

People In Literary Musings

The News

RALEIGH GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gregory and family of Raleigh were Holiday guests of Mrs. Gregory's mother, Mrs. Royce Vickers.

WEEK-END AT NAGS HEAD

Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Britt spent the week-end at Nags Head with Miss Bea Skipsey.

FARMVILLE GUEST

Mrs. Daisy Rogers of Farmville spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Holmes.

MONDAY IN GREENVILLE

Mrs. John Coston and Miss Louise Chalk visited friends in Greenville on Monday.

RETURNS TO UNC

Brant Murray has returned to UNC-Chapel Hill after spending the Christmas Holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murray.

FLA. GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Snipes have returned to their home at St. Augustine, Fla. after spending the Christmas Holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Kelly White.

IN HOSPITAL

W. J. Davis is a patient at Norfolk General Hospital.

FROM VA. BEACH

Roy Vickers of Virginia Beach, Va. was a Holiday guest of his mother, Mrs. Royce Vickers.

NORFOLK GUEST

W. M. Divers, III, of Norfolk, Va. was a guest of Mrs. Divers, Sr. on Saturday.

DEL. GUESTS

M-Sgt. and Mrs. Phillip Thatch, Jr. and family of Dover, Del. were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thach, Sr.

SUNDAY GUESTS

Mrs. Lucy Jones, Mrs. Harvey Byrd and Harnette Byrd of Kinston and Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Dail of Grifton were guests of Mrs. L. D. Myers and family on Sunday.

By ROBERT G. MULDER

"Ring out the old, ring in the new;— We hope this never happens to you:— While taking a short, leisurely trip over the holidays, you realize that your fuel supply is low and you wish to add a little to your draining tank — just in case. You pull into a "service station" fifty miles away from home ("Filling stations" seem to be a thing of the past.) and read the locally hand-scrubbed announcement: "We have just enough gas to service our regular customers — sorry!"

What's a person to do? Unless he's a salesman or a professional traveler, he can't be a regular customer up and down the highways. The solution seems to be simple — stay at home or carry your gas with you.

The marks of 1973 may remain with us for months to come.

In a recent column, I related the results of one book editor's survey outside a bookstore in a large shopping mall. The interviewer discovered that a large percentage of the American public was not reading today.

On the other hand, Clifford Ridley of "The National Observer" requested last fall that readers send in the titles of three books they had enjoyed in 1973. Of course, those who read the "Wide, Wide World of Books" from that weekly would be readers extra-ordinaire. More than a hundred responded giving a thin sampling of just what is being read.

Obvious observation further revealed that nonfiction was read about twice as much as fiction, a fact supported by sales figures. Also it may come as a surprise to know that women read about twice as much as men. There are certainly those who give having more time as a reason for this, though I doubt this myself.

Though it shames me to admit this, I must say that only one of the top five in this particular survey was known to me. Ridley lists the five most widely read books as being *All Creatures Great and Small*, *The Best and the Brightest*, *The Hiding Place*, *The Making of a Psychiatrist*, and *Sex After the Sexual Revolution*.

For our readers I can recommend most highly the first on Ridley's list. *All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot (available in paperback) contains the memoirs of an English veterinarian. Every person, it seems to me, who has any respect for animals would find this book a very readable account of one man's love for healing and understanding.

Space does not afford an opportunity to review at length many of the books which have interested me in 1973. I should like, however, to offer a thumbnail sketch of a few which rate highly on my own list.

The *Lure of the Falcon* by Gerald Summers is a remarkable account of two of the most unusual POW's of all times—a young English soldier and his pet falcon. The almost unbelievable story begins on Christmas Eve, 1942, when Summers goes to war taking with him Cressida, a small, fiercely independent kestrel falcon "whose queenly presence helped to lift the spirits of Summers and his comrades through bloody fighting, Afrika imprisonment, and ultimately liberation in 1945.

Baby Boy by Jess Gregg recounts the experiences of an orphan who is sent to a Florida prison for a crime he did not commit. Here, however, he finds a real home indeed, so much that he does not want to leave. When he is paroled (much against his will), he manages to get himself sent back on the inside, the only real security *Baby Boy* has found. A humorous tale of life, this book is certain to find a movie producer.

Ninety-Two in the Shade by Thomas McGuane tells the story of Tom Skelton, a "member of that vast army of the disillusioned," who returns to his Key West home and seeks to establish himself as a fishing guide. His new adjustment

to home, family, and girl is solidly interrupted by a skillful but reckless master guide-competitive.

John Cheever, called by *The Atlantic* "one of our best living writers of short stories," has given us a delightful collection of episodes in *The World of Apples*. Like other works by this author, "Apples" contains ten of his best pieces dealing with the frustrations and futilities of modern life.

The best motion picture of the year will soon be selected. In order for a movie to be considered for the 1973 Academy Awards, the film must appear in a theatre at least seven days during a calendar year.

One of the main contenders this time is a film which almost did not qualify, "The Exorcist." Now that director William Friedkin managed to get this film in the running, there seems little chance that "Last Tango in Paris" will take top prize, as was predicted earlier in the fall.

At any rate "The Exorcist" may be filled with horror, but I'll venture the sex and raunchy language does not equal "Tango."

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Tom Cox is a patient at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City.

ATTEND WEDDING

Those from Hertford who attended the Beck-Howle Wedding in Durham on Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Tarkenton, Billy Tarkenton, Wayne Tarkenton, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ainsley, Mrs. Mark Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. David Brewin and daughter, Laura.

GARNER GUESTS

The Rev. and Mrs. O. L. Hathaway of Garner were week-end guests of Miss Gladys Felton.

DURHAM GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. White, Jr. and Carlyle White of Durham were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pitt for a few days last week.

RETURNS TO COLLEGE

Miss Sara Winslow has returned to UNC-Wilmington after spending the Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Winslow.

ARK. GUEST

Mrs. Lawrence Drewery of Camden, Ark. is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pitt.

IN HOSPITAL

E. A. Goodman is a patient at the Chowan Hospital.

FROM WINSTON-SALEM

Aubrey Davis of Winston-Salem was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Davis.

College Scholarships Offered 4-H Members

College scholarships are being offered to outstanding 4-H members to stimulate their careers.

Kerry Jones, 4-H Extension Agent, says 14 scholarships worth \$500 each are available to high school seniors through the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund. The Development Fund, which is headquartered at North Carolina State University, annually presents a scholarship to a boy and a girl in each of the seven

districts of the Agricultural Extension Service.

Miss Jones says applicants for the scholarships must have an outstanding record of 4-H participation and achievement, an excellent high school academic record, college aptitude, and a need for financial aid to attend college.

The deadline for scholarship applications is February 1, 1974.

OPPORTUNITY CALL FOR THE CAREER-MINDED

Gregory Poole Equipment Co. is expanding its facilities in Northeastern, N.C. We need immediately, Heat Equipment Servicemen, Parts Salesmen, and Material Handlers. Experience desired, but not required. Excellent benefits, including salary, Commensurate, profit sharing, vacation, insurance, and medical benefits. Tools available. Our well established training program will prepare you for career Development and Advancement. Call CHARLES CREIGHTON collect at 482-4737 or write to P.O. Box 314 Edenton, N.C. 27932

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Beck, Howle Exchange Vows

Mrs. George G. Beck

The wedding of Miss Marianne Howle and George Gregory Beck was solemnized Sunday afternoon, January 6th at 2 p.m. in the McMannen United Methodist Church in Durham, North Carolina. The Rev. E.M. Thompson, Jr. performed the double ring ceremony in a candlelight setting of ferns and white gladioli, mums and pom-pom chrysanthemums. Wedding music was presented by Mrs. Dennis Nicholson, organist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Howle, Sr. of Statesville, North Carolina. The bridegroom's parents are Mrs. William F. Tarkenton of Hertford, North Carolina and Mr. George J. Beck of Winter Springs, Florida.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor length gown of ivory sata-peau. The tucked empire bodice and softly gathered skirt were trimmed in cluny lace. It had a high neckline and bishop sleeves with deep cuffs. Attached to a matching train, also edged in lace, was attached to a matching tiara. Her only jewelry was a gold locket, a gift from the groom. She carried a nosegay arrangement of white roses, pom-poms and babies' breath.

Miss Aileen Beck of Raleigh, North Carolina, sister of the groom and only attendant, was maid of honor. She wore a full length gown in cranberry velvet, with fitted empire waist and full skirt, high neckline and long sleeves. Loops of matching velvet ribbon formed her headpiece. She carried a nosegay of deep pink carnations.

Mr. Beck had as his best man, his cousin, Mr. William Franklin Ainsley, Jr. of Wilmington, North Carolina. The ushers were the two brothers of the bride, Mr. Arthur H. Howle, Jr. of Greenville, South Carolina and Mr. Michael L. Howle, of Statesville, North Carolina.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Howle chose a blue crushed velvet three piece suit with matching accessories. She wore a white cymbidium orchid corsage.

The groom's mother wore a dress of winter white with long lace sleeves and high neckline, with matching accessories. She also wore a

white cymbidium orchid corsage.

The bride is a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, North Carolina and Watt's Hospital School of Medical Technology in Durham where she is employed as a medical technologist.

The groom is a graduate of Campbell College, Buies Creek, North Carolina and Watt's Hospital School of Technology. He is also employed as a medical technologist at Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. Howle, Sr. hosted the cake cutting for wedding party and out of town guests at the Fellowship Hall of the church immediately following the rehearsal on Saturday night, Jan. 5th. The brides' chosen colors of yellow, white and green were carried out in the wedding cake and decorations. Assisting in serving were Mrs. Arthur Howle, Jr. of Greenville, South Carolina, Mrs. William F. Ainsley, Jr. of Wilmington, North Carolina and Mrs. David Brewin of Hertford, North Carolina.

After a wedding trip to unannounced points, the couple will make their home in Durham.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

HERTFORD SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

Of Hertford N.C., as of December 31st, 1973

ASSETS

THE ASSOCIATION OWNS:

Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 69,587.40
State of North Carolina and U.S. Government Bonds	\$ 155,812.50
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank	\$ 12,600.00
Mortgage Loans	\$1,554,375.17

Money loaned to shareholders for the purpose of enabling them to own their homes. Each loan secured by first mortgage on local improved real estate.

Share Loans	\$ 41,604.37
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Advances made to our shareholders against their shares.

Office Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 1,038.57
Office Building	\$ 15,943.70
Other Assets	\$ 489,434.91
TOTAL	\$2,340,396.62

LIABILITIES

THE ASSOCIATION OWES:

To Shareholders	
Shares Outstanding	\$2,206,378.95
Loans in Process	\$ 33,658.42
Undivided Profits	\$ 24,655.87
Federal Insurance Reserve (If Insured)	\$ 49,000.00
Reserve for Bad Debts	\$ 25,000.00

To be used for the payment of any losses, if sustained. This reserve increases the safety and strength of the Association.

Other Liabilities	\$ 1,703.38
TOTAL	\$2,340,396.62

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF PERQUIMANS ss:

Henry C. Sullivan, Secretary-Treasurer of the above named Association personally appeared before me this day, and being duly sworn, says that the foregoing statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 7th day of January, 1974

(SEAL) Rebecca W. Winslow Notary Public.

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ROYAL GELATIN 3-OZ. BOX	10¢
VAN CAMP'S LIGHT CHUNK TUNA 6½-OZ. CAN	45¢
BANQUET FROZEN POT PIES 4 8-OZ. PKGS.	\$1.00

SAVE \$3.29 WITH THESE VALUABLE COUPONS

USDA CHOICE NEW YORK STRIP LOINS 1 lb.	\$1.59
FRESH LEAN SLICED PORK CHOPS 1 lb.	89¢
CYPRESS BRAND SLICED BACON 1 lb. PKG.	89¢

THE QUALITY MEAT PEOPLE!

USDA CHOICE NEW YORK STRIP STEAK	lb. \$1.89
GWALTNEY'S TOP QUALITY BACON SLICED	lb. \$1.29
JUMBO PACK MIXED FRYER PARTS	lb. 49¢
FRANKS BEALE'S COURTLAND	12-OZ. PKG. 89¢
PORK SAUSAGE CEDAR FARMS - SLICED	lb. 79¢
Bologna OSCAR MAYER - VARIETY PACK	lb. 89¢
LUNCH MEATS SLICED	12-OZ. PKG. \$1.39
ORCHARD CHARM FRUIT COCKTAIL	3 15¢
BUSH SHOWBOAT PORK & BEANS	1-LB. 8-OZ. CAN \$1.00
OUR PRIDE BUTTERTOP BREAD	2 89¢
FLORIDA ORANGES OR GRAPEFRUIT	5 lb. BAG 69¢
LETUCE	20¢
POT PIES	4 49¢
FLORIDA ORANGES OR GRAPEFRUIT	5 lb. BAG 69¢
TOMATOES	39¢
STRAWBERRIES	39¢

SAVE 40¢	SOFTWEVE BATHROOM TISSUE 4 2-Roll PKGS. \$1.00
SAVE 20¢	FILBERT'S MAYONNAISE 1 QT. JAR 69¢
SAVE 12¢	CLOROX BLEACH 1 1/2 GAL. CTN. 29¢
SAVE 17¢	FILBERT'S MARGARINE 3 1-LB. PKGS. \$1.00
SAVE 40¢	SILVER LABEL OF COLONIAL REG. OR ELECTRA PERK. COFFEE 1 lb. CAN 59¢
SAVE 16¢	GILL'S HOTEL SPECIAL GOLDEN BLEND OF ELEC. PERK. COFFEE 1 lb. BAG 79¢
SAVE 15¢	STEP SAVER 1 1/2 GAL. CTN. \$1.00
SAVE 10¢	GLADE 1 1/2 GAL. CTN. \$1.00
SAVE 15¢	FROSTING MIXES 1 1/2 GAL. CTN. \$1.00