Holiday); 27 — RACHEL AND HERMAN by Mina Lewiton (Watts); May 4 — THE UNINVITED DONKEY by Anne H. White (Viking); 11 — THE VILLAGE BAND MYSTERY by Lee Knigman (Doubleday); 18 — WISH ON THE MOON and DING DONG BELL by Berta and Elmer Hader (Macmillan); 25 — BLACK FOX OF LORNE by Marguerite de Angeli (Doubleday); June 1 — AND THE WATERS PREVAILED by D. Moreau Barringer (Dutton); 8 — THE ENCHANTED SCHOOLHOUSE by Ruth Sawyer (Viking); 15 — EVIE AND COOKIE by Irmengarde Eberle (Knopf); 22 — GEORGE by Phyllis Rowand (Little); 29 — THE ARBUTHNOT ANTHOLOGY OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE by May Hill Arbuthnot (Scott).

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Among the new books — for Easter — THE ENCHANTED EGG by Peggy Barrows (Rand McNally); INCREASE RABBIT by T. L. McCready Jr. (Ariel); and THE RABBIT'S WEDDING by Garth Williams (Harper) — the latter perhaps more of a story for June than Easter. . . . The spring lists contain many science and space books — for every age and level of understanding — THE INHABITED UNIVERSE by Kenneth W. Gatland and Derek D. Dempster (McKay); SCIENCE IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD by Elizabeth K. Cooper (Harcourt); ONLY A TRILLION by Isaac Asimov (Abelard); INTO OTHER WORLDS by Roger Lancelyn Green (Abelard); THE WORLD IN SPACE, THE STORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL GEOPHYSICAL YEAR by Alexander Marshack (Nelson); STRANGE PLANTS AND THEIR WAYS by Ross E. Hutchins (Rand McNally); THE STORY OF EYES by S. Sutton-Vane (Viking). Springtime-into-summer reading fun in the offing in HAMID OF ALEPPO by Clive King, illustrated by Giovannetti (Macmillan); COW'S PARTY by Marie Hall Ets (Viking); THE ACORN TREE by Valenti Angelo (Viking); HECTOR GOES FISHING by Priscilla Hallowell (Viking); AS A MAY MORNING by Grace Allen Hogart (Harcourt); HOLIDAY IN WASHINGTON by Frances Carpenter (Knopf); THREE STARS FOR STAR ISLAND, a book about camp life by Marjorie Hall (Funk); JUDY'S SURPRISING DAY by Sally Scott (Harcourt). . . . Many of the new books are about people in other lands and times — TAKAO AND GRANDFATHER'S SWORD by Yoshiko Uchida (Harcourt); YUSUF: BOY OF CYPRUS by Grace Rasp-Nuri (Criterion); OLD ITALIAN TALES retold by Domenico Vittorini (McKay); ALASKA: THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE by Evelyn I. Butler and George A. Dale (Viking); THE CANADIAN STORY by May Mcneer and Lynd Ward (Ariel); FIRST DAYS OF THE WORLD and THE FIRST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD by Rose Wyler and Gerald Ames (Harper); MARA JOURNEYS HOME by Elizabeth Witheridge (Abingdon); ISRAEL: NEW PEOPLE IN AN OLD LAND by Lily Edelman (Nelson); THE GREAT CROSS, AN ADVENTURE OF THE SPANISH MAIN by Thomas Holland (Sheed & Ward).

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The number of juvenile books published in 1957, according to *Publishers' Weekly* (annual report, January 20, 1958) came to 1,557. The total of all books published was 13,142.

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