

Research Editor Finds Twain Prolific Writer

NEW YORK—Mark Twain, it is becoming increasingly clear, was the most prolific writer of his day—probably of any day.

A new check at his literary remains, literally thousands of items, is currently being undertaken by Dixon Weeter, chairman of the Research Group at the Huntington Library at San Marino, Calif. Weeter has been appointed literary editor of the Mark Twain estate by its trustees, Thomas G. Chamberlain and the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company of New York.

Much of the new material, which will be published from time to time, will be of an intimate nature.

Mark Twain's only living daughter, Clara Clemens Sammons of Hollywood, has released to the estate more than six hundred letters written by her father to her mother, in addition to other important family papers.

They will join the mass of unpublished literary manuscripts, notebooks and correspondence, representing nearly sixty years of Mark Twain's life, which recently were transferred from Harvard to the Huntington Library on a long term loan by the Estate. This collection is considered one of the most extensive and valuable literary treasures in the United States and probably the richest mine of manuscript material left by an American writer of the first rank.

The first book to appear under the new program will be a group of hitherto unknown sketches written by Mark Twain about his Mississippi River and small town life, which furnished the scene for "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn".

A manuscript which he labeled "Villagers of 1840-43" describes with humor, sympathy and sometimes unflattering frankness, Weeter says, his old neighbors in Hannibal, Missouri, whose lives inspired the plot situations of his best known books and suggested still others he hoped some day to write. More notes about the doings of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn cast new light upon an artist at work.

Weeter is the third Mark Twain editor. The first was the late Albert Bigelow Paine, who was Twain's official biographer.



MARK TWAIN Being Pieced Together . . .

Bernard DeVoto, who has just retired after eight years as editor of the Mark Twain papers, is the author of "Mark Twain's America," "Mark Twain in Eruption" and "Mark Twain at Work." Weeter is a literary and social historian, author of "The Saga of American Society," "The Hero in America," and "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." He returned last year from a stay at the University of Sydney where he was professor of American history.

Since Paine's day so much fresh material has accumulated that a new life of the humorist also is being undertaken along with a survey of all his letters which have been preserved.

4-H Clubs Are Meeting Now

Meetings by boys' 4-H clubs in Haywood county began Monday at Freil and Canton high schools. The schedule for the remainder of this week and next week is announced by Bill Robinson, assistant county agent as follows:

Tuesday, April 10—Crabtree juniors, 9:45 a.m.; Fines Creek juniors, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday—Bethel, 9 a.m.; Cruso, 10:45 a.m.; Thursday—Waynesville, 8:45 a.m.; Beavertown, 10:30 a.m.; Friday—Clyde, 10:40 a.m.; Morning Star, 9 a.m.

Monday, April 21—Junaluska, 9 a.m.; Rock Hill, 10:15 a.m.; Tuesday—East Waynesville, 9 a.m.; West Canton, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday—Pennsylvania Avenue, 9 a.m.; Patton, 10:45 a.m.; Thursday—Hazelwood, 8:45 a.m.; Mt. Sterling, 10:30 a.m.; Friday—Crabtree seniors, 9 a.m.; Fines Creek seniors, 10:30 a.m.

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Mr. Bryson was appointed only a member of the board of public welfare, replacing H. A. Osborne, who resigned. Other members of the board are James R. Boyd, Jr., chairman, and N. W. Carver.

Mr. Sam Queen is the county superintendent of public welfare.

Prize Winners Are Drawn Saturday By Remnant Shop

Clyde Teaster, proprietor of the Remnant Shop which opened last Friday in the cafe building at Clyde, announces the prize winners Saturday evening were John Lindsey, Clyde, first prize, an eight-piece setting of silverware; Mrs. Ben Medford, Medford farm, second prize, a chenille bedspread; Mrs. George Best, Crabtree, third prize, a house coat.

Similar prizes will be awarded this coming Saturday, states Mr. Teaster. All persons who visit the new shop are invited to sign their name on a ticket, and do not have to be present during the drawing to be eligible for winning a prize.

Congress Urged To Schedule TVA Power Fund Plan

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The General Accounting Office has suggested that Congress set up a schedule for the Tennessee Valley Authority to repay Government funds invested in its power operations.

A report by the Office's Corporation Audits Division said the outlay on power facilities accounted for more than \$400,000,000 of the Government's \$719,000,000 investment in TVA.

A House committee has recommended that repayment be required from the 14-year-old TVA within 40 years. President Truman has estimated TVA repayments from surplus operating revenues by June 30 will total about \$30,600,000.

The report, by Audits Division Chief T. Coleman Andrews, also recommended:

1. That TVA be required to pay interest on the whole Government investment in its power operations, and that the rate be the current one paid by the Treasury—about 2½ per cent. The report said TVA now pays interest on only about \$56,500,000 and the rate is only 1 per cent.

2. That TVA keep books on power operations separately from other activities such as flood control and resource development, thus insuring that power operations are self-supporting and will assure repayment of the Government's investment.

3. That appropriations for flood control, development, and other non-income-producing programs be made separately so as to strengthen Congress' control over expenditures of funds derived from taxes instead of power corporations.

The report gave TVA's management "highest commendation for the effectiveness with which the Authority functions" and for "accomplishments in carrying out the objectives of the TVA Act."

Second Language Proverbs are almost a "second language" to the Chinese, and are used by rich and poor alike.

Library Notes



MARGARET JOHNSTON County Librarian

SPRING BOOKS

Now that you have caught up on "Lydia Bailey," "B. F. S. Daughter," "Miracle of the Bells," "Pavilion of Women" and "Toll of the Brave," let's look at some of the new books. The list looks interesting so take your choice. If it's the Royal Mounties you like there is "Mrs. Mike" by Benedict and Nancy Freeman. For the Steinbeck fans the "Wayward Bus" is the story of a stalled bus with the passengers reacting upon each other.

Historical novels include "Gray Canaan" by David Garth, "Pere Antoine" by F. Murphy, "The Quarry" by Mildred Walker and "The Light Heart" by Elswyth Thane. Our readers liked "Yankee Stranger" and "Ever After" and now you will want to read more about that family.

"Black Fountains" by Oswald Wynd is the Doubleday \$20,000 prize award and a story of Japan. Nevil Shute has a new one called "The Chequer Board," which is the story of three soldiers.

If you like the "Lost Horizon" type then "Gardens to Eastward" by Harold Lamb may interest you. Personally I hate to have books compared to others for then I expect too much. We can't mention all of the books, so watch for a list.

NEW BOOKS

- Allis—Water over the dam.
- Arnold—Blood Brother.
- Arthur—Where the heart is.
- Asch—East river.
- Baldwin—Sleeping beauty.
- Beach—World in his arms.
- Beebe—Light heart.
- Bennett—Varmints.
- Bosworth—Hang and rattle.
- Brink—Harps in the wind.
- Burt—Close pursuit.
- Cadell—Last straw for Harriet.
- Carr—Sleeping sphinx.
- Crofts—Death of a train.
- Daniels—Frontiers on the Potomac.
- Dern—Christmas hill.
- Eberhart—Another woman's house.
- Edmonds—In the hands of the Senecas.
- Eustis—Horizontal man.
- Field—Teal from Needle Rock.
- Gaddis—Harvest in the hills.
- Garth—Gray Canaan.
- Gilmore—When the bough breaks.
- Grant—Night of decision.
- Hancock—Resident nurse.
- Hill—Where two ways met.
- Horan—Mama took up travel.
- Lamb—Garden to the eastward.

SPECIAL BOARD FOR WHITE HOUSE



A WHITE HOUSE switchboard operator in Washington (left) takes over a special board assigned to handle only White House calls, as the nationwide telephone strike left the nation practically without service. The two other women are supervisors who stayed on the job to handle special calls. Over 330,000 employees were reported out. (International)

Delegates Named To State Layman's Meet

Five delegates were elected at a special meeting of the St. John's Laymen's Association Sunday afternoon to represent the club at the State convention of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association in Raleigh May 3 and 4.

The St. John's delegation to the State meet includes Frank Miller, local president; Mrs. Leo Martel, alternate for the president; Col. W. F. Kernan, Highlands; Charles C. Furtado; Leo Martel; Mrs. Charles C. Furtado.

Talk on Marriage To Be Held Thursday At St. John's Here

Dr. Joseph F. McGowan, Asheville, will discuss "The Medical Aspects of Marriage" at the regular weekly meeting of St. John's Study club in St. John's auditorium Thursday, April 17, at 7:30 p. m. The general public is invited to attend. Attendance is limited to persons 16 and over. Unmarried persons under 21 need the permission of their parents to attend.

The topic of the study club this spring is "Marriage." The discussions are led by Dorothy Fremont Grant, whose book "So You Want To Get Married" will soon come off the press.

Candy Industry In the candy industry, there are 1,400 manufacturers and 12,000 jobbers serving approximately 1,000,000 retail outlets.

Knight—Footbridge to death. MacDonald—Thunderbird trail. Merrick—Strumpet wind. Michener—Tales of the South Pacific.

Moore—Heart divided. Morris—Clinic nurse. Murphy—Pere Antoine. Myers—Wild Yazo.

Nichols—Until love happens. Quentin—Bright Horizon. Reilly—Silver leopard. Shute—Chequer board.

Van Siller—Curtain between. Taylor—Punch with care. Wallis—Cold bed in the clay. Wells—Jed Blaine's woman. Wilson—Old mill.

Wynd—Black fountains. Yates—Nearby.

Cost Of Waging War Increases Times During The Last Century

Life Insurance Jackpot Ahead For War Vets

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Veterans administration estimates that "a great majority" of the 15 million men and women who took out national life insurance policies during World War II will share in its dividends once they are computed.

A spokesman for the agency told a reporter that as many as 10 million veterans who no longer hold policies may be among the dividend recipients.

"The dividend, when declared will be payable in cash," the spokesman said. "The amounts will be based upon the age of the insured, the type of policy and the period of insurance."

Revolving Door Fun Provokes Policeman

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP)—Virgil Lathrom, 21, obeyed again and again an order of Patrolman Fred Metzke to get out of a restaurant because he was accused of annoying other patrons.

After going out the revolving door just ahead of the officer, Lathrom went right back in—and out—and in and out. But Metzke kept up the futile chase in the doors until Lathrom fled down an alley.

When the patrolman returned to the restaurant an hour later and found Lathrom already there, he took another look at the revolving door and called two other officers to take up strategic guard positions. Lathrom was booked on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Flames Sweep School In South Carolina

BISHOPVILLE, S. C. (AP)—Two explosions which rocked nearby homes led to the early discovery of a fire in the Bishopville High school this morning, which, if undiscovered, might have resulted in the complete loss of the building.

Unofficial estimates of the damage range from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Prompt action by the Bishopville fire department which fought the fire from about 3 until 8 this morning succeeded in holding the damage down.

The fire is thought to have started in the janitor's room on the first floor. The explosion is said to have resulted when two cans of gasoline became ignited.

Meat packing started in Chicago in 1833.

No Room For Dairy To Meet

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THEMOMETERS PLACED ON THE SURFACE OF GLACIERS IN THE SUN AT ALTITUDES OF ABOUT TWO MILES HAVE REGISTERED 211 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT!

SCRAPS

BEEES ARE MENTIONED BUT FOUR TIMES IN THE BIBLE, BUT HONEY IS MENTIONED 49 TIMES!

HONEY WAS THE ONLY SWEET THING THAT COULD BE OBTAINED BY PEOPLE OF ANCIENT TIMES

SOME PARTS OF A WHALE'S SKIN ARE TWO FEET THICK—OTHER PARTS A MERE TWO INCHES

WHERE IS OIL MINED? IN AUSTRALIA

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A SEA ELEPHANT CAN EAT 150 POUNDS OF FISH IN A DAY, AND CAN GO WITHOUT FOOD FOR TWO MONTHS

SCRAPS

THE WESTERN GREEBE DIVES WHEN IT BELIEVES ITSELF TO BE IN DANGER—OTHER WATER BIRDS USUALLY TRY TO RISE AND FLY AWAY

A GIRL IN BECHUANALAND, AFRICA, IS PAINTED WHITE AND FORCED TO WEAR BODICE MADE OF WICKER NEXT TO HER SKIN FOR SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE SHE IS RECOGNIZED AS ELIGIBLE FOR MARRIAGE

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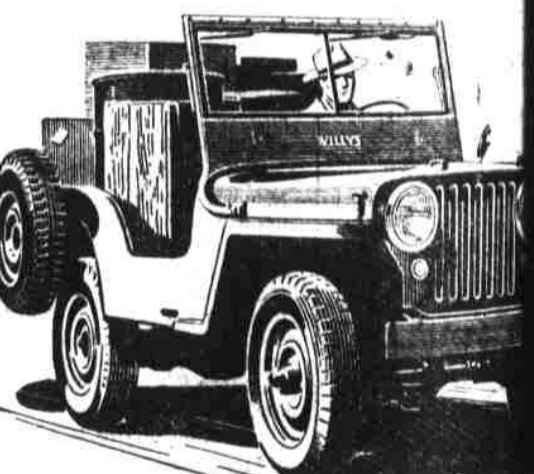
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