

Library Notes

There, you guys and gals! If you have friends after the damage that was done between night to screens, mail doorbells, lawn furniture, the like? Or are you one of the more fortunate souls who have a good alibi for the night of Nov. 31, between the hours of 12:00 P. M.?

It seems strange now that it's never and no one has a guilty conscience to betray him, but I'm sure that somebody tied the soap across the steps and soaped the screens. It's really impossible to believe the ghosts did it. They've been doing a little detective work.

A list was made of all the people I thought might have soaped screens on Halloween night and because I thought it would be best to be sure about the matter, I asked one of them: "Who is your favorite villain in fiction?"

It is about as far as the matter went and you'll perhaps understand why I softened when I read these replies.

Harrison promptly answered, "Rhett Butler, a most notable villain." Need we any explanation? And Mrs. Lynn exclaimed that she found Uriah in *Copperfield* to be interesting as a villain because of his unusual personality.

Speaking of strong personalities, Miss Matheson cast her vote for the notorious wolf in *Little Red Riding Hood*. Can you beat that? And her hair is red, too!

Mr. McFadyen remarked after a momentary pause that he obviously didn't have a favorite villain because he couldn't think of one quickly, but Miss Maxwell was ready to suggest Mme. Targe in the *Tale of Two Cities* because of her heartless cruelty. It seems she calmly stepped as the heads were dropped from the guillotine—but she did not get gruesome.

Macbeth claims the crown as the greatest villain among the faculty with two votes. Mr. Hatley is the play fascinating because of the sly and confident manner of Macbeth, but Miss Michael considers him villainous



The above poster was designed for the 28th nation-wide observance of Children's Book Week by the distinguished illustrators of children's books, Ingri and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire. It is now on display in thousands of schools, libraries, bookstores and civic welfare centers to announce the opening of Book Week—November 16-22.

The Children's Book Council at 62 West 45th Street, New York City, by whom this poster is distributed, tells us that at least eleven million American boys and girls today are without library service or access to reading of any kind other than text books. These children live for the most part in rural areas and the conditions are to be found in varying degrees in nearly every state in the Union.

The Council, which is a public information center for and about children's books, adds that they have initiated a national Book Week project, cooperating with the Save the Children Federation and the Treasure Chest Campaign, two of the Council's twenty-nine cooperating organizations. It is hoped that more fortunate communities will join in the Treasure Chests U.S.A. project to donate Treasure Chests of children's books to rural schools in the United States (25,000 Treasure Chest books have already been donated for children overseas).

because "he was weak enough to be influenced by a woman!"

I still haven't discovered who soaped my screens but you'd better be careful if you're the guilty party. Even Macbeth could not commit a perfect crime!

Westward Ho!

"Go West" if you must, young man, but 'tis from the east that a new day will dawn enlightening the horizon and bringing Book Week into the limelight at the old Alma Mater November 16-22.

Students will no longer have to grope in darkness for lack of information concerning the library, because the plans for this year's observance at A. H. S. include a "Know Your Library" campaign. In each homeroom will be found book-jackets related to the subjects taught in that room and students will be given a helpful questionnaire concerning the library. Of course you'll want to see the special display in the lobby, and the library club will present the assembly program on Friday when Mrs. Allen Surratt, librarian at the Stanly County Public Library, will speak.

But I'll bet you are thinking there isn't a great deal more you need to know about the library, aren't you? So did the eighth grade boy who called Miss Holbrook to the card catalogue the other day to affirm his decision. After pondering for some moments over the cards before him, the eyes of Sherlock, Jr., fell upon the word he sought.

"Gee," the saucer-eyed lover of hair-raising, spine-chilling, bed-time stories exclaimed, "I'll bet this book is **scarey!**"

But alas, the card he held bore the words, **sacred writings.**

What about you, though? Would you ever find the information for that theme or the references for your special report, or even the books for parallel reading without assistance from the staff? Book Week and every week offer opportunities for you to use and familiarize yourself with the library.

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Club Is Organized By Library Staff

Student library assistants met October 27 and organized a club, with the officers elected as follows: Lou Merle Griffin, president; Clyde Rummage, vice-president; and Eleanor Swaringen, secretary-treasurer.

The club is composed of thirty-five members and is organized primarily in an effort to create a greater interest in the library throughout the entire school. The members, many of whom are taking library science, will assist Miss Holbrook in the planning and arranging of lobby displays, checking books, filing, cataloging, bookbinding, and in keeping the library open during lunch hours.

Pictured above is a group of library science students. Other members of the club are Catherine Atkins, Mazelle Dry, Ruby Hatley, Gene Honeycutt, Bobby Kelly, Betty Lefler, Ann Swaringen, Jeanette Troutman, Sylvia Morrow, Betty Brunson, Betty Lynn Crowell, James Lisk, Betty Aldridge, Emily Milton, Ruth Clark, Joe Russell, and Jimmy

Pupil Assistants Meet In Winston

Attending the annual meeting of the North Carolina Library Association in Winston-Salem, October 17-18 with Miss Holbrook were Joanne Cook and Lou Merle Griffin.

While the librarians attended the conferences, delegates from the student staff of high schools in the state assembled at the Centenary Methodist church and voted to organize a state-wide club for pupil assistants.

The Robert E. Lee Hotel was the scene of a banquet on Friday evening when Mr. Richard Walser, State College faculty, read poems from the book of "North Carolina Poetry" which he edited.

The visiting students were entertained in the homes of Reynolds High library assistants.

Brown from the eighth grade; Charles McManus, William Bradley, Billy Fincher, Evelyn Dennis, Sue Herrin, David Gaddy, Colon Faulkner, and Joanne Cook from the ninth through the twelfth grades.

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