



When I gets hungry, I eats!

And that's just what these two herring fishermen were doing just below the bridge at Vaughns Creek. The frying pan was being manned by one of the wives.



Literary Musings

By PROF. ROBERT MULDER

THE PSYCHIC BUG

Just let somebody get a good thing going and watch the whole world (or a part of anyway) try to get in on it. I refer to the considerable popularity given to things of the psychic world.

About four years ago the reading world made a fast seller of Ruth Montgomery's story of Jeane Dison's prophetic powers. ("A Gift of Prophecy," New York: William Morrow and Company, 1956.) Two years later Montgomery published her own story, "A Search for the Truth," telling how it all was done.

Since then there has been no stopping of the publications which treat the unsolved mysteries of life. On many circles you're just not "with it" if you don't communicate with the dead, see ghosts, or believe in some aspects of psychic phenomena.

My interest in the field grew out of a rather extensive study of William Blake's mysticism conducted last summer at the University of Mississippi. Leaving Ole Miss, my enthusiasm led me to purchase sporadically some fifteen books on mysticism and the psychic world, all which I have read (yea studied) almost religiously.

I have even joined a book club for mystics, and with the initial offer (four books for my collection) I received a psychic ball as a gift. As of this writing, however, no one has allowed me to "unleash the tremendous powers of my secret consciousness" on them.

Interesting on the subject are the following: "Exploring the Psychic World," a strange chronicle of occult experiences in ghostology, spiritualism, and other supernatural mysteries; "True Experiences in Telepathy," showing why today's supernatural phenomena may become tomorrow's staggering new science of the mind; and "The Hypnotic I," revealing how hypnosis has helped hundreds to discover psychic powers within them.

The forementioned are paperbacks published last year. Also recent are controversial writings in hardback editions: "The Other Side" by James A. Pike and "Here and Hereafter" by Ruth Montgomery.

Agree or disagree, these writers have something to say, and I have found them well written and interesting. The books would probably not be appreciated, however, by those who have all the answers concerning universal truths.

many people, on the other hand, obviously find the field fascinating or else the publications would not enjoy such rising popularity.

Our reviewer today is Joan Clark, a nursing student from Winton, whose review concerns a sociological study.

"FIVE FAMILIES"

by Oscar Lewis

Reviewed by Joan Clark

In this book the author attempted to give the reader an intimate and objective view of daily life in five Mexican families. He tried to contribute understanding of the culture of poverty in lower-class life, in general. He felt it was ironic that many Americans know more about the culture of some isolated tribe of New Guinea, with a population of 500 people, than about the way of life of millions of villagers in India.

Mexico and other underdeveloped nations.

He felt that to understand the poor, one must live with them, learn their language and customs, and identify with their problems and aspirations. In Mexico practically nothing is known of a scientific nature about lower class family life. In one of the few recently published studies on the Mexican family the author had to rely almost entirely upon data from novels.

The four separate but related approaches used by the author were the topical approach where data on the family is organized and presented under the headings of material cul-

Stamp industry recovers

NEW YORK (AP) — The trading stamp industry seems to have recovered a bit from the concussion it received from cost-conscious housewives in 1966, but there probably never will be a return to those blissful earlier days.

For more than 50 years stamps were a rather unimpressive marketing tool. But then in the 1950s and early 1960s as a changing America gave them a rocket like boost.

It came about this way. Following World War II there was a revolution in food merchandising, primarily with the introduction of the supermarket. Such large stores, of course, needed huge volume in order to make profits.

However, customers didn't have the same loyalty to the impersonal supermarkets as they had to the old-time store proprietor. They tended to shift from one store to another.

ture, economic life, social relations, religious life, interpersonal relations, etc. The Rashomon-like technique where the family is seen through the eyes of its members. The third approach selected for intensive study is a problem, or special event, or crisis to which the family reacts. And the fourth approach studies the family as a whole through detailed observation of a typical day in the life of the family.

My reading covered three of these families. Each one was a unique little world of its own but each in its own way reflected something of the changing Mexican culture.

The Martinez family, like 85 per cent of the villagers of Azteca, live on the bare substance level. The husband was a dominating, authoritarian male and his wife a submissive woman. They had six children to support and just getting enough money for food and clothing was an all-absorbing, never-solved problem.

The Go'nez family was a hard-pressed working class family living in a crowded one-room apartment in Casa Grande. The wife was domineering. The husband usually gave in to her wishes. He had a mistress and had upon occasion returned to live with his parents. The working children helped support this family.

The Gutierrez family lived in a slum tenement. The husband was a petty artisan and shop keeper and the wife was a street vendor. These children were also expected to work and contribute to their support as soon as they were physically able. These parents had a common-law marriage, as do most of these lower class families. The husband was much younger than the wife and yet he was still the domineering parent in the family. These parents both had children by previous spouses.

By reading this material, I was able to see the members of these families as they lived and worked together as individuals struggling for survival rather than as averages and stereotypes listed on graphs or in reports in culture patterns. This was very enlightening as I realized that there are many families in the low class group living presently in our area.

Dr. Dickinson writes on Australia trip

Arriving in Sydney on March 1 after flying for 28 hours and losing one day on crossing the International Date Line, we were detained over the weekend because of our illegal entry into the country.

We had no visas and were restricted to the Sydney area until the problem could be solved.

Sydney is as beautiful a city as I have seen—numerous parks, multitudes of flowers, temperate weather, sparkling harbors, beautiful beaches with all their interesting patrons. Observing the city at night provides a slightly different but equally interesting picture.

Solving our problems with the immigration officials on Monday morning, we moved north along the coast, passing pastures of sheep and cattle, banana plantations, and pineapple patches.

The Pacific shoreline provides fabulous beaches for Australians and tourists alike.

We have spent a great deal of time observing life on these beaches, but have yet to spot an illegal bikini. There have been some, however, which pressed the two-inch limit.

In addition to seeing the sights our group of seven has had other educational experiences in visiting industry, agriculture, and schools.

A Letter to the Editor
With spring comes romantic ideas, and music and candlelight tend to accentuate these spring fever passions.

Chowan's cafeteria provided both of these things in addition to an excellent steak dinner last Wednesday night. This dinner was the type that fits the dress regulations for Wednesday night and provides the atmosphere students turned on by spring ever desire.

I feel it is certainly necessary to express appreciation not only to the cafeteria for a fine meal, but also to the

band members who sacrificed in order for us to enjoy our meals.

Many compliments concerning the evening have been heard and perhaps in the future we'll see many more such appropriate Wednesday night dinners.

Committee minutes published

February 12, 1969

Bob Loving who has been appointed as host in the cafeteria joined the Cafeteria Committee members in their meeting at noon in the President's Room on Feb. 12. Dean Lewis, Miss Cox, Mrs. Sexton, Mr. Thrift, and Mr. Ward did not attend.

Mr. Totty discussed the problems which have been created by students breaking in the lines formed in the cafeteria particularly at lunch-time on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To aid in the solution of these problems, Mr. Gilbert agreed to open the cafeteria at 11:15 a. m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays; and Mr. Loving requested the assistance of dormitory councilors in supervising student activities in the cafeteria.

Dean McKeithan asserted that we must make every effort to "establish an attitude of consideration for your fellow man" among the student body in all of their activities.

Miss Lewis reported that the girls are complaining about the food which is served in the cafeteria on Saturdays. Mr. Sutton requested that she get menu suggestions from the girls in order for Mr. Gilbert to have some idea of what type of food they would prefer. Mr. Totty and Mr. Brown reported that the boys had enjoyed the bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwiches and the rice and meatballs which have been served on Saturdays recently.

Mr. Sutton led a discussion of having some novel activity in the cafeteria on Saturday nights such as: boys being served by the girls, piano music, or appropriate decorations.

Recommendations were made for decorating the panels of the cafeteria entrance. Mr. Sutton requested that student members gather from members of the student body ideas which could be discussed at the next meeting.

It was noted by Mr. Totty that the students have enjoyed having professors and their families join the students for dinner in the cafeteria on Wednesday nights.

The request was made that Mr. Gilbert inform his staff that students who are not appropriately dressed on Wednesday night are not to be admitted to the cafeteria.

March 26, 1969

Since Mr. Sutton, chairman of the Committee, was detained in a conference and could not attend the meeting, Mr. Gilbert acted as chairman. Miss Wood, Mrs. King, and Mr. Totty did not join us for this meeting in the President's Room at noon, on March 26.

The Committee voted that the minutes of the February and March meetings be published in the "Smoke Signals" and that an article written by Miss Cox explaining the appropriate attire for dinner on Wednesday nights, effective April 9, also be published in the "Smoke Signals."

At the recommendation of the student members, the Committee voted in favor of the following appropriate spring attire for dinner on Wednesday nights, effective April 9, 1969.

FOR MEN: Short sleeve shirt and tie or dress turtleneck shirt, slacks, socks, and shoes.
FOR WOMEN: Sunday dress and heels.

The Committee approved Mr. Loving's suggestion that Mr. Art Hinkle, a resident of Gibbs House, be asked to submit sketches for decorating the entrance area of the cafeteria.

In view of the fact that cigarette smoke is offensive to non-smokers, particularly when there is a large concentration of people, and that there is not adequate seating space in the cafeteria to permit students and faculty members to linger and enjoy smoking after a meal, the Committee recommended that the NO SMOKING rule be enforced and that a memo be sent to Dean Lowe requesting that the faculty members should not smoke in the cafeteria. Adjournment followed.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Recently it has come to our attention that various sound recordings may be synonymous to the various members of the Chowan Family of whom we should like to present.

They follow as such:

Faculty Judiciary: "We've Got a Ticket to Ride"
Mrs. Harter: "The Monster Mash"
Mr. Collins: "Ain't Gonna Eat Out My Heart Anymore"
Mr. Hassell: "Hit the Road, Jack"
Mr. Marable: "He Little Cobra"
Mr. Chamber: "The Pied Piper"
Mr. Mulder: "It's My Party and I'll Cry If I Want To"
Dean Lewis: "Two Faces Have I"
Mr. Sutton: "We Can Work It Out"
Mrs. Wallace: "Devil With a Blue Dress On"
Mr. Dewar: "Elusive Butterfly"
Miss Storminger: Puff, the Magic Dragon"
Dr. Taylor: "Mission: Impossible"
Mr. Sexton: "Hang'ug High"
Mrs. Callis: "Rawhide"
Mrs. George: "Midnight Mary"
Mr. Case: "Rocky Raccoon"
Week-end Students: "Folsom Prison Blues"
Murfreesboro: "Town Without Pity"
Cafeteria Menu: "The Worst that Could Happen"
Respectfully,
Jim Cherwa

To the Editor:

Students of Chowan College have a right to be confused. From one side the students are encouraged to take an interest in Chowan College, while from the other side they are discouraged by the King of the student body to write and become a part of the student newspaper.

He suggests that "students concern themselves with studying and raise themselves above such petty dribble as has been presented in the past few weeks."

I hardly consider these letters as simply petty dribble but instead as students' valued opinions. Simply because they may not agree with Mr. Totty or his co-heart is no reason to suppress these letters and label them as immature.

Who is Mr. Totty to say what is immature of mature? Rather than give us his psychological evaluation that "this fault finding I others can many times be found within ourselves," I suggest he speak for his own mental stability.

I should also like to mention that I hardly consider these letters as "cutting down every effort of someone trying to create student interest."

Let's face it, evidently these field trips of Dean Lewis' do not interest the students.

Mr. Totty forgot to mention that the Washington, D. C., field trip was canceled, as was the New Bern trip, simply because there was not enough student participation.

Let's open our eyes and recognize the fact that these field trips just aren't the answer to create "student interest."

Respectfully,
John Algeo

To the Editor:

Recently a Bob Durham complained that one of our soul brethren was little more than an agitator and was not going about the proper channels in presenting his opinions. Perhaps this scholar should like to present us with the proper procedure since he feels that our criticism has gone astray and we should

write about nicer things such as the birds and bees in the park.

I think Mr. Algeo's letters are not simply slander that is aimed at administrative officials and their fantastic field trips, but are instead simple trying to state the current problems which we should all recognize.

Admittedly, some students and even faculty members do not particularly like this routine of "rocking the boat." Then again there is that familiar groan by our Apple Polishers that we have enough problems to solve without "aggravating" them more.

All of us will have to admit, however, that since these "aggravating" letters have begun appearing, both students and faculty alike have taken a keener interest in Chowan College as a whole.

Rather than label them as "detrimental" with the "sole purpose to destroy the college and its administration," I feel that they have created a healthy and challenging atmosphere for both students and faculty members. Perhaps even the administration, too.

In conclusion I feel that Bob Durham did little more than stick his own foot in his mouth with that classic statement, "It is better to be thought a fool than to open one's mouth and remove all doubt."

Respectfully,
Irvin Alcox

Theatre group on annual tour

By PAULINE ROBINSON

Under the direction of Mrs. Edith Larson, Chowan's Children's Theatre is now on tour and is performing "The Ghost of Mr. Penny."

College students in the play are Dianne Trump, Tom Garner and Richard LeLonde who had parts in "Pygmalion" this spring. Odell Cleveland and Don White are also representing the Chowan Players in the theatre.

The play is being performed before 4,000 children in North Carolina and Virginia schools.

Chowan College

Parent's Day
April 26, 1969

Schedule of Events

9:45-10:45

Registration for parents, East Hall lounge, Parking areas in front of East, Mixon, and Green Halls are reserved for parents. (If raining, registration will be in West Hall lounge.)

10:00-11:00

President's Coffee Hour, President's Lawn. (If raining, the Coffee will be in East Hall lounge.) Students are invited to accompany their parents.

10:30-12:00

Open House in the following buildings: Green Hall, Askew Student Union, Gymnasium, McDowell Columns, Penny Infirmary, Whitaker Library, Daniel Hall, and McSweeney Hall. Student hosts and hostesses will be in each building.

11:30-1:30

Lunch in Thomas Cafeteria. Parents will please present identification in cafeteria.

12:30-2:30

Open House in all resident Halls. Student hosts and hostesses will be in each building. Marks Hall will be open at this hour.

1:30-2:30

Alumni Coffee, McDowell Columns. (For Alumni only.)

3:00-4:00

Spring Festival, crowning of Chowan's 1969 Queen of Spring.

8:00-12:00

Dance, Thomas Cafeteria, Semi-Formal. Parents are cordially invited to attend.

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