

THE BOOK SHELF

'Rather do it myself'

by Laure Perch

More and more people are discovering (or rediscovering) the joy, satisfaction and saving of doing things for themselves.

In achieving the goal of satisfactory home repairs Reader's Digest manuals *Fix-it-Yourself* and *Do-it-Yourself* provide a money-saving ready reference in dealing with today's highly expensive repairs.

The manuals are designed to effectively serve the novice as well as the professional handyman in both interior and exterior repairs. They are sectioned and indexed to provide ready information to the reader on how to repair, clean and maintain anything and everything in, out, and around a dwelling. A unique aspect to the manuals is the large charts in each section which enables the individual to find a defect quickly and take the right repair action.

Building a birdhouse, greenhouse, patio or garden pond *Build it Better Yourself* has been acclaimed by Publishers Weekly as "A Build-it-Yourselfer's Encyclopedia of terms, tools, and techniques," for people with plans for their yard, garden or home. The editors of the text also responsible for the magazine *Organic Gardening and Farming* have developed the contents of the book based on the best practical suggestions of their readers.

The *Successful Wood Book* by Rachel Bard is not a how-to-build-it book in the technical sense but rather provides valuable information on how to choose, use and finish every kind of wood. The information includes geographic availability and preservation treatments as well as proper construction techniques.

Of major concern to all home owners is effective, efficient insulation techniques as demonstrated by the editors of Time-Life Books in their new edition entitled *Weatherproofing*. The Book provides an A to Z approach to battle the elements of wind, water, and cold from the basement to the attic.

In order to provide the finishing touches to the Do-it-Yourselfer's projects the *House Book* by Terence Conran has been acclaimed by critics as an unprecedented volume in both its scope and illustrations. It contains diagrams on home planning, decorating and remodeling covering every style, facet and design of living space. Decorators have praised its innovativeness in that it provides alternatives as well as providing a total face lifting to each and every room in the house.

No home decorations library is complete without *Better Homes and Gardens Decorating Book*. It is an indexed recipe book to home decorating providing information on color, design, lighting, furniture, walls, windows, and a host of other areas as well as including a chapter on dollar saving ideas on decorating techniques.

Each and every one of the above books provide excellent gift giving items for the Do-it-Yourselfer on your Christmas list.

UGI news

Directors of UGI Corp. today declared the regular quarterly dividend of 39 cents a share on the common stock of the company payable Dec. 29, 1978, to shareholders of record Nov. 30, 1978.

UGI's board also declared quarterly

dividends of 68 3/4 cents, 45 cents and \$1.68 3/4 a share, respectively, on the company's \$2.75 series, \$1.80 series and \$6.75 series preferred stock. All preferred dividends are payable Jan. 1, 1979, to shareholders of record Nov. 30, 1978.

LIBRARY NEWS

Satisfied?

by Nancy S. Kozemchak

Are you satisfied with yourself? Have you done as much with your life and capabilities as you expected? Well, don't fret. It's never too late to make a fresh start...and books from your nearby Back Mountain Memorial Library can show you the way to accomplish almost anything you want.

Your library card costs nothing, and is obtainable in moment. Don't deprive yourself of this valuable aid to self-betterment!

Anyone have a hard cover copy of *Chesapeake* by James Michener not being used at the moment that you would like to loan to the library? We have forty-two people waiting to read this popular new novel and, even with two copies of the book, some of these people will have to wait for months to read it. We would return your book when the popularity wears thin.

There were over 50 masked miniatures parading around the library on Wednesday. The story hour children were being entertained at a Halloween party and there were some of the cutest little ghosts, goblins, witches and princesses having a fun time.

New books recently added to the shelves: "The Snow Leopard" by Peter Matthiessen is a radiant and deeply moving account of a "true pilgrimage, a journey of the heart". The author and the field biologist set out to reach the Crystal Mountain—a journey of 250 miles across the Himalaya. Hope of glimpsing the near-mythic beast, the snow leopard, would be reason enough.

Joyce Carol Oates new novel, "Son of The Morning" is the story of Nathaniel Vickery conceived in sin but blessed with evangelical purpose. In this memorable novel, the author tells not only of the travail of a man who believes himself one of God's Chosen and thus loses the way, but looks into the hearts of those many Americans who today follow so avidly evangelism's word.

Dr. David Reuben's latest book, "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Nutrition" is now at the library. Dr. Reuben states the chemicalized, denitrified, contaminated, deeply embalmed garbage we incorrectly refer to as a "modern diet" and the directly resulting diseases that "each year kill more than twice as many Americans as have perished in all the many wars" is a greater threat to our survival and that of our children than some terrible nuclear weapon.

Do you have some handmade holiday decorations you would like to share with us and our patrons? Our display case is now showing some simple-to-make handmade items for the coming holidays, which some of our patrons have loaned us.

There are pine cone wreaths, an interesting angel, decorated tree ornaments and various other holiday items. If you feel like hunting for some of your handmade items and would like to share them, bring them into the library. These will be on display for the month of November.

MH-MR board to meet

The monthly meeting of the West Side Regional MH-MR advisory board will be held Thursday, Nov. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the West Side Regional Center, 1003 Wyoming Ave. Forty Fort.

Chairman John Bourke will preside over a discussion of services available to area boarding home residents.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA NEEDS A STRONG VOICE IN HARRISBURG.

— ELECT —
BILL SCRANTON
**LIEUTENANT
GOVERNOR.**

Paid for by friends of Bill Scranton

Ty Welles, Treasurer

YES....YES....YES YOU AND I ARE TIRED OF PAYING HIGHER AND HIGHER GAS AND ELECTRIC BILLS

YOUR GAS AND ELECTRIC BILLS HAVE INCREASED 660% BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF THE GOVERNOR AND HIS COHORTS, NOT BECAUSE THE U. G. I. EMPLOYEES (A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE) MADE A \$100.00 CONTRIBUTION TO MY PRIMARY CAMPAIGN (NOT THE COMPANY).

The contribution was not made because of favoritism to the utility but because of joint efforts on behalf of the consumers of Pennsylvania. It's a fact that:

1. The utilities pass on all the taxes to the consumer — I voted against the gross receipts tax on export power. I believed that the other states would reciprocate - they did this. This tax yielded \$48 million in revenue to the Commonwealth. Rural Electric Companies and consumers were really ripped off.
2. I Proposed a freeze on the gross receipts tax. Each time the fuel adjustment increased, the taxes increased and the consumer paid.
3. I later proposed a reduction in the tax and a phase-out over five years. This would have been a REDUCTION OF OVER \$400 MILLION IN TAX AND THUS SAVINGS TO THE CONSUMER OF PENNSYLVANIA. The Governor and his cohorts would not go along.
4. The Shapp Administration and his cronies collected \$58 million in taxes on utility property and returned only \$29 million to the local government. They are robbing you and me-twice.
5. The Governor's Secretary of Commerce proposed to the Senate an increase of 55¢ a ton on coal, 6¢ a barrel on oil and 1¢ per million cubic feet of gas extracted in the state. You'll pay for this too and I am opposed to this proposal.

This is one of the major reasons for increase costs in utilities. The administration criticized the utilities while at the same time they are putting their hands deeper and deeper into the pockets of the consumers. Uncle Miltie and his boys - the Senator Pro Tem Martin Murray, Bernie O'Brien, the Chairman of the Energy Committee and Attorney Albert Aston, legal council for the committee did nothing about it.

My opponent is hand picked by Marty Murray and the Democrat Committee.

FRANK J. O'CONNELL, JR. - STATE SENATOR
A CANDIDATE WHO IS REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONSUMER & TAXPAYER