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Notes to a Reading Leader .......

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WAKE UP AND READ

Notes to a Reading Leader

Because of your enthusiasm and interest in reading you have been chosen reading leader for your club. You may wonder how to share this enthusiasm so that your club members will "Wake Up and Read."

CONSIDER the following suggestions:
1. Attend County meetings for reading leaders to share ideas and to gain inspiration.
2. Plan with your club program committee to coordinate reading with other phases of the program—citizenship, health, safety, music, study lessons, etc.
3. Plan for special features at club meetings:
   - A book preview.
   - A book exhibit (your local librarian may help you with this).
   - A Club tour of the local library.
   - Roll call at one club meeting on favorite books and authors.
4. Make a club reading goal to encourage members to read.
5. Encourage those who would enjoy planned reading to enroll in a Home Reading Course, University Extension Division, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Ne., 68508. Write Mrs. Margaret Harding, University Extension Division, for information.

SUGGEST that members who tell you that they can’t find time to read:
1. Carry a book with them in their bag or in the car to read while they wait.
2. If they can’t sleep at night, don’t roll and toss, "Wake Up and Read."
3. Read something comforting and relaxing before sleep at night.
4. Wake up early and read something to give them a lift for the day.
5. Keep a book handy in the kitchen to read while the meal is cooking.
6. Keep a magazine rack in the bathroom.
7. Take a book with them when they travel.

If you read 15 minutes a day, in the course of a year you will probably read 20 books.

BOOK PREVIEWS

As a reading leader one thing you can do is wake your friends to the pleasures of reading by giving book previews. A book preview is short, it does not tell the story and it does invite a person to read for himself. It is like a clock with an alarm which insistently rings and says to the sleeper "Wake Up! Read this book or you will miss something wonderful."

A BOOK PREVIEW IS

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2. If possible give two or three facts about the author that shows he can be looked to as an authority on the subject he is writing about.
3. State the author's purpose in writing the book or make a statement about his philosophy.
4. Give one fact learned from the subject matter or an interesting incident that you enjoyed.
5. Tell why you think others would or would not enjoy the book.