

James Street, Noted Author Prefers Weeding To Writing

By Jo Pugh

"I had to pay for a house," answered James Street, when asked the motive for writing his newest book, *The Gauntlet*, which was the Literary Guild's selection for November. Although this novel has to date sold nearly one million copies, he will not write a sequel to the novel, because, he said, "London Wingo is a smug character that I have nothing more to do with."

Clad in green corduroy trousers and red shirt, Mr. Street was planting ivy around the stone dog house belonging to his long-haired pet, G-too, when reporters arrived. The writer, small and prematurely gray, is a vivacious conversationist with definite opinions, likes, and dislikes. Among pet peeves are people who pretend to be more than they are, Grand Central Station, and his middle name, Howell.

Many Interests

He definitely likes bright colors, his mother-in-law, and collections. At the present Rock-gardening is his favorite past-time. He often gets enthusiastic over a subject and then quickly tires of it when the novelty has worn off.

He and his wife have turned their yard into a future conglomeration of color. They have planted everything from delphiniums and jonquils to rhododendron and laurel bushes. Mr. Street and his wife moved to their lovely home in Westwood, Chapel Hill last January.

The writer bought the hill next to his house and has suggested that University students are welcome to use his hill as a substitute for Gimghoul at anytime.

Great Collector

Mr. Street collects everything. Among his miscellany of hobbies are an accumulation of pipes from all over the world; 4000 records of boogie-woogie and ballads; and hundreds of unusual cacti. The pride of all his collections is his rare etchings done by America's foremost artists.

Street began his journalistic career at 14 in a newspaper office in Laurel, Mississippi. He covered his first lyn-

ching there. When 18 he left home and went to work on a newspaper in Hattiesburg where he fell in love with the Baptist minister's daughter. Deciding to become a minister, himself, he went to the seminary.

Works Of Fiction

After his career as a preacher, he experimented in other fields, including law before returning to journalism. He went to New York in 1937 and has been writing fiction ever since. Among his best works are "Oh, Promised Land", "Tap Roots", "By Valor and Arms" and many short stories.

Mr. Street has three children, a daughter and two sons. The two boys, James and John, are both overseas. James, a master sergeant, will probably go to school here when he returns. When a critic pronounced the novelist a genius, Mr. Street sent the clipping to James, asking him how he liked having a genius as a father. James replied curtly, "Paw, it stinks". Mr. Street says his boys never take him serious.

Picks Chapel Hill

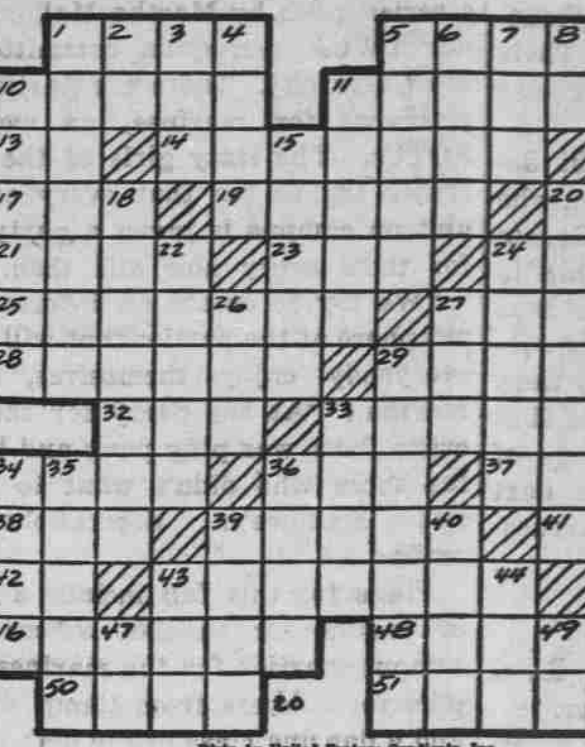
Searching for a place in which to settle down, the Streets heard about Chapel Hill. Mr. Street wanted to live in the south because he thinks southerners are so well-mannered. He picked North Carolina because, he said, "It is the most liberal state in the south." And as for Chapel Hill, he said that it is more liberal than New York City.

In the opinion of the critics, *The Gauntlet* is "The book of the year", but the author terms it "not so hot."

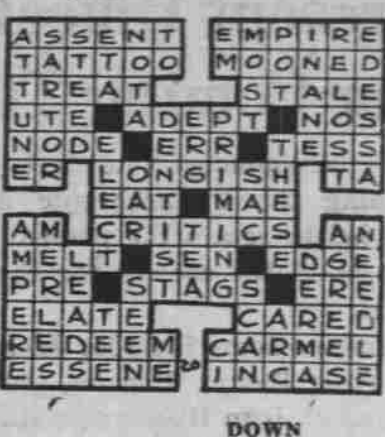
Mr. Street is now working on several books; *Wild Briar Lambertlock*, the story of a dog that doesn't bark; several volumes on the life of Jefferson Davis; a biography on John A. Quitman; and another Dabney book. That is, Mr. Street is writing when he isn't doing any one of those innumerable things that he'd rather do—such as gardening, reading, chatting with friends, listening to boogie-woogie records, or collecting everything from etchings to cacti.

Crossword Puzzle

- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
- ACROSS
 1—Impress deeply
 5—Look for
 10—Rodents
 11—Run
 12—Albert
 14—Loose overcoats
 16—Father
 17—Waste piece of cloth
 19—Russian mountains
 20—Place firmly
 21—Dye indigo
 22—Viper
 24—Away from wind
 25—Shrill scream
 27—Beverage
- DOWN
 28—Moon goddess
 29—King's son
 32—Fury
 33—Liberty
 34—Girl
 36—New Guinea town
 37—Roman despot
 38—Shade tree
 39—Thick
 41—Corrupt
 42—Spanish (abbr.)
 43—Great desires
 45—Compass point
 46—Capital city of Montana
 48—Pits (Scot.)
 50—Undercooked
 51—Belief



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- DOWN
 1—Scalps
 2—Son of Miled
 3—Terrace (abbr.)
 4—He sold his birthright
 5—Indian trophy
 6—Containers
 7—Mystic Hindu words
 8—Toward top
 9—Wigwam (var.)
 10—Nay
 11—Cut
 12—Price
 13—Favor
 14—Maidenly
 20—Thin
 22—Smearing looks
 24—Foreigner
 25—Chemical suffix
 27—Part of "to be"
 28—Gilt
 30—Small crown
 31—Over-acts
 33—Long tooth
 34—Whip
 35—Turkish money of account
 36—Russian river
 37—Sand hill
 40—Canal in New York
 43—Pronoun
 44—Oriental coin
 47—Musical note
 48—A famous day

The angel of peace is with us again this Happy Christmas — let us give prayerful thanks.

BULL'S HEAD BOOKSHOP

Merry Christmas

Our heartiest good wishes to you this Christmas as the stars in the heaven and the stars in our flag unite for everlasting peace.

SMITH-PREVOST CLEANERS

BEST WISHES

May your Christmas Day and New Year, too, be always as bright and shining as these gleaming, star-dusted candles—that's our wish for you.

Graham Memorial Barbershop

Christmas Cheer

The season's best to you on this first glorious, post-war Christmas. Our heartiest wishes for happiness and enduring Peace.

THE LITTLE SHOP

We wish you cheer—we wish you happiness—we wish you the merriest and most joyful Christmas ever. But more than that, we wish that all your wishes will come true.

ANDREWS-HENNINGER

Our prayers for Victory were answered. Let us thank God this Christmas for Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.

HOSPITAL SAVING ASSOCIATION

Feb. 1 Date Set For All Entries In Music Contest

Deadline for entrance in the annual contest for North Carolina composers, both professional and amateur, which is being sponsored by the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs, is February 1, Earl Slocum, of the University Music Department, State Chairman of the contest, announced today.

There are eight classes of work which can be entered by professionals and seven open to amateurs, he explained.

The professional division includes any one or more of the following types of composition: hymn (words optional), chorus (accompanied or a capella, for either men's or women's chorus or choir of mixed voices), song (with piano accompaniment), piano solo, piano duo, solo instrument (with piano accompaniment), orchestra piece, and instrumental ensemble (three or more instruments).

The amateur division lists all but one of the types of work in the professional division except for orchestral piece.

Mr. Slocum said entries should be in his hands not later than February 1.

In each class of both divisions three awards may be made, and in addition a cup for distinguished merit will be awarded in both divisions for the best work in the opinion of the judges.

Dorm Registrants Must Sign Today

All male students now living in dormitories and those who want dormitory reservations for the winter quarter must register with the cashier in South Building today. After today no preference will be given to those now living in dormitories.

Laundry Return Held Until After Recess

The Laundry Department announced today that laundry picked up now will not be returned until after the Christmas recess.

Annual Must Have Membership Lists

Organizations having signed contracts for pages in the 1946 Yackety Yack wishing individual pictures should compile a list of names of the students in respective organizations and turn them into the Yack office Monday afternoon.

Carolina Artists Show Prize Works

Works of art, including drawings, oils, watercolors, sculpture, wood engravings, and charcoal and pen and ink sketches by North Carolina artists from many sections of the State are being exhibited in Person Hall Art Gallery at the University here after being judged the best and most representative works submitted in the 9th annual North Carolina Art contests.

According to Miss Helene Tiranoff, curator of the Gallery, the number of works submitted this year far exceeded those last year and several more were accepted for the exhibition. Judges were Miss Katherine Morris of St. Mary's School, Raleigh; John Rembert, Meredith College, and Miss Tiranoff.

The works which are for sale make excellent Christmas gifts, Miss Tiranoff said.

Medical Leaders Paid High Honor

High tributes were paid to Dr. Richard H. Whitehead and Dr. Charles S. Mangum, who at different periods headed the Medical School of the University, at ceremonies held here recently when portraits of the two distinguished men were unveiled.

The portrait of Dr. Mangum was painted by Mrs. Mary Graves Rees, Chapel Hill artist, and one of Dr. Whitehead was done by Alpheus P. Cole of New York City. Funds for the portraits were contributed by alumni of the Medical School.

The tribute to Dr. Whitehead was given by Dr. W. deB. MacNider and one to Dr. Mangum was given by Dr. Critz George, both long time members of the Medical School faculty.

Merry Christmas

The cheer, the joy, the happiness we wish you this Christmas season is best said in the simple statement "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to You All."

FOISTER PHOTO COMPANY

Merry Christmas

The season's best on this most joyous occasion. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all.

Carolina Barbershop

Dear Old St. Nick is as happy and jovial this Christmas as are our heartfelt wishes for all our friends.

The Season's best to you!

CAMPUS CAFE

We wish you cheer—we wish you happiness—we wish you the merriest and most joyful Christmas ever. But more than that, we wish that all your wishes will come true.

ANDREWS-HENNINGER

As gay and happy and light-hearted as these musical notes is the kind of Christmas good cheer and happiness we wish you this Christmas.

CAROLINA SPORT SHOP

We wish you cheer—we wish you happiness—we wish you the merriest and most joyful Christmas ever. But more than that, we wish that all your wishes will come true.

ANDREWS-HENNINGER

Our most cheery Christmas wishes to you and your friends for the best Christmas ever!

TAR HEEL BARBERSHOP

Our prayers for Victory were answered. Let us thank God this Christmas for Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.

HOSPITAL SAVING ASSOCIATION

Because there is so much for which to be grateful this peaceful Christmas, let us lift our voices in thankfulness and pray for everlasting Peace.

CHAPEL HILL FLOWER SHOP

We wish you one, we wish you all, every happiness and joy, this Peacetime Christmas. And may the New Year see your every hope and dream fulfilled.

N. C. CAFETERIA

Santa is headin' straight for your house and his sled is filled with our good wishes for a most joyous and happy Christmas for you.

VARSITY

We wish you cheer—we wish you happiness—we wish you the merriest and most joyful Christmas ever. But more than that, we wish that all your wishes will come true.

ANDREWS-HENNINGER

The joy, the spirit, the happiness of an old-fashioned Christmas is just about the best wish we know of to extend to you this Peacetime Christmas season.

UNIVERSITY CAFE

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