

BOOK REVIEW

by HIX

Unless you have a strong stomach steer clear of "The Throwaway Children."

The author, Lisa Aversa Richette, takes the juvenile court system apart, piece by bleeding piece, and rattles the skeleton. She writes from experience in the courts of Philadelphia where she devotes her legal skill to the defense of young people from every walk of life.

Most gently reared people close their eyes to the obvious fact that juvenile delinquents are not confined to the slums but appear with amazing frequency in the children of the upper crust, so-called.

Most juvenile court cases are swept under the rug in the news media. It is only when an occurrence of such horrifying and ghastly implication as that of the Boiled Baby is broadcast in the nationwide press, that the general public becomes aware of what is going on.

The distinction between dependent and delinquent is frequently difficult to define, for the treatment meted out is often the same.

A visitor from another planet might well inquire "If you are really social doctors, why do you spend so many hours on the legalistic ritual of labelling the symptoms instead of probing their causes?"

Too many children, says Miss Richette, are relegated to institutions where they are exposed to hardened criminals with the obvious and foreseeable results. The excuse is there is nowhere else to put them.

Too few educated social workers, too few knowledgeable judges, too few facilities for redemption instead of punishment, too little public interest, too many intelligent citizens who prefer to pull the blankets over their heads instead of facing unsavory facts.

For the segment of readers who derive a vicarious satisfaction from reading four letter words, (and repeating them in

hushed whispers out of context,) this is a book which will cause the righteous to lick their lips.

For they are all there. The children are quoted literally. They use gutter language because that is what they have heard all their lives. You have seen them all chalked on sidewalks and fences.

They have seen and experienced sex in the raw, and they talk about it.

Their parents, hauled into court, some in rags, some in furs, find a common denominator in their children.

There are persons who try to help, some of them from a stance of education and training, some from the depths of their ignorance.

The great and crying need, says the author, is for human understanding of WHY children react the way they do and WHAT the background is. For no two children are alike. Children in the same family do not necessarily have the same background.

If a feeling of worth and dignity can be established, says Miss Richette, there is laid the foundation stone for progress.

The final paragraph sums up the book, and the problem.

"Human problems need human solutions. Human solutions need the involvement of ordinary people as well as experts and professionals. The problems of America's young people are deep-seated and tough-hided, encrusted by decades of neglect. Yet, America's young people—delinquent and law abiding are precious, exciting, brimming with human potential. A civilization which deserves to endure cherishes its young. A society that rigidly and shortsightedly relegates millions of children to jails and institutions may find that it has lost more than a small percentage of its citizens. It may be that it has also thrown away its claim to moral leadership in a troubled world."

This book, "The Throwaway Children," is on the general shelves of the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Ricketts Glen becomes national landmark

Ricketts Glen is taking another step forward Sunday, Oct. 12 at 2 p.m., when dedication of The Glens Natural Area will take place, a ceremony which will place the Glen on the list of National Landmarks.

The ceremony will be held at the parking lot on the south side of Route 118, located conveniently near the bridge.

The plaque itself will be unveiled at "Waters Meet" one mile and a half up the trail toward Lake Jean, a considerable walk. Because of this circumstance, the main dedication program is scheduled for a spot easily reached by car.

Master of ceremonies will be Clifford Bigelow, chairman of Luzerne County Tourist Promotion Agency.

Ralph Hazeltine, director of Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, will speak on the "Historic Aspects of the Glen."

Robert Coy, district forester, department of Forests and Waters, will take as his topic the Forestry Aspects.

Robert Burns, assistant regional director for public affairs, N.E. Region National Park Service, will present the registry certificate, which will be accepted by Gerald R. Robinson, regional park superintendent, Bureau of State Parks, on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Invocation and benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. Victor C. Zawadzki.

Bound volumes of The Dallas Post retail the long history of the acquisition of Ricketts Glen, formerly known as Kitchen Creek, and its gradual development as a tourist attraction, with no diminution of its natural wild beauty and its spectacular falls.

Back Mountain unit of the League of Women Voters will meet Wednesday evening, Oct. 15, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Edward Barber, Grandview Avenue, New Goss Manor.

"Meet Your Council Candidates" night is scheduled for Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Kings College, in anticipation of election day Nov. 4.

Ambulance Log

Dallas Community

Oct. 1—Catherine Sherman, Chase Manor, Jackson Township, to General Hospital. Bob Besecker, Bob Cartier.

Oct. 2—Mrs. Daniel Marks, Fernbrook, to Mercy Hospital. Jim Davies, Jack Berti, Bill Ward.

Oct. 4—Mrs. Andrew Ondish, Harris Street, to Mercy Hospital. Ted Wright, Willard Newberry Jr., Jerry Torr.

Oct. 6—Frances Williams, from General Hospital to home on Main Street. Ted Montross, Wayne Harvey.

Lehman Township

Sept. 30—Katherine Boulton, Meeker, to General Hospital. Lee Wentzel, Lionel Bulford.

Oct. 1—John Chiscon, Lehman, from Dr. Bucan's office to Wilkes-Barre Veterans Hospital. Same crew.

Noxen

Oct. 3—Pearl Swingle to General Hospital. Dave Fritz, Fred Boston, Howard Keller.

Oct. 5—Martin Brobst to Nesbitt Hospital. Earl Crispell, Bob Crispell, Albert Goble.

Harveys Lake

Oct. 5—Anna Getzmar, Kunkle Road. Crew called to home to administer oxygen. John Stenger, Chet Davis.

book club to discuss best sellers

The first of several book discussions sponsored by the Back Mountain Memorial Library Book Club will be held Monday, Oct. 20, at 1:30 p.m. in the Children's Annex.

The first discussion will be an informal study of several new books available on the Book Club shelves. Mrs. John Murphy, club president, will lead the discussion and will ask that each member and guest participate by commenting on at least one book read during the summer. Fiction, non-fiction and biographical books will be considered and an informal attempt will be made to discern what is popular—and the reasons for that popularity—among best sellers today.

Following this discussion, suggestions will be considered for future book discussion topics.

Women with preschool age children who are interested in the babysitting service to be provided during the meeting are urged to contact Mrs. Murphy.

license plate fees reduced

Warner M. Depuy, Secretary of Revenue, reminded motorists recently that Pennsylvania license plates may now be purchased at one-half the annual fee for passenger cars, motorcycles, farm tractors, dealers' vehicles and station wagons (suburban).

Dallas resident Home Study grad

At special ceremonies yesterday in the Sterling Hotel, Wilkes-Barre, a Back Mountain resident was recognized among the first graduates of a home study course under the U.S. Office of Education guaranteed loan program for students.

George J. Sabaluski Jr., RD 1, Dallas, is a graduate of Advance Trades School of Chicago.

Certificates were presented by the school's president, Sherman T. Christensen, and Frank D. Labaty of Forty Fort, area manager for the school.

Mr. Sabaluski, who is employed as a mechanic with the Howard Isaacs car dealership in Trucksville, took the course in mobile engine service.

Under the federal guaranteed loan program, a student may borrow from a private lender to pay for education and training at universities, colleges and vocational schools. The government pays part of the interest for qualified students, and repayment of the loan may be deferred until after the student has completed his course.

Advance Trades School, one of the first home study schools to participate in the program, has been in business since 1937. The school is accredited by the National Home Study Council and has federal approval under regulations of the Veterans Administration.

Advance offers courses in electricity, mobile engine service, refrigeration and air conditioning, and in several fields of business including bookkeeping and accounting, shorthand and typing, and clerical and secretarial studies.

obituaries

George S. Sipple, 52, Lehigh Street, Shavertown, died Oct. 6 in General Hospital.

He was born in Plymouth Dec. 17, 1916, and was a graduate of Kingston High School, class of 1935.

For 25 years he served as a route man for Harter's Dairy in Trucksville.

During World War II he was in the second Parachute Corps, seeing action in Sicily, where he was wounded. He held the order of the Purple Heart. He belonged to Westmoor Church of Christ and the American Legion.

He leaves his widow, the former Nellie Fisher; two daughters: Susan, at home, a student at Wilkes-Barre Business College; and Carol Jean, also at home, a student at Dallas Junior High School; a sister, Eva Magee, Hanover Township.

Burial was at Oak Lawn yesterday, following services conducted by the Rev. Lawrence Kelper from a city funeral home.

area residents attend camp

Five Beaumont residents and one from Centermoreland were among the 60 adult volunteers of Scranton Pocono Girl Scout Council attending the Leaders Training Weekend at Camp Archbald last weekend.

The courses at the established camp located near Brooklyn, were designed for all adults of the council from the inexperienced volunteer to the most experienced leader.

The weekend included five courses conducted by professional staff members of the council. Jeanne M. Gordon, executive director of the council, welcomed the trainees.

The local participants and courses in which they enrolled were: basic group leadership—Mrs. Russell Wall, Mrs. Derwin Patton, Beaumont; troop camp counselor course—Mrs. Lawrence Patton, Mrs. Carson Gramley, Beaumont; advanced outdoor skills—Mrs. A. J. Condon, Beaumont; Mrs. Ralph Green, Centermoreland.

Volunteers were given an opportunity to develop knowledge and skills in Girl Scouting, enjoy the fellowship of

other Girl Scout adults, and share ideas and activities with volunteers from all areas of the council jurisdiction.

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