

BOOK REVIEW

BY MARY MEBANE

THE DOLL MAKER By HARRIETTE ARNOW

Gertie Nevels is the heroine of this epic-like novel. She reminds one of the heroic figure of epics, those indomitable people who fought against and overcame seemingly insurmountable odds.

Gertie Nevels, a lover of the clear sky, fresh air, and green mountains of her native Kentucky, unwillingly leaves her home during the Second World War and follows her husband to smoky, dirty, industrial Detroit.

In Detroit, Gertie, accustomed to privacy, must adjust to the fact that the neighbors in the unit next door can hear her conversation. Accustomed to quiet, she must bear the ear-shattering roar of airplanes from a near by flying field. Accustomed to the clean, green mountains of Kentucky, she must adjust to the dirt and grime, the muddy streets of Detroit.

To help her bear her new and strange environment, Gertie concentrates on her hob-

by-"whittling." She carves all sorts of objects, e. g. dolls and crucifixes, but she spends most of her time working on a statue of Christ. Working on this Christ helps her face the many crises that occur.

Working on the Christ helps to heal her hurt when her elder son runs away back home. It brings her back to sanity when she is in despondency over the tragic accidental death of her younger daughter. Her work on the Christ enables her to endure when she is certain that her labor-minded husband has killed a "scab."

While working on the statue, Gertie tries to find a face for the Christ. She considers many faces: the sad face of the young wife next door who hates her husband because of his religion, the brooding face of her elder son who hated Detroit, the face of the peddler who looked with pity on the strike-bound families. She considers all these faces, but deciding that all human beings know pain, sadness, and grief, she leaves the face of the Christ uncarved and destroys the statue.



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Roving Reporter

MARGARET E. BATTLE

The question asked by your ROVING REPORTER this month is: "Should young people be allowed to vote at the age of eighteen?"

This question which has been of national interest for the past two or three years was asked of several North Carolina College students. Here are the opinions of some of the students.

Hubert Walters, senior from Greenville, says: "No. Eighteen year-olds should not be allowed to vote because most of them have not had enough training in the process or procedure for judging and electing candidates wisely."

J. Delois Yarborough, junior from Winston-Salem, says: "If 18 year-olds can fight in the armed forces, they can vote in elections."

Edward Nelson, freshman from Columbia, S. C. says: "No. Even though some people at the age of twenty-one are not capable of voting wisely, those at the age of eighteen are even more immature when it comes to voting."

Lenora Johnson, senior from Plymouth, says: "Eighteen year old girls should be allowed to vote but boys should not. At eighteen, a girl is as mature as she will be at the age of twenty-one, wherein a boy doesn't reach maturity until he is twenty-one."

Rosa Moore, sophomore from Dover, says: "No. Most teenagers are not interested in politics at eighteen and few of them know anything about it."

Omegas Sponsor Annual Smoker

The Tau Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity held their annual smoker recently at the Algonquin Club House.

The speakers on the informal program were Dr. Charles A. Ray, director of the N.C.C. News Bureau, Dr. Howard E. Wright, head of the Psychology Department, Dr. William H. Brown, director of the Bureau of Educational Research, and Mr. Howard M. Fitts, instructor in public health.

The guests played cards and listened to music, while the fraternity men served refreshments.

element of the whole process. The responsibility as a juror cannot be taken lightly, for he is entrusted with the preservation of law and order on the campus.

Student Of The Month

BY IONA CRAWFORD

Robbie "Freckles" Graham, a lady of leadership ability and charm, is this month's student of the month. Miss Graham has displayed considerable interest in campus activities.

Robbie is a graduate of Dunbar High School, East Spencer, North Carolina. When in high school, Robbie was a member of the New Home-makers of America for four years; associate editor of the school yearbook her senior year; member of the high school glee club; and a member of the "ROBBIE" cheering squad.

She merited a trophy for citizenship and was valedictorian of her graduating class in 1951.

Robbie has been affiliated with the Student Government at NCC since her freshman

year. This year she is special events officer of the Student Government.

A member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, she is now co-dean of pledges and was secretary of the Ivy Leaf Club in 1952.

Miss Graham is an active staff worker with both the Campus ECHO and the Eagle. She is a member of the NAA-CP, the Winchell Home Economics Club, a Girl Scout leader, and a senior counselor.

Robbie, a foods and nutrition major and a general science minor, has chosen to teach foods on the college level as a career. Her interest lies in the promotion of better human relations. Her hobbies are reading, sewing, and cooking.

Miss Graham's comment to the student body is: "I would like to see the student body as a whole take interest in and respect the activities and tradition of the Student Government of North Carolina College."



"ROBBIE"

A THANKSGIVING SERMONETTE

BY REVEREND P. N. WILLIAMS

College Minister

A number of years ago our forefathers met together with some friendly Indians, including Massasoit, and for three days, feasted and gave thanks to God for the good harvest and care which he had extended to them. This was in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621. Today, 333 years later, we sit down to dinners of turkey or chicken, we attend football games or in some way celebrate Thanksgiving Day. It will look like we are continuing to walk in the ways of the founders of our Nation. For some, it will be an appearance only.

What made Thanksgiving Day unique and worthwhile for our forefathers and for past generations was the opportunity it afforded for counting one's blessings and giving thanks to God the giver. The emphasis was not upon personal pleasure, but the expression of personal gratitude to a God who had stood behind and supported one in all his efforts. If we are to celebrate Thanksgiving, then, we have to take time out to commune with God, to express appreciation to our fellowmen whose assistance made our trouble-

some tasks easy and our dark moments bright. Unless we do this, Thanksgiving will be something other than a day of thanks. It will be Freedom-from-classes Day or Football-Classic-Day.

This failure of man to give thanks is an old sin. Jesus speaks of it often. "On the way to Jerusalem, He (Jesus) was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When He saw them He said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the Priest.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, 'were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine.'"

The failure of man to express gratitude for the good done to him by others is an old sin. Yet our forefathers were not guilty of this sin. Let's follow them on this Thanksgiving Day.

Student Court Justifies Confidence In Self-Direction Program At NCC

BY LEROY R. JOHNSON

Many things contribute to the greatness of our country. Among these are the right of an accused to be heard in a court of justice; the fundamental principal of one's innocence until proven guilty; and the right of an accused to be tried by a jury of his peers.

By allowing the students of N. C. College to resolve their controversies in the student court, the college administration demonstrates its trust in the operation of democracy. The student court is a manifestation of democracy in action. Those who have observed the student court in action have deep respect for its procedure.

Democracy imposes a responsibility on its citizens to promote, enforce, and preserve the law. Thus, the students of NCC have the privilege of preserving the peace and lawfulness of their college community through the court and trial by jury.

Students selected as jurors assume a special duty and a most valuable task. They are not

merely students, but are, in a sense, judges with the grave responsibility of assisting in preserving law and order. For it becomes their duty to decide one's innocence or guilt by honestly and sincerely weighing the facts in a particular case. This responsibility is so great that it cannot be taken lightly.

Simply because the accused is a student, a case may be decided in his favor, rather than be decided in accordance with the facts in the case. Thus it appears that an atmosphere of "students sticking together" vs. the "Administration" has clouded the minds of many jurors in the past.

This, of course, should not be a real issue. The student and the school are part and parcel of one big educational operation. Because they are so interwoven, he who violates the rules and regulations of the school, violates the personal rights of each and every student. Therefore, in order to protect the rights of students, punishment must be provided for those who encroach upon the rights of others.

The jury is the vanguard of justice; the jurors, the necessary

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FEARLESS FOSDICK
by AL CAPP

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YOU DID IT-- YOU CROOKED LOVE-SEAT!!

GET INTO THIS STRAIGHT JACKET, FOSDICK!!--YOU'VE GONE MAD!!

BUT, CHIEF-- IT'S ANY-FACE, IN ONE OF HIS WORST DISGUISES!!

DON'T SHOOT, FOSDICK--I CONFESS!!

HA! HA!! I KNEW YOU WERE RIGHT, OLD PAL--HOW'D YOU SPOT ANYFACE?

THAT MESSY HAIR!! HE SHOULD USE WILDROOT CREAM OIL -- KEEPS HAIR NEAT, BUT NOT-UGH--GREASY!! GET WILDROOT CREAM-OIL, CHARLIE!!

BUT, THAT WOULD BE ILLEGAL!! MY NAME IS HARVEY!

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