

THE LIBRARY SPEAKS (June 28, 1939)

Theme Song -

Studio Announcement -

M.L. Good morning, everyone. John Newbery is a name glorious in the annals of children's literature. This bookseller of St. Paul's Churchyard, London published many little books for children during the 18th century. Goody Two Shoes, said to have been written by Oliver Goldsmith was published by Newbery in 1765. It may be truly called the first real children's book. He attempted to attract the child by making his books little as well as charming. Many of them had attractive flowered paper covers with gilt edges. He wanted his books to have literary merit as well as beauty for he interested some of the famous writers of his day to write for children.

In 1922 Frederic G. Melcher presented the American Library Association with a medal which they in turn award each year to some writer who has made the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children during the past year. Fittingly this medal was known as the Newbery Medal. Each year during the annual meeting of the American Library Association the medal winner is announced. Last week in San Francisco librarians ~~diebe-~~ learned that the award for 1938 went to Elizabeth Enright for THIMBLE SUMMER. Because Thimble Summer is such a delightful story of a Wisconsin farm girl, we are going to read part of it for you this morning. Patricia Smith will read parts of the story. If the boys and girls who are listening in want the whole story it will be available at the library in the children's room.

Patricia Smith -

M.L. And now we'll have some music.

MUSIC -

By The Bank of The River -

Dorothy's Harvest Groves

M.L. It was fitting also when librarians awarded a medal last year for the best illustrations in a children's book that the medal should have been named the Randolph Caldecott Medal. For Randolph Caldecott is famous for his picture books which include House That Jack Built, A Frog He Would a-Wooing Go and many other such delightful stories for children.

Last week the Caldecott Medal was awarded to Mei Li by Thomas Handforth for its black and white illustrations of Chinese characters. Mei Li must be seen to be appreciated. It, too, is in the children's room at the library.

And now for some more music.

The Rosary

MUSIC *

M.L. We have another book at the library just for boys and girls. It was designed for them by Mr. James A. Farley and is called the junior edition of United States Postage stamps. Beginning with the Columbian stamp issue of 1893 it gives pictures of historical and commemorative stamps and a brief history of each stamp, through the new presidential series. Every stamp collector will like this little book and it has been priced at only ten cents so all interested boys and girls may be able to own a copy. Won't you come into the library some day soon and see this little booklet?

Now let me repeat - If you want to read the rest of the story of Thimble Summer and find out more of the adventures of Garnet Linden and her friends come in or call up and have the book reserved for you.

Until this same time next week, the library staff wishes you a pleasant week with good books as companions.

Boy Scout Merit Badge pins