

Beaver Books by Rounds Praised by Review in 'Times'

"Wild Orphan," the book about a young beaver, written and illustrated by Glen Rounds of Southern Pines and recently published by Holiday House, has won praise in a review by Phyllis Fenner in The New York Times.

A review of this book appeared in Miss Lockie Parker's "Some Looks at Books" column in The Pilot October 5.

The book is of particular interest in the Sandhills, as Mr. Rounds—author and illustrator of more than 20 volumes of his own and others' work—gathered material for it in this area, spending many hours in swamps and woods, observing beavers and other wildlife.

The Times review follows: "Lazily letting the current carry him down a winding canal

early one morning, (the beaver kit) discovered he'd drifted between the legs of a great blue heron busy at its fishing. However, they handled the situation with the usual dignity of wild creatures; both going on about their affairs as if nothing whatever had happened."

"Glen Rounds, who also treats animals with dignity, tells here how a young beaver, orphaned before he was weaned, struggled to stay alive, learned by trial and error about foods, how to avoid dangers and, eventually, to begin the beaver business of building." The reader comes to know, as through the beaver's senses, the world of the swamp with its waterways and plants, its sounds of birds and animals, even its smells.

"Like Mr. Rounds' 'Beaver Business' and 'Swamp Life,' this book is based on acute, personal observation, written with warm sympathy and effortless poetic quality. It is also beautifully designed and illustrated with black-and-white drawings."

Tobacco Survey Being Conducted to Check Varieties; Corn Contest Noted

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A tobacco variety performance survey is being conducted in Moore County to determine how various varieties compared in yield and value during 1961 on tobacco farms.

As many farmers as possible are being contacted so that the information gathered will represent a sizeable portion of the tobacco grown in the county. Growers are being asked what total yield and value he received from each variety he grew in 1961.

Cards are being sent to a representative group of growers in the county and the growers who receive cards are urged to fill out the card accurately and return it to the county agent's office. Everyone who receives a card should send it in regardless of whether his yield is low, medium or high. This is essential if the summary of the variety data is to represent the actual performance of a given variety in the county and state.

This information is also being accumulated by other counties, and a summary of the county, belt and State results will be available for growers to see as soon as it has been compiled.

Corn Contest

Last spring, farmers throughout Moore County entered the State Corn Production Contest. County Prizes to be awarded to the top three yields in the County are as follows: 1,000 pounds of 5-10-10 fertilizer to the highest yield as first prize and 500 pounds of 5-10-10 fertilizer each to the farmers producing the second and third highest yields in the county.

We had the State Corn Committee from Raleigh here this week to harvest an acre of corn on the Elwood Reynolds farm, Route 2, Seagrove, to get an official yield to be used in the

State Contest. In about two weeks, the Committee will come back to the county and harvest an acre on the farms of D. A. Dunlap of Route 2, Robbins; and Ollie Beane, Route 2, Seagrove so they will have official yields for the State Contest.

Each of these farmers have about 100 bushels of corn per acre and have a good chance to win in the State Growing Contest. We will give the yields of each man when the others have been harvested and the winners can be determined.

Colonel Trogdon Given Medal for Service in Army

Lt. Col. Floyd H. Trogdon, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Trogdon, old No. 1 highway, north, received the Air Force Commendation Medal from Brig. Gen. Harry L. Hillyard, deputy commandant, in ceremonies at the US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Colonel Trogdon is currently attending the 10-month course at the Army's senior educational institution.

The award was presented for meritorious service while assigned to the Engineering Liaison Office of the Third Air Force, United Kingdom, from August 1, 1958 to March 31, 1961.

The citation read in part, "During this period, Colonel Trogdon's exceptional knowledge of Air Force nuclear development programs and professional compe-

tence in utilizing this experience in the fields of nuclear weapon safety and technical engineering development contributed greatly to the Air Force effectiveness in these significant areas."

Colonel Trogdon entered the Air Force in 1943. He is a graduate of Asheboro High School and received his B. S. and M. S. degrees from the University of Maryland. He and his wife, Berenice, and children, Linda, 11, Elaine, 7, Nancy, 6, and Denise, 2, reside in quarters at Carlisle Barracks.

J. W. Powers, Carthage, Dies At VA Hospital

James Wilton Powers, 49, Carthage, Route 1, died Saturday afternoon at the Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville.

He is survived by his wife, the former Edith Jones; two sons, Wayne Powers of the home, and Reginald Powers of Evansville,

Ind.; his mother, Mrs. J. A. Powers of Carthage; two sisters, Mrs. J. B. Allred of High Point, and Mrs. Pauline Currie of Carthage and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at 3 p. m. at the Cool Springs Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. Jefferson Davis assisted by the Rev. Edgar Dupree and the Rev. Melvin Williamson. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Powers had been employed by the North Carolina Highway Department for the past 19 years.

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