

# Tar Heel Writer Signs As Writer-In-Residence

Guy Owen, Tar Heel novelist, poet and critic, will join the department of English at ASU fall quarter as writer-in-residence.

Owen will write during his spare time, teach a non-credit class of creative writing, serve as a general lecturer on campus, and advise and encourage student writers.

Creator of the Flim-Flam

man, Owen is the culmination of Appalachian's two-year search for a writer-in-residence. The idea originated with the Artist and Lecture Series Committee. He was granted a leave of absence from N. C. State University to finish a book.

Born February 24, 1925, near Clarkton in Baden County, Owen was reared in the Cape Fear River area which he employs as settings for his novels. He entered the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1942 with the pursuit of teaching and writing as a career. He earned his A.B., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees there.

His teaching career includes Elon College, Davidson, and seven years at Stetson University in Florida. Presently, he teaches creative writing at N.C. State University.

Owen has displayed his versatility in the fields of fiction, poetry, criticism, reviewing, and editorship. As a novelist, he is known for Season of Fear (1961), which received favorable comments from Granville Hicks and The New York Herald Tribune. His more famous novel, The Ballad of the Flim-Flam Man, has over 300,000



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of Mark Twain."

The movie version, adapted by William Rose, is being filmed in the Lawrenceburg, Kentucky area. Directing the movie, Irvin Kershner cast George C. Scott as Mordecai Jones, "The slickest-talking, fastest-moving Bible totting, pointy-eared rogue in modern fiction," and Michael Sarrazin as Curley Treadway, the soldier gone AWOL from the Army.

Bill Morrison of The Raleigh News and Observer wrote of the movie: "It does your book justice, conveying the flavor, the warmth but most important the truth that makes it a valid artistic statement."

As a poet, Owen has pub-

lished over 60 poems in the

past decade, appearing in anthologies and such magazines and papers as Saturday Review, Poetry, College English, English Journal, New York Times and New York Herald Tribune, as well as in "little magazines"—Voice, Epos, Southern Poetry Review, and 20 others, in the U. S. and abroad. His collected poems were published in Cape Fear County and Other Poems (1958) and a small chapbook entitled The Guilty and Other Poems (1962).

Owen the critic has commented on Conrad's Heart of Darkness, "Lagoon," Open Boat and Youth, on Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby, on John Crowe Ransom's style, and generally on Southern and American

poetry. As an editor, he has founded and edited Impetus and Southern Poetry Review, two semi-annual journals of poetry. Co-editor of Southern Poetry Today and Essays in Modern American Literature, he also is contributing editor to Books Abroad.

For his outstanding work Owen has received the Bread Loaf Scholarship in 1960, the Henry Bellman Foundation Literary Award, and the Yaddo Fellowship in the summer of 1966.

The movie version of The Flim-Flam Man will be released by 20th Century Fox in August. Efforts are being made to show it at the local theatre while Owen is in Boone.

## Windy Gap News Items

Miss Eda Mae Presnell of Winston-Salem spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Roby Presnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vines, Amy and Denna, of Charlotte spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harmon.

Mrs. Dean Hicks has returned home from Watauga Hospital where she has been a patient for several days.

Mr. Lewis Harmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tedra Harmon returned home from Vietnam last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stedry and children of Chicago, Ill, have been visiting Mrs. Stedry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tedra Harmon. They were accompanied back to Chicago by Mrs. Harmon who will remain for several days.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hagaman were Mr. and Mrs. Noah Farthing, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Farthing and children Gayle, Richard and Lanette, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Wright and Kathy, all of Vancouver, Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hagaman, Teresa, Susan, Mary Gayle and Elizabeth Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Overcash of Mooresville and Mrs. Walter Johnson of Boone.

Miss Shelia Harmon left Sunday for Banner Elk where she was enrolled at Lees McRae College.

## WILSON ON ECONOMY

London—Prime Minister Harold Wilson has staked his personal prestige on Britain's return to economic health with a cabinet shakeup. His goals are a cut in unemployment, a strong pound, an end to wage restraints and continue efforts to enter the European Common Market.

## Chamber Commerce News Notes

The Boone Chamber of Commerce earlier this year spent almost \$3,500 for beautiful colored brochures advertising this area. These brochures were distributed throughout the country, especially the East and South and have influenced many people to come and visit us.

In addition, the Chamber listed the businesses in this area so that people living and coming here can easily locate the business or items they may need. These are just two reasons why every business in this area should support the Chamber of Commerce with their membership.

The Mountain Empire Travel Organization will meet at Hound Ears Lodge and Club at 9:30 a.m., Sept. 20, 1967.

The Organization was formed at the Johnson City Country Club July 25. Its purposes are to advertise the assets and advantages of the Mountain Empire, particularly the territory embraced in 32 counties of N.C., Tenn., Va., & Ky. The aim of the Corporation is to attract

copies in print. Both works are available in paperback reprint.

Set in the Cape Fear country, The Flim-Flam Man is Curley Treadway's comic tale about his encounter with Mordecai Jones, the Flim-Flam man, and the series of con operations and chases in which they are involved. The novel "invests fiction with the rich resources of southern idiom, and its sharp thrust at Dixie mores may remind readers of the wit and art

tourists and new residents and promote the development of resources.

The proposed area encompassed by Mountain Empire will be within a 75-mile radius of Tri-City Airport (Johnson City, Bristol & Kingsport), including counties and cities touching within the accepted radius.

We welcome our Chamber of Commerce members of the week, Phil Templeton, Box 98, Boone, and M.E. Thalheimer, Box 535, Boone.

## X-RAY DANGER

Karl Z. Morgan, director of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory's Health Physics Division testified before the Senate Commerce Committee hearings that between 3,000 and 30,000 deaths a year resulted from radiation damage from diagnostic medical exposure.

Insurance costs expected to rise after riots.

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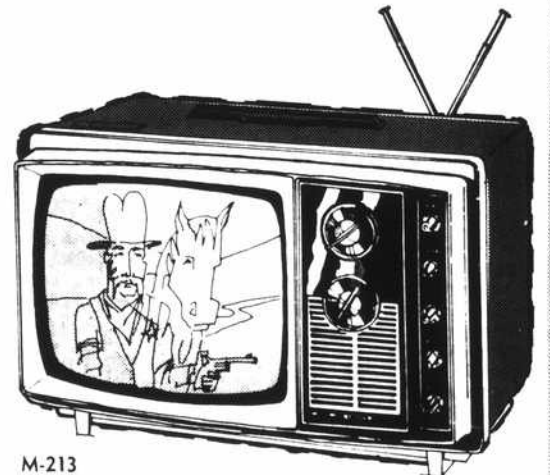
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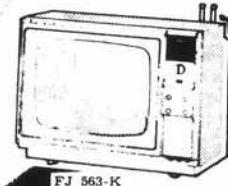
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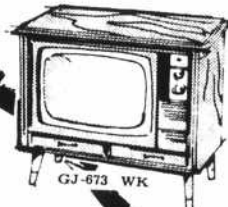


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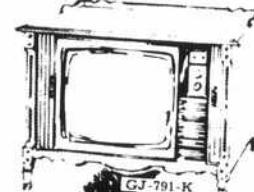
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